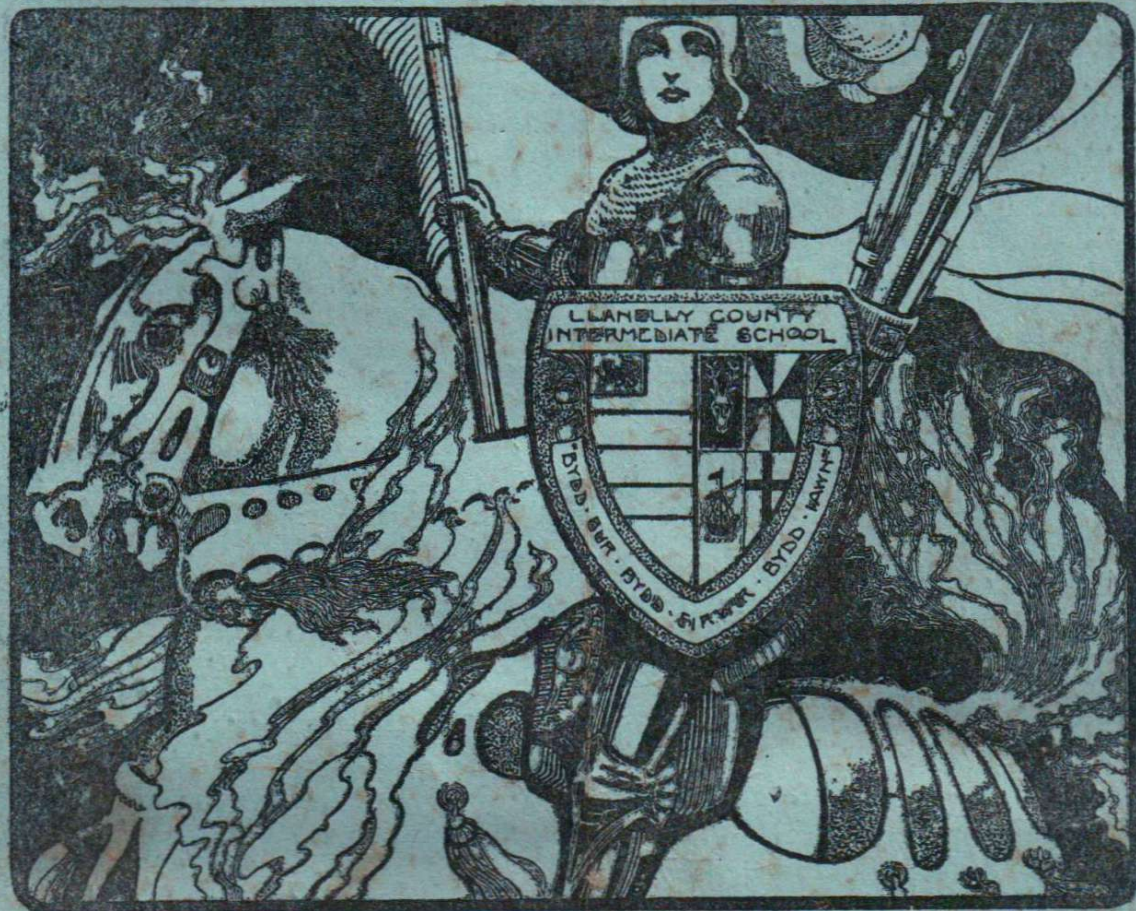


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EDITORIAL.

ANOTHER School Year is drawing to its close. At the beginning of last Term we suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Lewis Griffiths, who had been a faithful member of the staff for many years. This sad event cast a shadow over us all.

Last term also we were glad to welcome back Mr. Bowen and Mr. Hughes after their long absence on War Service. The usual annual events—Prize Day, The Rag, Past v. Present Rugby match, and Sports Day, have all been duly held, and each one was a great success. School's thanks are due to all who co-operated in these functions.

By the time this appears, the C.W.B. and Terminal Examinations will all be over, and we shall be looking forward to the holidays. We wish all the entrants of the School and Higher Certificates the best of luck and hope we shall have a long list of successes to record in our next issue.

Finally, we wish all good fortune to those who will be leaving us this Term, and hope that their stay in School will have helped to equip them for the battle of life.

NODIADAU GOLYGYDDOL.

DYMA ni unwaith yn rhagor wedi dyfod i derfyn blwyddyn arall ym mywyd yr Ysgol. Hon oedd y flwyddyn gyntaf o heddwch yn yr Ysgol ers chwe blynedd, a bu yn hynod lwyddiannus ym mhob agwedd o fywyd cyffredin y bechgyn.

Gwaith pleserus yw i mi, yn enw yr Ysgol, groesawu Mr. Glyn R. Hughes yn ôl yn ein plith, ar ôl treulio ohono flynyddoedd yn y Fyddin. Hyderwn y cawn ei arweiniad a'i gyfarwyddyd am flynyddoedd. Eisoes gwelsom ei sêl fawr dros Urdd Gobaith Cymru, a barodd i lu o fechgyn ymuno o'r newydd.

Gwerthwyd cannoedd o lyfrau eleni eto yng nglŷn ag Ymgyrch Lyfrau'r Urdd, ac rwy'n siwr y cydsynia pawb â mi, fod ar yr Urdd ddyled fawr i Mr. Roberts am ei waith caled a chyson yn y cyfeiriad hwn.

Daeth anrhydedd fawr i'r Ysgol yn yr alwad a gafodd y Parch. Llew Williams, B.A., o Gapel Als, un o gyn-lywyddion y Gymdeithas Gymraeg, i fod yn ôllynydd i'r gŵr mawr Elfed ym mhulpudd enwog King's Cross, yn Llundain. Llongyfarchwn Mr. Williams o galon, a dymunwn iddo lwyddiant mawr yn ei waith.

Prynhawn ddydd Mercher, Mehefin 26, cafodd bechgyn dosbarthiadau Cymraeg y Senior yr hyfrydwch o gael y wers olaf yn rhydd, a'r fraint o gael gwrando ar y Parch. Camwy Evans yn traethu'n wych ar Batagonia, y Wladfa Gymreig yn Ne Amerig, lle y ganwyd ef, ac y treuliodd ei ddyddiau cynnar nes bod yn ugain oed. Y mae'r llyfr, "Cymru Patagonia" yn rhan o faes y Senior eleni, a buddiol i ni ar drothwy'r Arholiad oedd clywed profiad personol Mr. Evans.

Cafodd 60 o'r bechgyn amser da iawn hefyd yn ystod y tymor, pan fuont am drip i Gaerdydd, a'u dwylo yn llawn wrth wyllo'r meistri.

Diolchwn am wasanaeth Mr. R. Wyn, B.A., a Ken E. Jones, B.A., i'r dosbarthiadau Cymraeg, a dymunwn bob llwyddiant iddynt.

Wel, wrth ddod i derfyn, dymunaf bob llwyddiant i chwi fechgyn yn yr Arholiadau, gan hyderu y cewch amser rhagorol yn y gwyliau.

VIVIAN JONES (VI).

DE OMNIBUS REBUS.

THIS time-honoured feature reports, as usual, the noteworthy happenings of the past term.

We have had with us in School this term several Student Teachers from Swansea and Aberystwyth. These included two Old Boys in Mr. Edgar Rees and Mr. Hywel Davies.

At the end of this term we shall unfortunately be losing the services of two of our masters, Mr. L. J. Saer and Mr. W. Rees, who will be leaving the School to take up duties in London and Llandrindod respectively. We wish them every success in their new appointments.

The Cricket team have been unfortunate this season in not having a wicket to play on in the School field. Only away matches could be arranged and some of these have been spoiled by the wet weather. We are looking forward with interest to the Annual Old Boys' Match at Stradey. We were glad to hear that Emrys Bowen, our chief bowler last year, was awarded his Cricket colours at Brecon.

It gives us great pleasure to record that two of our first XV. players were "capped" for Wales in the A.T.C. Rugby international match which was played against England at Cardiff Arms Park. The boys concerned were the School half-backs, Harry Evans and Peter Lewis, while Howard Rees, another of the School team, acted as reserve centre threequarter; they worked well together and completely outshone the English halves. Peter "made" two tries, and one of the reporters who were looking on described him as "a pocket edition of W. B. Cleaver, the Cardiff and Welsh fly-half, not only in looks but also in play. The result of the match was a win for Wales by 18 points to 3.

The Annual Old Boys' Rugby match was played at Stradey on April 6th. On paper the Old Boys' team looked very much stronger than the School team, but, as it turned out, the solid play of the "Present" pack seemed to overcome the "star-studded" Past pack. The result, 8 points to 6, was a good indication of the game.

Owen Jones, one of our Old Boys, has been making a name for himself in first-class Rugby. Last season he played regularly for the London Welsh senior side with great success. He is hailed by the captain of the London Welsh (Claude Davey, the famous Welsh international centre), as a future international centre-threequarter.

The Annual Rag took place in March with all its customary vigour, and the sum of £53 was raised towards the upkeep of the School bed in the General Hospital.

This term the Cycling Club arranged several trips, but owing to unfavourable weather were able to go on only one—to the Pembrey Mountain area. It is hoped, however, that next term they will be able to make several more excursions.

We hear that the Kitchen Staff have adopted as their signature tune the popular "opus" entitled "One Meat-Ball!"

Rumour hath it that a certain member of the teaching staff has proposed to a member of the kitchen staff. It is hoped that the quality and quantity of the School dinners (?) will improve next term.

We feel we must belie the current rumour that the local branch of the R.S.P.C.A., sent a representative up to the School in consequence of the noises issuing from the Science Lab. when the "Six Staff Room Hot-Shots," a dance combination formed by the masters to reduce expenses at School dances, was "giving out" at one of its weekly practices!

We are pleased to acknowledge the following gifts to the School:—
J. C. Lewis, £2 2s. for the Library; Allen Charles, £1 1s. for the Biology Library.

ROY MARKER.
GILMOUR EVANS, VI.

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Y DIWEDDAR MR. LEWIS GRIFFITHS, EIN HATHRO HANES.

Y LLAWEN a'r trist, yr hapus a'r anhapus, sy'n peri i ddyng gofnodi traul amser. Rhyw ddigwyddiadau llawen neu drist sy'n creu argraff ddofn yn y meddwl bob amser. Gellir cofnodi treigl amser a blynyddoedd drwyddynt. Dyna sut y croniclir bywyd a gyrfa pob dyn.

Dyma hefyd yw gwir groncl hanes bywyd ysgol yn y diwedd—ryw syn symud rhwng y llawen a'r trist. Ysywaeth, y trist a ddaeth i'n rhan ni yn yr Ysgol eleni. Fe'n parlyswyd ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn eleni gan farw ein hannwyl gyfaill a'n hathro Mr. Griffiths. Y mae'r hiraeth o'i golli ef yn ein llethu o hyd.

Bu Mr. Griffiths yn athro yn yr Ysgol am 28 o flynyddoedd, a hoffid ef yn fawr gennym oll. Gwnaeth argraff annileadwy ar bawb ohonom am amryw resymau. Ni wthiai ei hun ymlaen. Gwell oedd ganddo gadw o'r tu ôl a gwneud ei waith yn dda a chyflawn heb fost nac ymffrost. Rhoddai fynegiant clir i'w argyhoeddiadau bob amser a byddai'n onest a diddichell â phawb, tra disgwyliai unplygrwydd tebyg oddiwrthynt hwy yn eu tro. Yr oedd yn ffrind i bawb, a phawb yn ffrind iddo yntau.

Gwnaeth hefyd lawer ynglŷn â chwaraeon yr Ysgol, a chymerodd ddiddordeb ynddynt hyd y diwedd. Gwelir ei lun mewn llawer o'r lluniau sydd i'w gweld ar hyd yr Ysgol.

Trist ydym o'i golli o'n plith, a gwelwn ei eisiau yn fawr. Er hynny, gwyddom oll nad ofer fu ei lafur ar y ddaear hon, a'i fod heddiw yn mwynhau ffrwyth y llafur caled hwnnw. Cydymdeimlwn i gyd a'i berthnasau sydd ar ôl. Ac fel y dywed y Beibl:—"Da was, da a ffyddlon."

G. R. RENOWDEN (VI.).

MR. LEWIS GRIFFITHS.

THE loss which the School sustained by the death of Mr. Griffiths was one which it is difficult to estimate accurately, or to realise fully.

For 28 years he was Senior History Master. In that capacity he brought to bear on his work that blending of sound scholarship and breadth of outlook which ensured for all his pupils a firm general grasp of World History, while those who later took up the subject for more specialised study owe much to his sympathetic interest, and to the generosity which prompted him to place his own personal library at their disposal. In his final illness almost his last words were to express the wish that all his books might be given to the School—a fact which has deeply touched us all. For many years to come his name, inscribed on a memorial slip, will meet the eyes of those pupils who will use the large collection—over 300 volumes—which he bequeathed to the School. Those of us who knew him well can thus feel that a great part of the mind of our friend is still with us and that “he, being dead, yet speaketh.”

For 21 years, Mr. Griffiths was in charge of Rugby Football in the School, and there are many generations of players, very many of whom achieved distinction in this great game, who will never forget those Thursday afternoon Trial Matches with Mr. Griffiths as coach. In that connection his popularity was unrivalled. But long before this, as a boy, he played in the School 1st XV. Those who remember him as a player still speak of his pluck and dash, qualities which he never lost.

Great as was the service of Mr. Griffiths in the work and play of the School, his personal influence and high character were still greater. In every sphere where service could be rendered he was to be found, in his Church of which he was a deacon, in the Y.M.C.A., of which he was a Committee Member, in Schoolboy International Rugby where he was at one time a member of the Selection Committee, and perhaps, above all, in the home—at all times he displayed those qualities of integrity, unselfishness and devotion to duty, which commanded the respect and admiration of all who knew him.

We who were his colleagues daily miss his genial and lovable personality, with his engaging and whimsical sense of humour and verbal quips that raised many a laugh in the Staff Common Rooms. We miss, too, to our great loss, the example of his modesty and self-abnegation and those “little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love” which Wordsworth declares make up the greater part of a good man’s life.

T. V. SHAW.

HIRAETH.

BU Tommy J. Jones, Dafen, yn ddisgybl yn yr Ysgol hon o 1932 hyd 1938. Gorwedd ei weddillion heddiw ym Mynwent y Box. Bu Tommy yn ddiwyd a llwyddiannus ar hyd y blynyddoedd yn ein plith. Rhoes wasanaeth eithriadol yn y Gymdeithas Gymraeg, a dringodd yn ei flwyddyn olaf i gadair y Llywydd. Pregethwr oedd Tommy yr adeg honno, a pharhaodd i bregethu'r Efenigyl ar air ac mewn cymeriad hyd ei awr olaf, er na chafodd fyw i fugeilio eglwys. Graddiodd ym Mangor ac aeth i Gaergrawnt fel efrydydd am y Weinidogaeth. Cydiodd y darvoudedigaeth ynddo'n fuan yno, a bu'n gorwedd am flynyddoedd yn ei gartref ac mewn ysbytai. Tystiai y sawl a fu'n gweini arno i loywder ei gymeriad, ac addfwynder ei ysbryd yn ystod ei gystudd. Boed yr Arglwydd yn noddfa i'w deulu trallodus.

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OFERGOELEDD.

EFALLAI fod y Cymry â rhyw natur ofergoelus ynddynt yn naturiol; clywsant sôn am hen wragedd yn sisial am argoelion drwg yn eu sgwrs o amgylch y tân, ond ni ddywedant wrth neb eu bod yn credu mewn argoelion oherwydd bod rhyw gywilydd cyfrin yn eu rhwystro. Felly yr oedd gwraig y mwynwr y byddaf yn sôn amdani.

Eisteddai yn eu chadair siglo o flaen y tân yn cyweirio hosannau. Yr oedd y plant wedi mynd i'r ysgol, dim ond y baban bach oedd ar ôl, hunai yn dawel yn ei grud ac yna dihunai a'i wên siriol yn llonni ei ruddiau bychain. Pan edrychai hi arno yn ei grud fflachiai cariad mam yn ei llygaid, ond nid amdano ef y meddyliai eithr am ei gŵr—Dan—ymhell o dan y ddaear yn cloddio glo, yr awyr yn drwm ac yn llychlyd. Llosgai golau trydan ar ei helm gan daflu golau ar y glo a oedd cyn ddued â'r eboni. Safai chwys ar ei dalcen ac arno glynai llwch glo. Cadwai coed y top i fyny a dibynnai ei fywyd arnynt.

Daeth brongoch i mewn trwy'r ffenestr, glaniodd ar y bwrdd o flaen y ffenestr, edrychodd oddi amgylch yn ofnus ac yna canodd gân fywiog glir. Gwelodd friwsionyn ar y bwrdd, cipiodd ef yn ei big ac ehedodd allan trwy'r ffenestr i'r awyr agored.

Onid oedd ef yn dlws. Peth more ddiniwed a Daeth gwg dros ei thalcen, oerodd ei chalon, pa mor fynych y clywsai hi bobl yn dweud os delai aderyn i mewn i'r tŷ ei fod yn argoeli angau. Beth am Dan yn y pwell? A oedd ef wedi ei ladd? Gwylltiodd gyda gofid ac ocheneidiodd ei chariad o dan y fath boen. Syllodd ar fflamiau'r tân a llithrodd deigryn poeth i lawr dros ei gruddiau. Yna clywodd glwyd yr ardd yn cael ei hagog, swm, traed yn dod dros y llwybr, curo ar y drws. Rhewodd ei chalon gan ofn, a oedd Dan wedi ei ladd? A oedd damwain wedi digwydd? Rhedodd i'r drws gan ei agor yn araf. Yno yr oedd Dan yn llawn llwch glo yn gwenu'n iach. Fflachiai hapusrwydd yn llygaid llaith ei wraig, rhedai dagrau fel y gawod a chydiodd ynddo. Beth oedd ofergoeldd ond fflineb, onid oedd hi yn Gristion a Duw yn hollalluog. Ofer oedd siarad yr hen wragedd; ni chredai hwynt byth mwy. Nid argoelion ac ofergoeldd a reola fywyd dyn ond Duw, felly pa wahaniaeth os cerdda dyn o dan ysgol ac edrych ar y lleuad trwy'r ffenestr? Gosodai ei llaw yn llaw yr Arglwydd i'w harwain allan o'i thywyllwch.

JOHN W. P. MORRIS (VI.).

CHRISTMAS EVANS—PREGETHWYR.

Y gŵr mawr hyn oedd un o'r pregethwyr mwyaf a welodd Cymru erioed. Ganwyd ef ar Ddydd Nadolig yn 1766; dyma'r rheswm iddo gael ei alw yn "Christmas." Yr oedd yn fab i grydd tlawd a drigai ym Mhlwyf Llandysul, Sir Aberteifi.

Bu farw ei dad pan oedd Christmas yn naw mlwydd oed, a bu'n rhaid iddo weithio ar fferm am bum' mlynedd, a thrwy gasineb y ffermwr cafodd amser caled. Bu'n rhaid iddo hefyd ddioddef llawer wrth ofalu am y defaid yn y tywydd oer.

Bu mewn perygl o golli ei fywyd fwy nag unwaith, ond arbedwyd ei fywyd er yr holl beryglon, a chredai Christmas Evans mai Duw a ofalai am dano.

Ni chafodd lawer o addysg ac ni fedrai ddarllen gair pan oedd yn ddeunaw oed, ond tua'r adeg yma daeth awydd cryf arno ddysgu darllen, a dywedir iddo ddysgu darllen y Beibl mewn mis o amser.

Pan fedrai ddarllen, gwnaeth ymdrech fawr i ddysgu Saesneg, Groeg a Lladin, a llwyddodd yn ddirfawr. Aeth i ysgol am chwe mis a gwnaeth ei orau glas i ddysgu a'i fryd ar y weinidogaeth.

Yr oedd yn dlawd iawn. Gweithiai ar y ffermydd yn ystod y cynhaeaf i ennill digon o arian i'w gadw yn yr ysgol. Aeth un diwrnod i ffair, ac yno ymosododd nifer o ddynion arno. Tarawodd un o honynt Christmas Evans yn ei lygad â phren, a chollodd yntau ei lygad. Y noson honno penderfynodd nad elai fyth eto i ffair, ac y mynnai ddod yn bregethwr da.

Yn 1789 aeth i Leyn, Sir Gaernarfon; yno daeth yn enwog fel pregethwr. Ni chafodd lawer o gyflog. Dywedodd wrth ei wraig i'w chysuro yn ei phenbleth, "Ymddiried yn Rhagluniaeth, Cathrin fach, fe ddaw popeth yn iawn." Rhyw dro, pan oedd eisiau tatws ar y wraig, dywedodd Christmas wrthi, "Cathrin fach, paid â gofidio am y tatws, ond ymddiried yn Rhagluniaeth." Atebodd hithau, "Ewch chwi i eistedd ar y mynydd i ddisgwyl Rhagluniaeth; âf innau i'r ardd i geibio tatws, a chawn wybod at bwy y daw Rhagluniaeth gyntaf."

Ar Ddydd Nadolig, 1791, symudodd Christmas Evans o Leyn i Llangefni, Sir Fôn. Lle bach iawn oedd hwn hefyd ac ni chododd ei gyflog yn uwch nag un-bunt-ar-hugain y flwyddyn tra bu yno. Eto yr oedd yn hael iawn, ac yn barod i helpu pob achos da hyd y gallai.

Pan oedd ei wraig allan un tro daeth casglwr tros y genhadaeth heibio i'r tŷ. Rhoddodd Christmas Evans yr unig bunt oedd yn y tŷ iddo. Parodd hyn i'w wraig gwyno. Trannoeth aeth gŵr boneddig heibio iddo ar y ffordd a rhoddodd dair put i'r pregethwr.

Teithiodd Christmas Evans gryn dipyn ar hyd y wlad yn pregethu o fan i fan. Credai mai cyfrinach ei allu i wneud cymaint o waith yn ystod ei oes oedd, "Gwneud un peth ar y tro, a gwneud hwnnw'n dda."

Yr oedd Christmas Evans yn ffraeth iawn. Un tro, cyfarfu â gweini-dog o'r enw Mr. Herring ar ben mynydd yng nghanol yr haf. "Peth rhyfedd yw cyfarfod â 'Christmas' ynghanol yr haf," ebai hwnnw wrtho. "Nid mwy rhyfedd na chyfarfod â 'Herring' ar ben mynydd," oedd ateb parod Christmas Evans.

Ar ôl deunaw-mlynedd-ar-hugain o wasanaeth yn Llangefni, symudodd Christmas Evans i Ddeheudir Cymru. Bu am ddwy flynedd yng Nghaerffili, ac am dair blynedd yng Nghaerdydd.

Bu yn gweithio'n galed hyd y Saboth cyn iddo farw. Un nos Saboth, yng Ngorffennaf, 1838, pregethodd yn Abertawe, ac ar ôl y bregeth, proffwydodd ei farwolaeth fel Dewi Sant gynt yn y geiriau, "Dyma fy mhregeth olaf."

Felly y bu, cymerwyd ef yn glaf iawn y noson honno, a bu farw fore y dydd Gwener canlynol. Ei eiriau olaf cyn marw oedd, "All right, drive on."

JOHN W. P. MORRIS (VI.).

Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG.

FY ngwaith cyntaf fel Golygydd yr erthygl hon yw tynnu eich sylw at gyfarfod a gynhaliwyd yn Nhymor y Nadolig, sef Rhagfyr 18-19. Y cyfarfod hwn oedd Uchafbwynt y Gymdeithas Gymraeg am y flwyddyn, yn fy nhyb i, ac rwy'n siwr y bydd pawb yn cydsynio. Oherwydd inni gynnal y cyfarfod mor hwyr yn y tymor, methasom â'i gael i mewn i'r cylchgrawn diwethaf, felly rhaid i mi fanteisio ar y cyfle hwn i ddweud gair amdano. Fel y gwyddoch erbyn hyn, y cyfarfod y soniaf amdano yw'r Eisteddfod—eisteddfod gadeiriol. Cafwyd trwydded y Prifathro i'w chynnal ar brynhawn dydd Mawrth, Rhag. 18, ond nid oedd hwn yn ddigon, felly parhawyd yr eisteddfod fore dydd Mercher. Llanwyd y Neuadd Gynnull ar y ddau achlysur. Gwasanaethodd Mr. Frank Phillips, B.A., a Mr. Haydn Jones, M.Mus., fel beirniaid cerdd—Mr. Jones oedd y cyfeilydd hefyd, a Mr. Roberts, B.A., a Mr. Wynne, B.A., fel beirniad llên ac adrodd.

Cyflwynwyd y rhaglen gan Mr. J. R. Williams, a phriodol fyddai yn y man hwn ddiolch o galon i Mr. Williams a Mr. Roberts am eu help anhepgor ynglŷn â'r trefniadau. Cawsom y fraint o groesawu y Prifathro i'n plith. Siaradodd ef ei hun, yn Gymraeg, a gobeithiwn y gwelir ef yn aml yng Nghyfarfodydd y Gymdeithas.

Aethpwyd trwy seremoni'r cadeirio a'r defodau arferol, a dosbarth Cymraeg y chweched fel derwyddon. Terfynwyd trwy ganu cân yr Eisteddfod yn soniarus iawn gan Donald Hughes. Yn ddiau, hon oedd yr Eisteddfod fwyaf llwyddiannus a fu ym mywyd y Gymdeithas.

Ar y cyntaf o Chwefror yn Nhymor y Pasg, cawsom gyfarfod cyntaf y tymor, dan arweiniad Mr. Roberts. Traddododd araith yn ei ffordd ddi-gyffelyb ei hun ar hen gymeriad, sef Capel Als, a chawsom amser diddorol dros ben. Cynigiwyd pleidlais o ddiolchgarwch gan Huw Evans, ac eiliwyd ef gan D. J. Phillips.

Cynhaliwyd y cyfarfod arferol hefyd ar Ddydd Gwyl Dewi.

Dyma flwyddyn arall o fywyd yr Ysgol a'r Gymdeithas wedi dod i derfyn. Yn anffodus i rai ohonom ni fechgyn hynaf, dyma ddiwedd ein dyddiau plerus fel disgyblion.

Fe fydd rhai ohonom yn gadael i'r colegau, rhai yn dechrau gweithio, ac eraill yn ymuno â'r Lluoedd Arfog. Gadawn yr Ysgol ar y Bryn ag atgofion melys iawn, a cheisiwn gadw yn ein meddwl yr hen frawddeg gyfarwydd, sydd wedi byw fel adnod am flynyddoedd, a bydd fyw am flynyddoedd maith eto: "Bydd Bur, Bydd Eirwir, Bydd Iawn"

Ac i chwi ieuenctid yr Ysgol, dymunwn bob llwyddiant yn y dyfodol, gan wybod y cedwch y Ddraig Goch i chwifio yn gyson uwchben yr Ysgol ar y Bryn.

VIVIAN JONES (VI).
(Llywydd).

DYDD GWYL DEWI.

DATHLWYD Dydd Gwyl Ddewi mewn modd teilwng o blant Cymru. Aethom i gyd i lawr i Ysgol y Merched, a phob Cymro yn amlwg wrth ei genhinen. Cynhaliwyd y rhan gyntaf o'r cyfarfod ar ffurf gwasanaeth crefyddol, a Cherddorfa'r Ysgol, dan arweiniad Mr. Frank Phillips.

Darllenodd y prif-ddisgybl, Bramwell Williams, ychydig adnodau.

Wedi ychydig eiriau gan y Prifathro, cawsom araith wych gan Mr. Huw Roberts ar Syr Robert Jones; tynnodd ddarlun byw o'r Cymro enwog hwn.

Cafwyd anerchiad byr wedi hyn gan Vivian Jones, a lanwai ei swydd fel Llywydd y Gymdeithas Gymraeg. Y testun oedd Mynyddog, un o arweinwyr yr hen fywyd Cymraeg. Dilynwyd hwn eto gan ddarn o fwsig gan y Gerddorfa, cyn i fyfyrwr, Mr. Wyn, roi ychydig eiriau ar lyfrau'r Urdd, a werthai Mr. Roberts. Caewyd y cyfarfod gan "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau." Mwynhaodd pawb y cyfarfod.

Diolch fod y bechgyn yn cofio am bethau o'r fath, ac yn siarad Cymraeg â'i gilydd. Pan gyll y bechgyn barch at eu hiaith a'u cenedl, trônt eu cefn ar y pethau gwerthfawrocaf a gawsant erioed. Yr wyf yn methu â deall pam y mae'r Cymry yn colli eu hiaith mor gloi.

Boed i'r Ysgol barhau i ddathlu Gwyl Ddewi am lawer dydd i ddod.

VIVIAN JONES (VI.).

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TENNIS CLUB.

The Tennis team under the captaincy of Roy Marker has functioned well this season by playing a number of matches against two teams of Old Boys, the R.A.F. (Pembrey), Trinity College (Carmarthen), and Swansea Grammar School. Although the team has not won all its fixtures the games have been very enjoyable and were played in the true School spirit. The team wish to thank Mr. Hywel Davies for his keen interest and untiring support. The boys who have played for School this term are:—

Roy Marker (Captain), Roscoe Howells, Huw Williams, Denzil Brierley, Huw Griffiths, Steve Newton, Elfed Evans, Ieuan Thomas,

Results:—

School 66 games; Old Boys, 33.
 School, 64 games; Old Boys, 35.
 School, 46 games; R.A.F., 53.
 School, 49 games; R.A.F., 50.
 School, 37 games; Trinity College, 62.
 School, 48 games; Swansea Grammar School, 36.

DENZIL BRIERLEY (Va) Sec.

Y WIBDAITH.

Dydd Mercher, Mai 22, aeth rhai o ddsbarthiadau Cymraeg yr Ysgol ar daith i Gaerdydd. Amcan pennaf y daith oedd mynd i weld yr Amgueddfa Genedlaethol yno, ond ymwelsom â llawer lle diddorol ar y ffordd.

Cychwynasom o Neuadd y Dref, Llanelli, am naw o'r gloch yn y bore. Yr oedd nifer gweddol ohonom, ac yr oedd gennym ddau fws—un o dan ofal Mr. Huw Roberts, Mr. J. R. Williams a Mr. Haydn Jones, a'r llall o dan ofal Mr. Hughes, Mr. Davies a Mr. K. Jones, myfyriwr. Yr oedd yn fore braf iawn, a phawb mewn ysbryd uchel.

Y lle cyntaf yr ymwelsom ag ef oedd yr abaty yng Nghastell Nedd. Y mae yr abaty, wrth gwrs, yn adfeillion, ond y mae rhai o'r muriau yn aros o hyd. Abaty Cistersaidd oedd hwn, ac y mae yn hen iawn.

Y lle nesaf yr ymwelsom ag ef oedd y gwaith llestri pridd yn Ewenni. Yma gwelsom rai o'r crefftwyr medrus wrth eu gwaith yn gwneud llestri pridd o bob math. Gwariwyd llawer o arian y bechgn yma.

Wedi gadael y gwaith llestri pridd, aethom i Eglwys y Prior, eto yn Ewenni. Dyma un o adeiladau mawr, hynaf, y Sir, a dyma'r enghraifft orau yng Nghymru o bensaerniaeth Normanaidd mewn Eglwys. Dechreuwyd ei hadeiladu yn y ddeuddegfed ganrif fel priordy i fyneich. Erys y prif borth o hyd. Perthyn Porth y Gogledd i gyfnod y Tuduriaid. Yr oedd llawer o bethau diddorol y tu mewn i'r Eglwys. Daw maen yr allor o'r cyfnod cyn y Diwygiad Protestanaidd, ac yr oedd yno ffenestr fechan yn y mur, a elwid "Ffenestr y Gwahangleifion," lle y deuai'r gwahangleifion i edrych ar yr allor, ac i gael eu Cymundeb. Yr oedd yno, lawer o gerrig beddau hen iawn. Dyma'r argraff oedd ar un ohonynt, yn Lladin—

"Maurice de Londre, a fu farw yn 1149.

Yma y gorwedd Maurice de Londres, y Sefydlydd.

Duw a'i gwobrwyo am ei wasanaeth.—Amen."

Yn yr Eglwys, yr oedd darn o Groes Geltaidd, a deial hen iawn. Yn 1534, nid oedd neb yma ond y Prior a dau fynach. Gwerthwyd y lle yn 1546, i Syr Edward Carne.

Wedi bod yma am beth amser, aethom ymlaen i weld yr Eglwys yn Llanilltyd Fawr. Dyma adeilad hen iawn eto—o'r bymthegfed ganrif. Enw'r eglwys yw, "Eglwys Sant Michael a'r Holl Angylion." Ei sefydlydd oedd Illtyd o Lydaw, yn y bumed ganrif. Yr oedd Cristnogaeth ag ysgol yma yn gynnar iawn, un o'r rhai cynaraf ym Mhrydain. Aeth llawer a genhadon oddiyma, a bu'r coleg mynachaid yma am tua saith can mlynedd.

Yma, eto, gwelsom lu o bethau diddorol yn yr Eglwys. Cofnodir claddu yno yn 1621, Ifan Iorath, yn 180 oed, a fu'n ymladd ar faes Bosworth yn 1485; a hefyd, ddyn arall yn 177 oed, a hefyd Mathew Voss, yn 1534, yn 129 oed. Y mae yma gerflun o Jese yn cysgu—o'r bedwaredd ganrif ar ddeg.

Gwelsom ddau faen o'r wythfed ganrif, neu'r nawfed.

Croes Samson a'r geiriau canlynol arni yn Lladin—"Samson a osododd y groes hon er mwyn ei enaid," a chroes Hywel a'r geiriau hyn arni—"Yn enw Duw, y Tad, a'r Ysbryd Glân, Hywel a baratodd y groes hon er mwyn enaid Rhys ei dad."

Gwelsom faen arall, hen iawn, tua 800 A.D., sef Piler yr Abad Samson, ac arno—"Yn enw'r Tra-Dychafedig Dduw, y dechreuwyd croes y Gwaredwr, a baratôdd Samson yr Abad er mwyn ei enaid, ac er mwyn enaid y Brenin Juthahol, ac er mwyn enaid Arturol . . . &c.

Yr oedd yno glawr arch, ac arno—"Y maen hwn sy'n ei gwarchod hi a orwedd o dano fel nas sethrir hi dan draed."

Y mae hwn o'r Canol-Oesoedd.

Diddorol sylwi fod Cloch Neuadd y Dref yma cyn y Diwygiad Protestanaidd, ac arni y geiriau—"Sancte Illtute, Ora Pro Nobis."

Aethom ar ein ffordd i Gaerdydd. Cyraeddasom tua chwarter-i-dri, ac aethom yn syth i'r Amgueddfa. Cyn cychwyn ar ein cwrs drwy'r lle mawr hwn, yr oedd rhai o'r athrawon wedi trefnu i'r Dr. Iorwerth Peate siarad â ni. Dywedodd wrthym am yr Amgueddfa, a sut oedd mynd i edrych ar y gwahanol bethau. Yr oedd yr Amgueddfa yn lle diddorol dros ben. Yr oedd yno dair ystafell yn dangos ffermdy yng Nghymru, rai canrifoedd yn ôl, ac yr oeddynt yn edrych yn gartrefol iawn. Gwelsom fel yr oedd yr hen Gymry yn arfer gwisgo, a llawer o bethau eraill a ddefnyddient yn yr hen amser. Gadawsom yr Amgueddfa tua chwarter-i-bedwar.

Cychwynasom ar ein taith adre tua hanner-awr-wedi-chwech, a chyr-aeddasom Lanelli tua chwarter-wedi-naw, wedi aros am ryw chwarter-awr yng Nghastell Nedd. Yr oeddym wedi blino, ond wedi cael mwynhad mawr drwy'r dydd, ac y mae ein diolch i'r meistri a drefnodd y daith, yn fawr iawn

T. HUW EVANS (VI.).

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Y LLYFRGELL.

Cyflwynwn ein diolch i'r cyfeillion canlynol am lyfrau a rhoddion ariannol:—

Y Prifathro; Mr. Rolfe; Mr. Morris; y bechgyn a fu ar y daith Gymraeg; Huw J. Jenkins, VI.; Mr. Jason Lewis; Nigel Royston, IV.; ac i bawb a gyfrannodd yn y casgliad dimai.

H. R.

Mathematics:—C. Davies.
 Physics:—H. Williams.
 Chemistry:—D. Jenkins.
 Biology:—I. Gravelle.
 General Science:—H. Davies.
 Music:—D. Jones.

Art:—T. Templeman.
 Woodwork:—G. Harries.
 Metalwork:—G. Griffiths.
 Mechanics:—P. Hughes.
 Botany:—E. Trump.
 Geology:—R. Thomas.

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS.

Head Prefects:—W. R. Williams and V. H. Rees.
 Captain of Rugby:—W. R. Williams.
 Captain of Cricket:—S. Bassett.
 President Literary and Debating Society:—J. Evans.
 Llywydd y Gymdeithas Gymraeg:—D. I. Jones.
 President of Chess Society:—G. Lewis.
 Chairman of Arts Society:—E. Williams.
 Chairman of Science Society:—E. Trump.
 Chairman Stamp Society:—G. Thorpe.
 Chairman Cycling Club:—D. Thomas.
 Senior N.C.O. A.T.C.:—W. Thomas.
 Senior N.C.O. Army Cadets: A. Charles.
 Leading Boy School Orchestra:—G. Jones.

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Stop and think of the ones who fell on the field,
 They are the ones who to the foes did not yield;
 Stop and think of the ones who died,
 Stop and think of the ones who cried,
 For those, their loved ones, who will never come back;
 For the love and friendship, they will always lack.
 Of the men who died without fame,
 Of the men who to our Isles came,
 To defend the cause with all their strength and might,
 When all the danger of war was at its height,
 In the battle of Britain flew,
 Men who were the first of the few,
 And in all things give God his due.

NOEL EDWARDS, Form 2A1.

BOTANY EXCURSION.

FOR the students of Higher Botany and Zoology the trip to Carreg Cennen provided an excellent method of combining business with pleasure. While being in a position to appreciate what is probably some of the most beautiful scenery in Wales, we were enabled to make some interesting observations on the flora and fauna of the district. We were able to obtain some interesting specimens of plants, including specimens of typical mountain plants.

On our way northwards via the Amman Valley we noted the difference between farm land lying on north facing hillsides and land on the hillsides with a southern aspect. The latter was observed to be the better land for agricultural purposes.

As we ascended higher into the mountains the gradual transitions from fertile agricultural land to mountain pasture was observed. Mr. Jones pointed out the difference between the temporary and permanent pasture land. The pasture-land of the valleys is temporary and is maintained by the action of men and animals, which continually keep down the woodland into which this land would eventually develop. The mountain pastures, on the other hand, are permanent and remain in the same condition without any attention from men or animals.

The mountain side where we stopped for lunch provided a good example of a typical mountain association of plants. The vegetation consisted essentially of coarse grasses and several types of mosses. On rocky outcrops various lichens had obtained a foothold. One of these lichens was of a rather peculiar structure, rather resembling a miniature barbed-wire entanglement. Violets were abundant as was a variety of cingfoil. A single specimen of the abjura rock hose was obtained.

The vegetation provided pasture for a small number of sheep scattered over the mountainside; we saw also a small herd of cattle. Here and there on the mountainside were small patches of bog where the mosses grew to a considerable size on the wet soil. We were surprised to find a large number of young frogs, none of which were above one inch in length, living in one of these bog patches situated at a continuous altitude. Two specimens of the frogs were obtained, but unfortunately they escaped from the vasculum on the way home.

The vegetation was sparse at the higher and more exposed parts of the mountains where the outcropping limestone was very conspicuous. An interesting and characteristic feature of this mountain district was the presence of peat. At one point where we stopped, workings had been started and the bricks of peat had been cut and stacked in readiness for removal. Peat is formed when plant remains decay in wet and acid soil and in the absence of air.

As we descended by means of hairpin bends into the Cennen Valley, we had a wonderful view of the surrounding countryside. We could detect the increase in atmospheric pressure in the ears as we travelled down into the valley. We stopped for a while on the mountainside while the geologists got busy. The flora of this side of the mountain was similar in many ways to the other side described. We were, however, able to see and collect some specimens of the carnivorous plant known as butterwort. This plant was rather conspicuous with its rosette of yellowish-green leaves and dark-blue flowers. The leaves are specially adapted for the purpose of attracting and trapping insects (by virtue of their stickiness). After killing its victims the plant proceeds to digest them.

The vegetation became more profuse as we reached the lower parts of the mountainside. It would be impossible to describe here the vast number of plants of the agricultural and woodland area through which we passed. The vegetation was especially interesting where the Loughor emerges from its source inside a mountain. At this point there were many wild flowers in bloom including some excellent specimens of orchids.

SCIENCE STUDENTS' EXCURSION.

After a week of doubtful weather, Thursday, May 23rd, was surprisingly fine, and mercifully so for the Higher Students who were to do some outdoor study on that day. The luxury coach hired was well filled with 27 boys and 6 girls, when the journey began at 9.30 a.m. from School.

Leaving the town we proceeded through Llangennech to Pontardulais where Miss G. Evans joined the party. We were shown some features of geological interest in the Loughor Valley between this point and Ammanford. Geologists noted evidences of glaciation in the valley, and the Botanists noted the sparse vegetation on the Graig Fawr and the intensity of cultivation on the other side of the valley.

Mr. Jones joined us at Ammanford and was somewhat indignant to hear someone say of his native river "Ugh, it's filthy"! The Amman Valley again afforded interest to Geologists and Botanists, examples of incised overhanging valleys were observed by the former, whilst the Botanists noted the difference in vegetation between the north and south facing slopes. Mr. Jones added local colour by telling us of an unsolved murder that had occurred in the valley,—the only one ever committed there.

We then passed through several mining villages and one of our party renewed acquaintance with relatives through the window of the bus. At Gwauncaegurwen we left the bus to view the deep gorge cut by the stream. Via Brynamman, we now began to climb the Black Mountains, and students obtained many good specimens of quartzite, shales, quartz-conglomerate, etc., and viewed the complete headwaters of the Nant Garw from the top edge of a steep slope. The col. at Bwlch, we were informed, was due to North-South faults, and crossing the moorland each student obtained a specimen of peat.

There was some difficulty in negotiating the precipitous Cuckoo Bend. We stopped to get our first view of Carreg Cennen Castle, and collected fossils of brachiopods, gasteropods and corals. The Castle itself, situated on an outlier of limestone, we did not visit. Here we saw the difference in the vegetation where the Old Red Sandstone contacted limestone; on the one side we had open moorland and on the other richly cultivated.

Further excitement came when we had to travel along narrow country roads with trees forming an archway over our heads, students had to leave the bus when several steep hills were encountered, and help to push. Eventually, we reached Trapp and from here we walked to the source of the Loughor, which emerges from the caves as a subterranean stream. Here we saw and heard the cuckoo, and noted the subsidences in the limestone, in which large trees were growing.

Arriving back at Trapp we quenched our thirst with lemonades. One feature remained to be viewed—the Glynhir Falls—and to do this the farmer's permission was necessary, and Mr. Jones obtained it. A very steep climb brought us in sight of the falls, the Loughor fell over the horizontal beds of hard grit into the gorge 20 feet below. As we approached Llandebie the valley got wider, until at Pontardulais it was in a mature stage and meanders were seen.

At 7.30 p.m., we arrived back at Llanelly very tired, very hungry and especially grateful to Mr. E. Davies, who had organised the delightful outing.

SCIENCE CLUB.

Since the last edition of the School Magazine two meetings have been held.

The first meeting on December 17th, was a Quiz between a team representing Form II. v. a team representing Form III. On this occasion the Quiz Master was Eric Trump, and he proved himself very capable in this position. This was an interesting meeting and some of the questions that were asked were: Explain how food gets into your blood; What makes the sky blue? What is the average height of a cloud? Name any five planets. Why are diamonds hard? and finally, Explain the Bedford Level Experiment. These questions show the high standard that was kept up throughout the meeting.

The Quiz finally ended in favour of Form II., they having gained half a point more than Form III.

In the second meeting, on January 21st, the Science Club welcomed a newcomer, Mr. Peters, who was for a time a student-teacher at School, Mr. Peters having been with a Radar station in the Royal Navy, delivered a lecture on the interesting topic of "Radar."

He outlined the peace-time researches that had gone on in this direction, and spoke of the invaluable aid this research work had been towards helping to win the war. He explained how Britain's need for air defence was recognised in 1934, and how the Principle of Radar could be considered as analogous to that of an echo, the waves being transmitted striking the object (aeroplane or ship) and being reflected back to the station, then by means of a Cathode Ray Tube these waves were made visible to the observer as a map on the face of the Cathode Ray Tube.

Mr. Peters pointed out that it was essential to remember that these waves are very short.

A magnetron valve developing high pulse powers on wavelengths as short as 10 cms. had been developed. These valves were capable of carrying extremely high voltage. Thus an invisible frontier against surprise air attack was developed. The system allowed for the radio, floodlighting of a wide area in front of the individual radar station; it gave a measurement of distance accurate to a mile or so of compass bearing to a degree or so, and of flying height to about 1,000 feet, for each aircraft or formation. He also mentioned the Radar Shell which would definitely explode within five feet of a moving target.

Mr. Peters not only dealt with the wartime activities of radar but also with the peace-time prospects. He emphasised the value of radar equipped on ships at sea to avoid collision, etc., and also a more accurate weather forecast could be obtained by the use of radar. Night flying accidents would be greatly reduced by the installation of radar in aeroplanes, and so on this note Mr. Peters concluded a most interesting lecture. The epidioscope was used freely to illustrate more clearly some of the more intricate features of Radar. Eric Trump was called upon to propose a vote of thanks.

Other activities of the Science Club have gone on as usual. The Library has been used by the boys, and the Lab. has been open after school for boys to do experiments. Here it is interesting to note that Form II. have been particularly enthusiastic in this direction.

R. JOHN HOWELLS, Secretary,

MUSIC NOTES.

During this year, the Music Society have held seven meetings. A debate was held on the 12th December, the subject being, "Which is the better servant of the musician, the wireless or the gramophone?" The speakers for the wireless were Gwion Jones and Dorothy Pomphrey, and for the gramophone, Audrey Pratt and John Glynne Evans. The wireless was said to have a great advantage over the gramophone, as it introduced many types of music, and a variety of conductors, solo instrumentalists, and orchestras, all with their different interpretations of compositions. The wireless listener had no such inconvenience such as changing the needle and reversing records.

The speakers for the gramophone, on the other hand, maintained that the gramophone was of great value for close study and appreciation of music. It was also mentioned that most record performances were of a very high standard. Another point was the convenience of listening at one's own pleasure. The gramophone was said to cater for the individual, while the wireless had to cater for the masses.

In the open debate, the wireless was supported by Douglas Jones and John Jenkins, while Neil Smith, Kenneth Bowen and Mr. Phillips supported the gramophone. At length, the gramophone won by a fair majority.

On the 30th January, a lecture-recital was given by Douglas Jones. It was entitled "The growth of music during the last two centuries." The speaker dealt clearly with all the important composers of the two centuries, and also played on the piano, movements from some of their works. He ended by giving two examples of Modern Music. He played the "Cornish Rhapsody" by Hubert Bath, and "Boogie in the Groove," composed by Billy Penrose. The Rhapsody is written in the classical style, while "Boogie in the Groove," is, of course, written in the jazz form. Much amusement was caused by the appearance of the copy of "Boogie Bounce," the phrase, "Beat it out here."

This last meeting ended up with much joviality, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Leslie Glover, which was seconded by Margaret Phillips.

Now to the Orchestra. In the beginning of the Easter term, a visit was paid to the School by Mr. Bernard Shore, and Mr Irwyn Walters, H.M.I. It may be remembered that Mr. Shore is a very distinguished viola player. Prior to the war, he was the principal viola player in the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, and is now, I believe, a Professor at the Royal Academy of Music. During the afternoon, two works of Mr. Haydn Jones were played, one being a choral-prelude on the famous Welsh hymn tune, "Caerllyngod." These were performed by Choir and Orchestra. Mr. Shore conducted the Orchestra, and also imparted much knowledge to the players.

On the 2nd April, the "Grammar Schools' Orchestral Society" held a concert, with Miss Benjamin as solo pianist. The concert was of a very high standard. The programme was a very ambitious one but I think Mr. Phillips and the Orchestra fulfilled their ambitions. The concert consisted of works by Bach, Grieg, Chopin and Handel.

A paragraph in itself must be devoted to Miss Benjamin's contribution in this memorable concert. Miss Benjamin thrilled everyone with her brilliant execution of the Piano Concerto No. 1 in D Minor. But in the second part of the programme, she entranced everyone with her artistic

performance of a group of Chopin compositions. The applause was deafening and an encore had to be given.

A word of appreciation here must be given to the leader, and the accompanist of the Orchestra, Elinor Leyshon and Douglas Jones respectively. They both have contributed much to the Orchestra and helped to make the concert the success it was.

On the 3rd April, our Chairman, Kenneth Sullivan left the School to join the Army. His contribution to the School has indeed been a great one. He was a leading violinist in the Orchestra, leader of the players in the Junior Assemy, librarian of the Orchestra, and of course, Chairman of the Music Society. We all wish him luck in his new surroundings.

A Junior Orchestra has been founded in the School. The object of this Orchestra is to give a grounding in orchestral playing to beginners.

Here are two points of interest outside the School. On the 21st March, Dr. G. D. Cunningham, the famous organist, gave a recital at Park Church. Miss Joan Davies, a concert pianist, gave a recital in the Lecture Hall of the same Church in May. Many boys attended both these recitals, and it is hoped that many more recitals like these will be given in the near future.

JOHN GLYNNE EVANS, Secretary.

THE RAG.

TOWARDS the middle of March this year small knots of senior boys were to be seen every afternoon surreptitiously making their way towards the General Science Lab. Once inside they all gathered together, and before long were oblivious of the rest of the world. At irregular intervals low guffaws and ribald laughter might have been heard by those who might have decided to eavesdrop on these gatherings.

The boys represented this year's "Carnival Procession" Committee who, amongst them, arranged the items, route, and other matters concerning the "rag." They included: Harry Evans, Brian Ruddall, and Roy Marker of VIA, Keith Jones and John Stocking of VIB, Glyn Price, David Thomas and Viv. (Stuff) Griffiths of Va.

Ideas were thought out, plans laid, then the ideas were rejected and the plans abandoned and all had to be thought out again. A typical meeting might have gone as follows:—

"Well we must have the band. . . ." said someone in a rather apologetic tone we thought, but we all agreed.

"And we simply have to have the Dai-Lossin team—a school tradition and all that," cried the voice again. Once again we replied in the affirmative.

"What about the cyclists?" the voice was positively beginning to monopolize the conversation now—"They did it last year."

"Put them in," we murmured in chorus.

So it went on, and all having contributed our ideas we quietly left and started to wend our weary way home. Someone asked who had suggested all the ideas—no one knew. But we suspect it may have been Mr. Humphreys or Mr. Phillips.

Behind our backs and in the quiet of the shack once called the Mary Datchelor Biology Lab., an observant onlooker saw strange happenings. Led by the men in black (the colour of the Kiwis' shirt), various members of the lower six prepared to invade the town and paint it red! (Is it necessary to mention that those men in black might be identical with those of the Math. boys?)

At last the great day dawned, bright and sunny, and we all prepared to sally out in all our splendour, and at 10.15 a.m. the cyclists, under David Thomas, the loud speaker van under the guidance of Roy Marker, left School to warn the quiet townsfolk of Llanelly of the impending invasion.

By 11.0 a.m. we had arrayed ourselves in any garments we had succeeded in laying our hands on, and the procession then lined up in Alban Road, under the supervision of Mr. Humphreys. It started off in roughly (and believe us; it was rough!) the following order:

First came the band, led by band-leader Ruddall. They were some forty strong and, for conducting, Senor Toscani didn't have a look in; the noise produced by comparatively so few "instruments" was indescribable—and we mean this literally. The pieces ranged from Jews' harps to washing boards! But credit must be given to Brian, who has for the past four rags led the band with conspicuous skill, and we are even tempted to say—courage!

Then followed a lorry filled with minstrels; members of Form 3, whose lusty voices nearly succeeded in drowning the band.

There followed a space between this and the next lorry which was filled by gypsies, pirates, etc., from the Junior School. Without them we would not have been able to collect half as much as we did, they played their part splendidly. Their exuberation augurs well for the coming generation of seniors.

Next followed the baby—in the form of Glyn Price nursed by various stalwarts of V.a. We all know what to expect of Glyn, but to see him in a flowing nightshirt, passing out to "Dai Lossin," put Bleddyn Williams in the shade.

This lorry was followed by Harry Evans leading various other prefects in the guise of Arabs. What a sight these chaps looked raiding various shops in town; first taking pains to find out whether or not members of the gentle sex were the assistants; not one was seen to look at Burtons.

Next followed the Lower Sixth led by Potassium Iodide Jones, who vainly tried to resemble the worthy Principal of Pwll University, of which the rest of the Maths. and Geol. members were pupils. (They had nice caps to go with it too!) The boys originally intended to go as firemen and had spent the previous day searching for an abandoned fire engine, which they eventually found had been scrapped a fortnight previously.

Last, but far from being least, came the Dai Lossin team, captained by John H. Jenkins, who suited the part just as the pillows he employed suited him. Together with other members of Forms 5 and 6 he passed a rather ill-treated Rugby ball to and fro amongst them, and many a time they "only just" missed the various point policemen's helmets. (We have a great sympathy for these policemen; the tolerance they show is unbelievable).

This, then, constituted the main body of the rag, in which one hundred and fifty boys took part.

By 12.0 p.m. we had all congregated outside the Palace Cinema and splitting up went to the various parts of the town so that the people might see something of the rag. It was many a tired boy who crowded back to School at 1.30 p.m., with his collecting-box.

In all we succeeded in collecting £53, which was, considering pre-war attempts and the lack of Yanks, a very good sum.

Lastly, may we tender our thanks to those gentlemen of the staff for their invaluable help in ideas, costumes, etc.

JOHN STOCKING, Hon. Secretary.

ATHLETICS, 1946.

President Headmaster.
Vice-Captain H. Longhurst.

Captain V. Griffiths.
Secretary Mr. Tom Jones.

The School Athletic Team, under the captaincy of Vivian Griffiths, has had a remarkable sequence of successes in season 1946, but the foundations were laid in the Winter Term of 1945. The outstanding athletes of the summer were the Harriers of 1945.

The Harriers Club was undefeated in Club Runs in the first year of its formation, convincing victories being gained over Carmarthen College, Bridgend County School, Gwendraeth County School, and Port Talbot A.C.

Then came the National Championship at Cardiff, where School, in its first attempt in this long-established run, without the assistance of their School Athletic Captain, were placed second to the very experienced town club, Newport Harriers. Hugh Longhurst, Ernest Bibbs and Jeffrey Bowen were 2nd, 9th and 12th respectively.

As a fitting climax to a highly successful season, School Harrier Team competed in the newly-revived Mumbles Road Race over a course of 5 miles.

Vivian Griffiths covered himself with glory finishing third, and gaining a medal for being first novice home.

All School Team gained "Evening Post" Mumbles Road Race Badges, their individual positions being:—

Vivian Griffiths, 3rd; Walford Evans, 9th; Howard George, 10th; Dennis Jones, 11th.

Our first Athletic Meeting was the Annual School Sports, at Stradey Park, on Tuesday, May 14th, voted by everybody the best yet.

On 25th May, the School Athletic Team were engaged at Carmarthen Park, competing in the newly-formed Carmarthenshire Secondary Schools' Annual Athletic Sports. A convincing win for School was recorded as the following results indicate. School were Senior and Middle School Champions gaining the Penylan Trophy and the Ammanford Shield.

SENIOR (16½—19).—

100 yards: N. Jones, 1st; R. Marker, 2nd.
Javelin: N. Cole, 1st.
Hop, Step, Jump: M. Lodwick, 2nd.
440 yards: H. Longhurst, 1st; E. Bibbs, 2nd.
Long Jump: M. Lodwick, 3rd.
880 yards: V. Griffiths, 1st.
220 yards: N. Jones, 1st; E. Bibbs, 2nd.
Mile: V. Griffiths, 1st; N. Cole, 3rd.
Discus: K. Jones, 3rd.
High Jump: M. Lodwick, 1st.
Mile Walk: G. Price 1st; P. Bourne, 2nd.
Relay: School, 1st.—N. Jones, E. Bibbs, R. Marker, H. Longhurst.

MIDDLE (14½—16½).—

Shot: E. Clement, 3rd.
880 yards: W. Evans, 3rd.
Hop, Step, Jump: H. Thomas, 1st; G. Clement, 3rd.
Long Jump: G. Clement, 2nd.
440 yards: K. D. Adams, 2nd.

High Jump: D. Sturdy, 2nd.
 Discus: D. Sturdy, 2nd.
 220 yards: K. D. Adams, 2nd.
 880 yards Walk: B. Lewis, 1st; P. Bourne, 2nd.
 Relay: School, 6th.

JUNIOR (14½):—

100 yards: C. Jones, 3rd.
 Relay: School, 4th.
 High Jump: J. Howells, 3rd.

As a result of these outstanding performances the following have been chosen to represent Carmarthenshire v. Monmouth v. Glamorgan at Bridgend on 20th July:—R. Marker, P. Bourne, B. Lewis, V. Griffiths, G. Price, N. Jones, E. Bibbs, H. Longhurst, N. Cole, M. Lodwick, W. Evans, D. Sturdy, G. Clement, H. Thomas, C. Jones.

Immediately after the Carmarthenshire Sports it was felt that Hugh Longhurst, N. Jones and V. Griffiths were of national standard, and they were entered for the British Games at White City, London, on Whit-Monday. This decision was more than justified. N. Jones was successful in the 100 yards heats and semi-final, returning the best time of the day, 10.4 seconds. Hugh Longhurst won the half-mile heat, was fourth in the final defeating B. O. Williams, the Welsh Champion of Penarth. Hugh broke the existing Welsh Secondary Schools' record in his heat, returning the remarkable time of 2 mins. 8.4 secs.

On 15th June, School Athletic Team competed in the Welsh Championships at Penarth, and again were more than successful. Individual results:

Javelin: E. Davies, 2nd.
 880 yards Walk: A. Jones, 4th.
 440 yards: E. Bibbs, 1st; H. Longhurst, 2nd.
 Mile: V. Griffiths, 3rd.
 Mile Walk: B. Lewis, 3rd.

Eighteen Standard Certificates were gained:—G. Griffiths (Discus); D. Sturdy (High Jump and Discus); W. Evans (880yds.); E. Davies (Javelin); A. Jones (Walk); J. Bowen (880 yards); D. Narbett (Walk); B. Lewis (Walk); N. Jones (220 yards); H. Thomas (Hop, Step, Jump); E. Bibbs (440 yards); H. Longhurst (440 yards); V. Griffiths (880 yards and Mile); M. Lodwick (High Jump and Long Jump); E. Clement (Discus).

22nd June.—Grovesend Welfare A.A. Annual Sports (Gorseinon).

N. Jones, 1st, 100 yards Open Handicap.
 V. Griffiths, 1st, Mile Open Handicap.
 V. Griffiths: 3rd, 880 yards Open Handicap.
 V. Griffiths: 3rd, Glamorgan County Mile Championship.
 H. Longhurst: 1st, 880 yards Open Handicap.
 H. Longhurst: 1st, 440 yards Open Handicap.
 E. Bibbs: 2nd, 440 yards Open Handicap.
 E. Bibbs: 2nd, 220 yards Open Handicap.

School Relay Team: 1st, Open Medley Relay. (H. Longhurst, G Edwards, N. Jones, E. Bibbs).

July 6th.—Welsh Championships (Open), Cardiff:—

V. Griffiths, J. Bowen, W. Evans, H. George will compete in the 3 Miles, and P. Bourne in the 2 Miles Walk.

July 13th:—

It has been decided that V. Griffiths (Mile), H. Longhurst (880 yards), E. Bibbs (440 yards), N. Jones (100 and 220 yards); G. Edwards (Shot and High Jump); will compete in the National A.A.A Junior Championships at Birmingham.

July 20th.—Welsh Secondary Schools' Inter-County Meeting, Glamorgan v. Monmouthshire v. Carmarthenshire, at Bridgend.

Vivian Griffiths has been elected Captain of the Carmarthenshire Schools' Athletic Team for this meeting.

July 25th, Stradey Park:—

Neath Grammar School (Champion Glamorgan School), v. Llanelly Grammar School (Champion Carmarthenshire School).

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ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS, 1946.

Held at Stradey Park, Tuesday, 14th May, 1946.

| JUNIOR | MIDDLE | SENIOR |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 100 yards: | 100 yards: | 880 yards: |
| 1—C. Jones, 4bSc. | 1—K. Adams, R2 | 1—V. Griffiths, 5aSc. |
| 2—R. Thomas, 4aArts. | 2—D. R. Williams, 5d | 2—N. Cole, 5c |
| 3—H. Thomas, 2a2. | 3—H. Thomas, 5b | 3—A. Evans, 6a |
| 220 yards: | Cycle Race, 880yds: | 100 yards: |
| 1—M. Townsend, 3b1 | 1—D. Thomas, 5aSc. | 1—N. Jones, 5c |
| 2—G. Thomas, 4bSc. | 2—H. Morgan, 5aSc. | 2—E. Bibbs, 5aArts |
| 3—C. Jones, 4bSc. | 3—K. Rees, R2 | 3—R. Marker, 6a |
| Cycle Race, 440yds.: | Boat Race: | High Jump: |
| 1—B. Davies, 3a1. | 1—4aArts | 1—M. Lodwick, 5aArts |
| 2—G. Kemp, 3b1. | | 2—N. Jones, 5c |
| 3—J. Evans, 3a2. | | 3—V. Griffiths, 5aSc. |
| Putting the Weight. | 220 yards: | Cycle Race, 1 mile: |
| 1—T. Jones, 3b2. | 1—K. Adams, R2 | 1—V. Griffiths, 5aSc. |
| 2—K. H. Davies, 4aArts | 2—G. Adams, 5d | 2—A. Harley, 5aArts |
| 3—G. Thomas, 4bSc. | 3—H. Richards, 4aSc. | |
| 220 yards: | 880yds. Walk: | 220 yards: |
| 1—A. Parker, 2b1 | 1—B. Lewis, 5aSc. | 1—N. Jones, 5c |
| 2—E. Evans, 4aArts | 2—P. Bourne, R1 | 2—E. Bibbs, 5aArts |
| 3—H. Thomas, 2a2 | 3—D. Narbett, 5aSc. | 3—R. Marker, 6a |
| Sack Race: | 440 yards: | Discus: |
| 1—G. Kemp, 3b1 | 1—K. Adams, R2 | 1—N. Jones, 5c |
| 2—H. Jenkins, 2b1 | 2—J. Bowen, 4aSc. | 2—V. Griffiths, 5aSc. |
| 3—N. Smith, 3a1 | 3—H. Thomas, 5b | 3—H. Thomas, 5b |
| Walk 660yds: | Javelin: | One mile: |
| 1—N. Jones, 3b2 | 1—D. Rees, 5aSc. | 1—V. Griffiths, 5aSc. |
| 2—A. Jones, 3a2 | 2—E. Davies, 4aArts | 2—W. Evans, 5c |
| 3—E. Jones, 3a1 | | 3—N. Cole, 5c |

JUNIOR

Relay (Form II.):

- 1—2b1
- 2—2a2
- 3—2a1

Hurdles, 75yds.:

- 1—K. Aston, 3b1
- 2—B. Davies, 3a1
- 3—G. Francis, 3a1

Relay, 440yds.:

- 1—Dewi
- 2—Elli
- 3—Cennech

Long Jump:

- 1—C. Jones, 4bSc.
- 2—E. Evans, 4aArts
- 3—B. Davies, 3a1

Hop, Step and
Jump:

- 1—E. Evans, 4aArts
- 2—M. Watts, 4aSc.
- 3—M. Dickman, 3b2

High Jump:

- 1—G. Howells, 3a2
- 2—G. Arthur, 3b
- 3—A. Davies, 4bArts

Discus:

- 1—M. Townsend, 3b1
- 2—L. Davies, 4bSc.
- 3—G. Thomas, 4bSc.

Javelin:

- 1—T. Jones, 3b2
- 2—L. Davies, 4bSc.
- 3—P. Ruddall, 3a1

Tug of War
(Open):

- 1—Dewi

MIDDLE

880 yards:

- 1—J. Bowen, 4aSc.
- 2—W. Evans, 5c
- 3—H. George, R1

Hurdles, 100yds:

- 1—H. Thomas, 5b
- 2—H. George, R1
- 3—J. Bowen, 4aSc.

Relay, 440yds.:

- 1—Elli
- 2—Illtyd
- 3—Cennech

Long Jump:

- 1—H. George, R1
- 2—K. Adams, R2
- 3—G. Clement, 5aArts

Hop, Step and
Jump:

- 1—G. Clement, 5aArts
- 2—H. Thomas, 5b
- 3—D. Rees, 5aSc.

Putting the Weight

- 1—G. Clement, 5aArts
- 2—H. Thomas, 5b
- 3—W. Miller, 4aArts

Discus:

- 1—G. Griffiths, R1
- 2—Sturdy, R1
- 3—G. Clement, 5aArts

High Jump:

- 1—D. Davies, R2
- 2—Sturdy, R
- 3—S. Jones, 5d

440yds. Handicap:

- 1—A. Parker, 2b1
- 2—M. Townsend, 3b1
- 3—K. Adams, R2

SENIOR

440 yards:

- 1—E. Bibbs, 5aArts
- 2—H. Longhurst, 5aSc.
- 3—V. Griffiths, 5aSc.

Hurdles, 110yds.:

- 1—H. Longhurst, 5aSc.
- 2—N. Jones, 5c
- 3—E. Bibbs, 5aArts

Relay, 880yds.:

- 1—Elli
- 2—Dewi
- 3—Cennech

Long Jump:

- 1—N. Jones, 5c.
- 2—M. Lodwick, 5aArts
- 3—V. Griffiths, 5aSc.

Hop, Step and
Jump:

- 1—N. Jones, Vc
- 2—M. Lodwick, VaArts
- 3—V. Griffiths, VaSc.

Putting the Weight:

- 1—V. Griffiths, 5aSc.
- 2—N. Cole, 5c
- 3—J. Stocking, 6b

Javelin:

- 1—J. Howells, 5aSc.
- 2—V. Griffiths, 5aSc.
- 3—W. Cole, 5c

One mile Walk:

- 1—P. Bourne, R1
- 2—K. Jones, 5aSc.
- 3—B. Lewis, 5aSc.

FOOTBALL.

Last Term's matches resulted as follows:—

Neath, 16 points; School, 3 points, at Neath.
 Dynevor 5 points; School, 20 points, at Llanelly.
 Carmarthen, 5 points; School, 9 points, at Llanelly.
 Carmarthen, 3 points; School, nil, at Carmarthen.

The season concluded with the annual Past v. Present match at Stradey, on April 6th. This was the best game of the year. Before the match a minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr. Lewis Griffiths, and past pupils who made the Supreme Sacrifice. A feature of the match was the splendid place-kicking of H. Thomas. The result was a win for the Present by 8 points to 6.

The Seconds had a successful season. Out of 12 matches played they won 8 and lost 4. They scored 86 points against their opponents 67.

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CRICKET NOTES.

The Cricket team has been playing this year under the leadership of Alwyn Charles as captain. Owing to the lack of a home pitch and unfavourable weather only three matches have been played this season. Another match was to have been played against Swansea Grammar School on June 1st, but this had to be cancelled on account of bad weather.

(1) SCHOOL v. SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This was School's first match played at Swansea, on May 18th, in showery weather. A late start was made, and Swansea batting first scored 93 for 8, before declaring. The School batting was only moderate, and they were all out for 64. In this match David Rees made 30, and Alwyn Charles took 5 for 35.

(2) SCHOOL v. GOWERTON.

This match was played at Stradey on Thursday, June 6th. Though the weather was doubtful in the morning it opened out before play began. Gowerton batted first and scored 120 for 5 before declaring. Again School were unable to muster sufficient runs and were all out for 67. In this match, Alwyn Charles was highest scorer with 15, and David Rees took 3 for 19.

(3) SCHOOL v. GOWERTON.

A return match was played at Gowerton on June 15th. This time School batted first and scored 63 all out. Gowerton replied with 66 all out, therefore, won by 3 runs. In this game Geraint Lewis made 21, Wynne Miller 17, and Howard Rees took 4 for 10.

We wish to thank Mr. Richards for accompanying the Cricket XI. on their away matches.

G. R. RENOWDEN, Secretary.

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The Juniors have, as usual, been competing in their Inter-Form matches and we are all looking forward to the Final for the School Junior Shield.

OLD BOYS' UNION.

AFTER being compelled, year after year, to record the doings of our Service members amid the dangers of Total War, it is most pleasing to be able to speak of their constant—almost daily—return to "Civvy Street," as group after group is "demobbed." We make no apology for the slang—if slang it be, for anything else would seem absurdly pedantic.

Since our last issue we have received news of Wilfred Miron gaining the O.B.E.; Myrddin Rees gaining the B.E.M.; Vincent Gough (Air Force Cross); Leonard Davies and William T. Davies (1933) (mentioned in despatches). Col. Leslie Williams, C.B.E. (1895), has been made Hon. Colonel of the 4th Welch; Ben Ellis (1925) has received the M.B.E.; Brigadier Oswald Bowen, C.B. (1911), has received the Order of the Bath. Our sincere congratulations to all.

At this stage no definite details can be given, but we on the Committee of the Union, hope to arrange some form of Re-union in the not distant future, and we hope all members will keep this idea before them.

In normal years we can usually furnish a gratifying list of academic successes, but very few men have been able to complete their degree courses owing to the "exigences of the Services." None the less we heartily congratulate the undernamed:—

D. Hugh Edwards (1st Class, Hons.) Physics.
 Glyndwr Thomas (B.Sc. Hons.), Agricultural Botany.
 Joseph Lewis (B.Sc. Hons.), Agricultural Botany.
 Griff. Rees, B.A. (Lampeter).
 John M. Williams, B.Sc. (Engineering), Swansea.

We also congratulate Dr. John Heywood Thomas (1915), Professor of French at Cardiff University College, who has become Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

We wonder how many Old Boys took part in the great Victory Parade. Up to the time of going to press we have heard only of Eric Prichard who piloted one of the aircraft in the fly-past of the R.A.F.

Congratulations to William Rees (1917) who has been appointed as teacher of English on the staff of the Teachers' Emergency Training College to be opened in the Autumn at Llandrindod. This will mean the temporary loss of his services on the Union's Committee, but we hope to welcome him back after a few years, when his work there is done, and he returns as a Master to the School.

An item of news that will bring to many hundreds of Old Boys, both his own contemporaries at the School and also those who were once his pupils, is the death of Lewis Griffiths (1904) which occurred with dramatic suddenness last January. A fuller appreciation will be found on another page, but it is fitting to record in this column the fact that, at our first election to the Committee of the Union, the name of Lewis Griffiths was easily top of the poll.

All lovers of Rugby—and that, of course, means all our members—will remember his outstanding services to the School in that direction, a fact which no doubt accounts largely for his great popularity among Old Boys.

We extend to all his relatives—and particularly to his sister, with whom he lived—our most profound sympathy.

To all our readers—and especially those Service members spending their first summer for several years out of uniform—we heartily wish a happy and, as far as may be, a carefree holiday.

T. V. SHAW, President.