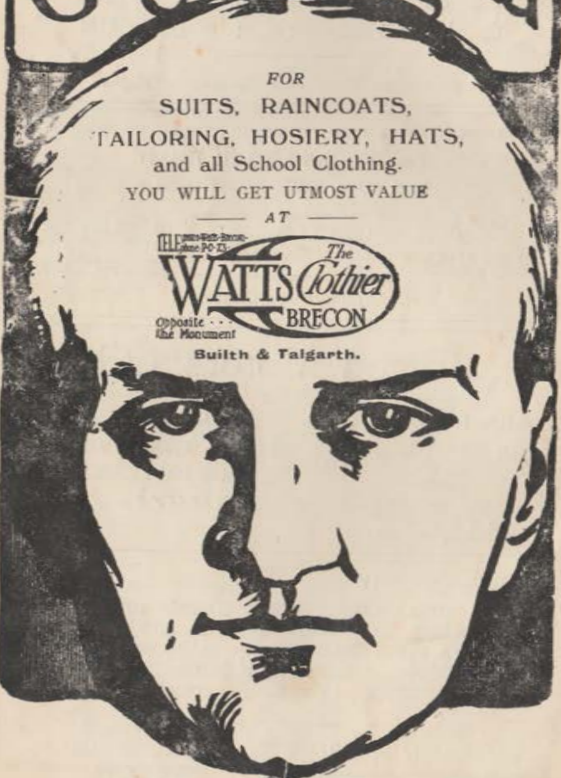


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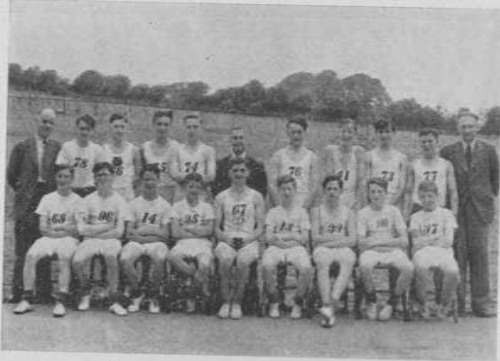
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EDITORIAL.

We proudly present to our readers the third volume of "The Silurian." Our feeling of pride is not shallow nor boastful but springs from the satisfaction of knowing that "The Silurian" is gradually imposing itself into the pattern of our School life. We even venture to claim that it has found its rightful place in the hearts of our Old Boys.

Financial worries recede as the number on the School Roll grows and, wonderful to relate, as the Old Boys' Association moves from success to prosperity.

Since the previous publication much has happened at School as our accounts will testify. We feel, however, that it is our duty to record that our Headmaster is now fully recovered after enduring a painful illness which kept him away from us during the Christmas Term of 1951.

In the past, appeals to the Old Boys for articles of interest have proved disappointing. This year realises the inclusion of a contribution from one who was an eminent scholar in the 'thirties. It is hoped that this innovation will establish itself as a regular feature of our Magazine.

While we claim that this is the best "Silurian" yet, we would point out to future Editors that the greatest enemy of the best is the better.

A. R. THOMAS, VI.
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SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1951-1952.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

In September, 1951, we welcomed to the Staff Mrs. M. Timothy, B.Sc., and in January, 1952, Mr. D. T. Havard, B.Sc. Mr. Douglas Morgan, B.Sc. left us in December, 1951, to take up a post at Ystalyfera.

Owing to ill health the Headmaster was unable to resume duties in the Christmas Term. We are pleased to see him back again and hope he maintains his steady progress. Our grateful thanks to Mr. Lewis Lewis for the excellent and efficient way in which he shouldered the duties of Acting Headmaster. Our thanks also to Mr. A. R. Williams, M.A., who joined the Staff temporarily, thereby relieving Mr. Lewis of his teaching duties.

Congratulations to M. T. H. Styles who gained admission to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. He is the first pupil of this school to achieve this distinction.

The Dorian Trio paid its customary visits to the school. It has been said that music hath charms to soften rocks. O that it would soften the gymnasium floor during these recitals!

In June of last year 60 boys and 3 members of the Staff journeyed to Stratford-on-Avon where they saw a performance of "Henry IV, Part II". The production was by Michael Redgrave, and the part of Falstaff was taken by Anthony Quayle.

During the Summer Term, 1951, a number of boys accepted the kind invitation of Mr. J. C. P. de Winton, M.A., to attend the unveiling of a plaque at Tallylyn Station, commemorating the opening of the Tunnel.

Last Summer term golf enthusiasts marked out a miniature golf course on the green beside the Gymnasium. So popular was the game that the caretaker's scythe was given a long rest.

In January of this year the School was visited by Rev. P. A. Cathan, a native of Mauritius, and Canon S. A. Mara, of Dharwar, in the Diocese of Bombay. They were visiting this country on the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the S.P.G. Their talks to us proved most interesting and instructive.

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On Friday, 13th February, 1952, a number of the "French" boys of the Sixth and Fifth forms, together with some of their counterparts from the Girls' School, went to Cardiff High School to see a performance of Molière's comedy "Le Malade Imaginaire," presented under the auspices of the South Wales Branch of the Modern Languages Association.

The Xmas Term saw the start of the Discussion Group held in conjunction with the Girls' School. We thank the Headmistress, Miss M. E. Jarvis, M.A., for her willingness to allow the discussions to be held at the Girls' School.

During the Summer Term of 1951, Basket Ball was introduced for the first time as a school game. Under Mr. W. H. Williams' care the game made an instant appeal. This year it is hoped to run a Basket Ball House Competition, both Junior and Senior.

The whole school extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davies on the birth of a second son—Huw Brychan—born March 8th, 1952.

AR Y MYNYDD.

Hyfryd ar y bannau
Yn yr oriau mân;
Yno mae'r bugeiliaid
Cyda'u defaid glân.

Iach yw ar y mynydd
Awel ar bob twyn;
Hyfryd yw ar hafddydd
Dan yr heulwen fwyn.

Braf yw ar y llethrau,
Hoff chwaraefan wyn,
Rhedant at eu mamau,
Franciant 'mysg y brwyn.

Pan ddaw'r gaeaf heibio
Llety'r gwyntoedd yw,
Ac ni welir arno
'Run creadur byw.

D. M. JONES, VI.

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THE HAVARD CHAPEL, BRECON CATHEDRAL.

The Havards of Pontwylim, the most powerful family in the parish of St. John, Brecon, were descended from Sir Walter Havard, one of the Knights who accompanied Bernard Newmarch, or Newmarket, into this part of Wales during the last quarter of the 11th Century and after its conquest was given the manor of Pontwylim and many other lands.

The manor house has disappeared and in its place is a farm house situated about one mile to the north of the town. Another estate within this parish named Curt Sion Young, a noted house, as Theophilus Jones tells us "to the left of the lime pits on Pyllau Calch" was in the early 15th Century occupied by a branch of this family.

During the latter part of the 16th Century the Havards left the parish and settled in many parts of South Wales. A branch settled in Carmarthenshire, from whom are descended the Philipps of Dolhaidd. Pengoyfford, Llanfillo is another residence of a branch of this family.

The Dwynoch branch is perhaps the most perfect line of descent at the present time. Dr. W. T. Havard, Bishop of St. David's, once a scholar of this school, is a direct descendant of the Dwynoch Havards. There is little doubt that in the medieval and later times the church on this hill above the walled town of Brecon was frequently used by this family.

Not all the church was parochial. The eastern limb or presbytery and the space beneath the town were monastic.

The monks were of the Benedictine order, brought to Brecon by Bernard Newmarch on the advice of his confessor Roger, a monk of Battle Abbey in Sussex.

The parishioners worshipped in the nave and a large screen or partition known as the Rood Screen divided the church into two parts—to the east of the screen the monks' church, and to the west the people's church.

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The Norman church was rebuilt in the 13th Century and small chapels on each side of this church were added, and it is the chapel on the north side which we are now considering.

The original design is uncertain, but from the remains of a springing stone in the South West corner, it suggests that there were four bays of vaulting rising from a central pillar. Traces of the roofs of these chapels are still visible above the two entrance arches together with a beautiful single lancet window, originally intended to admit light into the north transept, but which now ceases to function.

After the Black Death, 1349, the chapels fell into a dilapidated condition and the family of Havard were said to have been responsible for the rebuilding of the large chapel which to-day is called by their name, but it is not certain whether they were wholly responsible for its restoration.

Other names are associated with the chapel such as Lady Chapel, as its position on the north side of the Chancel was usually, in the absence of an eastern extension of this part, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

There are 16th Century wills of Brecon people, who wished to be buried in the Vicar's Chapel, which was used by the guild chaplains, whose head or warden was the Vicar of the parish.

That these chaplains were to robe in surplices and not to mix with the people in the churchyards or in the fields, suggests that they met in a field now known as "Clapper Field" or "Chapel Field" in the Priory Groves.

The Havards were a brave race much praised by our Welsh poet Lewis glyn Cothi in his poems, and no doubt together with David Gam and Roger Vaughan they followed the Lord of Brecknock, Henry V, to Agincourt in 1415.

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Placed before the altar are benches called by the Reformation name "Houseling benches". Before benches or rails were introduced a long cloth of linen was held by two servers before the communicants as they knelt to receive the Eucharist, its purpose being to catch any particle of the sacrament which, through accident might fall during the administration.

William Langland makes Piers say—

"I did me to church
To hear wholly the Mass
And be houselled after".

About the middle of the last century a number of churches are recorded as having used Houseling cloths and in a church in Cornwall the popular idea was to prevent the dresses of the Squires' ladies being spoiled!

After the 1914-18 Great War the South Wales Borderers were responsible for the refitting and beautifying of this chapel and on Ascension Day, 1922, it was rededicated as a Memorial Chapel to the memory of the 5,777 Officers and men who sacrificed their life in that war.

The treasures of the "Old 24th Regiment", the Chillian-wallah colour and the Zulu War colours, the pole of the 1st Battalion at Isandhlwana, and the 2nd Battalion at Rorkes Drift, and the wreath of immortelles are safely housed in this ancient chapel of the brave, fighting family of the Havards whose motto was and still is—"Hope is God".

D. L. JONES, VI.

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U.C.W. ABERYSTWYTH REPORT.

The total number of old pupils of the School who are pursuing courses of study here in Aber. remains the same. Walter Price and Dennis Morgan have left us and L. V. G. Jones and A. B. Winstone have filled their places.

Walter Price has taken an appointment and is no longer to be seen hurrying to and from lectures. Though burdened with the responsibility of a wife and family, Walter still managed to find time to participate actively in the social life of the College.

Dennis Morgan is at the present time serving with the R.A.F. at a station in the Midlands, and is finding life rather interesting. He has a post with N.A.A.S., at their Bangor centre, awaiting him when he finishes his National Service and so he has no worries about the future.

We saw very little of Dennis during his last six months in Aber, because he was working particularly hard upon the thesis that earned him his M.Sc.

The newcomers seem to have settled down well and hard work appears to be the "order of the day". However, they are both sensible enough to take time off now and then to attend the various social functions provided by the College.

I don't know whether Bryan Winstone aims at a "Bohemian touch" or not, but last time I saw him he had the beginnings of what in the future would be a truly magnificent beard. (Note: there is an acute shortage of razor blades here so perhaps the growth was an enforced one).

L. V. G. Jones is at the moment what one might describe (no offence being meant) as a "quiet type", but I have no doubt that he will participate more fully in the recreational activities of the Coll. as time goes on.

The "old-stagers," Dave Rice and Ivor Price, are really enjoying life here. Ivor is a great "ladies' man", and is to be seen at all the Coll. dances, always immaculately dressed. Dave too is a great dancer, but does his stuff rather better on the soccer field than on the dance floor. He has been able to command a regular place in the 1st XI and is accounted as being one of the most promising players in Coll. at the present time.

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I myself have been very fortunate this year especially in the soccer sphere, having been elected Captain of Coll. soccer, and also chosen to represent the University.

With this I would appear to have exhausted the news about old pupils here in Aber.

H. HOLMES.

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NORTH WALES, BANGOR.

We trust that the same spirit of expectancy awaits the third edition of the "Silurian" as existed on the occasion of its first appearance two years ago. We hope that experience and success have not diminished the excitement of a great ambitious adventure which fired them. It goes without saying that last year's edition was a most entertaining and informative one and we congratulate the editors on being well up to standard.

Four Old Boys of Brecon Boys' County Grammar School are at present students of U.C.N.W. First of all we congratulate C. J. N. Candy and R. G. Jones.

C. J. N. Candy (Crickhowell) upheld the school's illustrious traditions by attaining a first class Honours degree in Electrical Engineering. He has returned to carry out research and hopes to submit a thesis for his Ph.D. At the Electrical Engineering Society's annual exhibition he became notorious as the inventor of a machine which was unbeatable at nimrod.

R. G. Jones (Brecon) completed his degree in Chemistry last session. He is now following a one year course in Teacher's Training at the University of London. We wish him success as our emissary in those dark and dismal parts.

The three "Freshers" of last session were all successfully accepted for Honours courses.

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D. F. Candy (Crickhowell) is in the first year of the Honours French Course. He is making final arrangements to go to France during the Summer Term where he intends to study at the University of Dijon. He is a committee member of the "Cercle Française", and is taking a part in the College production of "The Pirates of Penzance".

J. J. Kiely (Sennybridge) succeeded in passing all his Sessional examinations last year and was one of four students to be admitted to the Honours Mathematics School.

T. G. Powell (Cray). Glyn's cheerful personality is welcomed everywhere he goes in College. He has played football for the 2nd XI, runs his own team—the Nomads—and is a member of every College choir, from the Fish Shop octet to the Choral Society. Amongst his many pastimes he is following the first year Honours Course in History and Political Philosophy.

We were rather disappointed that there were no Freshers from School this year. We would remind those who intend entering the University of Wales next year that Bangor's reputation in the academic world is being further enhanced from year to year. Furthermore we boast of the finest buildings, the best facilities for work, whilst there is every opportunity to follow any kind of sport. This Session the Inter-Collegiate week is being celebrated at Bangor.

In conclusion we send our greetings to all members past and present of our School. We wish the best of luck to those who will be sitting examinations in June. Finally, we thank the Editorial Committee for permitting us to include our report in the "Silurian".

D. F. CANDY.

NOTES FROM CARDIFF U.C.W.

The 1951-52 session sees ten Old Boys from Brecon County Grammar School as students of the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

The outstanding student from Brecon on the academic side is David Jenkins, B.A. This year he is taking an Honours degree in Economics. David is also Vice-President of the Economics and Political Science Society.

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In the academic field David Jenkins is closely followed by Bill Gallagher who is working furiously for his Honours degree in History. Bill plays for the Coll. 1st XI and is representing the Coll. in the final of the U.A.U. Championships. It was he who scored the winning goal in the semi-final against Southampton University.

Ron Hopkin's, Bill's companion throughout school is also completing his degree course. Ron is a member of the 2nd XI football team and of the Football Club Selection Committee.

Leighton Hargest is reading First Year Honours History, Subsidiary English and Archaeology. He is goalkeeper for the Soccer 2nd XI.

Desmond Tidley and John "Smiler" Davies are back together. Des. is another member of the 2nd XI soccer team, and like Ron Hopkin's, is a member of the Football Club Selection Committee. Both John and Des. are studying French, English and History.

Jim Butter is studying English, History and Latin. Though he is not taking a very active part in Union activities, he has played football for the English and History Department in the inter-department championships.

The only representative of Science is Glyn Parry who is studying First Year Honours Maths. and Inters. Physics. Like Jim Butter, Glyn is not yet taking an active part in the Coll's. social activities, but is occasionally to be seen at the Union Saturday night dances.

This session, Ken Jones is reading First Year Honours History, Final Economics and Subsidiary Industrial Relations. He is very keen on the Debating Society and is, at the moment, a convinced pacifist.

David "Dai" Jones is taking Final Economics and Industrial Relations and hopes eventually to find a job in industry. He is this year, Chairman of the Socialist Society, a member of the Student's Union Council, the National Union of Students Committee and of the Executive Committee.

On behalf of all the Old Boys in Cardiff I wish all those sitting examinations next June the very best of luck.

T. K. JONES.

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THUS TO REVISIT.

(or The Prodigal's Return).

By A. R. Williams (1925-32).

"Where once my careless childhood stray'd,
A stranger yet to Paine."

Forty years on is a long time; twenty is long enough. Still it seems but yesterday that we were ushered tactfully off the school premises with promises of reunions, correspondence, and some belated inquiries concerning textbooks and cricket equipment recently mislaid. To return to one's school in the guise of a member of its Staff is a nightmare not vouchsafed to many of its ancient alumni. To do so after such an interval of time should sharpen one's sense of change and gratify one's pride in things as they used to be as opposed to things as they are. Yet, one's impressions in these circumstances are oddly familiar and things seem much as they were.

On arrival at the school one is captivated afresh by the novelty of its architecture. As a monument of masonic morbidity it must be unsurpassed except by Tokyo's Imperial Palace or the new Insurance buildings in Cathays Park. It is, in fact, a structural monstrosity foisted on an unsuspecting community with a splendid disregard for the susceptibilities of posterity. The distant spire and antique tower that piques one's picturesque propensities when glimpsed from the Tarell Bridge seems somehow less exotic when viewed in painful perspective from the pavements below. The gracious curve of the gravel walk beyond the head of the semi-renaissance stairs reaches an anti-climax in the blank brick buttresses of the sanitary annexe, ennobled only by the shelter of embarrassed-looking trees.

In the lobby one is startled by the futuristic geometry of the massive beams desperately contrived to preserve the main internal stairway from ignominious collapse. The fatigue of fifty years has left its mark, though experts have been mystified to discover why this part of the building, more than any other, should show signs of failure. One theory holds that undue strain was placed on the interim landing through the habits of H.P.R.

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who, in his early exuberance as the guardian of physical culture in the school, used to justify an extra thirty seconds in the Staff Room by leaping from the upper guard rail, rebounding from the landing to make his exit with a back-somersault through the double doors. Another (and equally likely) theory is that the colossal accumulation of knowledge borne across the landing by the V1th and the Super V1th beyond has forced a gradual fissure of fatigue in a structure designed with more modest expectations.

Below stairs the semi-basement apartment which in by-gone days resounded to the swish of the plane, the grating of the saw and the cries of anguish that accompanied every fresh mutilation by misguided chisel or file, has been re-furnished as a classroom in the classical style, graced with massive pillars which shelter the nodding student from the refracted sun on the one hand and from the chimney's draught on the other. To the returning tyro it is a constant wonder and gratification to find that, after all these years, the playground has not yet fallen through into the ground floor. The adjoining day-room, once reserved for the dignity of certificate examinations, occasional bicycles and the lurches of country boys, now harbours the Form most representative of the school, selected by some witless evolutionary process from among the eccentrics and geni of the junior school. In this coterie of cultivated calibans a boy is made or marred for the rest of his school career.

Between the lobby and the main class rooms change vies with decay. The Fifth Form on the right still houses the independent minority of seniors and the same collection of trick furniture as of yore, while, opposite, the old cloakroom has been de-forested of its towering hangers and branching rails. The wash-basins, always a luxury, have been demolished, to provide a typical modern classroom, too large for a small form and too small for a large.

Beyond the imposing portals of what was once the School Hall lies a kind of scholastic no-man's land, sometimes occupied by guerrilla bands, hanging as it were, on the fringes of learning and only partly on the edicts of some self-conscious teacher, consistently distracted by solitary scouts despatched to spy on the school clock, sometimes by administrative forays and not infrequently by a reconnaissance in force designed to secure a foothold for other D.P.'s. To the south-west still stands the hulk of that noble relic, the headmaster's ceremonial desk and dais, from which in more intimate days the

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assembled school received frequent admonitions for the misdemeanours and peccadilloes of the day or week. Northwards, behind the partition that from madmen wits perhaps divides, are hived, as ever, the worker-bees, the back-room boys of the certificate Form who have a not-so-distant date with destiny and others from another school. Closeted in monastic isolation, they emerge only for occasions of exercise, or ablation, refusing conversation with their acolytic juniors and regarding with mute envy the dedicated seniors whose novitiate is accomplished and spiritual resignation achieved.

Aloft, the nominal form room of the puissant V1th, though now fuller of resplendent scholars, has lost the dignity bestowed by its stateliest furnishing, the redundant physics bench which served not only as a repository for unlaundered football "togs" and benighted boots, but also as a shove-ha-penny pitch worthy of the god-like players who skimmed their meteoric coins across its shimmering plane. With what infinite care was film after film of beeswax applied and lovingly caressed until its sheen cut-Mansioned Mansion and a skating fly could have achieved the momentum of an interstellar sphere. The satisfaction derived by one player from the resounding "zunk" of a coin against the wainscot at the allotment end could be matched only by the roulettish clatter of a coin in the sink at the other. Immemorial seems that moment when the Headmaster, returning unespied to a Maths. lesson sabotaged by administrative irrelevances, discovered R—— M—— in the process of perfecting a deflection shot from the "plumbing" end, and his immortal words: "M——! Your day of reckoning will surely come!"

Yet, so intense is the present competition for inclusion among the successors of these august sportsmen, that queues frequently form among those temporarily excluded from the curricular session in progress. In the more somnolent afternoons the environs of the V1th resemble the out-patients' department of a moribund cottage hospital, strewn "thick as autumnal leaves in Vallombrosa" with semi-recumbent forms exhibiting all the characteristics of adenoidal invertebrates. In days gone by these homeless habitues would have found refuge, more often than not, in the sanctified silence of the balance room, now restlessly inhabited by pseudo-physicists, in varying stages of bewilderment and despair, practising the art of note-taking in impossible postures and squatting in cramped circles while being harangued by harassed members of staff 'cribb'd cabin'd and confined' in a corner between the fume-chamber and the sink. Sad it is that the fume-chamber

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has always served as a demonstration of the law of opposites, specialising in the diffusion rather than the dispersal of noxious fumes and assiduously advertising the chemical menu of the day with attenuated samples of aromatic gas.

The Gymnasium, known to the Class of '31 as the Crystal Palace or Bishop Bevan's Folly, still creates an illusion of Kew Gardens among the experimental plots above the mezzanine piazza of the asphalt yard. In its rarified atmosphere the school piano sounds as musical as ever, though one or two notes play more individually than heretofore. Indeed, it sounds better than on that Monday morning after Saturday visitors to the school had padded the strings with tissue paper in psychic anticipation of the chords of "Holy, Holy, Holy."

The school still enjoys the use of spacious playing fields of unique proportions and interesting elevation. Football teams making their weekly pilgrimages to Pwlltycalch, Pontwylm and "The Rec" are assured of an afternoon's thorough exercise, while more than one member of staff owes his present figure to the gentle exertions involved in periodic supervision and ambulatory observation of the play. The School Field proper, with its oblique hazards and precipitous grain, still provides the most interesting venue for soccer in the whole of South Wales and is an endless source of gratification to Old Boys who happen to have fulfilled their National Service commitments at sea. Bradman would not, perhaps, approve of the softening of our younger cricketers which must arise from their being allowed to play House Matches on the comparatively innocuous turf of the Sports Club rather than on the concrete pitches of the upper field.

The interior of the Staff-Room seems very much smaller than in other days, the Staff having grown bigger as the years have rolled by. The atmosphere, nevertheless, is much the same, compounded of tobacco smoke, mouldering football boots and warm air. The view from its window has been slightly enhanced by the purlieus of the new municipal bowling rink which supersedes the older and rather scabious Mill Green, "with blossomed furze unprofitably gay". Nothing, however, not even the latest ablutatory abominations of a new Council estate, can ever subdue the inspiration of the background of the everlasting hills, of which the great C.W.B. poet, Ceiriog, once wrote:—

Aros mae'r mynyddoedd mawr,
Rhwo trostynt mae y gwynt.

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Once again a party of boys under the supervision of Mr. J. H. Williams visited Paris. Throughout our ten day stay in the beautiful capital the weather was perfect, enabling us to see and enjoy much of the city.

This year we stayed at the Lycee Michelet, a truly magnificent building of huge proportions. What a school as compared with our humble building! Two thousand pupils and a Staff of just over one hundred. All our meals were served in the school dining hall and the food was not of this world. To those who appreciate good food a visit to Paris is surely a "must".

In the grounds of the Lycee was a large outdoor swimming bath which was visited about three times daily by the swimmers of the party. Swimming, ice cream and soft drinks kept our temperatures fairly normal throughout the hot day.

Riding on the "Metro"—the Paris Underground—was a daily experience which once undergone is never to be forgotten. A visit to the Palace of Versailles, ancient home of the French kings provided us with a breathtaking spectacle. The tomb of Napoleon, and Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, the Paris Zoo and of course the Eiffel Tower, were some of the places visited. Notre Dame and Sacre Coeur, two strangely differing churches, were also visited.

The weather, the food, the drinks, exciting trips all over Paris, the rattling Metro, beautiful buildings, a strange tongue, the cheapness of fruit, the time when a "Latin" boy got lost, all these are fixed in my mind. But above all I remember the road traffic.

Any visitor to Paris is bound to be struck by the speed at which motor vehicles travel there. Cars travelling along a cobbled street in the dark at 80 m.p.h. and a head on collision between two fast moving taxis are only two of the many scenes I witnessed. In this country our motto is "Keep death off the road"; the problem in Paris is to keep it on the road and off the pavement!

W. A. TOVELL, VI.

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- Butter, H. A. J. ... English, Latin, History.
- Jones, L. V. G. ... English, Latin, History.
- Lewis, H. W. ... Pure Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
- Parry, C. G. ... Pure Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
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- Mills, J. H. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh, Latin, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Morgan, C. G. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, History, Geography, Chemistry.

- Morris, P. J. ... English Language, Geography.
- Moses, H. ... English Literature, Welsh*, French, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Price, G. I. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, Latin, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Price, R. N. R. ... English Literature, Welsh*, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Richards, B. P. ... English Language, French*, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Rowlands, J. ... English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Shellard, M. R. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, Latin, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Spiller, B. M. ... French, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Stroud, G. E. ... English Language, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Styles, M. T. H. ... English Language, English Literature, French*, Geography, Mathematics, Physics.
- Swain, W. S. J. ... English Language, English Literature.
- Thomas, D. G. ... English Language, History.
- Tovell, W. A. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, French*, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Tyler, W. B. ... English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
- Went, A. C. ... Physics.

* Indicates a pass in the written and oral examination in the subject.

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THE EISTEDDFOD.

For the first time the Annual Eisteddfod was held in the Guild Hall; this meant more comfort for competitors and audience, and also gave us the opportunity of welcoming many friends of the school. This year St. David's Day fell on a Saturday, so we were obliged to hold our Eisteddfod on the following Monday, but we apparently lost none of the auspicious influence of our Patron Saint for it was in every way an outstanding success.

The winning house was Vaughan, closely followed by Gam, and with Siddons and Theophilus third and fourth respectively. We note that Vaughan's victory came not so much from an abundance of individual talent as from the combined effort of the house; for their success was assured by the lead of 40 standard points gained in the preliminary tests. Gam staged a very determined rally and were only defeated by the comparatively small margin of 16 points. The final result was:

Vaughan	214
Gam	198
Siddons	169
Theophilus	124

The Eisteddfod was ably conducted by the Headmaster, and the Mayor of Brecon, Councillor R. V. Williams, presided throughout. The adjudicators, Professor Isaac Thomas, B.A., B.D., Rev. H. B. Hughes, B.A., and Mr. L. C. Moses are to be commended for their difficult tasks. We would also like to thank the accompanist, Mrs. A. J. Price, L.L.C.M.

All agree, however that the success of the Eisteddfod was largely due to the splendid efficiency of the organisation. This was in the capable hands of Mr. Harvey Williams, and we feel that special praise and thanks are due to him for his efforts. He was ably supported by Mr. J. H. Williams, Mr. D. Inglis and Mr. A. J. Phippen.

We also thank Mr. R. J. Wells for kindly decorating the stage.

Here is a list of individual winners together with the houses they represent and the Test Piece set in each competition.

Junior Competitions.

- Welsh Recitation*, "Cenhadon y Gwanwyn."
gan L. M. Thomas.
1. D. J. Williams (G); 2. A. Rees (G); 3. W. Griffiths (V).
- English Recitation*, "The Snare," by J. Stephens.
1. G. V. M. Wilson (G); 2. A. J. Jones (V); 3. P. W. G. Dew (S).
- Welsh Solo*, "Y Deryn Pur."
1. A. R. Parry (G); 2. I. R. Griffiths (S); 3. P. W. G. Dew (S).
- English Solo*, "Hark, Hark the Lark," by Schubert.
1. D. G. Jones (S); 2. I. R. Griffiths (S); 3. C. E. J. Bastin (S).
- Pianoforte Solo*, "Hedge Roses," by Schubert.
1. A. J. Jones (V); 2. I. G. Prosser (V); 3. T. A. P. Carvell (V).
- Poem*, "Country Lane."
1. T. L. Powell (G); 2. R. Pritchard (V); 3. W. Griffiths (V).
- Humorous Poem*, "The Errand Boy."
1. G. Jones (V); 2. R. Pritchard (V).
- Design for a Calendar in Colour*.
1. J. D. Brown (V); 2. V. Davies (T); 3. I. C. Baugh (G).
- Essay*, "The things that constitute the real wealth of Wales."
1. G. R. Gallagher (S); 2. T. L. Powell (G); 3. W. Griffiths (V).

Senior Competitions.

- Welsh Recitation*, "Wil," gan I. D. Hooson.
1. D. Davies (G); 2. S. E. Rees (V); 3. G. L. Williams (T).
- English Recitation*, "Dover Beach," by Matthew Arnold.
1. S. E. Rees (V); 2. I. G. Williams (G); 3. G. M. H. Hughes (G).
- Welsh or English Solo*, "Tros y Garreg" or "Over the Stone."
1. W. O. Jones (S); 2. D. L. Jones (S); 3. O. J. Wallis (T) and B. T. P. Richards (T).
- Poem*, "Market Day."
1. M. R. Shellard (V); 2. H. Moses (T); 3. W. M. A. Davies (V).
- Humorous Poem*, "I forgot, Sir."
1. M. R. Shellard (V); 2. O. J. Wallis (T); 3. H. Moses (T).
- Design for a Calendar*.
1. D. J. Croley (V); 2. D. J. Lewis (S); 3. M. R. Shellard (V).

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Short Story.

1. A. R. Thomas (G); 2. D. N. B. Rees (G); 3. B. P. Richards (T) and R. D. Gould (S).
- Essay*, "What St. David would think if he came back to Wales in 1952."
1. A. R. Thomas (G) and G. L. Davies (S); 3. J. M. Williams (T).

Competition for Prefects Only.

- Reading from the Holy Scriptures*, St. Mark i, 4-15, 21-22.
1. G. M. H. Hughes (G); 2. A. R. Thomas (G); 3. W. A. Tovell (S).

Open Competitions.

- Welsh Recitation*, "Cwm Pennant," gan Eifion Wyn.
1. G. T. M. Jones (V); 2. A. J. Jones (V); 3. I. G. Williams (G).
- Handicraft*.
1. D. M. Jones (G); 2. A. Rees (G); 3. C. B. Like (G).
- Parody*, "Lake Isle of Innisfree."
1. A. R. Thomas (G); 2. G. M. H. Hughes (G).

G. M. H. HUGHES, VI.

COUNTRY LANE.

(Winning Junior Poem in School Eisteddfod).

O come, let us take a quiet stroll,
Down through a lonely country lane,
So peaceful, rousing the saddened soul,
Where no one's smile is seen to wane.

O please, come and see the great wonders with me,
The beautiful flowers adorn the clear ditches,
Hear the birds a-singing and you will agree,
The great wide world, nowhere has such riches.

Away from the bustle of the busy wide world,
The trees in their splendour form pictures of beauty,
We see Mother Nature with her greatness unfurled,
In this lovely lane, Nature has done her duty.

T. L. POWELL, IIIA.

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ATHLETICS, 1951.

The Annual School Sports were held on the I.T.C. Sports Ground on the 28th June. We extend thanks to Major C. P. G. de Winton who so kindly lent us the ground, and to Mrs. R. V. Williams who presented the cup to the captains of the winning house—Vaughan. Mr. Phippen, too, is to be thanked for his thorough arrangements.

Among the many noteworthy performances were the equalling of two records and the setting up of five new ones. Details of these are given below. With competition between Vaughan and Theophilus keen throughout, the final result was:

1. Vaughan (201 points).
2. Theophilus (198 points).
3. Gam (151 points).
4. Siddons (138 points).

Junior School.

- 100 Yards.** Record: 12.25 secs. A. J. Short (T), 1940.
1. W. E. P. Price (V); 2. W. P. Roderick (V); 3. W. Griffith (V).
Time: 12.7 secs.
- 220 Yards.** Record: 28.16 secs. M. T. H. Styles (G), 1948.
1. W. E. P. Price (V); 2. G. L. Williams (T); 3. W. P. Roderick (V).
Time: 28.9 secs.
- Relay (110, 110, 220, 220 yards).** Record: 86.40 secs. Gam, 1938.
1. Vaughan; 2. Theophilus.
Time: 87.5 secs.
- Cricknet Ball.** Record: 216 ft. 5in. L. D. Davies (V), 1949.
1. V. M. Sullivan (S); 2. J. Millington (V); 3. B. T. Williams (S).
Distance: 182 ft. 8½ in.
- Long Jump.** Record 15 ft. 7½ in. M. T. H. Styles (G), 1948.
1. W. E. P. Price (V); 2. I. C. Baugh (G); 3. G. L. Williams (T).
*Distance: 16 ft. 1½ in.
- High Jump.** Record: 4 ft. 5 in. T. C. Stephens (T), 1935.
1. W. E. P. Price (V); 2. I. C. Baugh (G); 3. G. L. Williams (T).
Height: 4 ft. 5 in.

Middle School.

- 100 Yards.** Record: 11.22 secs. M. T. H. Styles (G), 1950.
1. B. P. Richards (T); 2. A. B. Ottewell (S); 3. M. R. Shellard (V).
Time: 11.6 secs.
- 220 Yards.** Record: 26 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1944.
1. A. B. Ottewell (S); 2. M. R. Shellard (V); 3. I. R. Davies (V).
Time: 26.2 secs.

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- 440 Yards.** Record: 57.71 secs. J. G. Griffiths (V), 1949.
1. I. R. Davies (V); 2. M. R. Shellard (V); 3. L. D. Davies (V).
Time: 60.8 secs.
- Cricknet Ball.** Record: 255 ft. D. S. Jones (G), 1934.
1. L. D. Davies (V); 2. M. R. Shellard (V); 3. B. P. Richards (T).
Distance: 240 ft. 3½ in.
- Discus.** Record: 102 ft. B. P. Richards (T), 1950.
1. L. D. Davies (V); 2. M. R. Shellard (V); 3. B. P. Richards (T).
Distance: 100 ft. 10 in.
- Javelin.** Record: 114 ft. 4 in. J. Rowlands (G), 1950.
1. B. P. Richards (T); 2. L. D. Davies (V); 3. M. R. Shellard (V).
*Distance: 127 ft. 7 in.
- Weight.** Record: 38 ft. 6 in. P. J. Randall (G), 1948.
1. E. Evans (T); 2. B. P. Richards (T); 3. L. D. Davies (V).
Distance: 37 ft. 5½ ft.
- Long Jump.** Record 17 ft. 9¾ in. K. T. Smith (V), 1944.
1. A. B. Ottewell (S); 2. B. P. Richards (T); 3. L. D. Davies (V).
*Distance: 19 ft. 2 in.
- High Jump.** Record: 4 ft. 10½ in. L. S. Davies (S), 1939.
1. D. J. Dacey (S); 2. D. N. B. Rees (G); 3. A. B. Ottewell (S).
Height: 4 ft. 9 in.
- Hop, Step and Jump.** Record: 35 ft. 6 in. J. C. Davies (S), 1949.
1. L. D. Davies (V); 2. B. P. Richards (T); 3. A. B. Ottewell (S).
*Distance: 37 ft. 11 in.

Senior School.

- 100 Yards.** Record: 10.4 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1935.
1. M. T. H. Styles (G); 2. H. A. J. Butter (G); 3. H. A. Morris (T).
Time: 11.4 secs.
- 220 Yards.** Record: 24.8 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1934.
1. J. C. Davies (S); 2. H. A. J. Butter (G); 3. L. Bevan (T).
Time: 26.2 secs.
- 440 Yards.** Record: 55.94 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.
1. H. A. J. Butter (G); 2. L. Bevan (T); 3. W. B. Tyler (V).
Time: 58.9 secs.
- Relay (110, 110, 220, 220 yards).** Record: 78.02 secs. Gam, 1949.
1. Theophilus; 2. Vaughan.
Time: 79 secs.
- Cricknet Ball.** Record: 286 ft. T. C. Griffiths (G), 1934.
1. L. V. G. Jones (V); 2. J. E. Bampfield (G); 3. H. A. J. Butter (G).
Distance: 236 ft. 6 in.

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Discus. Record: 90 ft. 6 in. E. Jones (V), 1950.
1, E. Jones (V); 2, J. E. Bampfield (G); 3, G. I. Price (T).
Distance: 88 ft. 3 in.

Javelin. Record: 129 ft. 2 in. E. Jones (V), 1950.
1, L. V. G. Jones (V); 2, E. Jones (V); 3, B. H. Powell (T).
*Distance: 138 ft. 9 in.

Weight. Record: 31 ft. 9½ in. L. Hargest (G), 1950.
1, M. T. H. Styles (G); 2, J. E. Bampfield (G); 3, A. C. Went (T).
Distance: 30 ft. 3 in.

Long Jump. Record: 19 ft. 8½ in. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.
1, B. H. Powell (T); 2, J. C. Davies (S); 3, M. T. H. Styles (G).
Distance: 19 ft.

High Jump. Record: 5ft. D. I. S. Pritchard (V), 1949.
1, B. H. Powell (T); 2, J. Rowlands (G); 3, J. E. Bampfield (G).
Height: 5ft.

Hop, Step & Jump. Record: 40 ft. 2 in. T. K. Jones (V), 1950.
1, B. H. Powell (T); 2, J. Rowlands (G); 3, D. L. Jones (S).
Distance: 36 ft. 7 in.
*Denotes new record.

W. B. TYLER, VI.

THE COUNTY SPORTS, 1951.

The Annual Championship meeting of the Brecon and Radnor Counties Secondary Schools Amateur Athletic Association was held at the Depot Athletic Ground, Brecon, on Saturday, July 7th, 1951.

Twelve schools took part in the meeting. The Sports commenced at 11 a.m., and the large programme of 59 events was completed by 5 p.m.

The Championship Shields and trophies were presented to the captains of the winning teams by Mr. Jacob Morgan, who kindly deputised at very short notice for Mr. G. R. Eadie, the Chairman of the Breconshire County Council, who was indisposed.

The Middle School team won the Radnor Shield with 39 points. This was a most creditable achievement as the School does not enter for all the events.

W. E. P. Price in the Junior section gained three firsts. The following places were given by members of the School Team.

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Senior.			
Cricket Ball	...	4th	L. V. G. Jones.
Long Jump	...	4th	B. H. Powell.
Weight	...	4th	E. Jones.
High Jump	...	3rd	B. H. Powell.
Discus	...	2nd	E. Jones.
100 Yards	...	4th	M. T. H. Styles.
220 Yards	...	4th	J. C. Davies.

Middle.			
Cricket Ball	...	2nd	M. R. Shellard.
Long Jump	...	3rd	A. B. Ottewell.
Weight	...	1st	E. Evans.
Hop, Step & Jump	...	3rd	L. D. Davies.
High Jump	...	2nd	D. J. Dacey.
Javelin	...	4th	B. P. Richards.
100 Yards	...	1st	B. P. Richards.
880 Yards	...	3rd	M. Balding.
220 Yards	...	1st	A. B. Ottewell.
440 Yards	...	4th	I. R. Davies.
Relay	...	2nd	

Junior.			
Long Jump	...	1st	W. E. P. Price.
High Jump	...	1st	W. E. P. Price.
100 Yards	...	1st	W. E. P. Price.
Relay	...	3rd	

The following boys gained their County Colours:—
W. E. P. Price (2nd award) A. B. Ottewell.
B. P. Richards. E. Evans.

These four competed in the Welsh Championship meeting at Cardiff on July 14th, 1951. W. E. P. Price gained 3rd place in the Long Jump and a standard in the High Jump.

The County Meeting for 1952 is to be held at Builth on Saturday, June 28th. The Welsh National Meeting is to be held at Wrexham on Saturday, July 12th.

CRICKET REPORT.

Captain: L. J. Maisey. Vice-Captain: A. R. Thomas.
Masters: Mr. J. D. E. Jones, Mr. D. Inglis.
Runs.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against.
12	2	4	6	850	1,000

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This was really a successful season for the school First XI since they were in a winning position in the drawn games. The outstanding victory was the defeat of the Christ College Second XI by five wickets, M. R. Shellard taking 6 wickets for 26 runs. The Old Boys game was lost by only one wicket, while the Staff game was drawn. Four players each scored over a hundred runs, and A. R. Thomas (Vice-Captain) was top of the batting averages with 15.14, closely followed by L. J. Maisey (Capt) with 14.99. Congratulations to H. W. Lewis on scoring 51 not out against Merthyr C.G.S.; M. R. Shellard was the most successful bowler with an average of 7.46 runs per wicket.

The results of the House Championship was as follows:—

Juniors.				
	P	W	D	L
Siddons	3	2	1	0
Theophilus	3	2	1	0
Gam	3	1	0	2
Vaughan	3	0	0	3

Senior.				
	P	W	D	L
Gam	3	1	2	0
Theophilus	3	1	2	0
Siddons	3	1	1	1
Vaughan	3	0	1	2

Colours: Re-awards, L. J. Maisey; H. W. Lewis; A. R. Thomas; P. W. Holt; M. Balding.

Awards: A. B. Ottewell; M. R. Shellard; J. C. Davies; E. G. Powell.

FOOTBALL SURVEY, 1951-52.

Captain: J. C. Davies. Vice-Captain: B. P. Richards.
Masters: Mr. J. E. Davies, Mr. D. Inglis.

First XI Results.

Date	Opposition	Home	Lost	1-5
Sept. 22nd	v. Brecon Boys' Club	Home	Lost	1-5
.. 29th	v. Crickhowell Youth Club	Away	Won	2-1
Oct. 6th	v. Talgarth Juniors	...	Won	6-2
.. 13th	v. Builth C.G.S.	...	Won	4-2
.. 27th	v. Talgarth Juniors	...	Won	4-0
Nov. 17th	v. Kington C.G.S.	...	Won	4-3
.. 24th	v. Builth S.G.S.	...	Won	3-0
Dec. 1st	v. Hay Juniors	...	Won	4-0
.. 15th	v. Old Boys	...	Won	4-2

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Jan. 19th	v. Llandrindod C.G.S.	...	Away	Cancelled
.. 20th	v. Presteigne C.G.S.	...	Away	Cancelled
Feb. 2nd	v. Builth C.G.S.	...	Home	Cancelled
.. 9th	v. Brecon Boys' Club	...	Home	Won 11-3
.. 16th	v. Llandrindod C.G.S.	...	Home	Drawn 3-3
.. 23rd	v. Kington C.G.S.	...	Home	Drawn 2-2
Mar. 1st	v. Builth C.G.S.	...	Away	Lost 2-5
.. 22nd	v. Presteigne C.G.S.	...	Home	Cancelled
.. 29th	v. Crickhowell Youth Club	...	Home	Cancelled
Apl. 2nd	v. Old Boys	...	Home	Lost 2-3

Leading Scorers: Shellard, 13; Thomas, 10; Hamer, 9.

Colours: First Awards, L. Bevan; D. W. Hamer; B. A. Morris; M. R. Shellard; L. D. Davies.

Re-Awards, J. C. Davies; B. P. Richards; P. Holt; W. M. A. Davies.

Juniors.

1951.

Oct. 10th	v. Builth S.G.S.	...	Home	Drawn 1-1
.. 20th	v. Brecon C.L.B.	...	Home	Won 2-1
Nov. 17th	v. Kington C.G.S.	...	Away	Lost 0-7
.. 24th	v. Builth C.G.S.	...	Away	Drawn 1-1

1952.

Feb. 2nd	v. Llandrindod C.G.S.	...	Home	Lost 0-3
.. 23rd	v. Kington C.G.S.	...	Home	Won 1-0
Mar. 8th	v. Crickhowell Sec. Modern	...	Home	Lost 0-1
.. 15th	v. Brecon C.L.B.	...	Home	Won 6-2
.. 29th	v. Crickhowell Sec. Modern	...	Away	Drawn 2-2

House Championship.

Seniors.					Goals		
	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts.
Vaughan	18	10	4	4	38	20	24
Theophilus	18	8	6	4	45	38	22
Siddons	18	7	4	7	25	29	18
Gam	18	2	4	12	20	41	8

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Senior, Second XI.

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts.
Siddons ...	18	8	6	4	34	19	22
Gam ...	18	8	3	7	38	33	19
Theophilus ...	18	7	3	8	33	38	17
Vaughan ...	18	5	4	9	20	35	14

Juniors.

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts.
Gam ...	18	15	2	1	51	10	32
Siddons ...	18	8	2	8	24	28	18
Vaughan ...	18	6	1	11	25	35	13
Theophilus ...	18	4	1	13	23	50	9

MARKET DAY.

In from the country of an early morn
 Across the fields all carpeted with dew,
 When scarce the day has first begun to dawn
 The farmer will the road to town pursue.
 Down through the meadow now he wends his way
 As sun with chilly warmth awakes the land;
 Down past the fields of next year's corn and hay
 He calmly drives his noisy, bleating band.

And as the dawn now blossoms into day,
 The farmer's wife prepares to journey too;
 With baskets laden she too wends her way
 Down o'er the stile in morning's rosy hue.
 Careful her fragile burden not to break,
 The produce of a week of honest toil,
 She enters now the town not long awake,
 Once more to sell the produce of the soil.

The market place beholds a busy scene
 Where rustic voices fill the morning air,
 The farmer and his wife again are seen
 Amid a bustling crowd, so free of care.
 All in a while is quiet once again
 As to their homes the farmers make their way.
 But one week hence, in sun or rain,
 They will return—another market day.

M. R. SHELLARD, VI.

THE ERRAND BOY.

(Winning Junior Humorous Poem in the School Eisteddfod).

There lives a little Errand Boy
 Next door to Mair and me,
 He works for our old baker man,
 Whose shop we love to see.

One day as Tom was cycling round,
 His basket full of cakes,
 A dog ran straight across his path
 And he forgot his brakes.

Down fell poor Tom, cream-puffs and all;
 There came a frightful crowd,
 The 'buses stopped, rude schoolboys laughed
 And Tom sobbed long and loud.

When Tom returned that evening sad,
 The baker had a fright,
 The boy was smeared from head to foot,
 He looked an awful sight.

GERAINT JONES, IIA.

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PRIZE DAY.

The chief guest at the Annual Prize Day was the Lord Lieutenant of Breconshire, Major General G. T. Raikes, C.B., D.S.O. Addressing the boys, who were assembled in the Market Hall, the Lord Lieutenant spoke of citizenship and the young person's contribution to the community. "The period at school," he said, "is an advantage of which you should take full benefit". Major General Raikes went on to say that the high ideals and standards in this country are maintained by the individual and that each pupil present had a very real part to play and a great responsibility to shoulder.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Ald. T. E. Watkins, M.P. The chairman was Col. Sir John Lloyd, M.C. During the afternoon the School Choir sang an arrangement for two voices of Handel's "Silent Worship".

Mrs. Raikes presented prizes to the following boys:

- Form IIw: W. R. Price; G. Jones.
- Form IIa: T. L. Powell; W. Griffiths; P. C. Davies.
- Form IIIw: M. B. Gerrish; E. J. Williams.
- Form IIIa: R. G. Tucker; D. L. Howley; D. J. Chatfield.
- Form IVw: B. T. P. Richards; D. W. Hamer.
- Form IVa: H. Evans; H. K. Isaac; D. Davies.
- Form Vj: A. W. Lloyd; P. Harris.
- Form Vp: E. G. Powell; M. T. H. Styles; W. E. P. Price; M. Balding.
- Form Ve: W. A. Tovell; G. I. Price; J. P. Davies; P. W. Holt; M. R. Shellard; J. H. Mills.
- Form VI: H. A. J. Butter; L. V. G. Jones; H. W. Lewis; C. G. Parry; D. N. B. Rees; A. R. Thomas; A. B. Winstone.

PARODIES OF "THE LAKE ISLE OF INNISFREE."
 (With apologies to W. B. Yeats).

I will arise and go now, and climb the creaking stairs,
 To a little den built there, of lath and plaster made;
 Nine footballs will I find there, and bats which need repair,
 And work alone in the dusty shade.

And I'll dislodge the cricket bats and see them tumble down,
 Dropping from the gloom of the ceiling, from where the spider
 swings.

There, morn is inky blackness, and noon's a murky brown,
 And evening's full of ghoulis wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day,
 I hear warm water dripping with low sounds by the door;
 While I stand on the cupboard, or on the bookshelves grey,
 I feel it rising more and more.

A. R. THOMAS, VI.

We will arise and go now, and go to Pen-y-lan,
 And a Grammar School build there, of silver granite made;
 Huge form-rooms will we have there, a hall and theatre plan,
 And work in the library's cool shade.

And we shall have fine labs, there, a staff-room large and
 bright,
 And, standing by green pitches, where happy school boys play,
 Pavilions with hot showers, equipment to delight,
 And room for sport on the dull wet day.

We will arise and go now, for always night and day,
 We hear Committees planning another long delay,
 While we work in the stock-room, or in the tower grey
 And new years come and slip away.

G. M. H. HUGHES, VI.

MUSIC AND THE MAN.

1. Mrs. T-m-th-y I am a lonely little petunia in an onion patch.
2. M-ch-l St-l-s Shrimp Boats.
3. Mr. Phipp-n and the Sec. We are fine musicians.
4. Mr. P. R-b-rts No matter how young a prune may be it's always full of wrinkles.
5. Mr. L. C. M-s-s Run, Rabbit, Run.
6. J. C. D-v-s It's such a long way from your house to my house.
7. Mr. D. I-g-is Am wild again.
8. P-rr- R-ch-rds Early one morning.
9. Gw-n G-les O my beloved Father.
10. C-nt-n You get no bread with one meat ball.

P. W. HOLT, VI.
 D. L. JONES, VI.

THE HAWK.

See him circling o'er the trees,
Gently wheeling on the breeze,
Seeming but on pleasure bent,
But to kill is his intent.

Hov'ring watchman in the sky,
He commands with mewing cry,
Motionless on outspread wings,
One of Nature's feathered kings.

Flutt'ring birds fly fear-filled by,
Death is near from out the sky,
Down he swoops, his cruel beak,
Stretched to tear at victim weak.

Now away across the hill,
Forth he carries limp new kill,
He finds food amid the strife,
Death to him is part of life.

O. J. WALLIS, IVa.

"I FORGOT SIR."

I am a most forgetful boy;
Forget an awful lot Sir,
And as you know, my one excuse
Is, "Sorry I forgot Sir".

I must admit to my regret
I'm not an awful swot Sir,
And when I haven't done my work
Say, "Sorry I forgot Sir".

Such little things do I forget,
They add up to a lot Sir,
The Staff are getting quite fed up
With, "Sorry I forgot Sir".

There was one sunny summer's day
It was so very hot Sir,
I walked towards the promenade
And school I then forgot Sir.

This little song I now submit
To your magazine Sir,
And though my effort may be poor,
You can't say, "I forgot Sir".

M. R. SHELLARD, VI.

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OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

It is our pleasure to record that the Old Boys' Association continues to flourish in this, its third year, and that many former pupils have joined our ranks since the last issue of "The Silurian". The increased membership coupled with the genuine interest shown by members in the welfare of the School is ample proof that the Association is fulfilling its original objects. That we now have gained the confidence of those who feared that this might be another flash in the pan is shown by the increasing number of new members who prefer five-yearly or Life membership. Great credit is due to those Old Boys who have done so much to bring the O.B.A. to the notice of their contemporaries. By persuading relatives and friends to join, they have set an example which others might care to emulate.

The response to the War Memorial Appeal, too, has been most encouraging. Within a year we have received just over £200 from Old Boys and friends of the School. Many more, we feel sure, will wish to associate themselves with such a worthy cause, and we shall be grateful for any donation they may care to make.

Our social activities during the past year have followed on the lines of previous years. In March, 1951, the Second Annual Dinner was held at the Castle Hotel with the President (Mr. Jacob Morgan, M.A.) acting as Chairman. The guests were Mr. D. E. Morgan, M.B.E. (Deputy Chief Constable of Swansea and an Old Boy of the School), Mr. E. A. Watts, Mr. John Morgan and the Senior Prefect, Mr. L. V. G. Jones. Entertainment was kindly provided by the Reverend H. B. Hughes, B.A., and Mr. Tony Elston.

Last January, we held our Second Combined Re-union Dance at the Girls' School and it was, again, a most enjoyable function. We thank the Old Girls' Association for consorting with us.

In the realm of sport the Old Boys gained two victories out of three. Last summer they beat the School Cricket Team by one wicket, but at Christmas they lost to the School in soccer by four goals to two. At Easter, however, the Old Boys repeated their previous Easter score of three goals to two.

The Second Annual General Meeting was held at the School on 25th January, 1952, when the following Officers and Committee were elected: President, Mr. Stanley E. Jenkins;

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Vice-Presidents, the Headmaster and Mr. W. Ifor Jones, J.P.; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. Prosser Roberts; Committee, Messrs. F. B. Jones, A. G. Colwell, G. W. Davies, C. N. Fluck, H. V. Goodwin, H. J. Leonard, C. B. Palmer, A. J. Thorogood, E. B. Powell, A. G. Morris, J. E. J. Davies, Dr. J. G. T. Price and the Reverends O. T. Wallis and D. G. G. Davies. Ex-Officio, Mr. F. M. Thomas. At the first meeting of the Committee, Mr. F. B. Jones was elected Chairman, and Mr. G. W. Davies, Vice-Chairman.

Thanks to the zeal and enthusiasm of those present it was a successful meeting notwithstanding the poor attendance, but how much more valuable it could have been if all members living in and around Brecon had made an effort to attend.

To return to more pleasant topics, the Third Annual Dinner comes within the scope of this survey because it was held rather earlier than usual this year. It took place at the Castle Hotel on 8th March, 1952, with the President, Mr. Stanley E. Jenkins in the chair. The guests were His Worship the Mayor of Brecon (Councillor R. V. Williams, J.P.), Dr. William King, M.A. (one-time H.M. Inspector of Schools in Breconshire), Mr. John Morgan (Sub-Editor of the Brecon and Radnor Express), and the Senior Prefect, Mr. A. R. Thomas. The Reverend H. B. Hughes, B.A., again consented to come along to entertain the company and we are indeed deeply indebted to him for his kindness. Mr. B. R. C. Williams was the accompanist.

During the evening it was announced that Mr. F. Beverley Jones (Chairman of this year's Committee) and his son, Mr. D. C. B. Jones had presented a Challenge Cup to the School. The Headmaster thanked the donors for their generosity and said that the cup would be used for competition in the Senior House Soccer Championship.

Most Old Boys will have heard of the Headmaster's recent illness and will rejoice to hear that he has now fully recovered. The Association wishes him very many years of health and happiness.

In conclusion, we wish to express our gratitude to the Editorial Board of "The Silurian" for their constant co-operation and help.

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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. | Personal. |
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| To D. G. G. and Mrs. Davies, on 12th January, 1952, a son, David Michael. | |
| To W. M. and Mrs. Edwards, on 28th October, 1951, a son, Eryl James. | |
| To D. C. B. and Mrs. Jones, on 22nd March, 1952, a daughter, Susan Ann. and a son, Stephen Charles. | |
| To M. H. and Mrs. Morgans, on 8th February, 1952, a daughter, Hilary Margaret. | |
| To W. H. J. and Mrs. Powell, on 14th December, 1951, a son, Robert Edward. | |
| To W. J. E. and Mrs. Price, on 9th November, 1951, a daughter, Geraldine Anne. | |

Engagement.
J. E. J. Davies to Miss Rosamond Mary Lewis, of Llanddew, Brecon.

- Marriages**
- Dyfed Lewis to Miss Betty Maureen Tailby, on 8th September, 1951, at St. John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield.
- Frederick Jenkins, to Miss Dulcie Owen Jones, on 31st March, 1952, at St. Crispin with Christchurch, Rotherhithe, London.
- S. I. Jones to Miss Nancy Davies, on 28th July, 1951, at the Congregational Chapel, Pontyberem.
- H. J. Leonard to Miss Eileen M. Hadley, on 11th August, 1951, at the Congregational Chapel, Gilwern.
- J. I. Golesworthy to Miss Eleri Catrin Stanley-Jones, on 21st April, 1951, at the Parish Church, Cheltenham.
- T. I. Morgan to Miss Ann Cynthia Griffiths, on 29th March, 1952, at St. David's Church, Llywel, Tre-castle.

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R. G. Smith to Miss Lucy Elizabeth Williams, on 21st July, 1951, at the Parish Church, Ystradgynlais.

James S. Webb to Miss Celia Anne Watts, on 23rd February, 1952, at St. Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye.

General.

We wish to congratulate:

C. J. N. Candy (1941-47) on gaining First Class Honours in Electrical Engineering at the University College of North Wales, Bangor.

H. E. G. Holmes (1941-46) on being chosen to play in the Combined University of Wales team versus a Football Association of Wales XI last December.

G. B. Jones (1942-48) on being granted a commission in the Royal Air Force.

D. E. Morgan (1940-45) on gaining the degree of M.Sc. of the University of Wales.

We send our best wishes to D. Jeffrey Jones (1936-42) who recently left for Australia, and to M. S. S. Howcroft (1934-39) who has returned to the Gold Coast.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

List of Members who have joined since 31st March, 1951.

Bampfield, E. J. (1947-52).	Meredith, P. J. (1948-51).
Butler, J. M. (1938-42).	Messer, J. S. (1936-40).
Butter, H. A. J. (1944-51).	Mills, J. H. (1947-51).
Davies, E. J. (1936-40).	Morgan, C. G. (1946-51).
Davies, H. D. (1916-21).	Morgan, T. I. (1937-40).
Davies, R. J. (1944-48).	Morgans, M. H. (1931-37).
Davies, W. E. (1944-50).	Morris, P. J. (1946-51).
Evans, T. R. M. (—?)	Newbury, R. (1934-40).
Gough, G. R. (1941-45).	Parry, R. (1943-48).
Hargest, W. E. T. (1928-30).	Powell, D. B. (1925-30).
Havard, K. W. (1939-41).	Price, D. J. G. (1937-41).

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Hawker, C. (1946-52).	Price, D. T. H. (1925-32).
Horner, K. M. (1937-43).	Price, G. I. (1946-51).
Howcroft, M. S. S. (1934-39).	Price, N. J. (1945-49).
John, T. D. (1938-40).	Probert, W. G. (1940-45).
Jones, A. G. (1926-31).	Pugh, A. H. (1936-40).
Jones, B. (1897-99).	Pugh, D. C. (1937-43).
Jones, D. E. (1927-31).	Rees, D. G. (1945-49).
Jones, E. (1945-51).	Roderick, W. J. (1948-51).
Jones, E. E. (1902).	Rowlands, J. (1946-51).
Jones, I. A. (1947-51).	Smith, D. G. A. (1938-44).
Jones, J. D. (1936-40).	Styles, M. T. H. (1947-51).
Jones, L. V. G. (1944-51).	Thomas, D. G. (1947-51).
Jones, M. G. (1943-47).	Thomas, J. F. (1921-23).
Jones, P. (1899-1902).	Thomas, W. P. (1936-40).
Jones, P. R. (1948-50).	Tidley, D. I. (1941-48).
Jones, R. W. (1939-44).	Vaughan, A. E. (1932-37).
King, J. C. (1938-44).	Williams, T. M. (1927-31).
King, V. W. (1936-41).	Wilson, M. P. (1946-51).
Lloyd, A. E. (1934-38).	Winstone, A. B. (1944-51).

War Memorial—Names of the Fallen.

We are compiling a list of Old Boys who fell in the War, and would be grateful for the assistance of relatives and friends so as to avoid errors and omissions. Relatives are requested to write to H. Prosser Roberts, giving the full name, years when at the School, and Service information of the Fallen.

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.

OVERSEAS LETTERS.

We acknowledge with thanks letters received from two Old Boys.

Leslie B. Powell (1915-21), who holds a responsible post in the sugar refining industry of Jamaica, writes to us praising the efforts of the Royal Welch Fusiliers during the hurricane which struck Jamaica in August, 1951. In his letter Mr. Powell gives a short account of the havoc caused by the tempest.

It appears that the B.B.C. sent a representative to Jamaica to broadcast to the world an eye-witness account of the destruction. During this programme tribute was paid to all who had assisted in the relief of the homeless and the suffering. A full company of the Royal Welch stationed at St. Thomas, a parish

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in the east of Jamaica, received special mention. Members of the regiment who participated in the broadcast referred to the link between Wales and Jamaica extending back to the buccaneer days of Sir Henry Morgan who was, incidentally, buried on the Palisadoes in 1688.

Mr. Powell who does much broadcasting himself concludes by saying how much he enjoyed the broadcast, "particularly because of its Welsh flavour".

E. C. Hargest (1934-37) who is a Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force sends us some of his impressions of the United States which he visited recently. He spent five months at the Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, where he attended a Radar course.

"The people here," says Flight Lieutenant Hargest, "are very kind and hospitable, and the climate in the south is hot and humid with the result that the way of life seems slower than that prevailing in the Northern States. At present there is a great industrial boom in the south and many large factories and plants are springing up. The nearest big city, New Orleans, has just about doubled its population in the last ten years.

Externally, the housing standards are lower than ours. Small wooden buildings seem to be the vogue, but inside they are most comfortable and are fitted with all the latest electrical labour-saving appliances. Almost every family seems to possess a glistening post-war car; indeed, according to the newspapers, there are fifty million cars on the roads, whilst 35,000 people are killed each year.

During my Christmas leave I motored to Virginia, which is 1,200 miles from here, and which reminded me very much of home with its green, rolling hills covered with trees, and its fairly mild climate. I also spent four days in Washington, where I visited the Capitol Buildings, the Congressional Library, the Lincoln Memorial and Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington.

New Orleans, the city I know best, is a really beautiful European-style city with a definitely French flavour about it. It was here that I was given a civic reception when I met the British Consul and was presented with the key of the city. I also witnessed the "Mardi Gras" celebrations and thoroughly enjoyed the colour and gaiety of carnival".

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