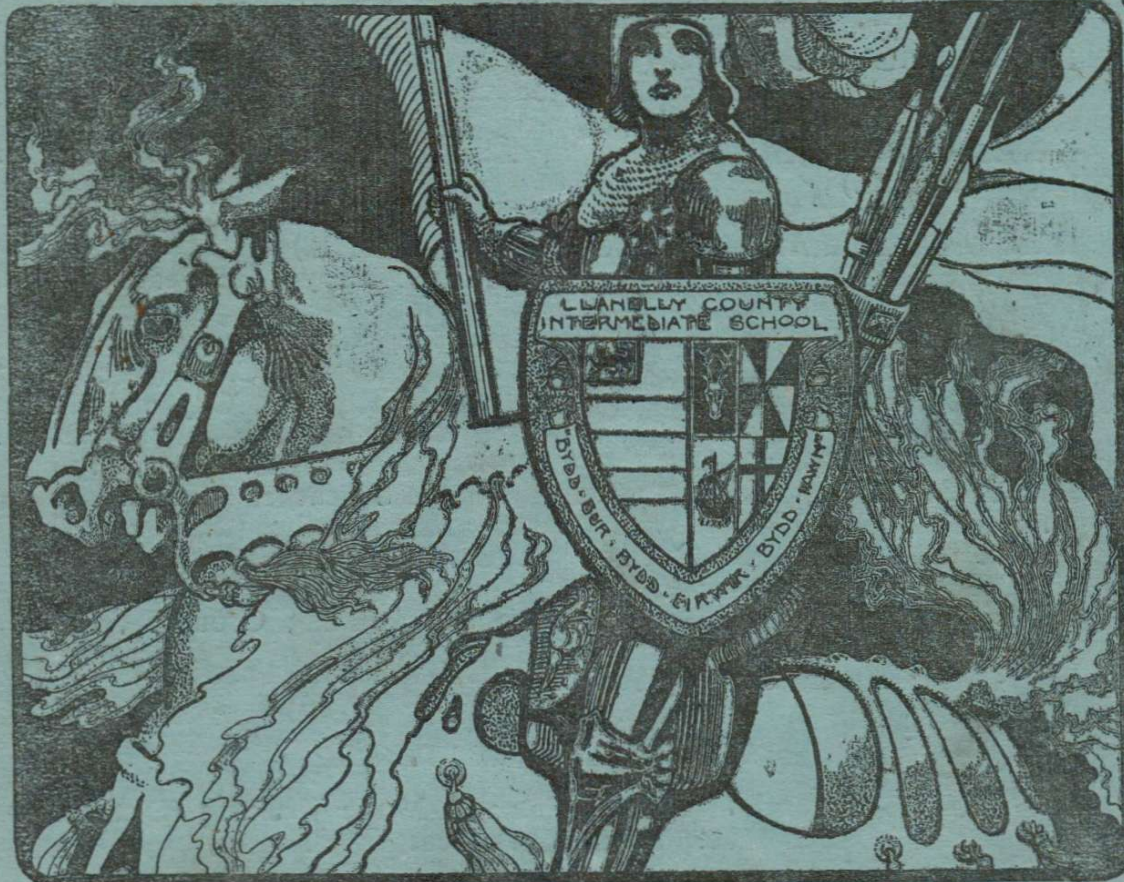


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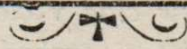
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## EDITORIAL.

“**W**ITH struggling confusion, as the issue slowly draws on; and the doubtful hour with pain and blind struggle, brings forth its certainty, never to be abolished.” (Carlyle, French Revolution).

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It is given to us to be the first peace-time editors of the Magazine for six years. Our first reaction is a sense of gratitude that the long period of conflict and its attendant miseries is at last brought to a victorious close. The tide of war has passed over the Continent of Europe on to the Far East, in “distant climes” where the battles will, at least, be as fiercely contested as those of the war whose termination we have just witnessed. Therefore, although elated by the immediate prospect of some lessening of the restrictions which the European War has imposed upon us, the shadow of war still hangs heavily on our hearths and on our Schools.

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It is with this thought present in our minds that this Magazine is compiled. The war did not pass over our School leaving it untouched, for almost every aspect of our lives here was directly affected. Sweeping changes, far too numerous to be mentioned here, were brought about; yet the essential character of the School remained—its societies, institutions and customs. What remains for us now is to consolidate the gains made during the war period and to regain lost ground.

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We write, too, with a deep sense of loss for our older schoolfellows who would normally be still pursuing their studies here and who are now in the Services. Our Old Boys have a magnificent record of service in this war; a service of duty and honour that was instilled into them here. Not a few paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Their memory is dear to us, and they shall not sink into the oblivion of the past.—“Mewn angof ni chant fod.”

“Eu henwau'n perarogli sydd  
A'u hun mor dawel yw.”

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Once more the C.W.B. Examinations are with us. The Editors' sincere wishes for your success go to all of you and by the time the Magazine is in print the examinations will be over. The long summer vacation is, we feel, a fitting end to the year's labours wherein the energies of pupil and tutor should be refreshed.

## NODIAU GOLYGYDDOL.

*“Segurdod yw clod y cledd,  
A rhwd yw ei anrhydedd.”*

Daeth i ben flwyddyn nodedig yn ein hanes fel Ysgol, ac fe erys llawer o atgofion amdani gydol ein hoes. Dyma flwyddyn y Jiwbili. Dyma'r flwyddyn y caed eira nas gwelwyd cymaint ers hanner-canrif, a bu yn achos cau yr Ysgol am ychydig, er llawenydd mawr i ni'r bechgyn.

Dyma hefyd flwyddyn terfyn y rhyfel erchyll yn Ewrop. Rhoddwyd dau ddiwrnod o seibiant i ddathlu'r amgylchiad llawen, ond, er hynny, cofiwn gyda thristwch am y cyfeillion na ddeuant fyth yn ôl:

*“Fe erys y rhwyg o golli'r hogiau.”*

Addurnwyd adeilad yr Ysgol â banerau, a thafwyd llewyrch o oleuni drosti er mwyn dangos mai'r dydd golau yw ein hawyddfryd, ac nid nos y chwalfa chwerw.

Mai 18, darllenwyd Neges Ieuencid Cymru i'r Byd yng ngwasanaeth boreol yr Ysgol, yn Gymraeg gan Lywydd y Gymdeithas Gymraeg, ac yn Saesneg gan y Prifathro—y tro cyntaf i hyn ddigwydd ers 1939.

Ffarweliwyd ag Ysgol Mary Datchelor, Llundain, a fu yma yn llochesu er yn gynnar yng nghyfnod y rhyfel. Trist ydoedd y cyfeillion o adael bro eu mabwysiad, a llaith ydoedd amryw o “blant y fro” oherwydd yr ymado yma.

Aeth bywyd Cymdeithasol yr Ysgol ymlaen o nerth i nerth, er colli amryw o fechgyn amlycaf yr Ysgol yn ystod y flwyddyn. Gwnaed y gorau posibl i fyw y bywyd llawn sy'n rhan o'n cyfrifoldeb i'r Ysgol. Dymunwn ddiolch hefyd i aelodau'r “staff” sy'n cydweithio'n ddiwyd gyda ni fechgyn yn eu hamser hamdden.

Cyflwynwn ein cydymdeimlad dyfnaf â Mr. F. H. Phillips, B.A., yn ei anhwylder, gan ddymuno iddo adferiad llwyr yn fuan.

Dymunwn bob llwyddiant a bendith i'r bechgyn sydd ar adael yr Ysgol eleni, ac yn wynebu “bywyd ehangach y byd.” Pob hwyl i'r bechgyn sydd am fwynhau eu gwyliau, ac yn dychwelyd y tymor nesaf yn llawn asbri a brwdfrydedd.

Cyfarchwn yn gu iawn yr ysgolheigion a fu.

I. GWYNN JONES.

## DE OMNIBUS REBUS.

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After surviving five years of war, the V.E. Edition of the School Magazine presents to its readers "De Omnibus Rebus," bringing to you—"The Tit-bits of the Term."

The victory in Europe was well celebrated by the School. The building was decked with banners and flags, and flood-lit during the night. Bonfires were lit on the field, and general merry-making took place. A service of thanksgiving was also held at School, where those who had fallen, together with those who were still fighting in the Far East were remembered in our prayers.

The end of hostilities in Europe meant the return of the Mary Datchelor Girls' School to their homes in London. They had been evacuated to Llanelly in the early years of the war, and had been billeted as a School, on to us. As a result of their departure, C.W.B. results are expected to be better this year!

We are glad to welcome back Mr. Phillips who has been away for some months. We take this opportunity of congratulating him on the performance of the "Messiah" last Christmas. During his absence, Mr. Dan Price, an Old Boy of the School, who is at present in Swansea University, took over his work. Later, Mrs. Davies came to assist with Music and History.

School athletics have taken a prominent place this term. The boys competed at Bridgend, Swansea and Newport, and are to compete again at Newport and Barry in the last week of July. The School Sports which took place at Stradey on May 29th, are reputed to be the best for many years. Mr. Tom Jones, the organiser, deserves all praise.

School was visited recently by Mr. W. Ellis Evans, an Old Boy of forty years ago, who kindly presented his old school cap (blue, with a red band), which he had cherished since his school-days. He also gave a set of History Volumes to the Library.

A friend of the School, Lieut. H. N. Randall, who has a brother in Form II., presented the School with a collection of Natural History Specimens, collected in India. They are now under the care of Mr. Humphreys in the General Science Lab.

We are pleased to note the revival of the First Aid Class in School. It is run by Mr Emlyn Davies with Dr. Newton as Medical Officer.

Visits have been paid by members of the General Science School Certificate Class to local works, under the supervision of Mr. Humphreys.

The following gifts to School are acknowledged:—Arthur F. Stallard and Tudor Thomas, books for Library, and Jefferson Grieves, an evacuee, who has given 10/6 for the Art Society. *Diolch yn fawr, fechgyn!*

We congratulate V. Rees on being appointed Joint Head Prefect with Raymond Williams.

It is rumoured:—

That consequent on the return of the Mary Datchelor School to London, a member of the Staff is contemplating a transfer to that district.

That a certain member of the Staff has been released to play goalie either for Wrexham or Bridgend for the next season.

That another member of the Staff has retired from a Franciscan Monastery. N.B.—We are able to deny this with authority.

That Form VI. intends sending a deputation to the Council to alter the town's motto "Ymlaen Llanelli" to "'Opit."

## YE OLDE RAGGE.

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Once again, the County School vented their feelings on the town, in the disguise of a Rag. This year, the morning of Saturday, March 24th, was selected as D-Day, and in a body of a hundred strong the attackers descended on the quiet and peaceful town of Llanelly. Shopkeepers, on arriving at their shops, found their windows covered with slogans, done by some midnight masqueraders, who have still remained anonymous.

The procession was headed by a band, under the leadership of an able Third Former, who also acted as mace-bearer, conductor, director, and producer. The notable IIIA2 had added their services, and between them, paper and comb, vocal efforts, and a large percussion section, a considerable amount of music (!) was produced. The police have offered a substantial reward for the composer—dead or alive.

The band was followed by a tableau representing "A Nursery of Welsh Gentlemen." We are glad to note the endeavours of the master-in-charge, in instructing members of the School team in the use of manners. Enquiries are being made as to the source of certain "dark bottles" seen with the pupils.

Naturally, no Rag would be complete without the Bevin Boys, Gangsters, and, of course, Dai Lossin's team, which had this year been reinforced with a life-size painting of "Dai Lossin," done by Mr D. John, the Art Master. All members who fall into this category displayed the usual "school spirit" to the unfortunate police who had failed to go "off sick." Many raids were carried out on local buildings of importance, such as the Town Hall, the Banks, the Post Office, and the "Crowns."

A high spot in the Rag were the Zulus, who, under the leadership of some "tough stuff," performed acrobatics en route.

The School's Bonny Baby also turned out in his cot, tended by his nursemaids, who were worried by his restlessness and his tendency to sleep-walk. When he vacated his cot, "fairmaidens" of the Girls' School were lifted on to it.

Hitler also "had his days." So keen was his trial on that Saturday, that the Allies have lost complete trace of him on the Continent since then. A number of Arabs also wandered around, from one oasis to another, only in this case, drawing money instead of water.

A new addition to the scope of the Rag was the part played by the Cycling Club in the formation of a Flying Squad, who, with brightly decorated bikes, toured the Suburbs, and rounded up stragglers who were not in town.

Added to the organised parties forming the Rag, were numerous individual characters, ranging from fair maidens to beared ruffians. Well could the town shudder when these aided the teams in smearing the faces of the fair sex.

This report would be incomplete without a word of thanks to various people. First to the public for their donations amounting to over £80, as compared with last year's collection of £30. Thanks are also due to the Art Society, the Hospital Committee, the Lorry Owners and Drivers, the Staff, and all the boys who helped to make this Rag a success.

Diolch yn fawr i bawb a cynorthwyodd i wneud yr ymdrech flynyddol yn llwyddiant.

## DYDD GWYL DEWI.

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Yn ôl yr hen arfer, dathlwyd Gwyl Ddewi yn yr Ysgol ar fore Iau, Mawrth 1.

Dechreuwyd y dathliad gyda gwasanaeth crefyddol dan arweiniad y Prifathro. Darllenwyd rhan o air Duw gan y Prif-Ddisgybl, W. Raymond Williams.

Cafwyd datganiad o "Canmolwn yn awr y Gwŷr Enwog" (A. H. Jones) gan y parti cyd-adrodd, y côr, a'r gerddorfa. Llongyfarchwn y bechgyn am y datganiad, a Mr. Jones ar ei gyfansoddiad.

Adroddiad Dewi Thomas, "Toriad y Dydd" (John Morris Jones), ac yna chwaraewyd Minuet, a dwy alaw Gymraeg gan y gerddorfa, dan arweiniad Mr. A. H. Jones, M.Mus. Wedi adroddiad gan Harding Rees o "Os Wyt yn Gymro," cafwyd datganiad gan Ralph Lloyd o "Dafydd y Garreg Wen." Yna darllenwyd drama gan Mr. J. R. Williams, B.A., yn ei ffordd feistrolgar arferol.

Oherwydd prinder lle eleni eto, nid oedd yn bosibl cael yr Ysgol i gyd gyda'i gilydd i'r dathliad, felly, wedi cyngerdd i'r Ysgol Ieuengaf, daeth yr Ysgol Hynaf ynghyd.

Yr unig wahaniaeth rhwng y ddau gyngerdd oedd i Donald Hughes adrodd "Y Ddau Ddarlun" a chanu "Nant y Mynydd," ac i Gwynn Jones, Is-Lywydd y Gymdeithas Cymraeg, yn absenoldeb y Llywydd, ddarllen araith ar Tom Ellis. Cafwyd eleni eto, araith rymus gan Mr. Huw Roberts, B.A., y tro yma ar Morgan John Rhys.

Gorffennwyd y dathliad trwy gydganu Cân yr Ysgol a Hen Wlad fy Nhadau.

Manteisiaf ar y cyfle yma i annog Cymry'r Ysgol i gadw'n ffyddlon i Gymru, ac i gadw'r hen iaith annwyl yn fyw, nid yn unig ar ddydd Gwyl Ddewi, ond ar bob dydd o'r flwyddyn. Cofiw'n deyrnged Ieuan Glan Geirionydd i'r Iaith Gymraeg—

Iaith araul, a'r iaith orau,—iaith gu-deg,  
 Iaith gadarn ei seiliau;  
 Iaith fy nhad, iaith fy nhadau,  
 Iaith bêr ôll, iaith i barhau.

I. GWYNN JONES.

## YR HAF.

Mae'r haf wedi dyfod  
 A'r awyr yn l s;  
 Fe ff dd yr hen aeaf,  
 A'i dywydd oer, c s.

Mae'r awel yn dyner,  
 A'r tywydd yn fwyn;  
 Yr adar yn canu,  
 A firwyth ar y llwyn.

Wrth eu bodd mae y plant,  
 Yn y m r, ar y traeth;  
 A'r aderyn sy'n hedfan  
 Drwy'r awyr fel saeth.

A phwy sy'n gofalu,  
 Am bob plentyn bach;  
 Ac am bob aderyn  
 Sy'n canu mor iach.

Ein Duw sy'n gofalu,  
 Am bopeth y sydd  
 O ddechrau y bore  
 I ddiwedd y dydd..

V JONES, 5C.

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## RHODDION I'R LLYFRGELL.

Cydnabyddwn yn dra diolchgar y canlynol am amryw gyfrolau:—  
 Mr. W. Rees, B.A.; Mr. Smith, M.A.; Mr. Rolfe, B.Sc.; Mr. J.  
 Morris, B.Sc.; Mr. J. Ifor Rees, R.N.; Howel Rees; Nevil Huw Lewis (VI.);

Cawsom nifer mawr o gyfrolau crefyddol gan Miss D. Fraser, M.A.,  
 Athro Ysgrythur yn Ysgol Mary Datchelor, ar ymadawiad yr ysgol honno  
 i Lundain gyda therfyn y rhyfel yn Ewrop, a diolchwn yn gynnes iddi.

H. R.



## BODDI CATH.

Meddai fy mam un bore, "Mae eisiau iti foddi'r hen gwrci llwyd yna—mae e'n gâs i'r cathod eraill." Yr oeddwn wedi meddwl ers meityn y byddai'n syniad go dda i gael gwared o'r hen gwrci llwyd. Methwn yn lân â gweld i ba bwrpas y creodd y Creawdwr y fath greadur.

"Olreit," meddwn; ond y peth cyntaf oedd ei ddal. Chwiliais amdano dan y ford, dan y "dresser," a dan bron popeth yn y tŷ, ond methais â dod o hyd iddo yn un man. Chwiliais drwy'r bore ond methais â'i weld, a gwnaeth hyn i mi feddwl fod yr hen gwrci yn gwybod fy mod yn mynd i'w foddi. Daeth amser te, ac nid oeddwn wedi ei weld.

Pan oeddwn yn mwynhau fy nhe teimlais rywbeth wrth fy nhraed. Edrychais dan y ford ac yno y gwelais—yr hen gwrci llwyd. Yr oeddwn yng nghanol fy nhe, a sut oedd ei gadw dan y ford nes i mi orffen? Meddyliais am un peth, a rhoddais fy nhroed ar ei gynffon, gan feddwl y byddai'r pwysau yn ddigon i'w gadw yn dawel nes i mi orffen. Ond cefais siom. Trodd Twm, y cwrci, yn "rebel," a phlannodd ewinedd ei bedwar troed yn fy nghoes. Heb feddwl eilwaith, gollyngais ef yn rhydd. Daeth te i ben.

Yr oedd yn rhaid chwilio eilwaith am yr hen gwrci, a daethpwyd o hyd iddo yn y cwt-glo. Gyda chryn dipyn o drafferth fe'i cafwyd mewn sach a rhoddais garreg drom yn gwmni iddo. Yn syth aethom â'r sach a Thwm ynddi i'r llyn, a'i daflu i'r man dyfnaf yno. "Dyna ddiwedd arnat!" meddwn wrthyf fy hun, a theimlwn fel Syr Bedwyr gynt yn taflu cleddyf Arthur i'r llyn, a gweld llaw wen yn ymddangos ar wyneb y dŵr i gyrchu'r hen gwrc i Annwn.

A minnau'n chwibanu yn hapus ar y ffordd adref—gwelwn yr hen gwrci llwyd yn cerdded yn hapus o fy mlaen a'i gwt i fyny'n syth! Rhaid bod twll yn y sach. Aethum i'w ddal eilwaith, ond cofiais fod i gath naw bywyd; ac euthum tuag adref a Thwm yn canu ei grwth ar fy ôl.

G. R. RENOWDEN, V.B.

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Mangre fu'n drig dysgedigion,—ysgol  
 Diysgafn athrawon  
 Yn ei dydd, ei ffydd, nid ffon,  
 A ddygnodd ei hegnion.

I. GWYNN JONES.

## Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG.

"Unwaith eto, Gymry annwyl"—dyma hanes eich Cymdeithas Gymraeg chwi.

Yn ystod Tymor y Pasg, cynhaliwyd dau gyfarfod. Pwnc y cwrdd cyntaf oedd: "Fy nghas beth i"—rhywbeth tebyg i'r sgwrs Radio o dan yr un teitl. Dewiswyd tri siaradwr:—Gwynn Jones, Raymond Williams a John Edwards—Llywydd y Gymdeithas Saesneg. Dim ond dau o'r uchod siaradodd, beth bynnag, oherwydd am ryw reswm neu'i gilydd methodd y Gymdeithas Saesneg a'n helpu. Darllenwyd cofnodion, ac yna siaradodd Gwynn Jones mewn modd difyrus iawn. Rhai o'i gas bethau ef ydoedd sanau gwlybion a'r dentist. Soniodd yr ail siaradwr—Raymond Williams am yr Hanner-Awr Gymraeg a'r Gwely fel ei gâs-bethau ef. Gwnaeth yr Hanner-Awr Gymraeg ei brif bwnc. Ei brif bwynt oedd yr ychydig o Gymraeg a gaem yn yr amser byr hwn "Yn aml," meddai, "ni chawn air o Gymraeg tan ddiwedd y rhaglen—yr hyn sydd yn warth ar ein cenedl ein bod yn caniatâu'r fath beth." Yna, rhoddwyd y cyfarfod yn agored i'r gynulleidfa i ofyn cwestiynau neu i sôn am eu câs bethau hwy. Câs beth un bachgen bach o'r ail ddosbarth oedd gweld danteithion yn y siopau a dim "points" i'w prynu hwy. Ar y llaw arall, soniodd "12-stone" o fachgen o'r 5 A enwog ei fod yn methu'n lân â chydweld â Raymond Williams mai peth câs oedd y gwely!

Diolchwyd i'r siaradwyr gan Mr. Roberts, ac eiliwyd ef gan Mr. Williams.

Yn yr ail gyfarfod siaradodd y Prif Ddisgybl, Raymond Williams, ar y testun, "Atgofion Bywyd a Bro." Sôn a wnaeth mai ynglyn â'r Ysgol yr oedd nifer fawr o'i hatgofion o herwydd ei fod wedi bod yno am wyth mlynedd—rhan weddol fawr o'i fywyd o ddeunaw mlynedd. Dywedodd ei fod wedi casglu stôr o wybodaeth ynglyn â'r Ysgol, helyntion lawer, a llu o storïau am ei gyd-ddisgyblion a'i athrawon. Wedyn, aeth i sôn am ei fro enedigol (Quinque Viae) ac am ei fachgendod cynnar a dreuliodd ynddi. Credai nad oedd un clod yn ormod i lowyr Sir Gaerfyrddin, y bobl fwyaf gweithgar a doniol yn y byd. I brofi hyn aeth i adrodd hanes ei fro a'r glowyr a geir ynddi; a therfynnodd gyda stori neu ddwy amdanynt.

Siaradodd Mr. J. T. Davies, a soniodd Mr. Roberts am ei falchder o weld fod y Prif Ddisgybl yn caru ei fro bron cymaint ag y carai yntau Ffestiniog—ei fro enedigol ef.

Er bod y rhyfel enbyd hwn wedi terfynu yn Ewrop, methu a wnaethom i drefnu "Trip Cymraeg"—oedd mor boblogaidd a dymunol gan y bechgyn cyn y rhyfel; ond gobeithid ail-ddechrau y rhain y flwyddyn nesaf.

Eleni eto mae rhyw ddwsin o fechgyn wedi eu derbyn i fyned i Wersyll yr Urdd yn Llangrannog yn ystod Gwyliau'r Haf, a gobeithiwn y cânt dywydd braf ac amser godidog iawn yno.

Felly, dyma flwyddyn arall o hanes y Gymdeithas a'r Ysgol wedi terfyn; ac i rai ohonom ni fechgyn hynaf yr Ysgol, dyma ddiwedd ein cyfnod fel disgyblion. Fe fydd rhai ohonom yn mynd i'r Lluoedd Arfog, ac eraill ohonom yn ffodus i fyned i golegau neu i ddiwylliant ein gwlad. Ond, i ble bynnag yr awn, gadewch i ni fel Cymry Cymdeithas Gymraeg Ysgol Sir Llanelli fyned ag egwyddor ein Cymdeithas gyda ni a chadw ein mamiaith yn fyw ble bynnag yr awn ac i wneud ein gorau glân i fod yn "Bur, yn Eirwyr, a Iawn."

Ac yn awr i chwi fechgyn iau yr Ysgol, chwychwi fydd yn ôl ynddi'r flwyddyn nesaf, boed i chwi bob llwyddiant yn y Gymdeithas Gymraeg a hefyd ym mhob rhan arall o fywyd yr Ysgol, fel y byddwch chwithau hefyd yn barod i fyned allan i Gymdeithas fwy y byd, i gadw fflam yr iaith Gymraeg yng nghyn ac i gynnu yn fwy disglair o hyd.

DD. ISLWYN JONES (Llywydd am 1945).

## THE TENNIS CLUB.

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Towards the end of the Spring Term, a meeting of all Senior boys who were interested in Tennis, was called. Mr. Roderick presided at the meeting and he explained the difficulties which stood in the path of the Tennis team. Even in the face of this, the meeting unanimously carried the motion of the formation of a Tennis team. The following officials were elected:—Captain, Roy Marker; Secretary, Eric Williams.

After several unhappy failures, a match with the Girls' School was arranged. The result of the match was a win for School by six matches to three.

The School team was:—Roy Marker, Eric Williams, Howard Rees, Geraint Lewis Roscoe Howells and Denzil Brierley.

Other matches are to be played towards the end of the term.

ROY MARKER, VI.

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## TABLE TENNIS.

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During the past year there has been very little Table Tennis played in School. This inactivity is not, however, due to the boys, who have been very eager to continue keeping the game alive. Only three matches were played during the year all of which had to be played away owing to the lack of the equipment in School.

The first match was played against Llangennech Guild, who this year proved themselves at least equal to School. After the "numbers sevens" had played, the score was ten all in games, and School was one man short. This difficulty was overcome by an old boy consenting to play for us. He beat his opponent and thus gave us victory by two games.

During the Easter term two matches were played against the "Aelwyd," both away. The first match was a very exciting one, indeed. Both sides proved equal to each other and as the game progressed great enthusiasm prevailed, especially towards the end, when the game ended in a draw.

The last game was a little one-sided. The Aelwyd did not have all their usual players and School won by twelve games to four.

ISLWYN JONES (Captain).

## ARMY CADET FORCE.

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Commanding Officer: Capt. A. M. Smith.

Second in Command: Lieut. J. L. Morris.

Platoon Officers: Lieut. D. B. Jones, Lieut. R. Jacob.

N.C.O.'s: C/Sergt. W. G. Thomas, Sergt. H. J. Jenkins, Cpl. L. Ferris, Cpl. A. H. Charles, L/Cpl. W. Jones, L/Cpl. P. Morris, L/Cpl. J. B. Evans, L/Cpl. G. Phillips, L/Cpl. D. J. Thomas.

During the Easter vacation the N.C.O.'s and Cadets of this unit were scattered all over the British Isles on various courses, all of which were very much enjoyed, despite one or two moments such as that experienced by one of our N.C.O.'s on a course with the Royal Armoured Corps. He was going up in a lorry to an assault course when he noticed several soldiers coming back on stretchers. On inquiry, he got the curt reply—"assault course." The assault course proved harmless, however; plenty of mud and noise, but no danger. On this course, Cadets were taught to drive, doing an average of thirty miles a day in armoured cars etc. They also fired Sten guns, revolvers, guns from tank turrets, etc., and were taught how to use tank wireless equipment. Other Cadets were on P.T., weapon training, including mortars courses.

All this training away from their mothers' apron strings, gave the boys a self-confidence which will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. It also made them realize the full destructive power of modern weapons of war, and showed the horrors of war, and a determination to do everything possible to avoid it. Nevertheless, if it becomes unavoidable, we can use these weapons to obtain the maximum effect. Living in close association with one's fellows in these camps, gives a great insight into human nature. Yes, Army Cadet training has much that is of value to offer the youth of Britain.

Sergt. H. John Jenkins has now fully qualified as a P.T. instructor as a result of a final course in the holidays at Aldershot.

N.C.O.'s and Cadets hope to shoot for their marksmanship badges this term and some Cadets hope to try War Certificate "A."

The summer camp this year is at Beachley on the Wye Estuary (sorry, river junction). It is a relief to be able to write without fear of censorship. Let us hope that this freedom from a little fear is symbolic of the world which we, who are young, will play our full part in building a world free from all fear.

ALLEN H. CHARLES.

## A.T.C.

**Llanelly County School Squadron 556.**

Commanding Officer: Flt/Lt. J. Afan Jones.

Adjutant: F/O H. Rolfe.

Equipment Officer: F/O W. H. Davies.

Flight Commanders: F/O's D. E. Davies, W. H. Davies, F. H. Phillips and Tom Jones.

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. Newton.

Padre: Rev. Dd. Reece.

Warrant Officer: J. M. Williams.

During the past year the A.T.C. Squadron has satisfactorily carried out its duties, although some of the Cadets have been rejected by the R.A.F. The size of the Squadron has diminished somewhat, as Cadets leave School to enter the Services or Universities.

Dr. Newton, in conjunction with the Rev. Dd. Reece, has continued to give his annual talk on "health and cleanliness," which we all agree, is of paramount importance. It would be fitting at this stage to express the sincerest appreciation felt by all concerned for the enthusiasm shown by these two gentlemen towards the Squadron and its activities.

The only two public parades attended this year by the Squadron, were the A.T.C. Church Parade and the Victory Parade to which the Squadron turned out in full strength.

In the sphere of sport the Squadron has done exceptionally well. The members of the Squadron's Rugby Team under the captaincy of Sergt. Raymond Williams competed for the A.T.C. Cup which they held last year. The team reached the semi-final stage successfully, but was deprived of the honour of holding the Cup for another year in the final bout. Two Cadets are worthy of mention in the boxing section; the first, Cadet Peter Jones, and the second, Cpl. Vivian Griffiths. They both fought against Rhondda boys. Cadet Peter Jones unfortunately lost to an older and more experienced boxer. Cpl. Vivian Griffiths, however, acquitted himself well, and easily won; this qualified him to represent Wales Command against Southern Command, which was the semi-final for the British Championship.

On June 23rd, a team of Cadets under the leadership of Cpl. Vivian Griffiths successfully took part in the West Wales A.T.C. Sports at St. Helens, Swansea, gaining the highest number of points with a large margin from the runners-up.

Soon after the July Examinations a number of Cadets will attend an A.T.C. Camp at Carew and St. Athan, at which camps the Squadron also attended two years ago.

It was just over four years ago when the A.T.C. was first introduced in the School, during which time its important task of training its members "for the larger life of the world," and in particular the Services, has been conscientiously carried out by the Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s in charge.

### SCIENCE CLUB.

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As yet there has only been one lecture given to the Science Club since Christmas. This was on February 28th, by Eric C. Trump, when he gave a lecture on X-Rays. It was fully illustrated by working apparatus.

First, the lecturer gave a brief outline of the theory connected with X-Rays; then he demonstrated the induction coil producing high voltage electricity. Next this electricity was passed through a vacuum tube and a green tinge was produced by the Cathode Rays. The X-Ray tube was then worked and various objects were shown behind the screen; the boys then queued up to see the bones inside their hands.

There were 55 boys present at the meeting.

The Committee wish to thank Mr. Owen, of King George Avenue, for the loan of an excellent 6in. refracting telescope fitted both with celestial and terrestrial eye-pieces.

Much use was made of this telescope during the winter evenings, when both Junior and Senior boys came up on different occasions to observe the moon and some of the visible planets.

The Amateur Radio Club has also been active, and a two-valve pentode output radio receiver has been constructed in the Lab. by some of its members.

W. ROSCOE HOWELLS, Secretary.

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### THE CYCLING CLUB.

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At the beginning of this term the Cycling Club was divided into two sections, a Senior and a Junior section.

A trip was arranged for the Senior section to go to Carmarthen as our School Cricket team were playing there, but owing to wet weather it was cancelled.

The Juniors had arranged a trip for the same day to Llanrhidian, but owing to a number of boys having punctures they did not go further than Penclawdd.

Another trip was arranged to Ferryside, returning by way of Llan-saint. The day chosen was very warm and some boys brought bathing suits, but they did not bathe.

We are very glad to see that Mr. Richards has taken an interest in the Club and we welcome him.

We hope to have another trip this term before we break up.

D. NARBETT, 5c (Secretary).

F. WEBBER, 4b (Science).

### THE STAMP CLUB.

Chairman: Gareth L. Hughes, 3AI.  
 Secretary: Harold Richards, 3AI.  
 Form 4 Representative: Geoffrey Williams, 4B Sc.  
 Form 3 Representative: Graham Thomas, 3AI.  
 Form 2 Representative: Geoffrey Evans, 2B2.

The Stamp Club, though coming into being late in the year, has held a series of interesting and successful meetings.

The first meeting held was a Brains Trust, the "Brains" being supplied by Geoffrey Williams, Harold Richards, Eric Trump, Garvin Evans and Neil Smith. The question-master was Gareth Hughes. The Brains Trust must be complimented on answering difficult questions in a masterly way.

The first lecture given was by Neil Smith of Form 2, whose subject was "Stamps in the reign of Queen Victoria."

This was closely followed by an interesting lecture, "The Future of Air Stamps" by Gareth Hughes of 3AI.

Further lectures were "Egyptian Stamps" by John Hughes of Form 2, and "The Anatomy of a Postage Stamp" by Harold Richards of 3AI. The last-named was particularly interesting as it dealt with a subject which most boys had not considered.

The last meeting was a well organised function, in which two teams competed in a Quiz, Committee v. The Rest. The Committee team was composed of Geoffrey Williams, Harold Richards and Geoff. Evans, while the other team consisted of Doug. Davies of Form 4, John Hughes, and Neil Smith. The Quiz-master was the Chairman.

The Committee wish to thank Mr. Morris for his able and invaluable assistance at all meetings.

Ac yn awr Ymlaen.

HAROLD RICHARDS, Secretary.  
 GARETH HUGHES, Chairman.

### ODE WRITTEN ON VE DAY.

Day is breaking o'er the earth,  
 Strife is ending; joy and mirth  
 Now in many countries reign,  
 Where for years were tears and pain.  
 The brutish Hun has met his fate,  
 Satan in Hell awaits his mate,  
 Who perpetrated fiendish crimes  
 Undreamed of in these modern times.  
 The night of fear is nearly o'er,  
 And peace and calm for evermore,  
 Together will on earth abide  
 Honour the men who fought, and died,  
 That we might live so free.  
 Ring out ye bells! Ye poets sing  
 The praises of the men who bring  
 Peace on earth for aye to dwell,  
 But ne'er forget the ones who fell,  
 That we might live so free.

W. J. T., VIA.

## THE ART SOCIETY.

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At the end of the Easter Term the Jubilee Arts and Crafts Exhibition was held on Tuesday, 27th March, 1945, which was during our Hospital Week. Between the Rag, the Art Exhibition and the Past v. Present Rugby Match, it was hoped that the sum of £100 would be realised, but I am glad to say this amount was doubled.

The main Exhibition was held in the Assembly Hall, with the Ante Room and Corridors reserved for Photographs and Exhibits connected with the Life of the School for the past fifty years.

The Exhibition was opened on Monday, and in the morning was visited by the Boys' School, whilst in the afternoon and on Tuesday morning it was visited by the Girls' School. On Tuesday afternoon it was reserved for parents and friends only.

The Exhibits were arranged in three sections, viz., A, B and C. Section A included drawings and paintings by the following Old Boys:—Hywel Herbert, Roy Hopkins, Eric Williams, Leonard Ferris and David Glynne. Section B comprised the work of Forms V., and Section C the work of Forms IV, III, and II. There were also interesting exhibits of Christmas Cards by R. Baxter, paintings by Norram Jones, with posters for the different School Societies. Various Handicraft Models were also displayed on tables in the middle of the Hall. Entertainment was provided by the School Orchestra, which played delightfully under their Conductor, Mr. Haydn Jones.

On behalf of Mr. Jacob I should like to thank all the boys who gave so much of their spare-time in order to make the Exhibition such a great success.

The Headmaster was in attendance during each session and was immensely pleased with the work and result achieved.

HOWARD PHILLIPS, V. Remove Sc., Secretary.

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## MUSIC NOTES.

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At the end of the Christmas Term, "The Messiah" was performed by the Choir and Orchestra. The Choir consisted of all the boys in Forms III and IV., the tenor and bass parts being sung by the Senior Boys, Masters and some friends of the School. The solos were sung by a small selected choir. The Orchestra, which was led by Elenor Leyshon, included members of the Boys' and Girls' County Schools, and some more friends of the School. The Organist was Mr. Cecil Williams and Mr. Frank Phillips was the Conductor.

It was held in Park Church to commemorate the Jubilee of the School, and many distinguished guests were present to hear this rendering of the "Messiah." These included His Grace the Archbishop of Wales, Dame Gwendoline Trubshaw, D.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the Governors; some Ministers of the Free Churches of the town; and other prominent townfolk.

No applause was called for, since the Festival was being treated as a religious service.

D.H.W., V.A.



**JUBILEE PRIZE DAY.**

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Prize Day this year was held in Moriah Chapel, kindly lent for the occasion, on the "Jubilee" day of the School, January 22. Fifty years ago to that very day was established our School, and it was indeed a happy thought of the Headmaster's that Prize Day should be on that date. It was fitting, also, that the first boy entered on the School Roll should be the principal speaker—Prof. T. Campbell James, now Vice-Principal of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. In his speech, Prof. Campbell James traced the history of education in Llanelly, and referred to his own experience as a boy in the early days of Llanelly County School.

The Headmaster, in his Annual Report, said that despite difficulties of accommodation and lack of much-needed equipment, the School had carried on with its manifold tasks; many improvements had been carried out, most notable of which was the provision of the School Meal for every boy who chose to avail himself of it. He ended his Report by referring to the School as "A Nursery of Welsh Gentlemen."

Dame Gwendoline Trubshaw, D.B.E., Chairman of the Governors, then presented the prizes.

In the interval, the School Choir and Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Haydn Jones, M.Mus., in the absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Phillips, rendered choruses from Handel's "Messiah." Impressive, too, was Mr. Jones' setting of the dignified passage from the Apocrypha, "Canmolwn y Gwŷr Enwog," sung by the Choir.

The afternoon ended with the singing of the School Song. Thus came to an end a memorable afternoon, which should hold for ever a warm place in the hearts of all who were present.

## THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

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Since the last issue of the Magazine the Society has made much progress. The annual Christmas finale was once more produced at the end of the Christmas term, this year under the able direction of our President, John Edwards. Two one-act plays were presented, both of which proved to be successful. The first was "Birds of a Feather," by J. O. Francis. This short sketch of Welsh country life portrays a unique situation in which two opposing types are contrasted. On the one hand are the representatives of the lower classes, two poachers, Twm Tinker and Dicky Bach Dwl, and on the other a character taken from the other end of the social scale, the Bishop of Mid-Wales. This peculiar situation, so cleverly conceived, reveals the characters of the three people concerned, especially that of Dick Bach Dwl, whose part was admirably portrayed by I. Gwynne Jones. The second play was an American thriller by Lord Dunsany, entitled, "A Night at an Inn." Other contributions were made by Douglas Jones, who gave a pianoforte recital, and Mr. J. R. Williams, who gave a humorous recitation.

On March 9th, a debate was held on the motion, "That this house does not agree with the present examination system." Speaking for the negative, both Arthur Stallard and David Jones maintained that the present system was a strong incentive towards work and study, and that to remove this would be a serious loss. They also argued that no improved substitute could possibly be found. Speaking for the affirmative, John Basil Evans claimed that education was a process of fitting out a young person for life, and that the present system, hemmed in by examination syllabuses, provided very little scope for this real education, and that the examination itself is no real test of ability. He failed, however, to provide a substitute. A heated debate then took place, the final result being a win for the negative.

On March 23rd, Mr. John, the new Art Master, was invited to give a lecture on "Strange Beliefs." Mr John enumerated the several different beliefs which he had held since he was a boy. Some of these not only proved strange, but very interesting, and those who were present enjoyed it immensely.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Society, of offering our thanks to John Edwards, our ex-President, who left us some months ago to join the Armed Forces. He served well and faithfully during the eighteen months that he was President, and did very good work in helping to build the Society.

J. BASIL EVANS, Secretary.

**RUGBY.**

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“When one great scorer  
Comes to write against your name,  
He writes not how you won, or lost,  
But how you played the game.”

School Rugby had on the whole, a successful season, and last year's team can be said to have maintained the tradition made by the teams of previous years. The team has both won, and lost, but has kept the spirit of the game alive.

Apart from the play of the team, individual members have brought honour to the School by being chosen to play in the Welsh Secondary Schools Trials. They were Eric Williams and our captain, W. Raymond Williams, the latter playing right up to the final trial. We congratulate them on their performance.

The high-spot in School Rugby was again this year, the Old Boys' match, played on Stradey on March 31st. The match ended in a drawn game, both teams failing to cross the other's line. The receipts at this match were a record for these games.

The Annual Dinner was held in the School, where the cooks had prepared a substantial meal. It was followed by a dance in the Hall, where many old acquaintances were renewed.

School II.'s played one match, when they beat Ammanford by 27 points to nil.

Some fixtures had to be cancelled owing to bad weather, conditions making play impossible.

Our thanks are due to all who have contributed to the success of the season.

I. GWYNN JONES.

## ATHLETICS.

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The School Athletic team has been active during the term. Mr. Tom Jones has supervised and trained the team, and Vivian Griffiths has been the Captain.

They did particularly well in the Glamorgan Secondary Schools A.A.A. Sports, held at Bridgend on June 9th, at which our School was the guest of the County.

Over thirty Secondary Schools competed, and we led by three points until the last four events of the 54 event programme, but we had to be content with third place. All members of the team worked hard, but a special word of praise is due to the following:—P. Bourne (2nd in Junior Walk); E. Bibbs (2nd in 220 yards and 440 yards, middle); N. Jones (2nd in Hurdles and Long Jump, middle, and fourth in Hop, Step and Jump, middle); G. Edwards (First in Shot Put, middle); H. Longhurst (3rd in 440 yards and Hurdles, Senior); and V. Griffiths (2nd in mile, Senior).

Two of the School relay teams were first in their heats, but beaten into third and sixth places in the final.

H. Longhurst, N. Jones, G. Jones, M. Evans, G. Edwards, G. Thomas, V. Griffiths and L. Edwards gained points in the Hurdles, Shot, Discus and Javelin.

The Team gained a total of 90 marks, sufficient normally to win easily.

As a result of this outstanding performance, the Team has been invited to compete in the Annual Welsh National A.A.A. Sports at Barry. Letters of congratulation have also been received from the promoters of the Bridgend Sports.

Other competitions have been entered for during the summer months.

On June 27, the annual Sports Prize Distribution took place on the School Lawn. Owing to the absence of Dame Gwendoline Trubshaw, D.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the Governors, the prizes were distributed by the Head Master. Dr. Sinclair, Headmaster of Brockley Evacuated School, was also present. The Gym. Team, under the leadership of V. Griffiths, gave a Gymnastic Display.

I.G.J.

## SCHOOL SPORTS.

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The Jubilee and Victory Sports were held at Stradey on May 29th. The weather was fine, and there was a record crowd. After the sports the Gymnastic Team gave a display. The chief results were:—

### SENIOR SCHOOL :

Half-Mile—V. Griffiths.  
 Mile Walk—D. Bassett.  
 High Jump—M. Lodwick.  
 440 yards—H. Longhurst.  
 220 yards—H. Morgan.  
 Obstacle Race—G. Clement.  
 Throwing the Javelin—L.  
 Edwards.

Cycle Race—V. Griffiths.  
 100 yards—H. Morgan.  
 440yds. Open Handicap—H.  
 Longhurst.  
 Discus—G. Lewis.  
 Relay Race—Brockley School.  
 Long Jump—L. Edwards.  
 Mile—V. Griffiths.  
 Hop, Step and Jump—G.  
 Thomas.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL :

High Jump—N. Jones.  
 100 yards—N. Jones.  
 220 yards—E. Bibbs.  
 Throwing the Javelin—D. Rees.

440 yards—E. Bibbs.  
 Half-Mile Walk—B. Lewts.  
 Cycle Race—E. Bibbs.  
 Long Jump—N. Jones.  
 Half-Mile—K. Williams.  
 Hop, Step and Jump—N. Jones.  
 Discus—G. Edwards.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL :

Sack Race—G. Murphy.  
 Throwing the Javelin—M. Evans.  
 Cycle Race—G. Edwards.  
 440 yards—H. Richards.  
 Relay Race—Form 2a.1.  
 Wheelbarrow Race—Form 3b.2.  
 Putting the Shot—G. Jones.  
 100 yards—H. Richards.  
 High Jump—D. Davies.  
 220 yards—D. Sturdy.  
 Walk—D. Sturdy.  
 Long Jump—H. Richards.  
 Hop, Step and Jump—D. Davies.  
 Discus—D. Sturdy.

### SPECIAL TROPHIES :

Hubert Thomas Cup—V. Griffiths.  
 Capt. Jacobs' Cup—V. Griffiths.  
 Bibbs Cup—H. Longhurst.  
 Individual Champion—V. Griffiths.

### FORM CHAMPIONS

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The members of the Gymnastic Team giving the Display were:—V. Griffiths, G. Edwards, G. Griffiths, R. Griffiths, J. H. Evans, D. Bowen, J. Evans, J. Rees, R. Morris, B. Thomas, I. Lewis, R. Chin, M. Dickman, H. Davies.

**CRICKET.**

The Cricket XI. has been captained this year by Stanley Bassett, with D. Islwyn Jones as Vice-Captain. They have had a successful season, the only two matches lost being against Carmarthen.

**CARMARTHEN v. SCHOOL.**

Played at Carmarthen in showery weather on May 24. A late start was made, and Carmarthen batting first on an easy wicket, scored 102 for 6 before declaring. School's innings began well with Prosser Jones scoring 27, but a collapse followed.

CARMARTHEN	....	102 for 6 (declared).
SCHOOL	....	66.

**SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL.**

Played at Swansea on June 2. Bright sunshine after heavy rain made the wicket difficult. Swansea, batting first, could do nothing against our bowlers. S. Bassett took 4 for 4 and Emrys Bowen 5 for 5. School had no difficulty in winning this match.

SWANSEA	....	9
SCHOOL	....	43

**SCHOOL v. AN OLD BOYS' XI.**

Played on School Field on June 4. Batting first, School put together 82 runs, Islwyn Jones being top scorer with 18. The Old Boys, who were out of practice, could only reply with 22. S. Bassett took 4 for 7, and E. Bowen 4 for 6.

SCHOOL	....	82.
OLD BOYS	....	22.

**SCHOOL v. GOWERTON.**

Played on School Field on June 9. A fine innings of 44 by Harry Evans was the chief feature of School's innings.

SCHOOL	....	68.
GOWERTON	....	47.

**GOWERTON v. SCHOOL.**

This return match was played at Gowerton on June 14. A low scoring game resulted in a win for School.

SCHOOL	....	39.
GOWERTON	....	31.

**SCHOOL v. R.A.F. XI.**

Played on School Field on June 16. This was an exciting match, with a thrilling finish. The result was a tie.

SCHOOL	....	55.
R.A.F.	....	55.

**SCHOOL v. CARMARTHEN.**

Played on School Field on June 23. Carmarthen were all out for 44, but School were unable to force a win.

SCHOOL	....	40.
CARMARTHEN	....	44.

## SCHOOL v. BROCKLEY.

Played on School Field on June 30. Batting first, School put up a total of 144, the chief contributors being Emrys Bowen, 37, Eric Williams, 30, and Godfrey Williams, 26 (not out). Brockley were dismissed for 31, E. Bowen taking 5 for 12 and S. Bassett 3 for 9.

SCHOOL	....	144.
BROCKLEY	....	31.

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## OLD BOYS' UNION.

Since our last issue several Old Boys have gained military distinctions, while all our Prisoners-of-War in German hands are now safely in this country. Full details will be given in our Christmas Number, which is sent out to all Service Members. We trust that most of the older ones will have been demobilised by then.

Among academic successes, we are proud to mention Clifford Gwynne, B.Sc (Hons. Agriculture), while Joseph Lewis and Glyndwr Thomas have completed their Final B.Sc. in Agriculture. Also T. Williams, B.Sc. (1st Class Honours) in Engineering at Birmingham University.

Hugh Davies is to be warmly congratulated on gaining first place out of all students at the various Medical Schools of London University in the 2nd M.B. examination, likewise Garwyn Collins, who, we understand, took first place in Physiology at the same examination.

It is pleasing to note that Ieuan Davies was the chosen delegate to represent Aberystwyth University College at the meetings of the Evangelical Union held at Oxford at Easter, while Owain Harries, though an Engineering student, has been elected President of the Music Society at Swansea University College, and also member of the Students' University Council.

We heartily congratulate Vernon Morris on being elected Captain of Athletics at Bart's Hospital Medical School.

In another direction, we offer our congratulations to two other Old Boys, both of whom have acquired a considerable measure of success in other spheres, though both are gravely handicapped by ill-health and physical disabilities. We refer to Brinley Ward Phillips, whose plays are so often heard in the Children's Hour of the B.B.C., and W. Glynne Jones, who is making a name for himself as journalist and novelist. An interesting feature of the B.B.C. recently was a dramatic version by Brin. Phillips of one of Glynne Jones' novels. We admire the high courage of these men in their refusal to capitulate to ill-health and disappointment, and wish them all success in the future.

Our Scholarship Fund is mounting steadily, and I am pleased to report that £500 has been reached. Despite the many calls on our generosity, cannot we raise the remaining £500 before the end of this "annus mirabilis," which is the year of Victory in Europe and the School Jubilee? After nearly six years, perhaps we may venture to wish our readers at home a pleasant holiday, and our readers abroad a speedy and safe return to our midst.

T. V. S.