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Headmaster 1929—1954.

EDITORIAL.

Since the last issue of our magazine much has happened which will interest our readers. We hope this volume will record some of the outstanding events and changes of the past year.

Pride of place this year goes to Mr. Morgan, our headmaster, who retires at the end of the summer term. Pupils, past and present, respect and admire him as a scholar and a gentleman and we are indeed sorry to see him leave. We shall lose not only a fine headmaster but also a good friend, one who has always taken a keen interest in school life in all its forms.

We are delighted to hear that Mr. Morgan's link with the Old Boys' Association has been firmly established and we hope he will continue to take a lively interest in the welfare of the present and the future generations of pupils.

May you, Sir, enjoy a long and happy retirement—in Brecon.

B. P. RICHARDS, VI.

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MR. JACOB MORGAN, M.A. (Oxon.), HEADMASTER, BRECON BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL (1929—1954).

After twenty-five years' service as headmaster of the Brecon Boys' Grammar School, Mr. Jacob Morgan, M.A., is due to retire on 31st August, 1954. As the current issue of the *Silurian* is the last during his headmastership, it is appropriate that it should contain an account of his scholastic career and an appreciation of his services as a teacher and headmaster.

He was born at Llangadog, Carmarthenshire, in 1889, and from 1892 to 1902 attended the Board School of his native village where his father was headmaster for nearly 43 years.

After being awarded the Eleanor Williams Exhibition, founded by Sir John Williams, physician to Queen Victoria and a native of Llangadog, he proceeded to Llandovery College in 1902.

During the seven years he spent at Llandovery he distinguished himself as a scholar and athlete. He won an internal scholarship in his first year, and after obtaining the Oxford and Cambridge Higher Certificates in 1906-7-8 with distinctions in Mathematics and French, was awarded an open Mathematical Scholarship to Jesus College, Oxford, in 1908. He played rugby and cricket for the first school teams, took an active part in athletics and was awarded the Royal Humane Society Certificate for saving life.

At Oxford (1908-1912) he continued his studies in Mathematics and gained further distinctions in the subject. These included the Goldsmith's Exhibition in Mathematics (1909), First Class Honours in Mathematical Moderations (1909), a Junior Mathematical Exhibition (University Prize 1910), and a Second Class in the Final Honours School of Mathematics (1912). It is interesting to note that as a member of the *Dafydd ap Gwilym* Society at Oxford he was contemporary with Gwili, Wil Ifan and Professor T. H. Parry Williams.

On leaving Oxford, Mr. Morgan fully intended going to India, and so for a year took up temporary appointments at Llandovery College and Darlington Grammar School. After deciding against going abroad he obtained permanent appointments as senior Mathematics master at Barry Grammar School (1913-14), Grove Park Grammar School, Wrexham (1914-15; and April-December, 1919), and Taunton School, Somerset (1920-29). At Taunton he had charge of a Junior House for four years and a Senior House for the last five years.

His teaching career was interrupted by war service from 1915-1919. He joined the Artist Rifles, was commissioned as an officer in the 10th London Regiment in 1916, and served in Egypt and Palestine with the 11th London Regiment from 1916-1919, acting for about a year as Quartermaster. During the Second World War he again served as an officer in the 1st Brecknock Battalion of the Home Guard and started a Flight of the Air Training Corps at his Grammar School.

Mr. Morgan succeeded Dr. Llewelyn Woosnam as headmaster of Brecon Boys' Grammar School on 1st April, 1929. Such was his love for Mathematics, which he has always enjoyed teaching, that in addition to his duties as headmaster he took charge of the subject and taught it in the Vth and VIth Forms until 1950 and continued the work in the VIth Forms up to the time of his serious illness in 1951, when he underwent a major operation at St. Winifred's Hospital, Cardiff. We congratulate him on his remarkable restoration to good health, which we hope he will continue to enjoy for many years to come.

As headmaster he is possessed of a kindly and generous disposition. He is human and sympathetic in his relations with pupils and staff, and can readily be consulted for guidance and advice. Throughout the school there has existed an atmosphere of friendliness. He has kept in close personal contact with the boys in his care, studied their needs and difficulties and encouraged consultations by parents. He believes in the stimulating word of appreciation or praise, and is sympathetic when dealing with cases of misdemeanour, sparing the rod if it can be replaced by precept and advice. His first concern as headmaster is the happiness, well-being and progress of his pupils, and his reward has been the love and respect of the boys.

Under his charge a high standard of examination results has been maintained. Quite recently these have included University Entrances and State Scholarships. School games, and House competitions in association football, cricket, athletics and the annual eisteddfod have flourished under his encouragement.

Since coming to Brecon Mr. Morgan has always taken an active part in the life of the town. He is a deacon and financial secretary of the Plough Congregational Church, and has been for many years a Sunday School teacher and superintendent. For 15 years he was a co-opted member of various committees of the Breconshire Education Authority. His other interests

included the Brecon Little Theatre of which he was one of the founders, the Brecon Welsh Society of which he was chairman in 1944, the Plough Augmented Choir, and the Scouts Movement. Old Boys of the school will appreciate his work in helping to re-establish the Old Boys' Association of which he has been President and has recently been elected a permanent Vice-President. He has been a member of the Brecon Golf and Badminton Clubs, and is at present a keen and active member of the Brecon Bowling Club.

His publications include a school-textbook in trigonometry and a joint translation into Welsh of a Children's Bible. He has been an examiner in mathematics for the Civil Service, Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board, Northern Universities, Cambridge Local and Breconshire Entrance Examinations.

Pupils and staff, past and present, will join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

L. LEWIS.

MR. D. INGLIS, M.A.

Mr. Inglis, our History Master, left us at Easter to take up an appointment at Christ College. He has been at our school for twenty-five years, coming here in January, 1929, from Taunton School.

During his stay with us Mr. Inglis has done as much as anyone could do for the welfare of the school. Since 1930 he has been in charge of the various School libraries. Since 1947 he has been Secretary-Treasurer and general factotum of School games and athletics. He has served on innumerable committees: since 1947 chairman of the Breconshire Secondary Schools A.A.A., and since 1952 chairman of the Breconshire Schools Cricket Association.

As far as the school houses are concerned his name will always be associated with Gam.

Mr. Inglis has also contributed much to the social life of Brecon town. He has been an active member of the golf club since his coming here. From 1942-1951 he was Hon.

Secretary of the club and 1952-1954 Captain. In his younger days he played hockey and represented several local teams. He is still active at Badminton and for many years has served as Honorary Secretary of the Brecon club. He has also been closely associated with Brecon Sports Club.

He was one of the founders of the Brecknock Little Theatre and he has served long and faithfully on several committees associated with the local theatre.

We are all sorry that he is leaving us. Our loss in this school will be a very heavy one. Nevertheless we wish Mr. Inglis happiness in his new school and we trust that he will not sever completely his ties with us.

J.E.D.

SCHOOL NOTES.

In September, 1953, we welcomed to the Staff Mr. Elwyn Morris, B.Sc., who replaced Mr. J. D. E. Jones, B.Sc., the Physics Master.

We are all sorry to see Mr. Inglis and Mr. Phippen leave us. The former takes up an appointment at Christ College, Brecon, the latter an appointment at Kington Grammar School.

Last June a group from our school witnessed the ceremony of proclaiming the National Eisteddfod of Wales at Ystradgynlais.

We congratulate T. L. Powell, Form Ve on winning second prize in the Essay competition organised by the London Brecon and Radnor Society. The subject of the essay was: "The things I find most interesting in my county."

The School Discussion Group is still flourishing. Miss A. B. Jones, M.A., the new headmistress at the Girls' School is as enthusiastic and helpful as was her predecessor.

Once again we enjoyed the Christmas party at the Girls' School. We are very grateful to our hostesses.

In January the school visited the local cinema to see "The Conquest of Everest."

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Roberts on the birth of a daughter—Elizabeth.

BELGIUM.

In July, 1953, a party of twenty-three of us from the school, under the supervision of Mr. J. H. Williams, the French master, visited Belgium, Holland and France. We enjoyed six days on the continent.

We were comfortably accommodated at a well-known public school in Ostend from which "headquarters" we visited several places of interest.

Our first excursion took us to Bruges, "the Venice of the North" (so called because of the network of canals running through the city). Viewing a city from a boat was a novel experience! We were also granted the opportunity of observing the making of the fine lace for which Bruges is famous. Finally we visited the old church which houses the renowned Carillons.

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Holland, a beautiful little country, remarkable for its cleanliness and quaintness. Crossing the Scheldt by ferryboat, close to the historical island of Walcheren, we stopped at the ancient towns of Goes and Middelburg. At these places we were intrigued to see the farmers' wives dressed in the beautiful national costume of Holland.

Our last trip took us to France along the North coast to Boulogne and Calais, cities which still bore the scars of the recent war. Eventually we made our way to the famous beaches of Dunkirk. We moved on to Cap Gris Nez where we inspected the enormous sea defences erected by the Germans during the war. Before leaving France we paid a visit to the Bleriot memorial.

During the intervals between these trips we enjoyed the pleasures of Ostend itself. The park had its attractions! So had the pedal cars!

We also joined the citizens in the celebrations marking their independence day. Everyone of us appreciated the gay decorations of the city, the fire-work displays in the evenings and the bands playing in the numerous squares.

All in all it was a grand holiday. Our gratitude to our French master is profound.

W. A. TOVELL, VI.
B. R. C. WILLIAMS,

COLLEGE REPORTS.

Aberystwyth.

Four exiles encamped on the shores of Cardigan Bay gaze fondly to the south east—and home. They eagerly await the publication of the fifth volume of "The Silurian" and their scribe will now be at pains to communicate truthfully and disinterestedly the fortunes of their sojourn to all at the "Alma Mater."

A. B. Winstone is Brecon's senior representative at Aberystwyth and has been signally successful in gaining admission to the current Honours class of Physicists. The latter body being somewhat exclusive, Bryan can look forward with confidence to his degree examinations. Unfortunately, he is alone as a scientist from Brecon and as an Arts student I see very little of him while the remaining two Arts students see him only during his lunch hour.

A. R. Thomas experiences his second year of College life by pursuing two subsidiary subjects—English and Welsh—and Intermediate Philosophy. Alan is quite at home in the Coll. environment. He has a small part in the English Dramatic Society's production of "King Lear."

D. N. B. Rees like Alan, is in his second year at College. Following a successful first year Norman is now reading a First Year Honours course in French and a Finals course in English. If all goes well, he will visit France next Session, this pleasant experience constituting an integral part of the Honours course in French College life. He is never to be seen without a confident smile on his face and to all appearances he is going to spend a happy three years in Aberystwyth. On every occasion that this scribe visits the Coll. "Hop" on a Saturday night, Norman is also present.

D. W. Rice at the present moment is studying in France. He will return to Aberystwyth at the beginning of the next session to complete his Honours course in French, also perhaps, to command a regular place in the College First Soccer XI, as of old. It is to be regretted that no-one is putting Brecon on the sporting map here at present and if David can rectify this failure then he will be doing the School a great service.

P. W. Holt represents the new blood at College. An unfortunate first term has left him with the prospect of six months hard work in English, History and Geography, all at the Part One stage. However, he can still testify to the brilliance of the College swimming bath—which overlooks the National Library of Wales—a truly magnificent building.

I end this "Chronicle" by painting an equally truthful and forthright picture of the College itself. It is composed of a number of widely spaced-out buildings, some not quite as attractive as others; it witnesses a varied and incessant student activity; and it commands a beautiful position between an enigmatic sea and stern yet attractive mountains. The paradox is that Aberystwyth attracted only one "Fresher" from Brecon last year. I hope the above panegyric will serve to swell the ranks of Brecon boys at the College next Session. Looking not quite so far ahead as next September, I wish all who are steeling themselves for the coming onslaught in June the very best of good luck on behalf of four sympathisers at Aberystwyth

P. W. HOLT

Bangor.

This year sees our ranks depleted by the loss of two of our older and wiser members — both leaving behind them paths studded with academic success. J. J. Kiely (Sennybridge) is now undertaking research in the University of London, while D. F. Candy (Crickhowell) wears the Queen's uniform. We were disappointed to see no new "freshers" this year, which is surprising considering that here in Bangor is one of the finest colleges and by far the most Welsh college in Wales.

There are but four Old Boys here now but they are striving to live up to the high standard set by former Old Boys!

C. J. N. Candy (Crickhowell). Little is known of this gentleman. He is occasionally seen at Coll. Hops and running with the Harriers of a Wednesday afternoon. Apart from this nothing is known of him with any certainty, though rumour has it that he is still delving into the complicated depths of Electrical Engineering.

T. G. Powell (Cray). Glyn, after last year's spell of hard work, is now a semi-retired T.T. student, at the moment occupied with the task of enlightening the younger generation of Caernarvonshire in the subjects of History and Welsh. For most of the session Glyn has been lost to society but we are happy to announce that he is now back in his rightful place among us.

W. T. Jones (late Llanddew, now Talgarth). Trevor is now in his second year and is studying Chemistry, Maths. and Physics. He has gone from success to success in the world of Table Tennis, now captaining the second team which plays in the Bangor and District League.

L. J. Maisey (Brecon) is also in his second year, and is taking courses in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. Last year he played in the Coll. Cricket XI and took part in a highly enjoyable tour of the Dublin area.

It is also of interest to note that Dennis Morgan, M.Sc., (Talgarth) is working in Bangor.

We here in Bangor would like to extend our best wishes to the headmaster for a long and happy retirement. We have all had cause to appreciate his help, given as always so willingly.

We also wish Mr. Inglis and Mr. Phippen success in their new appointments and the same to all pupils sitting examinations in June.

J. MAISEY.

Report from Bristol.

At the present time, there are only two old boys from Brecon at Bristol University. They are Harold Lewis and Colin Watkins. A third, Glyn Winstone, graduated at Christmas and has left Bristol taking with him his wife and their young son. He has been studying dentistry.

Harold Lewis who is in the second year of a General Honours course in Physics and Maths. is a very active person. He is treasurer of the Socialist Society, a most energetic organisation, and is a committee member in the Rhythm Club. Outside the cultural sphere Harold plays for the cricket 3rd XI and has represented the university at table tennis.

Colin Watkins has started on a Special Honours course in Physics with Subsidiary Mathematics. He is a member of the University's Society of Change Ringers and he goes caving on the Mendips with the Spilaeological Society. He has also played for the Basket Balls 3rds.

C. A. WATKINS

H. W. LEWIS,

Cardiff.

There are at present nine Old Boys at this University amongst whom a great spirit of friendship exists. This has found its expression in the strongly-supported suggestion for a reunion dinner of Brecon students here, to take place later in the year.

L. Hargest, B.A., is at present fully wedded to his work for his Honours History exam. in June. As co-digger and co-partner in crime I can speak with full knowledge of his activities. Having gained his colours previously, Leighton occasionally appears for the College Soccer 2nd XI when his studies allow. He is also a keen member of local cultural film societies. A natural "wit," he is never lost for an answer in common-room cross-talk!

T. K. Jones, B.A., is now resting on the laurels of his Honours History degree and is finding Teacher's Training at Ferndale Grammar School most congenial. He has now plenty of time for College social activities, and is Secretary of the World University Service and the Socialist Society, a member of the Students' Union Council, and sub-editor of the College newspaper. He has become notorious for his "rockets" from the floor during debates, and may be seen tripping the light fantastic at most Union "hops."

D. J. Tidley, B.A., is taking a post-graduate course in personal management and seems to be spending his time touring the factories of South Wales. His pleasing, unassuming personality is most deceiving, for "Des" is captain of the College Boxing team. He also sometimes plays for the College Soccer 2nd XI.

L. Bevan is a Civil Engineering student residing at St. Teilo Hall, where he is Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. "Les" represents St. Teilo's in rugby and soccer, and at their dinner is Toast-master and Chief Jester. A member of last year's undefeated College Cricket 2nd XI he is keeping his hand in at winter nets. He likes to cut a dash at City Hall dances on a Saturday night!

H. A. J. Butter is studying Final English and 1st Year Honours History. When not employed in intellectual gymnastics, he finds his recreation in shooting and winter cricket net. A great character, "Jim" is very popular in undergraduate circles.

W. J. Davies is at present reading for Final English and Final Archaeology to complete his degree. Last session John gave us all great pleasure in winning the Charles Morgan Prize in Welsh History. A conscientious worker, John appears at Union social functions where he is a close friend of Des.

B. E. Grant is taking Electrical Engineering, and takes an active interest in the Engineering Society and Cardiff Scientific Society. Keen on music and electrical gadgets, Bryan strongly advocates the employment of tape-recording machines in lectures to replace those laborious hours of note-taking.

C. G. Parry is studying Final Physics and 2nd Year Honours Maths. When this bright young scientist is not cultivating his latest moustache, he is a stout member of the Chemistry and Physics Society and Photographic Society. Glyn is also an enthusiastic cyclist and has astounded us all by completing the vast distance between Cardiff and Brecon on a number of occasions.

J. Llewellyn. As for myself, I am the only "fresher" from the alma mater who has crept through the portals of this awe-inspiring University at the beginning of this session. I am taking History, English and Archaeology for Part I of the new University of Wales degree scheme. Having led a rather chequered social career, my sympathies have finally come to rest with the History and Church Societies. I have found an outlet for my physical energies with the cross-country Harriers and Rowing Club.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all Brecon students here, of wishing well to candidates for the W.J.E.C. exams. in June. We hope to see some new faces from the Old School next year.

JOHN LLEWELLYN.

Trinity College, Carmarthen.

Trinity College, Carmarthen, has been blessed for many years by the presence of Brecon "Old Boys". At the moment, the representation is strong, there being no less than five Old Boys training for their Certificates. Three are taking their Finals in June—John Butler, Ken Lloyd and Ken "Eli" Jones—and the two "new" arrivals, John Lewis and Lionel Jones, are already quite at home in this all male community. John Butler's time is fully taken up with his duties as Treasurer

of the Students' Council, acting in the College Plays, singing in Student Concerts, and playing for Chapel Services, with a little time devoted to study—a necessary evil. Ken Lloyd specialises in Woodwork, and little is seen of him except when he emerges from his pile of shavings to play table-tennis. As yet, Ken is still attracted to Brecon for his week-ends—we know why! Ken "Eli" Jones is something of a mystery, living out of Coll. as he does. His main concern seems to be that of obtaining sufficient food to replace energy expended on the Sports Field. Lionel Jones specialises in English Literature and John Lewis in Physical Education. As First Years these two have yet to make their presence felt. More will be heard of them next year.

As a little piece of Brecon in this cosmopolitan fraternity, we all intend to maintain the excellent record established over the years by predecessors—"fortiter, fideliter, feliciter."

JOHN M. BUTLER.

Lampeter.

With the beginning of the 1953-54 Academic Year St. David's College had amongst its students, two old Breconians, both freshmen.

D. L. Jones, of Brecon, is studying Honours Theology and is finding the Hebraic language most interesting and intriguing. David hopes eventually to go in for Holy Orders. He has found his college legs very quickly, being a playing member of the Soccer club, and a keen member of the Chapel Choir. He is often to be seen in the early hours of the morning going for a stimulating run.

W. B. Tyler, of Trecastle, is studying the First Year General Degree Course and enjoying the intricacies of Psychology and Philosophy. Next year he hopes to read Honours History. He is a playing member of the Soccer Club, a keen supporter of Harriers, a frequenter of the Richard Horker Society and a very loud member of the Debating Society. He hopes eventually to enter the teaching profession.

We hope that this first Lampeter letter will be continued in the future and that more Old Boys will come here for the next Academic Year.

W. BRYAN TYLER,

Swansea.

We have both settled down to College life and have, we think, struck a happy balance between our academic pursuits and social life.

J. J. A. Bevan is taking Part I Geography, Economics and French and hopes to specialize in Geography. He has retained his interest in the Boy Scout Movement by becoming a prominent member of the Col. Rover Crewe, and in the New Year he organized a Camp on the Brecon Beacons. He has taken an active interest in the departmental societies, and as member of the Geological and Geographical Society he visited the Glyn Neath Colliery, Swansea Docks and the Gower Peninsular. In the production of the French play "Maître Pathelin" he was responsible for the manipulation of the intricate lighting effects and assisting in the production.

D. M. Jones is taking Part I History, Economics and English and hopes to specialise in History. By becoming a member of the Choral Society he has maintained his interest in music, but owing to lack of time he has been unable to carry on his hobby of landscape painting.

Wednesday afternoon we both devote to recreation, either swimming or football. We would like to wish pupils and staff every success in the future; Mr. Morgan a long and very happy retirement; and Mr. Inglis and Mr. Phippen the best of luck in their new appointments.

J. J. A. BEVAN.

D. M. JONES.

THE JUNGLE.

A Short Story.

He gazed steadily in front of him, grinned ruefully, and, as if he was resigned to his fate, looked at the apparently useless weapon in his hand.

"What good is this," he mused, "against that jungle!"

He raised his gaze again, and the sight in front of him caused him to shudder. He saw a tangled growth, sprouting as it were from every conceivable spot. It was thick matted, curling, seemingly impenetrable.

"It will take a month to chop my way through that," he thought, still musing on the sadness of his fate. "What have I done to deserve this?"

After having cursed the capricious nature of destiny once or twice, he took a firm grip on his frail, almost fragile weapon which gleamed brightly in the morning sun. With his jaw firmly set he began hacking away at the luxurious undergrowth. He hacked and hacked, chopped and chopped, sliced and sliced, but the impression that he made upon the "jungle" was only negligible.

"Will this agony never end!" he thought, but doggedly, almost heroically he struggled on. Gradually his strength of will returned and he was determined to win through.

"I'll finish this if it kills me," he said. With strength of will came strength of arm, and his efforts became more rhythmic and easy.

"At last!" he thought, "I'm making a little impression on it."

With this pleasing thought, a new-found vigour pulsed through his body. The pleasure of achieving a little success urged him on despite all the discomfort it was causing him.

"Don't give up! Don't give up!" he kept repeating to himself, "you'll do it yet. Don't give it up!"

As the blade moved up and down it glinted in the sun, and the undergrowth rapidly fell away under its swift attack.

"Not long now," he thought, "At last I've got it under control!"

A faint patch of white appeared through the darkness of the bush: it grew larger as he chopped, till finally he had finished. He had succeeded. Not the slightest amount of growth was to be seen! His eyes twinkled, a broad smile spread across his face, his whole face beamed.

"Well," he said, "that's that. I won't have to shave again until to-morrow!"

B. P. RICHARDS, VI.

PRIZE DAY.

The School's Prize Distribution was held in the Market Hall on December 16th, when the guest of honour was Mr. Wynne Ll. Lloyd, M.A., F.R.G.S., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools for Wales.

The chairman for the afternoon was Ald. Garnet Morris who in his introductory remarks referred to the excellent service rendered to the school by the Headmaster who retires at the end of the year.

Mr. David Lewis, M.B.E. proposed the vote of thanks and this was seconded by Mr. J. V. Like.

The School Choir sang "The Yeomen of England."

Mrs. Lloyd presented prizes to the following boys:—
Form IIw: W. C. Jones.

Form IIa: D. G. Powell, E. T. Morgan, D. Powell, R. W. Parry.

Form IIIw: D. A. Gittins.

Form IIIa: G. Jones, A. E. N. Trimm, T. A. Gwynne, D. Davies.

Form IVa: T. L. Powell, W. Griffiths, R. Pritchard, D. W. Pulling.

Form Vp: I. L. James, D. J. Probert.

Form Ve: W. E. P. Price, R. M. Howell, R. W. Smith, W. P. Roderick, R. G. Tucker, D. J. Chatfield.

Form VI: M. Balding, J. J. A. Bevan, P. W. Holt, G. M. H. Hughes, D. M. Jones, J. Llewellyn, E. G. Powell, M. R. Shellard, W. B. Tyler, C. A. Watkins.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS, 1953.

Advanced Level.

Balding, M.	... ..	Chemistry.
Bevan, J. J. A.	... ..	English, French, Geography.
Holt, P. W.	... ..	English, Geography, History (with distinction).
Hughes, G.	... ..	English, Latin, History.
Jones, D. M.	... ..	English, History, Geography.
Llewellyn, J.	... ..	English, History.
Powell, E. G.	... ..	Pure and Applied Mathematics, Chemistry.
Richards, B. P.	... ..	English.
Shellard, M. R.	... ..	English, Latin, History.
Tovell, W. A.	... ..	Chemistry.
Tyler, W. B.	... ..	English, History, Geography.
Watkins, C. A.	... ..	Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Went, A. C.	... ..	Pure and Applied Mathematics.

Ordinary Level.

Chatfield, D. J.	... ..	English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, French*, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Crook, A. J.	... ..	English Language, English Literature, Welsh, French*, History, Mathematics, Chemistry, Art.
Davies, D.	... ..	Mathematics.
Davies, G. L.	... ..	English, Language, Latin, History, Mathematics, Chemistry.
Davies, I. R.	... ..	English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, French*, Chemistry, Art.
Davies, W. R. L.	... ..	Mathematics, Chemistry.
Evans, E.	... ..	English Language, English Literature, Chemistry.
Evans, H.	... ..	English Language, Latin, Chemistry.
Gaywood, M. D. H.	... ..	English Language, English Literature, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.

George, T. D. B. ... English Language, French*, Mathematics.

Gerrish, P. T. E. ... English Literature, Mathematics, Biology.

Harvey, D. T. L. ... English Literature, Latin, Geography, Chemistry.

Hepton, A. ... French*, Botany.

Howell, R. M. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Isaac, H. K. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, Geography, Mathematics.

James, I. L. ... Welsh*, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Jenkins, R. W. ... Mechanics.

Jones, D. O. P. ... English Language, English, Literature, Latin, History, Geography, Chemistry.

Langley, A. N. ... Welsh*.

Like, C. B. ... Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.

Lucas, R. ... English Language, English Literature, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Meredith, D. J. ... English Language.

Millichip, T. B. ... English Language.

Millington, J. ... English Literature.

Morris, B. A. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, French, History, Mathematics.

Ottewell, A. B. ... Mathematics.

Price, W. E. P. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, Latin, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.

Pritchard, B. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, French*, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.

Pritchard, L. ... Mechanics.

Probert, D. J. ... English Language, Welsh, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Pugh, E. L. ... Art.

Pugh, P. C. ... English Language.

Rees, S. E. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, French*, History, Geography, Chemistry.

Roderick, W. P. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, Latin, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.

Smith, R. W. ... English Language, English Literature, Latin, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Stroud, J. F. ... Geography, Chemistry, Art.

Sullivan, V. M. ... English Language, Welsh*.

Suter, J. M. ... English Language, English Literature, French*, History, Mathematics, Geography, Chemistry.

Taylor, J. ... Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Thomas, D. I. ... Welsh*, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Thomas, D. B. ... Welsh*, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Thompson, T. M. ... English Language.

Tucker, R. G. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, Latin, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.

Twist, P. D. ... French*, Mechanics.

Wallis, O. J. ... English Language, French*, Geography.

Watkins, C. A. ... German*.

Went, A. C. ... French*.

White, E. B. ... Welsh*, Chemistry.

Williams, E. J. ... Welsh*.

Williams, H. J. ... English Language, English Literature, Welsh*, French, History, Geography, Mathematics.

Williams, J. M. ... Mechanics.

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

THE EISTEDDFOD.

This year again, as in the previous two years, the St David's Day Eisteddfod was held in the Guild Hall. The majority of the seats were, of course, occupied by the staff and pupils, although a considerable number of visitors were also present. The Eisteddfod commenced with the singing of "The Queen" and "Yr Hufen Melyn" in which the whole school took part.

The adjudicators were Professor D. J. Davies, B.A., and Mr. W. J. Gravelle for Literature and Music respectively. Both these gentlemen acquitted themselves well in what was often a difficult task. We thank them sincerely for giving their services to the Eisteddfod. The accompanist was Mr. Bryan Williams who fulfilled his duties excellently.

After an appreciable lead in standard points Gam managed to retain their position, although relentlessly pursued by Theophilus. In fact, at one point, the whole issue was very much in the balance between these two houses. Fortune however favoured Gam who eventually won by the narrow margin of two points. There was then a considerable gap between the second and third places, the latter was occupied by Vaughan while Siddons valiantly brought up the rear.

The final result was:—

Gam	...	...	302
Theophilus	...	...	300
Vaughan	...	...	240
Siddons	...	...	211

The headmaster conducted the Eisteddfod throughout while the Mayor of Brecon, Councillor Llewellyn Jones, presided. The formidable task of organizing the Eisteddfod was admirably and efficiently performed by Mr. Harvey Williams. A large measure of thanks for the success of the Eisteddfod is due to him. Mr. Williams was supported on the platform by Messrs. D. Inglis and D. T. Havard.

We also thank Messrs. Perry Bros for kindly decorating the stage.

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

Junior Competitions.

Welsh Recitation: "Yr Oen Du."

1, R. W. Parry (G); 2, M. R. Burr (T); 3, R. Rees (G).

English Recitation: "Blackbird."

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

Welsh Solo: "Breuddwyd y Frenhines."

1, D. W. Jenkins (S); 2, G. C. Williams (G); 3, T. H. Owen (S).

English Solo: "Annie Laurie."

1, R. Rees (G); 2, D. W. Jenkins (S); 3, B. S. Bunner (V).

Poem: "Snowdrop."

1, T. N. Watkins (G); 2, D. L. Jones (S); 3, M. R. Burr (T).

Humorous Poem: "I Can't Sit Still."

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

Essay: "It is worth while learning Welsh."

1, M. P. Lloyd (G); 2, A. S. Twist (T); 3, M. R. Burr (T).

Landscape:

1, T. H. Owen (V); 2, B. Howells (T); 3, H. Simpson (G).

Physical Map of Wales:

1, B. Jones (V); 2, D. G. Powell (G); 3, E. L. Hamer (T).

Handicraft:

1, W. M. Jones (V); 2, J. Whittacker (S); 3, J. Perkins (V).

Senior Competitions.

Welsh Recitation: "Aros a Myned."

1, H. J. Phillips (S); 2, J. J. Price (T); 3, R. G. Tucker (V).

English Recitation: "The Kingfisher."

1, J. M. Williams (T); 2, E. G. Powell (T); 3, V. M. Sullivan (S).

Welsh or English Solo: "Ymadawiad y Bienin."

1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, W. O. Jones (S); 3, O. J. Wallis (T).

Pianoforte Solo: "Andante in G" (Batiste).

1, W. E. P. Price (V); 2, D. G. Powell (T); 3, A. J. Jones (V).

Poem: "St. David."

1, H. Evans (T); 2, O. J. Wallis (T); 3, W. E. P. Price (V).

Humorous Poem: "When I have left this School."

1, B. P. Richards (T); 2, O. J. Wallis (T); 3, P. O. Evans (G).

Essay: "Wales and her New Industries"

or

"Ways and means of attracting Tourists to Breconshire."

1, P. O. Evans (G); 2, H. Evans (T); 3, A. B. Ottewell (S).

Short Story: Own selection.

1, W. E. P. Price (V); 2, A. B. Ottewell (S); 3, O. J. Wallis (T).

Landscape:

1, A. Hepton (S) and D. J. Williams (G); 3, B. S. Bell (G).

Physical Map of Wales:

1, D. O. P. Jones (V); 2, C. B. Like (G); 3, J. F. Stroud (T).

Handicraft:

1, W. D. Vincent (G); 2, I. G. Prosser (V); 3, L. B. Probert (S).

Sixth Form Only.

Scripture Reading: St. Matthew, chap. 7, vv. 13-17 and 20-29.

1, W. E. P. Price (V); 2, J. M. Williams (T); 3, R. G. Tucker (V).

Open Competitions.

Welsh Recitation: "Y Saig."

1, D. T. Lewis (T); 2, E. G. Powell (T); 3, G. T. M. Jones (V).

Parody: "Sea Fever."

1, P. O. Evans (G); 2, O. J. Wallis (T); 3, B. P. Richards (T).
J. P. DAVIES, VI.

ATHLETICS, 1953.

The annual School Sports were held, as in preceding years, at the I.T.C. Sports Ground on Wednesday, 15th July. We extend our profound thanks to Major J. E. Margesson for the loan of the ground, and to Miss M. E. Jarvis, M.A., J.P., formerly Headmistress of the Girls' Grammar School, who presented the Staff Sports Cup to the captain of the winning house, which was on this occasion Siddons. We also express our gratitude to Mr. A. J. Phippen for his highly efficient organisation, and to other members of the staff who acted as judges in the various events.

This year marked the inclusion of the walk in place of the cricket ball, in all three sections, the success of which experiment can be measured when the performances of the school's representatives in the walk at the County Sports are viewed. Other innovations included the extension of the javelin to the junior section and the reduction of the relay distance to 4 x 110 yards to conform with the distance at the County Sports. The standard of performance was, on the whole, fairly high, three new records being set up and T. B. Millichip is to be congratulated on his achievement in exceeding the previous record in the weight (Middle School) by over three feet. The final result was:—

1. Siddons	...	...	207 points.
2. Vaughan	...	...	159 points.
3. Theophilus	...	...	151 points.
4. Gam	...	...	87 points.

*Denotes new record.

Junior School.

100 Yards. Record: 12.3 secs. A. J. Short (T), 1940.

1, P. Richards (S); 2, T. I. V. Prosser (V); 3, S. J. Gallagher (S). Time: 13.8 secs.

220 Yards. Record: 28.2 secs. M. T. H. Styles (G), 1948.

1, P. Richards (S); 2, D. J. Williams (G); 3, S. J. Gallagher (S). Time 29.9 secs.

Relay (4 x 110 yards).

1, Siddons; 2, Theophilus. Time: 56 secs.

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

1, B. D. Davies (S); 2, D. T. Lewis (T); 3, P. G. Hicks (T).
Distance: 14 ft. 5 in.

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

1, K. Jones (T); 2, T. Gardner (T); 3, D. W. Pulling (V).
Height: 4 ft. 3 in.

660 Yards Walk. NEW EVENT.

1, D. H. Price (G); 2, G. A. H. Thomas (G); 3, G. T. M. Jones (V). Time: 3 mins. 27.9 secs.

Javelin. NEW EVENT.

1, B. D. Davies (S); 2, T. J. Ottewell (S); 3, P. Richards (S).
Distance: 101 ft. 7½ ins.

Middle School.

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

1, W. P. Roderick (V); 2, W. E. P. Price (V); 3, W. Griffiths (V). Time: 12 secs.

220 Yards. Record: 25.5 secs. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1952.

1, W. P. Roderick (V); 2, W. E. P. Price (V); 3, J. G. Morgan (S). Time: 26.2 secs.

440 Yards. Record: 57.8 secs. J. G. Griffiths (V), 1949.

1, W. P. Roderick (V); 2, W. Griffiths (V); 3, W. E. P. Price (V). Time: 62.6 secs.

880 Yards. Record: 2 min. 29.3 secs. R. Lucas (T), 1952.

1, W. Griffiths (V); 2, G. L. Williams (T); 3, E. P. Pritchard (V). Time: 2 min. 33.1 secs.

880 Yards Walk. NEW EVENT.

1, T. B. Millichip (S); 2, B. T. Williams (S). Time: 4 min. 16 secs.

Discus. Record: 102 ft. B. P. Richards (T), 1950.

1, T. B. Millichip (S); 2, W. D. Vincent (G); 3, E. P. Pritchard (V). Distance: 94 ft. 10 in.

Javelin. Record: 127 ft. 7 in. B. P. Richards (T), 1951.

1, J. I. S. Meyrick (S); 2, W. D. Vincent (G); 3, J. Millington (V). Distance: 112 ft. 7½ in.

Weight. Record: 38 ft. 6 in. P. J. Randall (G), 1948.

1, T. B. Millichip (S); 2, J. Millington (V); 3, T. D. B. George (T). Distance 41 ft. 8¾ in.*

Long Jump. Record: 19 ft. 2 in. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1951.

1, W. P. Roderick (V); 2, G. L. Williams (T); 3, W. Griffiths (V). Distance: 17 ft. 8 in.

High Jump. Record: 4 ft. 10½ in. L. S. Davies (S), 1939.

1, P. C. Pugh (S); 2, E. P. Pritchard (V); 3, W. E. P. Price (V). Height, 4 ft. 10 in.

Hop, Step and Jump. Record: 37 ft. 11 in. L. D. Davies (V), 1951.

1, T. D. B. George (T); 2, W. P. Roderick (V); 3, W. Griffiths (V). Distance: 35 ft. 8 in.

Senior School.

100 Yards. Record: 10.4 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1935.

1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, M. R. Shellard (V); 3, E. G. Powell (T). Time: 11 secs.

200 Yards. Record: 24.8 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1934.

1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, J. F. Stroud (T). Time: 25.1 secs.

440 Yards. Record: 56 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.

1, D. L. Jones (S); 2, A. B. Ottewell (S); 3, D. J. Meredith (S). Time: 59.2 secs.

880 Yards. Record: 2 min. 19.2 secs. W. M. A. Davies (V), 1952.

1, I. R. Davies (V); 2, D. L. Jones (S); 3, R. Lucas (T). Time: 2 n in. 17.7 secs.*

1 Mile. Record: 5 min. 14.4 secs. W. M. A. Davies (V), 1952.

1, I. R. Davies (V); 2, D. L. Jones (S); 3, H. Moses (T). Time: 5 min. 7 secs.*

Mile Walk. NEW EVENT.

1, A. Hepton (S); 2, D. L. Jones (S); 3, J. F. Stroud (T). Time: 9 min. 6.5 secs.

Relay (4 x 100 yards).

1, Siddons; 2, Vaughan. Time: 50.7 secs.

Discus. Record: 93 ft. 7 in. B. P. Richards (T), 1952.

1, B. P. Richards (T); 2, A. B. Ottewell (S); 3, J. F. Stroud (T). Distance: 89 ft. 1 in.

Javelin. Record: 138 ft. 9 in. L. V. G. Jones (V), 1951.

1, R. Lucas (T); 2, M. R. Shellard (V); 3, J. M. Williams (T). Distance: 138 ft. 1 in.

Weight. Record: 31 ft. 9½ in. L. Hargest (G), 1950.

1, R. Lucas (T); 2, B. P. Richards (T); 3, P. W. Holt (V). Distance: 30 ft. 6½ in.

Long Jump. Record: 19 ft. 8½ in. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.

1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, D. L. Jones (S); 3, I. R. Davies (V). Distance: 19 ft. 4 in.

High Jump. Record: 5 ft. B. H. Powell (T), 1951; D. I. S. Pritchard (V), 1949; T. C. Griffiths (G), 1935.

1, R. Lucas (T); 2, A. B. Ottewell (S); 3, A. H. Hepton (S). Height: 4 ft. 10 in.

Hop, Step, Jump. Record: 40 ft. 2 in. T. K. Jones (V), 1950.

1, A. B. Ottewell (S); 2, D. L. Jones (S); 3, P. W. Holt (V). Distance: 36 ft. 1 in.

W. E. P. PRICE, VI.

THE COUNTY SPORTS, 1953.

The Annual Championship Meeting of the Brecon and Radnor Secondary Schools Amateur Athletic Association was held on the School Field, Builth Wells, on Saturday, 4th July, 1953.

This year the Welsh Secondary Schools A.A.A. had altered the limits of the three age groups. The new senior age limits (17 to 19 years) did not suit our Association and there were few entries in most of the Senior events. Despite this disappointing feature the meeting as a whole was most successful. Thirteen schools took part and the large programme of 61 events ran most smoothly to the scheduled times.

The School Athletics Team had a most successful afternoon gaining seven firsts and five seconds.

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

Seniors.

100 Yards: 3rd, M. R. Shellard.

440 Yards: 4th, J. Llewellyn.

880 Yards: 3rd, H. Moses.

Mile: 1st, I. R. Davies.

Long Jump: 3rd, I. R. Davies.

High Jump: 3rd, D. J. Meredith.

Cricket Ball: 1st, M. R. Shellard.

Walk: 1st, A. Hepton.

Relay: 2nd.

Middle.

100 Yards: 1st, A. B. Ottewell.

220 Yards: 1st, A. B. Ottewell.

440 Yards: 2nd, W. P. Roderick.

880 Yards: 3rd, R. Lucas.

Hop, Step, Jump: 3rd, T. D. B. George.

High Jump: 4th, R. Lucas.

Javelin: 3rd, R. Lucas.

Weight: 2nd, T. B. Millichip.

Walk: 1st, T. B. Millichip.

Relay: 2nd.

Junior.

Long Jump: 1st, G. L. Williams.

Walk: 2nd, D. H. Price.

A. B. Ottewell in both the 100 and 220 set up new records for these events.

The following boys received their County colours: A. B. Ottewell (Re-award); G. L. Williams, T. B. Millichip, I. R. Davies, A. Hepton, M. R. Shellard.

The following boys competed in the National Meeting at Aberystwyth on Saturday, July 11th: A. B. Ottewell, G. L. Williams, I. R. Davies, T. B. Millichip and A. Hepton. (There is no Cricket Ball at the National Meeting so Shellard did not go).

The County Meeting for 1954 is to be held at Ystradgynlais on Saturday, July 3rd. The National Meeting is to be held at the Girling Works Ground, Cwmbran, on Saturday, July 10th.

During the Summer term Mr. J. Ll. Alford, the National Coach for Wales, visited the School on four occasions. Mr. Alford on each occasion gave a short talk, showed some films and did some practical work outside. On these visits Mr. Alford dealt with the use of starting blocks, with throwing the javelin, and high jumping (the Western roll).

These visits were most successful and were greatly enjoyed by boys and masters who attended. Mr. Alford stressed the need for practice which should be planned, methodical and regular.

The starting blocks proved a most popular innovation and we are very grateful to Mr. Moses who took so much care and trouble in making them.

The School is most grateful to Mr. Alford for his most skilled instruction and the results at our own Sports and at the Counties meeting showed that his visits had not been in vain.

CRICKET, 1953.

Captain: B. P. Richards.

Vice-Captain: A. B. Ottewell.

Masters: Mr. J. D. E. Jones, Mr. D. Inglis.

1st XI Results.

- May 2nd: v. Ystradgynlais. Away. Lost by 93 runs.
Ystradgynlais 123 for 6 declared; Brecon, 30.
- May 9th: v. Ystradgynlais. Home. Drawn.
Ystradgynlais, 75; Brecon 52 for 9.
- June 6th: v. Aberdare. Away. Lost by 5 wickets.
Brecon, 83; Aberdare, 84 for 5 wickets.
- June 13th: v. Ystalyfera. Away. Lost by 8 wickets.
Brecon, 80; Ystalyfera, 101 for 2 wickets.
- June 17th: v. Crickhowell Colts. Away. Won by 3 wickets.
Brecon, 83 for 7; Crickhowell Colts, 51.
- June 20th: v. Brynmawr. Home. Won by 7 wickets.
Brynmawr, 60; Brecon, 62 for 3.
- June 24th: v. Christ College 2nd XI. Home. Won by 7 Wickets. Christ College, 35; Brecon 37 for 3.
- July 8th: v. Brynmawr. Away. Drawn.
Brecon 94 for 7; Brynmawr, 54 for 3.
- July 14th: v. Old Boys. Home. Lost by 7 runs.
Old Boys, 58 for 9; School, 51.

This year the 1st XI was not as successful as usual. Bad weather necessitated the cancellation of many games, including the Staff match. However the weather must not take full blame. The school's batting was inconsistent and the bowling was in no way to be compared with the accurate and aggressive bowling of M. R. Shellard and M. Balding in 1952. The School lost for the third successive year to the Old Boys, yet beat Christ College 2nd XI convincingly by 7 wickets. This year we are unfortunate in that we lose three great stalwarts of school cricket: Mr. D. Inglis, Mr. J. D. E. Jones and W. A. Tovell.

The Breconshire Schools Cricket Association played three games in 1953. B. P. Richards and P. W. Holt were chosen for all three games, though they only played in two, missing the game against Glamorgan through what might be termed an administrative error or an excess of well meant zeal. A. B. Ottewell was chosen for the game against Carmarthenshire.

In the game against Monmouthshire at Blaenau B. P. Richards made 50 not out, and P. W. Holt 19 not out, a fine stand by the two Brecon Boys which saved their side from defeat. B. P. Richards is the first to score the half-century for the comparatively young Breconshire Schools Cricket Association.

In his one game for the County against Carmarthenshire at Ystradgynlais, A. B. Ottewell scored 20 and was the highest scorer on his side.

The thanks of the association are also due to W. A. Tovell and Mr. Bryan Williams who acted as scorers in these county matches. Both are excellent scorers, accurate, quick and neat.

Mr. D. Inglis has been chairman of the Association since its formation in 1952, and in 1954 he is succeeded by Mr. C. Giles.

School Colours.

Re-awards: B. P. Richards, A. B. Ottewell, E. G. Powell, M. Balding, M. R. Shellard, P. W. Holt.

Awards: A. C. Went, P. C. Pugh, T. J. Ralph, V. M. Sullivan. Heading the season's averages were:

Batting: V. M. Sullivan, 14.00; P. W. Holt, 13.16; A. B. Ottewell, 13.14.

Bowling: A. B. Ottewell, 6.93; B. P. Richards, 8.00; M. R. Shellard, 9.18; M. Balding, 9.36.

House Championships.

Senior.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1. Theophilus ...	3	2	1	0	5
2. Siddons ...	3	2	0	1	4
3. Vaughan ...	3	1	1	1	3
4. Gam ...	3	0	0	3	0

Junior.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1. (Siddons ...	3	2	0	1	4
(Gam ...	3	2	0	1	4
3. Theophilus ...	3	1	0	2	2
4. Vaughan ...	3	0	0	3	0

A. B. OTTEWELL, VI.

BASKET BALL.

Masters: Mr. W. H. Williams and Mr. D. Inglis.

This year the second House Basket Ball competition was held. The competition was held on a single afternoon and was confined to boys not taking a public examination, which meant the School up to and including VJ. As before, each House entered two teams and the somewhat complex competition was ably managed by Mr. W. H. Williams. The afternoon was full, exciting and most enjoyable. The standard of the game in the School is undoubtedly improving, but, of course, we have still a long way to go. All players should make an effort to become conversant with the Rules and the method of scoring as such knowledge will lead to a considerable improvement in the play.

Results:

First Team: 1, Vaughan; 2, Gam; 3, Theo.; 4, Siddons.
Second Team: 1, Gam; 2, Siddons; 3, Theo.; 4, Vaughan

FOOTBALL REPORT, 1953-54.

Captain: B. P. Richards.

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

First Eleven.

1953.							
Oct.	17th	Builth C.G.S. ...	...	Away	Won	8—0	
..	24th	Kington G.S. ...	...	Away	Won	7—0	
Nov.	21st	Presteigne C.G.S.	...	Away	Won	8—2	
..	28th	Builth C.G.S. ...	...	Home	Won	9—2	
Dec.	12th	Old Boys ...	...	Home	Drawn	3—3	
1954.							
Jan.	16th	Llandrindod C.G.S.	...	Away	Drawn	1—1	
..	23rd	Llangynidr Y.C.	...	Away	Drawn	4—4	
..	30th	Builth C.G.S. ...	...	Away	Cancelled		
Feb.	13th	Llangynidr Y.C.	...	Home	Cancelled		
..	20th	Kington G.S. ...	...	Home	Cancelled		
..	27th	Llangynidr Y.C.	...	Home	Won	6—0	
Mar.	6th	Llandrindod C.G.S.	...	Home	Won	5—2	
..	13th	Hay Juniors ...	...	Away	Lost	0—2	
..	20th	Builth C.G.S. ...	...	Home	Won	7—2	
..	27th	Hay Juniors ...	...	Home	Won	10—0	
Apl.	7th	Old Boys ...	...	Home	Lost	1—3	

Highest Scorers: V. M. Sullivan, 24; E. G. Powell, 15;
A. B. Ottewell, 9.

Colours: Awards, W. Vincent, R. Lucas, G. L. Williams,
B. Pritchards.

Re-awards: B. P. Richards, A. B. Ottewell, E. G. Powell
V. M. Sullivan, A. C. Went, P. O. Evans.

Junior Eleven.

Captain: T. L. Powell.

1953.							
Oct.	17th	Builth C.G.S. ...	...	Away	Lost	0—6	
..	24th	Kington G.S. ...	...	Away	Won	4—2	
Nov.	14th	Crickhowell Sec. Mod.	...	Away	Lost	4—7	
..	21st	Presteigne C.G.S.	...	Away	Drawn	0—0	
..	28th	Builth C.G.S. ...	...	Home	Won	4—1	
1954.							
Mar.	3rd	Llandrindod C.G.S.	...	Home	Won	4—2	
..	20th	Builth C.G.S. ...	...	Home	Lost	1—4	

House Championships.

Senior 1st XI.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Theophilus ...	15	14	0	1	105	13	28
Siddons ...	15	10	1	4	64	43	21
Gam ...	15	3	1	11	21	68	7
Vaughan ...	15	2	0	13	18	84	4

Senior 2nd XI.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Theophilus ...	15	12	3	0	52	8	27
Siddons ...	15	6	3	6	32	29	15
Vaughan ...	15	5	4	6	25	27	14
Gam ...	15	2	2	12	10	55	4

Junior Eleven.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Siddons ...	18	13	3	2	50	8	29
Gam ...	18	10	2	6	36	23	22
Theophilus ...	18	6	3	9	22	39	15
Vaughan ...	18	3	0	15	21	58	6

B. P. RICHARDS, VI.

LAMENT

Ten little Brecon boys
Found that Chem. was fine
One inhaled the Hydrogen,
So now there are nine.

Nine little Brecon boys
Slept very late
One forgot to bring a note,
So now there are eight.

Eight little Brecon boys
Took a smoke at 'lven
One was seen by someone,
So now there are seven.

Seven little Brecon boys
Studied hard at Physics
One has split the atom,
So now there are six.

Six little Brecon boys
Went for a drive
One chose the Wyvern,
So now there are five.

Five little Brecon boys
Studied Welsh folk-lore
One met a Dragon,
So now there are four.

Four little Brecon boys
Heard that milk was free
One "scoffed" the Prefects' quota,
So now there are three.

Three little Brecon boys
Found that Art would do,
One stayed at the girls' school,
So now there are two.

Two little Brecon boys
Phoned the Head—for fun,
But the call was traced,
So now there is one.

One little Brecon boy
Stood beside the gun
Mr. Lewis fired,
So now there is none.

A-NON.

DEWI SANT.

Yn oesoedd bore Cristionogaeth wir,
Pan geisiai llawer sant i fyw i Grist,
Dy lais oedd uchaf un o fewn ein tir,
Yn moli Mab y Dyn a'i farw trist.
Ni fynnai d'ysbryd tyner weled poen
Mewn un anifail nac aderyn rhydd;
A gwnaethost i'th gyd-ddynion droi eu hoen
I lwybrau moliant, gobaith, hedda fffydd.
Dy hanes ddaeth drwy'r oesoedd atom ni;
Yn nawr 'rwyf ymhlith arwyr mawr ein gwlad;
A thrwy dy eiriau doeth a'th wyrthiau di
Dy enw sydd i Gymru yn fawrhad.
A thra fydd heniaith Cymru yn ein clyw
Dy glôd a'th hanes dithau ddeil yn fyw.

H. EVANS, VI.

THE SNOWDROP.

Dear little snowdrop,
First flower of Spring,
Standing so firmly
In spite of everything.
The north wind blowing,
Snow all around,
Jack Frost ready
To strike you to the ground.
Brave little snowdrop,
Though you may be dumb,
You are here to let us know
Of better days to come.

T. N. WATKINS, IIIa.



OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Each of the four previous numbers of "The Silurian" has contained some reference to the proposed War Memorial Tablet. During those years it seemed to some that our plans were taking a long time to materialise although they knew that the provision of a Memorial was one of our main objects. Last year, however, saw the culmination of our efforts, for on Saturday, 26th September, 1953, the ceremony of unveiling and dedication was held in the School Gymnasium. Those who were present will not easily forget the simple yet impressive ceremony which was conducted throughout with so much dignity. The tablet itself (a photograph of which appears in this issue) will remain a worthy tribute to the Old Boys of this School who made the supreme sacrifice.

Those taking part in the ceremony, which was presided over by Mr. W. Ifor Jones, J.P., were Minor Canon D. G. G. Davies, the Headmaster (who unveiled the tablet), Emeritus Professor John Evans and Major-General G. T. Raikes, C.B., D.S.O.

As members of the Brecon Grammar School Old Boys' Association we have every right to remember that day with proud thanksgiving.

During the year our programme has been similar to that of previous years. On Friday, 29th January, 1954, the Fourth Annual General Meeting was held at the Cafe Royal. The retiring President (Mr. W. Ifor Jones, J.P.) not only presided but also provided those present with refreshments—a gesture which evoked the sincere approval of those faithful members who had braved the elements on this wintry night. At this meeting the following Officers and Committee were elected: President, Mr. E. B. Powell, M.B.E.; Vice-Presidents, The Headmaster and Mr. F. M. Thomas; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. Prosser Roberts; Honorary Assistant Secretary, Mr. B. R. C. Williams; Committee, Messrs. S. E. Jenkins, F. B. Jones, C. L. Blank, O. V. Owen, C. N. Fluck, H. V. Goodwin, H. J. Leonard, C. B. Palmer, D. G. A. Smith, W. V. Morris, A. H. Pugh, S. Roderick, L. S. Davies and Minor Canon D. G. G. Davies. Ex-Officio, Messrs. W. Ifor Jones, J.P., and G. W. Davies. At the first meeting of the Committee, Mr. C. B. Palmer was elected Chairman, and Minor Canon D. G. G. Davies, Vice-Chairman.

The Fifth Annual Dinner was held at the Cafe Royal on Saturday, 3rd April, 1954, with the President, Mr. E. B. Powell, M.B.E., in the Chair. The guests were His Worship the Mayor of Brecon (Councillor H. Llewelyn Jones, J.P.), Alderman Percy Morris, J.P., M.P., of Swansea, Mr. J. M. Williams (the Senior Prefect of the School), Mr. Michael Weale, of the "Brecon and Radnor Express," and Mr. J. Pettican who very kindly took photographs of the proceedings. Mr. E. I. Rowlands again consented to provide musical items and we are most grateful to him for his kindness. The accompanist was Mr. B. R. C. Williams.

There was a record attendance at this year's Dinner, some members having travelled from places as far afield as Yorkshire, Birmingham, Liverpool, Welshpool, Bristol, Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport and Llandrindod. Another interesting feature was the presence of four brothers, namely, Messrs. Bertram, Percy, Edgar and Harold Jones, who now reside in Swansea, Colwyn Bay, Caerleon, and Cardiff respectively. It was the first occasion, too, for three generations of one family to be present; they were Messrs. F. Beverley Jones, D. C. B. Jones and B. C. B. Jones.

That the Annual Dinner is now firmly established as our most popular function is beyond dispute. Each year the demand for seats increases and the atmosphere of reunion becomes more evident. We are always pleased to see fresh faces, but we must not forget the "regulars." It is worth noting that there are fifteen members who have not missed a single Dinner; many others have attended at least three or four. Such men are the backbone of any association and we are fortunate to have them in our midst.

In the sphere of sport we have continued our terminal encounters with the School Teams. Last Summer the Old Boys once again beat the School Cricket Team, this time by twenty runs. At Christmas the Old Boys had to be content with another draw in their Soccer match against the School, but on 7th April this year they defeated the School by three goals to one. Without detracting from this victory we must not forget that the School Team was below its usual strength. Those with long memories will recall that before the Association was formed the Old Boys found difficulty in defeating the School and on occasions they lost heavily. At Christmas, 1949, for instance, they lost by seven goals to two. Since the Association took over the conduct of teams, however, the Old Boys have lost only one game out of seven.

Our membership has continued to grow during the year and we now have a total of 380 members. We are grateful to those who have helped so much by securing new members and giving publicity to the work of the Association. But much more remains to be done, for there is a very large number of Old Boys who have not yet joined us. We feel certain that each member knows of one relative or friend whom he could persuade to join. Will you accept the challenge?

In conclusion, we wish to make one personal reference. Next August, Mr. Jacob Morgan retires after a period of twenty-five years as Headmaster. We take this opportunity of placing on record our appreciation of the unfailing support which he has given to the Association. Mr. Morgan has always maintained that the School and the Old Boys' Association are inseparable. It was he who insisted that "the welfare of the School" should be one of our chief objects; but he also realized that the success of this new venture would depend largely on the support which the School could give to it. We are indebted to him for the many facilities which he has granted us and for having taken such keen interest in our progress.

Elsewhere in this issue the President of the Association extends to Mr. Morgan our good wishes on his retirement. To that message we need add only this: that we sincerely hope that our Life Vice-President will continue to be a faithful member of the Old Boys' Association for many years to come.

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 R. W. and Mrs. East, on 28th February, 1954, twin sons, Robert James and David Ernest.

To J. I. and Mrs. Golesworthy, on 12th May, 1953, a daughter, Tamsin.

To A. A. and Mrs. Jones, on 9th April, 1953, a daughter, Glynis.

To W. V. and Mrs. Morris, on 6th August, 1953, a daughter, Helen.

Engagements.

J. M. Butler to Miss Cynthia Primrose Quarrell, of Erbistock, Wrexham.

K. M. Lloyd to Miss Yvonne Mary Peters, of Brecon.

A. J. Thorogood to Miss Rosemary Jean Loxton of Three Cocks, Brecon.

H. L. Watkins to Miss Audrey Emily Vaughan, of Three Cocks, Brecon.

Marriages.

W. I. Davies to Miss Angela Heather Spencer, on 20th October, 1953, at the Parish Church, Hay-on-Wye.

E. T. Evans to Miss Patricia Joyce Farmer, on 25th July, 1953, at St. Mark's, Worcester.

M. S. S. Howcroft to Miss Margaret Nanette Davies, on 27th June, 1953, at Eglwys Oen Duw, Beulah.

A. G. Hubbard to Miss Lorna Hooley, on 13th February, 1954, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Luton.

T. J. Jones to Miss Valeria Joan Dimond, on 29th August, 1953, at St. Paul's, South Harrow.

R. J. Priday to Miss Dorothy Mary Price, on 5th December, 1953, at St. David's Church, Llanfaes, Brecon.

D. G. A. Smith to Miss Brenda Joan Evans, on 8th August, 1953, at the Cathedral, Brecon.

W. R. Watkins to Miss Mavis Joan Watkins, on 27th March, 1954, at St. Stephen's Church, Gloucester.

Deaths.

D. J. Thomas (1910-1915) on 26th November, 1953. Mr. Thomas began his career as a railwayman on the old Brecon and Merthyr Railway. Later on he left to take up business on his own account and built up a successful catering enterprise in Coventry. At the time of his death he was the proprietor of the Riding School at Keresley where he resided.

J. F. Thomas (1921-23) on 6th December, 1953. Mr. Thomas, who lived at Llangattock, had for many years carried on an extensive business as a seedsman. He took an active part in the life of the locality and was deacon, organist and treasurer of Bethesda Church, Llangattock.

General.

We wish to congratulate:

D. G. G. Davies (1935-40) on being appointed Minor Canon of Brecon Cathedral.

Brychan Griffiths (1925-31) on being appointed Accountant-in-Charge of the National Provincial Bank, Llanwrtyd Wells.

W. B. Hargest (1914-18) on his appointment as Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Hay and Builth districts.

G. B. Jones (1942-48) on having qualified as Radar Supervisor and obtaining his Commission in the Royal Air Force.

J. J. Kiely (1942-50) on gaining his degree with first class honours in Mathematics at University College Bangor.

H. J. Leonard (1936-39) on his appointment as Assizer in the Department of Trade and Industrial Development in the Federal Government of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

A. H. Norman (1925-30) on gaining his commission in the Royal Air Force.

W. H. Norman (1924-29) on his appointment as Headmaster of a school in Oxford.

T. Phillips, D.F.C. (1930-36) on gaining a postal appointment in East Africa.

E. B. Powell (1917-21) who is this year's President of the Association, on being appointed M.B.E.

H. J. Thomas (1910-17) on his appointment as Headmaster of Eglwys Wen Junior Mixed School, Whitchurch, Glamorganshire.

W. A. Tovell (1946-53) on being granted a Commission in the Royal Air Force.

Association Notes.

List of Members who have joined since 31st March, 1953.

Arthur, W. J. (1915-16).	Langley, A. N. (1949-53).
Balding, M. (1950-53).	Llewelyn, J. (1946-53).
Bevan, J. J. A. (1945-53).	Meredith, D. J. (1948-53).
Crook, A. J. (1948-53).	Meyrick, J. I. S. (1950-53).
Davies, G. (1949-52).	Morgan, W. E. A. (1951-53).
Davies, I. R. (1948-53).	Morris, B. A. (1948-53).
Davies, L. D. (1947-52).	Norbury, H. (1927-34).
Evans, E. (1947-53).	Parry, J. V. (1949-53).
Fantham, F. (1945-50).	Poole, G. (1920-23).
George, B. W. L. (1950-53).	Powell, B. (1932-37).
Green, J. J. (1932-37).	Powell, T. D. L. (1908-13).
Hamer, D. W. (1948-53).	Probert, D. J. (1948-53).
Harvey, D. T. L. (1949-53).	Pugh, E. L. (1948-53).
Holt, P. W. (1946-53).	Scott, G. A. J. (1949-53).
Howley, D. L. (1949-52).	Shellard, M. R. (1946-53).
Hughes, G. M. H. (1947-53).	Suter, J. M. (1949-53).
Isaac, D. J. B. (1950-53).	Swain, W. S. J. (1947-53).
Isaac, H. K. (1948-53).	Thomas, T. C. (1910-15).
Jones, B. C. B. (1949-53).	Tovell, W. A. (1946-53).
Jones, D. L. (1946-53).	Tyler, W. B. (1947-53).
Jones, D. M. (1947-53).	Watkins, C. A. (1945-53).
Jones, H. (1902-07).	Williams, E. J. (1949-53).
Jones, T. F. (1902-05).	Williams, H. J. (1948-53).

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.



Letter from the President.

Brynawel,
Bowen Terrace,
Brecon.
12th April, 1954.

The Editor,
"The Silurian,"
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Dear Sir,

As President of the Old Boys' Association may I claim a little space in your Magazine?

Mr. Jacob Morgan, M.A., is retiring at the end of the Summer Term, after serving the School as Head Master, faithfully and well, for 25 years.

For a quarter of a century he has been philosopher, friend and guide to over 1,300 boys, and, as a result of his timely advice and help, many an old scholar has been started on his career.

Every craftsman loves his material—the sculptor his stone—the writer his words. Mr. Morgan too, cared deeply for the most precious of all materials, growing and developing human life.

Mr. Morgan has been elected Vice-President for life of the Old Boys' Association, an honour richly deserved, which exemplifies the high regard in which he is held by all the members.

On behalf of the Old Boys' Association, it is my very pleasant duty and privilege to extend to Mr. Jacob Morgan our very sincere wishes for good health and a long and happy retirement.

Yours faithfully,
E. B. POWELL,
President, Old Boys' Association, 1954

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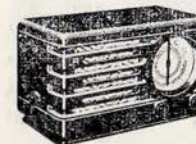
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