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FOREWORD.

We have pleasure in presenting to you the fifteenth volume of the *Silurian*. It is our humble hope that it measures up to the standard established in past years and that all pupils, past and present, will enjoy this Magazine and its survey of school activities during a year in which so many worthwhile achievements have been recorded by individuals as well as groups.

We are coming to the end of our sixth year at Penlan ; they have been happy years. Inevitably, we have seen changes and now it is our pleasure to welcome the Secondary Modern School to the Penlan Site. We extend our best wishes to the Headmaster (Mr. D. Harvey Williams, B.A.), the staff and pupils, and wish them every success. Before the year is out we shall see the new Rural Technical Institute in use as a further education centre for the district. There is indeed no chance that we shall ever again feel lonely and forgotten on the windswept heights of Penlan.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We offer a warm welcome to the pupils of the Brecon Secondary School who have now settled in their new building on the Penlan 'campus.'

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The School Library is to benefit from a gift of £50 from the estate of the late Miss Rachel Davies of Northampton, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davied Davies, Glanyrafon, the Promenade.

The School's thanks are also due to Mr. W. Ifor Jones for his gift to the School Library of a set of the complete works of Sir Walter Scott.

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A party of Sixth-formers visited the New Theatre, Cardiff, on 11th April, 1964, to see a performance of "Macbeth"

Another party of boys visited the Ebbw Vale steelworks on 24th April, 1964.

Geography students enjoyed a visit to Llangattock caves on 20th October, 1963.

Congratulations to Gwynne Giles, the School's Head Boy, on becoming a Queen's Scout.

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Senior boys of the School heard an interesting lecture on the life and work of Dr. Thomas Coke in the hall of the Brecon Secondary School on 24th April, 1964.

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On 15th May, 1964, a section of the School attended an enjoyable lecture-recital by Mr. Brian Hesford, the Cathedral Organist, in the hall of the Secondary Modern School.

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A fund for an annual Music Prize has been set up by a Governor of the School, Councillor Douglas Mason, to whom our thanks are due.

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A party of senior boys visited the Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon on 30th June, 1964, to see a performance of Shakespeare's "Henry V". In the afternoon the party enjoyed a tour of Warwick Castle, one of the most interesting and best preserved castle-museums in Britain.

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The Annual Goodwill Day was observed on 22nd May, 1964, when the service was introduced by Alan Major. The Message was read in English by Malcolm Morris, in French by Roger Hausheer, in German

by John Price, and in Welsh by Gwynfryn Davies. Hymns were announced by Robert John Williams and Phillip Parfitt.

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This term we have to say goodbye, reluctantly, to Mrs. J. E. M. George at the end of her second year in the Welsh Department, and to Mrs. B. A. Davies after one year in the English Department. We wish them both well and record our appreciation of their enthusiastic contributions to the work of the School.

INTER-SCHOOL DEBATES.

Once a fortnight, after school, debates were held with the Girls' School. Most of the debates proved very lively and were enjoyed by all who took part.

Motion, speakers and results :—

"The Americanisation of Britain is to be deplored." For : John Price, Pamela Tucker. Against : Alan Major, Wendy Tuthill. Chairman : Gwynne Giles. Motion defeated.

"Euthanasia should be Legalised." For : Gwynne Giles, Vaynor James. Against, Catherine Jones, Vincent Jones. Chairman : Wendy Tuthill. Motion defeated.

"There are no problem children, only problem parents." For : Sally Jones, B. L. Jones. Against, Malcolm Morris, Diane Mitchell. Chairman, Alan Major. Motion carried.

"A woman's place is in the home." For : Rosalie Michell, B. L. Jones. Against, Alan Major, Denise King. Chairman, Diane Mitchell. Motion defeated.

"Passive Resistance." For : Roger Hausheer, Pauline Foulkes. Against, Chris Jordan, Helen Rees. Chairman : Catherine Jones. Abstentions won.

"The end always justifies the means." For : David James, Hillary Jones. Against : Marion Jones, John Roderick. Chairman : Pamela Tucker. Motion defeated.

"The Royal Family holds no place in today's society." For : Christine Jones, Mike Stephens. Against : Ricky Griffiths, Catherine Foster. Chairman : Gwynne Giles. Motion defeated.

We should like to thank Mr. Foulkes for the keen interest that he has taken in these activities throughout the year.

Congratulations to David James, VIB Arts, on achieving the Silver Standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

H. G. GILES.

SCHOOL TRIP TO BELGIUM AND FRANCE, 1963.

Following what has now become a school tradition, a party of some 25 boys, accompanied by 4 members of the staff, went to Belgium and France for 10 days last summer.

The party this year was exceptionally small, which suggests the possibility that the demand in the school for continental holidays is waning. Nevertheless, the contingent left Brecon in the early hours of 15th July, happily anticipating the rare experience of a holiday abroad. There was to be excitement from the very beginning, for after a hectic, mile-a-minute 'bus ride to Newport we saw, to our dismay, from the station platform, the London-bound train disappear into the early morning haze. This did not deter us, however, and having caught the next train we proceeded on the next lap of our journey to Paddington.

At mid-day we were crawling through rush hour traffic in the metropolis to Victoria where we hastily snatched some light refreshments before catching the boat-train to Dover.

After a calm and rather lazy crossing we arrived in Ostende at about 8 p.m. and it was here that we were introduced to Joseph, who was to be coachdriver, guide, interpreter, and, as everyone soon found out, a loyal friend. It was at Ostende, also, that we sampled another aspect of Belgian hospitality in a meal unanimously acclaimed by our party as excellent.

After the meal we were driven in a luxury coach to Brussels where we were to spend the night. We arrived at our hotel after midnight but the thought of the next few days kept us awake for some time. Nevertheless, much-needed sleep soon overtook us, and the next thing we knew we were being persuaded down for breakfast, which was typically continental—rolls and coffee.

Breakfast over, we all went sightseeing in the beautiful Belgian capital, and benefited immensely from seeing the delicate grandeur of the Royal Palace contrasted with the simple harshness of the many "fly-overs" in the main streets, and the sight of the vast Atomium (built to commemorate the World Fair a few years ago) rising massively yet serenely above the mingling of colours in the exotic city gardens, drew from us many an approving adjective.

All good things must come to an end and we were soon speeding towards the Mecca of every European tourist. We arrived in Paris in the late afternoon and after searching frustratedly for about an hour we found the "Hotel Printania" which was to be our base for the next few days. These days were spent buying presents and sight-seeing and we visited "Les Jardins du Luxembourg" (information about which had been painfully gleaned from a Form I French text book); Les Invalides and Napoleon's tomb; the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs Elysees; the beautiful Catholic magnificence of the

Church on Montmartre; the Eiffel Tower; and the Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame on the Ile de la Citie. Our evenings were, as the instructions stated, "at leisure."

After these few frantic days in the busy city we retired for the rest of the holiday to the blistering but peaceful warmth of the historic town of Blois, picturesquely situated on the River Loire. All the time we were haunted, even dominated, by a vision of fairy-tale castles and an extremely sadistic but Pro-British hotel proprietor.

Blois was to be our centre and it was from here that we took coach visits to the town of Tours and the surrounding vineyards, and all along the Loire the magnificence of the splendid chateaus de la Loire unfolded itself before us. We spent our spare time either in the smoke-filled hotel lounge, drinking iced "cokes" and listening to the indiscriminate strains of French "pop-songs" cruelly bruising the air around from an ever-popular juke-box, or playing cricket in the local park with no equipment, much to the enjoyment of speechless holiday-makers, soaking knee-deep in French heat.

We enjoyed our stay in Blois so much that on the morning of 25th July it was sadly that we took our leave of the town, unanimous in our praise of its attractions, and also in our thanks for the efforts of Mr. G. Williams, Dr. W. S. K. Thomas, Dr. L. I. Williams and Mr. A. Evans.

B. L. JONES, VIa, Arts.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

The 1963 Carol Service was again held in the gymnasium. Traditional numbers were mixed with carols by contemporary composers such as Rubbra's "Dormi Jesu"—a carol which is itself becoming very popular.

Two new features were the Junior Choir which sang two Welsh carols with support from a quartet of Recorders, and the School Orchestra, which acted as accompaniment for the congregational carols. The players did, however, venture a Minuet by Bach, as a solo item. The leader, Peter Gardner, came to the fore in a performance of the Slow movement of Bach's Double Violin Concerto.

These items were of course alternating with readings of the Christmas Lessons, and after the ninth of these the Mixed Choir brought the proceedings to a close with Haydn's chorus from "The Creation," "The Heavens are telling the glory of God," soloists being G. Reynolds, J. Twining, and Mr. J. Thomas. Thanks are due to the last-named for his services as accompanist, and to all members of the Staff and Mrs. Carden for their willing assistance and support.

RECOLLECTIONS.

Recollections, memories, a wealth of joy
A treasure trove of the past to be enjoyed,
Opened, its thoughts, ideas and conceptions
Expounded and revealed by stimuli from present time.

They form a part of the escape from strife
Freedom from worry and the strains of life
Which lower our spirits and drag us down
Into melancholy, degradation, sorrow and woe.

Times of carefree attitude are brought back to live
In vivid memories. These are collected, sieved,
Intermingled, often confused and jumbled,
Imprinted in that human computer.

Recreated pictures flash across a screen
But like a tiny wish in the wind
Are whisked away, leaving the thinker
Wondering, brought to earth from the realms of fantasy.

Ocurring amid other thoughts of present time
To do with reality and the concrete, imminent
Things which overbear and make to realize
From the stress into another world, a paradise
Where all is sweet and calm and serene;
They that are in turn stored to be brought
To life again in future moments of recollection.

What are recollections? Memories?
Something past recalled in present time.
We mere humans touched by the hands of fate
Remember things gone by which in their own
Space, time and dimension seem strange
When the future is known and hold a fascination.

How can time change? What is time?
That weird strange medium, progressive
Never looking back. Only the human
Non-machine, can interfere and try
With aids of intellect to turn back
The hands of time with petulant fingers.

Recollections spell not the depth of memories
They are more superficial, not far-reaching.
One recollects, he recalls what happened.
One remembers, he recalls what happened,
Which had a marked effect.
Memories dig deeper, emotions are expressed.

Why must we remember, wonder?
What unknown, latent power compels us
To recollect? Sad memories brought back
With all and more of their former horrors.
Why must we recall these?

Can we not prevent it? The mind
And brain, overlords of limbs and body
Compel, drive, thrust upon reluctant
Beings which must of necessity be
Receptive, though they have no option,
Re-incarnated scenes of woe.

Memories, praise be, are not all bad,
And happy times, recalled, retain
Their former bliss. But unlike
Sorrow's growing in intensity
The happiness fades into the mists of time
And to re-create such pleasure
In our minds we must remember,
Learn to forget our cares, remember,
And our happy times recollect and keep
The dim flame alight.

G. T. WILLIAMS, Va.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Chairman : B. L. Jones. *Secretary* : W. A. P. Moon.

This year the society was very active. Among the topics discussed were "The Channel Tunnel will be of benefit to the British Economy" and "Too much is said about smoking." The debates proved lively and there were numerous questions from the floor. A new departure was the much enjoyed impromptu speeches which were of high quality and extremely entertaining. One meeting of the Society was also devoted to accounts of summer holidays spent abroad in 1963 by members of the school.

The second term was devoted entirely to the production of four plays which it was hoped to stage at the end of the term. However, the time allowed proved insufficient and unfortunately none of the plays was staged.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Chairman : P. T. Havard. *Secretary* : H. G. Giles.

This year the Scientific Society held two meetings. At the first meeting Mr. Ray Parry, an old boy of the school doing post-graduate research at Aberystwyth University College, gave a talk on modern mathematics. The talk was thoroughly enjoyed. The second meeting took the form of a demonstration of exothermic reactions by some of the 6a Chemistry class, when a combination of flashes and bangs made an exciting afternoon.

ATHLETICS. 1964.

Captain : I. L. Thrupp. Master-in-charge : Mr. A. J. F. Wyatt.

School Sports.

The annual athletics meeting took place on a fine, slightly breezy day. Only one record was broken—the Senior Relay—but the standard of competition was consistently high, with an excellent response from the House captains and a last-ditch struggle between Theophilus and Siddons for the aggregate trophy. The Mayor of Brecon, Coun. G. W. Davies, addressed the competitors after the meeting and Mrs. Davies presented the trophies.

MINORS.

100 yards—1, R. P. John (V); 2, T. Merrick (S); 3, O. Evans (T).
Record 13.4 secs. Time 13.7 secs.

220 yards—1, T. Merrick (S); 2, G. Protheroe (G); 3, R. P. John (V).
Record, 30.7 secs. Time 31.3 secs.

Javelin—1, T. Merrick (S); 2, P. M. Williams (T); 3, G. Protheroe (G).
New event. Distance 85' 7".

Shot—1, A. McInnes (G); 2, C. Thompson (S); 3, C. Williams (V).
New Event. Distance 26' 9 1/2".

High Jump—1, P. J. Davies (T); 2, A. Brown (G); 3, S. Morgan (T).
Record 4' 3". Height 4' 1".

Long Jump—1, A. Brown (G); 2, C. Thompson (S); 3, P. J. Davies (T).
Record 13' 7". Height Distance 12' 1".

Relay—1, Theo; 2, Gam; 3, Siddons.
Record 61.2 secs. Time 63.4 secs.

JUNIOR.

100 yards—1, A. Perry (S); 2, H. Jenkins (S); 3, M. R. Thomas (V).
Record 11.6 secs. Time 11.8 secs.

220 yards—1, A. Perry (S); 2, H. Jenkins (S); 3, M. R. Thomas (V).
Record 26.2 secs. Time 26.7 secs.

80 yards Hurdles—1, P. Poole (S); 2, R. Boxhall (T); 3, K. Watkins (G).
New Event. Time 14.4 secs.

Javelin—1, J. I. Williams (S); 2, R. Whittaker (T); 3, D. C. Davies (T).
Record 126' 1". Distance 82' 8".

Shot—1, H. Jenkins (S); 2, C. Moses (S); 3, D. C. Davies (T).
Record 41' 7". Distance 35' 7".

Discus—1, T. Crocker (T); 2, C. Moses (S); 3, D. C. Davies (T).
Record 95' 9". Distance 92' 2".

High Jump—1, R. Boxhall (T); 2, W. Smith (S); 3, K. Watkins (G).
Record 4' 9". Height 4' 2".

Long Jump—1, M. R. Thomas (V); 2, H. Perkins (G); 3, S. Richards (V).
Record 16' 5". Distance 13' 6".

Pole Vault—1, S. Richards (V); 2, D. H. Davies (S); 3, H. D. Thomas (S).
Record 8' 10". Height 7' 0".

Relay—1, Siddons; 2, Theo; 3, Gam and Vaughan.
New event. Time 56.2 secs.

INTERMEDIATE.

100 yards—1, A. Hodges (S); 2, R. Hatton (T); 3, S. Barrett (T).
Record 10.7 secs. Time 11.4 secs.

220 yards—1, R. Hatton (T); 2, S. Barrett (T); 3, A. Hurford (S).
Record 25 secs. Time 25.6 secs.

440 yards—1, R. Hatton (T); 2, R. Woodford (S); 3, A. Hurford (S).
Record 56 secs. Time 60 secs.

880 yards—1, G. Crocker (T); 2, A. Farr (T); 3, J. T. Williams (S).
Record 2 mins. 16.4 secs. Time 2 mins. 25 secs.

Mile—1, G. Crocker (T); 2, D. Younger (S); 3, J. M. Davies (T).
New event. Time 5 min. 19.8 secs.

Javelin—1, A. Hughes (G); 2, M. R. Jones (S); 3, R. Francis (S).
Record 147' 9". Distance 126' 5 1/2".

Shot—1, B. A. Williams (T); 2, D. Morris (T); 3, L. R. Davies (S).
Record 43' 5". Distance 36' 0 1/2".

Discus—1, B. A. Williams (T); 2, A. Hurford (S); 3, I. Miles (V).
Record 129'. Distance 103'.

High Jump—1, B. S. Jones (V); 2, A. Gancewicz (G); 3, B. Morgan (T).
Record 5' 1". Height 4' 10".

Long Jump—1, B. S. Jones (V); 2, Barrett (T); 3, L. Bailey (G).
Record 19' 2". Distance 15' 10".

Pole Vault—1, A. Hodges (S); 2, R. Herbert (V); 3, I. Miles (V).
Record 10' 4". Height 9' 4".

Triple Jump—1, A. Hodges (S); 2, A. Millichip (G); 3, L. Bailey (G).
Record 38'. Distance 35' 0 1/2".

110 yards Hurdles—1, A. Hodges (S); 2, D. Morris (T); 3, R. Herbert (V).
Record 17.1 secs. Time 18.7 secs.

Relay—1, Theo; 2, Vaughan; 3, Siddons.
New event. Time 51.7 secs.

SENIOR.

100 yards—1, I. Thrupp (V); 2, D. B. Jones (V); 3, J. Twining (S).
Record 10.2 secs. Time 10.6 secs.

220 yards—1, D. B. Jones (V); 2, I. Thrupp (V); 3, J. Twining (S).
Record 24.1 secs. Time 24.4 secs.

440 yards—1, J. Davis (G); 2, J. Twining (S); 3, V. Jones (T).
Record 56 secs. Time 57.4 secs.

880 yards—1, T. B. Williams (V); 2, D. F. Jones (S); 3, A. Major (S).
Record 2min. 10.7 secs. Time 2min. 13.6 secs.

Mile—1, A. Paton (V); 2, D. F. Jones (S); 3, A. Major (S).
Record 4min. 46.5 secs. Time 5min. 11 secs.

120 yards Hurdles—1, J. Davis (G); 2, P. Sussex (S); 3, J. R. Jones (V).
Record 18.1 secs. Time 20.8 secs.

Javelin—1, P. Havard (T); 2, P. Hudson (V); 3, G. Williams (S).
Record 163' 7". Distance 128' 11".

Shot—1, M. G. Davies (T); 2, G. Powell (T); 3, T. Payne (G).
Record 42' 10 1/2". Distance 39' 7 1/2".

Discus—1, T. Payne (G); 2, M. G. Davies (T); 3, G. Powell (T).
Record 107'. Distance 105' 3".

High Jump—1, D. F. Jones (S); 2, P. Moon (V); 3, D. R. Davies (S).
Record 5' 3". Height 5' 1".

Long Jump—1, D. B. Jones (V); 2, I. Thrupp (V); 3, G. Gittus (S).
Record 19'10½". Distance 18'4".

Pole Vault—1, T. Payne (G); 2, L. Jones (V); 3, J. Davis (G).
Record 10'6". Height 8'.

Triple Jump—1, D. B. Jones (V); 2, R. J. Griffiths (V); 3, D. James (S).
Record 42'2½". Distance 37'10½".

Relay—1, Vaughan; 2, Theo; 3, Siddons.
Record 48.4 secs. Time 48.1 secs. New record.

Minor Competition—"The Minor Cup": Gam and Theophilus.

Junior Competition—"The G. Davies Cup": Siddons.

Intermediate Competition—"The D. J. Powell Cup": Theophilus.

Senior Competition—"The Staff Cup": Vaughan.

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

Old Boys Association Individual Awards:

Minor: T. Merrick (S); 1st 220 yds, 1st Javelin, 2nd 220 yds

Junior—H. Jenkins (S): 1st Shot, 2nd 100 yds., 2nd 220 yds.

Intermediate—A. Hudges. (S): 1st 100 yds., 1st Pole Vault, 1st Hurdles,
1st Triple Jump.

Senior—D. B. Jones: (V) 1st 220 yds., 1st Long Jump, 1st Triple Jump,
2nd 100 yds.

The standard points gained by competitors were also taken into consideration.

County Sports.

The Brecon and Radnor Schools' A.A.A. championship meeting was held for the second successive year on the Penlan Field. The weather was extremely good. The trophies were presented by Miss R. Williams and Ald. T. R. Jones, respective presidents of the Girls' and Boys' S.S.A.A.A. for Brecon and Radnor.

Individual performances were as follows:—

Lower Junior (Captain M. R. Thomas)—M. R. Thomas, 100 yds. 1st; 220 yds. 1st*; Long Jump 1st*. P. J. Davies, High Jump 2nd*. P. Kendrick, Shot 1st*. P. M. Williams, Cricket Ball 3rd. Relay (P. Poole, S. G. Morgan, M. H. Davies, M. R. Thomas) 1st*.

Junior (Captain, R. Hatton)—R. Hatton, 100 yds. 1st, 220 yds 1st*. R. Woodford, 440 yds 2nd*. M. E. Davies, Hurdles 4th. B. A. Williams, Shot 1st* Discus 5th*. L. Bailey, Javelin 1st*, Triple Jump 2nd*. R. Francis, Cricket Ball 1st†. S. Barrett, Long Jump 2nd*. R. Turner, High Jump, unpl. S. J. Richards, Pole Vault 3rd*. Relay (A. Perry, R. Woodford, S. Barrett, R. Hatton) 1st*.

Middle (Captain, J. M. J. Davis): D. B. Jones, 100 yds. 2nd, 220 yds. 1st* Long Jump 1st†. R. J. Griffiths, Triple Jump 6th. J. M. J. Davis, Javelin 2nd* 440 yds, 2nd*. D. W. James, 880 yds 1st†. G. Crocker, Mile 3rd*. B. S. Jones, High Jump 4th. G. R. Powell, Shot 2nd*, Discus 2nd*. A. Hodges, Pole Vault 1st*, Hurdles 1st*. Relay, (R. J. Griffiths, P. J. Morris, J. R. Jones, D. B. Jones) 1st*.

Senior (Captain, I. L. Thrupp)—I. L. Thrupp, 100 yds. 4th, 220 yds scratched from final*. J. Twining, 440 yds. 3rd, Triple Jump 4th, Hurdles 1st. T. B. Williams, 880 yds 1st*. A. Paton, Mile 3rd*. D. F. Jones, High Jump 2nd*

G. D. Gittus, Long Jump 4th. M. G. Davies, Shot 2nd*. T. Payne, Discus 4th*. P. Havard, Javelin 3rd*. R. Herbert, Pole Vault 1st*. Relay (V. G. Jones, J. Twining, T. E. Payne, I. L. Thrupp) 3rd*.

*County Standard. †County Record.

The School team were successful in retaining the Lower Junior, Middle, Senior and Aggregate trophies and in regaining the Junior Cup which was last year won by Builth. The School last won all the trophies in 1962.

The following boys were selected to represent Brecon and Radnor at the National Championships:

Junior—R. Hatton (100 yds., 220 yds., Relay); L. Bailey (Javelin); B. A. Williams (Shot); R. Woodford, A. Perry, S. Barrett (Relay)

Middle—D. B. Jones (220 yds., Long Jump, Relay); A. Hodges (Pole Vault, Hurdles); D. W. James (880 yds.); J. R. Jones, R. J. Griffiths (Relay).

Senior—J. Twining (Hurdles); T. B. Williams (880 yds.); R. Herbert (Pole Vault)

County Colours were awarded to the above and also to M. R. Thomas, P. J. Kendrick, M. H. Davies, S. G. Morgan, P. Poole and P. J. Morris.

BADMINTON.

Captain: V. G. Jones.

Secretary: G. R. Stroud.

The standard of Badminton has improved rapidly during the past year and fixtures have been more frequent. The team, captained by V. G. Jones, began by defeating the Staff and inspired by this win confidently defeated a team from Vaynor and Penderyn which included a Welsh champion. The replay however, resulted in the first defeat of the season for the school team. Other victories included a double over a Girls' Grammar School team (with whom the school team is striving to arrange a mixed doubles team), and a victory over King Henry VIII Grammar School, Abergavenny.

Thus the record reads: Played 7, won 6, lost 1.

V. G. JONES, VIa.

HISTORICAL AND WELSH SOCIETY.

Chairman: B. Watkins.

Secretary: V. G. Jones.

Only one meeting was held this year. An illustrated talk entitled "An 8th Century Welsh Lullaby" (Pais Dinogad) was given by Rev. J. Jones-Davies, Curator of Brecon Museum, who explained, with some very pleasant asides, the meanings of old Welsh words. The title was rather misleading in that the poem dealt with the wild life of the Wales of that period.

B. WATKINS, VIa.

PROJECT "109"

It was exactly nine o'clock when Mr. Mark Question, whose name has remained a mystery to thousands, entered his office, ten floors above an unusually busy Bond Street in the heart of London. He sat down at his desk where all his papers and legal documents had been piled neatly by his secretary, just a few minutes earlier. Question called his secretary over the intercom; and in his racous way asked if 109 had arrived yet.

"Yes, sir," came the reply.

"Very good, send him in please," commanded Question.

It was precisely two minutes past nine on that grey, November morning when special agent 109, entered the office of the chief of the secret service. For security reasons, the real name of 109 will not be divulged. On entering the office, 109 was greeted by "Special project for you 109." This was enough to tell him that something important had turned up, which only he could handle. He carefully pocketed an envelope which contained the full story of the project he had to tackle, and after memorizing a few brief instructions he left Question's office and returned to his Mayfair flat, whence he had come half an hour earlier. In the solitude of his flat he opened the envelope and studied the contents thoroughly. They told of a man, who shall be called "X" for convenience's sake, who was capturing young men and putting them to death by means of an electric chair.

"Shocking situation," thought 109. "Absolutely re-volt-ing." 109 had to find the killer, with a Jack-the-Ripper mania for young men, and bring him to justice. As instructed 109 took the night train to Edinburgh where all the murders had been committed. The following morning he got out of the train and found himself surrounded by thick fog. Then he walked away from the engine to discover the rising sun in a clear blue sky. It was such a fine morning that 109 decided to walk to England yard, which is the H.Q. of the C.I.D. in Scotland. From here all further investigations would be directed by 109.

After breakfasting in the chief inspector's office, 109 was given the file concerning X and left alone to study it. The names of X's victims had been listed in chronological order of their deaths. The first thing that 109 noticed was that these names were in alphabetical order. X obviously intended working his way through the alphabet and then doing the same thing again. The next thing that 109 noticed was that all the men had been to parties on the nights of their death. At these parties there had been alcoholic beverages and so X had probably picked the most drunken man in the party whose surname began with the requisite letter. The third factor was that X had always returned his victim to the spot from which he had been captured. The fourth and last clue was that X had written a letter to

a Glasgow evening paper in which he had boasted that he never made a mistake with his killing, that he never left any definite clues (which he didn't) and that his reason for committing these murders would remain secret until a later date.

X had committed eight murders so far and 109 assumed that the name of his next victim would begin with "I." "Hm," thought 109. "Can't be many people who are going to parties in the next few weeks whose surnames begin with 'I'" 109 decided that the first thing to be done was to assemble all the young men in Edinburgh whose surname began with "I." This was done, and there turned out to be only seven possible victims. They all were brought to the Yard the following morning, warned of the imminent danger and all given special instructions and equipment.

EXTRACT FROM A DIARY.

"I feel so excited about my last victim that I must write about it. I can't tell anybody because I have to work on my own on such an important job as this. If I am allowed to complete my task, then my son's death will have been avenged. No. 8 was such easy meat. There he was, staggering out of the party, as drunk as a newt; all I had to do was tap him on the head and he went out like a light. I piled him in the back of the van, and drove carefully home—not directly, mark you—must take every precaution on a job like this. Arrived home just after one, bitterly cold. I'd been waiting for him for over an hour, dropped him in the chair; he was still unconscious. All I had to do was switch on—it was so easy. I think I'll put my pen down and have a good laugh. Ha, ha, ha. There, that's better. I took him back to where I'd found him, dumped him and came home. Went to bed but could not sleep, I was so excited. Well, the next one will be "I." I see the press have dubbed me as X, rather an appropriate name for a man of my qualitties. Well, I've much work to do preparing for my next guest, so I'll finish writing now."

EPILOGUE.

Jonathan Ians, a Scottish industrialist, came slouching out of a party just after two a.m. on a Saturday morning. He was drunk and noticed nothing unusual about the behaviour of a sinister looking character who came sidling up to him and asked him for a light. Ians fumbled in his pocket and provided the requisite. Ians accepted when offered a lift home by this stranger and he only protested weakly when the car stopped outside a flat which was not his. He allowed himself to be dragged inside and given another drink. He sat down heavily on a cold metal chair. He had taken one sip of his host's drink when it dropped out of his hand and his limp body slouched on to the floor. His host picked up the body and drove it back to where he had picked it up. The body was carefully taken out of the vehicle and placed indifferently on the pavement. The automobile

was driven off into the night out of sight of the body. The supposedly dead body of Jonathan Ians was shaken by its owner, stood up and brushed down. Jonathan Ians was not dead, nor was he anywhere near it.

At 3-15 a.m. Jonathan Ians burst into the office of 109 at England Yard. "Glad to see you walking in here in one piece," commented 109 sarcastically.

"The feeling is mutual," retorted Ians. "The address is 15, Ladysmith Road, Edinburgh 9."

"Good work," replied 109, at the same time picking up the 'phone and ordering his car to be made ready. "Shall we go, Mr. Ians, if you're ready to step once more into the breach?"

At 3-35 a.m. a black police car drew to a halt outside the address of 15 Ladysmith Road. Out of the car stepped 109 and Ians. The former rapped sternly on the door. Some time elapsed before they were allowed entry. 109 introduced himself by showing the householder his C.I.D. identity card. The householder was arrested and given the usual warning. The house was searched and the necessary evidence found—X's diary and the electric chair. X admitted to his crimes and explained his motives. His son had been murdered by a bunch of "Teddy boys" and his son's murderers have never been brought to justice. X's aim was to kill every teenager in Edinburgh. He was, as is every murderer, and as the diary showed, completely mad. He could not, however, understand why he had failed with his last victim. 109 explained: "I realised from the start that you were attacking men in alphabetical order. When you reached the letter 'I' you only had a choice of seven victims. I brought all your possible victims together and warned them of possible death. The forensic scientists all showed the cause of death of your victims to be severe electrocution. I thus provided Ians and his colleagues with special evening suits which were completely lined with rubber. There were also concealed rubber strips plastered all over their bodies. This made your electrical methods ineffective. Ians and company were told to go to as many different parties as possible and to appear drunk on their way home. As soon as you returned Ians to the spot where you picked him up, he reported immediately to me. Of course, he knew the address and we came round here without delay."

X was sentenced to death but his punishment was repealed on grounds of insanity and commuted to life imprisonment followed by treatment in a mental home.

109 had notched up another success. He returned to London where he was ordered by Question to take a well-earned rest.

At 1-35 p.m. two weeks after the start of this story, 109 boarded a plane at London Airport bound for a month in the south of France.

DAVID JAMES, VIb Arts.

URDD REPORT, 1963-64.

This year has been one of the best, indeed possibly the best year for school Urdd activities. One hundred and sixty pupils have enrolled this year, more than three times the number last year. It is to be hoped that this year's precedent will be maintained and that boys will continue to show an active interest in Urdd activities.

The most important event this year was the County Urdd Eisteddfod, held at the new Secondary Modern School. Our school was well represented by twenty boys, all of whom appeared on the stage. The results were extremely encouraging.

The under 12 and under 15 choral recitation groups won first place in their competitions. M. J. Davies and A. R. Jinks shared second prize in the non-Welsh-speaking recitation for those under 15. Second place was again shared by B. G. R. Davies and R. J. Williams in the under-15 recitation for Welsh-speaking boys. James Twining won first place in the under-25 solo, and G. T. Williams won first place in the recitation competition for those under 25.

As can be seen the school Urdd members did exceptionally well in an Eisteddfod where the standard of competition is very high. Sixteen of the competitors are taking part in the National Urdd Eisteddfod at Portmadoc, where they will be staying for two days.

To all these boys we wish the best of luck and hope that they do as well in Portmadoc as they did at Brecon.

The excellent results achieved were made possible through the hard work done by Mrs. George in training the boys. She gave up a great deal of her time in the weeks prior to the Eisteddfod and indeed is still doing so, to train the boys to a very high standard. For this we must sincerely thank her.

Eight boys from the school will be staying at the Llangrannog holiday camp, and 15 will be going to Glan Llyn. Boys who have spent a week or so at these camps say that their holidays there were well worth while and it is to be hoped that the boys who will be at camp during this summer will enjoy themselves as much as those who have been there in previous years.

Urdd activities would not be possible, and certainly would not be as successful as they are, without the able leadership of Mr. Arwyn Evans. He is solely responsible for the organisation of Urdd activities in this school and this entails a great deal of work.

GWYNFRYN DAVIES, VIb Arts.

PRIZE GIVING.

The Annual Prize Giving was held in the school gymnasium on Wednesday, 25th March, 1964, when the guest speaker was Alderman Tudor Watkins, M.P., and the prizes were presented by Mrs. Watkins. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. R. V. Williams, presided and the visitors were welcomed by the Head Boy, Gwynne Giles.

In reporting on the work and achievements of the School, the Headmaster, Mr. Aneurin Rees, expressed his concern, and that of other educationists, over the great gap that seems to exist for the student between the worlds of school and college. This was a problem that needed immediate attention. Looking back over his ten years as Headmaster, Mr. Rees said that the School's record was one of steady growth and expansion. More and more pupils were staying on to complete 'O' level G.C.E. courses or proceeding to Advanced studies. There was now no limit to the possibilities for able, keen and industrious boys.

Alderman Tudor Watkins expressed concern over the dangers of indiscriminate viewing of television by pupils who should be guided in their homes to watch and listen to programmes of most educational value rather than be allowed to concentrate on entertainment. He said we must be more alive than ever to the need for readjusting educational aims and methods to suit a changing world. Parents as well as teachers must be at pains to instil a better sense of values and responsibilities into young people.

For the traditional musical interlude the School Choir, under the direction of Mr. S. F. Beddows, sang "Joshua Fight de Battle of Jericho," while the Male Voice section contributed "Steal Away to Jesus." Peter Gardner (violin) and Michael Jones (guitar) performed a duet specially composed by Mr. Beddows.

EXAMINATION PRIZES.

Va.—J. E. Allbutt, R. Bendle, R. V. Dunning, R. L. Gell, P. I. Hudson, D. W. James, R. D. Jardine, D. F. Jones, J. M. Lewis, T. Lewis, A. G. Morris, T. G. Powell, R. L. Williams.

Vm.—G. B. Millward.

Vith.—D. M. Adami, R. J. Adams, J. B. David, D. J. V. Davies, H. G. Giles, P. A. James, G. H. Jones, A. H. Major, W. D. Morgan, P. G. Powell, A. H. Williams, M. A. Williams.

Ib.—P. J. Ryan, R. D. Wallace.

Ia.—E. P. Silk, J. J. Morgan, A. R. Jinks, A. C. Morgan, R. G. Thomas.

2a.—R. Davies, A. J. Thomas, C. W. Ralph.

2b.—S. T. Rogers, R. H. Griffiths, W. P. Salen, H. E. Watkins.

3a.—J. R. Fletcher, D. G. Morris, I. D. Bingham, G. Barrington, M. A. Boxhall, J. Norbury, P. H. Powell.

3b.—B. I. Jones.

4b.—A. L. Jones.

4a.—G. T. Williams, P. J. Morris, A. Millichip, T. J. King, A. D. Griffiths, A. E. Lee, D. M. Morgan.

JOINT WELSH EDUCATION COMMITTEE CERTIFICATES—'A' LEVEL.

D. M. Adami, R. J. Adams, J. B. David, D. J. V. Davies, D. G. Evans, H. G. Giles, M. H. Gittins, G. D. Gittus, R. C. Humphreys, D. G. Isaac, D. R. Isaac, P. A. James, G. H. Jones, G. W. Jones, R. A. D. Jones, H. C. Lewis, A. H. Major, W. D. Morgan, D. J. Peters, P. G. Powell, B. R. Watkins, T. J. Watkins, H. A. Williams, M. A. Williams.

'O' LEVEL.

J. E. Allbutt, R. P. Banning, A. Barnett, H. W. Beavan, R. Bendle, C. J. Davies, D. R. Davies, G. Davies, J. M. J. Davies, R. V. Dunning, J. D. Evans, R. C. Fantham, J. T. Farr, A. H. Field, A. W. Gancewicz, A. J. Gardner, R. L. Gell, T. B. Gillard, A. D. Griffiths, R. J. Griffiths, R. Griffiths, R. W. Griffiths, D. J. Gwynne, D. L. Hatton, W. A. Howcroft, P. I. Hudson, T. J. Hughes, D. W. James, R. D. Jardine, A. Jenkins, C. J. Jenkins, A. J. Jones, D. F. Jones, D. P. Jones, G. W. Jones, R. B. Jones, W. M. Jones, C. Jordan, A. D. King, C. J. Lewis, T. Lewis, G. T. Lewis, J. M. Lewis, R. G. Lewis, J. P. Lightbody, A. J. McRobbie, P. McDonough, A. Millichip, B. G. Millward, P. J. Mogg, W. R. Morgans, A. G. Morris, J. E. R. Parry, A. Paton, T. E. Payne, G. R. Powell, T. G. Powell, D. P. Roberts, M. L. Skyrme, A. R. Sneade, R. G. Stroud, I. L. Thrupp, B. M. Watkins, P. R. Hatton, A. W. Webb, D. C. Williams, D. T. Williams, G. T. Williams, R. L. Williams, D. J. Wilkinson.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Jacob Morgan Prize	...	Peter G. Powell
Headmaster's Prize	...	David M. Adami
The Garnet Morris Prize	...	D. J. Vernon Davies
Douglas Mason Music Prize	...	Gareth H. Jones
David Lewis Welsh Prize	...	Shared between Gerald T. Williams and Alan Millichip

EDGAR'S DISCOVERY.

Edgar was a boy who had just left school with no definite ambition. He had racked his brains for a solution to the problem but found none. He was at his wit's end as he desperately needed some money.

One afternoon Edgar decided to take a walk through the town. All the way he was thinking of jobs, then rejecting every one. As he walked into the main street, staring glassily ahead of him, there was a sudden screech of brakes behind him. Starting round he saw that

a mother pushing a baby in a pram had walked off the kerb without looking. Desperately he dived forward in an attempt to stop the woman, but it was too late. The car crashed into the pram with a sickening crunch and the baby was hurled from it. The woman also was bowled over. Still trembling from the horrible spectacle he had just witnessed Edgar rushed to a telephone kiosk to call an ambulance. He returned to the scene of the accident but found he could not get near the persons involved as there was a crowd gathered around them. In no time at all the ambulance was tearing to the scene accompanied by police cars, sirens blazing deafeningly. Edgar was taken to the hospital by the police as a witness.

There he saw doctors help to remove the two unconscious figures from the ambulance. They were taken to the emergency room and from there directly to the operating theatre. Edgar was bewildered by the baffling organisation and the promptness of action which seemed to be held above everything else. He saw the face of the woman, drawn, pale, as she was wheeled into the theatre. Dazed, he was questioned by the police but he could not answer them properly as he could think only of the mother and child. Eventually he was shown to a waiting room where he sat trying to think out the events of the last half-hour. After a long period two doctors appeared from the theatre and told him that the operations would proceed for three more hours but it was certain that the two casualties would survive.

Edgar sighed in relief as they returned to the battle of life or death. He admired tremendously all the doctors who saved people's lives every day. Suddenly Edgar realised that he had made a discovery; he had discovered his ambition—he was determined to be a doctor.

A. R. JINKS, IIA.

PREFECT'S DINNER, 1964.

One evening in the last week of school in 1963, the first Prefects' Dinner was held at Bishop's Meadow Restaurant. The guest speaker was Councillor David Lewis, M.B.E., Chairman of Breconshire Education Committee).

The Chairman for the evening was the Head Boy, P. G. Powell. D. M. Adami proposed a toast to the School; replies were made by the Headmaster, Mr. A. Rees, and the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. John Williams. Charles Lewis proposed a toast to the guest.

This was the last time the 1962-63 Prefects met as a body and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it is hoped that this year the dinner will be equally successful.

We hear that the girls' school are also having a dinner and we wish them success with their new venture.

H. G. GILES.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

The Orchestra was first formed at the beginning of the school year in September, as a small string group with about 5 violins, 2 violas and 2 cellos. At after-school rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons, under the direction of Mr. Beddows and with the assistance of Mrs. Carden, the first pieces to be played were hymns. This led to pieces by Mozart which were rehearsed for the Carol Concert at Christmas. The first appearance of the orchestra, the first the school has had, was at a house assembly during the Christmas term, when they played the hymn for the day with Mr. Thomas at the piano.

Since the Christmas term and concert, the orchestra has slowly grown in size until there are as many as fifteen instrumentalists at the present time. This includes a woodwind section of three clarinets. For the last term the orchestra has been playing regularly in assembly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Most of the players are from the lower forms, and it is hoped that by the time they reach the upper forms, they will be quite advanced players. There are, however, a few regular upper school members, including the leader, P. Gardner.

It is hoped that soon the orchestra will be augmented by a small brass section.

As we are anxious to expand the orchestra, we would be grateful for the loan or gift of any orchestral instruments. It may be that some such are at the moment lying discarded or forgotten in a cupboard or attic. Here we could put them to good use.

P. GARDNER, VI.

GOLF.

Master-in-charge : Mr. C. Giles.

Captain : H. G. Giles. *Secretary* : A. McRobbie.

This season was very disappointing for the team. Fixtures were few and the standard of play was low. H. G. Giles won the Philips Cup with a net 69.

H. G. Giles	43+44-18=69
A. McRobbie	50+52-24=78

The following boys were selected to represent the school against West Monmouth Grammar School at Pontypool, and Christ College at Brecon : H. G. Giles (capt.), A. McRobbie, G. R. Stroud, D. M. Adami, J. Twining, J. Lightbody. The matches were lost 5½-1½, 6-0 respectively.

The school members of the Golf Club would like to thank Mr. C. Giles for the interest he displayed throughout the season.

HARLECH, 1963.

During August we had the privilege of visiting Harlech, to attend a course in Welsh in its fine college. The journey there lasted several hours, and we passed through some of the most picturesque countryside of Wales, in the counties of Carmarthen, Cardigan and Merioneth running along the coast for many miles. When we approached Harlech we noticed how flat the land near the sea was. Further inland, mountains towered up majestically.

Arriving at the station an hour later, we were relieved to discover that our hotel was quite near. Pleasing, too, was the fact that only a few hundred yards away was a fine beach with enormous sand-dunes which afforded a charming view. Coleg Harlech itself was built on the hill which characterises the town. The enchanting old castle looks out from its vantage point over the bay, and the town is built around it.

The evening was spent in a visit to the college, and meeting prominent people associated with it. Instruction was in the capable hands of fluent Welsh speakers. The head of the Welsh tutors was Mr. Geraint Wyn Jones. He was in charge of the Drama course which was to be given to students of advanced Welsh at the same time as the course which we were attending. We were quite excited to notice the distinguished actor, Mr. Hugh Griffith, at the college later in the week.

The following day we received our first lesson in the noble tongue. The students were split up into groups, each under the supervision of a Welsh scholar, and we were separated. In each class there were about eight people, in various stages of learning the language. We were surprised to find people from as far afield as Scotland, Halifax and Kent. They all seemed eager to learn the language and culture of Wales. Apart from a great deal of conversational work, the tutors gave us an insight into Welsh poetry and literature in general, and helped everyone to appreciate to the full our fine old Welsh customs. We were encouraged to support Wales and preserve its heritage.

The afternoons were taken up with bathing in the sea or studying the old buildings of the quaint little town (we were blessed with good weather). Entertainments were provided at the college in the evenings: folk-dancing and eisteddfodau, in which we joined when we could not find our own. We spent many anxious moments avoiding an old lady who insisted that we "teamed up" with another boy of our own age, and recited a poem at the Fisteddfod on the Friday.

The town seemed full of tourists, and there were numerous tents by the sea. The bracing air was fresh and exhilarating, and we found ourselves ready to fall into a deep sleep every night. But all good things must come to an end, and on Saturday we had to leave Harlech. Sadly, we said goodbye to all our newly found friends, and made our way to the station. There we found that there was no train for us for two hours (we had been given false information) and we decided

to take a final look at the town. At about half-past eleven we boarded the train, and found a compartment which contained a lady who was deeply engrossed in a book entitled "Mental Subnormality," and we watched her for what seemed like hours. Further down the line we were joined by several girls, who had been visiting the "Urdd" camp at Glanllyn, actually not far from Harlech, and the journey was brightened up considerably.

The next stage of our journey home came to an end at five o'clock when we arrived at Brecon, exhausted but happy. We should like to express our appreciation to the Headmaster for making our holiday possible, and are glad to say that we did learn a considerable amount from our tutors, to whom thanks must also be given.

A. MILLICHIP and A. GRIFFITHS, 5a.

INTER-SCHOOL.

Hockey Match.—In the hockey match, played before Christmas, the boys won 2—0; dynamic shots by "Penelope" (M. G.) Davies and "Gwendoline" (P. J.) Havard were the cause. To the dismay of the surrounding hordes a 45-yard goal by Terry Payne was disallowed.

Christmas Party.—After being "asked to leave" our school The Haunts (Mike Jones, Bruce "Ringo" Williams, Terry Payne, Alan Fields) provided the "music" at the Christmas Party this year held, at the Girls' School. They gave a dazzling display of fuse-repairing and then played "music" for a few hours. They would like to thank one member of staff for organising relays of stretcher-bearers to carry out some of the girls who swooned when they heard them play.

One of the big hits of the evening was an act given by the pride of Cwmdy, the Singing Nonentities (Mike Stevens and Gareth Davies) who gave a heart-rending (or something) rendering of "From Me to You" amongst other things. (Fan Club: Cwmdy Y.F.C.).

There can be no doubt that the act which provoked the most female screams was a group of Cuban Refugees, Ben and his Aromatic Aldehydes (Gwynne Giles, "Billo" Jones, Pete Moon, "Jonah" Jones and "Sam" Sneade) who appeared in various states of undress eating bananas and drinking cold tea. They chanted "Jamaica Farewell" and left the stage to shouts of "More! More!" but their management would not let them appear again.

(Fan Club: write c/o Church House, near table).

After playing for two hours, the Haunts were thanked, given a cup of tea (and the proverbial biscuit) and sent packing. They were so disappointed that they forgot to appear at the Palladium the following Sunday. (Fan club: 'phone Manfred 54321).

The party was an undoubted success and we should like to thank our hosts for a very enjoyable evening.

H. G. GILES and W. M. JONES.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1963-64.

1st XV.

Captains : R. A. D. Jones (Sept.) and T. E. Payne (Oct.-March).

Secretary : H. W. Beavan. W.S.S.R.U. Representative : Mr. G. Angell.

Master-in-charge : Mr. Wyatt.

This season proved to be a very successful one for the school team. The most notable victories were against a very strong Old Boys' Team, Mosely Hall and Christ College. The win over the last was a feat never before recorded in the school's history.

The results depict the school team at the peak of its ability, and although all members of the team played well throughout the season it was only in the really vital games that the team, as a whole, gave of its best. Consequently, when playing against comparatively inexperienced teams, weak handing and hesitant tackling resulted in only narrow victories or even defeat. However, for the most part, a mobile and confident pack of forwards, and a fast and penetrating back division assured the team of an ample share of the victory stakes.

M. G. Davies and T. E. Payne were "capped" for Monmouthshire and Mid-Wales. The former reached the final W.S.S.R.U. under 18 trial.

Colours : 2nd Re-awards : T. E. Payne, P. J. Havard, B. M. Watkins.

Re-awards : I. L. Thrupp, A. R. Sneade, A. Jones, T. B. Williams, M. G. Davies, V. G. Jones, H. W. Beavan.

Awards : J. Twining, D. B. Jones, G. Cittus, G. J. Davies, J. M. L. Jones.

Opponents	Venue	Result	For	Against
Cyfarthfa	Away	Won	12	0
Abergavenny	Home	Lost	6	8
Llandrindod	Home	Won	57	0
Brynmawr	Away	Won	3	0
Abersychan	Away	Won	11	3
Mountain Ash	Home	Won	14	11
Merthyr County	Away	Won	8	0
Pontllanffraith	Away	Lost	3	6
Vaynor and Penderyn	Home	Won	8	0
Nantyglo	Home	Lost	0	9
Abersychan	Home	Won	6	0
Ystalyfera	Away	Lost	0	8
Aberdare	Home	Lost	3	6
Old Boys	Home	Won	6	3
Merthyr County	Home	Won	6	0
Mountain Ash	Away	Won	5	3
Barry	Away	Lost	0	6
Christ College	Away	Won	3	0
Bedwellty	Home	Drawn	0	0
Cyfarthfa	Home	Won	6	0
Nantyglo	Away	Drawn	0	0
Mosely Hall, Cheadle	Away	Won	12	6
Quakers Yard	Away	Lost	0	3

Played 23, Won 14, Drawn 2, Lost 7. Pts. for 168, Against 72.

2nd XV.

Captain : Peter Hudson. Vice-Captain : Gwynne Giles.

Hon. Secretary : Tim Powell. Master-in-Charge : Mr. D. R. Morris.

This has been quite a successful season for the second XV and this season has seen more fixtures for the team than ever before. The highest scorer was Roy Jones, who scored a total of 45 points. There were two notable victories during the season—the defeat of Christ College by 11 points to 6, and the defeat of the Old Boys by 6 points to 3. This was the first time the Old Boys had raised a Second XV and it is hoped that this fixture will become an annual event. Although the Second XV played as a team, there is one player who stands out. This is Peter Hudson, captain and scrum-half. Thanks to his inspiration the true ability of the players was fully displayed.

Opponents	Venue	Result	For	Agnt.
Vaynor & Penderyn C.S. (1st XV)	Away	Lost	3	14
Builth C.S. (1st XV)	Away	Lost	3	18
Merthyr County School	Home	Won	24	3
Army Apprent. School (Crickhowell)	Home	Won	6	3
Builth C.S. (1st XV)	Home	Won	3	0
Nantyglo G.S.	Home	Won	11	9
Abersychan	Home	Won	14	0
Ystalyfera G.S.	Away	Lost	3	6
Aberdare G.S.	Home	Lost	8	17
Mountain Ash	Away	Away	3	3
Christ College, Brecon	Home	Won	11	6
Cyfarthfa G.S.	Home	Won	20	0
Old Boys	Home	Won	6	3

Played 13, Won 8, Drawn 1, Lost 4. Points for 118. Against 81.

Under 15 XV.

Captain : W. K. Boxhall Vice-Captain : M. Powell.

Master-in-Charge : Mr. Rowlands.

The record of the Under Fifteen's is at first glance moderate. The acute observer will, however, see that it contains two praiseworthy drawn games with Aberdare and Ystalyfera and an excellent win over Mosely Hall, Cheadle. The peaceful disposition of the forwards did much to nullify their skill, although in the last two games they really came to life with most pleasing results. The backs developed quite well, despite their lack of speed. Ken Boxhall and Michael Powell made competent leaders. Top scorer was B. A. Williams with 43 points.

Opponents	Venue	Result	For	Agnt.
Llandrindod G.S.	Home	Won	8	0
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Home	Lost	8	14
Vaynor & Penderyn G.S.	Away	Lost	0	8
Tymawr School	Away	Won	8	6
Brecon Sec. Mod School	Home	Won	19	3
Aberdare G.S.	Away	Drawn	0	0
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Away	Lost	0	8
Brecon Sec. Mod. School	Home	Won	14	0
Christ College, Brecon	Home	Lost	8	11
Bedwellty G.S.	Home	Lost	13	19
Ystalyfera G.S.	Home	Drawn	3	3
Mosely Hall G.S.	Home	Won	12	6

Played 12, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 5. Points for 93, Against 78.

Under 14 XV.

Captain: R. G. Hatton. Vice-Captain: V. J. T. Davies.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Rowlands.

It is difficult to discover how a side with such undisciplined backs won so many matches! Much of the credit must go to the pack, under the very able leadership of V. J. T. Davies. Roy Hatton was too quiet as captain, but made up for much of this by scoring eleven tries. V. J. T. Davies, however, was top scorer with 39 points. Most notable of the victories were those over West Monmouth early in the season and over Ystalyfera in March.

Opponents	Venue	Result	For	Agst.
Builth C.S.	Away	Won	3	0
West Mon. G.S.	Away	Won	6	3
Lucton School	Home	Won	30	6
Vaynor and Penderyn C.S.	Home	Won	17	0
Neath G.S.	Away	Lost	0	12
Abergavenny G.S.	Away	Won	12	3
Merthyr C.S.	Home	Won	11	3
Christ College, Brecon	Away	Won	19	0
Ystalyfera G.S.	Home	Won	9	5
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Away	Drawn	8	8

Played 10, Won 8, Drawn 1, Lost 1. Points for 115, against 40.

Under 13's XV.

Captain: A. J. Price. Vice-Captain: P. J. Kendrick.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. D. R. Morris.

This season has not been a successful one for the youngest of the school sides. This was the result mainly of a lack of weight and vigour among the forwards, while the backs, during the early part of the season in particular, were guilty of far too many defensive errors. However, there were signs of a general improvement towards the end of the season, and the only victory recorded was a splendid one over our close neighbours and rivals. In this match it was encouraging to see a greater application being made of the basic skills and more "spirit" being displayed by forwards and backs alike.

A. J. Price proved an effective leader and a courageous little defensive player at the base of the scrum, while P. Kendrick was easily the strongest and most mobile of the forwards. These two boys, along with J. J. Morgan, an able full-back, carried the honours for the season.

Opponents	Venue	Result	For	Agst.
Merthyr C.S.	Home	Lost	0	12
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Home	Lost	3	8
Mountain Ash G.S.	Home	Lost	0	33
Neath G.S.	Away	Lost	3	34
Aberdare G.S.	Away	Lost	0	12
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Away	Lost	3	22
Brecon Sec. Mod.	Away	Won	28	3

Played 7, Won 1, Lost 6. Points for 37, against 124.



RUGBY TEAM. 1st XV, 1963-64

T E Powell, H W Beavan, C Jordan, J M L Jones, T B Williams, G D Gittus
V G Jones, G Crocker, A Jones, M G Davies, J Twining, D B Jones
Mr G Angell, Mr A Rees, G J Davies, B M Watkins, T E Payne, (capt.)
I L Thrupp, P J. Havard, Mr. A J F Wyatt



UNDER FIFTEEN XV. 1963-64

M A Boxhall, A Farr, R Fletcher, K T Joseph, A G Hurford
R J Francis, J Norbury, L R Bailey, B A Williams, B S Jones, D G Morris, C N G Jones.
Mr A Wyatt, Mr A Rees, P Norbury, W K Boxhall (capt.), M Powell (vice-capt.),
J B Morgan, Mr P O J Rowlands. Absent: A Hughes.

A Under N FOOTBALL.

Because of a multiplicity of factors the School Soccer programme this season has been limited to two matches.

Games with Presteigne and Builth were cancelled because of inclement weather conditions in the former case, and an inadequate excuse in the case of the latter. Nevertheless, the representative match against a very sporting Staff XI proved a success, with the School winning by 3 goals to nil, Roy Jones scoring two.

The other school representative match against a strong Old Boys' team proved the highlight of a barren season and resulted in a win for the Old Boys by 7 goals to 3.

Another important feature of school soccer this season has been the keenly contested house soccer championship. First-form victors were Theo; second-form, Vaughan; third-form, Theo and Siddons; Fourth-form, Theo; seniors, Vaughan. Overall winners were Theo, with 18 points; second were Siddons, only one point behind; whilst Vaughan and Gam followed with 16 points and 9 points respectively.

All this goes to show that in the school, and especially in the upper school, certain players are extremely adept with both the oval and the round ball. This is a good sign for the future.

Because of the lack of fixtures this season, no colours have been awarded.

We should like to thank everyone concerned with soccer in the school, not least Mr. Humphreys, who has spent many nerve-racking moments selecting teams, only, in so many instances, to be disappointed by a late cancellation.

B. L. JONES, VIa.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

This year has seen a marked rise in the standard of Cross-Country running in the school. The course again included the school fields and the Priory Groves.

The Brecon and Radnor School Cross-Country Championship was run this year on the School's course, two teams from the school taking part. The Middles, captained by M. Davies, came fourth in their section, and the Seniors, captained by A. Paton, came first in their section. As a result of this Championship 5 boys were picked to run for the county in the Welsh Schoolboys' Championships which were held at Newtown. : M. Davies (Middle), A. Paton, B. Watkins, D. B. Jones, G. W. Jones (Seniors). The following boys were awarded their County colours : A. Paton, B. Watkins, D. B. Jones, G. W. Jones. Three boys, A. Paton, B. Watkins and M. Davies were invited to run for Llandovery College and as a result of some fine running by these boys Llandovery College were able to defeat strong cross-country teams from the Carmarthen and Pembroke schools.

The School cross-country Championship took place in March and the winning House was Gam. Individual winners were B. Watkins (Seniors), J. T. Williams (Middle), M. D. Jones (Juniors).

B. WATKINS, VIa.

CRICKET, 1963.

Captain : B. David.

Secretary : P. Moon.

The School had quite a successful season, losing only 2 matches. It is hoped that 1964 will prove even better. Congratulations are extended to B. David, A. Jones and C. Jordan who were selected to play for the County side.

Colours were awarded to V. Jones, A. Hughes, and C. Jordan. Re-awards to B. David and R. A. D. Jones.

v. Neath. Home. Lost by 10 runs. Neath 51. Brecon 41.
v. Llandovery. Away. Won by 7 wks. Llandovery 27 Brecon 28 for 3..
v. West Mon. Away. Drawn. Brecon 107 for 7 decl. West Mon. 46 for 8.
v. Cyfarthfa. Away. 22 over match. Won by 47 runs. Brecon 118 for 2.
Cyfarthfa 61 for 4.

v. Builth. Away. Drawn. Brecon 134 for 2 decl. Builth 71 for 7.
v. Ystalyfera. Away. Lost. Ystalyfera 76. Brecon 63.
v. Old Boys. Home. Time limit. Won. Brecon 109. Old Boys 75.
v. Staff. Home. Won by 5 wks. Staff 62. Brecon 63 for 5.
v. Neath. Away. Drawn. Neath 122 for 7 decl. Brecon 122 for 6.
During the season the School played 9 games, won 4, drew 3, lost 2.

Batting Averages.		
Name	Runs.	Average.
B. David	379	54
A. Jones	134	17
A. Hughes	56	14
Bowling Average.		
B. David	22	9.2
C. Jordan	13	7.3
V. Jones	14	10.7
A. Hughes	14	3.2

Under 15 XI.

Captain : G. T. Williams. Master-in charge : Mr. S. Foulkes.

Lack of practice probably accounts for the rather dismal record of the Junior Cricket team. In no game is practice more essential than in cricket, and when this proves impossible "the dice is loaded" against even the most enthusiastic team.

v. Neath G.S. Home. Lost. Brecon 16. Neath 17 for 3.
v. Maesdydderwen C.S. Away. Lost. Brecon 35. Maesdydderwen 42 for 1.
v. Crickhowell S.M.S. Away. Won. Brecon 101 for 5 decl. Crickhowell 30.
v. Maesdydderwen C.S. Home. Lost. Brecon 63. Maesdydderwen 98 for 7.



CRICKET TEAM. 1st XI, 1963-64.

I Miles, T Powell, D R Isaac

A Huges, J. Parry, V G Jones, M A Stephens, P Moon, A R Sneade
Mr A Rees, A Jones, R A D Jones, J B David, (capt.) C Jordan, B L Jones, Mr A Wyatt

ATHLETICS TEAM



R. Herbert, L. Bailey, M. G. Davies, J. R. Jones, G. Crocker, T. B. Williams, R. Turner, P. J. Morris
A. Perry, M. E. Davies, R. J. Griffiths, V. G. Jones, G. Gittus, S. J. Barrett, R. Woodford.
R. Francis, A. Hodges, A. Paton, J. Twining, T. Payne, B. S. Jones, D. F. Jones, D. B. Jones, G. R. Powell, B. A. Williams
P. J. Havard, P. Kendrick
Mr. A. Wyatt, Mr. A. Rees, M. R. Thomas, J. Davies, I. Thrupp, R. Hutton, Mr. D. R. Morris, Mr. P. Rowlands,
S. G. Morgan, L. Richards, P. Poole, M. H. Davies, P. J. Davies, P. M. Williams.

UNIVERSITY REPORTS.

SWANSEA.

The colony of Old Boys studying here at Swansea has continued to increase steadily over the past few years so that there are now 16 of us on this "Welsh Riviera Coast." We hope that the ambitious rebuilding and construction work which is well under way will attract more Old Boys of the school to Swansea, which will soon be the most up-to-date college in Wales.

After some endeavour I have been able to track down and extract some information from other members of our school now in college :

In order of seniority, Geraint Jones in his third year of research in Chemistry. He finds time to play rugby for Chem. Society and is interested in bridge.

Malcolm Lloyd is doing a Diploma in Education after obtaining an Honours History Degree last year.

John Sullivan, our only biologist, is in his final year, but hopes to return next year to do a Teacher's Training course.

Peter Phillips is also in the final year of an Honours History course and is generally to be found "hard at it" in the library.

Harley Simpson, who has obtained a Diploma in Social Science, has now embarked upon an Honours Politics course. He continues to be active in the United Nations Students' Association.

Jake Tuthill is reading History but continues to play rugby when he finds time. D. J. Jones, Keri Thomas and D. P. Jones are generally found together in the coffee bar during the lunch hour. D.J. and D.P. are both Physicists. D.J. spends much of his spare time in rugby and athletics circles, while D.P.'s interests include "Folk Music." Deri is doing a Mathematics course, as is D. L. Jones, who also finds athletics an outlet for excess energy.

"Our man in the Engineering Department," Gwyn Griffiths, has decided to take to the Civil Engineering side. He lives in the "aristocratic" Mess Hall at Clyne Castle in Blackpill and is a regular member of their rugby team.

The two "Toms," Protheroe and Thirgood are both taking second year Metallurgy courses. Tom Thirgood has done considerable work during the past year for the Metallurgical Society, and designed the winning Rag float.

Peter James, Meirion Williams, and I, are the "fresher" contingent from Brecon this year. Peter's main interest, apart from Geography, is badminton, and he now plays regularly for the college second team. Meirion is taking Part I Chemistry. His sporting activities during the year have been hampered as a result of his collision with the wall of the Penlan Gymnasium last year, of which he still bears the scars. Finally, any spare time which I have had available has been

filled with activities of the Metallurgical Society and the Choral Society, but the first year Metallurgy course is very wide and leaves little time for many activities. I have also played some rugby and hockey for Sibly Hall where I reside.

We at Swansea look forward to welcoming more people from Brecon next year.

D. M. ADAMI.

BRISTOL.

This year there is a stronger Brecon contingent in Bristol than ever before. There are five old boys at the University.

Arwyn Davies and David Powell are still pursuing their courses in veterinary science, and are looking forward to their final examinations next summer, both having passed their third degree examinations at Easter. Arwyn is thinking seriously of doing research at the moment.

H. A. Williams began his course in veterinary science this year. He sits the 2nd B.V.Sc. examinations next march.

R. A. Bastable began his engineering course this year after having completed a preliminary year in industry with A.E.I. in Manchester. He sits his first examinations this summer.

I set off on the long trail to becoming a dental surgeon this year. I sit my second B.D.S. examination this summer.

Both D. G. Powell and Arwyn Davies are prominent members of the Veterinary Students' Society. This year "Digger" was secretary of the Society.

So far, my own activities have been limited because the course this year is very intense. I was, however, a member of the United Bristol Hospitals' rugby 1st XV during the past season.

Other old boys in Bristol include John Burgess who is doing a Dip. Tech. sandwich course with Bristol Aircraft Corporation. He has recently been accepted into the honours course. Also, Jimmy Evans, from Talgarth is at Redlands Teachers' Training College and Roy Parry is teaching in Bristol.

PETER G. POWELL.

KING ALFRED'S COLLEGE, WINCHESTER.

I am in my first year of a three year course in a mixed college of nearly six hundred students. The college is well situated for access to Southampton, the Isle of Wight and Bournemouth.

My main subject is History, with Geography and Drama as subsidiary subjects. The main subject we do for three years, the other two for one year only, with other basic subjects including English, Mathematics, Education, Divinity and P.E.

The college has a high standard in sport, especially in Rugby and Cross Country running. I played for the 1st XV and will be it's secretary next year. Other sports range from archery to sailing.

I am the first Silurian in the College but I hope a few more will make their way to the sunny south for the great advantage of a College such as this is that you mix with students from almost every English county, as well as Scotland and the Channel Islands. There are also a few foreign students, mainly from West Africa.

BRIAN DAVID.

CIRENCESTER.

The Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, is the oldest agricultural College in the country, and consists of some very fine college buildings and four farms totalling 700 acres. A new machinery wing has just been completed and will be opened on 8th May by the Minister of Agriculture.

This year there are two old boys from Brecon Grammar School among the 480 students, Ieuan Jones of Talgarth and myself. Ieuan left the school in 1954 and has been farming in this country and America before coming here. We are both taking the One Year Farming Course, which deals with the breeding, rearing and management of stock, including Veterinary Science, Crop Management, Surveying, Book-keeping, Farm Law, Chemistry, Machinery and Forestry.

There are also Diploma Courses of 2 years' duration specialising in Agricultural Science (N.D.A.) and Estate Management.

The Agricultural Science course is mainly for those intending to enter industry.

The Estate Management Managers' Course (2 years, 2 terms) qualifies students for posts in Government Service or as Chartered Surveyors or Chartered Land Agents.

There are excellent facilities for games and sport at Cirencester, and a great deal of my leisure time has been spent playing Rugby. After an enjoyable winter season we went to France at the end of the Easter vacation to play against teams from colleges at Grignon and Paris.

PETER S. JONES.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

I am still the only Breconian here in Nottingham, but the Welsh contingent has increased slightly. I am in my third and final year, studying Honours Agriculture (Agronomy).

Basically the course is divided into Part I and Part II. The former course is general science and consists mainly of agricultural chemistry, zoology and botany, and of two years' duration. The latter is more specialised and consists of a lecture programme with experimental work. When the first year has been completed, a degree of specialisation is chosen when a choice between animal or plant studies is offered.

Sutton Bonington is situated between Nottingham and Loughborough in pleasant surroundings. Two farms (mainly arable with a dairy herd), are connected with the college, and help to maintain the practical aspects of agriculture which occasionally appear to exist beyond the horizon.

Sport, especially soccer, has been my main interest, and I have appeared fairly regularly for the College first XI.

PETER GRIFFITHS.

THIN-SANDWICH STUDENT APPRENTICESHIP WITH ENGLISH ELECTRIC.

I am now in the 2nd year of a 5 year apprenticeship, on a thin sandwich basis, studying for graduate membership of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

The course involves 6 months' attendance at a College of Technology and 6 months' industrial training in each year, for the first 3 years, studying for a Higher National Diploma. This is followed by a year at College studying for the College Diploma in Mechanical Engineering which exempts students from the Institution's examinations. The 5th year is spent in industry.

The College periods are very full but there is much time during the industrial periods for students to participate in any activity which suits them. This type of course should be considered more by students wishing to go into engineering as it offers practical experience with theoretical training and the student is himself self-supporting.

J. K. BRYANT.

CARDIFF.

I am at present in my final term of my first year in Cardiff Training College. I started a little later than other students and found it a little strange at first but soon settled down.

The college has now taken up new buildings in Cyncoed. These buildings are quite a contrast to the old buildings at Heath. The college has excellent sporting facilities and above all excellent hostel accommodation for students, each student having a study bedroom.

There are, at present, two Old Boys in college, of whom I am one, John Ralph is the other. John is taking a 3rd year supplementary course in Physical Education.

I am taking a general course which includes one main subject, two subsidiary subjects, Education, and general subjects.

The College offers an advanced main course in Physical Education for men, the only college in Wales to do so. It also offers advanced main courses in other subjects.

The numbers of students have increased immensely since the college was opened in 1950; then with only 26 students, now with 600. By 1970 it will have approximately 1,000.

ALBAN JONES.

BARRY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Charles Lewis, Anthony Dacey and Ronald Isaac are the first Silurians to encroach upon this stronghold of the feminine species. This is only the second year that male students have been admitted to this college which this year celebrates the 50th anniversary of its opening in 1914. We are situated on a hill overlooking the town with a most delightful view of the docks, a chemical works and Barry Girls' Grammar School. As first year students we are condemned to dwell in Neuadd Forgannwg, a sort of building with round windows. It is surprisingly easy to get to sleep when one is used to foghorns, low planes and violin enthusiasts.

H. C. Lewis.—Charles has embarked upon a main course of history with subsidiary courses of geography and dramatic art to keep him occupied. He is at present studying for a part as a wrestler in a production sponsored by the Glamorgan Further Education Committee. He still exercises his vocal chords with no little success as soloist to the college choir as well as in other more dubious places, and has turned out on occasion for the college rugby XV. He really excels, however, on the athletic field where he has proved himself to be one of the college's star performers, having been selected to represent the Welsh Training College's team in the discus event.

A. S. Dacey is pursuing a double main course of Mathematics and Science and is an active member of the Scientific Society. He has once again proved his worth as a true all-rounder on the sports field, being captain of the Soccer 2nd XI, having turned out for the 1st XI on occasion, as well as being a regular member of the Cricket 1st XI. He has also made good use of the luxurious swimming pool to gain bronze, and subsequently silver medal standards under the A.S.A. Personal Survival scheme.

D. R. Isaac.—Ron is at present being befuddled by History (Main) and English and Geography (subsidiary) and frequents the meetings of the English Society. His sporting activities are limited in these days of stress to appearances for the 1st XI at Soccer, but on one occasion he ran further than anyone else at an athletics meeting. As well as being something of a T.V. star, he was very pleased and equally surprised to be one of the winners of the Principal's Literary Award, which we hear is equivalent to a Nobel prize.

In conclusion, we should like to send our best wishes for success to all those who sit examinations this year, and to welcome any other members of the "old firm" who may be thinking of joining us in future years in this veritable Utopia of sea, sun, and blackboard.

CAERLEON TRAINING COLLEGE.

The number of Old Boys at this college has doubled this year. Both Robert MacAdam and I are following a Junior/Secondary Teachers' Training Course, Robert taking Drama as his main subject, in which he is currently performing in a version of "Inherit the

Wind." Robert takes Welsh and English as his subsidiary subjects. He has now finished the second year of his three year course. Last season, Robert became secretary for the 2nd XV Rugby team, and played for this team a few times before breaking a bone in his wrist. We hope, however, that he will be fit to play again next season.

I have just finished the first year of a three year course in Biology and Horticulture.

Robert and I take part in most activities in the college and enjoy the social life and facilities that the college provides. We hope that more Old Boys will come to the college in the future, taking advantage of everything it has to offer its students.

RICHARD HUMPHREYS.

BANGOR.

The last Varsity report from the U.C.N.W., Bangor, to appear in the *Silurian* was that of D.O.P. Jones in 1959. Since then, unfortunately, the College has remained an unpopular choice amongst Breconians. This session I am the only Old Boy of the School in this remote outpost of "Wild Wales" and, accordingly, it was with something of a pioneering spirit that I faced the rigours of the first year.

I am pleased to say that my Part I courses in History, French, English and Philosophy have proved to be both interesting and stimulating. This is particularly true of the last, involving, as it does, a subsidiary syllabus to be pursued in Psychology. I feel I must appeal, particularly to the *Artists*, to think seriously of Bangor when considering their Colleges of first choice. It has many outstanding qualities which recommend themselves to the would-be undergraduate. Here, alone, as far as I can ascertain, is the Art student enabled to combine linguistics or Philosophy with his three subjects. The added burden of the fourth may initially tend to disconcert him, but I can assure him that it really is both enjoyable and worthwhile, since it opens up new vistas of thought and study whilst affording him added potential Honours chances. Within the limitations of this account it is impossible for me to fully extol the advantages of this College over many others and I can but reiterate popular sentiments of certain Old Boys. Firstly, one must point out the scenic beauty of this area (subordinate for some, of course, to beauty of another genre) enabling students to participate in many outdoor activities denied to some elsewhere. The two that most readily come to mind are mountaineering and sailing. Again, the college, because of its relatively small numbers, retains its communal spirit and this, in turn, facilitates the growth of many clubs, ranging from cycling, fencing and motoring, to those of tennis and sub-aqua. For the scientist, on the other hand, the vast building programme for laboratories, now in progress, cannot fail to arrest attention.

W. D. MORGAN.

THE CHOIR BOY SPY.

The congregation was filing out of church at Brynteg after Evensong. Inside the church a huddle of choirboys gathered around the bulky figure of Mr. Thomas, the organist and choirmaster. Mr. Thomas was arranging with some of the senior choirboys, Michael Jones, David Williams and John Jenkins, to have a special practice at his house on the following Friday.

On Friday the boys came for practice, and after a successful evening of singing enjoyed coffee and biscuits, and then went home as it was almost ten o'clock.

Late on Saturday night, Mr. Thomas was disturbed by a knock at the door and when he opened it he was confronted by the burly figure of P.C. Skinner, the local policeman.

"Can I have a few words with you, Mr. Thomas?" asked P.C. Skinner.

"Oh, yes! Come in," answered Mr. Thomas, mystified.

"It's about one of your choirboys, Michael Jones. He's disappeared from home. His mother saw him on Friday night when he said goodnight and went to bed. On Saturday morning she went out shopping, leaving Michael to get up and cook his own breakfast; it wasn't until dinner time that she found that his bed had not been slept in, and a case containing most of his clothes was missing. I believe the boy came here to choir practice on Friday night."

"That's right. The boy seemed quite normal, and they all left together at ten o'clock," said Mr. Thomas.

"What sort of boy was he?" asked P.C. Skinner. "I don't think I ever saw him."

"He was a quiet, withdrawn boy," said Mr. Thomas. "Mind you, he was very good at school; brilliant at languages and passed his G.C.E. in French, German, Russian and Latin. In fact he was so fluent in Russian that he acted as an interpreter up at the steel works, where I work, when a party of Russian scientists was looking round the new plant, about eight weeks ago."

"Well, thank you, Mr. Thomas. Sorry to have disturbed you."

"That's all right. I hope the boy turns up. Probably gone to London on a spree," answered Mr. Thomas. "Good night."

Over the weekend, nothing more was heard of Michael, and the new descant was sung without him on Sunday. And the rest of the choir boys invented wild stories about him.

On Monday morning, Mr. Thomas drove his battered green van to the steel works as usual, made his way to the Research Laboratory where he worked, still thinking about the missing boy. He was testing a new process for turning out steel strip; he should have done some research over the weekend, but the incident of the missing boy

had put all thoughts of work out of his mind. Unzipping his briefcase, he put the sheaf of notes on his desk. But what was this? Handel's Messiah and Largo instead of his notes! There were several pieces of music, some of which they'd been practising on Friday.

Irritably, he phoned his wife to ask her what had happened, but his wife knew nothing about it. He drove home furiously, but after a short search of his house he was convinced that the secret papers were not there. Back at the works, he told his employer the bad news, and they agreed that the police should be notified. The missing papers did not contain any vital secrets, but there was quite a collection of notes on the new process.

When P.C. Skinner arrived at the steelworks, he was surprised to see Mr. Thomas, and on hearing the story of the missing papers, he thought there was a link between them and the missing boy, Michael Jones.

"But what would he want with them?" asked Mr. Thomas.

"He wasn't interested in chemistry and wouldn't have understood them at all."

P.C. Skinner decided to see the boy's mother, to see if any light could be thrown on this new development. When he told Mrs. Jones, she immediately burst into tears.

"I suppose I ought to tell you all about the boy," she sobbed.

Michael was not her own child, but belonged to her sister, who had married a Hungarian some years ago. Shortly after the marriage, her husband had returned to Hungary, leaving his wife with their young baby, and when Michael was almost two, she had left him with her sister and joined her husband in Hungary.

"Michael always talked about his parents, although he could hardly remember them: he never mixed with other children," said Mrs. Jones.

"Perhaps he is trying to reach them, though I don't know how he would do it."

Despite checks at the airport and ports, nothing was seen or heard of Michael until three months later. Mrs. Jones received a letter with a Hungarian postmark. It was from Michael.

He apologised for his disappearance, and thanked Mrs. Jones for caring for him, but he was happy with his own parents once more.

How did he manage to reach Hungary without money, passport and a visa?

When Michael had acted as interpreter to the Russian visitors, they had complimented him on his knowledge of their language. He had told them about his parents in Hungary. The Russians had seized the chance; they said they were interested in the formula for the new processing of steel strip. If Michael could, perhaps, help them, then they in turn could help him. They give him a 'phone number at which to contact them.

For two weeks Michael thought nothing more about it, until he heard about the practice at Mr. Thomas's home. This gave him the opportunity to get the notes. He had exchanged them for Handel's Messiah and made contact with the Russians. Then a large black car had whisked him away.

The secret papers? Fortunately, they were not complete and Mr. Thomas did not lose his job after all; Michael is happy with his parents.

CHARLES EARP, IIIb.

CHESSE.

Captain : P. Moon. *Junior Captain* : D. L. Massocchi.

Secretary : J. Roderick. *Master-in-charge* : Mr. J. Roblin.

Chess continues to flourish, particularly in the Junior School, where there is a number of rapidly improving players who will, in time, develop into strong players.

We, at Brecon, play chess under some difficulties. The short dinner-hour sessions tend to make players play their games too quickly and therefore with insufficient thought. Another difficulty is the scarcity of match practice—the best way of improving one's game. The alternative for younger players is to find the strong opposition they need against older players; but unfortunately, this too, has not been available to them. More could be said on this topic, but perhaps this is not place for an essay on loyalty.

The school team played 10 matches, winning 6, losing 3 and drawing one.

In the Sunday Times National Chess Tournament, the school suffered a second round defeat to a strong Malvern College side. We were forced to withdraw from the Welsh tournament, defaulting when we could not raise a team.

The school started off well, winning its first two matches, but suffered a heavy defeat to Aberdare. We completed the double over the Girls' School and Llandovery College. Results :

Llandovery College	Won	6—0
Ebbw Vale	Won	6—0
Aberdare	Lost	1—5
Malvern College	Lost	2—4
Girls' School, Brecon	Won	6—0
Vaynor and Penderyn	Won	6—0
Ebbw Vale	Drawn	3—3
Llandovery College	Won	5—3

The Junior team (under 15) played 3 matches, winning 2 and losing the other.

Llandovery College	Won	3—1
Vaynor and Penderyn	Won	6—0
Tredegarr	Lost	4½—1½

It is hoped that next year the fixture list will be a lot fuller. We have an adequate number of good sets and boards and members generally are treating this equipment with care. There are only a few offenders who still leave pieces lying about.

Our thanks are due once again to Mr. Roblin for his unfailing encouragement and attendance at matches. This year he has run two weekly sessions during the dinner hours in which he has given so much help to the juniors and others wishing to learn the finer points of the game.

Last, but not least, on behalf of the Chess team, the secretary would like to thank Miss Harvey for her help in arranging fixtures and obtaining transport.

JOHN RODERICK.

WORLD CITIZENSHIP, 1964.

This year, between 2nd and 9th April, I attended a course on World Citizenship, held at Coleg Harlech.

The lectures, 16 in all, dealt mainly with the problems facing the underdeveloped countries. Representatives from some of these countries spoke at the course and gave first-hand accounts of the difficulties encountered in attempting to improve the standard of living of their people. Other lectures on the subject were given by U.N. and University representatives.

Topics as diverse as "The Economic Effects of Disarmament" and "One Party Rule in Ghana" were also lectured upon. Ample time was allocated for discussion every day.

Accommodation and food at the College were excellent. During the week we visited Porth Meirion and went on a coach tour of Snowdonia.

I learned a great deal of contemporary events at the course and although Harlech is somewhat off the beaten track and Merionethshire is "dry" social activities were not disregarded by the College staff.

J. E. ALLBUTT, VIb Arts.

FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSES.

This Easter three boys from the Upper Sixth spent three weeks abroad pursuing French language courses organised by the I.L.V.C.A. The Boys were Roger Hausheer, who went to Nimes, John Price, who went to Lyon, and Vincent Jones who went to Vevey, a small, lively town (as Vincent informs us), in the French-speaking region of Switzerland.

The three stayed with private families, and also had 30 hours tuition from expert native "professeurs" at the local "lycees."

ANNUAL EISTEDDFOD.

The annual St. David's Day Eisteddfod was held on Tuesday, 25th February, 1964.

In the unfortunate absence of the Mayor of Brecon, Councillor G. W. Davies, J.P., Alderman E. R. Morgan presided. The adjudicators, were the Rev. Thomas Richards and Mrs. Ogwen Thomas, B.Mus.

The chaired bard was G. T. Williams of Llanfrynach, a fifth form pupil. In addition, he won the senior Welsh and English recitations, the senior essay, poem and play—a remarkable performance which has never been equalled in the records of the Eisteddfod.

The other results were :

Middle Piano :

1, M. A. Boxhall (S). 2, G. Barrington (G). 3, G. B. Reynolds (S).

Junior Metalwork :

(Steel), 1, A. Morris (T). 2, R. P. Williams (S). 3, M. Proud (V).
(Brass), 1, A. Morgan (G). 2, C. Rumsey (V) 3, M. H. Davies (G)

Middle Metalwork (Steel or iron) :

1, J. Williams (S). 2, A. J. Thomas (V). 3, T. J. Crocker (T).

Middle Metalwork (Brass or copper) :

1, B. A. Williams (T). 2, R. H. Webb (S). 3, R. S. Thomas (G).

Senior Metalwork (Steel or iron) :

1, G. R. Powell (T). 2, R. Lally (S).

Senior Metalwork (Brass or copper) :

1, C. J. Lewis (T) ; 2, R. Lally (S) ; 3, D. R. Davies (S)

Middle English Recitation :

1, Colin Moses (S). 2, P. H. Powell (V). 3, D. H. Lewis (V).

Middle Vocal Solo (Caravan Coch) 1st Group :

1, G. B. Reynolds (S). 2, D. L. Massochi (S). 3, M. C. Like (G).

Middle Vocal Solo (Broclan) 2nd Group :

1, M. Powell (S). 2, M. E. Davies (T). and R. Hatton (T).

Junior Art (Painting) :

1, R. A. Young (G). 2, A. Edmonds (T). 3, J. Bayliss (V).

Junior Art (Italic Writing) :

1, A. D. H. Woodcock (V). 2, A. R. Jinks (T). 3, M. Andrews (T).

Middle Art (Painting) :

1, D. Jenkins (G). 2, M. Powell (S). 3, W. Jardine (G).

Middle Art (Easter Advertisement) :

1, M. Powell (S). 2, D. Jenkins (G). 3, A. G. Hurford (S).

Senior Art (Painting) :

1, B. A. Williams (G). 2, G. R. Powell (T). 3, A. Jones (G).

Senior Art (Montage) :

1, R. Jardine (G). 2, R. V. Dunning (T). 3, B. A. Williams (G).

Senior Art (Paper design) :

1, R. V. Dunning (T). 2, R. Jardine (G). 3, A. Jones (G) and A. King (V)

Welsh Recitation (Form II) :

1, R. J. Williams (S). 2, M. Davies (T). 3, A. R. Jinks (T).

Junior English Literature (Poem) :

1, J. J. Morgan (S). 2, A. Morris (T). 3, S. T. Morgan (T).

Junior Short Story :

1, A. R. Jinks (T). 2, B. Mulhall (T). 3, A. O. H. Woodcock (V).

Junior Essay :

1, A. R. Jinks (T). 2, P. Haynes (S). 3, M. Reed (T).

Junior Play :

1, D. Thomas (T).

Public Speaking :

1, M. Morris (P). 2, B. L. Jones (V). 3, A. J. Major (S).

Junior Piano Solo :

1, R. E. James (G). 2, L. Bradley (G).

Senior Welsh Recitation :

1, G. T. Williams (S). 2, Mansel Davies (T).

Geography (Form 1) :

1, S. R. Davies (T). 2, R. Coombes (D). 3, B. McKendrick (V)

Geography (Form 2) :

1, S. G. Morgan (T). 2, J. J. Morgan (S). 3, R. G. Thomas (T), A. R. Jinks (T) and C. Slater (G).

Geography (Form 3) :

1, W. Jardine (G). 2, C. Ralph (G). 3, S. Rogers (T).

Geography (Form 4) :

1, B. Jenkins (G). 2, I. Jones (G). 3, John Bennet (T).

Geography (Senior) :

1, P. J. Gardner (G). 2, B. A. Williams (G). 3, R. J. Griffiths (V).

Junior Recitation :

1, M. R. Thomas (V). 2, D. Massochhi (S). 3, L. P. Bradley (G).

Senior Vocal Solo :

1, J. Twining (S). 2, M. J. Jones (T). 3, B. L. Jones (V).

Middle Poem :

1, P. H. Powell (V). 2, S. Rogers (T). 3, G. Davies (T).

Middle Essay :

1, R. J. Hirons (V). 2, P. H. Powell (V). 3, J. R. Fletcher (S).

Middle Short Story :

1, C. Earp (V). 2, M. Madigan (S). 3, J. R. Fletcher (S).

Middle Play :

1, S. Rogers (T). 2, G. Davies (T). 3, R. J. Hirons (V).

Junior Recorder Solo :

1, M. H. Davies (G). 2, D. Massochi (S). 3, R. A. C. Davies (V).

Middle Welsh Recitation :

1, Geraint Davies (T). 2, Leslie Gwynne (S). 3, C. Moses (S).

Middle Mathematics :

1, M. C. Like (G). 2, P. H. Powell (V) 3, D. G. Morris (T).

Senior Mathematics :

1, A. Morris (V). 2, A. King (V). 3, Peter Hudson (V) and A. G. Giles (T).

Welsh Recitation (Form 1) :

1, Robert Evans (V). 2, S. R. Davies (T). 3, A. D. H. Woodcock (V).

Junior Solo :

1, P. M. Morgan (G). 2, R. E. James (G). 3, M. Davies (T).

Middle Woodwork :

1, L. Davies (S). 2, C. Earp (V).

Senior Woodwork :

1, D. R. Davies (S). 2, G. R. Powell (T). 3, J. M. L. Jones (V).

Senior Instrumental Solo :

1, P. J. Gardner (G). 2, M. Jones (S). 3, A. R. Powell (S).

Senior English Poem :

1, G. T. Williams (S). 2, P. Hudson (V). 3, D. James (S).

Senior Essay :

1, G. T. Williams (S). 2, R. Griffiths (G). 3, P. Morris (T)

Senior Short Story :

1, D. James (S) 2, D. Younger (S). 3, T. Powell (T).

Senior Play :

1, G. T. Williams (S). 2, J. R. Jones (V).

Senior Recitation :

1, G. T. Williams (S). 2, P. J. Morris (T). 3, B. L. Jones (V).

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

1, Gerald Williams (S). 2, R. Griffiths (G). 3, A. Millichap (G).

Y.F.C. REPORT.

Club Leaders : Dr. Ll. Williams and Mr. C. Whittingham.

Chairman : B. R. Watkins Vice-Chairman : H. W. Beavan.

Secretary : G. W. Jones. Treasurer : G. D. Gittus.

Monthly meetings of the school club have been held this year. After discussion of business matters, agricultural films have been shown at these meetings.

This year's quiz team has again been very successful, winning two cups at the Talgarth and Libanus competitions. They also came second in three other competitions. The members of the quiz team were : R. W. Griffiths, W. M. Jones, C. Jordan, T. E. Payne, J. Twining, B. A. Williams. Many boys entered various County Rally competitions. The points they gained enabled the club to come second in the Schools' Club Competition.

Three boys from the club were selected to go on an agricultural course at Gelli Aur Farm Institute in the Easter holidays: B. R. Watkins, D. Hughes, H. Thomas. Total membership this year was 40 boys. It is hoped that more will join this, one of the most active of school societies, next year.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

Secretary : R. Hausheer. Chairman : W. M. Jones.

The highlight of the first part of the school year was the miscellaneous concert. The term "long-hair" which once had a definite connotation, could now adequately describe the diverse elements, which provided the music. Without a doubt the "beat" group stole the show.

Since then, there have been programmes of records chosen by members of the Society, and afternoons of general singing to combine hearty enthusiasm with some stable bass lines. The results have been most encouraging.

We look forward to next year when we hope to promote further interest by outside trips to concerts and other musical activities.

OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION.

The 14th Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at Cafe Royal, Brecon, on Friday, 6th March, 1964, with the retiring President, Mr. E. I. Rowlands, in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Mervyn Jenkins; Vice-President, Mr. W. J. J. Morris; Honorary Secretary, Mr. John Morgan; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. A. R. Williams; Honorary Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. G. Phillips; Honorary Auditor, Mr. E. I. Rowlands.

The following were elected to the committee: F. M. Thomas, E. R. Morgan, G. W. Davies, D. Lewis, O. Owen, J. A. J. Miles, T. G. Powell, W. B. Hargest, W. I. Jones, G. Poole, J. Jones, C. B. Palmer, E. B. Powell, L. R. Williams, P. C. Mogg, C. Leonard, G. Angell, E. I. Rowlands.

At the first committee meeting Mr. P. C. Mogg was elected Chairman and Mr. C. Leonard Vice-Chairman.



This Year's President: Mr. Mervyn Jenkins

At the end of the year there were 212 members 29 Associate members. May I once again urge all Old Boys to renew their membership?

The Annual Dinner was held on 21st March when those present had a most enjoyable evening with Mr. D. Inglis as the principal speaker. The other guests this year were Councillor G. W. Davies, Mayor of Brecon; Mr. R. V. Williams, Chairman of the Governors; H. G. Giles, Head Boy, and A. Major, Deputy Head Boy.

The Association was well represented at the School's Annual Service of Remembrance, when the President, Mr. E. I. Rowlands, laid the Association's wreath. The service was conducted by the Rev. Geoffrey Davies.

In the annual matches against the school the Old Boys' lost the cricket and rugby matches, but won the soccer game. Last year saw the first athletics match between the school and the Old Boys, which the Old Boys won.

Alderman Tudor Watkins, M.P., gave the first Old Boys' Lecture at the School, when he spoke to the senior school about his visit to Russia.

At the School Sports, the Mayor of Brecon, supported by the President and Vice-President, presented the Association's prizes to the outstanding athletes in the sports. The prize-winners were: Minor, T. Merrick; Junior, H. W. Jenkins; Intermediate, A. D. Hodges; Senior, D. B. Jones.

This term Mr. A. R. Williams has organised a combined Staff-Old Boys cricket team to play some evening matches.

The committee are organising a Dinner-Dance at Bishop's Meadow on September 19th. Any member who has not received a notice of this event and wishes to attend should contact the secretary at the school.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. John Gordon Poole and Miss Katherine Ann Churchill.
Mr. Vincent Sullivan and Miss Elizabeth Poole.
Mr. H. A. Simpson and Miss Edna Meddins of Chepstow.
Mr. Glyn Hawker of Talgarth and Miss Jacqueline Hill.
Mr. Terence Gwynne of Crickhowell and Miss Elsa Walker of Bolton.
Mr. R. J. Allbutt of Crickhowell and Miss Carol Smith, South Godstone

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Brynmor Like, a son, Graham Hugh, 23.7.63.
To Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Powell, a daughter, Bethan Sian Havard, 15.11.63.
To Mr. and Mrs. R. Tucker, a son, Simon George, 11.12.63.
To Mr. and Mrs. Gareth Davies, a daughter, Sally, 30.12.63.
To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Phillips, a daughter, Nicola Karen, 27.12.63.
To Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Mogg, a son, Christopher David, 19.2.64.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rowberry, a son, Jonathan Mark, 8.10.63.
To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Evans, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann.

MARRIAGES

Mr. Andrew Thomas of Cray and Miss Mary Penar Davies.
Mr. Lindsay Powell of Talybont and Miss Ann Gronow.
Mr. Evan Morgan of Sennybridge and Miss Marjorie Prosser.
Mr. David Powell of Cwmdru and Miss Marion Davies.
Mr. Bryan Mayers of Glanwysg and Miss Linda Jenkins.

Mr. Glanville Clayton of Llanddew and Miss Margeret Miles.
 Mr. Merlyn Roderick of Cray and Miss Heulwen Morgan.
 Mr. Roy Moses of Defynog and Miss Mary Tuthill.
 Mr. Shaun Gallagher of Hay and Miss Jacqueline Williams of Hereford.
 Mr. D. T. L. Harvey of Sennybridge and Miss Pamela Chubb.
 Mr. John Llewellyn and Miss Angela Mary Sullivan.
 Mr. W. M. A. Davies of Llanddew and Miss Mary Myra Morgan.
 Mr. Ron Jones of Brecon and Miss Doris Howell of Brecon.

Special congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ifor Jones, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 7th April, 1964.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Leyton Blank. Mr. E. C. Parry. Mr. W. R. Morgans.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mr. Dyfed Lewis on his appointment as Professor of Agricultural Chemistry at Leeds University.
 Mr. Michael Peters on being one of two journalists in his area to pass the special examination set by the National Council of Journalists.
 Mr. Garry Mitchell on his winning a silver plaque in a national cookery contest.
 Police-constable Eyra Peter Pritchard of the Metropolitan Police, commended for "ability and persistence."
 Mr. Emrys Lloyd on his promotion to the post of Inspector in the Oxford County Constabulary.
 Mr. James Edwards of Maesgwyn, Llandefalle, on obtaining his National Diploma in Agriculture at the Royal College of Agriculture, Cirencester, where he was also awarded the McClelland Silver Medal as the best prospective farmer and held the title of Inter-College Ploughing Champion. He has also passed Y.F.C. examinations as Master Craftsman and holds a Gold Badge in the Y.F.C. Proficiency Test scheme.
 Mr. Ken Strangward on his qualifying as a Licentiate of the Institute of the Rubber Industry after two years' study at the National College of Rubber Technology.
 Mr. H. A. Simpson on obtaining his College Diploma in Social Science (Administration) at Swansea.
 Mr. W. Ifor Jones on his election as Chairman of the Congregational Union for the third time.
 County Councillor D. P. Hopkins on his election as Chairman of Breconshire County Council.
 Sgt. Tony Miles on winning the Far East middleweight boxing championship.

Mr. S. F. Beddows on winning First Prize for an original composition for soprano voice at the 1963 National Eisteddfod.
 Mr. Russell Smith on obtaining a scholarship to Jesus College, Oxford.
 Councillor Harry S. Morgan on his election as Mayor of Brecon for 1964-65.
 Dennis Parry on obtaining the degree of B.Sc. at Cardiff.
 Robert Gant on obtaining Second Class Honours Geography at Aberystwyth.
 Mr. John Sullivan of Fennyfach on gaining the Degree of B.Sc. at Cardiff, and on his engagement to Miss Margaret Williams of Pontardulais.
 Mr. Peter Phillips on gaining the Degree of B.A. (Honours History, 2a) at Swansea.
 Mr. Tudor Watkins on gaining his Diploma in Education at Aberystwyth.

HOW TO BE A GOOD DRIVER.

by

VICTOR C. POWNEY, Road Safety Officer.

I often wonder if people really think when they go on to the roads. Do they think when they stop and park? One should always park off main roads and when parked in side roads should keep well away from corners. So often one sees main passage ways on important roads filled with cars parked on both sides, leaving the narrowest of gaps for others to get through.

The same, of course, does apply in side roads where in a very narrow width you still find cars parked on both sides instead of unilaterally. The danger in residential roads is often that young children may bound out from behind these parked vehicles and, although a driver may be going slowly in order to negotiate the cars which are parked on both sides, an accident could happen.

Bad parking is all part of bad road behaviour and is just as serious a fault as the driver who we all condemn who goes too fast for conditions, who refuses to obey warning signs and speed limits. Speed limits are for everyone to obey even if we do not agree with them.

We are cheating and breaking the law when we break speed limits on the road as well as setting a bad example to other road users. Even if other people speed by at 40 in a built-up area where there is a 30 limit, we should curb our own impatience and go at the speed or below that which is allowed by law. Of course, one does get irritated by hold-ups, by traffic jams and general congestion, but much of this can be alleviated by planning routes away from traffic jams, or, where we know there are likely to be traffic jams, allowing that little longer to reach a destination. Finally if we are going to be the first-class drivers we all believe we are, brakes, lights, tyres and steering should be checked frequently. Think ahead.

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It is regretted that through an editorial oversight the School Notes contain no mention of Mr. D. Morris, B.A., who joined the Staff as Head of the Scripture Department in September last, taking the place of Mrs. C. Jones, B.A. We hope Mr. Morris's stay will be a happy one and we offer our thanks to Mrs. Jones for entering so fully into the life of the School.