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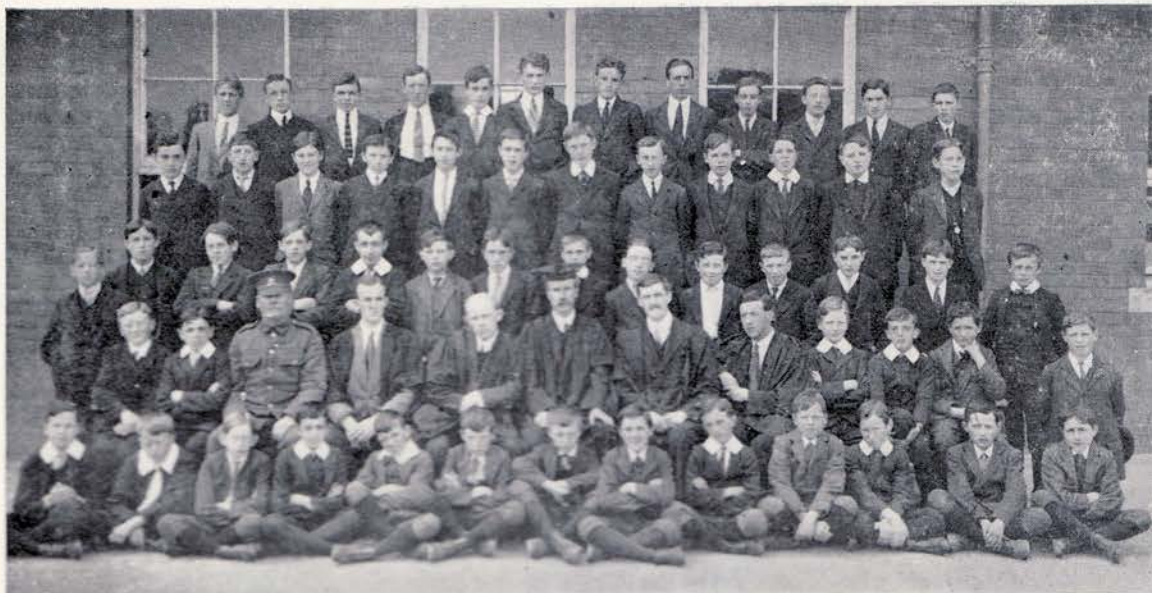
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EDITORIAL.

When we compiled this edition of "The Silurian" we endeavoured to follow the pattern of previous editions. Thus our readers will find within these pages an accurate record of school activities during the past year, literary contributions from members of the junior school as well as from the senior forms and finally plenty of news concerning Old Boys and their flourishing Association.

In many respects the school has had a most successful year. Our cricket continues to improve as will be realised when a comparison is made with the results of the previous season. Our Soccer team has won every match played against neighbouring schools. In athletics several of our boys were chosen to represent the County at the National meeting. The Eisteddfod too was a noteworthy success. Finally we should perhaps mention the academic side of our school life! Both at the Advanced and Ordinary levels we scored well in the summer of 1952. We are very proud that Harold Lewis qualified for a State Scholarship.

We wish you all happy reading.

G. M. H. HUGHES, VI.
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SCHOOL NOTES.

Everyone has now learned of the resignation of Miss Jarvis from the Headship of the Girls' School. We take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to Miss Jarvis for her unfailing co-operation with this school in all matters concerning the pupils. We wish her a long and a happy retirement.

The past year has also seen the resignation of yet another "friend" of the school. We refer to the resignation from public duties, due to ill-health, of Col. Sir John Lloyd, M.C. The School received unstinted service from Sir John for many years. He was Chairman of the Governors for 21 years. We are all very pleased to learn that Sir John's health has improved since his resignation and sincerely hope that it will continue to do so.

The School extends congratulations to H. W. Lewis who was awarded a State Scholarship last July, also A. R. Thomas who won an open Scholarship at Aberystwyth, and to G. M. H. Hughes on being accepted at Keble College, Oxford.

A. R. Thomas brought further honour to the school when he was invited by the W.J.E.C. to attend the National Eisteddfod which was held last year at Aberystwyth.

A number of "French" pupils of the school, together with some from the Girls' School, journeyed to Cardiff on Friday, 6th February, 1953, when they saw a presentation of "Le Medicin Malgre Lui."

Mr. J. H. Williams again arranged a visit to France last July, when a party of 19 boys enjoyed a well organised holiday on the continent.

The Discussion Group continues to meet monthly at the Girls' School, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. H. Williams.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year occurred on Thursday, 23rd October, when the majority of the pupils, together with children from other Breconshire schools assembled at Builth Wells to welcome H.M. The Queen on her first visit to Wales since her accession to the throne. The Queen, who was journeying to open the Claerwen Dam, was accompanied by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh.

The School is greatly indebted to the Aberhonddu Male Choir for the gift of a silver cup, presented in memory of F/Sgt. Douglas Stoddart, a former member of the school who made the supreme sacrifice in the war. The cup will be competed for in the Annual Eisteddfod and will be known as the "Stoddart Cup".

Mr. Welstead Williams who was a spectator when we played the Old Boys at Cricket last summer presented the School with a Cricket bat which bore the signatures of many notable cricketers of the last twenty years.

BRYCHEINIOG.

I think the Welsh name for Breconshire—Sir Frycheiniog—is far better than the English name. Translated literally it means "the shire of the land of Brychan". And to me the story of Brychan is as interesting as the county that bears his name.

Brychan's mother was Marchell, daughter of Tewdrig, King of Garthmadryn. In order to escape the frequent plagues of that day Tewdrig ordered Marchell to cross over to Ireland. This she did in the company of 300 soldiers and 12 beautiful maidens. They were welcomed on the Irish shore by Anlach, King of Ireland, who later married Marchell.

In a few years Anlach and Marchell came with their young son Brychan to make their home about two miles from Brecon at the Gaer, on the banks of the Usk. Brychan was thus descended from Royal Welsh and Irish blood. He governed the county for 50 years until his death in 450 A.D.

To Brychan we owe more than merely the name of the county. He was married three times, and is purported to have had fifty children! Almost all of his children became Saints or Martyrs, and to these saintly descendants of Brychan must be attributed the carrying on of Christ's word to the people of Sir Frycheiniog and to many parts far beyond the confines of the county.

Indeed, although much of Brychan's story has been forgotten the solid structure of his legacy remains. For within this county there are many parishes and churches called after his offspring—one such is St. Illtyd's Church in Cray.

W. B. TYLER, VI.

Y TUDURIAID.

Y Tuduriaid neu y teulu brenhinol Cymraeg a roddodd heddwch i Loegr wedi blynyddoedd hir o ryfela rhwng y ddau dy Lancast'r a York. Bendith i'r ddwy wlad—i Gymru ac i Loegr fel ei gilydd—oedd brwydr Bosworth, lle catwyd gwr o'r diwedd a oedd yn ddigon cryf i amddiffyn a chadw ei orsedd—y Cymro Harri'r Seithfed. Yr oedd gan hwn awdurdod a phenderfynodd na chollai ei awdurdod hyd nes yr ymadawai â'r byd hwn. Penderfynodd y gadawai ei awdurdod i'w fab pan fyddai ef ei hun farw, a hynny heb ryfel cartrefol a gyda chaniatâd llawn y genedl. Er mwyn bod yn llwyddiannus yn hyn gwnaeth Harri'r Seithfed yr hyn oll ag a fedrai i atal rhyfel o unrhyw fath, yn enwedig rhyfel cartrefol. Y mae eto rai yng Nghymru sydd yn etifeddu cariad enfawr Harri'r Seithfed tuag at heddwch—sef Saunders Lewis a rhai o'i gyfeillion. Efallai mai Harri'r Seithfed yw sylfaenydd yr egwyddor Brydeinig sydd bob amser yn cefnogi heddwch yn y byd.

Y mae Cymru yn wlad sydd yn llawn o gapeli, ac amryw enwadau. Drwy dorri'n rhydd oddi wrth Eglwys Rufain dechreuodd Harri'r Wythfed yr arferiad a derfynodd yn y nifer mawr o enwadau crefyddol sydd gennym heddiw. Pe bai Harri'r Wythfed heb dorri'n rhydd oddi wrth Eglwys Rufain efallai na chlywsai Cymru erioed am Fethodistiaid ac Anni-bynnwyr a Bedyddwyr. Gwnaeth Harri'r Wythfed lawer dros Cymru; efo a ffurfiodd Cymru fel yr adwaenom ni hi, gan rannu'r wlad yn siroedd.

Nid oedd pob un o'r Tuduriaid yn credu yn yr un syniadau, yn wir bywyd llwm iawn fyddai hwn pe bai meddyliau pawb yn gweithio yn yr un modd ac yn dilyn yr un cynllun. Ni allai neb ddweud yn iawn, am flynyddoedd, a wnaeth Harri'r Wythfed y peth gorau i ymadael â'r Eglwys Rufeinig. Ymhen ychydig flynyddoedd wedi marw Harri'r Wythfed profwyd fod pobl Prydain yn credu iddo gymryd y cam iawn. Pan ddaeth Mair i'r orsedd ail-seiliwyd yr Eglwys Rufeinig yng Nghymru ac yn Lloegr.

Gorfodwyd pawb i berthyn i'r Eglwys Rufeinig, hyd yn oed y rhai nad oedd yn cydsynio â modd yr Eglwys honno o addoli Duw. Ac yr oedd rhai yn barod i anufuddhau i'r

gorchymyn brenhinol, ac mor benderfynol oeddynt i beidio â newid eu cred nes eu bod yn barod i farw drosti. Hanes gwaedlyd sydd i deyrnasiad Mair a rhydd yr haneswyr nifer uchel iawn o ferthyron a ferthyrwyd yr adeg hon. Yr oedd Mair yn debyg i'r gweddill o'r Tuduriaid mewn un peth—gwnai unrhywbeth i sicrhau terfyn llwyddiannus i'w chynlluniau hi ei hwn. Ni all neb feio Mair am amddiffyn ei hegwyddodion oherwydd dyletswydd llywodraethwr yw gwneuthur yr hyn sydd orau yn ei dyb ef. Fe wnaeth Mair hyn, ychydig yn rhy wresog efallai.

Cyfnod mwyaf gogoneddus y Cymro dan lywodraeth y Tuduriaid oedd teyrnasiad Elisabeth y Cyntaf. Yr oedd Cymry ymhlith dynion mwyaf blaenllaw hanner olaf yr unfed ganrif ar bymtheg, yn llys y frenhines, neu yn ei gwasanaethu ar y mor ac ar y tir. Yn ystod teyrnasiad Elisabeth y Cyntaf cyfiethwyd y Beibl i'r Gymraeg am y tro cyntaf erioed, gan Gymro nad oedd yn adnabyddus nac yn gyfoethog a gwnaed y gwaith heb gymorth oddi wrth y llywodraeth. Gobeithio y pery'r traddodiad o hunan aberth a gwaith caled dros y genedl a oedd yn bresennol drwy gyfnod teyrnasiad y Tuduriaid i weithio i'r un amcan yn nheyrnasiad yr ail Elisabeth.

O dan y Tuduriaid y bobl bwysig a blaenllaw oedd yn bradychu eu hiaith a'u traddodiadau a'u cenedl. Yr oeddynt am weld adran fynyddig gorllewin Prydain mor Seisnigaidd ag unrhyw ran arall ohoni. Ni welent ddim rhinwedd yn iaith na llenyddiaith na thraddodiad Cymru ac yn eu tyb hwy gorau ro gyntaf y gellid lladd iaith a bywyd y genedl falch ymhlith y mynyddoedd. Ond methasant, er yr holl orthrymder, ladd cenedlaetholdeb y Cymry. Yn yr oes honno gwerin Cymru a fu'n foddion i achub ei chenedlaetholdeb yn erbyn gwrthwynebiad agored y bonedd.

Erbyn hyn y mae'r sefyllfa wedi newid yn fawr. Yn awr, mewn argyfwng tebyg, y bonedd sydd yn gwneud ymdrech i gadw'r iaith yn fyw, a'r werin, os nad ydynt yn gwrthwynebu hyn, yn rhoddi ond ychydig gymorth yn y gwaith o adfywio'r iaith a'r traddodiadau. Dymuniad ac angen mawr Cymru yw cyfnod pan fydd y bonedd a'r werin yn anghofio methiant oesoedd y Tuduriaid a'r oes yma, ac yn cynorthwyo'i gilydd i weithio dros Gymru.

HAYDN EVANS, VI.

CHRONICLE FROM "ABER".

This year there are seven old boys in residence at Aberystwyth. In the short space at my disposal I will attempt to evince a brief picture of their coll. activities—both social and intellectual.

H. E. E. Holmes. The only ex-service student among the O.B's. Holmes is in his fifth year in College and is in the Teachers' Training Department, having completed an Honours degree in Economics last year. For the earlier part of the year Bill abandoned his soccer, but of late has made a "come back", thereby ensuring himself once again of a regular place in the Coll. First XI.

W. I. Price. The trials and tribulations of an honours course in Geography seem to have deterred W. I. Price in no way whatsoever. Ivor's spare time is taken up either with photography (of a strictly amateur nature!!) or swimming.

A. B. Winstone. Academically Bryan is the loneliest member of the Brecon contingent in that he is the only scientist and the only second year O.B. He is pursuing a preliminary honours course in Physics with an accompanying course in Mathematics.

D. N. B. Rees. Is academically occupied with three subsidiary subjects—English, French and History, and also an Intermediate course in Philosophy. Norman appears to be working with zest and zeal and his "first" in French in the Christmas Examinations augers well for future success in this department.

J. C. Davies. John appears to have adapted himself remarkably well to Coll. life in general. He is pursuing three subsidiary subjects—Geography, Economics and French and Intermediate Geology. John has continued with his soccer and has shown up to good advantage in several coll. trial matches. It was unfortunate that a bad cold should have prevented him from representing the First XI when chosen. He is however a regular member of the 2nds. and I have no doubt that the future will see his regular inclusion in the Coll. First team.

A. R. Thomas. Of all the O.B's. in Coll. I would venture to suggest that Alan already has the widest circle of acquaintances. An excellent "mixer" I feel that in the years to come

he will play a prominent part in the life—both academic and social—of this university. He is, at the moment, studying three subsidiary subjects—English, Welsh and Latin—with Intermediate Philosophy. Unfortunately Alan has relinquished his soccer affinities and it is to be hoped that the extra time thus accrued will be profitably used!

D. W. Rice. I am in my third year and hope eventually to do Honours French. A year in France is a great incentive for achieving success in the June examinations of this year. With French I am also studying two subsidiary courses in Education and Philosophy. Inconsistent form plus a number of minor injuries have prevented my acquiring a regular place in the Soccer First XI and hopes of gaining my colours this year have considerably receded.

Such is a brief adumbration of the lives of O.B's. "up at Aber." I am sure I speak on behalf of my fellow O.B's. when I express the hope that this article will have seduced a certain number, at present in the "alma mater," to join our ranks.

In conclusion, to the staff and pupils alike, we offer the best of luck whether in sitting examination papers, or marking them during this coming year.

DAVID RICE.

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NORTH WALES, BANGOR.

From the farthest corner of North Wales we in Bangor acclaim the continued success of the "Silurian". Our congratulations to the School and Editorial Committee for last year's excellent edition.

During the past year old boys of the School have distinguished themselves by the prominent part they have played in College activities.

C. J. N. Candy (Crickhowell) returned from a summer vacation course at the research laboratories of the B.B.C. in London to enter his second year of research. During the Autumn Term he gave a public lecture on "Television Cameras" and followed this up by displaying his own home-made television camera at the Electrical Engineers' Open Night.

J. J. Kiely (Sennybridge). It gives us very great pleasure to inform readers of John's success in winning the "R. A. Jones Mathematics Prize" last year. It is awarded at the end of each session to the student who has shown most proficiency in Higher Mathematics. John is taking his Honours examinations at the end of this session.

T. G. Powell (Cray). Glyn stood for the Presidency of the Students' Representative Council and although unsuccessful he gained a great deal of experience from which he hopes to profit in future years. He is taking his Honours examinations in History in June and hopes to take Honours Welsh next year.

D. F. Candy (Crickhowell) is sitting his Honours examinations in French in June. He is resigned to entering the Services next year since no possible means of escape have yet turned up.

L. J. Maisey (Brecon) a most welcome "Fresher" to College who has settled down to hard work surprisingly well. He is reading Pure Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry at the First Year Final stage. The cricket selectors already have their eyes upon him and hope that he will play next term.

W. T. Jones (Brecon). Trevor too is a "Fresher" who came up after completing his National Service in the R.A.F. He is studying Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics at the Intermediate stage. He made a name for himself immediately by his skill at Table Tennis, and is a regular member of the College second team.

We were distressed to hear of the Headmaster's prolonged illness last year and we sincerely hope that he is now enjoying better health.

We wish the best of luck to all Old Boys and pupils of the School, especially to those who will be sitting examinations in June. Finally our thanks to the Editorial Committee for including this report.

D. F. CANDY.

FORTY YEARS BACK.

By D. WELSTEAD WILLIAMS (1913—1917).

"I have had playmates, I have had companions
In my days of childhood, in my joyful school days
All, all, are gone, the old familiar faces."

—(Charles Lamb).

While hunting recently in a drawer, I came upon an old School Group taken, obviously, during the first half of 1914. What a host of memories this picture revives! And how

curious now seem some of the clothes we wore in those days—Norfolk jackets and breeches with huge Eton collars was the garb of most of the lower form boys—but it is noticeable that, in the middle forms, this dress was worn only by the smaller boys whereas the "men" of Forms V and VI are clad in, more or less, the modern style!

A marked feature of the group is the smallness in numbers of the School in those far off days—the Headmaster, four Assistant Masters, the Drill Sergeant and fifty-seven scholars—sixty-three all told. Probably there were a few absentees, but considering the average size of families forty years ago we were, indeed, a very select band of brothers.

And then, in this Group, the faces themselves of all those youngsters of 40 long years ago! I am inordinately pleased to think that, with only two exceptions, I can still give them all names—Christian as well as surname. It is strange, though, that I cannot name the boy sitting on my left, but I can remember that he came from the Glasbury district, Velindre, I think. Such is memory!

Many of my contemporaries have, alas, since passed on. Two of the most popular boys of 40 years ago gave their young lives in the Great War—Jack Powell and Bill Pettifor.

How well I remember the former winning the "mile," in I should say 1915, with one of the most spectacular sprints in the last 100 yards I have ever seen. Pettifor was not so prominent in games but had the most likeable disposition of his day. Both boys entered the Inland Revenue (Taxes) Department by open competition, pioneers in that sphere. One who died more recently was John Elwyn Davies (known to us as "Cilhowey"—the farm where he then lived) who, after a fine academic career, of which he displayed considerable promise in school, became a Professor in Bangkok University and tutor to the sons of the erstwhile ruler of Siam.

Of the masters only two, I think, are now left with us—R. T. Jenkins and A. D. Smedley. The then Headmaster, Mr. Percy Morton, we all looked up to with much respect, if somewhat remotely. He came to us from Christ College, a fine scholar with a high reputation at Oxford.

He was a great disciplinarian and not averse from using the rod which he applied scientifically—after choosing, before the victim's eyes, the most pliant specimen from his stock. One dose of six just before lunch in my first term lasted me for the whole of my 3½ years—and I know on that day I easily beat the record between the school and my home in the Watton just opposite the Barrack's main gate!

Mr. John Davies, an excellent Maths. and Welsh master, left us early in the Great War for National Service never to return, and Mr. Ithel Thomas went on to Carmarthen Training College and died, only a few years ago.

Like all schoolmasters each had his pet idiosyncrasies which we scholars were quick to note. Mr. Davies was well known for his famous "elbow jab" which, when sitting alongside a rather slow-witted scholar, he was wont to employ with a view to instilling mathematical knowledge. Mr. Smedley would likewise pull the short hair at the temple while Mr. Jenkins had an amazing repertory of goads to the acquisition of learning.

It is, indeed, of Mr. R. T. Jenkins ("Jinks" to us) that my memory serves me best and his personality and character were both deeply impressed upon my mind in those important, formative, years of long ago. There were occasions I am confident, during the 3½ years I sat at his feet, when I wished myself most fervently as far away from him as I am at this moment of writing—at Plymouth. Yet, he left on me the impress of a great teacher and profound scholar and my greatest regret is that circumstances compelled me to leave the school and him just when I was beginning properly to appreciate his skill.

Little did I realize in school when "doing" Milton how accurately that great poet described our Mr. Jenkins in parts of "L'Allegro"! I could, I think, fill pages of this magazine with the many joyous "quips and cranks" vouchsafed to us by the great man. Can there be one of my contemporaries who will ever forget his words of solace to such as failed the old "Junior" C.W.B. exam.? On the morning after the result, with one of his seraphic smiles, he would address our unfortunate candidates thus: "Don't worry Williams (or Jones or Thomas) don't you worry at all. Just go down to the Bank, ask for Mr. Lloyd, tell him what's happened—and he'll fix you up, never fear." Then a distinct pause. "But don't forget to don your brightest tie and the most hideous socks you possess."

Mr. Jenkins' great sense of fun was shown often during Latin translation. Though no cricketer himself (at least not to our knowledge, though, such was his versatility that had he taken to the game it would not have surprised us to see him "reach" the cemetery!) on a drowsy Summer's afternoon he would introduce cricket phraseology to the lesson. Should he walk sedately into the classroom with his particular gentle smile and settle down quietly at his desk we knew peace would reign for the subsequent hour. He would open the proceedings thus: "Well, Powell," addressing the senior boy, "and whom have you put in to bat first on this lovely afternoon?" Powell, in optimistic anticipation, had the previous day, arranged the order for translation and each boy had learned his "piece." "Jones, Talgarth, Sir." A pleasant smile from Mr. Jenkins in the direction of Jones and the translation of the first six lines of Virgil's Aenid Book IV would proceed with astonishing ease and rapidity. A nod from Mr. Jenkins and Powell would name him number two "bat" and so on for a period of delightful acquaintance with the famous Latin poet and all would be "Nods and becks and wreathed smiles" and we, almost, came to love the ancient Virgil. Often would the full hour pass thus in pleasant fashion. But a day would come, when having "batted" securely and serenely as far as "number 8" on this feather-bed wicket, a silky voice from the desk would announce, "Ah Powell, did I gather that Williams is suffering from an injury sustained while rampaging around the Fair in the High Street last night? You'd better rest him and change your batting order!"

Consternation in class, Williams almost faints at the implication, while Evans, now tragically promoted is near to collapse. And then the fun really starts as Evans vainly attempts to translate the piece Williams has prepared and learned by heart!

Even taking into account the maxim that "distance lends enchantment to the view" I am positive that lessons from Mr. R. T. Jenkins were anything but dull affairs!

Odds and ends of memories of those years 1913-1917 come crowding to my mind. The school hours were long—start at 8.35 a.m. and home at 5.25 p.m. all because of the "Talgarth Train Boys," the train service being such that the school hours had to conform to the Talgarth services.

Games were played on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and, strangely enough, on Tuesday mornings—when we found the drag up to Pwlllycalch quite distasteful for so short a time.

I recall one event of my days at our School with special affection—the annual climbing expedition to Pen-y-fan by the whole school, which took place, I think, just prior to breaking up for the Summer holidays. It must have been so, as I always associate the summit of Pen-y-fan with a plague of flies! We gathered at the School early, walking the whole way there and back, the high light being the final assault on Pen-y-fan from Llyn-cwm-llwch which became, in fact an individual race, the first arrival planting firmly his home-made flag staff to denote his mountaineering superiority.

There were no "Houses" at School in those days but there was keen competition to get in the first soccer and cricket elevens and to do well in the Sports as well as to rise to the dignity of Prefect and, who knows, Senior Prefect and "Captain of the School." To my mind, the latter title sounds so much more grand than the modern style "Head Boy"! I rejoiced in holding those high offices, if only for a very brief term, in my final year.

EPILOG.

Cychwynnais o Aberhonddu yn ysgafn fy nghalon â siec am bumpunt a thocyn wythnos yr Eisteddfod a'r cyngherddau yn rhwym yn fy ngwaled. Sul oedd hi—dydd heulog-sych o "ha' hir felyn tesog," heb gwmwl yn yr awyr, a'r wybren yn ymddangos mor hapus â mi fy hun. Parhaodd felly nes bron cyrraedd Aberystwyth—cartref yr Eisteddfod llynedd—ac yna, yn sydyn fach, llithrodd cymylau mawr, duon dros wyneb yr haul. Er na ddaeth hi i'r glaw bu'n rhagbrofiad anfelys o'r tywydd a oedd a flaen y cwmni bach a letyai'n rhad mewn ysgol yn y dref, gan gysgu ar welyau "camp" a deffro i leisiau di-gynghanedd y merched a gysgai mewn rhan arall o'r adeilad.

Yn yr Eisteddfod cawsom wledd o lenyddiaeth a cherddoriaeth wych. Nid oes angen manylu ar gystadleuthau arbennig, ond efallai ar feirniadaeth y Dr. W. J. Gruffydd ar y bryddest ddi-goron. Gwych o beth oedd i ddarn o farddoniaeth "vers libre" oruchafu yn y gystadleuaeth, ac 'rwy'n siwr nad myfi yn unig a deimlodd, wrth wrando ar ei feirniadaeth ddistrywiol ar "Y Creadur" na lwyddodd yr Athro i lwyr-werthfawrogi gwirfoddolrwydd y mesur hwn a'r elfen bur, bersonol sy'n peri iddo awyrgylch a darluniadaeth mor naturiol a mor agos at fywyd.

Mae'r Eisteddfod yn enwog am ei seremoniau dwys. Ond mewn ysbryd ac nid mewn golyfa y dangosir eu prydferthwch ar ei buraf. Os caniateir eu cyffelybu i ddarn o farddoniaeth, y dorf sy'n creu'r awyrgylch a'r derwyddon yn eu gynau

lliwgar yw'r ansoddeiriau disgrifiadol a bery i'r seremoniau apelio at bawb hyd yn oed at un nad yw'n deall yr iaith Gymraeg. A dyna sydd fwyaf nodweddiadol o'r Eisteddfod—sef cyffredinoldeb ei hapêl. Fe welwyd amryw gynrychiolwyr o'r pum cyfandir ar y llwyfan, ac fe fedrodd llawer ohonynt air neu ddau o Gymraeg. A rhaid peidio ag anghofio, wrth gwrs, y Cymry oddi cartref a'r croeso gwresog, dwys a gawsant gan y dyrfa.

Dyfarnodd llawer un mai'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol sy'n cadw'r iaith Gymraeg yn fyw, ac i raddau helaeth y mae hynny'n ddychrynlyd o wir. Yr Eisteddfod yw gwasg y llenorion a llwyfan ein bywyd. Yn yr wyl hon ceir cystadleuthau gwych a beirniadaethau meistrolgar: brithir y rhaglen gan yr amrywiaeth sydd yn agwedd mor ddeniadol o fywyd pob cenedl. Patrwm bywyd sy'n gwau'r "teimlad" hwnnw sy'n peri i boblogrwydd yr Eisteddfod barhau, nid am ei bod yn wyl Gymreig, ond am i bawb a â yno ganfod ynddi adlais hardd a phrydferth o'm bywyd beunyddiol.

Wrth imi alw'r wythnos hon i'm cof unwaith eto, meddyliaf am yr holl gyfeillion—neu efallai y byddai "ffrindiau" yn air cyfaddasach—a ymadewais â hwynt ar ddiwedd yr wyl. Cawsom wledd ardderchog: ond diflannodd pob cof o'r Eisteddfod wrth inni ffarwelio'n galon-drymion â'n gilydd. 'Roedd y cwlwm cyfeillgarwch a glymwyd rhyngom yn rhy dynn i'w dori ar unwaith. Eto y mae un ffaith yn sicr iawn—ceir gweled y mwyafrif ohonom yn y Rhyl eleni.

A. R. THOMAS (U.C.W. Aberystwyth).

PRIZE DAY.

The Annual Prize Distribution was held again in the Market Hall.

It was a very pleasing ceremony especially as three former pupils of the school played a prominent part in the proceedings. Thus the Chairman was Ald. Garnet Morris, who succeeded Col. Sir John Lloyd, M.C., as chairman of the Governors; the guest of honour was Mr. David Lewis, M.B.E., chairman of the Breconshire County Council; while the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. W. Davies, Mayor of Brecon.

The School Choir sang "The Lass with the Delicate Air."

Mr. David Lewis presented prizes to the following boys:

Form IIW	I. T. Williams, K. Jones.
IIA	G. Jones, T. A. Gwynne, A. E. N. Trimm.
IIIW	A. M. Morgan, V. J. Davies.
IIIA	T. L. Powell, R. Pritchard, W. Griffiths.
IVW	G. A. J. Scott.
IVA	R. G. Tucker, D. T. L. Harvey, D. J. Chatfield, J. Taylor, J. M. Suter.
VJ	D. J. Probert.
VP	J. M. Williams, R. W. Jenkins, R. D. Gould, L. Pritchard.
VE	J. P. Davies, E. W. P. Price, G. L. Davies, H. Evans.
VI	H. W. Lewis, L. J. Maisey, D. N. B. Rees, A. R. Thomas, C. A. Watkins.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1952.

Advanced Level.

Bevan, L.	... .. Pure & Applied Mathematics, Physics.
Davies, J. C.	... .. French, Geography.
Hughes, G. M. H.	... .. English.
Lewis, H. W.	... .. Pure & Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Maisey, L. J.	... .. Pure & Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Rees, D. N. B.	... .. English, French, History.
Thomas, A. R.	... .. English, Welsh, Latin.
Watkins, C. A.	... .. Pure & Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Ordinary Level.

Bevan, J. J. A.	... .. English, French, Geography.
Bevan, L.	... .. Chemistry.
Balding, M.	... .. Mechanics.
Croley, D. J.	... .. English Language, Geography, Mathe- matics, Chemistry.
Crook, A. J.	... .. English Language, Geography.
Dacey, D. J.	... .. English Language.
Davies, D.	... .. English Language, English Literature, Latin, History, Geography, Chemistry.
Davies, I. R.	... .. English Language, History, Geography.
Davies, J. C.	... .. English Literature.

Davies, J. P.	... .. English Language, English Literature, Welsh, French, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
Davies, L. D.	... .. English Language, English Literature, Welsh, Latin, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
Davies, R. V.	... .. Geography.
Davies, W. M. A.	... .. English Language, English Literature, French, Mathematics.
Evans, E.	... .. Welsh.
Evans, P. O.	... .. English Language, English Literature, Welsh, History, Geography, Chemistry.
Gould, R. D.	... .. English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Harris, P.	... .. English Language, English Literature, Geography, Mathematics.
Hepton, A.	... .. English Language, Geography, Mathe- matics, Physics, Chemistry.
Hughes, G. M. H.	... .. Greek, Latin, History.
Isaac, H. K.	... .. English Language, English Literature, French.
Jenkins, R. W.	... .. English Language, English Literature, Welsh, Latin, Geography, Mathe- matics, Physics, Chemistry.
Jones, D. L.	... .. Greek.
Jones, J. R.	... .. Mathematics, Chemistry.
Lewis, D. J.	... .. Chemistry, Art.
Ll wellyn, J.	... .. Greek.
Lloyd, A. W.	... .. History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
Meredith, D. J.	... .. English Literature, Welsh, French, Geography, Chemistry.
Morris, B. A.	... .. Geography, Chemistry.
Moses, H.	... .. English Language, Physics.
Ottewell, A. B.	... .. English Language, English Literature, French, History, Geography.
Ottewell, D. G.	... .. French, Geography.
Penfold, G. D.	... .. English Language, English Literature, French, History, Geography.
Phillips, W. G.	... .. English Language, English Literature, French, Geography.
Phillips, W. M.	... .. History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
Powell, E. G.	... .. English Language, Welsh, Latin, Mathe- matics, Physics, Chemistry.

Pritchard, K. G. ...	English Language, English Literature, Geography.
Pritchard, L. ...	English Language, French, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Shellard, M. R. ...	Greek.
Swain, W. S. J. ...	French, Mathematics, Physics.
Tovell, W. A. ...	Physics.
Went, A. C. ...	Mechanics.
Williams, I. G. ...	English Language, Welsh.
Williams, J. M. ...	English Language, English Literature, Welsh, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

THE EISTEDDFOD.

For the second time in its history the St. David's Day Eisteddfod was held in the Guildhall. Although the staff and pupils are almost sufficient in number to fill the hall a few members of the public were welcomed to listen to the various competitions. The Eisteddfod was opened by the School Choir singing "Yr Hufen Melyn" under the baton of Mr. A. J. Phippen.

The adjudicators, Professor Isaac Thomas, B.A., B.D., and the Rev. H. B. Hughes, B.A., did great honour to the Eisteddfod by giving their services for the second time. They acquitted themselves splendidly in their difficult tasks, being, no doubt, at home in the atmosphere of the School. Also present for the second time was the accompanist, Mrs. A. J. Price, L.L.C.M., and we are very grateful to her for her excellent work.

After a slow start Vaughan speedily amassed points to win the Eisteddfod with ease. There was, however, keen competition for second place which was eventually secured by Gam, closely followed by Theophilus, and Siddons brought up the rear although they had enjoyed almost a monopoly in the singing competitions. The final result was:—

1st	Vaughan ...	248
2nd	Gam ...	223
3rd	Theophilus ...	219
4th	Siddons ...	216

The Headmaster conducted the Eisteddfod throughout and the Mayor of Brecon, Councillor G. W. Davies, an old boy of the School, presided. Mr. Harvey Williams organised the Eisteddfod, and we feel that he deserves special praise for the efficiency with which the Eisteddfod was conducted and for the high standards attained by the competitors. He was supported by Mr. J. D. E. Jones and Mr. D. Inglis.

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

The following comprises a list of individual winners together with the Houses they represent and the test piece set in each competition:—

Junior Competitions.

Welsh Recitation: "Pelydryn," gan T. Gwynne Jones.

1, D. G. Powell (G); 2, G. R. Davies (S); 3, M. R. Burr (T).

English Recitation: "The Scarecrow," by Walter de la Mere.

1, D. G. Powell (G); 2, R. G. Rees (V); 3, D. G. Price (T).

Welsh Solo: "Pant Corlan yr Wyn."

1, C. E. J. Bastin (S); 2, D. W. Jenkins (S); 3, R. H. Leonard (S).

English Solo: "Robin Adair."

1, R. H. Leonard (S); 2, D. G. Jones (S); 3, M. R. Burr (T).

Pianoforte Solo: "Galop" (Orpheus).

1, A. E. N. Trimm (G); 2, J. T. Phillips (S); 3, D. G. Powell (T).

Poem: "The Sheepdog."

1, M. J. Wall (S); 2, T. B. Evans (G); 3, D. D. Powell (T).

Humorous Poem: "He couldn't Sit Still."

1, G. S. Porter (V); 2, C. D. Lee (V); 3, M. R. Burr (T).

Essay: "How Wales may Best Celebrate the Coronation."

1, M. J. Wall (S); 2, J. Phillips (S); 3, D. G. Powell (G).

Design for a "Safety First" Poster.

1, B. Hepton (S); 2, J. Perkins (V); 3, G. S. Porter (V).

Handicraft.

1, C. J. Morgan (T); 2, G. Lambert (T); 3, K. Jones (T).

Senior Competitions.

Welsh Recitation: "Y Sipsiwn."

1, S. E. Rees (V); 2, W. Griffiths (V); 3, R. G. Tucker (V).

English Recitation: "London 1802," by William Wordsworth.

1, J. M. Williams (T); 2, G. M. H. Hughes (G); 3, G. L. Williams (T).

Welsh or English Solo: "Dafydd y Garreg Wen" or "David of the White Rock."

1, W. O. Jones (S); 2, E. G. Powell (T); 3, D. L. Jones (S) and W. A. Tovell (S).

Pianoforte Solo: "Sweet and Low."

1, A. J. Jones (V); 2, W. E. P. Price (V); 3, J. M. Williams (T).

Poem: "The River Bridge."

1, G. M. H. Hughes (G); 2, O. J. Wallis (T); 3, P. O. Evans (G).

Humorous Poem: "The Duster."

1, M. R. Shellard (V); 2, P. W. Holt (V); 3, R. Pritchard (V).

Essay: "The Tudors" or "Y Tuduriaid."

1, M. R. Shellard (V); 2, J. Llewellyn (G); 3, H. Evans (T).

Short Story: Own Selection.

1, M. R. Shellard (V); 2, P. O. Evans (G); 3, E. P. Pritchard (V).

Design for "Safety First" Poster.

1, M. Balding (V); 2, D. J. Williams (G); 3, O. J. Wallis (T).

Handicraft.

1, I. C. Baugh (G); 2, O. J. Wallis (T); 3, J. Taylor (T).

Prefects Only.

Reading from the Holy Scriptures: St. Luke x, vv. 25-37.

1, G. M. H. Hughes (G); 2, D. L. Jones (S); 3, W. A. Tovell (S).

Open Competitions.

Welsh Recitation: "Cymru Rydd," gan J. Morris-Jones.

1, A. J. Jones (V); 2, G. M. H. Hughes (G); 3, H. Evans (T).

Parody: "Lines Composed upon Westminster Bridge."

1, M. R. Shellard (V); 2, G. M. H. Hughes (G); 3, P. O. Evans (G).

H. EVANS, VI.

ATHLETICS, 1952.

The Annual School Sports were held on the I.T.C. Sports Ground on the 9th July. We extend thanks to Major Margesson, who so kindly lent us the ground, and to the Mayoress of Brecon Mrs. G. W. Davies, who presented the Staff Sports Cup to the Captain of Siddons—the winning House. Mr. A. J. Phippen is to be commended for his efficient organisation.

We again witnessed many fine performances and the inclusion of two new events, the 800 yards and the mile. A. B. Ottewell (Siddons) is to be congratulated on winning seven events in the Middle School, which included the setting up of a new record for the 220 yards. Three other records were broken including one set up in 1938. Throughout the Sports there was

keen competition between Siddons and Vaughan and the final result was in doubt until the very end.

1st	Siddons	...	...	204	points
2nd	Vaughan	..	...	183	"
3rd	Theophilus	...	...	137	"
4th	Gam	...	...	99	"

*Denotes New Record.

Junior School.

100 Yards. Record: 12.25 secs. A. J. Short (T), 1940.

1, J. G. Morgan (S); 2, P. A. Kelly (V); 3, I. C. Baugh (G).
Time 13.0 secs.

220 Yards. Record: 28.16 secs. M. T. H. Styles (G), 1948.

1, J. G. Morgan (S); 2, I. C. Baugh (G); 3, J. I. S. Meyrick (S).
Time 30.2 secs.

Relay (110, 110, 220 220 yards). Record: 86.40 secs. Gam, 1938.

1, Vaughan; 2, Siddons. Time: 83.7 secs.*

Cricket Ball. Record: 216ft. 5in. L. D. Davies (V), 1949.

1, B. T. Williams (S); 2, P. A. Kelly (V); 3, T. P. Price (G).
Distance 179ft. 2½in.

Long Jump. Record: 16ft. 1½in. W. E. P. Price (V), 1951.

1, P. A. Kelly (V); 2, P. W. G. Dew (S); 3, I. C. Baugh (G).
Distance 14ft. 6in.

High Jump. Record 4ft. 5in. T. C. Stephens (T), 1935, and
W. E. P. Price (V), 1951.

1, I. C. Baugh (G); 2, J. G. Leonard (G); 3, J. G. Davies (T).
Height 4ft. 2in.

Middle School.

100 Yards. Record: 11.3 secs. M. T. H. Styles (G), 1950, and
K. T. Smith (V), 1944.

1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, W. E. P. Price (V); 3, W. P. Roderick (V). Time: 11.4 secs.

220 Yards. Record: 26.0 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1944.

1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, W. E. P. Price (V); 3, W. P. Roderick (V). Time: 25.5 secs.*

440 Yards. Record: 57.71 secs. J. G. Griffiths (V), 1949.

1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, W. E. P. Price (V); 3, G. L. Williams (T). Time: 60.7 secs.

880 Yards. NEW EVENT.

1, R. Lucas (T); 2, W. Griffiths (V); 3, P. F. Wilband (V).
Time: 2 mins. 29.3 secs.

Cricket Ball. Record : 255ft. D. S. Jones (G), 1934.
1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, I. L. James (S); 3, V. M. Sullivan (S). Distance : 203ft.

Discus. Record : 102ft. B. P. Richards (T), 1950.
1, B. Pritchard; 2, J. F. Stroud (T); 3, R. D. Gould (S). Distance : 83ft. 7in.

Javelin. Record : 127ft. 7in. B. P. Richards (T), 1951.
1, J. C. G. Williams (S); 2, E. L. Pugh (G); 3, A. W. Lloyd (G). Distance : 111ft. 3in.

Weight. Record : 38ft. 6in. P. J. Randall (G), 1948.
1, R. D. Gould (S); 2, B. Pritchard (V); 3, D. J. Croley (V). Distance : 34ft. 8½in.

High Jump. Record : 4ft. 10½in. L. S. Davies (S) 1939.
1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, R. Lucas (T); 3, J. R. Jones (G). Height 4ft. 10in.

Hop, Step, Jump. Record : 37ft. 11in. L. D. Davies (V), 1951.
1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, W. M. Phillips (T); 3, D. B. Thomas (V). Distance : 33ft.

Senior School.

100 Yards. Record : 10.4 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1935.
1, M. R. Shellard (V) and R. V. Davies (S); 3, M. Balding (V). Time : 11.7 secs.

220 Yards. Record : 24.8 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1934.
1, M. R. Shellard (V); 2, M. Balding (V); 3, L. Bevan (T). Time : 25.4 secs.

Relay (110, 110, 220 220 yards). Record : 78.1 secs. Gam, 1949.
1, Siddons; 2, Vaughan. Time : 76.7 secs.*

440 Yards. Record : 56 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.
1, M. R. Shellard (V); 2, J. Llewellyn (G); 3, L. Bevan (T). Time : 56.8 secs.

880 Yards. NEW EVENT.
1, W. M. A. Davies (V); 2, J. Llewellyn (G); 3, D. L. Jones (S). Time : 2 mins. 19.2 secs.

Mile. NEW EVENT.
1, W. M. A. Davies (V); 2, H. Moses (T); 3, L. Bevan (T). Time : 5 mins. 14.4 secs.

Discus. Record : 90ft. 6in. E. Jones (V), 1950.
1, B. P. Richards (T); 2, W. S. J. Swain (V); 3, L. J. Maisiey (T). Distance : 93ft. 7in.*

Javelin. Record : 138ft. 9in. L. V. G. Jones (V), 1951.
1, H. W. Lewis (S); 2, B. P. Richards (T); 3, M. R. Shellard (V). Distance : 107ft. 8in.

Weight. Record : 31ft. 9½in. L. Hargest (G), 1950.
1, M. Balding (V); 2, J. Llewellyn (G); 3, L. J. Maisiey (T). Distance : 30ft. 0½in.

Long Jump. Record : 19ft. 8½in. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.
1, R. V. Davies (S); 2, H. W. Lewis (S); 3, B. P. Richards (T). Distance : 17ft. 7in.

High Jump. Record : 5ft. B. H. Powell (T), 1951.
1, D. J. Dacey (S); 2, H. W. Lewis (S); 3, R. V. Davies (S). Height : 4ft. 9in.

Hop, Step, Jump. Record : 40ft. 2in. T. K. Jones (V), 1950.
1, B. P. Richards (T); 2, J. C. Davies (S); 3, D. L. Jones (S). Distance : 37ft. 4in.

Cricket Ball. Record : 286ft. T. C. Griffiths (G), 1934.
1, M. Balding (V); 2, B. P. Richards (T); 3, M. R. Shellard (V). Distance : 210ft. 9in. W. B. TYLER, VI.

THE COUNTY SPORTS, 1952.

The Annual Championship Meeting of the Brecon and Radnor Secondary School's Amateur Athletic Association was held on The School Field, Bulth Wells, on Saturday, June 28th, 1952.

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

The Championship shields and trophies were presented to the captains of the winning teams by G. R. Eadie, Esq.

A. B. Ottewell in the Middle Section gained two firsts, and F. A. Kelly in the Junior Section gained one first.

The following places were gained by members of the School Team :—

Seniors.

880 Yards	...	4th	W. B. Tyler.
1 Mile	...	3rd	W. M. A. Davies.
Long Jump	...	4th	R. V. Davies.
Hop, Step & Jump	...	3rd	B. P. Richards.
Discus	...	4th	B. P. Richards.
Javelin	...	4th	B. P. Richards.
Weight	...	4th	E. Evans.
Relay	...	3rd	

Middle.

100 Yards	...	1st	A. B. Ottewell.
220 Yards	...	1st	A. B. Ottewell.
Long Jump	...	2nd	A. B. Ottewell.
High Jump	...	3rd	R. Lucas.
Discus	...	2nd	B. Pritchard.
Cricket Ball	...	4th	I. L. James.
Relay	...	3rd	

Junior.

Long Jump 1st P. A. Kelly.

The following boys gained their County Colours :—
A. B. Ottewell and P. A. Kelly.

These two competed in the Welsh Schools Championship meeting at Wrexham, where Ottewell gained a standard in the 220 Yards.

1952 was a disappointing year for the School Athletics Team; the Juniors being very weak. This summer the Welsh National Coach (Mr. J. E. L. Alford) is visiting the School on three occasions, and it is hoped that his advice and help will bear fruit in the next County Sports.

The Welsh Schools A.A.A. have now altered their age groups and the alteration will certainly affect adversely the Seniors of Brecon and Radnor. The new age groups are :— Juniors, 13—15; Middle, 15—17; Seniors, 17—19.

The County Meeting for 1953 is to be held again at Builth, on Saturday, July 4th. The Welsh National Meeting is to be held at Aberystwyth on Saturday, July 11th.

CRICKET REPORT, 1952.

Captain : L. J. Maisey. Vice-Captain : A. R. Thomas.

Masters : Messrs. J. D. E. Jones and D. Inglis.

Runs					
Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	for	against
11	3	6	2	1,202	782

This was another reasonably successful season since we were in a winning position in the majority of the drawn games. Our old rivals, Christ College 2nd XI, were convincingly beaten on the two occasions we met. In the home match B. P. Richards scored a confident 80 not out. The game with the Old Boys XI was lost by 56 runs, due mainly to the magnificent batting of Mr. G. James, who scored 81. The result of the Staff match was a draw. The 1st XI declared at 206 for four, including a forceful 81 amassed by H.W. Lewis before being caught and bowled by Mr. L. Lewis. The Staff replied with 73 runs for the loss of two wickets before time expired.

Top of the season's averages were :—

Batting : L. J. Maisey (capt.) 21.4; B. P. Richards 19.0; H. W. Lewis 18.9.

Bowling : M. R. Shellard 5.76; L. J. Maisey (capt.) 9.51.

Colours—Re-awards : L. J. Maisey, H. W. Lewis, P. W. Holt, M. Balding, A. B. Ottewell, M. R. Shellard, J. C. Davies, E. G. Powell, A. R. Thomas, B. P. Richards.

Award : L. Bevan.

House Championship results were as follows :—

Seniors.					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	
1—Vaughan	3	1	2	0	
2—Theophilus	3	1	1	1	
Siddons	3	1	1	1	
4—Gam	3	0	2	1	

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

W. A. TOVELL, VI.

FOOTBALL SURVEY, 1952-53.

Captain : B. P. Richards.

Masters : Mr. H. C. Jones, Mr. D. Inglis.

First Eleven Results.

1952.					
Sept. 27th	v. Talgarth ... ..	...	Home	Lost	3—5
Oct. 4th	v. Hay Juniors ... ..	...	Home	Won	6—2
„ 11th	v. Builth C.G.S. ... ..	...	Home	Won	8—0
„ 18th	v. Presteigne C.G.S. ... ..	...	Home	Won	7—5
Nov. 15th	v. Kington G.S. ... ..	...	Home	Won	8—1
Dec. 13th	v. Old Boys ... ..	...	Home	Drawn	3—3

1953.					
Jan. 24th	v. Hay Juniors ... ..	...	Away	Won	6—1
Feb. 28th	v. Kington G.S. ... ..	...	Away	Won	6—2
Mar. 7th	v. Presteigne C.G.S. ... ..	...	Away	Won	8—2
„ 14th	v. Presteigne C.G.S. ... ..	...	Away	Won	5—0
„ 21st	v. Llandrindod C.G.S. ... ..	...	Home	Won	6—1
„ 28th	v. Llandrindod C.G.S. ... ..	...	Away	Won	6—2
Apl. 1st	v. Old Boys ... ..	...	Home	Drawn	1—1

Leading Scorers : Hamer 20; Powell 15; Morris 14; Sullivan 10.

Colours—First Awards : J. Llewellyn, A. B. Ottewell, E. G. Powell, V. Sullivan, J. Swain, A. C. Went, P. O. Evans.

Re-awards : B. P. Richards, D. Hamer, P. Holt, B. A. Morris.

Junior Eleven.

Captain: T. L. Powell.

1952.

Oct.	11th	v. Builth C.G.S.	...	Home	Lost	0—2
..	18th	v. Presteigne C.G.S.	...	Home	Won	5—1
Nov.	15th	v. Kington G.S.	...	Home	Lost	1—2

1953.

Feb.	6th	v. Church Lads' Brigade	...	Home	Won	12—0
..	28th	v. Kington G.S.	...	Away	Lost	2—5
Mar.	7th	v. Builth C.G.S.	...	Away	Lost	1—11
..	14th	v. Presteigne C.G.S.	...	Away	Drawn	4—4
..	21st	v. Llandrindod Wells	...	Home	Lost	1—8
..	28th	v. Llandrindod Wells	...	Away	Won	2—0

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior.

						Goals		Pts.
		P.	W.	D.	L.	for	agst.	
Theophilus	...	15	11	0	4	62	25	22
Vaughan	...	15	10	1	4	45	20	21
Gam	...	15	6	2	7	25	44	14
Siddons	...	15	1	1	13	15	58	3

Senior Second XI.

						Goals		Pts.
		P.	W.	D.	L.	for	agst.	
Vaughan	...	15	10	3	2	37	14	23
Gam	...	15	7	2	6	24	13	16
Siddons	...	15	7	2	6	31	28	16
Theophilus	...	15	1	3	11	9	46	5

Junior.

						Goals		Pts.
		P.	W.	D.	L.	for	agst.	
Vaughan	...	18	11	4	3	41	21	26
Gam	...	18	9	4	5	35	32	22
Theophilus	...	18	6	3	9	36	35	15
Siddons	...	18	3	3	12	20	44	9

BASKET BALL.

Masters: MR. W. H. WILLIAMS, MR. D. T. HAVARD.

Last July the first House Basket Ball competition was held. Each House entered two teams in both Juniors and Seniors and two very full, exciting and enjoyable afternoons were devoted to the tournament. The tournament was arranged by Mr. W. H. Williams, and the refereeing—a strenuous task—was undertaken by Mr. W. H. Williams and Mr. D. T. Havard.

RESULTS OF HOUSE TOURNAMENT:

A. JUNIOR.		Monday, 1st July.			
		WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS
1.	Siddons	4	1	1	9
2.	Gam	4	0	2	8
3.	Vaughan	2	0	4	4
4.	Theophilus	1	1	4	3

SENIOR.		Friday, 4th July.			
		WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS
1.	Vaughan	4	1	1	9
2.	Theophilus	3	1	2	7
* 3.	Gam	2	0	4	4
4.	Siddons	2	0	4	4

* Gam gained Third Place as a result of a superior goal average.

WINTER.

I hate the thought of Winter,
Those long and dreary days
When from the sky is falling
The cold, fine snow that stays.

It is the coldest season
When all the trees are bare,
And every one keeps saying
That we must take good care.

The sky is dark and gloomy,
The earth is very white,
But young and old keep saying,
What a pretty sight!

D. T. JONES, IIa.

A PARODY—BRECON ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

(With apologies to William Wordsworth).

A duller place can nowhere one behold:
Mad must he be who cares to linger here
A sight so touching in its streets so fair
This town now doth in the pictures hold
The beauties of the country, bashful, bold,
Boys, Maidens, while farmers and soldiers stand
Lounging on the Bulwark, a sight so grand
All bright and giggling in the doorways cold.
Never did I a night more beautifully waste
In Coliseum where smoke obscures the screen;
Ne'er had, never felt, so much distaste
For those who pace those pavements clean!
At last! the very bus discerns my haste
To leave behind this place and those I've seen.

M. R. SHELLARD, VI.

SIXTH FORM PROLOGUE.

When that Aprille with its hoote sonnë
Doth clepen boys whan their swink is donnë,
From every corner of the wydë scole,
They rushen forth to pleye, as is the rule.
Than longen prefects too to goon to pleye.
And big boys from the sixth form, who al day
Have swinked hard at historie or chem.,
But ne moore reste or playe or pees for hem
Soone will dread "higher" test her feeble poweers.
So must they swink all daye, all nyghte, all houres
Whan that they leave their swink at ten-to-four.
They rush off home again to doone some more.
So as they pour out through the main school portals,
I'll teil you all about these wretched mortals.

The first to leave as alway is the case
Was J. Ll-w-ll-n fro far off Llanfaes,
Ful big, he was of brawn and eek of bones
In trouthe he must have weighed some fourteen stones.
With scalled browes blake and piled berd
Of his visage children were aferd
At Soccer pleyed he wel as eny bear
And made all forwards in the lyne him fear.

We hadde with us also for the nones
A worthy fellow cleped G-ng-r J-n-s
Ne short ne fat he was, I undertake
But sideways oon myght think he were a rake
Ful longe were his legges, and ful lene
Y-lyk a staf, there was no calf y-sene.
Yet was he eek a prefect good and stronge
For evil deeds he gave out linës longe
But for to tellen yow of his array
His pants were cordoroyes ysooth to saye.

Another M-rc-s Sh-ll-rd was by name,
Who, 'tis seyde, fro wel nyghe Talybont ycame
Y-versed was he in alle workes in Greek
And Latyn coulde he truly wel nyghe speak
Every newe joke he entered on with zest
In sooth he alley gave hym of his best
At the Eisteddfod overal he cam
At poesie he woulde have alwey the ram.

Oon eek ther was with muscles on hys chest
As large I trowe as Atlas at hys best
Stronge was he as any giant large
Y-cleped was he H-n-ry M-s-s,
But a science boy he was, the shame is.

Ther was also oon y-cleped Tyl-r
A worthie athlete and a stronge miler
At historie was he good and alwey wyse
In echon exam. he bar away the pryze
Y-spouting was he al daye, true enough
From A.J.P., Stalin or Baraclough
Hys heer in thinne strondes short y-ranne
After the scole of Indian mohican.

And oythurs eek went forth in oon longe stream,
Richards, the noble captain of the team,
Or T-v-ll the physicist or els B-ld-ng
And alway the hindrest lytle C-l-n.
These journed forth with many other too
Back to their homes their endless swink to do
But now I have tolde yow of this bande large
I pray yow lay nat vilaynye to my charge.

G. M. H. HUGHES, VI.

THE DUSTER.

I'm just a dirty little wing
That on a goose did grow,
But now I brush the cobwebs down
And dust both high and low.
I slept at night inside the barn
And strolled in meadows green;
I was the cleanest little wing
That on a goose was seen.

Blessed was I with life of ease;
My lot was far from hard,
For ail I did was help my goose
To fly across the yard.

So long lived I; the goose grew fat;
No longer did it fly.
The farmer noticed this at length
And destined us to die.

Then on the fateful Christmas Eve
We from each other were torn;
Berett of me, so sad to see
The goose on Christmas morn.

But I was thrown beneath the stairs
So wretched and forlorn,
I longed for death and cursed
The day that I was born.

Yet in this mood of dark despair
When I had lost all hope
A maid passed by and in her hand
Were bucket, mop and soap.

Then, spying me, she did exclaim
"Oh my the very thing
To dust behind the picture, it's
The goose's other wing!"

M. R. SHELLARD, VI.

THE SHEEPDOG.

Upon the mountain rough and steep,
Works a sheepdog whose name is Sweep.
From dawn to dark, he does obey
His master's whistle from far away.
Sweep is a most efficient dog,
And watches sheep in rain and fog.
He tends the lambs with greatest care
And drives the fox back to his lair.

He does not disobey the call,
For Sweep's the dog that's loved by all.
On yonder hill he can be seen,
Bringing his flock to pastures green.

With ears erect and eyes alert,
He listens to his Master, Bert,
When the whistle's shrill and clear,
Sweep knows he must not go too near.

"TAKE time! take time!" says master Bert,
"Or else the young lambs will be hurt."

As Sweep is a sagacious dog,
He crouches low beside a log.
Bert and Sweep are seen returning,
Homeward where the fire's burning.
For after daily toils are o'er,
Sweep lies outstretched upon the floor.

T. B. EVANS, IIIa.

LAMENT OF THE UPPER VITH.

The month of June comes hurtling on
To catch us unawares;
No more for us the cinema
Or such mundane affairs.

No more the idle pleasures
We knew, not long ago—
Those happy fleeting nights in town
Which now mean nights of woe.

Those happy fleeting nights in town
Are buried in the past;
When idle thoughts rushed to our minds
And Higher was the last.

But now we think of higher things,
Of Milton's nobler work,
The paradise that we have lost
And the exams we tried to shirk.

We think of Keats and Aristotle
And study Peter the Great
We stop for a moment—and shudder.
How near looms our fate!

M. R. SHELLARD, VI.

DAYLIGHT RAID (PLYMOUTH, 1941).

A solitary gull sped swiftly to the sea
Upon the hastening wind
That made a gentle whisper through the tree
'Neath which I stood.
Above the golden, swaying corn it flew
As quiet as my mind
Drowsed by the hum of bees, a sound I knew
For Summer's music.

I might have lost myself in dreamless sleep
Caressed by that soft wind,
When, suddenly, from far across the sweep
Of grey, green waters,
I heard the dreaded throb that nearer drew
And saw the flashing wings
Caught by the sun in gap of lovely blue
Amid the billowing clouds.

Gone was the wonder of the Summer's day
Loud shrieked the gull, and flew away.
A vast explosion rent the silent air
The while I sat and cowered there.

D. WELSTEAD WILLIAMS.

THE RIVER BRIDGE.

The sun is set, and shadows shroud the scene
That stretches o'er the vale on to the hill;
Save for the lone owl's call, the air is still,
And but a gentle breeze blows o'er the green.
Before me lies a low stone bridge, between
Whose pillars runs the water of the mill:
Her broken walls decay, nor ever will
Regain the glory that for her has been.
No more will weary ploughman plod his way
Across her steep, uneven, beaten ridge;
No harvest wagon sway with lofty load;
Nor squire's chaise flash by, nor miller's dray.
Beside her stands a new, tall, iron bridge,
That now claims all the traffic of the road.

G. M. H. HUGHES, VI.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

As every member of the Association has received a report of the Committee's stewardship for 1952 it is unnecessary here to do more than record the events and progress of the Association since the last issue of the "Silurian."

During the winter two dances were held, the one a public dance in the Guild Hall, Brecon, in October, and the other the Annual Combined Re-union dance at the Girls' School early in January. Both were very enjoyable, but unfortunately, neither was very well attended.

Last July, the Old Boys' Cricket Team again beat the School Team, this time by 56 runs, but in the two soccer matches they had to be content with holding their younger and more active opponents to a draw on each occasion.

The Third Annual General Meeting was held at the Cafe Royal on 30th January, 1953. It was a happy innovation to hold the meeting in such pleasant surroundings and the retiring President (Mr. Stanley E. Jenkins) was quick to seize this opportunity of entertaining those present to a welcome and generous supply of refreshments. At this meeting the following Officers and Committee were elected: President, Mr. W. Ifor Jones, J.P.; Vice-Presidents, The Headmaster and Mr. E. B. Powell; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. Prosser Roberts; Committee, Messrs. A. G. Colwell, Garnet Morris, G. W. Davies, F. M. Thomas, C. N. Fluck, H. V. Goodwin, H. J. Leonard, C. B. Palmer, D. G. A. Smith, A. H. Pugh, W. O. Davies, G. C. Evans and the Reverend D. G. G. Davies. Ex-Officio, Messrs. Stanley E. Jenkins and F. B. Jones. At the first meeting of the Committee, Mr. G. W. Davies was elected Chairman, and Mr. H. J. Leonard Vice-Chairman.

The Fourth Annual Dinner was held at the Cafe Royal on Saturday, 28th March, 1953, with the President, Mr. W. Ifor Jones, J.P., in the chair. The guests were His Worship the Mayor of Brecon (Councillor G. W. Davies, J.P.), Dr. W. S. Russell Thomas, M.A., M.B., B.Chir. (a former Member of Parliament for Southampton and an Old Boy of the School), Mr. John Morgan (Sub-Editor of the "Brecon and Radnor Express") and the Senior Prefect, Mr. G. M. H. Hughes. Musical items were provided by Messrs. J. M. Butler and E. I. Rowlands who were accompanied on the piano by Mr. D. E. J. Ashcroft.

So much for the events of the past year. In the matter of membership we are pleased to record that a further forty-six Old Boys have joined our ranks since March, 1952. As

we welcome them into our midst we hope, too, that they will do all in their power to further the work of the Association. Their support of the social functions will go a long way towards keeping the Association virile and active and so hasten the day when we can justly claim that we have contributed to the welfare of the School which, let us not forget, is one of the objects of the Old Boys' Association.

In conclusion, we are proud to announce that the War Memorial Fund just reached its target of £250, thus enabling us to place the order for a Memorial Tablet which, we believe, will be a worthy tribute to the memory of those Old Boys who made the supreme sacrifice. We are greatly indebted to each and every one who contributed to the fund. It is intended that the Unveiling Ceremony shall take place at the School on the afternoon of Saturday, 26th September, 1953.

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.

Personal.

Births.

- To E. J. and Mrs. Davies, on 27th May, 1952, a son, Edward Martin.
- To Gerald and Mrs. James, on 6th May, 1952, a daughter, Heather Fiona.
- To D. E. and Mrs. Jenkins, on 25th June, 1952, a daughter, Sian Elaine.
- To Frederick and Mrs. Jenkins, on 15th February, 1953, a son, Roger Vaughan.

Engagements.

- E. T. Evans to Miss Patricia Joyce Farmer, of Worcester.
- Elwyn Jeffreys to Miss Jean Poole, of Eastnor, Ledbury.
- J. G. Robinson to Miss Joan Merryweather, of Barton-on-Sea.
- D. G. A. Smith to Miss Brenda Joan Evans, of Brecon.
- W. R. Watkins to Miss Mavis Joan Watkins, of Gloucester.

Marriages.

- J. E. J. Davies to Miss Rosamond Mary Lewis, on 7th August, 1952, at the Cathedral, Brecon.
- D. H. Evans to Miss June Margaret Woodin, on 20th December, 1952, at All Saints' Church, Queen's Park, Bedford.

D. J. G. Price to Miss Annie Gwen Gwyneth Watkins, on 27th September, 1952, at Saron Congregational Chapel, Cwmwysg, Trecastle.

W. P. Thomas to Miss Phyllis Anne Tyler, on 19th April, 1952, at St. David's Church, Abercrave.

Deaths.

C. H. Jenkins (1899-1901) on 8th May, 1952. A printer by trade, he was a past President of the South Wales Group of the Typographical Association and, at the time of his death, President of the Brecon Branch of the Association. Mr. Jenkins was a keen musician and vocalist and had been a church organist for over forty years. In his younger days he was a member of the Brecon Sports Club football team.

David Thomas (1902-05) on 24th February, 1953. Mr. Thomas, who was a native of Libanus, started his career on the old Brecon and Merthyr Railway and in 1936 was appointed stationmaster at Aberdovey. In 1947 he was promoted to Barmouth where he remained until his retirement in March, 1952. Mr. Thomas always took an active part in the social life of the various communities in which he served.

General.

We wish to congratulate:

D. G. G. Davies (1935-40) on being chosen as the Mayor's Chaplain during 1952-53.

G. W. Davies (1910-13) on being elected Mayor of Brecon for 1952-53.

K. M. Horner (1937-43) on his appointment to the post of Assistant Master at Cyfarthfa Castle Grammar School.

D. E. Jenkins (1935-40) who, after graduating at University College, Cardiff, was appointed Administrative Assistant (Finance Department), National Coal Board, London.

S. E. Jenkins (1900-04) on his elevation to the Aldermanic bench of the Brecon Borough Council and also on his election as an Alderman of the Breconshire County Council.

R. G. Jones (1941-48) on his appointment to the post of Assistant Master at Llanfyllin Grammar School.

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

Dyfed Lewis (1937-43) on gaining the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Garnet Morris (1896-99) on being elected Chairman of Governors of the Brecon Grammar Schools.

H. G. Price (1946-48) on his success in gaining admission to Balliol College, Oxford, which he will enter next October to read Modern Greats.

P. A. Thomas (1941-46) on being successful in the examination of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board, and on his appointment as Assistant Sanitary Inspector to the Hereford Rural District Council.

A. R. Williams (1925-32) on gaining the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Members will be interested to hear that D. Welstead Williams (1913-17), who contributes an article in this issue, recently presented the School with a cricket bat bearing the autographs of the members of the 1938 Australian team as well as those of the Glamorgan, Gloucester, Somerset and Yorkshire elevens.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

List of Members who have joined since 31st March, 1952.

Bevan, L. (1945-52).	Morgan, I. T. (1920-22).
Breeze, I. E. (1937-42).	Parry, C. G. (1945-51).
Davies, D. E. (1948-52).	Pearce, F. J. T. (1942-48).
Davies, J. C. (1946-52).	Penfold, G. D. (1948-52).
Davies, R. V. (1947-52).	Perkins, G. (1938-42).
Davies, W. I. (1943-46).	Phillips, W. G. (1948-52).
Davies, W. M.A. (1950-52).	Phillips, W. M. (1947-52).
Edwards, J. C. (1949-52).	Price, J. D. (1944-48).
Elston, H. (1909-12).	Pritchard, A. E. (1941-43).
Gould, R. D. (1947-52).	Probert, T. (1948-52).
Hargest, W. B. (1914-18).	Quarrell, W. J. (1921-24).
Havard, L. J. (1930-35).	Rees, D. N. B. (1945-52).
Higgins, E. (1948-52).	Richards, B. T. P. (1948-52).
Hill, E. R. (1948-52).	Thomas, A. R. (1945-52).
Howells, V. (1945-51).	Thomas, H. J. (1910-17).
Jones, A. J. (1939-44).	Thomas, W. S. R. (1908-12).
Jones, D. R. (1937-41).	Weller, R. D. (1950-52).
Jones, J. R. (1947-52).	Williams, E. L. (1939-44).
Jones, W. G. (1949-52).	Williams, H. E. (1949-52).
Lewis, H. W. (1945-52).	Williams, I. G. (1947-52).
Lewis, I. R. (1921-26).	Williams, J. (c 1902).
Maisey, L. J. (1946-52).	Williams, T. E. (1904-07).
Millward, W. C. (1949-52).	Williams, W. H. (Staff).

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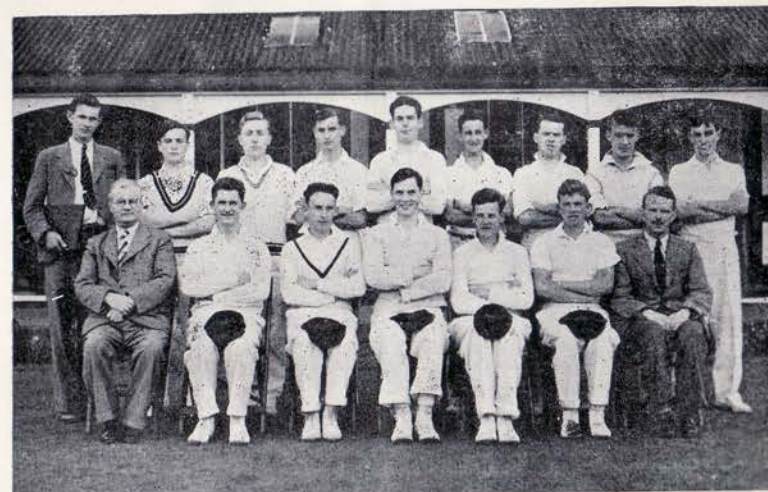
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