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EDITORIAL.

A FULL decade has now elapsed since the "Silurian" was revived in 1950, to become a well-established magazine, a permanent record of School activities and an outlet for the budding talent of pupils.

It is interesting to look back over the School's progress during those years, as reflected in the pages of our magazine. The number of boys in the school has of course greatly increased and only two years ago we moved to our new "home" at Penlan. Academically, the number of W.J.E.C. examinees has risen, though standards have varied from year to year. The sporting field has seen our most noticeable strides forward, however. Eight or nine new athletics records are set up each year, while our contingents at County and National Sports have increased in number and improved in performance year by year. An Athlete who deserves special mention this year is Terry Thomas, who won the junior javelin event at the first Welsh Games in Cardiff. Our successes at "rugger," introduced less than five years ago, and "soccer," too, bode well for the future.

An innovation in this year's issue is "House Reports," which affords an opportunity for house-captains to boast of the prowess of their respective houses. There are also, of course, all the usual items which we hope the reader will find to his taste and in a perusal of these pages we feel sure that everyone will find many things of interest and amusement.

P. B. PHILLIPS, VIA.

SCHOOL NOTES.

STAFF ADDITIONS.—There has been no change of staff this year, although Mrs. Carden has been giving violin lessons to some junior boys several times a week, and Mademoiselle Durant has been assisting Mr. John Williams in the teaching of French conversation.

The overworked staff were, however, relieved of part of their burden by the student teachers who were with us for several weeks.

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SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS.—The new soccer pitch was given a fitting christening when Councillor Ivor Morgan, president of the Old Boys, kicked off in the match between the School 1st XI and the Old Boys XI.

We shall, this year, for the first time, be able to play home cricket matches on our own ground.

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THE PREFECTS' ROOM.—Due to certain unforeseen structural faults, the Upper VIth form-room has been abandoned for teaching purposes, and so the prefects now have a refuge where they may forget their cares and have a chat with their fellow prefects. The Library was adapted to form an extra classroom.

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INTER-SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY.—This Society has enjoyed its most successful year so far. Two debates and two talks were held.

Dr. Thomas gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on life in 16th and 17th Century Swansea. The second talk was by Miss Roisin Guinan, who, with the aid of slides, related her impressions of Russia, gained during her visit there last summer.

The motions debated by the Society were "Overspecialisation in the Sixth Form" and "Modern Society has completely lost its sense of values."

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SCHOOL TRIPS.—Parties from the school have been to see three films this year, namely: "The Ten Commandments," "The Doctors' Dilemma" and "Julius Caesar."

The Fifth and Sixth Forms attended a performance, in the Girls' School, of "Richard of Bordeaux," while several boys went to see the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "Ruddigore" at Christ College. Also, during the year, a number of Fifth Formers saw a production of Shakespeare's "Othello" at Aberdare and members of the Junior and Middle School saw the play "A Servant of Two Masters," in Brecon.

On July 8th a party of thirty Sixth formers paid a visit to the Houses of Parliament where Mr. Tudor Watkins, M.P., and Mr. Idwal Jones, M.P., kindly showed them around. Before leaving, Robert Leonard,

on behalf of the party, presented a School Plaque to Mr. Watkins. The boys then toured London under the guidance of Mr. Angell and Mr. Harvey Williams.

The Geography VIth attended a Geomorphology Course at the Girls' School during the last week of the Easter Term and, earlier in the year, visited Aberystwyth on a Geography excursion. A party of boys also visited Llandarcy oil-refinery, most of the Lower VIth form attended the Judge's Service in Brecon; boys from the Third, Fourth and Sixth forms went to the Commonwealth Exhibition in Cardiff, and rugger enthusiasts saw their fellow-countrymen beaten by the French Secondary Schools at Cardiff.

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MR. GROVES.—The whole School will, I am sure, join in congratulating Mr. Groves on a double triumph, the birth of a baby son and his election as Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

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HOCKEY MATCH.—In the first inter-school hockey match the brawn of the boys succeeded in beating the brains of the girls to the tune of three goals to nil.

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PARTIES.—The Junior and Middle Parties were held in the Gym, while the Senior School was once again entertained in lavish manner by the Girls' School.

D. POWELL, VIA.

PRIZE DAY, 1960.

WEDNESDAY, 6th April, heralded the coming, once again, of the School Prize Day. This was the second Prize Day held in the new school and it proved just as successful as in previous years. Professor C. E. Gittins, Dean of the Faculty of Education at University College, Swansea was the Guest Speaker and Mrs. Gittins presented the prizes.

Much of interest and importance both to pupils and parents was contained in Professor Gittins' speech. He spoke first of the part the parents could play in helping with the education of their children. He said that parents could help by giving the child every chance to work at home, also by being careful both in what they read and by being careful in speech and in what literature they allowed into the house.

To the pupils Professor Gittins offered this advice—"Life is exciting, there are vast treasures in it, and it is important that you should select." Continuing on the theme of "selecting" carefully, Professor Gittins used as an example, some of the great lives, all of which, if one

looks closely, are lives brimful of specialisation. Prof. Gittins added that this selecting did not only apply in early life, but also in later life, when one had to be equally careful in choosing the correct way.

The Headmaster's report encompassed nearly all school activities. Mr. Rees, in his report, also made mention of the part parents could play in helping to educate their children. He criticised those children who leave school early, adding that these boys leave school at the most vital point of their careers, usually in the fourth form, for they were just beginning to develop both mentally and physically.

The Headmaster spoke next of the W.J.E.C. examinations. Eighty boys were entered but the picture was not wholly satisfactory. The standard obtained at Advanced Level was satisfactory—fifteen boys were entered; twelve obtained certificates, while two obtained subject distinctions. Seven boys were now at University College, two would be proceeding to Training Colleges in September and three were still at School.

The standard achieved at Ordinary Level was not, however, very satisfactory. After both the June and November examination twenty had obtained passes in five or more subjects. This compared unfavourably with thirty-five in 1958.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor D. J. Davies and seconded by the Head Boy, David Powell.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

Form IA—P. I. Hudson, M. T. Smith, J. W. N. Kelly.

Form IB—D. F. Jones.

Form IIL—J. R. Smith, T. E. Evans, V. G. Jones.

Form IIG—J. Twining.

Form IIIL—D. M. Adami, D. G. Jones, A. M. P. Davies, G. D. Gittus.

Form IIIG—D. J. Bessant.

Form IVA—H. T. Parry, P. G. Powell, R. A. Bastable.

Form IVs—A. J. Davies.

Form VA—J. A. O. Davies, J. D. Evans, R. L. Gant, D. P. Jones, Handel Jones, R. M. W. Lloyd, E. T. Protheroe, J. G. Tuthill, A. S. F. Dacey, G. P. Griffiths, W. J. Griffiths, T. T. Price, D. K. P. Strangward.

Form VI Science—G. P. Gittins, J. M. Jones, R. W. Parry, D. Powell, A. S. Twist.

Form VI Arts—R. H. Leonard, C. A. Lewis, R. S. Samuel, G. S. Porte.

Headmaster's Prize—C. A. Lewis.

Jacob Morgan Merit Prize—D. G. Powell.

David Lewis Welsh Prize—Handel Jones.

County President's Prize (Lord Brecon) for Cricket—Gerald Curtis.

R. M. LOWRY, VIA.

REPORTS from the HOUSES.

GAM.

House Master: Mr. C. Giles.

House Captain: T. Thomas.

Football Captain: T. Thomas. Rugby Captain: B. Brown.

Athletics Captain: T. Thomas. Cricket Captain: B. Brown.

During the past year Gam House has appeared actively in all of the School functions.

In Rugby, during the Christmas term, the House was not at all successful in junior, middle or senior sections. In the overall positioning the House was placed fourth.

In the Eisteddfod the House had a close and interesting tussle with Vaughan for second place, and it was not until the final competition that the issue was finally decided in our favour.

During the Spring Term the House excelled themselves by winning the football championship. This was due mainly to the good work of the Senior XI who won all of their house matches.

In Athletics, again Gam did not achieve overwhelming success. We should like to report, however, that D. J. Jones broke the Inter record for 440 yards.

In the County Sports, several members of Gam were prominent. T. Thomas won 1st place in the Youth Javelin, while several other members were placed 2nd and 3rd.

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VAUGHAN.

House Master: Mr. C. H. Jones.

Assistant Masters: Mr. A. R. Williams, Mr. R. Morris, Dr. Williams

House Captain: W. M. Jones.

Secretary: R. L. Gant.

There are eighty three boys in the House at present, the majority in the lower school.

This year Vaughan has not done as well as expected in the overall placings in Rugby and Soccer although the Junior section under the leadership of I. Thrupp came first in the Lower School Rugby Competition, the Juniors also held their own in the Soccer competition. The overall position of the House was 3rd.

Vaughan did not do so well as they were expected to in the 1960 Eisteddfod, coming third after winning the competition for three successive years.

In both Athletics and Cricket Vaughan should do well especially in the Lower School as they have already shown their ability in both Soccer and Rugby.

SIDDONS.

House Master : Mr. W. H. Williams

Soccer Captain : C. G. Curtis. Rugby Captain : C. G. Curtis.

Cricket Captain : C. G. Curtis. Athletics Captain : C. G. Curtis.

UNDER the able leadership of C. G. Curtis the House of Siddons maintained its high standard in the field of sport. However, the improvement made in the Eisteddfod last year was not continued. The fact that standard points play a great part in the proceedings of the day was realised but, alas, too late to affect the final result. As in all previous years the Siddons choir gained first place.

The well established tradition in Athletics was confirmed by a convincing win last July. In both soccer and rugby Siddons was placed second.

At the first House meeting in the Summer term the captains were selected for cricket and athletics.

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THEOPHILUS.

House Masters :

Mr. L. C. Moses, Mr. D. Davies, Mr. C. Groves, Mr. J. Thomas.

House Captain : D. Powell.

Soccer Captain : G. Eckley. Rugby Captain : D. Powell.

Cricket Captain : G. Eckley. Athletics Captain : D. Powell.

Treasurer : M. Gittins.

Theophilus has enjoyed an extremely successful year, on the sports field and the more intellectual pursuits, occasioned by the Eisteddfod.

In the House Rugby competition, Theo once again took the honours, winning the overall competition. It was noticeable, however, that this year Theo did not dominate every Section as in previous years. The juniors had to be content with second place, whereas the Middle kept up the House tradition by winning their section. In the Senior section once again Theo took second place, this was rather a disappointing result when one considers the fact that there were seven School 1st XV players in the House. Theo were fortunate in having the school team's captain in their ranks.

In the Soccer competition Theo did not perform so well and finished in third position. This was Theo's most disappointing display in this section for many seasons. Three of Theo's soccer team represented the School.

In the Eisteddfod Theo once again won the day and must be the first House in the history of the School Eisteddfod to jump from last to first in one year. The Eisteddfod was, as usual, won on standard

points, and Theo's total was the largest ever. This is in many ways indicative of the spirit that has prevailed throughout the year. For the second time in the four year history of the Bardic Chair competition a Theo boy, Jeffrey Davies, LVI, took the honours.

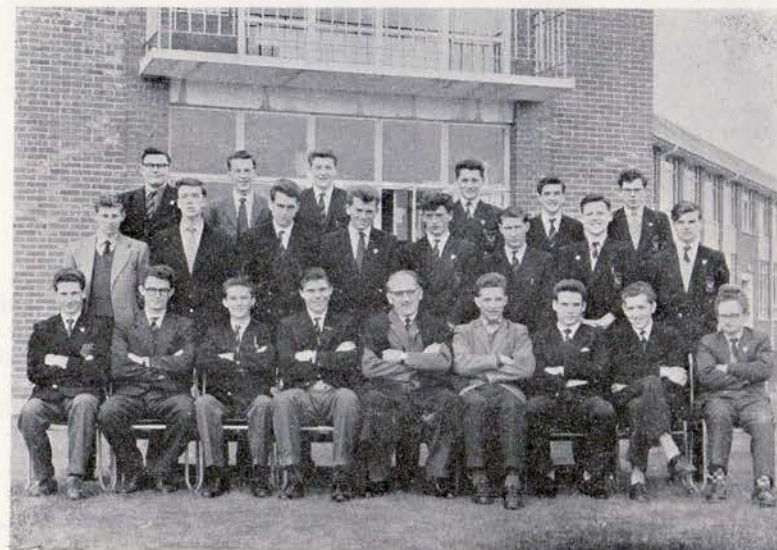
In the cricket and athletics Theo hope that the spirit and effort which has carried them to unknown heights in other competitions will once again win the day for them.

Much thanks for the success of Theo House this year must be given to the efforts of the ever young and untiring House-masters, who have willingly given up both time and energy to assist wherever assistance was required.

Theo was fortunate this year in having both the Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy in the House.

House members also wish to offer congratulations to Mike Gittins on his success in the Welsh Secondary Schools Rugby Union Trials. Mike reached the final trial but nearly always ended up as reserve.

D. POWELL.



PREFECTS, 1959-60.

P. B. Phillips, D. L. Jones, D. J. Parry, T. Watkins, G. Eckley, M. P. Lloyd
W. A. Evans, R. M. James, B. Jones, D. H. Gittins, J. Sullivan, H. Gittins
H. Owen, D. W. Jenkins.

G. Curtis, W. H. Jones, R. W. Parry, D. Powell, (Head Boy), Headmaster,
R. M. Lowry, (Deputy Head Boy), A. S. Twist, J. G. Poole, D. E. A. Barker

THE JACOB MORGAN PRIZE.

THE Jacob Morgan Prize, awarded annually to the boy who has done most for the School, both socially and academically, this year went to Mr. D. G. Powell. The prize was presented to him, on prize-day, by Mrs. Gittins.

David obtained a pass in eight subjects at O-level of G.C.E. and in three subjects (Chemistry, Botany and Zoology) at A-level. In October, 1959 he entered the University of Bristol where he is now pursuing the study of Veterinary Surgery.



He was a prominent figure in School debates and was a member of the debating team which represented the School against Christ College. In the field of sport David played for the School Rugger XV and gained his School colours. He was also Gam's house captain.

The whole school will, I am sure, join in wishing David Powell every success in his University career and future vocation.

B. P. PHILLIPS.

STAFF CHANGES.—Congratulations are extended to Mr. H. C. Jones, B.A., on his new appointment as Head of the English Department at the King Henry VIII Grammar School, Abergavenny; and to Mr. J. D. Davies, B.A., on his recent appointment as Further Education and Youth Service Officer for Pembrokeshire. Both will be very much missed.

TUCK SHOP.

THE first year of the Tuck Shop, which is run by the Lower 6th, has proved very successful and it has been supported by the undernourished boys, cooks and Staff. A large selection of chocolates, biscuits and ice-cream is offered for sale. A refrigerator has been hired from Wall's and other supplies are obtained from the Cafe Royal and McVite and Price.

The profits of this venture are to be returned eventually to the boys in the form of a cricket pavilion. All suggestions have been gratefully received but the idea of a Tobacco Licence was rejected on the grounds that since the Budget more of the Staff "roll their own" and other have ceased to inhale the noxious weed.

R. L. GANT, D. P. JONES.

URDD GOBATH CYMRU.

DIGWYDDIAD mawr ym mywyd yr ysgol yw Eisteddfod Sir yr Urdd. Yn Llanfair-ym-Muallt y cynhaliwyd hi yn 1959, a phan ddaeth y bore Sadwrn pwysig, i fwrdd â ni mewn bysiau i gystadlu yn erbyn plant o ysgolion eraill y Sir.

Mewn rhai cystadleuthau yr oedd cynifer yn cystadlu fel y bu'n rhaid iddynt fynd trwy rhagbrofion. Dengys hyn mor awyddus y mae plant y Sir i gystadlu yn yr Eisteddfod hon.

Yr oedd safon y cystadleuthau yn uchel iawn, a phleser oedd cael gwrando ar y canu swynol a'r adroddiadau lliwgar. Heblaw'r canu a'r adrodd yr oedd cystadleuthau eraill, fel yr un ar yr offeryn pres, neu'r un ar ambiwlans.

Dyma restr o fechgyn ein hysgol ni a fu'n llwyddiannus ar y diwrnod hwn:

Unawd i Fechgyn (12-15): 1, D. G. Evans; 2, J. Twining; 3, M. Owen.

Deuawd (dan 15): 1, J. Twining a M. Owen.

Unawd Offeryn Pres (dan 15): 2, A. Webb.

Ambiwlans (dan 16.) Tim o Bedwar o Fechgyn; 1, Tim "B", Ysgol Ramadeg y Bechgyn Aberhonddu; 2, Tim "A", Ysgol Ramadeg y Bechgyn, Aberhonddu.

Adroddiad (15-19) (Cymru Cymraeg): 3, J. A. O. Davies.

Adroddiad (15-25) (Cymru di-Gymraeg): 1, T. B. Evans, 2, H. Owen.

Canu—Parti o Wyth (dan 15): 1, Parti Ysgol Ramadeg y Bechgyn, Aberhonddu.

Y cam nesaf i'r biddugwyr yn Eisteddfod y Sir oedd mynd ymlaen, ym mis Mehefin, i Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd yn Llanbedr-Pont Steffan. Yno yr oeddynt yn cystadlu yn erbyn plant gorau Cymru, ac fe ddaeth teimlad o falchder i'r ysgol pan glywyd fod Martyn Owen a James Twining, dau fachgen di-Gymraeg, yn cystadlu un erbyu Cymru Cymraeg, wedi ennill a drydedd wobwr, ac hefyd am fod Tim Ambiwlans "A" yr ysgol wedi ennill y drydedd wobwr yn eu cystadleuaeth hwy.

Y mae treulio gwyliau yng Ngwersylloedd yr Urdd yn mynd yn fwy poblogaidd o flwyddyn i flwyddyn, a mwy a mwy o'r bechgyn yn ceisio mynd iddynt. Y mae gwersylloedd yng Nglanllyn a Llangrannog, dau le braf, lle gellir nofio a mynd mewn cychod yn ystod y dydd, a chael nosweithiau'n llawn o sbri a hwyl. Treuliodd 22 o fechgyn yr ysgol wythnos o'u Gwyliau Haf yn y gwersylloedd hyn; 9 yng Nglanllyn a 13 yng Llangrannog.

J. A. O. DAVIES.

T. S. ELIOT'S "MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL."

AN outstanding event of the school year was the performance of "Murder in the Cathedral" by the pupils of the Boys' School with the aid of the pupils of the Girls' School. The play was performed before the public on 20th January, and met with considerable success. A modest profit was realised and the money donated to the World Refugee Year Fund. The play was so successful and so well received that it is hoped it will establish a precedent for further dramatic productions in the school and establish for it a tradition of drama.

The opening night, however, was soon over, the fruits of months of work being gathered in one evening. The great success of the play was due largely to the hard work of Mr. Aneurin Williams, the general readiness of the staff to help and the team work of everyone concerned from the producer to the callboy. Mr. A. Williams cast the play three months before the actual performance and rehearsals were begun at the rate of one or two a week. As the performance drew nearer practices were increased to 3 or 4 a week, and Mr. G. Davies took the performers from the Girls' School under his wing and produced a chorus worthy of any play.

Behind the scenes work was going on continually. Miss Richards took competent control over the costumes of the cast, Mr. Moses (with Mr. Evans) made the props.; Mr. Giles and Mr. Morgan fixed up the lighting for the play, and Mr. Dewi Davies, M. Gittins, G. Curtis, J. Sullivan and B. Jones put the stage up, Mr. Davies acting as Stage Manager. Make-up was supervised by Mr. S. Foulkes, Mr. P. Evans, Mr. C. Elliot, Mrs. G. Davies and Mrs. A. Williams. Mr. P. Rowlands, was the prompter.

A part of the Cathedral Choir provided the background music for parts of the play and Mr. Butler, the verger, helped greatly by showing everyone around the Cathedral.

Our thanks are extended to the Dean and Chapter of Brecon Cathedral for kindly allowing the school to use the Cathedral for the play. This gave untold help to the cast and stagehands as it provided the atmosphere and background without the use of extensive properties, although some were made.

Also, thanks are to be extended to the Canteen staff for preparing tea for the cast on every practice night.

| Cast | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Archbishop A'Becket | Jeffrey Davies |
| 1st Tempter | Robert Gant |
| 2nd Tempter | Eric Protheroe |
| 3rd Tempter | Handel Jones |
| 4th Tempter | Denis Parry |
| 1st Priest | David Barker |

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| 2nd Priest | ... | Haydn Owen |
| 3rd Priest | ... | Malcolm Lloyd |
| 1st Knight | ... | Rudolph Lowry |
| 2nd Knight | ... | David Jones |
| 3rd Knight | ... | Arwyn Davies |
| 4th Knight | ... | William Jones |
| Messenger | ... | Derrick Ellis |

Chorus : June Harris, Thea Jones, Rhiannon Jones, Linda Davies, Eileen Davies, Yvonne Glassborrow, Elizabeth Bowen, Mary Jenkins, Eileen Drinkwater, Patricia Dunning, Ann Churchill, Jean Smith.

Call-boy : Winstone Griffiths.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ?

1. Of what country is Idris I. king ?
2. When was the Brecon Boys Grammar School originally opened ?
3. What is (a) the biggest county in area, and
(b) the smallest county in population in Wales ?
4. When and where will the next Commonwealth Games be held ?
5. Who is the Earl of Merioneth ?
6. What is the Darnebrog ?
7. Who or what is Sir Fynwy ?
8. Who is Marshall Voroshilov ?
9. What is misogamy ?
10. What does W.H.O. stand for. (Answers on page 29)

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE.

THE School's Annual Remembrance Day Service was held on Wednesday, 11th November. The Service was attended by the Mayor (Councillor G. Goodwin) and a number of Old Boys of the School. The service was conducted by the Headmaster, the devotional part being conducted by the Rector of Llanfihangel-Talyllyn, Rev. O. J. Wallis. The immortal lines from Laurence Binyon's "For the Fallen" were read by Mr. John H. Williams and the Tribute by David Powell, the head prefect. The Roll of Honour for World War I was read by Mr. H. C. Jones and for World War II by Mr. W. H. Williams. Wreaths were hung under the School Memorial Tablet by Mr. A. Williams, President of the Old Boys' Association and by W. A. Evans and W. H. Watkins on behalf of the School.

The accompanist was Mr. D. Gwerfyl Davies.

D. E. A. BARKER, VIa Arts.

VARSAITY REPORTS.

BRISTOL.

AT the commencement of the year there were two Brecon students at Bristol. One, David George, has completed his University life and is now a successful dentist at the Bristol Dental Hospital, having qualified last December. The other, David Powell, is in his first year in the Department of Veterinary Science. His interests are centred round the dissection room where with scalpel raised he may be seen to be blithely removing odd forms of what was once animal life much to his tutor's annoyance and his own delight. Once outside this "inner sanctum" his athletic pursuits follow in similar vein but this time his operating table becomes a rugby field and his scalpel a rugby ball. Having climbed to the dizzy heights of the VIth team he now knows the pleasure of playing in a team of thirteen men and being exquisitely entertained at the end of a match on one ten month old doughnut. In any time remaining he attends meetings of the Vets. Society, the activities which vary from a visit to a sausage factory to a talk on the removal of the hind intestines of a rattle snake. As Rag Week approaches, however, he may be observed hovering round the Vet. Department in a toy pedal car in preparation for a twenty-four-hour "Mammoth" car rally.

Finally, both boys wish to extend their best wishes to all pupils sitting examinations and add that although there is plenty of fun to be found in a student's life, work and the passing of exams are the main essentials.

D. G. POWELL.

ABERYSTWYTH.

FORTUNE smiled on Aber. this session. Four newcomers—Jeff Jones C. A. Lewis, P. Gittins, and E. M. Lewis—came to swell the ranks of Old Boys here.

Jeff has resolved to tread the path taken by Lindsay and Windsor before him and is taking a course in agricultural studies. Tyro though he was at the beginning of this session, he soon adapted himself perfectly to students' ways and is now well attuned to 'Varsity life.

Bell-ringing, though for the rest of us it has no allurements, fascinates C. A. Lewis, and he spends much of the time he can spare from his History, Geography and Economics in giving reign to his passion for the art. He has also of late been assisting me in the compilation of this report, a service for which I am very grateful.

Pure and Applied Maths. and Physics—an awesome combination, to many a terrifying one—has by its witchery allured Pete Gittins. Pete is still interested in sport and from what I gathered in a conversa-

tion with him in the TV Room one Saturday night, he likes 'Laramie.'

And now, the Law! Yes, we have a budding lawyer in our midst—Ianto, still the same likeable, hail-fellow-well-met Ianto we knew at School. He expressly asked me to mention—the language is unusually tempered—that he is "the last of the Cradoc Road mob." He has pastimes wide and varied—and they don't include bell-ringing.

Finally, what about the seasoned veterans? Of Lindsay, Windsor, and myself there remains little to be said. Lindsay and Windsor are completing their agricultural course this year, whilst, in June, I shall be sitting my Latin Honours.

Let us hope that next summer Aber. will again attract as varied and as interesting a group as she has this session.

A. J. JONES.

LEEDS.

I AM still the only B.G.C.G.S. man here. This is disappointing considering the immigration campaign that I undertook last year. Leeds is a fine University with a bias towards the sciences and technology. It is expanding rapidly and much new building is well under way. The Union is one of the best in Britain, well appointed with an excellent selection of interesting and varied societies and clubs.

Anyone with an interest in mountaineering and caving should take particular note of the position of this university which commands the approaches to the Yorkshire Dales with the best potholing country in Britain—and has ease of access to the Lake District and Derbyshire climbing areas.

As for myself I am now studying medicine. Last year, as you know I was studying Agric. Botany but upon reflection I decided that such a career was not for me and so embarked upon a course of medicine which is in my opinion the finest of all the 'varsity courses.

And so I am to remain here for a number of years yet.

There is one drawback to Leeds—and any other northern university for that matter. Snow, rain and wind are constant companions of the undergraduates in winter time, getting into his shoes, down his neck and everywhere else. Snow falls white in most parts of Britain but *grey* in Leeds. No matter. Summer is coming, and at least that is good here. There are Municipal swimming baths, indoors and out, a large boating lake, a number of parks, and Ilkley Moor only 12 miles away.

R. B. WILLIAMS.

SWANSEA.

THERE are at present six Old Breconians at Swansea, the four from last year being reinforced by two "Freshers," R. H. Leonard and R. S. Samuel. We hope that this number will be greatly increased next year as, with its huge rebuilding programme, Swansea will soon bet he most up-to-date College in Wales.

J. A. EDWARDS.—Arwel is in his third year and is reading for an honours degree in Geography. He finds the pressure of work very great, but he finds time to serve as assistant secretary on the Students' Representative Council, and also serves on the Students' Executive Committee. He is organising a trip to the continent for the Geography Society, and next year he hopes to do his Teacher's Training in London.

T. A. GWYNN.—Terence is also in his third year, but he is reading for an honours degree in History. He too, finds that pressure of work leaves him with little spare time. However, he manages to play table-tennis fairly regularly and his tremendous enthusiasm for the Film Society and Chess are unflagging. Little is seen of him at College social activities, but he occasionally attends College dances.

K. B. ISAAC.—Ken is in his second year and is studying Electrical Engineering. This year is very important for him, because the Engineers are not accepted for Honours until the end of their second year. If accepted, Ken plans to specialise in Electronics. The Engineering course being very full, Ken finds his spare time limited. However, he is a strong supporter of the Engineering Society, and he manages occasionally to visit the cinema and the Union. His presence has also been noted at college debates.

G. JONES.—Geraint is in his second year, and thus is in the first year of his honours Chemistry course. He hopes to take his degree next year. Like everybody else, he finds that his work keeps him very busy. He tells me that his sporting enthusiasm finds an outlet in an occasional game of Rugby and Soccer for various College teams. He is also to be seen regularly "tripping the light fantastic" at the weekly hops. This year, he has been a fervent supporter of the College choir.

R. H. LEONARD.—Robert is in his first year and is taking Part I English, History and Philosophy. He has the distinction, at present, of being the only old Breconian residing at the Men's Hall of Residence. With three subjects, he has a great deal to do, but he finds time to play a prominent part in the Drama Society and the Students' Christian Movement. He has also become very fond of walking. Next year he hopes to be accepted for an Honours course in History.

R. S. SAMUEL.—Is also in his first year and is taking Part I English, History and Politics. Pressure of work restricts his sporting activities but he captains the First Year History Soccer team and trains regularly for Athletics. In the social sphere, he has been elected to the History Society Committee, is on the Editorial Board of "Dawn," the College magazine, and occasionally attends College dances. Next year, he hopes to be accepted for Honours History.

Everybody here at Swansea wishes the boys in School, the best of luck in the forthcoming June examinations.

R. S. SAMUEL.

CARDIFF.

ROY PARRY is doing English and French for his second year and has spent most of his time working in the library.

ALAN THOMAS and "SPUD" TAYLOR are doing what they did last year (see 1959 "Silurian"). "Spud" will be captain of one of the college soccer teams next year.

I myself have studied English, History and Latin this year. My college activities include membership of the Outdoor Club: the most interesting occasion in connection with that was a visit to the Taff Wells Caves, in which, among other things, my hair caught fire from an acetylene lamp.

STUART PORTE

PEN-Y-FAN.

Great Pen-y-fan ! Does thy magic fix the stars
In heaven : they seem to hover, glimm'ring, held in awe
Above thy stark and awful head.
Below, thy rivers gush and roar in timeless tribute ;
But Thou, majestic pile, rising from the silent slopes below
Dost hover silently.
Above thee and around, the air is dark and stormy ;
Solid blackness, as of ebony.
And yet Thou seem'st to cleave it like a sword.

Thy streams ; wild torrents leaping gladly !
God called you forth from depths of night and earth
From dark and icy caves, to leap and chatter
Over steep, black, jagged rocks ;
For ever broken, and yet ever whole.

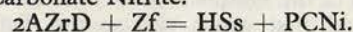
Thy wintry ice-falls, that from thy lofty brow
Hang down enormous, black ravines ;
Torrents that once heard a voice of thunder.
And stopped at once their mad and plunging course.
Silent, motionless, yet noble as the gates of Heaven.

Can morning's advent soothe thy sadden'd brow,
And soften subtly thy time-harden'd head ?
What hidden glories doth the light reveal ?
To skirt thee, living flowers bloom,
And buzzards driv'n before the morning wind.
Sharp darts of lightning, arrows of the heavens,
Fill the firmament around thy stately crown
While I, with eyes deep-fill'd with awe,
Look up to where thou seemest, like a giant serene,
To rise before me, kingly spirit throned among the hills.

JEFFREY DAVIES, VIb

TURMOTS and ZOIDUR.

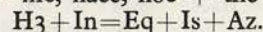
Down in Turmotland, we grow turmots. We plant them in the anti-anhydrous zoider-di-oxide soil. When zoideriferous fertilizers is added, the soil becomes Hydroxide Sulphate solution and Peroxide Carbonate Nitrite.



Therefore, if the diagonals = the area + the logarinths = the angle of the hypotenuse of the left angle of the turmots.

i.e. They are one the same base. Q.E.D.

Therefore the equilibrium + the isotherm + the artificial zoidure = hic, haec, hoc + the intestine of the turmot.

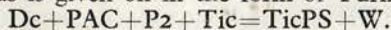


Now, if we put a turmot in a bucket of water here are the results. The water is sucked up past the intestines into the larynx past the upper ventricle via an artery into the leaves. From here it is all excreted via the left compound return ventricle back into the bucket as a yellow solution of Turmotate Sulphate.

Now when turmots is heated in a conical flask, turmotic gas + hydroturmot gas is given off. This is collected in a test tube over Concentrated Nitrogen Turmotate as the gas is very insoluble.

When a turmot is eaten, in the special meal that is eaten (e.g. turmot casserole with chipped turmots and boiled zoider) the mixture passes down the right exploratory gland into the hypotenuse of the lung with an isotherm cutting into it.

If the intestines of a turmot be tooked out and examined they be a mixture of the differential calculus of the present adverbial clause of a printing press in turmotic acid. When this is heated, a colourless gas is given off in the form of Turmotic Peroxide in water.



If the formulae is taken and the differential calculus defined under water, a past participial passive solution of Nitrogen Turmotide is given off. If this is added to boiled dried turmot leaves, an isohyet on a longitudinal line drawn from the equilibrium of the hypotenusal clause is prepared in the laboratory in diffused night-light under custard and zoidur.

When a turmot sucks up the zoidur from the soil it is taken to the food-store near the intestines and adverbial acid is added. Here it is chemically decomposed into the scientific productivities needed in the parts of the turmot. In other words it is digested.

The greatest danger to a turmot is one of the rarest insects in the world—it is a worm. This queer thing lives in the soil. It eats its way into the turmot near the left ventricular intestines and there it excretes a queer liquid which rots the turmot. This is the differential calculus of turmotic peroxide to the power of 6 + Hydroturmot acid

which, if added to Turmotic Peroxide, forms a present passive adverbial isotherm on the same base of the logarinth. If we boil the above, a horrible ponging smell can be heard which if added to Turmotic Nitrate clauses forms the differential calculus and the power of 2 on the same isohyet + water and you are left with zoiduric compounds. If this is lit it artificially decomposes into Turmot gas and water and zoidur di-oxide when added to hic, haec, hoc = the same base of the isobar between the same parallels and leaves the present participle pluperfect + the present tense of avoir or être and past tense of Nitrogen Turmotide which when burned in air decomposes into Turmotate Nitrate + Hydrogen Turmotide.

Finally one is left with the products of the destructive distillation of turmots and a nasty mess.

JOHN PRICE, III

THE CAROL SERVICE.

THE School's annual Carol Service was this year again held in Brecon Cathedral. This time the programme took a slightly different form. In addition to the large school choir we had a small choir made up of eight juniors, six seniors, and three masters. This small group was able to sing arrangements of lesser known carols. They also provided a contrast to the great volume of the school choir.

The traditional carols sung by the school choir were:—

"Once in Royal David's City" (soloists, M. J. Owen and J. Twining).

"O Deued pob Cristian" (choir and congregation).

"Wele, Cawson y Messia (choir and congregation).

"Unto us a Boy is Born"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"While Shepherds watched their flocks by Night" (choir and cong.)

"O come, all ye Faithful" (choir and congregation).

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (choir and congregation).

The small choir sang:—

"I saw a fair maiden"; "The Infant King" (Old Basque Carols):

"Wither's Rocking Hymn (R. Vaughan Williams).

The Junior Choir sang "Mae'r nos un ddu" and M. J. Owen and J. Twining sang "Whence is that Goodly Fragrance Flowing" (old French carol).

The choirs were conducted by the Music Master, Mr. D. G. Davies, who also provided organ accompaniment for the Congregational carols.

Readers from the Junior, Middle and Senior school made a splendid contribution to the Service. The Welsh Lessons were read by H. Jones, E. G. Daniels and A. M. Pennar-Davies; the English Lessons by J. W. N. Kelly, D. J. Jones, R. W. Parry, D. Powell and P. Phillips.

The Head Master read the final Lesson and prayers were offered by the Dean.

R. J. W. DAVIES, L.VI.Arts.

TOP TUNES.

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| Mr. G. Davies | ... | <i>Mr. Music Man</i> |
| Mr. H. C. Jones | ... | <i>Things ain't wot they use ta be.</i> |
| Miss Richards, Miss Harvey | ... | <i>Strangers in Paradise</i> |
| T. H. Owen | ... | <i>High Hopes</i> |
| T. Watkins | ... | <i>Love is the only thing.</i> |
| Dr. L.I. Williams | ... | <i>All American Boy</i> |
| Mr. G. Angel | ... | <i>Straight down the Fairway</i> |
| Mr. C. Groves | ... | <i>He's got the whole world in his hand</i> |
| Corridor Duty | ... | <i>Highway Patrol</i> |
| G. Eckley | ... | <i>Gay Gordon</i> |
| T. Thomas | ... | <i>Mountain of Love</i> |
| Staff & pupils of Boys' School | ... | <i>The Folks who live on the Hill.</i> |
| Canteen Dinners | ... | <i>What more do you want?</i> |
| School Bell | ... | <i>O come all ye faithful.</i> |
| Girls' School | ... | <i>Way down yonder</i> |
| The Prefects | ... | <i>The Wild Ones</i> |
| W. M. Jones | ... | <i>Above us the Waves</i> |
| D. Powell | ... | <i>Wine, Women and Song</i> |
| Girls' School Hockey Team | ... | <i>Bow-legged chickens and knock-kneed hens.</i> |
| School Steps | ... | <i>Stairway to Heaven.</i> |
| Mr. Glyndwr Davies | ... | <i>The Old Lamplighter</i> |

THE MOE.

BRECON CARGOES.

(with apologies to John Mansfield).

Soft white woolly fleeces loaded down at Ship St.,
Flying along the highways to busy woollen mills,
Piled high on the lorry,
Covered up with sacking,
Future coats and dresses, suits and flowery frills.

Dainty ponies trotting driven by a sheep dog,
Running to the market to find new homes.
Ruminating oxen,
Plodding gently onwards,
With woolly sheep and squealing pigs with mouths all afoam.

Dirty Merthyr lorry from the South Wales coalfield,
Chugging up the Watton in a cloud of smoke,
With a cargo of house coal,
Steam coal, or anthracite,
Gathering the blessings from the fire loving folk.

J. JOHNSON, VM.

SCHOOL SPORTS, 1960.

THIS year the School Sports were held much earlier than usual to facilitate the selection of the School Athletics team. They were held on the 25th May, a fine and sunny day, on a ground which had been well prepared by the groundsman and his assistant.

It was a very successful day as nine new records were established. Siddons were again the successful House, winning three of the Cups—The Aggregate Trophy, the Staff Cup and the E. B. Powell Cup. The remaining Cups were won by Theophilus and Vaughan.

These were presented to the captains of the respective Houses by Councillor and Mrs. Ivor Morgan.

MINORS.

- 100 Yards. Record, 13.4 secs. R. Adams (T), 1956.
1, M. Morrison (V); 2, D. James (S); 3, R. Griffiths (V).
Time, 13.45 secs.
- 220 Yards. Record, 32 secs. R. Adams (T), 1956.
1, M. Morrison (V); 2, D. James (S); 3, P. Sussex (S).
Time, 30.7 secs. New Record.
- Cricket Ball. Record, 171ft. 3ins. D. Letton (T), 1958.
1, T. Gillard (G); 2, P. Morris (T); 3, R. Hepton (G).
Distance 163ft. 1ins.
- High Jump. Record, 4ft. 0½ins. R. Adams (T), 1957.
1, R. Griffiths (V); 2, D. Jones (S); 3, T. Evans.
Height, 3ft. 10ins.
- Long Jump. Record, 13ft. 3½ins. I. L. Thrupp (V), 1959.
1, D. James (S); 2, A. Hodges (S) and A. Gancewicz (G).
Distance, 13ft. 7ins. New Record.
- House Relay. (4 x 110yds.). Record, 62.4secs. (V), 1958.
1, Vaughan; 2, Siddons; 3, Gam.
Time, 61.3 secs. New Record.

JUNIORS.

- 100 Yards. Record, 12 secs. R. S. Samuel (V), 1954
and C. Ottewell (S), 1957.
1, P. G. Havard (T); 2, J. R. Smith (S); 3, I. Thrupp (V).
Time, 12.55 secs.
- 220 Yards. Record, 27.2 secs. B. F. Adams (T), 1955, R. Adams (T), 1959.
1, I. Thrupp (V); 2, J. R. Smith (S); 3, G. Davies (V).
Time, 28.9 secs.
- 75 Yards Hurdles. Record, 11.8. secs. J. Price (S), 1958.
1, J. R. Smith (S); 2, C. Davies (G); 3, P. Mogg (V).
Time, 11.5 secs. New Record.
- High Jump. Record, 4ft. 9ins. B. F. Adams (T), 1955.
1, J. R. Smith (S); 2, I. Thrupp (V); 3, G. Davies (V).
Height, 4ft. 6ins.
- Long Jump. Record, 16ft. 1½ins. W. E. Price (V), 1959.
1, P. G. Havard, (T); 2, I. Thrupp (V); 3, V. G. Jones (T).
Distance, 15ft. 2½ins.

Weight. Record, 41ft. 7ins. D. Gould (S), 1956.
1, P. Havard (T); 2, G. Davies (V); 3, H. Beavan (T).
Distance, 35ft. 9ins.

Discus. Record, 95ft. 9ins. C. Ottewell (S), 1957.
1, D. Cutts (S); 2, V. Price (V); 3, G. Powell (T).
Distance, 75ft. 0ins.

Javelin. Record, 111ft. 3½ins. T. Thomas (G), 1956.
1, P. G. Havard (T); 2, V. G. Jones (T); and R. Morris (G).
Distance, 126ft. 1in. New Record.

Pole Vault. Record, 8ft. 10ins. A. W. Poole (S), 1959.
1, B. Ward (S); 2, R. Morris (G); 3, C. Davies (G) and A. Webb (S).
Height, 7ft. 7ins.

INTER.

100 Yards. Record, 11.3 secs. M. T. Styles (G), 1954, K. T. Smith (V), 1944; R. S. Samuel (V), 1956.
1, P. G. Powell (S); 2, R. J. Adams (T); 3, P. S. Jones (G).
Time, 11.35 secs.

Long Jump. Record, 19ft. 2ins. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1951.
1, G. Gittus (S); 2, D. Adami (V); 3, P. S. Jones (G).
Distance, 16ft. 5ins.

Discus. Record, 116ft. 4½ins. D. Lane (S), 1956.
1, M. Moon (V); 2, D. Adami (V); 3, H. C. Lewis (G).
Distance, 118ft. 6ins. New Record.

440 Yards. Record, 56secs. D. J. Jones (G), 1959.
1, A. Poole (S); 2, P. C. Price (S); 3, J. Johnson (T).
Time, 60.7 secs.

Weight. Record, 43ft. 5ins. D. Lane (S), 1956.
1, M. Moon (V); 2, P. G. Powell (S); 3, B. David (T) and H. C. Lewis (G).
Distance, 42ft.

High Jump. Record, 5ft. 1in. J. A. O. Davies (S), 1959.
1, D. K. Pugh (S); 2, D. Martell (V); 3, B. Hicks (T).
Height, 4ft. 9ins.

220 Yards. Record, 25.5 secs. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1952.
1, P. G. Powell (S); 2, R. J. Adams (T); 3, P. C. Price (S).
Time, 26 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles. Record, 17ft. 3secs. V. Speake (V), 1956.
1, P. C. Price (S); 2, J. Peters (G); 3, P. Morgan (T).
Time, 17.1 secs. New Record.

Javelin. Record, 147ft. 9ins. T. Thomas (G), 1958.
1, G. James (G); 2, M. Moon (V); 3, A. Poole (S).
Distance, 121ft. 9ins.

880 Yards. Record, 2 mins. 16.4 secs. D. J. Jones (G), 1959.
1, D. R. Isaac (V); 2, R. A. Bastable (G); 3, J. Devereux (S).
Time, 2 mins. 23.5 secs.

Pole Vault. Record, 8ft. 2½ins. A. R. Muddiman (V), 1958.
1, B. G. Jones (S); 2, A. Poole (S); T. Payne (G).
Height, 8ft. 1in.

House Relay. (4 x 110 yds.) Record, 51.4 secs. Siddons, 1958.
1, Theo; 2, Gam; 3, Siddons.
Time, 53.3 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump. Record, 37ft. 11ins. L. D. Davies (V), 1951.
1, D. K. Pugh (S); 2, R. J. Adams (T); 3, G. Gittus (S).
Distance, 35ft. 8½ins.

SENIORS.

100 Yards. Record, 10.4 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1935.
1, T. Thomas (G); 2, D. L. Jones (S); and D. M. Gittins (T).
Time, 11.15 secs.

220 Yards. Record, 24.5 secs. W. P. Roderick (V), 1955.
1, T. Thomas (G); 2, A. W. Evans (S); 3, D. M. Gittins (T).
Time, 25.1 secs.

440 Yards. Record, 56 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.
1, D. J. Jones (G); 2, C. G. Curtis (S); 3, D. I. M. Jones (V).
Time, 57.7 secs.

880 Yards. Record, 2 mins. 12 secs. G. R. Gallagher (S), 1958.
1, D. J. Jones (G) and G. Eckley (T); 3, F. Charters (S).
Time, 2 mins. 14.1 secs.

1 Mile. Record, 4 mins. 46.5 secs. G. R. Gallagher (S), 1958.
1, G. Eckley (T); 2, F. Charters (S); 3, G. Lewis (T).
Time, 5 mins. 9.4 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles. Record, 18.4 secs. D. A. Thomas (S), 1958.
1, D. J. Jones (G); 2, W. A. Evans (S); 3, D. L. Jones (S).
Time, 18.8 secs.

Discus. Record, 99ft. 8ins. J. F. Rowberry (G), 1959.
1, D. Powell (T); 2, T. Thomas (G); 3, G. Lewis (T).
Distance, 98ft. 4ins.

Long Jump. Record, 19ft. 8½ins. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.
1, D. M. Gittins (T); 2, D. L. Jones (S); 3, J. G. Poole (V).
Distance, 17ft. 10½ins.

High Jump. Record, 5ft. 3ins. R. Lucas (T), 1956.
1, W. A. Evans (S); 2, A. Davies (S); 3, D. J. Parry (G).
Height, 5ft. 0ins.

Weight. Record, 36ft. 6½ins. T. B. Millichap (S), 1954.
1, D. Powell (T); 2, K. Strangward (S); 3, C. G. Curtis (S).
Distance, 35ft. 4ins.

Hop, Step and Jump. Record, 40ft. 2ins. T. K. Jones (V), 1950.
1, D. L. Jones (S); 2, D. M. Gittins (T); 3, T. Thomas (G).
Distance, 39ft. 6ins.

Javelin. Record, 163ft. 4ins. S. Gallagher (S), 1959.
1, T. Thomas (G); 2, C. G. Curtis (S); 3, G. Lewis (T).
Distance, 163ft. 7ins. New Record.

Pole Vault. Record, 8ft. 7ins. A. R. Muddiman (V), 1959.
1, A. R. Muddiman (V); 2, R. N. James (V); 3, C. Lewis (G).
Height, 9ft. 7ins. New Record.

House Relay. (4 x 110 yds.) Record, 48.8 secs. Theophilus, 1956.
1, Siddons; 2, Gam; 3, Vaughan.
Time, 49.9 secs.

Minor Competition: "The Minor Cup." 1, Vaughan.

Junior Competition: "The G' Davies Cup." 1, Theophilus.

Inter Competition: "The E. B. Powell Cup." 1, Siddons.

Senior Competition: "The Staff Cup." 1, Siddons.

Aggregate Trophy: "The L. Lewis and Dr. G. Price Cup." 1, Siddons.

PARIS 1959.

DURING the Summer, last year, a party of boys from the School spent a most enjoyable week in Paris, under the care of Dr. W. S. K. Thomas. The party of boys was supplemented by Dr. Thomas's wife and three members of the School Staff.

At 9-10 p.m. on 20th July, a bus pulled out of the Bulwark, Brecon, carrying the majority of the party, the remainder being picked up en route to Newport Station. They arrived at St. Lazare Station, Paris, at 6-10 p.m. next day, after crossing the Channel via Newhaven and Dieppe. A reserved bus took the party across Paris to "L'Institution Bel Air" where they were staying. After having "le diner," the first taste of French food for some, the majority took a leisurely walk around Clamart, the District of Paris where "L'Institution Bel Air" (a boys' Private School during term time) was situated.

The morning of the first day (Wednesday) was spent at the celebrated Palace of the French Court at Versailles, just outside Paris, and incidentally very near Clamart. Les Trianons (royal lodges adjoining the famous Versailles Palace) were also visited. This morning's tour will undoubtedly prove to have been a memorable experience for the whole party. On returning to Clamart, the spare time after lunch was spent in the writing of postcards. The afternoon proved most enlightening in a coach tour of the Capital visiting most of the famous sites—the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysees, the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, The evening was spent at leisure in Clamart.

During the following morning the Party made a more leisurely tour of Notre Dame Cathedral. It certainly lived up to the previously conceived views of the party, as an edifice of world standing in its architecture, craftsmanship and the sanctity of its interior. Les Invalides was visited in the afternoon. This, again, is a most magnificent building, and only by seeing it for oneself can one appreciate it. Inside the massive structure Napoleon's body lies in a huge sarcophagus. A vast military museum is attached to Les Invalides and this was also visited.

On Friday the party went to the Chateau de Fontainebleau. A packed lunch was eaten in the beautiful Forest of Fontainebleau after the magnificent palace had been toured. As many of the boys had intended to go swimming in the afternoon, the driver of the coach stopped at a swimming pool, which looked particularly enticing. However, the financial resources of the boys made them unable to afford that pool, and so they took their swim, with numerous French boys and girls, in the River Seine, nearby.

It would be appropriate to say here that most evenings were set aside for leisure, and that most boys spent their time in Clamart, while occasionally some ventured into the City centre, on the Metro, the nearest station being not far away.

Saturday morning proved to be exceedingly memorable, for during

its course, most of the party ascended the famous Eiffel Tower (a few lost their courage on the ascent and stayed on lower platforms). The view from the top of the tower was a most exciting experience for those who reached it. The afternoon was spent in shopping in the famous Paris shopping street—Rue de Rivoli.

On Sunday the party visited the Sacre Coeur Church. It stands on a noticeable little hill (clearly seen in the generally flat expanse of the city) in the famous Montmartre district. Wandering around the latter, the renowned picturesque artists' haunt, proved to be very interesting and worth while. The afternoon was spent in "The Cluny Museum," the only one of its kind in Europe. The major part of its contents was originally an exhibition at a Paris Festival, which was later put on permanent show in the present building. It is mainly of scientific interest, with massive demonstration laboratories in which intriguing experiments were shown to the party by a number of assistants. The extent of the building, and wide range of exhibits is so vast that to go round it properly would have taken much longer than the party had time to spare. The Astronomical Section and Test Room (where absorbing experiments may be tried by the public) proved to be of particular interest to the party. Some members of the party visited the "Rich Man's Playground"—the Champ Elysees, in the evening and a few went elsewhere in the city.

Monday morning was spent on a conducted boat trip on the Seine, followed by a walk through the Latin quarter of Paris and the Luxembourg Garden. The whole party went to see a Cinerama film in a most expensive cinema in the Champ Elysees in the afternoon.

At 5-45 a.m. on Tuesday morning the School party reluctantly rose as their holiday was drawing to a close, and they were leaving that morning. The customary "Adieu" was said to the charming hostess at "L'Institution Bel Air," and her staff, and also to the able French guide and interpreter, who had accompanied them for most of their Parisian holiday. At 8-12 a.m. a sleek French train pulled out of the Gare du Nord with the School party on board, taking with them cherished memories of a wonderful holiday in one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

The party are indebted to Dr. Thomas for so efficiently organising the trip and to the Clerk of the Weather for supplying beautiful weather on every day.

T. H. OWEN, VI.a.

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THE SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD, 1960.

THE Ninth Annual Eisteddfod was this year held for the second time in the School gymnasium. As usual there were many parents and friends present, and a very enjoyable day was spent by all; tea and biscuits were provided during the morning break for the visitors.

This was the first time in many years that we were without the services of Professor D. J. Davies, B.A., who has usually adjudicated the literary items. His place, however, was admirably taken by Rev. Eifion Thomas. The musical items were adjudicated by Mrs. Ogwen Thomas, B.Mus.

The President for the day was His Worship the Mayor of Brecon (Coun. G. Goodwin) and the conductor was the Headmaster (Mr. Aneurin Rees, M.Sc., A.Inst.P.).

It was noticeable that under the guidance of Mr. Gwerfyl Davies, B.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., and Mr. Peter Evans, A.T.D., the standard of the music and art competitions has improved immensely.

With Theophilus already assured of victory the last item of the day was the adjudication of the senior poem (Pen-y-fan) by Rev. Eifion Thomas. The winner of this competition, Jeffrey Davies (T), was gowned and escorted to the stage by the second and third prize-winners, Haydn Owen (V) and Handel Jones (G). The traditional ceremony of the Chairing of the Bard was performed by Rev. Eifion Thomas. The chairing song was ably sung by Mr. John Thomas, B.Sc. Verses in honour of the Bard were read by the Headmaster, Mr. Dewi Davies, B.A., Dr. W. S. K. Thomas, Mr. Harvey Williams, B.A., Haydn Owen and Handel Jones.



The climax of the day came when the captain of the winning house, David Powell (who is also the Head Boy), was presented with the Stoddart Cup by the Mayor.

Thanks are due to Mr. Gwyn Angell, B.Sc., and Miss Mary Richards, B.A., for keeping the score.

The final scores were :—

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| 1. Theophilus | ... | 436 |
| 2. Gam | ... | 399 |
| 3. Vaughan | ... | 396 |
| 4. Siddons | ... | 345 |

Although every member of the school contributed to the success of the eisteddfod a special word of thanks must go to Mr. Harvey Williams B.A., the Senior Welsh Master. Mr. Williams put a tremendous amount of work into the eisteddfod both on 1st March and for many months prior to it. We are grateful to him for the way the Eisteddfod was organised.

D. L. JONES, VIA.

RESULTS.

Junior Art (a) :

1, R. Dunning (T) ; 2, R. Jardine (G) ; 3, J. Allbutt (S).

Junior Art (b) :

1, M. R. Jones (S) ; 2, J. Allbutt (S) ; 3, D. Turner (T).

Senior Mathematics :

1, R. M. James (S) ; 2, B. Jones (V) ; 3, J. D. Evans (T).

Senior English Reading :

1, J. A. O. Davies (S) ; 2, H. Jones (G) ; 3, W. J. Griffiths (G).

Middle Art (a) :

1, M. Owen (V) ; 2, G. P. Marston (T) ; 3, P. Cutts (S).

Middle Art (b) :

1, P. Cutts (S) ; 2, A. G. Harding (G) ; 3, L. Perry (S).

Senior Solo :

1, R. J. W. Davies (T) ; 2, M. R. Lowry (T) ; 3, D. W. Jenkins and R. M. James (S).

Senior Art (a) :

1, D. P. Jones (S) ; 2, W. A. Evans (S) ; 3, A. C. Watkins (G).

Senior Art (b) :

1, R. Bastable (G) ; 2, G. W. C. James (G) ; 3, D. G. Evans (T).

Senior Art (c) :

1, T. H. Owen (V) ; 2, W. A. Evans (S) ; 3, R. Bastable (G).

Senior Welsh Reading :

1, H. Jones (G) ; 2, P. B. Phillips (S) ; 3, J. A. O. Davies (S).

Junior Woodwork :

1, J. Wright (T) ; 2, R. Fantham (T) ; 3, R. Griffiths (V).

Middle Woodwork :

1, D. J. Bessant (T) ; 2, D. G. Palmer (T) ; 3, P. A. Gittins (V).

Senior Woodwork :

1, A. R. Muddiman (V) ; 2, M. C. Davies (G) ; 3, G. D. Phillips (V).

Junior Pianoforte :

1, A. Powell (S) ; 2, H. Beavan (T).

Middle Metal Work :

1, B. Williams (V) ; 2, B. Protheroe (G) ; 3, P. M. Evans (T).

Senior Metal work :

1, G. D. Phillips (V) ; 2, J. K. Bryant (T) ; 3, D. Powell (T).

Junior Welsh Recitation :

1, D. P. Roberts (T) ; 2, D. T. Williams (G) ; 3, A. G. Betts (S).

Junior Geography :

1, A. Barnett (V) ; 2, G. Powell (T) ; 3, M. T. Smith (S).

Junior English Solo :

1, R. V. Dunning (T) ; 2, R. Jardine (G) ; 3, W. A. Howcroft (G).

Middle Geography :

1, D. I. L. Jones (V) ; 2, J. Roderick (V) ; 3, T. E. Evans (G).

Middle Welsh Recitation :

1, P. E. Brown (G) ; 2, T. B. Williams (V) ; 3, D. I. L. Jones (V).

Senior Geography :

1, W. M. Jones (V) ; 2, J. K. Bryant (T) ; 3, W. T. T. Watkins (G).

Middle Pianoforte :

1, D. P. Jones (T) ; 2, P. M. Evans (T).

Junior Poem : 1, T. Hughes (S) ; 2, P. Hudson (V) ; 3, D. G. Plunkett (T).**Junior English Recitation :**

1, R. P. Banning (V) ; 2, P. Hudson (V) ; 3, D. P. Roberts (T).

Senior Parody :

1, J. Johnson (T) ; 2, G. D. Phillips (V) ; 3, M. P. Lloyd (G).

Junior Welsh Solo :

1, D. W. James (S) ; 2, R. V. Dunning (T) ; 3, R. Jardine (G).

Junior Essay :

1, P. J. Morris (T) ; 2, P. Hudson (V) ; 3, A. Barnett (V).

Junior Welsh Recitation :

1, D. Jones (G) ; 2, A. Davies (S) ; 3, G. Davies (V).

Middle Essay : 2, J. Smith (G) ; 3, D. M. Adami (V).**Senior Welsh Solo :**

1, R. J. W. Davies (T) ; 2, D. W. Jenkins (S) ; 3, M. Lowry (T).

Senior Essay :

1, R. L. Gant (V) ; 2, W. J. Griffiths (G) ; 3, D. E. A. Barker (S).

Middle Welsh Recitation :

1, H. C. Lewis (G) ; 2, G. Davies (V) ; 3, C. W. Wright (G).

Junior Humorous Poem :

1, P. Hudson (V) ; 2, J. Allbutt (S) ; 3, B. Weekes (S).

Middle Humorous Poem :

1, D. M. Adami (V) and P. Moon (V) ; 3, R. Griffiths (G).

Recorder Solo :

1, J. Twining (S) ; 2, W. M. Jones (S) ; 3, D. L. Watton (G) and B. J. Ward (S).

Senior Humorous Poem :

1, W. M. Jones (V) ; 2, G. P. Griffiths (G) ; 3, D. M. Gittins (T).

Senior English Recitation :

1, A. J. Davies (S) ; 2, R. J. W. Davies (T) ; 3, R. D. H. Jackson (G).

Middle Short Story :

1, R. Griffiths (G) ; 2, J. D. Price (G) ; 3, R. Guy (T).

Senior Pianoforte :

1, R. J. W. Davies (T) ; 2, D. M. T. Kendrick (G).

Middle English Recitation :

1, E. A. G. Owen (S) ; 2, M. Owen (V) ; 3, P. E. Brown (G).

Senior Short Story :

1, J. D. Evans (T) ; 2, H. Jones (G) ; 3, T. H. Owen (V).

Senior Welsh Recitation :

1, A. Griffin (G) ; 2, D. G. Evans (T) ; 3, A. J. Davies (S).

Middle Poem :

1, D. M. Adami (V) ; 2, G. H. Jones (V) ; 3, J. R. Smith (S).

Middle English Solo :

1, M. Owen (V) ; 2, T. E. Evans (G) ; 3, P. E. Brown (G).

Senior Welsh Recitation :

1, W. T. T. Watkins (G) ; 2, H. Jones (G) ; 3, J. A. O. Davies (S).

Middle Welsh Solo :

1, P. E. Brown (G) ; 2, M. Owen (V) ; 3, G. Stroud (T).

Junior Choral Recitation :

1, Theophilus ; 2, Siddons ; 3, Vaughan.

Choir : 1, Siddons ; 2, Theophilus ; 3, Vaughan.**Senior Poem (Chair competition) :**

1, R. J. W. Davies (T) ; 2, T. H. Owen (V) ; 3, H. Jones (G).

WYTHNOS YNG NGHAERNARFON.

CEFAIS yr anrhydedd o fynd i'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yng Nghaernarfon ym Mis Awst, 1959. I Bwyllgor Addysg Brycheiniog yr wyf yn ddyledus am un o'r wythnosau mwyaf gwerthfawr yn fy mywyd, a byddaf yn ddiolchgar iddynt am byth am roddi imi'r cyfle bendigedig hwn.

Ar ôl taith hir yn y trên o Abertawe, cyrhaeddais Gaernarfon am wyth o'r gloch yn y nos. Ysgol Ramadeg y dref oedd fy llety am wythnos gyfan ; yr oedd ugain ohonom yno, yn fechgyn a merched o bob ran o Gymru. Mae'n rhaid i mi longyfarch y trefnwyr, a hefyd y rhai oedd yn gyfrifol am y bwyd, a gwenodd yr haul i lawr arnom trwy gydol yr wythnos.

Nod oedd y Pafiliwn mawr ymhell o'r ysgol. Treuliais bob bore yn yr Eisteddfod. Hyfryd oedd cael gwrando ar gantorion, adroddwyr, a chorau gorau Cymru yn cystadlu â'i gilydd. Treuliais beth amser hefyd yn cerdded o gwmpas Arddangosfa Gelfyddyd a Chrefft. Ar ôl cystadleuthau'r dydd cawsom gyngherddau ardderchog a Noson Lawen nas anghofiaf fyth.

Yr oeddwn wedi clywed llawer am Bont Menai, ac un prynhawn aethom ni'r efrydwy'r i fwynhau'r olygfa yno.

Pethau mawr yr Eisteddfod i mi, fel i'r efrydwy'r eraill, oedd Seremoni Coroni'r Bardd ar Ddydd Mawrth, a Seremoni Cadeirio'r Bardd ar Ddydd Iau. Tom Hughes, o Gaernarfon, a enillodd, y Goron, a Llew Jones, o Landysul, y Gadair. Melys hefyd oedd Cystadleuaeth y Côr Meibion a'r Gymanfa Ganu. Gelwir Dydd Mercher yn Ddydd y Cymry ar Wasgar. Ar y diwrnod hwnnw gwelsom Gymry o bob ran o'r byd yn mwynhau cwmni'i gilydd ar lwyfan mawr yr Eisteddfod.

Diolch yn fawr i bobl gynnes Caernarfon am eu croeso, a diolch yn fawr i Bwyllgor Addysg Brycheiniog am ei gwneud hi'n bosibl i mi fynd i Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru.

W. T. T. WATKINS, VI.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1959

ADVANCED LEVEL.

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| Gallagher, S. | ... English |
| Gittins, G. P. | ... Pure and Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry |
| Jones, J. M. | ... Chemistry, Botany, Zoology |
| Leonard, R. H. | ... English, History, Geography |
| Lewis, C. A. | ... English, History (with distinction), Geography |
| Parry, R. W. | ... Pure and Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry |
| Porte, G. S. | ... English, Latin, History |
| Powell, D. | ... Pure and Applied Maths. (with distinction), Physics, Chemistry. |
| Powell, D. G. | ... Chemistry, Botany, Zoology |
| Samuel, R. S. | ... English, History |
| Twist, A. S. | ... Pure and Applied Maths, Physics. |
| Watkins, T. N. | ... Pure and Applied Maths. |

ORDINARY LEVEL.

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| Barker, D. E. A. | ... Scripture Knowledge |
| Brown, R. G. | ... Geography, Woodwork, History § |
| Curtis, G. C. | ... Biology, Welsh* § |
| Dacey, A. S. F. | ... Welsh*, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, English Language §, History § |
| Davies, J. A. O. | ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh Language, Welsh Literature, Geography, Maths., Physics, Chemistry, Biology |
| Davies, R. V. | ... English Language. |
| Davies, W. J. | ... English Language, History, Geography, Maths., Chemistry. |
| Eckley, G. | ... Geology |
| Ellis, D. | ... English Language, Geography, Physics |
| Evans, J. D. | ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, History, Geography, Maths., Chemistry. |
| Evans, W. A. | ... Geology, Art, English Language § |
| Gant, R. L. | ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, Latin, French*, History, Geography, Maths., Chemistry |
| Gittins, D. M. | ... Mechanics. |
| Gittus, H. W. | ... Biology |
| Griffiths, G. P. | ... Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Welsh § |
| Griffiths, W. J. | ... English Language, English Literature, Scripture, Knowledge, History, Geography |
| Hawker, G. V. | ... Mathematics, Geography § |
| Hitch, R. | ... English Language, Geography, Maths., Art |
| James, R. M. | ... Mechanics |
| Jenkins, D. W. | ... Geology |
| Jones, B. | ... Mechanics |
| Jones, D. I. M. | ... Welsh, Geography, Maths., Chemistry, English Language § |
| Jones, D. L. | ... Mechanics |
| Jones, D. P. | ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, History, Geography, Maths., Physics, Chemistry, |
| Jones, H. | ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh Language, Welsh Literature, French*, Scripture Knowledge, History, Geography, Maths. |

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| Jones, M. O. | ... Welsh*, Geometrical and Engineering Drawing |
| Jones, W. M. | ... Geology |
| Joseph, D. E. | ... Welsh*, Geography, Woodwork |
| Lewis, J. E. | ... English Language, Scripture Knowledge, History, Geography § |
| Lloyd, R. M. W. | ... English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Mathematics, Physics. |
| Mayers, B. J. | ... Chemistry. |
| Mitchell, G. M. | ... Scripture Knowledge |
| Mogg, P. C. | ... English Language, French, Maths. |
| Morris, D. B. | ... Scripture Knowledge, English Language, § History, § Geography § |
| Muddiman, A. R. | ... Woodwork |
| Owen, T. H. | ... Geology, Art |
| Parry, D. J. | ... Mechanics |
| Phillips, G. D. | ... English Language, Welsh*, Mathematics |
| Poole, J. G. | ... Mechanics |
| Price, B. W. | ... Scripture Knowledge, Geography, History § |
| Price, T. T. | ... English Language, Welsh*, French*, Geography, Maths. |
| Protheroe, E. T. | ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, History, Geography, Mathematics, Physics Chemistry |
| Rowberry, J. F. | ... Economics, Geology |
| Sivell, D. A. | ... Mechanics |
| Spencer, W. R. | ... Maths., Physics § |
| Strangward, D. K. P. | ... History, Geography, Maths., Physics, Chemistry |
| Sullivan, J. | ... Welsh*, Biology |
| Taylor, R. B. | ... Chemistry |
| Thomas, T. | ... Geology |
| Tuthill, J. G. | ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, French*, History, Geography, Maths., Chemistry |
| Watkins, W. T. T. | ... Geology |
| Wilding, D. A. | ... English Language, Welsh*, Scripture Knowledge, History, French* § |
| Wyke, B. A. S. | ... History, Geography, English Language § |

*Indicates a pass with oral proficiency

§Indicates a pass at the November Examinations.

ANSWERS TO "WHAT DO YOU KNOW."

1. Libya
2. Tuesday, 22nd September 1896.
3. (a) Carmarthenshire. (b) Radnorshire.
4. Perth, Western Australia in 1962.
5. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
6. The Danish National flag.
7. It is the Welsh name for Monmouthshire.
8. He was President of Russia until recently.
9. Hatred of marriage.
10. World Health Organisation.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.

GOLF.

Master : Mr. C. Giles.

THE Summer of 1959 saw the introduction of golf as a new school sport. Through the generosity of the Brecon Golf Club, pupils from the school were allowed to use the course after school and on Saturday mornings. Also they were allowed the free use of equipment.

The endeavours of the boys during the summer term culminated in a 9-hole Medal Competition, the winning gross scores being :

D. J. Peters, 57 H. G. Giles, 62.

It is hoped that such a successful match will now become an annual event.

Eight pupils have now become permanent boy or junior members of the club.

Our thanks are extended to the Brecon Golf Club Committee, and it is understood that their invitation is again open this summer to any interested boys.

H. G. GILES, 4A. D. M. ADAMI, 4A.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

THE activities of this School Society have flourished more than ever before during the past year, and a great deal of the credit must go to our enthusiastic Music Master, Mr. Gwerfyl Davies.

The Sixth Form section has had the privilege of listening to a most enjoyable music lecture by the Very Rev. W. E. Jones, Dean of Brecon, during a "Societies" Period of last Christmas Term. The title of the lecture was "Hymn Tunes and their meanings" and at its close the floor was left open for questions to the Dean.

The Fifth and Sixth Forms, and a number of the School staff were most fortunate indeed during the Spring Term to be entertained with a "demonstration lecture" on "Instruments of Percussion," by Mr. Blades, a well-known professional percussion player, and his accompanist Miss Goossens. It may be deduced from the remarks of the boys after this lecture that it must have been one of the most interesting, entertaining and successful the School has ever had. With the help of a vast array of instruments (from wooden sticks to a xylophone and kettle drums), his able accompanist, and not forgetting his own superb skill, Mr. Blades held his audience captivated for a full hour.

He successfully introduced a most appealing method of explaining a difficult subject, which most people know little about. Adding to this Mr. Blade's tremendous sense of humour, one is not surprised at the success of this lecture.

The School Choir made up of Seniors and Juniors continues to flourish, and it once again led the School Carol Service in Brecon Cathedral (see "Carol Service"). The result of previous experience

could be seen in the Choir's improved harmony in this Service.

Once again this year a House Choir Competition was included in the School Eisteddfod. A greater enthusiasm among most of the boys in practices was evident this year, and the high standard reached on St. David's Day justified this.

A selected choir was picked from the House choirs to sing on this year's Prize Day. This choir sang the stirring unison piece "Non Nobis Domine" and the Welsh folk-song "Nos Galan" in harmony.

T. H. OWEN, VIA.

CHESS CLUB.

THE standard of chess play has improved throughout the year. The following games were played in the Sunday Times Tournament :—

Ardwyn Grammar School, Aberystwyth, won $3\frac{1}{2}$ —3.

Clifton College, Bristol, lost $3\frac{1}{2}$ —2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Both these matches were played by telephone. We entertained a very strong Merthyr team, which included the Welsh (under 15) champion, which defeated us by 10 games to nil.

A. Griffiths, (1B) won this year's junior knock-out competition and D. I. M. Jones, (VIB) won the senior competition.

The members of the Chess club wish to extend their thanks to Mr. Giles, and especially to Mr. Angell for his perseverance on the telephone in the above matches.

G. J. POOLE, D. I. M. JONES.

THE WELSH SOCIETY.

Chairman : W. T. T. Watkins. Secretary : P. B. Phillips.

THE Society met twice and had one outing. The first meeting was on 16th October, 1959, when its chairman, Tudor Watkins, gave a humorous and enjoyable talk on his visit to the National Eisteddfod at Caernarfon. He had attended this as holder of a Breconshire Education Committee Scholarship.

The second meeting was on 20th November, when Professor D. J. Davies, formerly of the Memorial College, Brecon, was presented with a book token in appreciation of his valuable services as a Governor of the School, and as Literary Adjudicator at the School Eisteddfod for many years. In the speeches delivered after a delicious tea, reference was made to his untiring work as Editor of "Brycheiniog." Best wishes were conveyed to him on his new appointment at Swansea.

On the morning of 9th July, 1959, a large party of boys from the Middle School set off in two saloon buses on a tour of famous Breconshire homes. The first stop was made at "Newton," birth place of Henry Vaughan (1621-1695), and the party then proceeded to the churchyard at Llansantffraed, where the Silurist was buried. The next stop was at Tretower. A Ministry of Works custodian conducted

the party around the old mansion of the Vaughan family, who played a prominent part in Breconshire history from the middle of the fifteenth century to the middle of the seventeenth century. We then proceeded up the beautiful Rhiangoll valley to Llanfihangel Cwm-du churchyard, where the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Thomas, gave a very interesting talk at the grave of the great antiquarian and historian, Carnhuanawc (1757-1848). Because of an unavoidable delay at the beginning of the journey, our visit to Trefeca, home of Howel Harris, had to be postponed until a later date, so the 'buses sped on to Builth, where we had lunch. A short distance beyond this old and interesting market-town, the party made its next halt. There, at the foot of a fine granite monument, Dr. W. S. K. Thomas, our History Master, gave a most inspiring address on Llewelyn ap Gruffydd. The monument marks the place where the last native prince of Wales was killed in 1282. Arriving in the village of Llangamarch, we hurried to the churchyard there and stood in respectful silence at the grave of Theophilus Jones, the Historian of Brecknockshire (1759-1812). Here also lie the remains of Theophilus Evans, grandfather of the Historian and one of the most famous of Welsh prose writers. Thence in the direction of Cefn-brith, birth place of John Penry, the Puritan Martyr, who was executed in 1593. The twisting country road, however, proved too narrow for our forty-four seater 'buses, which became wedged between the tall hedges, about a mile from our destination. While Mr. Moses and Mr. Dewi Davies remained behind to give what assistance they could to the drivers, the boys, together with Mr. Harvey Williams and Dr. Thomas, proceeded on foot to Cefn-brith. In the yard of the famous old farm, Dr. Thomas gave a memorable address on John Penry. We then returned to the 'buses which were still trying to manoeuvre out of the narrow roadway by reversing into a small farmyard. After further difficulties the drivers finally succeeded in extricating their huge vehicles, and soon we were speeding home to Brecon. An eventful day, but a very happy one.

HANDEL JONES, VI.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

THIS year meetings have proved disappointing, especially our first. This fixture, "Question Time," had to be cancelled because the panel received no questions. We are grateful to Mr. Aneurin Williams for organising, in its place, a quiz.

The next meeting was a film show, the films being "Speed of Sound" and "Supersonic Flight."

Our last meeting took the form of a lecture. The speaker was Dr. Gillian Powell, an Old Girl of the Girls' School and a Research Fellow in the University of Wales at Cardiff, who spoke on the various aspects of Scientific Research. It may also be noted that on our invitation a party of Sixth Form Students from the Girls' School attended the lecture by Dr. Powell.

D. POWELL, VIA.

BADMINTON CLUB.

Captain : D. M. Gittins. *Secretary* : W. A. Evans.

THIS year two badminton matches have been played against the Girls' School, each resulting in a win for the boys. The School team consisted of W. A. Evans, D. L. Jones, D. J. Parry, D. M. Gittins, C. G. Curtis and T. Thomas.

The School Championship was won by T. Thomas, the runner-up being D. M. Gittins.

D. L. JONES, VIA

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

President : The Headmaster. *Chairman* : D. J. Parry.

THIS year, the Literary and Debating Society has taken an active part in the Society periods.

The two most interesting activities in this school year took place in the Autumn Term, the first being a debate. The motion before the house was—"The money spent on space research is money well spent." The motion was carried by a large majority.

The second event was a talk given by Mr. Gwyn Lloyd (a leading Welsh Trade Unionist) on "Trade Unions and the way they work." The talk was extremely enlightening and left all who heard it with a better understanding of Trade Unions.

R. M. LOWRY, Hon. Sec.

CHOIR PRACTICE.

I think you will agree with me
It goes against the grain
To sing, in precious dinner hours,
While homework waits in vain.

Awaiting the arrival of
A prefect or a master,
The many given pokes and prods
Soon end up in disaster.

When the time for singing comes
Our House choir knows no bounds
At making noises audible
All over our school grounds.

At last the practice is complete,
We all rush out as one,
And find, to our intense dismay,
The second bell has gone.

Those masters who can see my point,
I'm sure some day will find
Some sympathy, deep in their hearts
For me, the undersigned.

P. HUDSON, IIL.

BRECON & RADNOR COUNTY SPORTS. 1960.

This year the Meeting was held at Maesydderwen Comprehensive School on 11th June. The competition was keen and the standard of athletics extremely high.

The School was represented by a strong team which came away with top honours. The School won three Championships: Lower Junior, Junior and the Aggregate, and were placed second in each of the Senior and Middle sections.

Every member of the School team obtained a position in the first five in his individual event, a credit to each one since a total of 14 schools made entries in the sports.

TEAM POSITIONS AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES.

Aggregate—1st, Brecon G.S. 261 points. 2nd, Maesydderwen 212 points.

LOWER JUNIOR—1st 43 points.

Cricket Ball—J. Davies 5th. Long Jump—D. B. Jones 2nd
100 yds.—D. B. Jones 2nd High Jump—R. J. Griffiths 3rd
220 yds.—D. B. Jones 2nd Weight—G. Powell 2nd
Relay—D. B. Jones, D. James, R. Griffiths, H. Beavan, 1st

JUNIOR—1st, 78 points.

100 yds.—R. Adams 2nd Hurdles—R. Smith, 1st
220 yds.—R. Adams, 2nd Long Jump—G. Gittins, 1st
Hop, Step & Jump—R. Adams, 2nd Javelin—P. Havard 2nd
Pole Vault—A. Poole 1st (record) Discus—H. C. Lewis 1st
440 yds.—A. Poole 1st Weight—B. David 2nd
Relay—R. Adams, G. Gittins, P. S. Jones, B. David, 1st (record)

MIDDLE—2nd, 66 points.

100 yds.—P. Powell 4th High Jump—A. Davies 1st
220 yds.—P. C. Price 4th Long Jump—D. K. Pugh 4th
440 yds.—D. J. Jones 1st Hop, Step & Jump—D. K. Pugh 3rd
880 yds.—D. J. Jones 2nd Javelin—M. Moon 2nd
1 Mile—G. Lewis 3rd Discus—G. Lewis 3rd
Hurdles—P. C. Price 2nd Weight—M. Moon 5th
Relay—P. Powell, D. J. Jones, J. D. Evans, A. Davies 3rd

SENIOR—2nd, 74 points.

100 yds.—T. Thomas 2nd High Jump—W. A. Evans, 2nd
220 yds.—T. Thomas 3rd Long Jump—D. L. Jones 3rd
440 yds.—G. Curtis 3rd Hop, Step & Jump—D. L. Jones, 1st
880 yds.—F. Charters 5th Pole Vault—A. Muddiman 2nd
1 Mile—G. Eckley 2nd Javelin—T. Thomas 1st
Hurdles—W. A. Evans 3rd Discus—W. M. Jones 4th
Weight—D. Powell 3rd
Relay—T. Thomas, D. L. Jones, G. Curtis, W. A. Evans, 2nd

As a result of these performances eleven Brecon boys were selected to represent the County Team at the National Championships at Colwyn Bay:—

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| T. Thomas, 6th, Javelin | D. L. Jones, 6th, Hop, Step & Jump |
| G. Eckley, 6th, Mile | A. Davies, 6th High Jump |
| P. Powell, 5a, Relay | D. J. Jones, 5a, 440 yds. |
| R. Adams, 5a, Relay | G. Gittins, 4a, Relay |
| A. W. Poole, 4a, Pole Vault | H. C. Lewis, 4s, Discus. |
| J. R. Smith, 3l, Hurdles | |

T. Thomas was honoured by being chosen to captain the Brecon and Radnor team for 1960.

A. DAVIES.

COUNTY SPORTS 1959.

BUILT Grammar School were this year's hosts. The sports were held in a slight drizzle but this did not dampen the athletes' spirits. The competition was keen and the standards high.

A strong team represented Brecon and many honours were won both by teams and individuals. This year the Lower Junior Section was supreme and won the championship cup.

We are very proud to have four competitors who broke records:—

P. Powell broke the Junior 220 yds. record.

J. Price, broke the Junior Hurdles record.

T. Thomas broke the Middle Javelin Record, and

D. J. Jones beat the record in fine style in the middle 440 yds.

TEAM POSITION AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES.

Lower Junior 1st.

Cricket Ball—R. Smith, 1st High Jump—R. Smith, 2nd.
Long Jump—P. Havard 3rd.
Relay—R. Smith, P. Havard, V. Jones, I. Thrupp, 1st.

Junior 2nd.

100yds—P. Powell, 1st Hurdles—J. Price, 1st.
220 yds.—P. Powell, 1st. Pole Vault—A. Poole, 2nd
Weight—P. Powell, 3rd.
Relay—P. Powell, J. Price, G. Gittins, R. Adams, 1st.

Middle 2nd.

220 yds.—I. Thomas, 3rd. 110 yds. Hurdles—D. J. Jones, 2nd
Javelin—T. Thomas, 1st. Long Jump—D. Poole, 3rd.
440 yds.—D. J. Jones, 1st. 880 yds.—F. Charters, 2nd.
1 Mile—F. Charters, 3rd. Pole Vault—A. Muddiman, 3rd.
Weight—K. Strangward, 3rd. Relay—3rd.

Senior, 3rd.

100 yds.—R. S. Samuel, 2nd. Long Jump—R. Hitch, 3rd.
220 yds.—R. S. Samuel, 1st. H. S. and J.—R. Hitch, 3rd.
440 yds.—G. Curtis, 3rd. Javelin—S. Gallagher, 3rd.
1 Mile—G. Eckley, 2nd. Pole Vault—S. Gallagher, 2nd.
Hurdles—R. Hitch, 3rd. Discus—J. F. Rowberry, 2nd.
Weight—J. F. Rowberry, 3rd.

In the Aggregate Trophy Competition, Brecon Grammar School came 2nd.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

THE following boys competed in the Secondary Schools National Athletics Championships, held on Saturday, 11th July, at Haverfordwest.

Senior (17-19). R. S. Samuel, Relay; G. Eckley, 880 yds.

Youth (15-17). D. J. Jones, 440 yds; T. Thomas, Javelin (6th).

Boys (13-15). P. G. Powell, 100yds and 220 (3rd); J. Price, 75yds. Hurdles (3rd).

R. S. Samuel also had the honour of being chosen to captain the Brecon and Radnor team.

Three boys from the school travelled to Cardiff to compete in the two-day Welsh Games held on 17th and 18th July. They were T. Thomas, P. G. Powell and J. Price. T. Thomas pulled off a great feat when he won the youth Javelin with a magnificent throw of 162 feet.

G. ECKLEY, VIA.

MY HOME

My home is not a stately home
Nor yet a Palace large,
But it's warm and snug and safe and neat
And can a wealth of joy discharge,
My Dad is tall with thinning hair
And one false tooth which he loses
He's not bad-tempered—oh dear, no—
But can be when he chooses.

My mum is fat and jolly,
And pretty too—I think.
She serves on all committees,
And wishes she could shrink,
But I wouldn't have her one inch less,
Nor Dad with one hair more,
For we have such fun together,
In spite of being poor.

The wealth of love surrounding me
Is worth all the silver and gold
In a world so full of wonders
I am longing to behold.
And I know I may be tempted to wander in later years
To follow a star to countries far
And often be full of fears.
But whatever I see, and wherever I go,
And how ere many miles I roam,
Over land or sea, I know I'll come back
To my parents who are—My Home.

D. M. ADAMI, IVA.

RUGBY REPORT, 1959-60.

1st XV.

| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Pts. for | Pts. Against |
|---------------------|-----|-------|------|----------|--------------|
| 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 211 | 47 |
| Opponents | | | | ts. for | Pts. gainst |
| Abergavenny G.S. | | | Home | 13 | 3 |
| Maesydderwen | | | Away | 9 | 0 |
| Builth G.S. | | | Away | 54 | 0 |
| Llandovery | | | Home | 13 | 0 |
| Vaynor and Penderyn | | | Away | 11 | 6 |
| Builth | | | Home | 36 | 0 |
| Ystalyfera | | | Away | 3 | 14 |
| Vaynor and Penderyn | | | Home | 33 | 0 |
| Brynmawr | | | Away | 8 | 12 |
| Maesydderwen | | | Home | 13 | 12 |
| Llandrindod | | | Away | 8 | 0 |
| Old Boys | | | Home | 10 | 0 |

Captain : D. Powell. Vice-Captain : C. G. Curtis.

COLOUR AWARDS.

R. J. W. Davies, G. Eckley, D. Parry, D. J. Jones, G. Lewis, A. S. Twist, J. Tuthill, W. A. Evans.

Re-awards—R. M. Lowry, J. Sullivan, C. G. Curtis, K. Strangward, R. Brown.

2nd Re-Awards—D. Powell, M. Gittins, W. M. Jones, T. Thomas.

SCORERS—T. Thomas, 101 ; D. K. P. Strangward 24 ; G. Eckley, 20 ; M. Gittins, 12 ; R. G. Brown, J. G. Tuthill, R. M. Lowry, C. G. Curtis, 9 ; W. M. Jones, G. Lewis, 6 ; D. J. Parry, R. J. W. Davies, 3.

UNDER 15 XV.

| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Pts. for | Pts. against |
|---------------------|-----|-------|------|----------|--------------|
| 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 119 | 42 |
| Opponents | | | | Pts. for | Pts. against |
| Maesydderwen C.S. | | | Home | 6 | 8 |
| Maesydderwen C.S. | | | Away | 5 | 23 |
| Gwernyfed Sec. Mod. | | | Away | 25 | 0 |
| Brecon Sec. Mod. | | | Home | 23 | 3 |
| Llandrindod G.S. | | | Home | 24 | 0 |
| Brecon Sec. Mod. | | | Home | 15 | 8 |
| Gwernyfed Sec. Mod. | | | Home | 21 | 0 |

Captain : B. David. Vice-Captain : D. J. Peters.

UNDER 14 XV.

| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Pts. for | Pts. against |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|------|----------|--------------|
| 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 95 | 40 |
| Opponents | | | | Pts. for | Pts. against |
| Vaynor and Penderyn G.S. | | | Home | 11 | 3 |
| Canton High School | | | Away | 6 | 6 |
| Maesydderwen C.S. | | | Home | 8 | |
| Llandrindod G.S. | | | Home | 41 | 0 |
| Aberdare G.S. | | | Home | 3 | 19 |
| Ystalyfera G.S. | | | Home | 9 | 6 |
| Mountain Ash G.S. | | | Away | 9 | 0 |
| Ystalyfera G.S. | | | Away | 8 | 3 |

Captain : T. E. Payne. Vice-Captain : P. E. Morgan.

UNDER 13 XV.

| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Pts. for | Pts. against |
|--------------|-------|-------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 20 |
| Opponents | Venue | | Pts. for | Pts. against | |
| Maesyderwen | Home | | 5 | 3 | |
| Gwernyfed | Away | | 16 | 3 | |
| Ystalyfera | Away | | 3 | 11 | |
| Maesydderwen | Home | | 6 | 3 | |

Captain: I. Thrupp. Vice-Captain: H. Bevan.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Pts. for | Pts. against |
|---------|--------|-----|-------|------|----------|--------------|
| Theo | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 161 | 25 |
| Siddons | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 144 | 27 |
| Vaughan | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 31 | 235 |
| Garn | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 63 | 112 |

From the above results it is evident that the School as a whole has had a very successful season in the junior and, more especially, in the senior section. Throughout the season a vast improvement in rugby skill and interest has taken place. The skill which all the teams now possess is due to the determined coaching of members of staff, namely, Mr. Arthur, Mr. Rowlands and Mr. Morris. The most successful



RUGGER TEAM, 1959-60.

Back Row: D. J. Jones, J. Tuthill, J. Davies, K. Strangward, D. Parry, J. Sullivan, M. Gittins, A. Twist.
Sitting: Mr. Arthur, W. A. Evans, R. Lowry, D. Powell, G. Curtis, M. Jones, The Headmaster.
Front Row: T. Thomas, G. Eckley, G. Lewis, F. Charters.

of the school teams was the Senior XV and from the matches played two prominent features emerge. The first is the fine display of attacking rugby shown by T. Thomas who scored 101 points out of a total of 211 points and is a remarkable record, showing the value of T. Thomas to the school team. Second, and quite as important, was the way in which the school 1st XV was captained by D. Powell. Through his determination and courage he inspired the whole team. Of the many victories, the greatest was the victory by 10 points—nil over a very strong Old Boys' XV. This is the first time the school has beaten the Old Boys.

For the junior sides fixtures were not so plentiful, but from the matches played it is quite obvious that a rugby tradition is being built within the school.

Congratulations are sent to M. Gittins who reached the under-eighteens final trial for Wales. In the trial he played very well, and although he failed to secure a cap for Wales he was placed on the reserve list.

We would like to thank all members of the staff who gave up their Saturday mornings to referee matches or to support us. We would also like to thank the canteen staff, under Mrs. Lloyd, who never failed to provide us with a fine meal at each home game.

C. G. CURTIS, VI.Sc.

Mr. H. C. JONES, B.A., joined the Staff as second English Master in 1949 since when he has played an extremely active part in school affairs, especially in the organisation of Association Football and as Housemaster for Vaughan. His services as Secretary of the O.B. Association since 1955 have been invaluable and his departure will be a great loss to past and present pupils alike.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL REPORT, 1959-60.

Captain : G. Curtis. *Vice-Captain* : T. Thomas.
Master : Mr. R. Arthur.

DURING the past season the school 1st XI has experienced an enjoyable fixture list, and lost only one game in the whole season.

The team started with a convincing 11—0 win over Builth on 23rd January. They followed up this success by beating Presteigne 7—5 in a very hard, close game. Following this they visited Llandrindod and were again successful, winning 4—0. On 12th March Llandrindod visited Brecon where the home side was victorious, 7—0. After an interval of 3 weeks the team played Presteigne in a return match at home. Perhaps as a result of the gap, the Brecon team played poorly and lost 3—1. The following Monday the team played the staff, and after a light-hearted game emerged winners 3—0.

The following day came the climax of the whole season when the team played a strong Old Boys' contingent. After a hard and exciting game, the School emerged winners 5—2.

On the whole the team has had a good season and the team spirit throughout the whole series has been one to be commended.



SOCCKER TEAM, 1959-60.

W. A. Evans, G. Lewis, T. Watkins, D. Parry, J. Tuthill
D. Mooris, G. Eckley, Mr. Arthur (Games Master), G. Curtis (Capt),
Headmaster, J. Jones, O. G. Morgan.

We should also like to record that the 1st XI captain, G. Curtis, reached the final trial of the Welsh Youth under 18 team and we should like to congratulate him on his success, and on his leadership throughout the season.

FIRST XI RESULTS.

| 1960 | Opponents | | Venue | Result |
|------------|-------------|------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 23rd. | Builth | Away | Won | 11—0 |
| Feb. 20th | Presteigne | Away | Won | 7—5 |
| Feb. 27th | Llandrindod | Away | Won | 4—0 |
| Mar. 12th | Llandrindod | Home | Won | 7—0 |
| April 2nd | Presteigne | Home | Lost | 3—1 |
| April 4th | Staff | Home | Won | 3—0 |
| April 5th | Old Boys | Home | Won | 5—2 |

Highest Scorers : T. Thomas (9), G. Eckley (7), J. Jones (7), W. A. Evans (5)

Colour Awards :

2nd Re-Award : T. Thomas, G. Curtis.

Re-Award : G. Eckley, J. Jones, W. A. Evans.

Awards : W. T. T. Watkins, D. J. Parry, G. Lewis, D. Morris, O. G. Morgan, J. Tuthill.

JUNIOR XI RESULTS (under 15).

| | | | | |
|------------|-------------|------|------|-----|
| Feb. 20th | Presteigne | Away | Lost | 2—0 |
| March 12th | Llandrindod | Home | Won | 2—0 |

HOUSE COMPETITION.

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A | PTS. | % |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|----|
| Gam | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 11 | 61 |
| Siddons | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 18 | 9 | 50 |
| Theo | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 16 | 8 | 44 |
| Vaughan | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 17 | 21 | 8 | 44 |

MR. DEWI DAVIES came to this school in September, 1956, as Assistant Welsh Master, since when a great friendship has grown between him and the boys. Through his efforts a thriving branch of Urdd Gobaith Cymru was formed in 1957, and during the past twelve months Mr. Davies has been Secretary of the Breconshire Committee of the Welsh League of Youth. He has also done much with the junior boys in promoting Rugby, and acted as stage manager for the Pageant and for the School's production, "Murder in the Cathedral."

We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Davies for all he has done for the school and to wish him luck in his new post.

ATHLETICS, 1959.

THE Annual School Sports were held for the first time at the School Playing Fields, Penlan, on Tuesday, 14th July, 1959.

We wish to thank Mr. Arthur, sports master, for organising the meeting, the members of staff who acted as judges and the groundsman and his assistant.

Both weather and ground conditions were ideal and undoubtedly contributed to the fact that ten new records were set up and one equalled. On account of the downhill nature of the course, however, the times of the 100 yards and the hurdles events cannot be recognised.

Two outstanding records were set up, namely, the Junior Pole Vault of 8ft. 10ins. (higher than the results of the Inter and Senior events); and the 440 yards Inter, 56secs. This time by D. J. Jones equalled the Senior record and had a faster time than that recorded in this event.

The final result showed that Siddons was victorious again this year.

After a very successful meeting the prizes were presented by the the Mayor of Brecon (Coun. G. Goodwin).

MINORS.

100 Yards. Record 13.4 secs. R. Adams (T), 1956.
1, I. Thrupp (V); 2, R. J. Griffiths (V); 3, R. Dunning (T).
Time: 12 secs.

220 Yards. Record 32 secs. R. Adams (T), 1956.
1, I. Thrupp (V); 2, D. James (S); 3, H. Beavan (T).
Time: 32.4 secs.

Cricket Ball. Record 171ft. 3ins. D. Letton (T), 1958.
1, P. Mogg (V); 2, Taylor (T); 3, H. Beavan (T).
Distance: 161ft. 1in.

High Jump. Record 4ft. R. Adams (T), 1957.
1, R. J. Griffiths (V); 2, Ross (G); 3, M. Smith (S).
Height: 3ft. 9ins.

Long Jump. Record 13ft. 1½ins. J. Bowles (S), 1956.
1, I. Thrupp (V); 2, G. J. Lewis (T); 3, D. Davies (S).
Distance 13ft. 3½ins. New Record.

House Relay. (4 x 110 yds). Record 62.4 secs (V), 1958.
1, Theophilus; 2, Siddons; 3, Gam.

JUNIORS.

100 Yards. Record, 12 secs. R. S. Samuel (V), 1954, C. Ottewell (S) 1957.
1, R. Adams (T); 2, B. David (T); 3, G. D. Gittus (S).
Time: 11.4 secs.

High Jump. Record, 4ft. 9ins. B. F. Adams (T), 1955.
1, G. D. Gittus (S); 2, B. K. Williams (T); 3, R. Adams (T).
Height, 4ft. 4ins.

Weight. Record, 41ft. 7ins. D. Gould (S), 1956.
1, B. David (T); 2, C. Lewis (T); 3, P. Morgan (T).
Distance, 37ft. 8ins.

Long Jump. Record, 16ft. 1½ins. W. E. P. Price (V), 1951.
1, G. D. Gittus (S); 2, R. Adams (T); 3, A. W. Poole (S).
Distance, 15ft. 6½ins.

Discus. Record, 95ft. 9ins. C. Ottewell (S), 1957.
1, C. Lewis (G); 2, P. Morgan (T); 3, J. R. Smith (S).
Distance, 85ft. 6ins.

Pole Vault. Record, 7ft. 7½ins. A. W. Poole (S), 1958.
1, A. W. Poole (S); 2, B. G. Jones (T); 3, M. O. Jones (V).
Height, 8ft. 10ins. New Record.

220 Yards. Record 27.2 secs. B. F. Adams (T), 1955.
1, R. Adams (T); 2, G. D. Gittus (S); 3, B. David (T).
Time, 27.2 secs. Equals Record.

75 Yards Hurdles. Record, 11.8 secs. J. Price (S), 1958.
1, R. Smith (S); 2, K. Price (T); 3, R. Williams (V).
Time, 11.6 secs. New Record.

Javelin. Record, 111ft. 3½ins. T. Thomas (G), 1956.
1, B. A. Williams (G); 2, A. W. Poole (S); 3, P. J. Havard (T).
Distance, 103ft. 4ins.

Junior House Relay. 4 x 110 yds.). Record, 53 secs Siddons, 1958.
1, Siddons; 2, Theophilus; 3, Gam.
Time, 51.4 secs. New Record.

INTER

100 Yards. Record, 11.3 secs. M. T. Styles (G), 1954 K. T. Smith (V) 1944 and R. S. Samuel (V) 1956.
1, P. G. Powell (S); 2, J. Price (S); 3, J. D. Evans (T).
Time 11 secs.

Long Jump. Record, 19ft. 2ins. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1951.
1, J. A. O. Davies (S); 2, D. J. Jones (G); 3, J. C. Hooton (V).
Distance 17ft. 2ins.

Discus. Record, 116ft. 4½ins. D. Lane (S), 1956.
1, D. Adams (V); 2, G. Lewis (T); 3, D. G. Powell (S).
Distance: 98ft. 9ins.

440 Yards. Record, 57.8 secs. J. G. Griffiths (V), 1949.
1, D. J. Jones (G); 2, D. I. M. Jones (V); 3, P. C. Price (S).
Time: 56. secs. New Record.

Weight. Record 43ft. 5ins. D. Lane (S), 1956.
1, P. G. Powell (S); 2, G. Phillips (V); 3, G. Lewis (T).
Distance, 37ft. 11 ins.

High Jump. Record, 4ft. 11ins. B. F. Adams (T), 1956.
1, J. A. O. Davies (S); 2, R. Day (T); 3, D. J. Martell (V).
Height, 5ft. 1in. New Record.

220 Yards. Record 25.5 secs. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1952.
1, P. G. Powell (S); 2, P. C. Price (S); 3, J. Johnson (T).
Time, 26.7 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles. Record 17.3 secs. R. Speake (V), 1956.
1, D. J. Jones (G); 2, J. Price (S); 3, P. C. Price (S).
Time 15.4 secs.

Javelin. Record 147ft. 9ins. T. Thomas (G), 1958.
1, G. Lewis (T); 2, M. Moon (V); 3, G. James (G).
Distance 120ft. 3ins.

880 Yards. Record 2mins. 20.5 secs. G. A. H. Thomas (G), 1956.
1, D. J. Jones (G); 2, J. Evans (T); 3, R. Bastable (G).
Time, 2mins. 16.4 secs. New Record.

Pole Vault. Record 8ft. 2½ins. A. R. Muddiman (V), 1958.
1, A. C. Watkins (G); 2, M. Lowry (T); 3, R. Spencer (T).
Height, 7ft. 1ins.

Hop, Step and Jump. Record, 37ft. 11ins. L. D. Davies (V), 1951.
1, J. A. O. Davies (S); 2, B. Hicks (T); 3, J. Bryant (T).
Distance, 35ft. ½ins.

SENIORS.

100 Yards. Record, 10.4 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1935.
1, R. S. Samuel (V); 2, S. Gallagher (S); 3, M. O. Jones (V).
Time : 10.6 secs.

Discus. Record, 98ft. 2½ins. B. T. Williams (S), 1955.
1, J. F. Rowberry (G); 2, G. Curtis (S); 3, W. M. Jones (V).
Distance, 99ft. 8ins. New Record.

880 Yards. Record, 2 mins. 12 secs. G. R. Gallagher (S), 1958.
1, W. A. Evans (S); 2, F. Charters (S); 3, D. Powell (T).
Time : 2mins. 17.5 secs.

High Jump. Record, 5ft. 3ins. R. Lucas (T), 1956.
1, S. Gallagher (S); 2, D. J. Parry (G); 3, M. O. Jones (V).
Height, 5ft. 2ins.

Weight. Record, 36 ft. 6½ins. T. B. Millichap (S), 1954.
1, J. F. Rowberry (G); 2, G. Curtis (S); 3, G. P. Gittins (T).
Distance, 36ft.

Hop, Step and Jump. Record 40ft. 2ins. T. K. Jones (V), 1950.
1, R. S. Samuel (V); 2, D. L. Jones (S); 3, T. Thomas (G).
Distance 37ft. 3½ins.

Javelin. Record, 140ft. 5½ins. W. Vincent (G), 1955.
1, S. Gallagher (S); 2, J. F. Rowberry (G); 3, G. Curtis (S).
Distance, 163 ft. 4ins. New Record.

220 Yards. Record, 24.5 secs. W. P. Roderick (V), 1955.
1, R. S. Samuel (V); 2, T. Thomas (G); 3, J. G. Poole (V).
Time, 25 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles. Record 18.4 secs. D. A. Thomas (S), 1958.
1, J. G. Poole (V); and W. A. Evans (S).
Time 18.9 secs.

Pole Vault. Record 8ft. 6 ins. S. Gallagher (S), 1958 and I. G. Prosser (V) 1958.
1, A. R. Muddiman (V); 2, D. Powell (T); 3, N. James (V).
Height, 8ft. 7ins. New Record.

440 Yards. Record, 56 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.
1, R. S. Samuel (V); 2, G. Curtis (S); 3, T. Thomas (G).
Time 56.3 secs.

Senior House Relay. (4 x 110 yds). Record, 48.8 secs. (T), 1956.
1, Siddons; 2, Vaughan; 3, Gam.
Time, 49.9 secs.

1 Mile. Record, 4mins. 46.5 secs. G. R. Gallagher (S), 1958.
1, G. Eckley (T); 2, F. Charters (S); 3, T. N. Watkins (G).
Time, 5 mins. 3.3 secs.

Minor Competition. "The Minor Cup." 1, Vaughan.

Junior Competition. "The G. Davies Cup." 1, Theophilus.

Inter Competition. "The E. B. Powell Cup." 1, Siddons.

Senior Cup. "The Staff Cup." 1, Siddons.

Aggregate Trophy. "The L. Lewis and Dr. G. Price Cup." 1, Siddons.

CRICKET REPORT, 1959.

THIS season was a highly successful one and the high standard set up in the past was well matched. R. G. Brown and C. G. Curtis were selected to play for Breconshire against Monmouthshire, Pembroke-shire and Carmarthenshire, and C. G. Curtis played in the Final Welsh Trial.

Mr. J. C. Grove acted as manager for the Welsh Secondary Schools Cricket Association.

The Cricket masters for 1960 are to be Mr. Giles, Mr. Davies, Mr. Foulkes and Mr. J. C. Grove.

The Cricket 1st XI would like to thank the canteen staff for providing them with fine meals throughout the season.

R. G. BROWN.

1st XI RESULTS.

| | | | | |
|------------|-----|--------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 25th April | ... | Llandrindod. | Home. | Llandrindod 40 for 6. rain st. play. |
| 9th May | ... | Maesydderwen. | Away. | Won by 4 wickets. |
| 16th May | ... | Aberdare G.S. | Home. | Drawn. |
| 30th May | ... | Brynmawr G.S. | Home. | Won by 39 runs. |
| 2nd June | ... | Crickhowell Colts. | Away. | Won by 8 runs. |
| 13th June | ... | Llandrindod G.S. | Away. | Won by 67 runs. |
| 18th June | ... | Builth G.S. | Away. | Won by 41 runs. |
| 20th June | ... | Brynmawr G.S. | Away. | Drawn. |
| 4th July | ... | Ystalyfera G.S. | Home. | Lost by 39 runs. |
| 9th July | ... | Builth G.S. | Away. | Drawn. |
| 13th July | ... | Bridgend G.S. | Home. | Won by 7 wickets. |
| 15th July | ... | Old Boys. | Home. | Drawn. |

Played 11. Won 5. Lost 2. Drawn 4.

AVERAGES—

Bowling : T. Thomas, 5.65 ; G. Curtis, 8.03 ; K. Strangward, 9.54 ; R. G. Brown, 13.25 ;

Batting : G. Curtis, 26.50 ; A. Jones, 14.85 ; R. Brown, 12.33 ; B. Mayers, 12.28 ; B. David, 11.66 ; T. Watkins, 11.00 ; G. Eckley, 11.00.

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THIS year it was the turn of North Wales to provide the venue for the "Urdd" National Eisteddfod, and Dolgelley proved an ideal place for this great gathering of Welsh Youth

On Thursday, 9th June, a busload of competitors from the Girls' Grammar School, the Boys' Grammar School, and the Secondary Modern School left Brecon for North Wales; they represented a large portion of the Breconshire contingent.

We travelled up through Mid-Wales, arriving in Towyn, where we were to stay the night, at about 6 p.m. We were then taken to private houses, where we found excellent hospitality. After an enjoyable evening in Towyn, and varying degrees of sleep (we had to be up at 6-30 a.m.), we travelled the remaining twenty miles or so through beautiful countryside overshadowed by the great Cader Idris. We arrived in Dolgelley at about 8-30 a.m. The "invasion" of the quiet little town was in full swing when we arrived, and after the preliminary stages of the competitions had been held in various small halls in the town, we were free to see the colourful Eisteddfod pavilion and its surroundings.

We had been told that the standard in all the competitions would be very high, and this was soon evident when we saw the crowds of competitors from every Welsh county waiting to take part in these "prelims." These were the winners from the fourteen county Eisteddfodau that had been held in April

The School met with quite some success, reaching "the stage" in two of the three competitions with which we were concerned.

We arrived in Brecon at 10 p.m. on Friday after an unforgettable experience, and with the avowed intention of making an even greater effort next year.

The Schools' thanks are due to our hosts in Towyn, and above all to the organizing genius of Mr. J. Dewi Davies who was here, there and everywhere and was an inspiration and encouragement to us all.

Results :—

Party of eight boys (under 15)—2nd Brecon Boy's G.S.

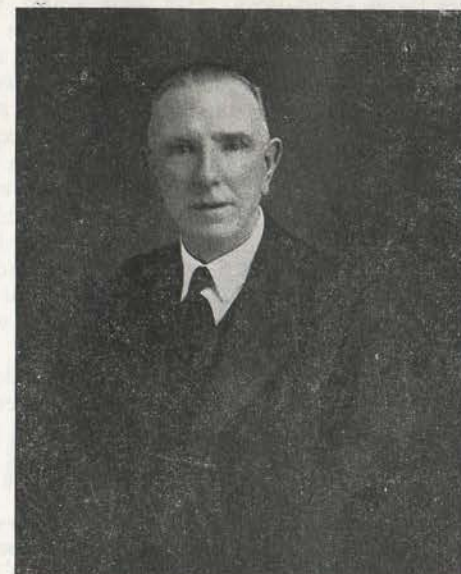
Boys' Solo (15-19)—3rd. Jeffrey Davies (Brecon Boys' G.S.)

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OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE tenth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Cafe Royal, Brecon, on Friday, 26th February, 1960, with the retiring President in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. E. I. R. Morgan; Vice-President, Mr. Oscar Owen; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. C. Jones; Honorary Assistant Secretary, Mr. D. G. A. Smith. Mr. E. J. Rowlands was again appointed Honorary Auditor.

The following committee was duly elected:—Mr. G. Clayton, Mr. G. W. Davies, J.P., Mr. L. S. Davies, Mr. J. D. Jones, Mr. W. I.



This year's President : Mr. Ivor Morgan.

Jones, J.P., Mr. D. Lewis, M.B.E., J.P., Alderman Garnet Morris, Mr. W. J. J. Morris, Mr. M. Jenkins, Mr. C. B. Palmer, Mr. E. B. Powell, M.B.E., Mr. F. M. Thomas, Mr. L. R. Williams, Mr. T. G. Winstone; Ex-officio, Mr. A. R. Williams, Mr. T. G. Winstone.

At the first meeting of the Committee, Mr. W. J. J. Morris was elected Chairman and Mr. L. S. Davies, Vice-Chairman.

The Annual Meeting was followed by a dance, held in the Castle of Brecon Hotel on 4th March. This was far from successful as a function but fortunately no financial loss was incurred.

The Annual Dinner on 9th April, was, however, very well attended. The principal speaker this year was Mr. Elwyn Thomas, formerly a master at the School and now a B.B.C. producer at Cardiff. He

was warmly welcomed, especially by the many members present whom he had actually taught. The other guests this year were Councillor G. Goodwin, Mayor of Brecon, and David Powell, Head Boy of the School.

On 9th May at the School, members were able to see a very interesting documentary film, "This is the B.B.C." This was made available through the co-operation with the Brecon Rotary Club and the Assistant Commissioner for National Savings, Mr. Cyril Jones.

The Association Football match with the School in the Spring term of this year was held on the new pitch at Penlan. To mark the occasion, Mr. Ivor Morgan kicked off. The match was up to the standard we expect but this year the speed of a very good School side proved too much for the Old Boys. Mr. Ken Smith, who refereed the match, congratulated the School side not only on its good display on this occasion but also on its very fine record during the season.

At the School Athletic Sports on 25th May the cups were presented by the wife of the President, Mrs. Ivor Morgan. The afternoon was sunny and warm and Old Boys who were present expressed their pleasure at being able to spend such a pleasant time in truly magnificent surroundings. All members of the Association who study the results published elsewhere in the magazine will undoubtedly be astonished at the frequency with which new records are being established, although some remain of considerable standing.

The Old Boys cricket match has been arranged for Wednesday, 13th July. It would be very convenient if anyone who wishes to play would let the Secretary know as soon as possible.

During the last term the Committee of the Association had much pleasure in congratulating the School on its very meritorious production of "Murder in the Cathedral."

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

WE congratulate Mr. J. D. H. Thomas, formerly of the School staff, on his appointment as lecturer at Swansea Training College.

We send our felicitations to Mr. Geraint Hughes who has been ordained and is now curate at Gorseinon near Swansea.

We congratulate Mr. Ivor Morgan, this year's president on being elected a Governor of the School and President of the Welsh Non-County Boroughs Association.

PERSONAL.

We send congratulations to —

Mr. F. Fantham of Llangorse on his marriage on 14th November, 1959, to Miss Mair Elizabeth Price, of Llanfrynach.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davies on the birth of their daughter, Deborah Jayne, on 2nd January, 1960.

Mr. A. J. Phippen, formerly of the School Staff, on his engagement.

Mr. A. Hepton, who is still in the United States, on his engagement.



H.M.S. "Arguay"

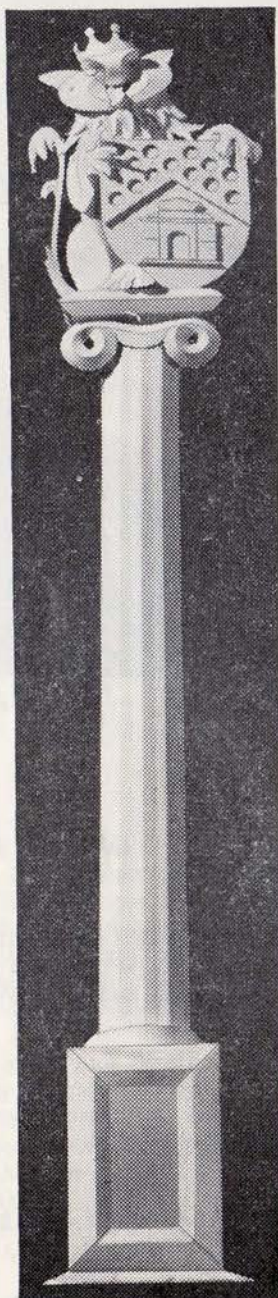
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