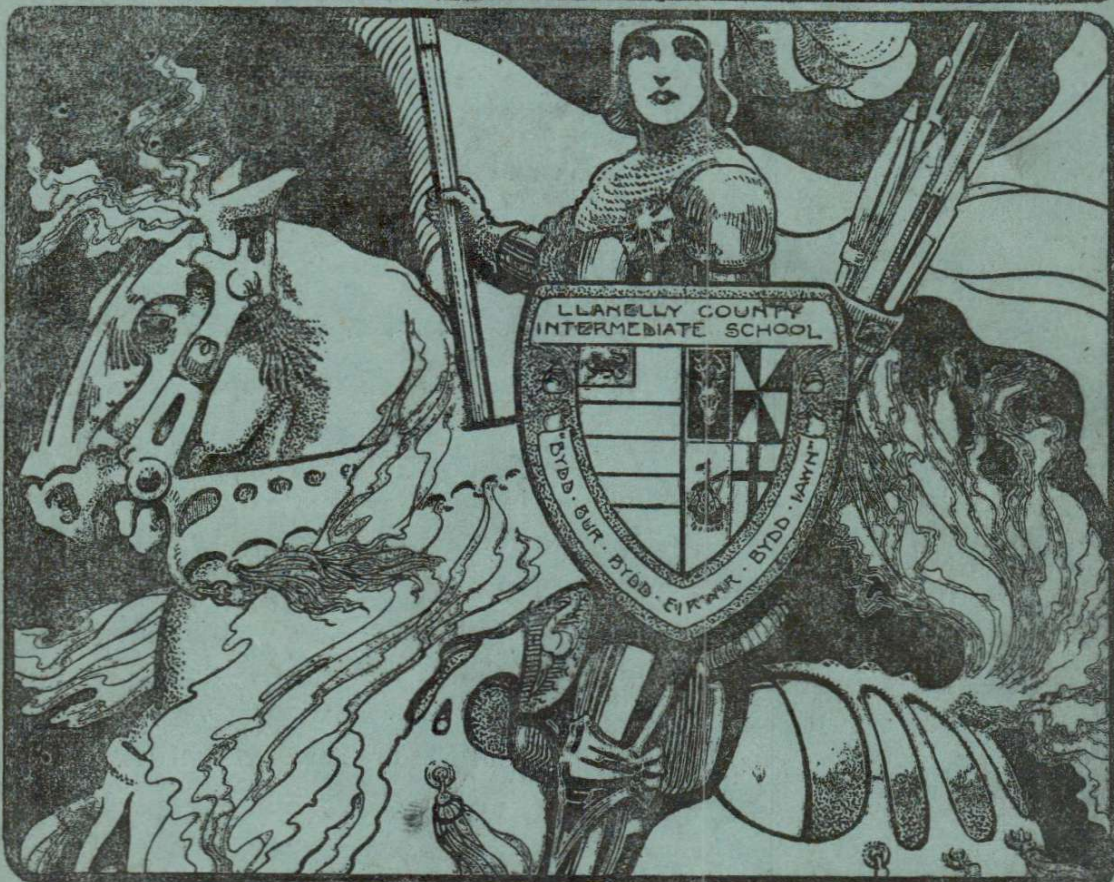


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## EDITORIAL.

This term's magazine witnesses the end, not only of the fifty-fifth year of the School's career, but also the termination of its existence as a unified body. Next year, the lower forms of our little community will be leaving "The School on the hill," to take up residence in the new school at Pwll. Since such a break is so foreign to our nature, we look forward to the time when the whole School will be able to gather under one roof again.

This year also, the public examinations under the new Welsh Joint Education Committee, which has replaced the old Central Welsh Board, were somewhat earlier than usual. We trust that the results of these examinations will bring a fruitful reward to the labours of all who competed. Our thanks are again due to our Headmaster and Staff, whose unselfish perseverance and unstinted aid and advice made it possible for us to sit the examinations.

In conclusion, we wish all our readers a very happy holiday, and to all those who are leaving "to play their part in the larger life of the world," we wish every success in their studies and careers.

W. NIGEL ROYSTER, VI.



## NODIADAU GOLYGYDDOL.

Daeth yr amser eto i ysgrifennu'r ychydig nodiadau hyn, a chan fod nifer o aelodau presennol yr ysgol yn ymadael eleni, ac efallai mai hwn a fydd fy nhymor olaf innau, hoffwn wneud ychydig sylwadau ar rai o'r pethau a gredaf eu bod yn bwysig ym mywyd yr Ysgol ar y Bryn.

Pan gychwynais innau yn yr ysgol hon, yr argraff gyntaf a gefais oedd y naws gartrefol a'i nodweddi. A minnau'n Gymro Cymraeg, y ffaith y siaredid cymaint o Gymraeg a gyfrifai am hynny. Hyn y gredaf yw'r peth pwysicaf ym mywyd yr ysgol, sef y lle a roddir i'r hen iaith ymhlith y Cymry. Nid dweud yr wyf fod gormod o Gymraeg yn yr ysgol, ond bod addysg wedi rhoi'r syniad i'r bechgyn mai iaith i'r rhai di-ddysg (fel y cred rhai) yw'r Gymraeg.

Sylwais gyda phleser ar y bechgyn newydd a ddaeth y flwyddyn hon, bod llu mawr ohonynt yn siarad Cymraeg, ac yn mynychu cyfarfodydd y Gymdeithas.

Peth arall a ystyriaf yn bwysig ym mywyd yr ysgol yw'r berthynas gyfeillgar rhwng y meistri a'r bechgyn. Odid nad oes bwysicach peth na hyn i wneud bachgen yn gartrefol mewn ysgol? Felly, nid meistri ydyw'r athrawon iddo, ond dynion sy'n hŷn ac yn fwy profiadol nag ef i'w hyfforddi a'i gynghori. Nid rhagrith mo hyn o gwbl, ond ffaith berffaith ddiffuant, a pheth a ddylai weithredu ymhob ysgol. Gwaith yr athrawon yw cyfrannu addysg, a phwrpas addysg ydyw datblygu a meithrin chwaeth bersonol, nid yn gymaint i basio arholiadau, er hwyrach y ceir gor-bwysleisio arnynt yn y dyddiau hyn, ond i sylwi ar y pethau gorau a'u gwerthfawrogi. Fy nheyrnged bersonol i i athrawon yr ysgol hon ydyw iddynt datblygu ynof chwaeth at bethau gwerthfawr, iddynt dywys meddwl gwasgaredig fy llencyndod ar hyd y llwybrau mwyaf buddiol, ac yng ngeiriau Elis Wynn at y darlennydd yng ngweledigaethau y Bardd Cwsg, iddynt fy annog i ddarllen, ystyried, cofio, gwneud, a pharhau i wneud. Dyma yn fy meddwl i ydyw camp addysg.

Pwysig iawn hefyd yw cymdeithasau'r ysgol. Nid oes wahaniaeth p'un ai cymdeithasau diwylliannol ai cymdeithasau gwyddonol mohonynt; y ffaith yw dyma gyfle i'r bechgyn eu hunain wneud rhywbeth i ddatblygu eu doniau, a'u gallu creadigol. Cofiaf y tro cyntaf i mi godi i fyny mewn dadl gyhoeddus yn y Gymdeithas Gymraeg. Rhyw fachgen lled nerfus o'r trioedd, ac un eithaf crynedig a safai ar ei draed y tro hwnnw, a chyn gorffen dweud y gair olaf, yn eistedd i lawr yn blwmp ar ei sê. Ond er mor nerfus, ac er mor grynedig, dyna gychwyn, ac erbyn heddiw mawr yw fy nyled i'r Gymdeithas.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn, fe sylwais ar un peth yn arbennig, sef y berthynas gyfeillgar oedd rhwng y Gymdeithas Gymraeg a'r Gymdeithas Saesneg eleni. Yn un o gyfarfodydd cyntaf y Gymdeithas Saesneg, croesawyd fi gan y llywydd, a dywedodd nad dwy gymdeithas yn ymgystadlu a'i gilydd oedd y Cymdeithasau Cymraeg a Saesneg, ond dwy gymdeithas yn cyflawni dau waith arbennig yn yr ysgol, y naill trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg, a'r lall trwy gyfrwng y Saesneg.



Trist iawn oedd y newyddion am drychineb Llandow, a bu Cymru gyfan mewn galar. Bu Duw yn dda wrth Lanelli, ac achubwyd y ddau deithiwr sy'n frodorion o'r dref, a'r ddau yn gyn-aelodau o'r ysgol hon. Croesawn un ohonynt—Mr Gwyn Anthony i'n plith am y tymor hwn, i gymryd lle Mr. Sutherns.

Hoffwn longyfarch David Rees am arwain tim Rugby'r ysgol mor alluog eleni, a Cedric Hopkins ar iddo gael ei gap cenedlaethol. Hefyd Huw Davies ar ei ethol i arwain tim criced yr ysgol, ac ar ei ddewis i chwarae yn nhim criced ieuentid Cymru.

Diolchaf i bob un a wnaeth y flwyddyn yn un mor llwyddiannus i'r Gymdeithas Gymraeg, ac am wneud fy nhymor fel llywydd yn un mor hapus a phlesurus; diolchaf am gynorthwy'r ysgrifennyddion a'r is-lywydd, i'r pwyllgor am ei gweithgarwch di-ildio yn annog ac yn perswadio llawer i ddod i'r cyfarfodydd, i'r meistri Cymraeg am eu cynorthwy a'u hawgrymiadau defnyddiol, i'r meistri a'r bechgyn a gymerodd ran yn y cyfarfodydd, ac yn olaf, ond heb fod yn lleiaf o bell fordd, y bechgyn ffyddlon hynny a ddaeth drwy bob tywydd, ac a fendithiodd y Gymdeithas a'u presenoldeb. Deliwch ati, i gadw at bethau gorau bywyd, i fod o wasanaeth i Grist, i Gymru ac i gymdeithas yn gyffredinol.

Dymunaf i chwi bob llwyddiant yn yr arholiadau, ac i'r bechgyn hynny sy'n ymadael eleni, bydded arnoch fendith Duw, a'm dymuniadau gorau innau am eich dyfodol.

OMRI C. BOWEN.

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### Y LLYFRGELL YSGRYTHUR.

Dymunwn gydnabod yn ddiolchgar y bechgyn hynny a gofiodd trwy eu rhoddion am y llyfrgell ysgrythur. Diolchwn i eraill hefyd am roddion o lyfrau, yn arbennig yr hen athro, Mr Huw Roberts.

R. WYNNE.



### DE OMNIBUS REBUS.

Earlier in the term, Mr. Sutherns left us to take up a position in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. We wish him every success in his new career.

It has been our pleasure to welcome among us Mr. Gwynne Anthony, an old boy of the School who has returned temporarily to teach General Science, but who unfortunately leaves us again at the end of this term.

The School awaits the return also of Mr. H. Gwynne Jones who left last year, but who is returning again next term to teach Biology.

Mr William Rees, known to many boys in the School, is returning next term to take up the position of senior English master. Mr. Rees, who taught English in the School for many years, left temporarily four years ago to take up a position in the Emergency Training College at Llandrindod.

We heard with regret some months ago that Mr. Smith would be absent from us for some time owing to illness. We are pleased to see him back among us, having fully recovered.

On July 7th, it was arranged for a party of the School to visit Stratford-on-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. All places of interest were to be visited but unfortunately, owing to the length of the journey, the shortage of time would prevent the party from going to a performance of one of Shakespeare's plays in the Memorial Theatre.

It was also arranged for a party of boys to visit Caerleon on July 4th to examine the abundance of Roman remains for which the area is famous. These excursions are very valuable to the boys in clarifying certain aspects of their studies and in increasing their interest in what, unfortunately, are often regarded as dull and tiresome necessities. Perhaps the next thing we shall see will be visits to foreign countries for modern language students—just a hint.

On May 18th, the annual ceremony of the Welsh Peace Day was observed. An appropriate morning service was concluded by the reading of the Welsh Peace Message in the various languages which are current in the School—English, Welsh, French, German, Hebrew and Spanish. It was a very interesting ceremony and served to show that cosmopolitanism is a very live feature among the School's varied capabilities.

Again this year, through the kindness of the Old Boys' Union, the School Prize Day was arranged to be held on July 6th in the hall of the Girls' Grammar School. Our thanks go to Miss Thyer Jones for placing the hall at our disposal. The prize list will reveal, perhaps more than anything else, the many branches of the life of our school, academic, social and sporting.

We must congratulate two boys of the School who have gained important academic distinctions. Graham T. D. Jones, VI, scored a brilliant success in a highly competitive examination, when he won a Leverhulme Scholarship to the London School of Economics. This is the first Leverhulme Scholarship to come to the town. Kenneth John Bowen, also of Form VI, won the David Jenkins Music Scholarship at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. Thus they add two more to the long list of successes which boys of the School have gained over the years.



On the sporting side of the School, we must congratulate Hugh Davies, our cricket captain, who played recently for the Welsh Schools XI at Taunton. Also, in an area trial at Haverfordwest, four players from the School team were included. They were Hugh Davies, Alan Griffiths, Henry J. Rees and Ellis Lloyd. The same four have been chosen for the second trial and we hope that all of them may get into the Welsh Secondary Schools XI.

It was reported some time ago in a local newspaper that the Girls' School were to receive several new sporting facilities—a swimming pool, new tennis courts, hockey pitches, etc.....Foiled again boys! But perhaps the authorities thought it unnecessary to provide us with a swimming pool, as we have one outside every room when it rains, haven't we?

But if the girls are to receive all this, then at least we ought to have some new pin-tables or a clock-golf course on the central lawn.

Please note that the indignant editor emphatically refutes the current translation of "De Omnibus Rebus" as "Gossip Column."

Residents in the area of the School field are complaining of "frightening white-robed figures on the field at night, and a mysterious hammering noise like leather on wood." The only thing we can think of is that the masters are seeing to it in good time that the boys do not beat them in cricket this year.

Will all amateur scientists please note that the Sixth Form Chem. boys are offering a substantial reward to anyone who can invent a cheap substitute for Silver Nitrate. They will spare no expense to procure this substitute because as they say: "It ain't what it costs lads, but you can't get it."

We are printing in this issue the first part of an article on "Old Llanelly" written by our former Headmaster, Mr G. J. Thomas. We feel sure our readers will be interested in this story of the town's history. We hope to conclude this article in our next issue.

That's all for this year—Happy holiday.

W. NIGEL ROYSTER, VI.



### Mr. W. T. STOCKTON.

After more than 38 years of loyal and faithful service, we are losing this term the services of our Senior Master, Mr. W. T. Stockton. Mr. Stockton has served under all three of the School's Headmasters, been Modern Languages Master in the School for many years, and Senior Master for the past two years. He will be remembered by many Schoolboys (both past and present) for his quiet efficiency, his genial good humour, his conscientiousness, and for the ready assistance he was always willing to give to his pupils. He has always been willing to give advice and encouragement to his colleagues, and his sound sense, experience, and cheerful outlook on life has been of great help to many of us.

During his long stay, Mr. Stockton has rendered good service to various School activities. He was for many years in charge of the Literary and Debating Society and wrote and produced many sketches for the Christmas Finale. In later years he helped in the production of School plays.

We hope that many years of health and happiness are in store for himself and Mrs. Stockton.



### Mr. H. W. HAMPTON.

This term we have the sad duty of saying farewell to our Editor, Mr. H. W. Hampton, who is retiring from his post of Senior English Master after more than thirty-seven years of loyal service. While wishing him a happy retirement, we have pleasure in placing on record—although inadequately—our appreciation of his devoted work during this long period.

In his own subject and as Editor of this Magazine, Mr. Hampton has given of his best to the School, and his valuable guidance, his patience, and his good humour will not easily be forgotten.

Old Boys remember his brilliance on the cricket field in his younger days, and since his first cricket season at the School, he has been responsible for the organisation and training required for our main summer game.

We must also mention his painstaking work as Administrator of the School's General Fund, as well as his pleasing sense of humour which has been especially apparent at the presentation of Sports Prizes, at which he has assisted for so many years.

In conclusion, we wish Mr. and Mrs. Hampton very many years of good health to enjoy a well earned retirement.



## RECUELLEMENT.

Sois sage, ô ma Douleur, et tiens-toi plus tranquille,  
 Tu réclamais le Soir; il descend; le voici:  
 Une atmosphère obscure enveloppe la ville,  
 Aux uns portant la paix, aux autres le souci.

Pendant que des mortels le multitude vile,  
 Sous le fouet du Plaisir, ce bourreau sans merci,  
 Va cueillir des remords dans la fête servile,  
 Ma Douleur, donne-moi la main; viens par ici,

Loin d'eux. Vois se pencher les défuntes Années.  
 Sur les balcons du ciel, en robes surannées;  
 Surgir du fond des eaux le Regret souriant;

Le Soleil moribond s'endormir sous une arche,  
 Et, comme un long linceul traînant à l'Orient,  
 Entends, ma chère, entends la douce Nuit qui marche.

CHARLES BAUDELAIRE.

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## CONTEMPLATION (Translation).

Be wise, O Grief, in tranquil calm repose,  
 Thy longed for night is nigh, renews its sway:  
 Around the town the dusky twilight flows  
 With peace for some, for others care's dismay.

The servile crowd of vulgar mortals goes,  
 Whipped on by tyrant Pleasure, to be gay,  
 Remorse the final guerdon that it knows.  
 Meanwhile, O Grief, thy hand, and come away,

Far, far away, where yesteryears forlorn  
 Lean o'er heaven's balconies in robes outworn,  
 And smiling Longings rise from out the deep.

See where the dying sun sleeps 'neath an arch;  
 And, like a trailing shroud drawn o'er East's steep,  
 Hear, O my love, hear gentle night's soft march.

W. T. STOCKTON.

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O Clay! thou remnant of man's mortal form  
 When that the soul has flown to greater height,  
 O Earth! did thy heart beat, was't thy blood warm  
 And art thou sunk to this, a piteous sight?  
 Where are thy conquests, glories, all thy lust?  
 Where now, O Emperor, all thy proud array?  
 Now thy once stately frame is as the dust,  
 And lost in History's march, thy empire's sway.  
 And still men claw, like furious beasts to climb  
 Upward, amid the heights, unto the stars.  
 They fall, to hurtle down amid the slime.  
 Victims of Mammon, and the warlike Mars.  
 Ever they rush to scale Ambition's peaks  
 Seldom man finds the precious prize he seeks.

E. NOEL EDWARDS, VIB Arts.



### SCIENCE CLUB.

Mr. Stockton lectured at the first meeting of last term. He spoke about the stars in their courses, showed how to spot the famous star-groups and told how the stars received their names. On the next clear night interested members came up to School to see the stars through the telescope and to spot the star-groups together.

The second meeting was in the form of two lectures given by Junior boys. Colin Jones (1A1) spoke about the mysteries of the sea, and Raymond Jones (2A1) spoke on how the B.B.C. worked. He showed diagrams by means of the epidiascope of the inside of the broadcasting studios and dealt with the difficulties of broadcasting. This meeting ended up with a mock broadcast from the lecture room into the laboratory.

The third and last meeting was in the form of two lectures given by the Chairman, Russell Williams, and Arthur Young. Russell spoke on the digestive system of man and the different changes that food undergoes when travelling through the alimentary canal. Arthur Young spoke on "Sight." He dealt with the eye and the defects of the eye. He ended by dissecting an eye to illustrate his points.

The Science Society brought out a magazine which proved a great success. The Society has also made up a collection of unusual things which are displayed in the corridor leading to the Lab.

We wish to thank Mr. Humphries and Mr. Thorne for their kind assistance to the Society.

LYONEL THOMAS.

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### MUSIC NOTES.

For many years the Summer Edition of the Magazine has had to report a School concert, but this year it has been impossible to hold one. Owing to illness, Mr. Phillips has had to relinquish all physically exacting activities, among them the conducting of the School Choir and Orchestra. After many years of triumph, this is a sad blow to Mr. Phillips, to the School and to the general public. For the present let me thank, on behalf of the School, those musicians who have for several years given splendid service to the Orchestra. Kenneth Bowen (Form VI), the leader; Michael Evans (Form VI), the leading 'cellist; and viola players Omri Bowen and Graham Morris (both Form VI).

The local Music Club has enjoyed another good season, the outstanding event being the concert given by the Amadeus String Quartet at the Brodie Hall in January. The programme consisted of three works, a String Quartet by Haydn, Schubert's famous "Death and the Maiden" Quartet, and Verdi's only essay in this form. The players were Norbert Brainin and Siegmund Nissel (violins), Peter Schidlof (viola) and Martin Lovett (cello). We were treated to some wonderful playing, but unfortunately, the audience was small.

One other important event in School musical life must be recorded. This was the arrival in February of the new piano (an Ibach).

KENNETH J. BOWEN VI.



### THE RADIO SOCIETY.

Presidents .... THE HEADMASTER, Mr. H. ROLFE, B.Sc.  
 instructor .... Mr. T. de C. EVANS, A.I.P.R.E.  
 Secretary .... J. LYNN DAVIES, VA.

Although the amount of practical work carried out this term has been rather small, the Society has kept up its progress, and the knowledge and experience gained by the members has been invaluable. Most of the time has been taken up by lectures on the theoretical side, chiefly for the benefit of the students who are taking the Higher Certificate course.

However, many members have been concentrating on practical work at home, and one has already made plans and commenced construction of a Magnetic Recorder. It is hoped that several others will follow his example during the vacation.

It is a great pleasure once again, to express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Evans for his valuable assistance as lecturer and instructor. We hope that his services will be available again next term.

We also extend to the Headmaster and Staff our thanks for their helpful advice and co-operation at all times, especially to Mr. Rolfe for allowing us the use of the Physics Laboratory.

We trust that next term the Society will progress from strength to strength, and that the same enthusiasm will be shown by its members in the future as in the past.

J. LYNN DAVIES, Secretary.

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### THE CHESS SOCIETY.

The Chess Society this year has continued to enjoy increasing popularity and support. Activity has been intense inside School, but the interest in postal chess has not been as great as might have been expected. Even so, School has had two matches this year—one against Hatfield College, Durham University, which was a win for Hatfield by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  points to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points. We are grateful to Alan Davies, last year's secretary of chess, who is now at Durham, for this match. The other match is with Plympton Grammar School and is not yet finished.

An "over the board" match was arranged with Swansea Grammar School for last term, but unfortunately it has had to be put off and it is hoped that it will be played next term.

Next year we hope that a Chess team will be entered to represent School in the Junior Postal Chess League. Last year School was represented by a team of eight boys who did quite well. The most notable performance was that of Alan Besley (Form III) who won all four of his matches.

Inter-form chess reached a peak this year when three and even four matches were played each week. Keen rivalry existed and the juniors acclaimed their champions with delight when it was announced that Form III was the champion form in chess.

We must congratulate Alan Besley on winning a chess tournament held in the local Y.M.C.A.

A "Masters v. Boys" match held last term resulted in a draw.

Graham Jones, our Chairman, has won the open chess championship in School for the second time.

KENNETH J. JENKINS.  
(Secretary).



### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

President	....	....	....	KENNETH J. BOWEN
Vice-President	....	....	....	NIGEL ROYSTER
Joint Secretaries	....	ALUN BURROWS & WYNFORD EVANS		
Committee: Graham Morris, Wynne Jones, Tony Ferris, Spencer Thomas.				

Since we last wrote for this magazine, five meetings have been held. The last meeting of the Christmas term took the form of a debate between Graham Morris and Kenneth Jenkins, on the motion that "This house thinks class distinctions inevitable in society."

Graham Morris opened by stating that class distinctions had always existed. At first, those with the greatest mental capabilities were the upper class. In Africa to-day, the quantity of goods possessed determined the class. Most clerks consider themselves a step above miners. The gap is unclosable. In Russia, the barriers have been reduced but not removed.

The opposer opened as Dr. Joad—"It all depends on what you mean by class." Classes may be determined by wealth, mental capacity or birth. Money is the main root of all this evil. A true Communist state would have no class distinction, or if all accepted Christianity, there would be no class distinction.

The vote resulted in a narrow win for the affirmative.

The first meeting of the Easter term consisted of another debate, the subject being that "Sciences have contributed more than the Arts to the advance of civilisation."

The proposer, Kerry Thomas, opened by saying that to understand the debate in question, it was necessary to define the words "Science" and "Civilisation."

Science had raised the standard of living to great heights and no introduction was needed to show the results of modern houses, transport, and a host of other things. Medicine, too, was very important in man's environment, and in all walks of life the modern world could not carry on without the governing factor—Science.

The opposer, Nigel Royster, stated that it was physically impossible to define the word "Arts," and furthermore to contrast the merits of both Arts and Sciences was extremely difficult. Either from a material point of view or from a mental outlook, the mind governs both, and as we continued through life, we missed more and more the essential features of kindness, tolerance and that spark of humour. The world was more governed by machinery and speed, and unless something was done to curb its powers, we as a people were on the verge of disaster.

The result was a narrow win for the negative.



On the 3rd of February, the Society was privileged to hear a lecture on Egypt, delivered by Mr. Alun Thomas. He described a year spent on the banks of the Suez Canal, and then contrasted the European and native quarters of Cairo. He set forth in detail a bazaar, a mosque, a large perfume store, and then described the Pyramids and the Sphinx. The talk was illustrated by over forty photographs, including a map of Egypt, Arab dress, the Pyramids, the temples of Luxor and Karnak, the Sphinx many ancient statues, a snake charmer, the Nile, the Valley of Kings, the tombs of Seti and Tutankhamen, a temple built inside a hill, the huge Aswan Dam, the ancient method of irrigation, some granite quarries and many other things. He then elaborated on the same themes.

The first quiz of the Easter term was between an Old Boys' team and a team made up of present members of the School.

Past: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Edwards (Sec. O.B.U.), Mr. Williams Mr Jenkins.

Present. Bernard Williams, David Hughes, Russell Thomas, Wynne Jones.

The Headmaster kindly consented to act as question master.

The quiz consisted of twelve rounds of four questions on subjects varying from Caesar to the School.

The result was a narrow win for the Old Boys by fifty-four points to fifty-three.

The last meeting of the present session took the form of another quiz, this time between the Arts and the Sciences. The entire Senior School was present, as the meeting took place during the afternoon. The teams consisted of:—

For the Arts: Omri Bowen, Heward Rees, Noel Edwards, Peter Evans.

For the Sciences: Brian Morgan, Kerry Thomas, David Hughes, Tony David.

After a very close fight, the Arts won by half a point.

In conclusion, we should like to thank all those who have helped to make the Society a success by their attendance at the meetings, and in particular Mr. Thomas and Mr. Rees for the very great assistance they have given in helping to run the Society.

T. ALUN BURROWS. }  
J. WYNFORD EVANS. } Joint Secretaries.



### LLANELLY 100 YEARS AGO.

Old Llanelly has been described as an ancient borough by prescription, i.e. without a charter. It was part of the Lordship of Kidwelly and in the Steward's Court of the Lordship. With the Steward's consent, it had been customary for centuries to nominate new Burgesses (freemen), and annually the Portreeve and manorial officers. Portreeve and Burgesses had the privilege of sharing and administering the open lands of the Borough. Non-burgesses seem to have had no privileges.

In 1807 an Enclosure Act introduced important changes in organisation, and by 1810 the open lands were enclosed, drained, embanked and leased or let to tenants. The accruing revenue was to be administered by the Portreeve and 13 Trustees, who represented the existing 156 Burgesses, and were named in the Act. The first charge on the revenue was the improvement of town, port and lands, but any surplus that remained was to be distributed equally every year between the Burgesses (Trustees included). This provision was probably meant to compensate the Burgesses for what they may have lost by the new arrangement and, from the story of the Burgess-Trustees, it is clear that desire for a divisible surplus was generally stronger among them than desire for expenditure on improvement. Henceforward the admission of new Burgesses became infrequent, perhaps on the principle that the fewer the number, the greater the individual share in the distribution.

In 1833 an official inquiry into the local government of Llanelly (one of many then made throughout England and Wales with a view to municipal reform) showed that the number of Burgesses had fallen to 34, that the Trustees Accounts were irregularly kept, and that more money was shared among the Trustees and Burgesses than was spent on improvements. The inquiry, however, had no result, Llanelly was not included among the Boroughs to be reformed, and the Burgesses and Trustees were allowed to retain the privilege of sharing the surplus among themselves. In 1849 their number had fallen to 12 (excluding the Trustees) and the revenue had increased to over £500 a year.

#### Town and Port in 1849.

The town of Llanelly had then a population of over 8,000. It was a busy place, with a vigorous social, industrial and religious life. There were many collieries in and around the town, thriving industries, docks and ship-yards. During the preceding 20 years the population had doubled, and in that period a few improvements had been made despite the self-regarding attitude of the Burgess-Trustees and the absence of an elected authority to manage local affairs. A Town Hall had been built, some streets had been lit by gas (a Gas Company had been formed in 1835) and the Hall Street Market (one of two in the town) had been secured for the people free of toll. A Chamber of Commerce and a Mechanics Institution had also been established by the public spirit of enlightened townsmen. But many amenities were lacking. Sanitation, water-supply, roads and street paving were unsatisfactory, and it was obvious that the Burgess-Trustees, with privileges derived from an inequitable Enclosure Act, were ill-fitted to deal with the needs of a rising industrial community. Their selfishly restricted and unimaginative policy became increasingly the subject of criticism. The lead was taken by the Chamber of Commerce in which substantial but unprivileged business men protested against the "application of town revenue to personal use," and advocated progressive measures such as the provision of a better water supply, a new coast road to Kidwelly, a better postal service, a steam-packet service to Bristol, and the diversions of streams into the harbour when the time came to build the South Wales Railway through and beyond Llanelly.



The Harbour had for years been a matter of interest to the industrial leaders of Llanelly. Since 1816 it had been controlled by Commissioners who built the Western Ballast Bank and Breakwater as protection for the port, and diverted the course of the Lledi. In November, 1849, to help navigation, they invited tenders for the construction of a wooden lighthouse at the harbour entrance. In 1849 trade was considerable, mainly in the export of coal. During the year 2,844 ships entered the port and neighbouring creeks (more than 50 a week). They were sailing ships, mostly small, averaging some 60 tons burthen, and the steam-tug Sampson (Capt. Roberts) towed them to and from the open sea. But occasionally ships of comparatively large tonnage came, for we read in the Swansea "Cambrian" that in September, 1839, the "Queen" (Capt. Forrest) left the New Dock for Bombay with 734 tons of coal. In those days there was much life around the docks, and when the tide was up, the coming and going of ships made the Bury Estuary a livelier stretch of water than it is now.

### Reform.

As events turned out, the year 1849 was the last in which irresponsible power over town revenue was exercised, for an outbreak of Cholera in September led to a government inquiry into the sanitary condition of Llanelly. This resulted in (1) the politic surrender of power and privilege by the Portreeve\* and the remaining Burgess-Trustees, an action which forestalled the Inspector's intention to inquire into the application of town revenue, and (2) a recommendation that the town be placed under a local Board of Health, when, as the Inspector said: "Llanelly would for the first time in its history, have a representative government." The Board was elected in October, 1850. Its first Chairman was Mr. William Chambers, of Llanelly House, himself a Burgess-Trustee, and already Chairman of the Board of Guardians which administered the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 for the Llanelly Union of 7 Parishes. The Local Board of Health existed until 1894 when it was replaced by the Urban District Council. This functioned till 1912 when Llanelly became an Incorporated Borough.

\* The Portreeve was Mr. Alexander Raby, the second of the name, who died in 1856, aged 78.

The Inspector was Mr. G. T. Clark, afterwards well-known as the Manager of the Dowlais Iron Works, and the author of "Mediæval Military Architecture" and other works. He died in 1898, aged 89.

### Communications.

Industrial expansion had led to the early building of tramways and railways in the district, mainly for mineral traffic. But in 1839 the Llanelly Railway, with power to carry passengers, was opened to Pontardulais, and in 1841 to Cross Inn (Ammanford). Later it was extended to Llandilo. Between Llanelly and its neighbouring towns of Swansea and Carmarthen, however, communication was still by turn-pike-gated roads, for the South Wales Railway from Chepstow westwards, though in course of construction, had not yet reached Swansea. The road services which then served the district seem to have been:—

1. A passenger coach left the Mackworth Arms, Swansea, every morning at 8, ran over Loughor Road Bridge (completed in 1834), through Llanelly, Trimsaran and Kidwelly to Carmarthen, returning to Swansea the same day.



2. The great mail and passenger coach from Gloucester (then the terminus of the line from London) ran through Pontardulais, avoiding Llanely and Kidwelly because the postal authorities objected to the steepness of the road over Pembrey Mountain, and the narrowness of Spudder's Bridge. This caused delay in the delivery of Llanely letters which were brought from Swansea by

3. A mail coach leaving at 1.30 in the afternoon, but not returning to Swansea till the following morning.

Dissatisfaction and protest ultimately led to a change in the route of the Gloucester Mail. On and after October 29, 1849, it ran to Carmarthen through Llanely and Kidwelly over the route hitherto barred, returning from Carmarthen the following morning at 7. This was a great convenience to the business people of Llanely who got their letters sooner, and were now able to leave Llanely in the morning, reach Gloucester by 11 at night, and have time for refreshment before taking the train to London at midnight.

4. In the summer of 1849 a new and better service was established between Llanely and Swansea. The coach "Royal Queen" was advertised to leave the Falcon Inn, Llanely, at 7.30 every morning except Sunday, arriving at Cameron Arms, Swansea at 9.30, returning at 5 in the afternoon and reaching Llanely about 7. The fare each way was 2/- and the proprietor assured the comfort and safety of passengers, and the quick delivery of all parcels. This improved service was doubtless made necessary by the increase of business relations between the two towns.

G. J. THOMAS.



## Y GYMDEITHAS CYMRAEG.

Parhaodd y Gymdeithas o nerth i nerth yn ystod y tymor hwn eto, a phleser mawr oedd gweld cynifer wedi ymgynnull at bob cyfarfod.

Y cyfarfod cyntaf i dynnu sylw ato yw'r cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd Rhagfyr 9, pan ddarlennodd Mr J. R. Williams, B.A., ddrama, "Yr Ymadawedig." Fel yn y blynyddoedd o'r blaen, gwnaeth Mr Williams ei waith yn rhagorol, a mwynhawyd ei bortreadau o'r gwahanol gymeriadau gan bawb a oedd yn bresennol.

Ar Rhagfyr 20 ac 22, actiwyd y Ddrama Geni flynyddol gan rhai o fechgyn a merched y ddwy ysgol. Dyma'r rhai a gymerodd rhan: Harding Rees, Alun Thomas, Wyn Jones, Peter Evans, Cecil Evans; Dewi Griffiths; Nest Rees; Gwenda Garland, June Anthony, Anne H. Jones, Iris Williams, Iwan Davies; Gethin Williams, Alun Williams, Peter Williams, Eirof Thomas, a Hywel Jones.

Yr oedd y cor a'r gerddorfa o dan arweiniad Mr Phillips a Mr Haydn Jones. Yr oedd y "make up" yn nwylo Mr Jacobs, Mr Bowen a Miss Daniels, o ysgol y merched, ac yr oedd liwyfannu'r ddrama yn nwylo Mr Emllyn Davies. Cymerwyd rhan hefyd gan Miss Mati Rees, Mr Wynne a Mr J. R. Williams, ac yntau'n gynhyrchydd y cwbl.

Yn y ddadl gymysg a gynhaliwyd Ionawr 13, ar y cynigiad mai "Angen Cymru yw Hunan Lywodraeth," siaradodd Omri Bowen a Mia Jones dros y cynnig, a Meriel Lewis a Ken Bowen yn ei erbyn. Dadleuodd y pedwar yn dda dros ben, a'r nacaol aeth â hi y tro hwn.

Cafwyd siarad grymus o'r llawr, a diolchodd Mr Williams i bawb a helpodd i wneud y ddadl yn un llwyddianus dros ben.

Ar Chwefror 10, torrodd y Gymdeithas ar dir newydd, pan gafwyd Seiat Holi yn cynnwys rhai o Gymry'r staff, ac Omri Bowen yn gwestiynwr lwyddianus. Da oedd gweld cwestiynnau yn dod oddiwrth bob dosbarth yn yr ysgol. Dyma aelodau'r seiat: Mr. Humphries, Mr Emllyn Davies, Mr. M. Rees a Mr. Hugh Roberts. Diolchwyd i'r Seiat gan Wynford Francis, ac eiliwyd gan Howard Richards.

Ar Chwefror 24, daeth Mr Hugh Roberts i annerch y Gymdeithas. Ei destun y tro yma oedd "Capel Ulo." Edrychai Mr Roberts mor ieuanc a bywiog ag erioed, a siaradodd yn ei ddull atyniadol ef ei hun. Rhoddodd Mr Roberts hanes "Twm Capel Ulo" i ni yn rymus ac yn diddorol dros ben. Diolchwyd i Mr Roberts gan Eurof Thomas, ac eiliwyd gan Gethin Hughes.

Gorffennwyd y gyfres gyda'r dathlu ar Wyl Dewi. Unwaith eto bu Mr Huw Roberts yn annerch yr ysgol. Ei destun y tro hwn ydoedd "Syr Henry Jones yr athronydd."

Wel, dyma dymor arall drosodd yn hanes y Gymdeithas, a gallwn ddweud heb amau ei fod wedi bod yn un llwyddianus dros ben. Ymunodd llawer ag "Urdd Siarad Cymraeg," ac y mae safle'r Gymraeg yn gyffredinol yn iach iawn yn yr Ysgol ar y Bryn. Ac yn awr, y mae un peth ar ol—dymuno gwyliau llawen a hapus i bob un ohonoch.



## "CLYCHAU."

Eisteddai llanc wrth dân o goed  
 Gerllaw ei garafan.  
 Gan sibrwd wrth ei hun yn ddwys,  
 "A'r clychau yn y man."

Fe syllai'n daer i ffllamiau'r tân,  
 A gwelai eneth dlôs;  
 Fu unwaith yn ei garafan  
 Yn aros gyda'r nos.

Fe syllai'n daer i ffllamiau'r tân,  
 A gwelai'r aflor wen,  
 Lle'r unwyd ef, ers blwyddyn bron  
 A'i annwyl, annwyl Fen.

Eisteddai llanc wrth dân o goed  
 Gerllaw ei garafan.  
 Gan wrando'n ddwys, a'i ddwylo nghyd,  
 Ar gnul hen gloch y llan.

HYWEL JONES (VI).



## PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES—1948-1949.

- Form IIB2 William John ELLIOTT—Form Prize.  
 „ IIB1 Edward CALLOW—Form Prize.  
 „ IIA2 Anthony BEVAN—Form Prize.  
 „ IIA1 Roland MORRIS—Special Prize.  
 „ IIA1 John LEYSHON—Form Prize.  
 „ IIB2 Aldwyn BEASLEY—Form Prize.  
 „ IIB1 Peter NEWMAN—Form Prize.  
 „ IIIA2 Michael STALLARD—Form Prize.  
 „ IIIA1 Malcolm B. JAMES—Form Prize.  
 „ IIIA1 Ieuan W. JONES—Special Prize.  
 „ IIIA1 Graham BEDDOES—Chairman Stamp Society.  
 „ IVC. Arts Roy T. DAVIES—Form Prize.  
 „ IVC. Science David A. WILLIAMS—Form Prize.  
 „ IVB. Arts Wynne JONES—Form Prize.  
 „ IVB. Science Edmund AUBREY—Form Prize.  
 „ IVA. Arts Huw MORGAN—Form Prize.  
 „ IVA. Science Leonard JONES—Form Prize.  
 „ VC. John BROWN—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Keith DAVIES—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Denzil EVANS—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Gareth EVANS—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Wynford EVANS—(a) English Language Prize.  
 (b) Maths. Prize.  
 (c) Form Prize.  
 (d) Chairman Conjuring Society.  
 „ VC. Peter EVANS—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. David HUGHES—(a) School Certificate.  
 (b) English Lit. Prize.  
 (c) Physics Prize.  
 (d) Best Performance S.C.  
 „ VC. Alun JENKINS—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Graham JENKINS—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Brian MORGAN—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Howell REES—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Terence RICHARDS—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Kerry THOMAS—(a) School Certificate.  
 (b) Chemistry Prize.  
 „ VC. Ronald THOMAS—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Watcyn THOMAS—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. David THOMAS—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. Byron WILLIAMS—(a) School Certificate.  
 (b) Biology Prize.  
 „ VC. Hywel G. WILLIAMS—School Certificate.  
 „ VC. John W. T. WILLIAMS—School Certificate.  
 „ VB. Arts John B. DAVIES—School Certificate.  
 „ VB. Arts John C. DAVIES—School Certificate.  
 „ VB. Arts E. Noel EDWARDS—(a) School Certificate.  
 (b) Form Prize.  
 (c) History Prize.  
 (d) Latin Prize.  
 (e) French Prize.  
 „ VB. Arts J. Clive GRIFFITHS—School Certificate.  
 „ VB. Arts Huw HARRY—School Certificate.  
 „ VB. Arts Alun JAMES—School Certificate.  
 „ VB. Arts Milton JENKINS—School Certificate.  
 „ VB. Arts Mydrim JOHN—School Certificate.  
 „ VB. Arts Emlyn JONES—School Certificate.  
 „ VB. Arts Graham JONES—School Certificate.  
 „ VB. Arts D. Ieuan LEWIS—School Certificate.











"	VI Upper	Peter REYNOLDS—Higher Certificate Prize.
"	VI Upper	Alun P. RICHARDS—Higher Certificate Prize.
"	VI Upper	Harold John RICHARDS—Higher Certificate Prize.
"	VI Upper	Kenneth W. THOMAS—Higher Certificate Prize.
"	VI Upper	W. David TRÉHARNE—Higher Certificate Prize.
"	VI Upper	C. Michael WILLIAMS—Higher Certificate Prize.
"	VI Upper	J. Penri WILLIAMS—Higher Certificate Prize.
"	VI Upper	Robert ROGERS—Sir Arthur Stepney Prize for French.
"	VI Upper	Stephen MURPHY—Pres. of Lit. and Deb. Society.
"	VI Upper	Huw EVANS—(a) Llywydd y Gym. Gymraeg. (b) Head Prefect.

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**HARRIERS—1949-50.**

					DAVID THOMAS
Captain	SCHOOL	v.	NEATH	(at Llanelly),	FEBRUARY 18th.
(1)	David Thomas.			(9)	Neath.
(2)	Bernard Andrews.			(10)	Neath.
(3)	Neath.			(11)	Brinley Knott.
(4)	David Williams.			(12)	Neath.
(5)	David Thomas (Morfa).			(13)	Alan Newis.
(6)	Michael Baxter.			(14)	Neath.
(7)	Neath.			(15)	Neath.
(8)	Richard Hancock.			(16)	Neath.

**SCHOOL 50—NEATH 86.**

	NEATH	v.	SCHOOL	(at Neath),	MARCH 4th.
(1)	David Thomas.			(10)	Neath.
(2)	Bernard Andrews.			(11)	Brinley Knott.
(3)	Neath.			(12)	Neath.
(4)	Neath.			(13)	Neath.
(5)	David Williams.			(14)	Brian D. Jones.
(6)	Michael Baxter.			(15)	Brian Kybett.
(7)	Neath.			(16)	Neath.
(8)	Neath.			(17)	Neath.
(9)	Alan Newis.				

**SCHOOL 63—NEATH 73.**



## ATHLETICS.

Captain ..... GARVIN EVANS

CARMARTHENSHIRE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ANNUAL

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

May 20th.

At Carmarthen.

## Team Results:—

Champion School—Llanely Grammar.

Champion Senior—Llanely Grammar School.

Champion Lower Junior—Llanely Grammar School.

## Individual Results—Senior:—

220 yards—Garvin Evans, 2nd.

440 yards—Bernard Andrews, 4th.

880 yards—Bernard Andrews, 1st.

Mile—D. Thomas, 3rd.

Mile Walk—J. Jones, 4th.

High Jump—G. Evans, 2nd.

Long Jump—G. Evans, 1st.; H. Thomas, 4th.

H.S. Jump—H. Thomas, 2nd.

Javelin—J. Jones, 2nd.; P. Evans, 3rd.

Discus—P. Evans, 4th.; B. Thomas, 5th.

Shot—I. F. Thomas, 4th.

C. Ball—J. Jones, 1st.

Relay—School (G. Evans, F. A. Burrows, H. Thomas and P. Evans) 3rd.

## Middle (Capt. R. Walker):—

100 yards—B. Stephens, 5th.

880 yards Walk—H. Rodge, 1st; A. Williams, 6th.

Hurdles—E. Roberts, 4th.

High Jump—G. Thomas, 1st.

H.S. Jump—R. Walker, 2nd.

Discus—R. Walker, 4th.

Shot—B. Stephens, 5th.

C. Ball—D. B. Jones, 5th.

## Junior (Capt. M. Symons):—

660 yards Walk—A. Bevan, 3rd.

Hurdles—A. Templeton, 4th.

High Jump—M. Holland, 2nd.

Long Jump—M. Symonds, 6th.

H.S. Jump—A. Marsh, 4th.

Discus—K. Mills, 4th.

C. Ball—E. Williams, 1st.

Relay—School (M. Symons, K. Mills, J. Wheeler, and E. Williams), 1st.

## Lower Junior (Capt. V. Baker):—

75 yards—M. Davies, 3rd.

150 yards—B. Smedley, 5th.

440 yards Walk—P. John, 1st.

High Jump—R. Aston, 2nd.

Long Jump—V. Baker, 4th.

Javelin—G. Evans, 3rd.

Shot—V. Baker, 1st.

Relay—School (M. Davies, B. Smedley, L. Jones, A. Evans), 1st.



**CRICKET.**

Captain	.....	HUGH DAVIES
Vice-Captain	.....	ELLIS LLOYD
Secretary	.....	HYWEL JONES

This year's School team includes no fewer than six of last year's XI. School have again been fortunate in having the use of Stradey for their home games. By constant practice and the help of Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hampton, School have had a successful start to the season.

**SCHOOL v. GOWERTON.**

School commenced the season by entertaining Gowerton at Stradey. Winning the toss, School elected to bat. Against a steady and accurate attack, they mustered a total of 71 runs (A. Griffiths 16, J. Rees 14, E. Lloyd 12). When Gowerton batted, School kept up a hostile attack throughout, and had Gowerton out for 50 runs (H. Davies 4 wickets for 7 runs, A. Griffiths 4 wickets for 19 runs).

Result: School won by 21 runs.

**SCHOOL v. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.**

Sending an "A" XI to play at Llandilo, School proved too strong for their opponents, dismissing them for 11 runs (E. Lloyd 6 wickets for 2 runs, G. Jones 2 wickets for 3 runs). School, in reply, scored 22 for 5 wickets.

Result: School won by 5 wickets.

**SCHOOL v. DYNEVOR.**

For this match School travelled to Townhill, Swansea. Dynevor batted first and on an easy paced wicket, they scored 65 for 7 wickets declared (A. Griffiths, 4 wickets for 18 runs). Left with limited time to get the runs, School scored 55 for 4 wickets (A. Sniaker, 23; J. Rees, 13).

Result: Draw.

**SCHOOL v. GWENDRAETH.**

For their second game at Stradey, School were visited by Gwendraeth. Batting first, School put together a total of 114 for 8 (dec.). Chief contributors to this total were H. Davies (31 not out), A. Griffiths (18) H. Thomas (18), W. Francis (14 not out). Against steady bowling, Gwendraeth scored 65 runs (E. Lloyd 3 wickets for 5 runs, I. Longhurst 2 wickets for 8 runs).

Result: School won by 51 runs.

**SCHOOL v. GOWERTON.**

Playing this return game at Gowerton, School were not at full strength and as a result, they lost for the first time in two years. Gowerton batted first and aided by some lapses in the field managed to score 79 runs (E. Lloyd 3 wickets for 17 runs, H. Davies 2 wickets for 6 runs). Against good bowling, School were put out for 57 runs (H. Davies, 20; I. Longhurst, 10).

Result: School lost by 22 runs.

HUGH DAVIES, VI.



**JUNIOR CRICKET.**

Captain ..... DONALD HENRY  
 Vice-Captain ..... AUBREY GALE

**JUNIORS v. TECHNICAL SCHOOL.**

Batting first, Technical were all out for 74. In reply, School scored 78 for 6, of which Les Roberts made 30 (not out) and Roy Rees 12. Our best bowlers were Les Roberts (3 for 2), D. Henry (2 for 9) and Ellis Williams (2 for 14).

Result: School won by 4 wickets.

**JUNIORS v. STEBONHEATH.**

Batting first, School scored freely and closed their innings at 125 for 4. The chief scorers were Les Roberts (38) and Graham Evans (39). Stebonheath were dismissed for 98.

Result: School won by 27 runs.

**JUNIORS v. LAKEFIELD.**

School made 80 for 3 wickets. R. Rees (32) and D. Thomas (30 not out) being the highest scorers. Good bowling, backed up by keen fielding resulted in Lakefield being dismissed for 13. Graham Evans took 6 wickets for 7 runs and Ellis Williams 4 for 3.

Result: School won by 67 runs.

**JUNIORS v. LLANDOVERY S.M.**

For the first time this season the Juniors played on a grass wicket and did very well. Batting first, Llandovery were all out for 23, Graham Evans taking 7 for 10 and Ellis Williams 2 for 7. School then scored 55 for 7, of which Les Roberts made 10.

Result: School won by 3 wickets and 32 runs.

**JUNIORS v. STRADEY.**

This match ended in a big win for School Juniors. Scores: Juniors 141 for 4 (declared), G. Evans 53; Stradey 72 (G. Evans 7 for 37).

Result: School won by 69 runs.

DONALD HENRY (Captain).



### OLD BOYS UNION.

The Annual Dance, held on December 27th, 1949, at the Ritz Ballroom, was once again voted a complete success, indeed, in the opinion of many, it is the premier dance of the season. The Committee wish to make it known now, that next year the numbers will again be strictly limited with first preference to members of the Union. The Dance will be held at the Ritz Ballroom on Friday, December 29th, 1950.

Our Annual Dinner was attended by 76 people and a grand reception was accorded to our Patron when he received the portrait of himself presented by Mr Shaw on behalf of the O.B.U. Our principal guest was Ald. Dr. H. D. Llewellyn, J.P., and we Old Boys offer our congratulations at the end of his successful term of office as Mayor and extend to him our best wishes for the future. We would gratefully record our thanks to the artistes, Messrs Tudor Smith, Robert Thomas and Haydn Henshaw, also to the excellent service given us at the Central Cafe by Messrs. Allegri. The date of the 1950 dinner has not yet been fixed but it is hoped that it can again be arranged at the same place.

In February a team of Old Boys, viz. Messrs. W. J. Williams, C. Thomas, D. Jenkins and F. T. Edwards, met the School in a quiz. After a very pleasant evening the Old Boys won by one point.

On May 13th the third Annual Outing was held, the venue being Llanwrtyd Wells. Perfect summer weather prevailing, all enjoyed themselves. It is hoped that in the future more Old Boys will attend this very pleasant function.

The Annual Past v. Present Rugger match was held in April and was won by the Present.

Since our last issue we record with pleasure the following successes:—

Henry M. Rees, M.B., B.Ch. (Wales).

George Lloyd, Ll.B., Called to the Bar.

Hugh Johns, M.A. (Wales).

Bernard Evans, M.A., has been made Deputy Controller of the S.W. Region under the Ministry of Labour.

Glanville Williams, M.Sc., has been appointed Deputy Mayor.

Hywel Emanuel, M.A. (Wales).

Hugh Prosser Jones, B.Sc. (Wales).

Dennis Jones, B.A. (Wales).

H. Wynne Jones, B.A. (Wales).

To all these we extend our sincere congratulations.

At the end of this term School will say farewell to Mr. Stockton and Mr. Hampton. Mr. Stockton has 38 years behind him as French Master and he will be missed also for his keen interest in School Dramatics and Debating. Mr. Hampton, who has been at the School for 36 years, will also be missed, for he was deeply interested in the School's sporting life. We feel sure that Old Boys of many years will join with us in wishing them many years of happy retirement.

Once again it has been the privilege and pleasure of the Union to donate the sum of £20 towards prizes for the School.

Membership cards have been issued to members this year and we appeal to them to make a note of their renewal date and send their subscription and card for stamping to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ronald Thomas, B.A., at the due date. It is pleasing to note that the membership is increasing steadily, numbering over 100 at present. Let each member try to rope in some of his school friends so that we can really call ourselves a strong Union.

The Annual Meeting will be held in September and details will appear in the local Press

F. T. EDWARDS, Hon. Secretary.