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The publication of the Magazine occurs at a most opportune time, as it coincides with the formation of the Old Boys' Association. Early this year at a well-attended and representative meeting it was decided to form the Association with its worthy object the renewal of friendships, the welfare of the School, and the formation of a bond of union between past and present pupils. The School should be one big family, with all its members keeping in touch with one another as far as possible. Its sons are many, scattered the world over in many occupations, but they can be united in a great spiritual fellowship. Many of them have played a notable part in many spheres of life, and we should like to have a record of their achievements. This can be done to some extent by the Magazine, a copy of which will be sent each year to every member of the Association, and contributions to its pages by Old Boys will be warmly welcomed.

I trust then that this School Magazine will help to make the School a source of pride to its present members and that it will revive pleasant memories and feelings of affection among its past members.

HEADMASTER

#### FDITORIAL.

It is with a feeling of pride that we present the first issue of our School Magazine. Its first publication signifies the fulfilment of a desire that has long been entertained in the School. We hope to make it a regular issue which will reveal the latent literary talents of the pupils and will serve as a permanent record of the life and activities within the School society

Credit for the venture goes to all. The whole School has given of its best. Members of the Editorial Board have been diligent while financial assistance has been most encouraging.

Literary contributions have been forthcoming from Form II as well as Form VI, and we have striven to include articles which are representative of the different strata of School life. We have had great difficulty in selecting the material for our Magazine, and we urge those who have not been successful this year not to be discouraged.

The newly formed Old Boys' Association has co-operated willingly, and their support has been greatly appreciated. We hope that they will become our paternal guardians, that they will keep us on "the straight and narrow way" and will continue to grant us our "pocket-money" regularly.

We are not going to attempt to make any comments on the Magazine itself; we would prefer to leave that to our readers. We have had great pleasure in preparing and compiling it, and we sincerely hope that you will have equal pleasure in reading it.

THE EDITORS

#### SCHOOL NOTES.

We welcome three new members to the Staff. Mr. C. Jones, B.A., commenced duties last September as an additional English Master. Mr. L. C. Moses was appointed full-time member during the same month. Finally, in January of this year, Mr. C. Giles, B.Sc., left Barry to take charge of Chemistry throughout this School.

We extend congratulations to Mr. Inglis on the occasion of his marriage during the last Summer holiday. Towards the end of the Winter Term the Head Boy, D. Candy, on behalf of us all presented our History Master with a selection of books—a small token of our appreciation of him.

The publishing of this School Magazine satisfies a long-felt need in our School. It will offer an opportunity for budding genius to blossom; it will record our many activities at School; it will link us closely with all who have left and are now scattered far and wide throughout the world.

It is particularly gratifying to observe that past pupils are rallying to establish an Old Boys' Association. Their first President is Mr. Garnet Morris, C.C. Vice-Presidents are The Headmaster and Mr. Stanley E. Jenkins. Mr. W. Ifor Jones, J.P., is the Chairman, and Mr. F. M. Thomas Vice-Chairm in. Mr. Prosser Roberts, as Secretary-Treasurer, is fulfilling his duties with accustomed thoroughness and vigour.

The Prefects this year are:—D. F. Candy (Senior Prefect), T. G. Powell, W. I. Price, H. A. J. Butter, L. Hargest, L. V. G. Jones, T. K. Jones, J. J. Kiely and D. W. Rice.

A visit to the neighbouring Girls' School is always an attraction for our boys. Consequently a film show held there on December 20th of last year was fully attended. We envy the girls their spacious assembly hall!

Everyone had looked forward to the coming of the film "Hamlet," starring Sir Laurence Olivier. When it was billed in Brecon during February advantage was taken of the afternoon showing at the Coliseum.

Our friends of The Dorian Trio paid us a visit on March 8th. We were sorry to hear that both Miss Taylor ('cello) and Miss Lewis (piano) had suffered accidents which had temporarily

upset their programme of visits to Welsh Schools. Their music invariably soothes the savage beast within our manly breasts.

Possibly the highlight amongst our visitors this year was Mr. T. I. Ellis, M.A., of "Round Britain Quiz" fame. In his address to us in the Gymnasium on March 2nd he reminded us of the glorious traditions of our country. He urged us to cherish our heritage and to foster the Welsh way of living. Very briefly he ou.lined the purpose of the Welsh Schoolboys' Summer Camp movement, of which he is the honorary treasurer. He reminded us that this year the camp assembles at Dolgellau.

C. A. WATKINS, VI.

### THE FOUR SCHOOL HOUSES.

As there will be constant reference to the School Houses within these pages it may prove worth while reviewing briefly the life stories of the illustrious with whom we proudly associate ourselves.

David Gam, a son of Llevellyn ap Howel Fychan, was born about 1360 in the parish of Garthbrengy. Though we associate Gam with Newton Farm, there appears to be little or no evidence of the family living there at the time.

We gather that Gam was red haired and a fine athlete. The appellation "Gam" might be explained as "Crooked," but even this may be strongly contested. But we do know that he incurred the wrath of Owen Glyndrw, whom he attempted to assassinate at Machynlleth, for Glyndrw came to Brecon to seek him out. Gam's house was razed to the ground.

Popular belief identifies Gam with the Fluellyn of Shake-speare's "Henry V." This theory appears to be erroneous. It does appear, however, that he was present at Agincourt in 1415. In reply to the King's query concerning the French foe, it is purported that Gam summed up the situation thus:—"The enemy are enough to kill, enough to take prisoner and enough to run away. It is maintained that Gam, assisted by two other Welshmen, was the rescuer of the King when the latter was hard pressed. Gam was mortally wounded on this battlefield, but before he died King Henry knighted him, Sir David Gam.

#### Siddons.

Roger Kemble, a barber of Hereford, in 1740 joined John Ward and his travelling players. During the season he married Ward's daughter. In 1755, while the couple were staying at the "Shoulder of Mutton" Inn (now the Siddons' wine vaults) in Brecon, a daughter was born to them. She was christened in St. Mary's Church and named Sarah.

Obviously destined for the stage, Sarah made her début as an actress at the tender age of twelve. She married an actor by the name of W. Siddons, whom she met at Worcester. Though the husband was never his wife's equal on the stage, Garrick offered the pair ten pounds a week to appear at the Theatre Royal in London, but the venture was not a success. Sarah, however, soon made her name in the City. Appearing as Isabella in "The Fatal Marriage," she began in 1780 an unbroken reign of twenty years as leading tragedienne. She was fêted by kings and princes and painted by the famous Gainsborough. She died on the 8th June, 1831, and was buried in Paddington Green Churchyard, London.

#### Theophilus.

Theophilus Jones is generally known as the "Historian of Brecon." He was born on October 18th, 1759, the son of the Rev. Hugh Jones, Vicar of Llangammarch and Llwyd, and also a Prebendary of the Collegiate of Brecknock (Christ College).

Theophilus Jones was intended for the Church, but directed his interest to Law, eventually being articled to a Mr. Pennoyne Watkins, a solicitor practising in Brecon. His ability and industry earned him the office of Deputy Registrar of the Archdeaconry of Brecon. Realising the advantages offered by this office. Theophilus Jones applied himself in earnest to his history. The first volume of his work appeared on the 13th September, 1805, published by Messrs. William and George North, of Brecon. A second volume appeared in 1809, this time in two parts. In 1909 the present 4-volume edition was printed.

His work is of great interest to us in Brecon, but at times he is apt to prove unrehable.

The historian died on January 15th, 1812, and was buried at Llangammarch.

#### Vaughan.

Henry Vaughan was born at Trenewydd in the parish of Llansantffraed. He was the elder of twins born in 1621.

A descendant of Sir Roger Vaughan, of Newton, he had no

wish to uphold that family's military tradition. In May, 1638, he was admitted to Jesus College, Oxford (founded, of course, by Doctor Hugh Price, of Brecon, in 1571). After two years there he was sent to London by his father to study Municipal Law. Later he became Clerk to Marmaduke Lloyd, who was Chief Justice of the Sessions in Breconshire, Radnorshire and Glamorgan; a post he held for three years.

During these years he had turned his thoughts to poetry. It is as a poet we remember him. He adopted for himself the name "Silurist." He was no mean poet—his Latin poems being particularly fine ones. In his verse here and there we catch glimpses of the old Brecon; one allusion to the fairs held in the town being a particularly scathing one, "The abominable face of things."

Vaughan died on April 23rd, 1695, and was buried at Llansantifraed Churchyard to the east of the church.

K. E. JONES. VI.

#### "Machlud."

Pan ddaw gwallgofrwydd dydd i ben A dagrau nos i lawr o'r nen, Ceir eiliw gwin ar hen glogwyni A thaenen wridog dros y cenlli.

Ciliai'r haul fel pellen fflamgoch, Ei belydr fel y pabi coch, A thraw ymledai adain nos I geisio cuddio lliw'r marwydos.

Gwelwn waed yn y goleuni Ac yr oedd y rhuddne 'n cronni; Bwriai, llif rhuddaur yr huan gwych, Liwiau cochion ar y bryniau brych.

Ond machlud wnaeth y disglair haul, Ar ôl y diwrnod hir a'i draul. Dros gwr y bryn fe aeth i gysgu A'r hirnos ddu ddaeth i deyrnasu.

T. G. POWELL. VI.

#### IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

Little was it realised that on the fatal date of November 5th, 1950, an event which was to eliminate the Arts Boys of Brecon County School would occur.

The combined genius of the Science Section (with some little support from the Chemistry Master) conceived that matter could be disintegrated to non-existence and the energy thus generated would be sufficient to project a missile into the outer confines of spaces.

Before long we, the genii of the Sixth Form, had discovered a method of isolating our fuel. We noticed one of the Arts Boys gormandising doughnuts and developing the natural occurrence of swelling around the midriff. But when the swelling subsided we decided that here was the process we needed to produce our energy, the action of nicotine on doughnuts.

Having purchased a doughnut for the phenomenal sum of 2½d. and made ourselves ill by smoking pipes in the time honoured manner of boys during school hours, we acquired the material necessary for our fuel.

Extracting the nicotine from the pipe stems we added it to the doughnut in an evaporating dish. There was a slight hiss and the evaporating dish vanished, leaving evidence of its passage through the closed window.

Now that we had proved the quality of our fuel we commenced with the construction of the rocket. We cannot reveal the design or construction of the projectile owing to the present international situation, but we can disclose that it was built of a new unbreakable heat resisting plastic formed by the action of concentrated nitric acid on well chewed chewing gum and certain other ingredients.

It may be said that the construction was carried on under the strictest secrecy, so that not even our poor, unsuspecting Form mates, the Arts Boys, knew about it. But although we had taken such pains to conceal our discovery, the curiosity of the Arts Boys was aroused by the continual absence of the Science Section and the activity in the little room at the top of the tower where we were constructing our "space rocket."

We put some oxygen cylinders aboard, together with some guinea pigs, to see if respiration was possible at very high

altitudes, and together with this we installed instruments to tell us what happened in the machine at high altitudes. These consisted of a new type of television and sound apparatus which became effective when the rocket got clear of the earth's atmosphere. This marvellous apparatus could operate over tremendous distances. There were also instruments to record the temperature and pressure and various other things. Now everything was complete. The rocket was to be started by electricity operated by a switch in the chemical laboratory. Zero hour was to be ten to two of the next day, when the bell rang.

The next afternoon, November 5th, was a quiet, sunny afternoon. The bellringer from Four IV was just about to pick up the old, cracked, school bell when suddenly—a sixth former dashed down the stairs and pinned a notice on the notice board. The bellringer dropped the bell as he realised that he had been picked for the School Team the following Saturday; Then recovering himself, he picked up the bell and began to ring it.

As the bell pealed out there was a hiss that was heard all over the School as the air rushed into the vacuum created by the departure of the rocket. The rocket was on its journey into

As the television screen lit up about five seconds later we received a shock from which we have never quite recovered. The Arts Boys were aboard!!! Then as the sound apparatus became effective we heard a familiar voice say "I wonder what the Science Boys will say when they find out that we've discovered their machine."

Another voice said, "Don't make a noise or they'll hear us."

Then, as realisation dawned, one of them shouted—"Do you think we're moving?"

They tried to open the door, which had been automatically-closed when the rocket began its flight into space. On finding that they could not open it they began to panic and soon all were crying for their mothers.

Then looking at one of the guages we saw that all the fuel was used up. What was going to happen? We had arranged a device which, when the fuel had run out, caused the rocket to fall back to earth, and when the rocket entered the earth's atmosphere, it was automatically slowed down. The rocket came to rest on the School field. We rushed up there to see if the Arts Boys were safe. But they had vanished.

H. W. LEWIS & A. B. WINSTONE. VI.

#### SUMMER

When the winter comes again, I'll see The happy birds on every tree. I'll hear them sing in wild delight. For all the days so warm and bright, When the summer comes again, I'll go To where the streamlet wanders, Oh! What glad delight the summer brings To all God's happy living things.

The glorious sun shines with its might, And silv'ry stars that shine at night All seem to say, "Now rest secure Until the morning comes once more. Another day will dawn, and lo! I'll hear the busy reapers mow, The scent of new mown hay I'll smell, While gathering bluebells in the dell.

I'll walk along a country lane, The flowers sweet, refreshed by rain, Will nod their heads as I pass by. The breeze will whisper with a sigh. The summer. Ah! too soon will pass, And wintry winds blow-o'er the grass; O that it could for every stay. Enchantment giving to each day.

And as I'll wander o'er the moor I'll store up memories galore, Of golden flowers, fields of corn. With nodding heads to greet each morn, Of singing birds, of daisies sweet, That wait each happy morn to greet; So will my thoughts with joy entwine And I'll thank God for summer time.

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returned to them to rest. The hostel was very large, but we soon found our way about and discovered that an excellent view of the city could be obtained from the flat roof of the building.

Our first visit was to Le Jardin d'Acclimtation in Le Bois de Vincennes. The sun was really scorching, and it soon became obvious that a large portion of our francs would be spent on an indispensable item—ice-cream. The Zoo was very interesting, and the main attraction was a huge hippopotamus and her baby. In the centre of the Zoo is a high concrete tower. The more energetic members of the party climbed up its seemingly innumberable steps instead of waiting for the lift.

One of the most interesting days was the day on which we visited the Louvre and the Palace of Versailles, both of which were palaces of French monarchs. We were all greatly impressed by the grandeur and beauty of the Louvre, with its fine marble staircases and great corridors, where some of the world's greatest works of art are displayed. We saw many beautiful statues, such as the Venus de Milo and the Winged victory of Samothrace. Among many fine pictures we saw the world famous Mona Lisa.

To visit the Palace of Versailies we had to make a train journey. The palace itself is a vast building of light brown stone, and indeed its size is awe inspiring. When we saw some of the beautiful rooms, even though their occupants were sight-seers accompanied by guides, it was possible to glimpse some of the splendour and beauty which prevailed at the Court of Louis XIV, le roi soleil. On leaving the building we visited the great and exceedingly beautiful gardens.

We also visited le Jardin des Tuileries, la Place de la Concorde and l'Arc de Triomphe. First we went to la Place de la Concorde, from where we had a beautiful view of the Champs-Elysées, that great avenue rising in a gentle slope. which is crowned by l'Arc de Triomphe—a tiny speck in the distance. Later we went to the triumphal arch which dominates a circle from which a number of beautiful avenues radiate. Beneath this great arch lies the tomb of the unknown warrior, where burns a flame that never goes out.

The party also visited the three great churches of Paris, the cathedral of Notre-Dame on l'ile de la Cité, the church of Sacre-Coeur on the heights of Montmartre and the Madeleine. At Notre-Dame we toiled up the spiral staircases to the top of one of the two hundred metres high twin towers. Everyone was

Last summer a party of boys from our School visited Paris for a week. The party consisted of twelve boys and three old boys under the able leadership of Mr. Williams, the French Master. Everyone enjoyed the trip very much. No-one was seasick as the sea was dead calm on both crossings. Everyone arrived home safely—except P. R. Jones, who, poor fellow, lost his cap when it blew out of the train window on the way home.

We left Brecon at 12.15 p.m. on Thursday, July 28th, and travelled to London, thence continuing to Newhaven. The journey was without any notable incident, but was nevertheless very pleasant. When we arrived at Newhaven there were a number of other similar parties assembled on the platform. These together with our own passed through the Customs without trouble, and we were soon safely aboard le paquebot Londres, reserving the best corners we could find. It was quite dark when the ship sailed, and as we drew out into the open sea the twinkling lights of the port, the regular flashing beam of the Beachy Head lighthouse, the dark sea and starlit sky made a very beautiful scene.

About two and a half hours later we caught our first glimpse of the lights of Dieppe harbour. A few minutes after we docked we succeeded in reaching the head of the gang plank and stumbling down this we set foot in La France—many of us for the first time. The first thing that struck us was that the railway ran down the middle of the street and on the lines was standing a huge, old-fashioned engine, behind which the coaches provided a very modern contrast. Again we had no trouble whatsoever with the Customs' officials.

From then until we arrived safely at our hostel was the most hectic period of the whole visit. First we spent an annoying quarter of an hour searching for our "reserved" seats.

At last we decided that they were not on the train, so somewhat ruffled we clambered into the corridor, where we spent the rest of the night—this was at 3 a.m. Dawn broke while we were still a number of miles from Paris, and we did not arrive at our hostel, La Maison des Elèoes de l'Ecole Centrale, 4, Rue de Citeaux, until seven o'clock. On arriving we were shown to our very comfortable rooms, and after our petit déjeuner we

greatly interested by the church of Sacre-Coeur, which has a distinctive Eastern style, and contrasted greatly with the gothic style of Notre-Dame. The Madeleine is not as distinctive as the other two churches, but it is still very impressive.

However no visit to Paris would be complete without going to la Tour Eiffel. As we gazed up this tower, 300 metres high, we saw what appeared to be a small hut built upon the first stage. When we reached it we found that this "hut" was a large restaurant. We continued to climb the tower, and after using four lifts we arrived at the third stage, where we found a number of stalls selling souvenirs.

To reach the fourth and last stage we had to climb an interior staircase. From this platform we viewed the city through telescopes. Human beings on the ground appeared as shapeless black dots.

On the return journey a rather annoying yet amusing incident occurred. We were about fifty yards from the Metro Station when it started to pour with rain. We all sprinted to the entrance and arrived very pleased because we were hardly wet. To our dismay we found that there was no ticket office at this entrance. After waiting several minutes there was still no sign of the downpour ceasing, so we decided to dash over to the entrance at the other side of the road. Again there were no tickets here. It was still raining as heavily as ever, and as we were already late for our déjcuner everyone agreed that we should run to the entrance further down the road. We arrived soaked to the skin, but rejoiced because we had found a ticket office at last. The whole irony of the incident was that the majority of the Parisians, of whom few had "macs," strolled along as if nothing out of the ordinary was happening.

ordinary was happening.

We started our journey home on the morning of Thursday, August 4th, and although it was fine in Paris we were quaking in our shoes. The previous day when we had visited Cook's office the weather forecast was very frightening, and we learned that on the Wednesday the steamers had been unable to get into Dieppe harhour because the sea was so rough. However, when we reached Dieppe the sea was dead calm. This time we crossed by day on the paquebot Arromanches, the ship which le Président de la République Française, M. Auriol, and Mme. Auriol used when they paid their State visit to London. We spent several hours in London on our return, and then caught the night train to Newport. We arrived in Brecon on Friday morning, tired but cupremely happy.

D. N. B. REES & C. A. WATKINS. VI.

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# WELSH JUNIOR POEM (1950 SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD). Robin Goch.

Robin Goch, a'th adain lwyd. A ces arnat eisiau bwyd? Tyrd i lawr o ben y to. A rhof fara it bob tro.

Rhoddais friwsion blasus iddo Er mwyn ei ddenu unwaith eto, Ond wedi iddo orffen bwyta Yn ôl yr aeth i'r rhew a'r eira.

Robin annwyl, wyt mor dlws. Cân yn wastad wrth fy nrws, Pleser mawr imi yw clywed Aderyn bach mor hardd ddiniwed.

W. J. RODERICK. IIIA.

#### PUPPETRY.

I have found puppetry to be very interesting, but I know of very few boys who share my enthusuasm. I am sure that many boys who know nothing of the art would very soon become fascinated if they took it up. Even an inexperienced beginner like myself may derive much pleasure from constructing and operating puppets of various sorts, the pleasure increasing with greater practice and proficiency.

My introduction to puppetry was at the age of nine when I was in a primary school, where there was a model theatre. My own theatre at that time consisted of a large cardboard box with part of the front removed. The top of the box was cut away and hinged so that the top folded toward the audience, hiding my hands while manipulating the strings. A wooden board served as the stage floor, and the scenery was composed of suitable magazine pictures. The puppets were simply Christmas tree dolls and dressed up clothes pegs with only one siring to their heads. These early efforts were apt to be uncontrollable, but the puppets could effectively take part in simple plays, some of which I wrote. I once made a puppet-conjuror, who could make things disappear quite professionally.

About this time I was presented with an empty wireless cabinet, which needed very little adapting to make a workable miniature theatre. I furnished the stage with a "lino" floor,

and with the help of my mother fitted velvet curtains. The top of the cabinet was treated in a similar manner to the cardboard one. It was in this theatre that I first experimented with lighting arrangements. I found that blue, green and red lamps are quite sufficient for average scenes.

It was not until I met a travelling puppeteer shat I started making large-scale puppets. On his advice I made my frst large puppets, about eighteen inches high. It was a simple one, and the head was formed by inserting a tennis ball into the toe of a stocking. A face was painted on the stocking and a piece of material was wound round to form a turban. I made proper arms for the puppet, while a long skirt concealed the fact that there were no legs. The strings were connected to the skirt at knee-height and pulled as if there had been legs there. The illusion was almost perfect and the puppet was a success.

During this time I still persevered with my small theatre, and made several interesting scenes which were not connected with any story, but they illustrated, for example, a deep-sea bed in which fishes, sea-anemones and other sea creatures moved about in the eerie glow of a green lamp.

My next large puppet was a "Dutch Boy." His body and limbs were of wood and were fully jointed. Some assistance from my mother was necessary to make the clothes, which included a pair of baggy, patched trousers. The puppet could describe quite realistic movements and could dance to music.

Since then I have been experimenting with different sorts of heads for puppets. I have tried, among other things wood, papier maché, plasticine and wax. I have found wood to be the most durable material but also the hardest to work in. Papier maché is easily moulded into shape but is not strong. Plasticine bends and becomes distorted and wax, when hard, will chin.

In the future I hope to carry on with my hobby. I hope to make specialised puppets such as instrumentalists and disjointing skeletons.

Since moving to Brecon I have made no friends interested in puppetry. In North Wales, where I used to live, there were several of us who owned a communal theatre. We found this much better fun than each having his own theatre, there being more people to manipulate the strings and more variety of voices for different parts. If any boy is interested enough to join me in this entertaining hobby I should be pleased to meet him.

J. B. G. ROBERTS. IVA.

# ROMANCE IN AN OLD COUNTRY CHURCH.

I wonder if you enjoy visiting old churches? It's not nearly so dull as you imagine; indeed it can be a really exciting experience and of course very instructive. Breconshire is rich in old churches of historical and architectural interests. In many of them are relics which stimulate the imagination. The romantic lives and activities of our ancestors live again through them.

I first began to take interest in old churches three years ago when I came to live at Llandefalle. Placed as I am with such a superb example of old ecclesiastical craftmanship on my doorstep I just couldn't help it. Llandefalle church is an old church which has gallantly withstood the changes of the world. No one really knows how many centuries the church stood here, but we can safely estimate it as 800 years, for their are evidences of the world. of 13th century stonework on the south side

Your attention is immediately caught by the lovely porch. There are stone seats on each side and in the wall a holy water stoup. The protruding lower lip of the latter has been worn down, we are told, by many generations of children sharpening their pen-knives on it on their way into the day school, then held in the vestry.

The nave is large and of surprising height. The splendid barrel roof with its lovely moulded ribs catch your eye as do the three large oak beams now black with age. The nave is divided from a south aisle by an arcade of four arches. It has been suggested that this aisle was dedicated as a plough chapel, and here the ploughmen of yesterday met to worship God and to pray for seasonable weather in which to practice their craft.

The windows on the North side of the nave date back to the 15th century and are adorned with fine tracery—indeed this applies to all the windows. There are no stain glass windows in the church at present, but old coloured glass found outside the church is being restored at York and will be displayed in the church as the oldest glass in Breconshire. During renovations some years ago traces of paintings and texts were discovered on the walls. These have been preserved and have been recognised as Elizabethan in origin.

On the North side of the nave near the chancel are steps which led to the rood loft. All traces of the loft have disappeared, but the rood screen remains in a good state of preservation. This is the outstanding feature of the church,

and exhibits splendid craftsmanship. The design is a trailing

The most interesting feature in the chancel is an old monument half hidden under the altar. It is the gravestone of a Welsh Prince, Edward David ab Howell, who was paternally descended from Plewis, King of "Dyved." The stone states that he departed this life on "the second daye of Januare, 1607."

At the West end of the nave there is an old oak chest recently restored to this place of honour from a corner in the vestry. During the task of cleaning it many old documents of historical interest were discovered. For example an old form of service for the restoration of the Stuarts and an old churchwarden's account book dated 1721, which is written in Latin and English. Entries by the parson in this book are very amusing. One reads:

For cloth for a petticoat for Ann Williams ... Charge for my trouble to buy it ... ...

There are three locks to this chest, one for the Vicar and one for each for the churchwardens. This prevented the chest being opened unless all three were present. A lovely Bible box (1650) on this chest is a recent gift to the church. The church also has in its possession a chalice and pattern dated 1618, and these are still in use.

The tower of the church is square and is three stories high. The room at the top of the first flight of stairs was originally a private room for the priest. The stone seats in the windows of this room are unique. There are four bells dated 1665. As the fabric of the church is older than the bells, Theophilus Jones has suggested that the Republicans plundered the church and sold the old bells, which were replaced after the restoration.

There is so much more I could tell you, but perhaps this will so excite your interest that you will pay a visit to this fine old church. I assure you your time will not be wasted.

GERAINT HUGHES. V.E.

### THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

As I walked through the haunted house, I heard a squeak!—Was it a mouse? But lo! a rat ran across the floor, And I heard a sound from behind a door.

When I opened the door I saw a man, At the very sight of him I ran, And as I dodged behind the door I heard the man fall on the floor.

As I approached again that door, A plank gave way, and I fell through the floor. And when I did at last come round I found myself in the courtyard ground.

The next time I go to that haunted room. I will arm myself with a witch's broom: But. I don't suppose I'll be going again. For terrible memories still remain.

J. F. STROUD. IIA.

#### SPRING.

Spring is here and Winter's o'er, Nature begins to atir once more: The cold wild wind has passed away, Now sunbeams dance throughout the day.

Tis the season of the year That brings to us both fun and cheer. Calls the apple blossom white, Making orchards look so bright.

Are lots of flowers to be seen— Buttercups, daisies, altogether; While on the hillside peeps the heather.

On the slopes of all the hills Are hosts of golden daffodils; Birds are singing, mating, nesting; In the fields the lambs are playing.

W. M. PHILLIPS. IVW.

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#### AN ESCAPE IN THE FOG.

In the dark of the morning a dense fog had closed around our ship, shutting in our horizon when we had most need of a clear outlook. We had expected to sight the coast of Ireland before dawn, but before the friendly gleam of the coastallights had reached us, we were lost in the encircling gloom. The damp, chilling, dispiriting pall of white, clammy vapour, that no cunning of seamanship could overcome, coiled insidiously around the sailing vessel.

It grew denser—that deep, terrifying wall that shut us off, shipmate from shipmate. Overhead, only the black monstrous shadow of the lower sails loomed up. An atmosphere of gloom and of ghostly unreality prevailed over the deck. Trailing wreaths of vapour passed the side-lamps, throwing back into the night their glare in order to mock the helplessness of the crew. All sense of distance was surrendered to the still darkness of the night; familiar deck fittings assumed huge, grotesque proportions; the blurred and shadowy outlines of listengmen about the decks seemed magnified and unreal. Sound, too, was distorted by the inconstant sea-fog, a whisper might carry far, a whole-voiced hail be but dimly heard.

Lifting lazily over the long swell, we sailed, unseeing and unseen. The waves lapped against the sides while the ropes that held the rigging, creaked under the strain. Now and again the fog-trumpet rasped out a signal of our approach, a faint, half-stifled note to put against the deep reverbration of a liner's siren that seemed, at every blast, to be drawing nearer and nearer.

The captain stood on the bridge anxiously peering into the void, hoping to see something on which to cherish his eyes. Bare headed (in order to capture the least sound that might fall upon his ears from the unknown ahead), he stepped briskly from rail to rail—listening, with all other senses acute, to work through the almost iron curtain of fog banks that had robbed him of his sight. We were lost. The ship rode carelessly over the surging waves, riding, as far as we knew to a fateful end. We were, indeed, sailing in the full track of shipping. Small wonder that every whisper, every creak caused him to jump to the compass. Everyone was on tenter-hooks.

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- Do not resort to suicide bleaching (dye by one's own hand)
   Try instead "Candytone Bleach"—invaluable for all fair heads of promise. Apply D.F., VI.
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- For exquisite deportment and a sense of balance. Apply for Booklet to J. Butter, School of Ballet.
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- On Sale: Reindeer spangled sweaters in all colours and sizes
   Fix appointment with T. K. Jones, VI.
- Vacant Post: Youth to carry out transportation of Exide batteries. Small hand cart would prove most useful. Apply J. H. Williams, French Embassy, 9-noon, week days. D. W. RKE, VI.

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As the liner's siren sounded again, the Captain's voice was heard demanding from the Mate the exact whereabouts of the oncoming vessels. The Mate's answer sounded far and distant, like a hail from a passing ship, though the Mate was but shouting from the bows. Again the deep bellow from the steamer, now perilously close and again the futile rasp of our horn in answer.

Suddenly the expected alarm came. We heard a loud clanging of the bell, the united shout from the crew, and the patter of feet as the crew scrambled hither and thither. The Capain stuck to his wheel, bearing bravely up to the strain, caused by the sudden alarm. His crew lost self control, and with the exception of a few, rushed madly and panic-stricken around the deck. The Captain wrenched desperately at the spokes of the wheel. Commands and shouts hovered through the fog and filthy air.

Out of the mist a huge shadowy hull ranges alongside the wash from her steering outwater, hissing and spluttering on our starboard. Three quick, furious blasts of a siren unintelligible shouts from the steamer's bridge, a churning of propellors; foam; a waft of black smoke—silence, the white, clammy veil again about us, and only the muffled throb of the liner's engines and the uneasy lurch of our barque.

Everyone stood dumbfounded and it was some time before anyone regained composure. The throb of the engines died
away in the steady rhythm. Slowly our barque was turned on
heel, the yards trimmed to her former course, and we moved
on, piercing the clammy barrier that lay between us and the
land. Dawn broke and lifted the mist around us, but the pall
hung thick as ever over the water. At times, we could hear
the distant note of a steamer's whistle. However as the day
wore on and the thinned out fog turning to mist and rain, we
realized that land was not beyond hope.

T. G. POWELL, Form VI.



### THE HEADMASTER'S SECRETARY.

Under the creaking Boys' School stairs.
The Headmaster's Secretary stands;
The Sec. a busy man is he,
With pale and trembling hands;
He has the key to a wondrous store
Of nibs and elastic bands.

His duties are so numerous,
Their total none can tell;
He makes the coffee for the Staff,
And often rings the bell.
Then with the crates of surplus milk He keeps alive and well.

He gathers dinner money in,
The clock is in his care;
All letters come before his eyes,
But late boys never dares.
And when unoccupied he's found
Under the creaking stair.

# REPORT FROM CARDIFF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The turn of the century sees quite a large company of old Breconians gathered under the Portland Stone portals of Cathays Park, Cardiff. Some are very recent newscomers who are just beginning their uphill trek towards the dizzy heights of a degree; some are past that point and are slowly, painfully descending the other side, looking hopefully around for pastures new.

This report is not intended to be a detailed record of all the vicissitudes of fortune which have beset (or are besetting) the lives of the old Breconians in Cardiff; but it is rather a short list of names, appropriately followed by college activities. Personal references have been avoided for obvious reasons of censorship, and because of the difficulty of getting suitable hospital accommodation in such busy unhealthy times.

Alun Jones. Alun is the only Medical Student among the Old Boys and is in his fifth year—he has to do seven to finish his training. Nevertheless, in spite of all the work he has to do. Alun finds time for sport. He was always a keen cricketer and has captained the Medical College Cricket XI. He has also played as a representative of a Welsh University Cricket XI.

This brings our report from Cardiff University College to a close. Our hope for the future is that the vacancies made at the end of this year are refilled, and the record of Old Boys at Cardiff is not only maintained but improved upon.

#### NEWS FROM ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Extracts from Mr. D. E. Morgan's "Aberystwyth Letter" inform us that: "There are but three of us here who are 'Old Boys of Brecon', namely H. E. G. (Bill) Holmes, Walter Price and myself. Now Walter Price is a married man and therefore has to behave himself. ... "Bill" Holmes has settled down to the perfect college life of playing hard and working hard. He is one of the most popular members of the College Soccer Club and has shown good form in his soccer this year. He has in fact captained the College Second XI this year, but during the second term his form was so good that he was promoted to the First XI. Next year he will be a strong candidate for the captaincy of the First XI ... About myself I think that it will be sufficient to say I go the rounds of a normal student at Aberystwyth . . . .

Of "Old Boys" who have attended Aberystwyth in the recent past, the two outstanding are, of course, Owen T. Price and Dyfed Lewis, of Trecastle and Cray respectively. After graduating at Aberystwyth, Price went up to Oxford where ne obtained his Doctor of Philosophy degree. He is now studying at the University of Wisconsin. Dyfed Lewis went up to Cambridge after obtaining an M.Sc. at Aberystwyth. At Cambridge he excelled himself by taking a first in Honours Bio-Chemistry.

I should like to conclude by wishing everybody in Brecon the very best of luck in their School careers, and an extra bit of luck to all those who are sitting School Certificate and Higher Certificate in July."

D. E. MORGAN, U.C.W., Aberystwyth.

Beginning with the newcomers we have: D. A. Jones, late of the R.A.F., is a very enthusiastic member of the College Fabian Society. Many people otherwise ignorant of our friend's existence become aware of it at least once a week on being suddenly pounced on from behind one of the pillars of the Common Room and vigorously argued into buying a Tribune. He is also a keen cyclist and rides regularly with the Cardiff C.T.C.

Ronald Hopkins has come straight down from the "Alma Mater". He is taking an Arts degree and hopes to take Honours English. One of his main difficulties at the moment seems to be whether "nothing" is really "nothing" or something that really isn't. His intermediate philosophy is causing him some concern.

William Gallagher is another student who has come direct from school, having much the same academic ambitions as Ron Hopkins. Being captain of the school soccer team last season he has continued his soccer in college. He plays for the college Second XI and also a Cardiff Club.

Those are the three newcomers to College. Last year's only entry was John Trimm who is taking a Science degree. His sport is running and he is a member of the College Harriers Club.

The remaining Old Breconians here are coming towards the end of their stay, four of whom will not be returning to college next year. These are members of the Teachers Training Department: D. J. Jones, Iwan Jones, A. Pritchard and Peter Leonard.

D. J. Jones, B.A., had his college life interrupted by the war. He is now in his fifth and final year. During these five years he has played regularly for the college First XI, having gained his full colours a number of times. He was also president, for the usual one year term of office, of St. Teilo's Hostel, the only male hostel in Cardiff University.

Iwan Jones, B.A. The most important news concerning Iwan is his engagement to Miss Nancy Davies, of the B.B.C. In congratulating him and wishing him the best of luck for the future I am sure I am doing so for the rest of the School Staff and Old Boys. He was Secretary of the Welsh Society 1948-49.

## EXAMINATION BOARD OF WALES, RESULTS, 1949.

#### Higher Certificate.

Gallagher, W. E. J. English, History, French.

Hopkins, R. W. ... English, History, Geography.

Jones, T. K. ... History, Geography, English (Subsidiary).

Jones, W. T. ... Pure Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics (Subsidiary).

Powell, T. G. ... English, History, Welsh (Subsidiary).

Price, W. I. ... History, Geography, English (Subsidiary).

School Certificate.

Beavan, L. ... English Language (VG), English Literature (C), History (C), Geography (C), Welsh (C\*), French (C), Mathematics (C), Chemical Control of the C

Davies, J. C. ... English Language (P), English Literature (P), French (C\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (P).

Davies, L. ... English Language (P), English Literature (C), History (C), Geography (C), Welsh (C\*), French (P), Mathematics (P), Chemistry (C).

Davies, M. G. ... English Language (C), English Literature (C), History (C), Geography (C), Latin (C), Mathematics (VG), Chemistry (VG).

Davies, W. E. ... English Language (C), English Literature (C), History (C), Geography (VG), Latin (C), Welsh (VG\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (C).

Fantham, F. ... ... English Language (C), English Literature (C), History (P), Geography (C), Welsh (C\*), French (C\*), Mathematics (P), Chemistry (C).

Griffiths, J. G. ... English (Language (P), Geography (P), Latin (P), Welsh (C\*), Mathematics (P), Chemistry (C).

Jones, B. J. ... English Language (C), English Literature (P), Geography (C), French (C\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (C).

Jones, D. R. ..., English Language (C), English Literature (C), Geography (C), Latin (C), Welsh (C\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (C).

Jones, K. E. ... English Language (C), English Literature (C), History (C), Geography (VG), Welsh (P), French (C\*), Mathematics (P), Chemistry (C),

Jones, P. R. ... English Language (C), English Literature (VG), History (P), Geography (P), French (C\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (VG).

Lewis, H. W. ... English Language (VG), English Literature (VG), History (C), Geography (VG), Latin (C), Welsh (C\*), Mathematics (VG), Chemistry (VG).

Lewis, J. S. ... English Language (P), English Literature (P), History (P), Geography (C), Welsh (P), Mathematics (P), Chemistry (C).

Palfrey, B. R. M. .. English Language (C), English Literature (C), History (C), Geography (P), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (C).

Parry, C. G. ... English Language (C), English Literature (C), Geography (VG), Welsh (C\*), French (C\*), Mathematics (VG), Chemistry (C), History (P).

Price, N. J. ... English Language (VG), English Literature (C), History (C), Latin (C), Welsh (P), Mathematics (P), Chemistry (C).

Pritchard, D. I. S. .. English Language (P), English Literature (P), History (C), Geography (C), Mathematics (P), Chemistry (C),

Pritchard, D. T. ... English Language (C), English Literature (C), Geography (P), Welsh (C\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (C).

Rees, D. G. ... English Language (C), English Literature (VG), Geography (C), Welsh (C\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (C).

Rees, D. N. B. ... English Language (C), English Literature (P), History (C), Geography (C), Welsh (P), French (C\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (C).

English Language (C), English Literature (C), Geography (C), Latin (VG), Welsh (VG\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (VG). Roderick, S.

Simmonds, E. J. ... English Language (C), History (C), Geography (C), Welsh (P), Mathematics (P), Chemistry (P).

Styles, T. C. H. ... English Language (C), English Literature (C), History (C), Geography (C), French (C\*), Chemistry (C).

Thomas, A. R. ... English Language (VG), English Literature (P), History (P), Geography (C), Latin (C), Welsh (VG\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (C).

Watkins, C. A. ... English Language (VG), English Literature (C), History (C), Geography (VG), Latin (VG), Welsh (C\*), Mathematics (C), Chemistry (VG).

Winstone, A. B. ... English Language (C), English Literature (C), History (C), Geography (C), Mathematics (VG), Chemistry (VG).

#### Supplementary Certificate.

Grant, B. E. ... Physics (VG).

... English Language (P), English Literature (VG), Physics (VG). Kieley, J. J.

Rice, D. W. ... Mathematics (P).

(P) indicates 'pass' standard. (C) indicates 'credit' standard. (VG) indicates 'very good' standard.

\* indicates oral proficiency.

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#### REPORT ON ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING.

Appearing for the first time in public in his robes of Doctor of Laws, Principal Joseph Jones, the guest of honour at this year's prizegiving, made the occasion a more colourful one than that of previous years; his scarler robes standing out amidst the black gowns of the Staff.

Colonel Sir John Lloyd, Chairman of the Governors, presided over the function for the sixteenth year in succession. In his opening remarks, he congratulated the pupils on the way they had conducted themselves about the town in the past year.

past year.

Introducing Dr. Joseph Jones, Sir John said that he was a man who had made a great contribution by giving himself wholeheartedly to Welsh education. When presented to the Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor at the University of Wales, to receive his degree of Doctor of Laws, he was described as "a preacher, teacher and administrator—a prudent leader, weighing his words before giving them breath. "Sir John said that in the past 16 years he had invited many distinguished men to distribute the prizes, but it was a happy privilege to call upon Dr. Jones, as they had worked together on educational matters for many years.

Dr. Jones congratulated the Headmaster and his Staff upon the excellent results of the year. He urged the parents to allow their children to remain the full course in school and to see that the children did their homework regularly.

Addressing the pupils, Dr. Jones emphasised the proper

Addressing the pupils, Dr. Jones emphasised the proper use of time, the right use of which meant that they would never do anything wrong. Homework was absolutely essential, the school being neither a playground nor parade, nor a nice drawing room for games and entertainment. The bane was that there were so many enjoyable things in the world. Cinemas, guilds, dances, dramas, youth clubs and the like were in the way of the pupils and they should either avoid them altogether or, after careful choice, give just one of them one evening a week.

week.

During the afternoon the School Choir gave a very pleasing rendering of Purcell's "Fairest Isle". The prize-giving ended with the singing of the National Anthems.

Prizes were awarded to the following pupils: Form IIa, H. K. Isaac, H. Evans, A. J. Cook, W. P. Roderick; Form IIIa, M. T. H. Styles, B. M. Spiller, E. G. Powell, D. M. M. Jones; Form IIIw, D. B. Thomas, R. D. Gould; Form IVa, L. J. Maisey, W. A. Tovell, V. Howells, B. H. Powell; Form VJ, C. A. Watkins, H. W. Lewis, C. G. Parry; Form Vs, W. E. Davies, S. Roderick, M. G. Davies; Form VI, R. W. Hopkins, W. E. J. Gallagher, T. K. Jones, W. I. Price, T. G. Powell.

### THE ST. DAVID'S DAY EISTEDDFOD.

This year, St. David's Day was celebrated with the custom-ary eisteddfod, and we were very fortunate in acquiring the services of Mr. Emrys Evans to adjudicate music, and the Rev. Arthur Jones to adjudicate the literary side. The Headmaster presided during the whole proceedings.

The excitement of the day reached its climax when it was disclosed that, for the first time in the School's history, two houses had tied for first place. The final result was:—

1st: Vaughan and Gam ..... 132 points 3rd: Theophilus ...... 124 points 4th: Siddons ...... 108 points

Here is a list of individual winners together with the houses they represented, and the Test Pieces set in vocal and literary competitions.

#### Junior Competitions.

Welsh Recitation, "Dydd y Fair" gan J. D. Jones. 1: I. R. Davies (V); 2: W. C. Millward (S); 3: L. C. G. Jones (S).

English Recitation, "Leisure", by W. M. Davies.
1; G. L. Williams (T); 2; M. Evans (T); 3; H. K. Isaac (S).

Welsh Solo, "Mentra Gwen".

1: C. B. Like (G); 2: L. G. Jones (S); 3: B. T. P. Richards (T).

English Solo, "Ye Banks and Braes".
1: B. T. P. Richards (T): 2: C. B. Like; 3: B. Pritchard (V).

Playing on any Instrument, 1: J. V. M. Thomas (V); 2: H. K. Isaacs (S).

Poem, "Robin Redbreast" (English or Welsh). 1: W. J. Roderick (T); 2: E. P. Pritchard (V); 3: P. F. Willband (V).

#### Senior Competitions.

Welsh Recitation, "Y Cudyll Coch" gan I. D. Hoosan.
I: W. A. Tovell (S); 2: P. W. Holt (V); 3: I. A. Jones (G).

English Recitation, "The Soldier", by Rupert Brooke.

1: I. G. Williams (G); 2: T. G. Powell (T); 3: J. Llewellyn (G).

Solo, Own Selection.
1: W. A. Tovell (S); 2: E. G. Powell (T); 3: T. G. Powell (T).

Playing on any Instrument.
1: D. W. Rice (V); 2: P. O. Evans (G); 3: J. Llewellyn (G).

Poem, "Sundown" (English or Welsh). 1: E. Jones (V): 2: D. F. Candy (G): 3: P. W. Holt (V).

#### Open Competitions.

Welsh Recitation "Toriad y Dydd" gan Syr John Morris-Jones.
1: I. G. Williams (G); 2: A. R. Thomas (G); 3: T. G.
Powell (T).

Design for Cover of School Magazine.

1: L. Hargest (G); 2: J. B. Roberts (T); 3: K. Isaacs (S)

Handicraft.

1: I. W. Pugh (V); 2: D. J. Lewis (S); 3: J. B. Roberts (T).

Cartoon for School Magazine.

1: B. E. Grant (S); 2: L. Hargest (G).

1: D. F. Candy (G); 2: E. G. Powell (T); 3: D. W. Rice (V).

House Competitions.

Prepared Speeches:

Junior: "Five minutes with an auctioneer."
1: Gam; 2: Siddons.

Senior: "Do you think that steps should be taken to re-the Welsh language in places like Brecon." 1: Theophilus; 2: Vaughan.

A. R. THOMAS, VI.

The results of the individual events were as follows. (Asterisks denote new records):—

#### Junior School.

W. Devereux (S); 2: M. R. Shellard (V); 3: H. Evans (T).
 Winning Time: 12.73 secs.

220 Yards. Record: 28.16 secs. M. T. H. Styles (G), 1948. 1: W. Devereux (S); 2: M. R. Shellard (V); 3: D. N. B. Rees (G). Winning time: 29.05 secs.

Relay (110, 110, 220, 220 yds.). Record: 1 min. 26.40 secs. (G. 1938)

1: Gam; 2: Vaughan. Winning Time: 1 min. 27.43 secs.

Cricket Ball. Record: 65 yds. 8 ins. K. J. Wheeler (G), 1939. I: L. D. Davies (V); 2: M. R. Shellard (V); 3: W. Devereux \* Winning distance: 75 yds. 5 in.

Long Jump. Record: 15 ft. 7½ ins. M. T. H. Styles (G), 1948. 1: D. N. B. Rees (G); 2: P. Meredith (V); 3: L. Davies (V). Winning distance: 14 ft. 3 ins.

High Jump. Record: 4 ft. 5ins. T. C. Stephens (T). 1: D. N. B. Rees (G); 2: M. R. Shellard (V); 3: A. Evans (T). Winning height: 4 ft. 3 ins.

#### Middle School.

100 Yards, Record 11.26 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1944. 1: M. T. H. Styles (G); 2: E. Jones (V); 3: L. V. G. Jones (V). Winning time: 11.86 secs.

220 Yards. Record: 26 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1944.

1; L. V. G. Jones (V); 2; E. Jones (V); 3; J. G. Griffiths (V)

Winning time: 26.32 secs.

440 Yards. Record: 61.36 secs. A. B. Winstone (T), 1948. 1: J. G. Griffiths (V); 2: W. B. Tyler (V); 3: L. Bevan (T). \*Winning time: 57.71 secs.

Cricket Ball. Record: 85 yds. D. S. Jones (G), 1934. 1: L. V. G. Jones (V); 2: E. Jones (V); 3: C. Hawker (G). Winning distance: 75 yds. 0 ft. 2 ins.

#### ATHLETICS.

#### Brecon Grammar School Sports.

The School Sports, held on Wednesday 27th July, were favoured with excellent weather and both the field and the track were in splendid condition for their respective events. The competitors made full use of these advantages, and a very high standard of achievement was reached. Field performances showed a considerable improvement on previous years, while track events although not as spectacular, provided several noteworthy races.

After the last event, Mrs. Garnet Morris presented the Staff Sports Cup to D. W. Rice the captain of Vaughan, the winning house. Sincere thanks are extended to Mrs. Garnet Morris who has shown a deep interest in school activities. Thanks are also due to Major C. P. G. de Winton for the loan of the ground, and to Mr. A. J. Phippen whose organisation contributed largely to the success of the sports.

Vaughan, the champion house, showed a marked supremacy in field events and of the five records broken in this section, three were claimed by their representatives. They were successful in one of the two record-breaking track races and in the senior high jump D. I. S. Pritchard, of Vaughan, equalled the record of 5ft. exactly. Special praise is due to E. Jones whose outstanding efforts gained the remarkable number of 20 points from his seven finals. Gam, who were second in the house championship, were unable to maintain the standard of performance in the finals which was shown in preliminary rounds and although leading in points at the outset, they gradually lost the leadership to Vaughan. Theophilus were third and Siddons fourth. The final totals of points and the percentages by which the teams were judged were:—

		Total Points			Percentage of Possible Points		
Vaughan			205	***	47.89		
Gam			162		35.51		
Theophilu	IS	***	125		27.05		
Siddons		***	75	***	16.81		

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Discus, Record: 80 ft. 4ins. P. J. Randall (G), 1948. 1: E. Jones (V): 2: B. P. Richards (T): 3: C. G. Morgan (G).

\* Winning distance: 89 ft. 3 ins.

Javelin. Record: 94 ft. 2 ins. P. J. Randall (G), 1948. 1: B. P. Richards (T); 2: T. E. Jones (V); 3: L. V. G. Jones (V). \* Winning distance: 105 ft. 7½ ins.

Weight, Record 38 ft. 6 ins. P. J. Randall (G), 1948. 1: E. Jones (V); 2: M. T. H. Styles (G); 3: H. A. Morris (T). Winning distance: 36 ft. 1 in.

Long Jump. Record: 17 ft. 93 ins. K. T. Smith (V), 1944. 1: B. H. Powell (T); 2: M. T. H. Styles (G); 3: B. P. Richards (T). Winning distance: 16 ft. 6 ins.

High Jump. Record: 4 ft. 101 ins. L. S. Davies (S), 1939. 1: E. Jones (V); 2: J. Rowlands (G); 3: B. R. M. Palfrey (S). Winning height: 4 ft. 9 ins

Hop, Step and Jump, Record: 34 ft. 11 ins. P. J. Randall (G) 1: J. C. Davies (S); 2: B. H. Powell (T); 3: M. T. H. Styles (G).

\* Winning distance: 35 ft. 6 ins.

#### Senior School.

100 Yards. Record: 10.4 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1935. 1: L. Hargest (G); 2: T. C. H. Styles (G); 3: D. W. Rice (V). Winning time: 11.25 secs.

220 Yards, Record: 24.8 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1934. 1: L. Hargest (G); 2: T. C. H. Styles (G); 3: T. K. Jones (V) Winning time: 26.04 secs.

440 Yards. Record 55.94 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1946. 1: A. B. Winstone (T); 2: T. K. Jones (V); 3: T. C. H. Styles (G).

Winning time: 56.57 secs.

Relay (110, 110, 220, 220 yds.). Record: 1 min. 20.22 secs. (G), 1948.

1: Gam; 2: Vaughan.

Winning time: 1 min. 18.02 secs.

Cricket Ball. Record: 95 yds. 1 ft. T. G. Griffiths (G), 1934. 1: T. K. Jones (V); 2: K. M. Lloyd (V); 3: H. A. J. Butter (G). Winning distance: 81 yds. 7 ins.

Weight. Record: 29 ft. 11 ins. G. B. Jones (T), 1948. L. Hargest (G); 2: K. M. Lloyd (V); 3: D. I. S. Pritchard (V). Winning distance: 29 ft. 10 ins.

Discus. Record: Nil.

1: D. I. S. Pritchard (V); 2: K. M. Lloyd (V); 3: T. G. Powell (T). Winning distance: 76 ft. 4 ins.

Javelin. Record: 103 ft. W. J. Davies (S), 1947. I: K. M. Lloyd (V); 2: W. T. Jones (V); 3: A. B. Winstone (T). \* Winning distance: 114 ft. 1 in.

Long Jump. Record: 19 ft. 8½ ins. K. T. Smith (V), 1946. 1: D. W. Rice (V); 2: T. K. Jones (V); 3: L. Hargest (G). Winning distance: 19 ft. 3 ins.

High Jump. Record: 5 ft. T. G. Griffiths (G), 1935. 1: D. I. S. Pritchard (V); 2: D. W. Rice (V); 3: T. K. Jones (V); Winning height: 5 ft.

Hop, Step and Jump. Record: 36 ft. 8 ins. T. K. Jones (V), . 1948.

1: T. K. Jones (V); 2: D. W. Rice (V); 3: D. I. S. Pritchard \* Winning distance: 37 ft. 2 ins.

> H. A. J. BUTTER, VI. L. HARGEST, VI.

#### THE COUNTY SPORTS, 1949.

The Annual Championship meeting of the Brecon and Radnor Counties' Secondary Schools Amateur Association was held at the Depot Athletic Field, Brecon, on Saturday, May 28th, 1949.

Seven schools took part in the meeting. For the first time the Sports commenced at 11 a.m. in order to get through the large programme of 41 events by a reasonable hour.

The Championship shields and trophies were presented to the winning captains by Mr. Garnet Morris, Chairman of the Breconshire County Council, and an Old Boy of this School.

The following places were gained by members of the School Team: Senior: Hop. Step and Jump. 3rd, T. K. Jones; The Javelin, 4th, K. M. Lloyd; Long Jump, 3rd, D. W. Rice; 440 yards, 4th, T. G. Powell; High Jump, 4th, T. K. Jones; 220 yards, 3rd, J. S. Lewis; The Mile, 3rd, K. E. Jones

Middle: Long Jump, 4th, L. Hargest; 100 yards, 2nd, L. Hargest; The Weight, 2nd, L. Hargest; High Jump, 1st, D. I. S. Pritchard, The Javelin, 1st, Eirvil Jones; 440 yards, 4th, J. G. Griffiths, The Discus, 3rd, Eirvil Jones; 880 yards, 2nd, J. G. Griffiths; The Cricket Ball, 1st, H. A. J. Butter.

Junior: 100 yards, 1st, M. T. H. Styles; 220 yards, 1st, M. T. H. Styles; Long Jump, 1st, M. T. H. Styles; The Cricket Ball, 4th, L. D. Davies; High Jump, 4th, D. J. Dacey; Relay, 3rd, Brecon.

The School Team gained the following places in the championships: Junior, 2nd; Middle, 3rd; Senior, 5th.

The following boys gained their County Colours and competed in the Welsh Secondary Schools national meeting at Carmarthen on June 11th, 1949: M. T. H. Styles (second award); D. I. S. Pritchard (third award); Eirvil Jones; H. A. Butter; L. Hargest.

The County meeting for 1950 is to be held at Ystradgynlais on Saturday, July 8th. The Welsh National Championships are to be held at Bangor on Saturday, July 15th.

#### CRICKET REPORT.

Captain: R. W. Hopkins. Vice-Captain: D. W. Rice. Sports Master: Mr. D. Jones. Hon. Sec.: Mr. D. Inglis.

Mother Nature bestowed her blessing of sunny, rainless days on last year's cricket season, and plenty of opportunity was afforded for playing good cricket. Much enthusiasm for cricket was evident throughout the School. Net practices, held on the distant Sports Club ground were well attended by regular, as well as prospective, members of the 1st XI. Thanks have to be extended to Mr. Duncan Jones and Mr. Phippen for their interest in the improvement of our summer game.

As usual, having no ground of our own, we played all our home matches on the Sports Club ground, generally on Satur-day mornings with an occasional mid-week match played in the evening. Thanks to leuan Powell our equipment was kept up to scratch, and little criticism can be attached to his man-agment of the "stock room".

One win in twelve matches is not a very impressive record, but an all round improvement was to be observed over the displays of the two previous years. Our first match was played on May 21st, at home against Llandrindod Wells Grammar School. The result was a draw due to the expiration of time. Billy Gallagher our opening bat, scored 14 runs with good sound strokes, and K. M. Lloyd commenced a successful season by taking 3 wickets for 6 runs. A fortnight later we entertained Builth Wells County Grammar School, and again the result was a draw. L. J. Maisey, a promising youngster, skilfully bowled, and ended the match with the following analysis. 9.2 overs, 3 maidens, 12 runs, 6 wickets, overage 2.

Our only win of the reason was recorded against Brynmawr County Grammar School at Brynmawr, on June 11th. Brynmawr batting first were soon dismissed, thanks to some extremely accurate bowling on the part of K. M. Lloyd who took seven wickets for 17 runs. R. W. Hopkins saved the day with a timely 32 runs got with well-placed strokes all round the wicket.

The next Saturday, in a drawn match with Builth Wells County Grammar School, H. W. Lewis, a youngster displaying veteran calmness, scored 30 runs not out, studded with delightful leg glances, and off drives. On July 6th we were entertained at Christ College by their 2nd XI. Our 67 runs were due mainly to E. J. Simmonds, whose bright display of forceful pulls and off-drives resulted in 22 quick runs which, however, did not prevent the College passing our total.

Our next and final clash with Builth Wells County Grammar School at first gave hopes of a victory. With 80 runs on the board, which included a sparkling 24 runs by D. W. Rice, we felt confident but our bowling was loose and Builth passed our score for the loss of only four wickets.

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Our last match of the season on July 29th, was the annual "Boys versus Staff". The Staff turned out in style and they are to be congratulated on their performance. The Boys batting first secured 96 runs, W. E. J. Gallagher coming out of his shell with a great 43. The Staff won. Two of the Staff retired with 52 each to their credit. The Boys, slightly suspicious as to the identity of these two crack batsmen, made diligent enquiries, and these disclosed some treachery. The two supposed members of the Staff turned out to be Mr. Gerald James and Mr. Ralph Palmer, well known local cricketers, and one an old boy of our School. However, in the spirit of the game, the Boys accepted their defeat, and all ended well.

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CRICKET XI, 1949.

L. J. Maisey, H. A. J. Butter, L. Hargest, E. J. Simmonds, H. W. Lewis, T. Tovell (scorer), Mr. J. Morgan (Headmaster), W. E. J. Gallagher, D. W. Rice, R. W. Hopkins (capt.), K. M. Lloyd, W. I. Price, Mr. D. J. E. Jones, B. P. Richards, P. W. Holt.

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP-CRICKET, 1949.

					W	D	L
Seniors:	Vaughan		***		2	0	1
	Gam	***		399	1	13	31
	Theophilu	IS	***				
	Siddons		****	***	W	D D	1
Juniors:	Gam Theophilu		1.00	3844	2	0	1
	Vaughan	13:			Ĩ	0	2
	Siddons	***	***	***	1	0	2

#### TENNIS.

Last July a Tennis team representing the Staffs of the Grammar Schools played a match against the senior pupils of both schools. The pairs were as follows: Miss Abraham and Mr. Phippen; Miss D. Price and Mr. J. E. Davies; Miss V. Davies and Mr. L. Lewis; Miss B. Phillips and Mr. D. Jones (representing the staffs). Miss A. Trimm and Mr. D. Candy; Miss J. Brookes and Mr. K. Lloyd; Miss P. Davies and Mr. W. I. Price; Miss C. Lewis and Mr. T. K. Jones (representing the pupils).

The final result in sets was 14—2 in favour of the Staffs. In games the result was not so overwhelming as may be judged from the score, namely 86—70.

T. K. JONES, VI.

#### SOCCER NOTES, 1949-50.

Sports Master: Mr. J. E. Davies. Hon. Sec.: Mr. D. Inglis.
Captain: D. W. Rice. Vice-Captain: L. Hargest.

There can be no doubt that the 1st XI. has, throughout this season, proved itself a worthy and successful team. Out of 19 games played, 11 have been won, 5 drawn, and 3 lost. Compared with the previous two years, this record is more satisfactory, and the secret can be found in that every member has pulled his weight and that cohesive teamwork rather than individual brilliance has wrought success.

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Last season's defeats at the hands of Builth Grammar School were repaid in a most convincing manner, when on October 22nd, the School won by 7—1. This was probably the best display of the team throughout the season. The full backs tackled relentlessly, and then fed their forwards with beautifully placed low passes which were by no means wasted. An excellent victory!

Several wins followed this game, mainly against local Youth Clubs and the team had developed a noticeable rhythm and co-ordination. A particularly good performance was shown against a strong and mature Talgarth Youth team, when contrary to all expectations the School defeated Talgarth to the tune of 7—0. One must not fail to mention the 6 goals in this game were scored by D. T. Pritchard who was rapidly developing into a centre-ferward of distinction.

On 21st December a most enjoyable game was witnessed when the School met an Old Boys' XI, who were unfortunately short and had to borrow players from the School. The rain-soaked condition of the field ruined any chances of good football, yet the game was fought out with amazing speed in the first half. In the second half, however, the School XI, revelling in the mud, trounced the Old Boys who were now very tired, and eventually won by 7 goals to 2.

The Easter Term opened with a match against Llandrindod Grammar School in which no goals were scored, the frozen ground being responsible for an indifferent performance from both sides. We then registered our biggest victory of the season against Brecon Boys' Club, when the School forwards went "goal happy" and won by 9—2, Pritchard bagging another six.

Following this game, however, a definite falling off in the standard of play was perceptible and after several drawn games this lapse culminated in our first defeat since September 7th, when our old rivals Builth won 2—1 at Brecon. A second lethargic and disappointing performance ensued on the following Saturday, when the School were fortunate to hold Llandrindod to 2—1.

The season ended with a return game against the Old Reys on April 5th. This game we won 1-0.

Afterwards the two teams enjoyed tea together at the Cafe Royal.

D. W. RICE, VI.

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#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP, FOOTBALL, 1949-50.

			Se	nior.				
		Goals						
		Played	W	D	L	F	A	Points
Gam	-	18	12	4	2	41	17	28
Theophilus		18	12	3	3	53	21	27
Siddons		18	3	3	12	19	47	9
Vaughan	***	18	- 1	6	11	19	47	8
			Ju	nior.				
					Goals			
		Played	W	D	L	F	A	Points
Theophilus		18	12	2	4	42	12	26
Gam		18	10	3	5	29	18	23
Siddons	***	18	8	3	7	26	18	19
Vaughan		18	2	0	16	10	59	4



#### SOCCER XI, 1949-50.

Mr. J. E. Davies, E. J. Simmonds, D. F. Candy, T. G. Powell, J. C. Davies, Mr. J. Morgan (Headmaster), B. P. Richards, D. T. Pritchard, L. Hargest, D. W. Rice (Capt.), L. V. G. Jones, C. Hawker, W. Devereux, P. W. Holt.

#### OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

At last we have an Old Boys' Association. The story of its formation briefly is this. The Headmaster (Mr. Jacob Morgan, M.A.) called a meeting of Old Boys on Friday, 6th January, 1950, when about fifty attended. It was decided unanimously to form an Association, to be known as the Brecon Grammar School Old Boys' Association, and having as its objects "the renewal of friendships, the welfare of the School and the formation of a bond of union between past and present pupils". The subscription rates would be 3/6 annually, or 15/- for five years, or £3 for life membership.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. Garnet Morris; Vice-Presidents, The Headmaster and Mr. Stanley E. Jenkins; Honorary Secretary and Treacurer, Mr. H. Prosser Roberts, with the following Committee: Messrs. W. I. Jones, F. B. Jones, F. M. Thomas, E. B. Powell, H. S. Morgan, R. G. Davies, H. J. Leonard, D. J. Jones, A. J. Thorogood and J. I. Golesworthy.

The Committee is a representative one, as it consists of two members from each decade as well as members from the rural areas. At its first meeting Mr. W. Ifor Jones, J.P., was elected Chairman, and Mr. F. M. Thomas, Vice-Chairman.

Arrangements are well in hand for the 1950 programme which consists of football and cricket matches against the School, an Inaugural Dinner on Friday, 26th May, and a combined Old Boys' and Old Girls' Dance in December, It is hoped to introduce other functions as the Association develops.

During the last few weeks we have communicated with over 600 Old Boys whose whereabouts are known. There are, of course, very many more with whom, unfortunately, we have lost touch. If you, who read this, can help us to trace them we shall be grateful. The response to date has been most gratifying, but it would be folly to say that we are satisfied and that our efforts are over. If the Association is to thrive we shall need the co-operation of every available Old Boy. The School can and will do its share, but without your support all its efforts will be in vain. In the near future we shall have to decide on the form of a memorial to those who fell in the last war, and we would welcome your views and suggestions. In these and other ways every Old Boy can ensure the success of the Association.

Finally, we welcome the advent of "The Silurian". It is fitting that the Magazine and the Association should come into being at the same time, and although this is merely a coin-

cidence, it augurs well for the future of both. The co-operation which is already evident can play an important part in making each something of which the School may be justly proud. We face the future together.

News of Old Boys.

The following items of news have been brought to our notice. We invite District Correspondents and Old Boys themselves to keep us informed of suitable material for the next number of the Magazine.

Births.
To K. V. and Mrs. Williams, on 9th January, 1950, a son,
Colin David.

Engagements.
A. C. C. Duroe to Miss Patricia Walters, of Romford.
A. J. Evans to Miss Evelyn Hollis, of Letchworth.
A. J. S. Short to Miss Joan-Ayliffe, of Ffawyddog.
K. J. Wheeler to Miss Mary Powell, of Pennorth.

Marriages. E. W.

Ariages.
E. W. Ayliffe to Miss Doreen Phillips, on 4th August, 1949.
at the Cathedral, Brecon.
T. Jones to Miss Myra Hubbard, on 14th January, 1950.
at St. Mary's Church Brecon.
L. J. Morgan to Miss Constance Mary Davies, on 14th January, 1950, at St. Michael's Church, Llanfihangel-Nant-Bran.

Deaths.

A. D. Grant (1939-44), on 14th September, 1949, as the result of an accident on the Brecon Beacons. In his last year at School he was the Senior Prefect. After obtaining his Higher Certificate in 1944 he volunteered for the Royal Navy, and on demobilization he entered Lincoln College, Oxford, where he was an undergraduate at the time of his death.

D. L. Schligger (1928-35), on 19th November, 1949,

uate at the time of his death.

D. L. Sullivan (1928-35), on 19th November, 1949, after a very short illness. While at School he gained his Football Colours, playing at centre-forward in the School Team, and in later years "Les" Sullivan became a well known figure in local football. During the war he joined the R.A.S.C. and served in Italy and Africa. On his return he became Assistant to the Town Clerk of Brecon.

L. B. Davies 1941-43), on 4th December, 1949, as the result of a road accident.

#### General.

We wish to congratulate:

G. W. Davies (1910-13) on his election as President of the Brecon Chamber of Trade.

R. G. Goodship (1928-33) on being appointed Head-master of Calne C.E. Junior School.

J. Rendell Jones (1924-29) on his appointment as Deputy Director of Education for East Sussex.

David Lewis, M.B.E. (1899-1901) on his election to the Vice-Chairmanship of the Breconshire County Council.

Dyfed Lewis (1937-43) who after a brilliant academic record at Aberystwyth and St. John's College, Cam-bridge, is now Research Scientific Officer at Sheffield

Garnet Morris (1896-99) on having been Chairman of the Breconshire County Council for the last two years.

James Morton (1927-31) on being appointed M.B.E.

A. V. Preece (1923-30) on his appointment to the post of Assistant English Master at the Liverpool Institute High School for Boys.

Dr. O. T. W. Price (1937-43) on his successes at Aberyst-wyth and Oxford, and we wish him well in his further studies in Wisconsin, U.S.A.

We hear that:

A. O. Griffiths (1937-41) now lives in Chicago.

R. J. Keylock (1937-42) is employed by a Shipping Trading Company in Johannesburg, South Africa.

W. J. J. Morris (1928-29) is serving with a Signal Squad-ron in Mombasa, East Africa.

W. Roberts (1939-43) who is now in Australia, is married and the proud father of twins.



#### ASSOCIATION NOTES.

List of Members (As on 31st March, 1950).

Abel E. D. (1941-45).
Ashcroft, D. E. J. (1936-41).
Bevan, G. E. T. (1940-44).
Candy, C. J. N. (1941-47).
Carr, C. (1937-42),
Clarke, T. J. E. (1926-30).
Colwell, A. G. (1932-7).
Coombe, J. D. (1941-48).
Ccombe, P. D. (1943-49).
Ccombe, P. D. (1943-49).
Ccombe, W. D. (1938-44).
Cross, T. (1908-13).
Davies, B. (1945-48).
Davies, D. G. G. (1955-40).
Davies, D. J. (1941-45).
Davies, D. G. G. (1955-40).
Davies, J. (1939-45).
Davies, G. W. (1910-13).
Davies, J. E. (Staff).
Davies, J. E. (Staff).
Davies, W. G. (1937-43).
Davies, W. G. (1937-43).
Davies, W. O. (1924-30).
East, R. W. (1933-36).
Evans, D. H. (1941-47).
Evans, E. T. (1939-46).
Evans, H. J. (1926-31).
Evens, A. A. (1946-49).
Fensome, A. B. (1929-35).
Finck, C. N. (1924-29).
Golesworthy, J. I. (1940-45).
Goodship, R. G. (1928-33).
Grant, T. H. (1918-20).
Griffiths, G. D. (1937-41).
Griffiths, G. D. (1937-40).
Hall, L. S. (1939-44).
Hathaway, F. R. (1943-46).
Hobbby, S. G. (1939-44).
Hobburd, A. G. (1937-40).
Holtam, W. C. (1944-47).
Hopkins, K. W. (1941-47).
Hopkins, R. (1909-13).
Howells, M. (1938-44).
Hubbard, A. G. (1933-38).

Inglis, D. (Staff), Jelfreys, E. (1934-40), Jenkins, D. E. (1935-40), Jenkins, D. H. (1898-1902), Jenkins, D. H. (1898-1902), Jenkins, D. H. (1898-1902), Jenkins, M. J. (1928-32), Jenkins, M. J. (1928-33), Jenkins, M. J. (1928-33), Jenkins, M. J. (1928-33), Jenkins, S. E. (1900-04), Jones, D. Albert (1940-47), Jones, D. Albert (1940-47), Jones, D. C. B. (1937-41), Jones, D. P. (1937-41), Jones, E. B. (1932-36), Jones, E. B. (1932-36), Jones, E. B. (1932-36), Jones, E. B. (1932-36), Jones, F. B. (1901-04), Jones, F. B. (1912), Jones, G. B. (1942-48), Jones, J. D. E. (Staff), Jones, J. P. (1928-32), Jones, J. P. (1928-32), Jones, R. G. (1941-48), Jones, S. I. (1934-44), Jones, W. I. (1898-1902), Leonard, C. A. W. (1928-36), Leonard, H. J. (1936-39), Letton, W. F. (1941-45), Lewis, Dyfed (1937-43), Lewis, J. S. (1944-49), Lewis, R. C. (1931-35), Macadam, B. J. M. (1918-21), Malcolm, J. W. D. (1936-40), Mork, J. V. (1941-45), Morgan, D. P. (1947-31), Morgan, R. W. (1927-31), Morris, A. G. (1828-29), Morris, W. V. (1931-36), Morton, J. (1927-31), Morris, W. V. (1931-36), Morton, J. (1927-31), Morris, W. V. (1931-36), Morton, J. (1927-31),

Norman, W. H. (1924-29).
Owen, D. A. S. (1935-39).
Parry, E. C. (1909-14).
Perry, J. R. (1941-46).
Phippen, A. J. (Staff).
Powell, I. P. (1943-49).
Powell, W. H. J. (1932-37).
Precee, A. V. (1923-30).
Price, H. G. (1946-48).
Price, J. G. T. (1907-13).
Price, W. (1903-06).
Price, W. (1903-06).
Price, W. (1903-06).
Price, W. J. E. (1936-43).
Pritchard, D. I. S. (1945-49).
Pugh, J. A. (1931-37).
Pullen, W. A. E. J. (1936-41).
Richards, B. P. (1941-48).
Roberts, D. L. (1939-45).
Roberts, D. L. (1939-45).
Roberts, H. P. (Staff).
Robinson, J. G. (1944-48).
Rewlands, E. I. (1923-29).
Rowlands, T. J. T. (1912-16).
Ryder, W. D. (1937-42).
Smith, K. T. (1941-46).
Stone, R. J. (1934-40).
Inaugural Dinner.

Styles, T. C. H. (1944-49). Thomas, F. M. (1910-14). Thomas, F. M. (1910-14). Thomas, G. (1918-20). Thomas, P. A. (1941-46). Thomas, P. A. (1941-46). Thomas, R. M. (1935-41). Thorogood, A. J. (1938-42). Trimm, K. J. (1942-48). Walkins, H. L. (1940-45). Walkins, W. R. (1944-48). Walkins, W. R. (1944-48). Weale, W. C. (1925-30). Webb, J. S. (1939-44). White, W. M. (1932-36). Whitney, J. R. (1937-41). Williams, A. R. (1925-32). Williams, B. R. C. (1943-49). Williams, B. R. C. (1943-49). Williams, G. H. (e 1920). Williams, J. J. (1914-17). Williams, J. J. (1930-34). Williams, Thomas J. (1930-34). Williams, Thomas J. (1930-34). Williams, Thomas J. (1930-34). Williams, Trevor J. (1930-34). Williams, Trevor J. (1930-34). Williams, T. G. (1938-42).

Inaugural Dinner.

The Inaugural Dinner will be held at the Cafe Royal, Brecon at 6.30 p.m. (for 7 p.m.) on Friday, 26th May, 1950. Members of the Association will be notified of arrangements, but other Old Boys wishing to attend should communicate with the Honorary Secretary.

Old Boys' Tie. These are now available at Messrs. Watts, The Clothiers, Brecon. Price 5/11 each.

The Silurian.

A limited number of copies of the Magazine are still available for distribution to Old Boys who join the Association without delay.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Members are requested to inform the Honorary Secretary when they change their address, and to notify him of successes or appointments gained, or any other news of interest. Communications.

All communications in connection with the Association should be addressed to H. Prosser Roberts, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Old Boys' Association, Boys' Grammar School, Brecon.

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