

Llanelly
Boys' Grammar School



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In Memoriam

David Thomas Roberts

Sidney Brown

David Roderick

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EDITORIAL

Once more the year has flown round and it is time to take the Editorial pen in hand and commit to paper some of our thoughts as yet another magazine is carefully "put to bed." We have no further need of our green eye-shades and blue pencils. No longer will we search for scoops, snippets or special bulletins. No longer will we be plagued with grubby little boys bearing sticky pieces of paper inscribed with illegible (and often unprintable) articles.

The year has been a very important one in the history of the School. It is with a very real regret that we say goodbye to Mr. T. V. Shaw, who has been with the School for thirty-four years and headmaster for nineteen of them. We appreciate gratefully all the countless things he has done for the School and wish him every happiness in his future retirement.

It is at the same time our very great pleasure to welcome Mr. Stanley Rees, an old boy of the School, as the new headmaster. We wish him every success and trust that his period of service with us will be a very long and a very happy one.

We have always been amazed with the speed at which even the most insignificant looking examinations suddenly loom up like ships in a fog. We wish all those who intend pitting their wits against everything the examiners can concoct in the coming W.J.E.C. examinations the very best of success.

Well, there it is. Our task is done. We have tried to make this year's magazine, like a packet of detergent, bigger and better. We have tried to include more articles, and would like to thank all those who have been public spirited enough to contribute toward this modest effort.

Lastly, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Readers!

ROGER THOMAS

W. BRIAN DAVIES

NODIADAU GOLYGYDDOL

Ar derfyn tymor y Nadolig, pleser o'r mwyaf yw nodi cynnydd bywyd Cymreig yr ysgol. Fel arfer, daeth llu o fechgyn newydd i'r ysgol, ac yn eu plith, nifer o Gymry Cymraeg eu hiaith a'u hysbryd. Dylanwadodd hyn yn fawr ar y Gymdeithas Gymraeg. Ymhob cyfarfod o'r Gymdeithas y tymor hwn caed y fraint o groesawu nifer ohonynt. Diolchwn iddynt am eu ffyddlondeb, gan fawr obeithio y parhant yn ffyddlon, er mwyn sicrhau dyfodol y Gymdeithas. Rhaid hefyd yw diolch i'r bechgyn hyn am eu teyrngarwch hwythau.

Blin iawn oedd gan bawb glywed fod Mr. Shaw, ein prif-athro annwyl, yn ymddiswyddo. Hyderwn y caiff ef a'i briod bob hapusrwydd yn y dyfodol. Croesawn i'n plith athro Cymraeg newydd, Mr. D. E. Williams. Cymro cadarn sydd eisoes yn frwdfrydig ynglŷn â phethau Cymreig yr ysgol. Croesawn hefyd Mr. Rees, a ddaeth i lanw lle Mr. Thorne.

Bu'n dymor llwyddiannus ar bob cyfrif, a diolchwn i bawb sydd yn ymagnio i gadw'r iaith a'r traddodiad yn fyw.

Dymunwn Nadolig llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd lwyddiannus i'n darllenwyr.

MEIRION LL. MORRIS (VI.).

HEAD PREFECT'S MESSAGE

As the end of the first term of another School year draws to its close it is with regret that we have to record the retirement of our Headmaster, Mr. T. V. Shaw, after 15 years as Assistant Master and 19 as Headmaster. He has been a faithful friend and counsellor to a countless number of boys during his successful term of office. Mr. Shaw may rest assured his name will ever be respected in the hearts of his colleagues and pupils. We hope that many years of health and happiness are in store for himself and Mrs. Shaw so that they may enjoy a well earned retirement.

To his successor, Mr. S. Rees, I extend a hearty welcome from the whole School. I am sure his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

For many of the younger boys this is the first of what I hope will be many happy years in the Senior Section.

This term the work of the societies has been very prominent. The Literary and Debating Society has held its meetings very regularly, the highlight being a mock election in which Mr. Gwyn Evans was tried for the murder of one of the cooks. Many people believed that this act was one of benefit to the dinner boys, but he was still found guilty and condemned to death. This sentence, I understand, was later altered to one of life imprisonment, to be served as teacher in our School; an imposition worse than death.

To all boys who have just tried or who are trying, later in the year, the W.J.E.C. examinations, I wish every success.

On behalf of the pupils of the School, I extend to the Headmaster, present and future, Staff, Old Boys, and friends of the School, sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

JOHN MORRIS (*Head Prefect*)

WANDERERS NACHTLIED

Über allen Gipfeln
Ist Ruh',
In allen Wipfeln
Spürest du
Kaum einen Hauch;
Die Vögelein schweigen im Walde,
Warte nur, balde
Ruhest du auch.

Goethe.

THE WANDERER'S EVENING SONG

Over all the hill-tops
Lies rest,
In all the tree-tops
Is manifest
No slightest breeze;
To birds in the wood comes sleep's boon.
Only wait, soon,
Thou too hast ease.

W.T.S.

DE OMNIBUS REBUS

It is with great pleasure that we welcome two new masters this term. The one, Mr. Victor Rees temporarily replaces Mr. Thorne in the Biology Department. Mr. D. Emrys Williams is assisting in the Welsh Department. However, Mr. Williams leaves us to take up a post in the National Library, Aberystwyth, following the Christmas vacation. To him we wish every success in what will be undoubtedly a distinguished occupation.

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Mr. Thorne is at present undergoing treatment at a sanatorium. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery and look forward to seeing him among us once again in the near future.

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Since the publication of our last issue we have heard with deep sorrow of the death of three former Masters in the School, Mr. Sidney Brown, Mr. D. T. Roberts and Mr. David Roderick, the latter at the moment of going to press.

Their service to School extended over the last fifty years, and generations of boys now grown to manhood will remember them with affection.

To their relatives we would extend our profoundest sympathy.

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Two boys gained State Scholarships this year, Alan Cohen and John Leyshon. We extend congratulations on behalf of the school.

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Prize Day was again held at the New School, Pwll. The guest speaker was Maj.-Gen. W. O. Bowen, one of our most distinguished Old Boys. Ald. John Ll. Evans, J.P., Chairman of the Governors, presided. In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Bowen, the prizes were presented by Mrs. T. R. Davies, the sister-in-law of Maj.-Gen. Bowen. We should like to thank the Old Boys' Union for once again donating the prizes for this function.

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We are asked to deny the rumour that Mr. G. Evans has offered the services of his Upper Sixth Economics boys to the Chancellor for the next Budget.

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A member of the Cambridge University pack in the recent inter-Varsity game, who has since been chosen for the English "Probables," R. W. D. Marques, has close connections with School, for he is a grandson of the late Mr. William Lewis, M.A., our first headmaster.

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GIFTS FROM OLD BOYS

We gratefully acknowledge the following kind gifts:—

Malcolm Symons, £2 2s. 0d. to the Physics and Mathematics Libraries.

Howard Inqli Williams, books for the Music Library.

John Phillips, valuable geological specimens.

QUAINT QUOTES

The Marks, after the Exams. :

"The Gods to us are merciful—and they
Yet further may relent . . ." (*Wordsworth*).

Said of a member of 3G :

"O blessed Vision! happy child!
Thou art so exquisitely wild." (*Wordsworth*).

Plea for Better Dining Space :

"Now less than smallest dwarfs, in narrow room
Throng numberless. . . ." (*Milton*).

. . . And Things to Eat :

"It is reported that thou did'st eat strange flesh
Which some did die to look upon. . . ." (*Shakespeare*).

Passing the Chem. Lab. :

"A strange invisible perfume hits the sense." (*Shakespeare*).

Master to a Late Arrival :

"To say you're welcome were superfluous." (*Shakespeare*).

Terse Judgment on Form 2 :

"Cut is the branch that might have grown full straight."
(*Marlowe*)

Words of the School Full-back, Following Bad Game :

"Leave me a while to ponder on my sins."

. . . Or A Good Match :

"How am I glutted with conceit of this!"

General 6th Form Lament :

" . . . They reject us,
I couldn't get a single one
To come on the prospectus." (*Belloc*).

1922-1955. A RETROSPECT

At the end of thirty-four years spent in this School out of more than forty-five years in the Teaching Profession, memories both grave and gay crowd upon me as I write. Although I still have in mind many varied experiences of teaching in Ireland and several parts of England during the eleven years previous to my coming to Llanelly, I will not recall them here, but will select from the far more numerous memories of my service in our School.

It was on a bleak day of mid-January, 1922, that I first saw the School and met the Headmaster, Staff and boys. Among the last named I found two of the Senior boys in my Sixth Form English class who bore the reputation of being wide readers and keen students. Little did any of us think that in years to come, one of them would succeed me as English Master and the other as Headmaster. I refer, of course, to Mr. William Rees and the Headmaster-elect, Mr. Stanley Rees.

Of the Masters at that time, only Mr. J. Afan Jones, Mr. D. E. Davies and Mr. Frank Phillips remain on the Staff. The others have all left; some, alas, have passed away. "All, all are gone, the old familiar faces."

Among my happiest memories are those of the winter Friday evenings spent with the Debating Society in the company of Mr. Stockton. I recall the Mock Election of 1923, and particularly the last meeting on the eve of the poll when Conservative, Liberal and Labour candidates met on the same platform in the manner of the hustings of years ago. What cheers and counter cheers, what fiery eloquence! I remember that the Liberal candidate became so heated that his own supporters pulled him down and held him in his seat. None the less, he was duly elected, though in the real election outside the School, Dr. J. H. Williams was elected as the first Labour M.P. for Llanelly.

My first Christmas in the School coincided with the first performance of the Dramatic Society supported by the newly formed Orchestra. I was to witness twenty-one such performances under the joint leadership of Mr. J. Afan Jones and Mr. Phillips, the former being the sole producer and the latter the sole conductor (except on one occasion, when, owing to a bereavement in Mr. Phillips' family, Mr. D. E. Davies wielded the baton with a skill that surprised us all). During all those years Mr. Stockton was the "props" man, while the very prosaic and unskilled work of attending to the box office fell to my lot until 1937.

How delightful too, were the Summer Terms, with the keenly contested Tennis Tournaments on the lawn in front of the old red hut. In the mid-twenties the winner was very frequently Mr. Roderick, whose deliberation in service and astonishing reach were a joy to watch. Et ego in Arcadia!—I played for a number of years, and once, mirabile dictu, I reach the final; but I never won.

Those years between the two wars produced some remarkable figures both in Rugby and in Cricket. Watcyn Thomas, Elvet Jones, Bill Clement, all learnt their Rugby at School and all were capped for Wales, while Haydn Davies left behind him a record of 120 not out, a remarkable score in schoolboy cricket. Well do I recall the cheers in Assembly as the Head (Mr. G. J. Thomas) handed his cheque for a guinea to some outstanding batsman—Haydn Davies more often than any other.

These were the halcyon days of my life as a Schoolmaster—how lovely they seem in retrospect. Then in 1939 the world changed for us all. Air Force blue and Khaki were soon more in evidence than cricket flannels or rigger jerseys, as our School Squadron of the A.T.C. and our School Company of the Army Cadet Force took shape. Yet the old games were still played, though in 1940 and 1941 I felt obliged to withhold consent for School matches in Swansea or further east, owing to the possible danger of air raids. However on the last day of the Spring Term of 1943, almost the entire School travelled to Bridgend to see Owen Jones lead our A.T.C. XV. to victory as champions of the Welsh Command A.T.C. I can hear the cheers as the team marched from Llanelly station to the Town Hall, where the Mayor received them, and publicly shook hands with the captain.

A highly contrasted memory, and one that will ever remain with all those present, is that of the Memorial Service for fallen Old Boys, in Llanelly Parish Church in May, 1946. To me there fell the most poignant duty of my life—to read the names of the fallen and to preach the sermon. The inspiring yet pathetic words of the text, "faithful unto death," are for me ever associated with that memorable occasion.

With the War ended and the Education Act of 1944 being gradually implemented, wider horizons opened for the School. Soon new buildings began to rise, set in spacious playing fields, and in 1950 the first section of the new Grammar-Technical School was opened. I viewed all this with mixed feelings, for though it augured well for the future, it meant that for some years the unity of the School would be disturbed, if not actually broken, by housing the Junior and Senior sections in two buildings, two miles apart. But the days of the dichotomy are coming to an end, and the completion is to begin next year, a fortunate moment for the new Headmaster to assume office and write a new and glorious chapter in the Schools' history. I have sometimes studied the projected plans a little wistfully, knowing that I must be content to *imagine* the completed School, and, like Aeneas in Carthage, "feed my mind on idle portraiture."

I cannot end these disjointed notes without expressing my deep affection for the generations of boys who have given me their friendship, and my sincere gratitude to all, Governors, colleagues, parents and friends, who have helped to make my years of service in the School, the happiest of my life. Good-bye !

T.V.S.

THE LORELEI

I know not what it presages
 This sadness over all ;
 A legend of long past ages
 That holds me still in thrall.

Around lies the cool air darkling
 All peaceful flows the Rhine,
 The peak of the mountain sparkling
 In evening's ruddy shine.

Above sits the beauteous maiden,
 Uplifted, wondrous fair ;
 With her golden jewels laden
 She combs her golden hair.

With golden comb her hair she braids,
 And thereby sings a song ;
 Its magic music swells and fades,
 Its echoes sweet prolong.

The boatman, sailing round the bight,
 Hears it with wild sweet grief.
 His eyes are fixed upon the height,
 He does not see the reef.

Near the dread whirlpool swinging
 Come man and boat to naught,
 And this, with her wild sad singing
 The Lorelei has wrought.

From the German of Heine.

W T.S.

A VISIT TO DENMARK

This summer, for my holidays, I enjoyed a visit to Denmark. My penpal, named Palle Heichelmann, to whom I have written since Llwynhendy schooldays, first came to spend three weeks at my home and then I returned with him to spend three weeks with his family. His family lives at Copenhagen.

Copenhagen is often called the Harbour of Merchants or the City of Beautiful Spires. These titles are justly given, for Copenhagen has been a harbour for nearly a thousand years and has one of the finest ship-building yards in Europe. Almost all its spires are made of copper which the sea air has turned green, giving them a very beautiful appearance. These spires and domes vary in size and shape and make a charming picture when viewed from some height.

Like all other ancient cities, Copenhagen has many wonderful sights, and many old houses. Some of these houses are 300 years old and more, and are built in the "yards" of the city. It has also many interesting buildings and statues. Prominent among these are The Little Mermaid, The Round Tower, The State Reception Rooms and Tivoli. The Little Mermaid is probably the most famous statue and is based on Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale. It is placed on the sea shore and looks across the harbour. A masterpiece of sculpture made in bronze, it glistens in the sunshine giving the impression that the mermaid had just come out of the sea.

The Round Tower was built by the Danish King Christian V., who also was responsible for many fine houses and palaces in Copenhagen. This tower is built in such a manner that it is possible to drive a carriage to its top. Inside the outer wall there is a road built in a spiral fashion and history records that, in 1642, the Czar of Russia, Peter the Great, drove a coach and four to the top.

The State Reception Rooms are remarkable because they are made of oak and marble brought from Greenland. A pleasant afternoon was spent looking at their beauty. Of the numerous museums in the city, visits were made to the National Museum, the Glyptotek and Torvaldson Museum.

The greatest thrill, however, was a visit to Tivoli. Well known all over the world, Tivoli has several theatres, many restaurants and other attractions as well as the large fun-fair. A visitor can do almost anything there; go boating on the lake, listen to the Tivoli orchestra, watch the various fountains as they change colour and pressure, witness an acrobatic display or enjoy the pleasures of the fun-fair. Nightly fireworks displays are an added attraction.

Another of the towns I visited in Denmark was Elsinore, where Kronborg Castle is situated. Kronborg stands in a very lovely position looking out across a stretch of blue sea towards Sweden. Here also, the roofs are all covered with copper and make a most marvellous sight. In the castle itself Shakespeare's "Hamlet" is performed annually, as it is the reputed birthplace of Hamlet.

Underneath the castle are casemates, where 3,000 Swedish troops were once garrisoned, and here also are the many torture chambers and dungeons of olden days. In the casemates also is the massive statue of HOLGER DANSKE, or Holger the Dane. He is depicted sleeping and the legend concerning him is similar to our story of King Arthur. He will awake when Denmark is in danger. Above the casemates the castle rises stately and very beautiful. Inside is a very richly painted church and the 'famous Knights' Hall. Unfortunately my visit to Kronborg did not coincide with the Shakespeare Festival and I was not able to see Hamlet performed in such admirable surroundings. Nevertheless memories of a very pleasant holiday in Denmark will remain with me for many years.

D. GERAINT JENKINS 5A (Science).

PWLL

The present village known as Pwll was in the olden days divided into three parts, Pwll, Pen-Llech and Erw Fach. Pwll was the western district surrounding the old Pwll Farm which was recently demolished for the purpose of road widening; Pen Llech was a collection of small cottages on the "Graig" high above the sea; and Erw Fach was the area nearest to Stradey Woods. The old houses known as "Sailors Row," formerly "Ranc Micel" still stand today in that part. Since then so many houses have been built that instead of the collection of scattered cottages of eighty to a hundred years ago, we now have one large village.

The first religious building in the village was Bethlehem Baptist Chapel built in 1834, and noted for the last fifty years or so for its choral singing. Later the Holy Trinity Church and the Congregational Chapel, Libanus, have been built.

The first industries in Pwll were a few lime works, small collieries, a brickworks, and two smithies. One lime works was situated near to the Talbot Inn beneath the present bridge, "Pont yr Odyn," which derives its name from the old works; the other near Pwll Farm, gave its name to a picturesque small cottage called "Ty'r Odyn." The limestones used in these works were brought over from the Gower Coast in small sailing vessels owned by Mr. Rees of Cilymaenllwyd, who had a large estate on the hill above the village. The vessels carried coal from Pwll to the Gower and returned with limestone.

Then in 1828 the Pwll tramway was opened transporting coal to Burry Port docks, but later it was destroyed by the sea, which in those days flowed in over the present marshland.

Then in 1854 the South Wales or Great Western Railway was opened and this event prevented the sailing vessels from crossing to the Gower Coast, and one in particular was left to rot near the railway line on the beach, and since then that spot has been known as "Pwll-Llong Fach." Horses and carts used to go down to the beach to haul sand and clay to build new houses and there still exists a right of way to the sands over the railway line.

One blacksmith's shop was at Stradey; the other next to the Talbot Inn, but when cars came into use the one at Stradey was closed down, but the other one was converted into a weavers shop by Mr. W. Davies and is still maintained to the present day by the same family.

Another flannel factory was opened at Erw Fach. Next door to it was another old established industry—a mineral water works, employing a considerable number of people, and it is flourishing to this day.

There was also at Stradey an old flour mill where all the farmers in the area used to take their wheat and corn to be ground.

Years ago on the hill known as "Y Graig" at least three small collieries were operating, and one of them known as "Pwll Harris" is notable in that it employed two women to wind up the coal. Today the villagers call the trees near the spot "Coed Harris." Another very old colliery was "Gwaith y Pwll" near Pwll Farm and its old engine house is now converted into offices in the council yard.

There are two mining levels in the village, one in Erw Fach and the other in Pwll. The one in Pwll was near the brickworks and employed many men, and it also supplied the brickworks with all the coal and fire clay it required. The brickworks is very old and at first it produced silica bricks, but at present it makes fire bricks.

About sixty years ago the New Pool and New Lodge collieries were opened. The latter was also a brickworks. Then in 1917 followed the Crown Colliery, employing about three hundred men. These were closed down from about 1928 to 1932.

About seventy years ago the New Road was opened and the work of building the houses along it commenced. Before that there was only a small track wending its way from the seashore, past Pwll Farm to Pen Llech and the adjoining collieries. It was used as a road to the Pen Llech cottages and for carting coal to the tramway and was known as "Yr Heol Lo."

Modern forms of transport have now come to the village, but about eighty years ago you either had to walk to town or ride perched high up on one of the ancient horse drawn brakes. It was quite an adventure in those days to gallop into town on market day.

HYWEL JONES, 1B1.

(*Editors*: We thought it especially appropriate that this article be included, for one day the "School on the Hill" will in its entirety find its way to Pwll.)

SCIENCE SOCIETY—JUNIOR SCHOOL

Our club is one of the most successful in the Lower School and the response by the boys is excellent. At the start of term all the forms chose a representative for the Science Committee and they joined together to select meetings during the term. The representatives for the forms are: 1A1, Peter Skehan; 1A2, Stewart Davies; 1B1, Keri Lewis; 1B2, Brian Hughes; 2A1, Peter Daniels; 2A2, Quentin Williams; 3AW, John Davies; 3T, Peter Mason.

Only the showing of films has taken place so far, but the committee have chosen a good variety. First a cartoon was shown and was about the world as it was millions of years ago, and as it is today. This film was called the "ABC of Gas." For those interested in cars "The Le Mans, 1952" was shown and for the aircraft enthusiasts we chose the "History of the Helicopter" which dealt with the life of the Helicopter. Our latest film, "The Perfect Husband," suited everyone for it was a comedy starring that crazy character, Mr. Pastry, assisted by Gilbert Harding.

We have another three films to show, "A Man's Affair," "Family Album" and a feature film which will be shown at the end of term.

We are pleased to announce that the Junior Science Library will be opened next term.

REES PHELPS, *Secretary*

CHESS SOCIETY

Chairman ALAN COHEN (6A)
Secretary JAMES CULLEN (5A Sci.)

Committee:—Fraser Morris (Form 3), David Jones (Form 4), Peter Nurse (Form 5), Bryan Davies (Form 6).

During the past year, there has been a complete revival of chess. More and more younger boys are learning and enjoying the game. These, the future school team, show great promise. The school tournament has been a great success, with over sixty entrants. The chess team have played one match this term, that being against Carmarthen. The result was an overwhelming win for the school team by five games to one.

JAMES CULLEN (*Secretary*)

A CLOSE CALL

The setting sun shone down upon a strange, barbaric scene. Thousands of strange, barbaric people swirled around in a milling horde. The tramp of their feet could clearly be heard upon the hard, dry ground. In a little open space amongst them was a cage. And I was in that cage, confined, a prisoner, with barely room to move. There was no escape.

Away to my right there was another poor human wretch, similarly confined. He was another victim of the strange circumstances which had befallen us. Both he and I had been kept thus for some time—and without food and drink.

Meanwhile, the fury and tempo of these strange people seemed to be mounting. The rays of the setting sun gave a horrible lurid glow to their faces, making them a most terrifying spectacle. One, a little bolder than the rest, came right up to my cage and grimaced horribly at me between the bars. Another poked at it tentatively with the long strange weapon he held in his hands. And all the time their madness grew. They were working themselves up into a fine pitch of frenzy.

What were they going to do? What horrible fate had they in store for me? Something had to be done—and quickly. Hurriedly, I looked about me—Ah! I had found what I was looking for. Now was the time to put my plan into action. Carefully, I lifted the receiver and put three pennies in the slot.

ROGER THOMAS, VI.a.

" LIGHT THERE BE LIGHT "

In these days of red-taped bureaucracy one becomes conditioned to living per regulation and sub-section. From the first mewl to the last post, action is guided, mis-guided and re-guided by forces beyond our control. Indeed, I wonder if the gullible master knows precisely what he is about when he gives the order that the light-switch be depressed. The conditions governing the said depression are explicitly set out in the Standards for School Premises Regulations (1954), published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, price two and sixpence, for the Ministry of Education.

The White Paper says :

" In all teaching accommodation, the lowest level of maintained illumination and the minimum daylight factor on the appropriate plane in the area of normal use shall be ten lumens per square foot, and two per cent., respectively."

Besides this self-explanatory minimum, the master should see to the problem of dazzle.

Again, quoting the White Paper :

" In all teaching accommodation no luminous part of any lighting unit or mirrored image thereof having a maximum brightness greater than 1,500 foot lamberts for an average brightness greater than 1,000 foot lamberts shall be visible to any occupant in a normal position within an angle at the eye of 135 degrees from the perpendicular from the eye to the floor."

Who, I query, who dares give the order, " Let there be light ? "

NEVILLE REES, VI.A.

AUSTRIA, 1955

*“ Along the wind-swept platform, pinched and white,
The travellers stand in pools of wintry light,
Offering themselves to morn’s long, slating arrows.
The train’s due ;—”*

Sassoon might well have visualised our school party standing on the bleak, uninviting station platform at the seemingly unearthly hour of 8 o’clock in the morning, waiting for the train to take us to London en route to Austria. To cries of “ bon voyage ” from a host of relatives we triumphantly steamed out of the station with our destination seemingly near—which we afterwards found was not so.

At Paddington there was some slight panic. We had to cross London by tube to Victoria. Nobody seemed to have change for the ticket machines—pound notes were rife—so queues formed at the ticket office. People tripped over our baggage, while two of our party had to chase after a doubtless well-intentioned porter who was happily carting off their luggage. Nevertheless everyone eventually arrived at Victoria to catch the Dover train. There, to our delight and Mr. Bowen’s dismay, we found a party of Scottish Girl Guides who would be travelling with us all the way to Austria.

The customs inspection at Dover was a new experience for some of us. A routine check and we were through and on the Channel steamer Kron Prinz Baudouin. The Channel was enshrouded in a dank sea mist so that visibility was practically nil. It did not prevent us, however, from finding the refreshment buffet, and our way about the boat—curious how many found their way into the more luxurious first class part of the boat. A calm crossing and suddenly as we peered into the mist we saw the massive Ostend pier, a wooden, curiously undulating, structure. Another customs check and then our first sight of a Continental train. First impressions were not good, as we discovered that the Belgians—a Spartan lot—thought that wooden seats in a railway carriage were the height of luxury. We were not amused.

It was dusk when we left Ostend and the main idea was peaceful slumber. If the reader has never tried sleeping with seven other people all on hard wooden seats in the lurching compartment of a train then we think he would do well to avoid it at all costs. Mr. Bowen had evidently heard about these conditions and, to the envy of all around, he lovingly produced an air cushion. Carefully inflating it he placed it on the hard wood and proceeded to sit upon it. Unfortunately, to everyone’s purely selfish amusement, Mr. Bowen, was badly let down.

We travelled on to Cologne and south along the bank of the Rhine through Bonn, crossing the river into Southern Germany, to Bavaria with large, broad, flat fields of waving corn, dotted with quaint wooden houses whose roofs were held down by large stones. Occasionally we would run parallel to a wide “ autobahn ” and watch the cars speeding alongside us. At Munich some of us first developed our liking for German sausage. The terrain now started to become mountainous. Pines covered the slopes, which were often broken by the grey-green mountain streams rushing along at great speed.

We crossed the border into Austria, passed through Salzburg, and on to Picturesque Zell-am-See, then by narrow gauge railway to our destination, Niedernsill.

The whole party (33 in number) arrived together (somehow) at Niedernsill. The surrounding country was blotted out with rain and we decided that exploration could be left till the morning. The main idea uppermost in all minds was food and drink. Unfortunately (or otherwise) some of us had to sleep in places other than the hotel. Those of us who slept in the school were lulled to sleep by inharmonious strains of a seemingly “ grand march ” played by the village band. Our tempers were not improved by our being awakened at an early hour by the church bells. Mr. Bowen was the first to complain

about the bells. After a morning spent in exploring the village and in taking innumerable photos of the church, hotel, school and horse trough, the party was conveyed swiftly and easily by train to Zell-am-See. Mr. Bowen took what must have been an admirable photograph of the fountain in the town square, after he had clouted innumerable heads from the range of the camera. The rest of the afternoon was spent in swimming, boating, miniature golf and sight seeing.

Our Sunday was spent in viewing and photographing the magnificent Krimml waterfalls. The pleasure of seeing the falls was increased by feeling the cool spray on our hot faces. Some persons, in their thirst for knowledge, thought that they would like to experience prevailing conditions behind the waterfalls. They emerged from the spray looking rather like mariners who had just rounded the Horn—and hadn't liked it.

Another cooling effect was experienced that night by Mr. Bowen and Mr. Jones; a frog, with the aid of some mysterious agency, had entered their bedroom. After it had succeeded in driving the masters frantic, it was removed at their request, by "some Biology boys." That this incident had a jarring effect on the masters' nerves was demonstrated by the fact that, on Monday night, Mr. Jones commenced belabouring a coat peg on the wall, having mistaken it for one of the large moths which nightly invaded our bedrooms. Rumours reached us that Mr. Bowen only succeeded with difficulty in preventing Mr. Jones from crashing his way through the bedroom wall. However, it is a fact that complaints were received the next morning from Herr Hilzensaubr, the innkeeper, of bumps and other noises from a certain bedroom at 2 a.m. in the morning.

The whole party, on the Monday, was taken in two buses to the famous Grossglockner mountain, which stands 12,000 ft. above sea level. We reached the mountain after travelling along what must have been one of the highest roads in Europe. The view obtained from the buses as they crawled their way up the mountain side, was truly wonderful. At last we reached the termination of the road, after passing innumerable stationary cars with steaming bonnets and cursing owners. Some of us, taking our courage in both hands, braved the steep and rocky descent to the surface of the glacier. Those who did so were soon going in all directions along its slippery surface, negotiating the cracks in the ice. Photographs of friends, standing in heroic poses on the ice, were taken. On our return we were amazed at seeing the senior members of our expedition wearing on their heads embroidered skull-caps. Skull-caps were immediately bought by most of the remaining members of the party, and we all felt sure that the Austrians would no longer think of us as British. Sandwiches were produced and devoured and we returned to Niedernsill carrying souvenirs ranging from a piece of glacier ice to a carved Austrian pipe (without tobacco).

We spent Tuesday on and in the lake at Zell-am-See. Some of us went on a cable-car trip to Schmittenhöhe, the high mountain overlooking Zell-am-See.

On Wednesday, we set forth to view Salzburg, the capital city of the province. Every one of us was enamoured with the old city and its mixture of ancient and modern, its Gothic houses and Cadillacs, its old and numerous churches, all dwarfed by the frowning castle which, from its lofty seat, dominated the town. We visited the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and, because of the rain which was descending with considerable force, accompanied by flashes of lightning, we sheltered in the Mozart Music Academy. The learned musicians who were playing organs, pianos, and "all kinds of musick" were truly amazed at the sight of so many wet boys who were jabbering excitedly in English, Welsh and a little French. Souvenirs of our flying visit to the city were bought, and we were conveyed, via Berchtesgaden, to Niedernsill.

Thursday, being the last day of our holiday, we spent in Zell-am-See. Presents were bought—pipes, music boxes, jugs, plaques and other ornaments. That night, in the hotel dining room, cleared and decorated for the occasion, we were treated to a display of local talent in dancing, singing and story-telling. The programme was introduced by the village schoolmaster, who began by telling a very funny story in German, which was obligingly translated for us by a visiting American. The proceedings were constantly interrupted by an old man, who persisted in clowning his way through the night's proceedings. After watching (one of us even joined in) some exciting "shoe-slapping" dances we retired dutifully to bed. We were to start early the next morning.

Leaving Niedernsill we travelled along the now familiar route to Zell-am-See, past the beautiful lake. On the way to Salzburg we were entertained by a somewhat inebriated Austrian gentleman who, in his green hat and little red feather, insisted on telling us how he climbed some mountain to get a plant which he now knew to be non-existent. At Salzburg we rejoined our Scottish friends and compared notes.

We travelled back along our previous route and eventually arrived at Dover to face the Customs once again. All of us subtracted a little from the prices of our most expensive presents, but one boy, believing honesty to be the best policy, declared the true value of his musical box and paid the penalty.

Arriving in Llanelly, we were greeted by relatives. Home! Happy, tired and bankrupt.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Jones and Mr. Bowen for a wonderful holiday, on behalf of the boys.

D. BARRINGTON DAVIES, VI.
PETER HOWARD NURSE, V.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

<i>President</i>	MICHAEL RUSSELL
<i>Vice-President</i>	W. B. DAVIES
<i>Secretary</i>	NEVILLE PALMER

Committee—Ieuan John, Malcolm Spencer, Peter Nurse, Neville Carpenter, David Evans, David Marshall, Colin Williams, R. Davies.

The first meeting of the New Year took place on January 14th. It comprised a debate on the motion that "This House agrees with the abolition of Capital Punishment." Speakers for the affirmative were Neville Palmer and W. B. Davies; and for the negative, Gareth Morris and John Caddy. The motion was defeated by seven votes to five.

The last meeting of the 1954-55 session took place on March 30th. It took the form of a quiz, in which a team of masters opposed a team of boys. Representing the masters were: Mr. Evan Jones, Mr. Gwyn Evans, Mr. Maelgwyn Thomas and Mr. D. Smith; and the boys: Michael Russell, Neville Palmer, W. B. Davies and Brian Evans. The quiz resulted in a win for the masters by 40 points to 30. Mr. T. V. Shaw presided at this meeting.

The first meeting of the new session constituted a series of impromptu debates, in which most of the 30 boys present participated. Amongst those who spoke were Howell Rees, Anthony Bevan, Roger Britten, David Bowen, Malcolm Hopkins, Graham Griffiths and G. Meyler.

The meeting held on October 15th attracted the largest audience of the session. It took the form of a Mock Trial. Mr. Gwyn Evans was charged with the murder of one of the school cooks. Counsel for the Prosecution was W. B. Davies, and for the Defence, Mr. Marcel Williams. Also taking part

were: Bank Manager, Roger Thomas; Pools Representative, Michael Russell; Police Constable, John N. Davies; Principal Witness for the Defence, Michael Seaman; First Schoolboy, David Marshall; Second Schoolboy, Richard Davies; Clerk of the Court, Neville Palmer. The Presiding Judge was Mr. Hubert Price. After a hilarious meeting, Mr. Evans was found to be guilty.

The next meeting, held on October 28th, was not so well attended. The motion for debate was "That this House deplores commercialism in entertainment." The Speakers for the affirmative were Peter Nurse and Neville Carpenter, and for the Negative: Howell Rees and David Evans. The two opposing arguments were that, on the one hand, commercialism adds nothing to entertainment, but merely detracts from its value; and on the other hand, that commercialism in entertainment is an economic necessity. The motion was defeated by a large majority.

The meeting, held on November 11th, took the form of two parlour games, "One Minute Please" and "Talk Yourself Out of This." The two teams which participated represented the Arts and Science side of the School respectively. Representing Arts were: Roger Thomas, Neville Carpenter and Kieth Howells; and the Sciences: Ieuan John, Peter Nurse and David Evans. The first game resulted in a win for the Science team by 14 points to 10, and the second in Peter Nurse's being acclaimed as the "School's Champion Liar."

The last meeting before going to Press took the form of a series of impromptu debates. In spite of the low attendance, debate was firece on a number of controversial subjects.

NEVILLE S. PALMER, *Secretary.*

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mr. EMLYN DAVIES
<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	MICHAEL SEAMAN
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	HOWARD DAVIES

Committee—David Q. Bowen (VI.), Denham Thomas and Anthony Turner (V.), Philip Charles (IV.), Haydn Jones (III.).

The Geographical Society has held three meetings this term and all three have taken the form of film shows.

The first meeting was held on October 10th and the films shown were "Caller Herrin," a film of the Scottish Herring fishing industry, and "The Lumber States," a film account of the Oregon and Washington timber industry. Over fifty boys attended this meeting and committee members were elected from the boys present.

Three films were shown in the second meeting and two of them dealt with the Americas. One, "Prairie Gold," illustrated the Canadian Wheat industry, from the preparation of the soil and sowing to the marketing and transport. The other "Horsemen of the Pampas" presented the story of the home and daily life of a typical family on the Argentine Pampas. The third film, "Welsh Magic," brought the audience nearer home with a film tour around the counties of Wales excluding Carmarthenshire.

On November 21st the Society was shown an excellent colour film on the production of steel and a short film, "Sailing to the Cape."

Although only in its second year the Geographical Society is well established as a school society, and it is hoped that the members of all forms of the school will continue to support the society and so keep up the good attendance achieved so far at the meetings of this term.

The society wishes to thank John Platt for his service as projectionist.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Chairman JOHN PLATT (VI.A)
Secretary ALAN COHEN (VI.A)

Committee—A. Howells and B. Carter (VIA), H. Hughes (VI.B), J. Lewis (V.A Sci.), G. Thomas (V.A Arts), M. Aubrey (V.B), K. Roberts (IV.A Arts), A. Phillips (IV.T), D. Phillips (III.A), G. Slimm (III.M).

This term, up to the time of writing, six meetings have been held.

The first meeting on October 5th, was a visit to Carmarthen Bay Power Station, the members who attended being shown round the station by the personnel.

The second meeting took the form of a film show. The film, which was called "Powered Flight," was a concise history of fifty years of aviation dating from the first flight in a powered machine by the Wright brothers.

"Phenomena of discharge tubes" was the subject of the next talk, given by Alan Cohen on October 20th.

Three films were shown on November 2nd. They were "Atomization," "How the Motor Car Engine Works" and "First Principles of Petrol Engines."

A lecture, together with a practical demonstration, was given on November 8th by Mr. Sulwyn Evans, Secretary of the Llanelly Photographic Society. This was a very informative talk and the members present were shown the correct way to develop a film.

The last meeting before the printing of the Magazine was again in the form of a film show. The films shown were "The Microscope" and "The Microscopy of Opaque Objects." These films were mainly concerned with the setting up and the correct use of the microscope.

A practical meeting has been arranged for November 23rd.

The Science Library has been very popular.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Aubrey Jones for his services in connection with the drawing of illustrated notices of the meetings.

ALAN COHEN (*Secretary*)

THE RADIO CONSTRUCTION SOCIETY

Chairman/Secretary AUBREY JONES

Committee/Instructors :—Peter Owen (6B), Brian Kybett (A), Howard Hughes (6B), John Rogers (6A), Byron Caster (6A), Alun Howells (6A).

During the first term the Society was disbanded owing to poor attendance.

This year, however, saw the complete reorganisation of the Society with the idea of instructing chosen members in radio theory. Another aim is to hold meetings on Thursday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. during the last two periods.

It is hoped that the instructors will be able to pass on the knowledge so gained to other members of the Society as rapidly as possible next term, as we hope to include a great deal of practical work.

AUBREY JONES (*Secretary*)

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

At the end of last term the orchestra received a crushing blow in the loss of the leaders of four of the five sections of the orchestra, including the leader of the orchestra, W. Hugh Thomas. Two of the accompanists, Howard Williams and Gethin Hughes, have also left.

This year our new leader is Christopher Evans. We hope that the members of the orchestra will respect him and give him the support they gave their former leader.

The membership of the orchestra has grown considerably this term. The additions include a violinist and a violist from our Girls' School, six violinists, two violists, three cellists and three double bass players from our own School.

On Saturday, the 17th of September, a "Day School of Music," organised by the Carmarthenshire Education Committee, was held in the Girls' Grammar School, the object of this meeting being to form a County Junior Orchestra for Carmarthenshire. Most of the schools in the County were represented, and our school orchestra was there to represent the Llanelly Grammar Schools. The conductor for the day was Mr. Ralph Nicholson, and the leader of the orchestra was Gethin Williams (a former leader of our school orchestra). The orchestra consisted of three Clarinets, one French Horn, three Cornets and Strings. Among the music played was Handel's "Largo," Mr. Nicholson's own arrangement of Handel's "Concerto in G Minor for Strings," and a "Miniature Suite" by J. S. Bach. The meeting commenced at 10.30 a.m. and continued until 4.15 p.m. with breaks for dinner and tea (the meals being provided at the school canteen). This day was enjoyed by every one and we are all looking forward to the next "Day School of Music."

The school orchestra will not give the usual concert at the end of this term, but we hope to give one at the end of next term when the programme will include: Concerto in D Minor for two Violins and String Orchestra, Bach; Miniature Suite, Bach; Overture, Ottone, Handel; Suite, The Shepherd's Lottery, William Boyce; Piano Concerto in F Minor, Bach.

KENNETH GANGE, Form 6 (*Librarian*),

OLD BOYS' UNION

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A. on Monday, October 3rd, 1955, and the following were elected:

President: Mr. T. V. Shaw, M.A.; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. M. Thomas, B.A.; Hon. Secretary: Mr. F. T. Edwards; Committee: Messrs. Haydn Davies, Alun Thomas, W. Leyshon James, Denzil Thomas, H. J. Richards, D. J. Lewis Morris, Hubert Davies, W. J. Daniels, Islwyn Price, T. Bowen and Keith Walters. Mr. G. L. Hughes was re-elected Press Officer.

It was decided at this meeting that commencing with the current year the annual subscriptions would be: 5/- for employed members over 21 years of age and 1/- for all other classes.

The Annual Dance will be held on Friday, 30th December, 1955, at the Ritz Ballroom, and is once again a "sell out."

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Stepney Hotel on Tuesday, 27th December, 1955, and all tickets for this function have been sold. The Chief Guest will be Mr. T. V. Shaw, M.A., who is retiring at the end of this term, and at the dinner he will receive a presentation from the Union of a Study Chair. His Toast will be proposed by Mr. J. Afan Jones, M.A., and other speakers are, Mr. D. Emlyn Davies, B.A.—toast of the School; Ald. J. Llewellyn Evans, J.P.—The Old Boys' Union; and Dr. W. Idris Jones, C.B.E.—Greetings from the London Branch. Mr. Shaw will introduce the new Headmaster and Mr. Rees will respond. The Chair will be taken by Mr. G. J. Thomas, M.A., and the artistes will be Messrs. Kenneth Bowen and Roland Morris.

The William Lewis Memorial Prize was won by Roland Morris.

The Old Boys' Scholarship was awarded to Keri Goulstone.

The Union has once again been pleased to donate the sum of £30 for the provision of Prizes for Speech Day.

The Past v. Present Quiz and O.B.U. v. Old Girls' Union Quiz will be held after Christmas.

On Monday, December 3rd, Mr. Stuart Hibberd lectured at the Public Hall. The title was "Twenty-five years of Broadcasting" and although the response for tickets was poor, proved to be a very enjoyable evening.

On Friday, February 5th, the Union will sponsor another Lecture, this time by Mr. George Band, a member of the Everest expedition and one of the first to set foot on Kangjenchunga, the world's third highest mountain. The lecture will be illustrated by 120 colour slides and will last for an hour and a half. Further details will appear in the local press.

Successes since our last issue include :—

Geraint Lewis, Ph.D. (Wales), for research in Physics.

J. Wynford Evans, B.A. (Cantab.), Junior Optime Maths. Tripos, Part II.

Brynley Knott, B.Sc. (Wales), II. Hons., Geog.

Edmund Aubrey, Natural Science Tripos, Part I. (Class I.), Cambridge.

Roy Davies, B.A. (Lampeter), I. Hons., Welsh.

Bernard Andrews, B.A. (Lampeter).

Harding Rees, B.A. (Wales), II. Hons., Welsh.

Jeffrey Howells, B.Sc. (Wales), II. Hons., Maths.

Geoffrey John, B.A. (Wales), I. Hons., Economics.

J. Graham Jenkins, B.Sc. (Wales), I. Hons., Geol.

Mydrim John, B.Sc. (Wales), I. Hons., Geol.

Arfon Jones, B.Sc. (Leeds), I. Hons., Engineering.

D. Huw Jones, B.A. (Wales), II. Hons., Music.

Owen Rees, B.Sc. (Manchester), II. Hons., Economics.

Kenneth J. Bowen, B.A. (Cantab), II. Hons., History ; B.A. (Wales), II. Hons., Music.

Alun B. Thomas, LL.B. (Wales).

Ronald Thomas, B.Sc. (Birmingham), II. Hons., Maths.

Wynford Francis, B.A. (Wales), II. Hons., History.

Anthony David, B.Sc. (Wales), II. Hons., Maths.

John G. George, B.A. (Oxon), III. Hons., History.

Noel Edwards, B.A. (Oxon), II. Hons., History.

Russell Thomas, B.Sc. Econ. (London), II. Hons., Econ.

Royston Marker, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Roy Thomas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Gwyn Jones, M.B., B.S.

Frank Davies, F.R.C.S. (England).

David Davies, M.R.C.P.

We wish to congratulate Dr. John Thomas, Ph.D., on being appointed one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools ; also, John George on his brilliant achievement in gaining the Chancellor's Prize at Oxford University for his essay on "The Common Man." We also congratulate Michael Evans, on gaining the Silver Medal of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama for the highest marks in the British Isles in the Diploma Examination.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to Mr. Shaw, our President, for his great work in the affairs of the O.B.U. He resuscitated the Union in 1937 and it is largely due to his keen interest and unremitting efforts that the O.B.U. is in the flourishing position it is today. We extend to you, Mr. President, and to Mrs. Shaw our sincere wishes that you may both be spared for many years to enjoy a well earned and happy retirement.

We extend our sincere greetings and congratulations to Mr. S. G. Rees, M.A., the new Headmaster, the first Old Boy to hold this honoured position. We are happy to record that Mr. Rees has gladly accepted the Presidency of the Union and we feel sure that he will do all in his power to further the interest of our Association.

Congratulations to Mr. W. H. (Bill) Clement on his appointment as Secretary to the Welsh Rugby Union.

And now in conclusion as we draw near the season of Peace and Goodwill we wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

F. T. EDWARDS, *Hon. Secretary*

GWERSYLL LLANGRANNOG, HAF, 1955

Pan gyraeddasom ni yno cawsom ein harwain i'r pabelli; yr oedd tri bachgen o'r Gogledd yn ein pabell ni. Y noson gyntaf cawsom ddawnsio gyda merched yn y "gym," ac yr oedd llawer o spri yno. Ar ôl gorffen a'r dawnsio aethom i'n gwelyau yn y pebyll, a chysgu'n drwm. Y bore wedyn ar ôl cael brecwast, cawsom chware-pel-droed a chriced i'r bechgyn, a phelrhwyd i'r merched. Hyfryd oedd cael y ginio am hanner awr wedi deuddeg.

Yn y prynhawn, aethom i'r traeth lle y buom yn nofio ac yn chware yn y dŵr. Yr oedd te yn barod erbyn inni gyrraedd yn ôl. Mynd i'r "gym" ar ôl te a chware tenis ar y ford. Tipyn o fisnes ydoedd mynd i nôl lamp i oleuo'r ffordd at y babell, ac i oleuo'r tu mewn iddi. Yr ail noswaith honno buom yn yfed pop a bwyta losin ymhell ar ôl i bawb arall fynd i gysgu. Ac yn y dulliau hyn yr aeth yr wythnos heibio yn rhy gyflym o lawer.

WYN EVANS, Trimsaran; 2b1.

COLLI Mr. SHAW

Yr wyf yn cofio darllen llyfr o faledi Saesneg tan arweiniad Mr. Shaw unwaith, ac ynddo yr oedd sôn am Drake, mi gredaf, yn bwrw i'r tir ar lannau gorllewin y wlad a elwir yn Unol Daleithiau heddiw. Yna dywedir am yr Indiaid a'i gwyliai yn mynd yn ôl at ei long eu bod yn teimlo bod rhywbeth mawr yn mynd allan o'u bywyd. Teimpladau felly sydd yn awr gan y rhai a'i gwêl ef, Mr. Shaw, yn treulio ei ddyddiau olaf yn ein plith, a ninnau'n cofio yr oriau euraid a fu adeg ei wersi.

O'n safbwynt ni'r Cymry, nid peth bach ydyw'r ffaith i Mr. Shaw ddysgu ein hiaith. A ninnau wedi bod yn ei wrando yn darllen ei gyfieithiadau ei hunan o rai o sagau Gwlad yr Ia, a'u mwynhau yn ddirfawr wrth wneud hynny, medrwn ddeall yn iawn sut y medrodd yr ysgolhaig hwn ddysgu'r Gymraeg ac yntau'n ddyn o oed pan ddaeth i'n plith.

Heblaw dysgu'r iaith, y mae'r prifathro wedi trefnu bod hanes ein gwlad yn cael ei ddysgu trwy iaith ein gwlad, ac yn naturiol, y mae gwybodaeth grefyddol yn cael yr un ffraind. Dim ond cam bach ymhellach sydd eisiau, a byddai "sylwadau" Cymraeg Mr. Emlyn Davies yn medru datblygu'n rhwydd i wersi daearyddiaeth yn ein hiaith ni ein hunain. "Tro da" olaf Mr. Shaw â ni'r Cymry ydyw ei fod wedi agor y drws i feistr arall ddyfod i'r ysgol i ddysgu am Gymru drwy gyfrwng y Saesneg. Diolchwn iddo am fentro ar genhadaeth newydd ac yntau ar fin gorffen ei yrfa fel athro swyddogol. Ymunwn i ddymuno iddo iechyd a nerth a hwyl i wynebu llawer i faes gwaith arall yn y blynyddoedd sydd o'i flaen.

UN O'I HEN DDISGYBLION.

DYFOD A MYND

Nid yn aml y mae athro yn ymadael a ni mor fuan ag y gwna Mr. D. E. Williams ar ddiwedd y term hwn. Daeth i'n plith i arbenigo gyda dysgu Cymraeg fel ail iaith, ond ni chafodd lawer o amser i ddatblygu ei grefft. Fe'n gedy ni i fynd i weithio ymhlith y llawysgrifau yn y Llyfrgell Genedlaethol. Hyderwn y caiff tripiâu'r Ysgol dderbyniad cynnes ganddo yn eu tro pan ddont eto i syllu ar ryfeddodau y lle hwnnw. Bu Mr. Williams ymhlith brodorion du Affrica yn ystod y Rhyfel; am derm, wele ef wedi bod ymhlith brodorion gwyn Llanelli. A gawn ni hyderu na bydd unigeddau tawel y byd ysgolheigaidd yn ormod iddo ar ôl mwstwr pobloedd y byd.

EI GYD-ATHRAWON.

TRIP YR URDD I ABERTRIDWR

Diwrnod o law a gawsom yn ystod y trip hwn. Er hynny, ni fedrodd y tywydd lethu miri'r cwmni a ddaeth at ei gilydd y bore hwnnw o flaen Neuadd y Dref. Oedodd y bws yn Cowbridge i ni gael gweld y garreg-goffa i Iolo Morgannwg uwchben un o'r siopau yn y stryd fawr. Y brifeglwys yn Llandaf ydoedd y lle nesaf i ni aros i'w weld. Oherwydd y glaw trwm a'r ffaith bod crefftwy'r wrthi yno yn ail-godi'r rhan o'r adeilad ar ôl bomiau y rhyfel, croeso go ddiflas a gawsom yno. Buom yn gwrando nodiadau yn delio â phwysigrwydd yr eglwys o gyfnod Caerleon hyd amser y Normaniaid.

Siom waeth ydoedd yn ein haros wrth gastell Caerffili. Oherwydd y glaw, barnodd y meistri nad ydoedd yn ddoeth i ni fynd o gwmpas y lle er ein bod i gyd yn dyheu am weld lle mor fawr ac mor enwog. Rhaid ydoedd bodloni ar wrando ychydig nodiadau yn cael eu darllen.

Ni buom yn hir wedyn cyn cyrraedd Abertridwr. Gwelem ddegau o fysis yno, ac allan â ni ar unwaith i Adran y Celfyddydau. Un o'r pethau gorau yno ydoedd llyfrau mawr yn cynnwys lluniau o bob sir yng Nghymru—y cwbl wedi eu casglu gan niferoedd yn cydweithio.

Troi i'r Babel Fawr fu ein hanes wedyn. Yr oedd bron yn llawn o fechgyn a merched o bob rhan o Gymru, as yno y buom yn mwynhau yr eitemau o un i un. Troisom yn ôl tuag adref yn gynt na phryd, ag eithrio i ni aros ychydig yng Nghaerdydd. Gobeithio y cawn ni well lwc y tro nesaf o safbwynt y tywydd.

EURION JOHN, IV.

DATHLU OED EIN HYSGOL

Ar 13eg o Fehefin eleni dathlodd y ddwy ysgol ramadeg yn ein tref eu trigeinfed penblwydd. Capel Als ydoedd man y cyfarfod, ac yr oedd y lle yn orlawn gan ddisgyblion ac athrawon y ddwy ysgol. Ein prifathro Mr. Shaw gyda'r Parchedig D. J. Davies a fu'n arwain y dathlu. Dechreuwyd y gwasanaeth drwy weddio ar i Dduw ein cynorthwyo i ymgysegru ein hunain yn Ei dŷ. Yna cydganwyd Salm CXXI. O wrando'r ddau lith a'r emynau urddasol, fe'n codwyd oll i'r uchel fannau.

Parhaodd y dathlu gydag anerchiad gan y Parch. D. J. Davies. Y bedwaredd bennod o Genesis a roes iddo ei destun. Cymharu bywyd disgyblion y ddwy ysgol a bywydau y tri pherson Jabal, Jiwal a Thiwal Cain a wnaeth Mr. Davies, gan beri i bob un ohonom feddwl am ei ddull ei hunan o ymateb i'r bywyd y cawn ein hunain ynddo.

Terfynodd y bennod hon yn llyfr trwchus hanes y ddwy ysgol trwy i'r cannoedd disgyblion gerdded allan mewn distawrwydd hollol yn swm mawreddog yr organ.

LEONARD W. RICHARDS, VI.

Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG

<i>Llywydd</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	BRIAN WILLIAMS
<i>Is-lywydd</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	IEUAN JOHN
<i>Ysgrifenyddion</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	LEONARD W. RICHARDS, JOHN ROGERS

A'r Gymdeithas Gymraeg yn mynd drwy flwyddyn arall yn ei hanes, pleser yw tynnu eich sylw at y cyfarfodydd llwyddiannus a gafwyd yn ystod y flwyddyn a aeth heibio.

Ar ôl gwyliau'r Nadolig, cafwyd cyfarfod cyntaf y Gymdeithas ar Ionawr 19eg. Cafwyd rhaglen yn dwyn y teitl "Noson y B.B.C.," sef eitemau sydd wedi dod yn boblogaidd drwy gyfrwng y radio. Ymhlith y rhain yr oedd—siarad am funud ar bynciau yn ymestyn o fwsig i farddoniaeth. Y cadeirydd am y noson oedd Mr. J. R. Williams ac ef a baratodd gwestiynau a atebwyd gan Wynne Jenkins, Gwenallt Rees, Ieuan John, Brian Williams, Leonard Richards, Hugh Griffiths a Dennis Jones. Cyn gorffen, cafwyd gair o ddiolch gan Wynne Jenkins a Mr. Hughes.

Ar Chwefror 9ed, cafwyd cyfarfod o dan ofal Mr. Smith yn dwyn y teitl "Senedd yr Ysgol." Aelodau o'r Cabinet oedd Wynne Jenkins, Brian Williams, Ieuan John, John Rogers, Roland Morris a Hugh Griffiths. Ymhlith aelodau o'r wrthblaid yr oedd Gwenallt Rees a Leonard Richards. Mr. Smith oedd y Llefarydd. A sylwi ar y brwdfrydedd a ddangoswyd gan y bechgyn, mae'n amlwg fod y Senedd yn mynd i gael hir oes yn y Gymdeithas.

Fel arfer, dathlwyd Dydd Gwyl Dewi gyda gwasanaeth Cymraeg o dan ofal y Prifathro Mr. Shaw, a chyngerdd yn y ddwy ysgol. Yn y gyngerdd, cafwyd araith odidog gyda Mr. Roberts yn ôl ei arfer, a hefyd gan Wynne Jenkins, Llywydd y Gymdeithas. Cafwyd cyfarfod teilwng a diolchwn i bawb am eu parodrwydd i gymryd rhan yn yr wyl.

Cyfrannodd y Gymdeithas i ddathliadau jiwibili yr ysgol drwy gynnal Noson o Ddiddanwch yn neuadd Y.M.C.A. y dref. Cafwyd dramau "Rhwyng Te a Swper," "Lleud Lawn" a chynhyrchwyd hwy gan Mr. J. R. Williams. Yn cymryd rhan yn y dramau oedd Gethin Hughes, Wynne Jenkins, Gwenallt Rees, John Richards, John Rogers, Brian Williams, Gareth Watts a Dennis Jones. Canodd y côr o dan arweiniad Mr. Marcel Williams â Rowland Morris yn cyfeilio. Cafwyd eitemau hefyd gan Neville Eynon a Jeffrey Hobbs a'r tim ymarfer corff a baratowyd gan Mr. Hywel Thomas. I derfynu, diolchodd y cadeirydd, Mr. Huw Roberts, B.A., i bawb a oedd wedi helpu i wneud y noson yn llwyddiannus.

Oherwydd llwyddiant "Pawb yn ei Dro" o dan ofal Mr. Wynne y tymor diwethaf, cafwyd ail adroddiad o'r cyfarfod ar Fawrth 16eg, ond â bechgyn o Ysgol y Pwll yn aelodau o'r timau. Yn aelodau o'r ddau dim oedd Meilyr Hughes a Jeffrey Hobbs (cyd-gapteniaid), Dylan Roberts, Alwyn John, a John Thomas; a'r ail dim—Clive Eynon, Eirion John (cyd-gapteniaid), Fraser Morris, a Hugh Richards. Ar ôl cystadlu brwd iawn, tim Meilyr Hughes a Jeffrey Hobbs a orfu. Cafwyd gair o ddiolch gan Mr. Williams a Mr. Hughes cyn terfynu'r cyfarfod.

Ysgol y Gwendraeth oedd lleoliad y Noson Lawen Gymysg ar Fawrth 31ain, a phleser mawr oedd croesawu bechgyn a merched Ysgol Ramadeg Caerfyrddin, i'r cyfarfod am y tro cyntaf. I gynrychioli'r Gymdeithas penderfynodd y pwyllgor ofyn i Fraser Morris a Jeffrey Hobbs am eitemau ac i Wynne Jenkins, John Richards, Gwenallt Rees a Gareth Watts actio'r ddrama "Lleud Lawn." Cafwyd noson ragorol, a diolchwn i bawb am eu cynorthwy. Gyda'r cyfarfod yna daeth gweithgareddau'r Gymdeithas i ben am y tymor.

Pan ail ddechreuodd y Gymdeithas ar ôl gwyliau'r hâf, traddododd Mr. Huw Roberts, B.A., fel y mae'n arfer bellach, araith wych. Testun ei araith oedd yr anawsterau a ddaw i'n herbyn wrth i ni geisio cadw'r iaith

Gymraeg yn fyw. Cafwyd cynulliad cymharol dda, a diolchodd Ieuan John a John Rogers i Mr. Roberts am ei araith ac am ei barodrwydd parod bob blwyddyn. Cafwyd gair hefyd gan Mr. Wynne.

Cafwyd cyfarfod o'r Senedd ar Hydref 28ain o dan ofal Mr. Smith a chafwyd amser hwylus iawn.

Gwahoddwyd y Gymdeithas ar Dachwedd 3ydd i gystadlu mewn gornest o wybodaeth gyffredinol yn erbyn Cymdeithas Ysgol y Merched yng Nghapel Tabernacl o dan nawdd Cymdeithas y Cymrodorion. Miss Olwen Williams oedd yn holi, a chafwyd noson ddifyr iawn. Y merched a orfu o ychydig.

Bu'r cyfarfodydd hyd yn hyn yn llwyddiannus dros ben ac yr ydym yn diolch i'r bechgyn iau am eu cefnogaeth.

LEONARD W. RICHARDS, JOHN ROGERS (*Ysgrifenyddion*).

POBL EIN STRYD NI

Pe bai rhywun yn teimlo'n isel ei ysbryd ac yn y dyfnderoedd, dim ond iddo ddod i lawr ein stryd ni, try ei iselder yn hapusrwydd mawr. Y mae'r cymeriadau sydd yn byw yn rhai o'r tai yn rhagori fil o weithiau ar sêr byd y ddrama. Y mae mynd o un tŷ i'r llall fel potelaid o foddion ond nid yw ymweled â phob aelwyd yn dwyn llawer o leshâd i unrhyw un.

Ar waelod y strȳd, yn y tŷ talcen nesaf at y cae chwarae, y mae Mrs. Meliwlia Jones yn byw. Gwraig sydd a'i thrwyn ym musnes pawb arall yw hi. Y mae naill ai yn sefyll wrth ddrws y ffrynt a'i dwylo ymhleth, ei llygaid fel dwy soser yn ei phen ac yn dilyn hynt bob creadur bach a mawr a fydd yn yr ardal, neu yn pwyso ar y clawdd yn yr ardd ac yn trin pawb, o'r offeiriad i lawr at ysgubŵr yr heolydd. Dim ond edrych ar y ffenestri sydd eisiau a gellir gweld yn hawdd mai ar drothwy drws y ffrynt y saif Meliwlia drwy gydol y dydd.

Drws nesaf, mewn bwthyn bach tô gwellt, gwelir Marged druan, y hi a'i thŷ fel pin mewn papur. Y Cyfarfod Dydd Sul a'r Seiat Nos Iau yw prif ddi-ddordeb ei bywyd, a'i gŵr, yntau hefyd yn flaenor ac yn un o bileri Capel Seion. Ni pherthyn un o'r ddau i'r oes hon, yn eu hymddygiad na'u gwisg.

Gwelir Marged yn cerdded i'r cyfarfod bob dydd Sul, siôl am ei gwâr a'r Beibl yn ei llaw a John wrth ei hochr a'i het fowler am ei ben. Y mae'r ddau mor biwnitanaidd yn eu hymarweddiad fel y mae'n syndod eu bod yn byw yn y bwthyn bach a chysidro fod y "Red Lion" yn yr ymyl. "Eisteddfa Satan ei hunan" chwedl Marged.

Droeon y gwelwyd hi y tu allan i'w drws yn ceisio argyhoeddi a "rhydd-hau'r ffyliaid o law'r cythraul." Ond yn ofer y bu'r siarad a'r bygythiadau a geid gan Marged am eu tynged yn nydd y farn.

Un o gwsmeriaid ffyddlonaf y "Red Lion" yw Samuel Roberts sydd yn byw yn y "Cartref," bwthyn bach tô gwellt ar waelod y stryd.

Y mae'n gymeriad rhyfedd iawn. Bob nos Sadwrn gwelir ef yn cerdded i fewn i'r "Bar" ac yna wedi bloeddio nerth ei geg, tua deg o'r gloch gwelir ef yn ymlusgo adref mor feddw ag y gallai unrhyw un fod ar nos Sadwrn. Wedi meddwi gymaint nos Sadwrn, ni ddisgwylid ef i fod ond yn y gwely ar fore Sul, ond na, efe yw yr aelod cyntaf i gyrraedd Capel Pisga, ac yno yr eistedd yn y sedd gefn ac yn porthi fel un o'r disgyblion gorau wrth droed Gamaliel.

Droeon y clywais Marged yn dweud wrtho "Samuel yw dy enw, ond ni bydd i Dduw siarad â thi nes i dy drwyn golli ei liw." Ond cynt y syrth y cymylau nag y cyll trwyn Samuel ei liw.

Un o'i gyfeillion pennaf yw Jim, a'r ddau yma, mi gredaf, a geidw'r "Red Lion" i fynd. Ond yn anaml iawn y gwelir Jim yn unrhyw gapel yn y pentref yn enwedig ar fore Sul.

Yn y "Green Ferns" y trig Mrs. Elisabeth Rowland Lloyd, gwraig i ddoctor a oedd, cyn ei farw, yn dal practis yn Lloegr. Y mae'r ffaith fod ei gŵr wedi bod yn feddyg yn Lloegr, a hithau erbyn hyn yn wraig gyfoethog yn ennill edmygedd pawb yn y pentref.

Nid oes pwyllgor na chyngor nad yw yn perthyn iddo, a gwelir ei henw ar ben pob rhestr casgliadau at unrhyw achos da. Ond nid oes cyfeillgarwch yn perthyn iddi, ac ni bydd iddi siarad nac edrych ar neb oni bydd yn gyfoethog. Neu o leiaf yn dal swydd go bwysig. Gwelir hi yn cerdded y stryd yn ei chôt ffwr a thlysau gwerthfawr yn addurno ei chustiau a'i gwddf.

Y mae'n honni ei bod yn ddysgedig iawn ym myd cerddoriaeth, a geilw ei chŵn bach yn Mendelssohn a Schubert. Un diwrnod, wrth gyfarfod â hen golier, galwodd ei chŵn bach oddi wrth y milgi brwnt a oedd ynghlwm wrth ddernyn o raff "Come Mendelssohn, come on Schubert."

Yna tynnodd yr hen lowr wrth y cortyn a dweud "Dere mlân, bach."

Yr olaf o drigolion y stryd yw Meri Ifans. Gwraig â chalon o aur ganddi, ac fel y wraig honno yn y Beibl yn barod i ymadael â'i hatling olaf.

Anti Meri y gelwir hi gan holl blant y pentref, a bydd ganddi rywbeth i bob un ohonynt a gair caredig i bawb.

Pa faint mwy yr aberth sydd y tu ôl i'w rhoddion na'r rheini o eiddo Mrs. Lloyd sydd a'i henw ar ben pob rhestr.

Cymeriadau doniol sydd yn byw yn ein stryd ni, ond dyna fe, y mae'n rhaid cael pob math o ddyn i wneuthur byd cyfan.

GARETH WATTS, Va.

GLANLLYN, GWERSYLL YR URDD, 1955

Saif Plas Glanllyn wrth ymyl Llyn Tegid sydd yn fwy adnabyddus: efallai fel Llyn y Bala—llyn mwyaf Cymru.

Y mae'r Plas ei hun yn hardd, ond mae'r olygfa a geir ohono'n harddach fyth. Pedair milltir o ddŵr tawel y llyn yn cyrraedd at y gorwel, gyda bryniau gwyrdd yn codi'n serth o'i lannau.

Dyma fan di-ail am wythnos o wyliau.

Y mae'r Gwersyll ar agor am saith wythnos yn yr haf, ac yn ystod wythnos gyntaf Awst eleni aeth rhai ohonom o'r ysgol iddo.

Er mwyn cyrraedd yno'n gynnar y prynhawn gorfu i ni ddechrau o Orsaf Llanelli am hanner awr wedi pedwar y bore. Wedi cyrraedd a chael ystafelloedd, rhaid oedd cael awr neu ddwy o gwsg er mwyn torri'r blino.

Y mae yn y Gwersyll ddigon o ystafell—oedd i tua wyth deg o fechgyn a merched. Y mae yno bob math ar offer chwareuon offer pêl droed, criced, bocso, "net ball," "table tennis," ac wrth gwrs, rhwyfo. Gellir defnyddio cychod y Gwersyll unrhyw amser heblaw'r Sul heb unrhyw gost. Y mae yno ddwy "sciff" hefyd, yn debyg iawn i'r math a ddefnyddir gan Gaergrawnt a Rhydychen. Rhaid peidio ag anghofio'r "Brenin Arthur" wrth gwrs—cwch modur mawr yw hwn yn medru cludo tua hanner cant o wersyllwyr bedair milltir ar hyd y llyn i dref y Bala.

Y mae wythnos y Gwersyll yn un llawn iawn—y mae rhywbeth wedi ei gynllunio ar gyfer pob dydd o'r wythnos. Gwna hyn y gwyliau lawer mwy diddorol gyda phawb yn ddieithriad yn cymryd rhan ac yn cyfrannu at lwyddiant y Gwersyll.

Trefn pob dydd yw brecwast am naw, cinio am hanner awr wedi un, te am hanner awr wedi pedwar, a swper ysgafn am hanner awr wedi naw.

Treuliasom ddydd Sul yn gwneud ffrindiau â'n cyd-wersyllwyr, ac yn yr hwyr cerddasom y ddwy filltir i gapel cyfagos i'r cyfarfod yno. A dweud y gwir, ar ôl y daith fore honno i Lanllyn nid oedd llawer o fywyd yn un ohonom y diwrnod hwnnw.

Ond nid felly'r Llun. Codi'n fore ac yn gwneud yn syth am y "bôt-hows." Nid oes dim cystal â thro ar y llyn i greu chwant am frecwast. Daeth nos Llun ag atgofion am Mr. Wynne, oherwydd cawsom "Bawb Yn Ei Dro" yn neuadd y Gwersyll. Trôdd hon yn gystadleuaeth rhwng Gogledd a De—a ninnau o'r De yn gorfod cael cyfieithwyr i'n helpu.

Dydd Mawrth oedd diwrnod y trip i Landudno. Rhaid oedd talu deg swllt, ond 'roedd yn werth pob dimau ohono. Dyna un o'r diwrnodau mwyaf cofiadwy a dreuliasom—digon yw dweud nad oedd y bechgyn a'r merched mewn bysus gwahanol. Er na welsom yr haul ond ychydig, 'roedd y môr yn ei holl ogoniant y diwrnod hwnnw. Tafiai'r tonnau newynog fysedd hir o ewyn dros greigiaunoeth Gret Orm, tra torrai cri uchel y gwyllanod ar draws sŵn iselach y dyfroedd.

Dydd Mercher—"assault of Cader Idris."

Trefnwyd i barti o'r Gwersyll gael y cyfle o ddringo'r Gader prynhawn dydd Mercher.

Rhaid yn gyntaf oedd teithio mewn trê'n i Ddolgellau a cherdded rhyw dair milltir i'r mynydd oddi yno.

Rhodddwyd i bawb becyn o fwyd ac afal neu oren gogyfer a'r daith.

Braf oedd y daith o odre'r mynydd, ac yno fe allem naill ai dilyn y ffordd rwydd ond hiraf i fyny'r Gader, neu dringo'r ffordd fyrraf ond llawer mwy anodd.

Aeth y rhan fwyaf o'r merched y ffordd gyntaf, ond rhaid oedd i ni'r bechgyn, fel 'roeddem ffolaf, ddewis y ffordd anodd.

Ar y cyntaf 'roedd y dringo'n rhwydd, a chawsom anadl i fwyta peth bwyd "yng ngrawn a grug y Gader." Ond yn fuan wedi ail-gychwyn deallasom ystyr y gair "anodd." O'n blaen gwelsom Lyn Cau-llyn a elwir gan y daearyddwyr yn "corrie lake." Braidd y symudai'r dŵr o gwbl, a gellid gweld ei waelod caregog yn glir. O bob tu i'r llyn, syrthiai wyneb Cader Idris yn serth ac arswydus. Dim ond mewn un man yr oedd unrhyw obaith o ddringo i'r copa ac edrychrai'n obaith gwan i ni ar y pryd. Nid oedd yr wyneb yn hollol ddiogel am mai "scree" oedd. Llithrai'r cerrig o dan ein traed gan gario mwy o gerrig yn eu cwmp tuag at y llyn oddi tanom. Yn wir, dim ond wedi i ni gyrraedd y copa y sylweddolasom pa mor beryglus yr oedd. Ond 'roedd yr olygfa wych a gawsom wedi cyrraedd yn dâl hael am yr holl drafferth. Ymhell oddi tanom ymestynnai Aber Mawddach—a glesni'r afon a'r nenfwd yn ymdoddi yn y pellter. O'r ffermydd gwyngalch nofiai llais ci yn cyfarth—dyn yn galw, yn dyfnhau'r distawrydd llethol.

Pleser pennaf yw edrych yn ôl ar y diwrnod hwn; saif pob golygfa a phob digwyddiad yn glir yn y meddwl. Gallwn nawr werthfawrogi'r ffaith fod gan fynydd atynfa na ellir mo'i egluro.

Cofiaf edrych ym more bach dydd Iau i gyfeiriad y llyn. Llithrodd cwmwl o wllân o gyfeiriad yr Aran gerllaw i lanw'r holl ddyffryn a chuddio wyneb y llyn, gan adael copa'r bryniau yn unig yn y golwg. Ond dysgais o siarad â phobl yr ardal fod hyn yn digwydd bob bore ac y diflannu tua chanol dydd.

'Roedd y swyddogion wedi trefnu rhaglen o chwareuon erbyn dydd Iau. Ffurfiwyd pedwar tim—Aran, Arenig, Padarn a Thegid, yn cystadlu yn erbyn ei gilydd—pêl droed a chriced i'r bechgyn, "net ball" a "rounders" i'r merched. Dyna oedd rhaglen y bore ond 'roedd y prynhawn effallai yn fwy diddorol oherwydd cynhaliwyd rasis nofio a rhwyfo.

Dydd Iau hefyd oedd diwrnod yr "Helfa Drysor." Trefnodd y swyddogion restr o gwestiynau yn ymwneud â hanes a diwylliant yr ardal. Efallai mai englyn a roddent, a'n gwaith ni fyddai ceisio dyfalu pa gysylltiad a oedd rhwng yr englyn â'r ardal, neu efallai rhoddent enw fferm, a rhaid fyddai cysylltu'r fferm honno â hanes yr ardal. Rhaid wrth gwrs oedd teithio yn yr "Helfa" ac wrth wneud hynny gwelem fwy o ogoniant yr ardal a hefyd dysgem fwy amdani hi.

Yn ystod yr wythnos, cynhaliwyd cystadleuaeth "table tennis" ac erbyn dydd Gwener roedd popeth yn barod erbyn y "final" Chwareuwyd hon yn syth cyn dechrau'r Eisteddfod—peth arall a alwodd am gryn baratoi. Gan mai dyma'n noswaith olaf yn y gweryll rhaid oedd gwneud yr Eisteddfod yn un "special." Cerddoriaeth oedd canolbwynt y rhaglen, a thrôdd Mozart yn ei fedd y noson honno. Yn gyntaf cawsom "Symphony No. 22 in E flat, Opus No. 43 for mouth-organ, violin and piano." Y mouth-organ oedd braidd yn wan ond chware teg, gwnaeth y cerddor yn syndod o dda a chofio ei fod wedi gadael ei ddannedd gosod ar gopa Cader Idris. Yn dilyn cawsom nifer o adroddiadau ond daethant i ben o'r diwedd a dihunodd y seti ôl o'u cwsg cyfleus. Ond ni fyddent wedi cysgu'n hir oherwydd "Mass Bands" oedd nesaf ar y rhaglen. Darn prydferth yw "Flight of the Bumble Bee" ond pan y'i chwareuir ar baper a chrib, dau focs bwyd, guitar swyddog o Fangor a violin myfyriwr o Brifysgol Manceinion, mae'n beth hollol wahanol. Ond peidiwn â gofidio, os oes rhyferthwy yn y Bala, "mae hedd ym mro-Hiraethog." Ceisiodd rhai o'r gweryllwyr farddoni erbyn yr eisteddfod ac yn wir 'roedd y safon yn un uchel iawn. Gwisgodd rhai o'r swyddogion i fyny erbyn y coroni. Edrychai mwy fel golygfa o'r Coloseum yn Rhufain nag Eisteddfod yng Nghymru. 'Roedd pob blanced yn y gweryll yn yr eisteddfod y noson honno, a chafodd rhai ohonom noswaith anghyfforddus—oer iawn yw matras heb yr un flanced.

Er hyn oll, 'roedd yn flin gennym weld y noswaith yn dod i ben.

Bore trist oedd bore dydd Sadwrn a phawb yn gadael.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, VI.

RUGBY NOTES

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	IEUAN JONES
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	GRAHAM GRIFFITHS
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	MICHAEL SEAMAN

The captain of this year's First XV. is Ieuan Jones, who is captain for the third season in succession. We are fortunate in having six of last year's First XV. with us this season. They are Ieuan Jones, Graham Griffiths, Howell Morgan, Jeffrey Keenan, Michael Seaman and Keith Howells. In spite of this, School has not met with a great deal of success. The Second XV., however, still remains unbeaten.

In the first Welsh Trial, Ieuan Jones, Howell Morgan, Byron Brown, Anthony Bevan were chosen to play from School, while David Marks and Jeffrey Keenan were chosen as reserves. Of these Ieuan Jones and Howell Morgan played in the third Trial at Carmarthen, and Howell was successful in being chosen for the fourth Trial. We wish him the best of luck in his attempt to gain a position in the Welsh team.

Of the five games played so far this season, School have won two and lost three.

September 24th—SCHOOL nil. GOWERTON G.S. 8.

This was School's first match of the season, and bearing this in mind, they played extremely well. It was a hard game and Gowerton must attribute their victory to their backs, for our forwards had overcome theirs.

October 1st—SCHOOL 3. CARMARTHEN G.S. 6.

In this game School played magnificently all the way through, and were unlucky to lose. School's score came when Ieuan Jones kicked a difficult penalty goal.

October 8th—SCHOOL 12. SWANSEA 6.

In this game, which was fast and open, School had their first victory of the season. School led at half-time by two tries, scored by Keith Howells. In the second half, Swansea drew level and there followed a keen forward battle in which School gained the supremacy. Ieuan Jones and Keith Howells scored two well-deserved tries towards the very end of the game.

October 15th—SCHOOL nil. AMMANFORD G.S. 6.

The School team, which included five reserves, began shakily, and this enabled Ammanford to break through and score two tries. From then on the School forwards began to dominate the play, but the Ammanford defence succeeded in holding off repeated attacks until the final whistle.

November 26th—SCHOOL 12. NEATH TECHNICAL nil.

This was School's most decisive victory of the season. School played magnificently throughout the game. Brian Hopkins scored three tries and Ken John one.

RUGBY 2nd XV.

Captain MEIRION MORRIS

The 2nd XV. has so far played three matches and are as yet unbeaten.

SCHOOL 3. CARMARTHEN 3.

Michael Evans scored a try for School at the beginning of the second half of this, the first game of the season. Shortly after Carmarthen equalized. From then, School took the initiative, but the two tries which followed were disallowed.

SCHOOL 6. AMMANFORD nil.

School were on the attack for most of this game. Alan Murphy scored towards the end of the first half and Brian Hopkins added another three points by a fine try, halfway through the second half.

SCHOOL 6. ST. MARY'S, LLANDILO nil.

There was no score in the first half of this match, which was played under very poor conditions. In the second half, however, Lynford Harries kicked a penalty goal and Brian Lewis soon increased the score with a spectacular try.

M. J. SEAMAN (*Secretary*)

JUNIORS RUGBY TEAM, 1955-56

Results—Played 10, Won 10. Points for 184; Points against 25.

- v. Coleshill (Home)—Won 3-0.
- v. Stebonheath (Home)—Won 19-3.
- v. Stradey (Away)—Won 36-5.
- v. Coleshill (Away)—Won 11-3.
- v. Stebonheath (Away)—Won 5-3.
- v. Stradey (Home)—Won 19-3.
- v. Coleshill (Home)—Won 22-0.
- v. Stebonheath (Cup match) (Neutral)—Won 25-3.
- v. Coleshill (Cup Final) (Neutral)—Won 22-0.
- v. Pembroke Dock (Away)—Won 21-5.

Malcolm Smith, 19 tries; David Powell, converted 16.

The Juniors have enjoyed one of their most successful seasons for some time, being unbeaten in 10 games. In the course of this they won the Juniors trophy, the Caradoc Phillips Memorial Cup. This is very satisfactory because for the last two years the Cup has been won by Stebonheath, after the Grammar School had won it for four years in succession. The most overwhelming victory was against Stradey when the School won 36-5. The backs, receiving plenty of the ball from the forwards, with individual and combined movements, built up the big score. The closest match was against Stebonheath at Penyfan. In the pouring rain handling was practically impossible. Stebonheath scored first, but at the end Malcolm Smith picked up a loose ball and raced over for a try underneath the posts. David Powell converted with the last kick of the match. During the season ascendancy was established over Coleshill who beat the Juniors in the Colts Cup last season. Conspicuous during the season was their team spirit and on four occasions they fought back to win after being points down. A noticeable feature was the support of the boys in the Junior School. All in all it was a really successful season.

Congratulations to Terry Davies, Brian Davies, Jeffrey Bassett and Malcolm Smith who were chosen for the first Welsh Trial. In the next Welsh International Trial Brian Davies, Jeffrey Bassett and Malcolm Smith are to play. We have every hope that the School will be represented in the Welsh team which will be chosen at the end of January.

CRICKET NOTES

<i>Captain</i>	GARETH MORRIS
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	W. B. DAVIES

The 1955 season proved to be the best for several years past. School lost only the first game of the season, and would have turned many drawn matches into wins were it not for the irritatingly short space of time allocated for games. Further, an unprecedented number of boys gained County caps, no fewer than six coming to the School. These were earned by Gareth Morris, W. B. Davies, B. G. Williams, B. Bennett, P. Beynon and Tony Washer. Mr. Washer gained particular recognition when he scored an undefeated 72 against Breconshire. Results :—

SCHOOL v. AMMANFORD—7th May.

Disaster was the keyword of the first game. An almost unpracticed School side was shot out for 26, the first three wickets falling before a run was scored. Ammanford could scarce do better, making 27 for five wickets, and winning by five wickets.

SCHOOL v. CARMARTHEN—14th May.

A little additional practice at batting ensured School victory in this match. Batting first, School made 69 runs, several players reaching double figures. Carmarthen could reach only 59, owing principally to fine bowling by L. Harries with five wickets for six runs and W. H. Thomas with four for 15. This was the first occasion when School seemed to prosper, rather than suffer, from County calls on players!

GOWERTON v. SCHOOL—21st May.

Gowerton batted first on a plumb wicket and gathered 126 runs. However, they were soon shaken out of their complacency by T. Washer and B. Williams on the School side who were both stopped just short of half-centuries. In an hour, School scored 110 for five and the match although drawn, ended on a note of high drama.

AMMANFORD v. SCHOOL—18th June.

At Ammanford, School almost gained revenge. Again batting first, School made 51 for seven, declared, of which T. Washer claimed an undefeated 30. Ammanford were soon in trouble, four wickets falling for 16 runs. With plenty of time at hand, the shutters were put up and in another hour the home team scored only another eight runs.

CARMARTHEN v. SCHOOL—2nd July.

This match at Carmarthen was a moral victory for School. Batting first they made 119 for five wickets, T. Washer scoring 22. Carmarthen held on with 86 for nine.

DYNEVOR v. SCHOOL—4th July.

School batting was again first-rate. N. Rees made an impassable and unbeaten 42 out of a total of 122. Dynevor were dispatched, on a plumb wicket, for 63, P. Beynon taking five for 20.

MASTERS v. BOYS—7th July.

The showpiece of the season was a great twenty-over struggle between Staff and Boys. The Boys made 107 for six, declared, to which the Masters replied with a comic 69 for six.

GWENDRAETH v. SCHOOL—8th July.

Continuing a heavy programme, School made a lazy 91 on a baking hot day. Washer and B. Williams figured in a half-century stand. Gwendraeth were finally beaten by the last ball of the day, a massive tweaker from N. Hawkins, and a fitting end to a fine match. Gwendraeth had scored 81 runs.

SCHOOL v. GOWERTON—9th July.

Time again was the ruling factor in this game. Gowerton piled up 109 all out, and in reply School quickly made 80 for five wickets.

OLD BOYS v. SCHOOL.

As usual, the Old Boys' match proved a low scoring thriller. School made 70 all out and the Old Boys 66, B. Bennett dismissing the last man with the last ball of the day, bringing his own analysis to four for 8.

SCHOOL v. LLANELLY WANDERERS—12th July.

The last game of the season was, fittingly, School's best win. Playing a team of far superior years, School made 110 for six declared and then dismissed the Wanderers for 89 runs—a distinctly creditable performance.

TENNIS CLUB NOTES

Last season proved quite successful for the School tennis team. Roland Aubrey was elected captain and Geoffrey Vaughan, vice-captain.

The season opened with a match against St. David's College, at Lampeter, which School won 6-3. This was followed by a defeat at the hands of Trinity College, at Carmarthen. The next two games—the return fixtures of the previous two—were both won by School.

A mid-week match against the experienced league team of Stradey resulted in a win for Stradey 5-1.

Both matches against Neath Grammar School were lost, but School won twice against Gowerton, and ended the season with a 6-3 victory over Carmarthen.

A good standard of tennis was maintained throughout the season, especially by the first string of Roland Aubrey and Geoffrey Vaughan.

There will be a virtually new team next season, so it is hoped that the prospect of gaining a place will kindle a new interest in the game.

GRAHAM GRIFFITHS (*Secretary*)

**CARMARTHENSHIRE SECONDARY SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1955**

School Placings :

Senior—First.
Middle—Second.
Junior—First.

Best Individual Performances :**Senior :**

100 yards : Ieuan Jones (2nd).
440 yards : Gordon Thomas (1st).
Mile : Harold Davies (2nd).
Hurdles : Andrew Templeton (1st).
High Jump : Andrew Templeton (2nd).
Long Jump : Colin Morris (2nd).
Discus : Keith Mills (2nd).
Javelin : Keith Mills (1st).

Middle :

100 yards : Huw Griffiths (1st).
220 yards : Wynne Oliver (1st).
Javelin : Byron Matthews (2nd).
Shot : Hywel Morgan (1st—new record).
Discus : Hywel Morgan (1st—new record).

Junior :

High Jump : Jim Cullen (1st—new record).
Long Jump : John Cann (1st—new record).
Hop, Step and Jump : Richard Rogers (2nd).
Shot : John Davies (1st—new record).
Relay : Brian Davies, John Meyler, Malcolm Smith, Vernon Evans (1st).

HARRIERS, 1954-1955

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	.....	Mr. T. V. SHAW
<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	RICHARD ROGERS
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	PETER NURSE
<i>Masters-in-Charge</i>	.....	.....	.....	Mr. TOM JONES, Mr. D. SMITH

As the magazine has now become an annual issue, included in this report are fixtures that took place before Christmas, 1954, and in the early part of this year.

Last November and December, School maintained an unbeaten record which was kept throughout all inter-school matches. Both Senior and Junior teams won at Ammanford, the former 15-25, and the latter 14-30. Gowerton also were beaten 31-61 and on December 11th the team came third in the Welsh Novices Championship at St. Athan. Individual results were: Gordon Thomas 10th, John Jones 11th, Harold Davies 17th and D. Brian Lewis 30th.

In the New Year, School scored a great triumph by winning the Welsh Youths' Championship at Merthyr with 21 points. John Jones fulfilled the hopes of all the team by coming in first, with Gordon Thomas 8th, Brian Kemp 15th and D. Brian Lewis 20th.

A week later in the Welsh Boys' Championship at Barry, the School B team finished 5th, and the A team 8th. Victories were then gained over Neath by 11-27, and Gowerton, where the School team walked over the course in foot-deep snow. A match with Bristol University, arranged by School's ex-captain David Thomas, resulted in a narrow win for Bristol by 40 pts. to 43 pts. In March, the team was placed 42nd in a field of 83 teams at the English Youths' Championship in Bedford. The season finished with the annual handicap race won by Leslie Maple, and a match with Neath and Swansea Grammar Schools. School won this triangular match with 22 pts. to Swansea's 24 and Neath's 38.

The team this season is stronger than was expected when most of last season's best performers left and most consistent among a crop of runners that shows excellent promise are Richard Rogers who now holds the record, 15 minutes, 36 seconds for the modified School course, Peter Nurse, Neville Griffiths and Lloyd Williams.

The "Harriers" this season enjoys exceptional popularity, particularly amongst the younger boys and a strong Junior team is run. This enthusiasm can be traced back to the work of Mr. Tom Jones who this year has divided the Harriers into teams corresponding to famous English cross-country clubs, e.g., Roath Park Harriers and Blackheath Harriers.

Up to now, the 8th December, School has run in six matches. Against Carmarthen the team won 17-21, and in a triangular match with Carmarthen and Swansea came second, 36 pts. to Swansea 21 pts. with Carmarthen third 42 pts.

Against Gowerton the Junior team won 25 pts—82 pts., and the Senior team lost 43-35. Against Ammanford the Junior team won 9-90 and the Senior team won 9-30, while at Neath, School won by 15 pts.—32 pts. The last fixture to date was a new one with Pembroke Dock 1st Welch Regiment against whom School lost only narrowly by 87 pts.—121 pts.

After Christmas the Harriers look forward to the various championships, one of which, the Welsh Youths' Championship will be run at Llanelly. Perhaps the incentive of running on home ground will produce another School victory. We all hope so.

MICHAEL RUSSELL (*Secretary*)