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### EDITOR'S NOTES.

We regret that we are unable to find room for the inclusion of all contributions received. It is sometimes difficult to decide what to include and what to reject; but we always try to choose what is of greatest interest to our readers, and when there is matter of any outstanding merit we always endeavour to find it a place in the pages of the Magazine. We hope that none of our contributors will feel discouraged if they find their work excluded; and we trust they will continue their efforts so that the quality of the contributions will be such that it will be impossible to omit them from these pages.

We offer our congratulations to Ron. Harris and Arthur Rees upon their success at the March Examination, Oxford Local Senior; and to T. Alwyn Evans, James L. Jones, Alan Morris and T. H. L. Sampson upon completing Part II of the Preliminary Certificate (Teachers') Examination.

This is a good beginning to the year's results—let us hope the Matriculation and Oxford Local results will be good also.

C. Hanson, R. Norby, and H. G. Pickard—three of our old boys now studying at Selwyn College, Cambridge—are about to furnish their 'dens' with something unique in the history of Cambridge University. Messrs. Crisp & Co. are preparing a coat-of-arms of our school, and shields bearing the school arms and colours will for the first time find a place upon the walls in students' quarters at Cambridge. We have no doubt our old boys will be proud of this new decoration. We understand that we are shortly to have such a shield hung on one of the walls of our school. Messrs. Crisp & Co. have furnished us with quotations of sizes and prices, and these we shall be glad to supply to anyone interested in the matter.

Mr. Pickard was good enough to forward a contribution in verse form for inclusion in this number of the magazine, but owing to its length we are very sorry it cannot be included. We take this opportunity of thanking him, however, for his favour.

Another of our old boys—D. Arnold Evans—has just won an exhibition in modern history at Downing College, Cambridge. We offer him our very best wishes for the future.

We deeply regret to have to record here the death of Mr. Trevor Evans (of Mirador Crescent). He was at one time one of our most genial and worthy scholars, and only three years ago he left us to enter a London Bank. To the bereaved relatives we offer our sincere sympathy.

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### FORM NOTES.

#### FORM IB.

The cricket season has begun, and the boys have entered into it with great enthusiasm. C. Wilson has been elected Captain of the team by the form, and we are looking forward to some fine matches. We are getting on well with our swimming lessons, and soon we hope to be proficient in the art. We were very fortunate in having such fine weather for our Whitsun holidays, which enabled us to get out nearly every day. This term again Wm. Ross has been successful in winning a prize, given by Lord John Sanger, in an essay competition. Seemingly Ross is adapted for essay writing as he has won two prizes already, since he has been in the school. He will soon require a bookcase to keep his prizes in, at the rate he is going on now. C.J.

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#### “TU ES.”

Notice our name, or number, or anything you can call it—is it not brilliant? We are like the boy, who, when asked by his teacher to give a sentence with the word “seldom” in it, said “Farver buyed ten sheep last week, and then he seld'em.”

One of the boys in our form is named Alec—spell it backwards and you have cela, one of those tantalising pronouns which we always hold in dread, when French translation comes along.

There was some excitement in the form when the Chemistry master allowed us to make soap in the "lab." Most of us thought that our hands never looked cleaner than when we washed them with it—it would have been toilet soap but it was minus the perfume, we were told.

Down at "Gym" we get the dust well beaten out of the seats of our trousers by the sergeant—but I think we deserve it!

In our French conversation lesson we get some good jokes. For example, Monsieur Augustin asked "Où sont les parents des enfants?" and received as answer "La veille femme! Again "Que faites vous dans la forêt?"—brought forth the response "Je cueille des choux!"

Congratulations to E. A. MARCHANT, who topped the form for the Easter term, jumping up from eighth place.

WM. ROSS IR, on his second success as an essayist, having carried off the Sanger prize for a description of "A visit to the Circus."

G. C. DAVIES and GEO. DAVIES, on being elected Captain and Vice-Captain respectively of our form's cricket team—may they lead us to as great successes as the football team won, if not greater.

Just a few riddles by some of our "Sphinxes."—

Why does a kitchen stair? Because the scullery sinks!

What made the dresser drawer? To see the cruet stand!

Why would a barber rather shave three Irishmen than one Englishman? Because he'd get more money!

O. R. Lovus.

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#### FORM IIB.

After the Easter holidays we found that William Harman had been deposed from the top seat, and that G. H. Evans filled the honoured place instead. But I warn G. H. Evans to take care of himself in the coming exams., because by the present tally: in the classroom, every boy is going to do his utmost to become top boy this term.

Our cricket captain is William Brown who is quite a "don hand" at batting and bowling.

We all hope that a "School Sports" will be held this year again, because we wish to make up for what we lost last year. In the last sports W. Harman was the only successful competitor from our class.

B.M.

The Easter Term Tests were the means of producing even more surprising results than the Christmas Term Tests. Many of the most learned scholars, either by sudden collapse, or by less zeal, dropped half-way down the list.

There was a short lull in the melody that proceeds from the gym, but now it booms forth with increased harmony and blend.

Cricket was disinterestedly ushered in by the members of 2b, there being about a dozen enthusiasts present in the first practice. We had just pitched the wickets when the fair sex appeared on the field armed with their hockey staves, and we, of course, retired to another section of the field, leaving our newly-rolled cricket pitch to be dug up. Perhaps out of consideration, and perhaps from a sporting spirit, the pitch was not quite knocked away. A.M.

Our school work this term is more interesting by far than on previous terms. It has increased greatly in one subject, a pleasant subject always, "English." Our English this term consists of reading, committing to memory, and paraphrasing poems from the "Britannia Book of Poetry." Some of the poems are humorous, others deal with historic events, and others have splendid morals. This book is used because, when we read one of its poems, which we like, we can obtain in the Free Library a whole book of poems by the same author, thus it kindles in us an interest for reading poetry.

The cricket season has just begun and I hope that we shall do better in cricket than we are said to do in other things. We hope the competitors from the Form in the various magazine competitions will be successful. G.E.

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#### FORM IIc.

Another school year is drawing to a close. We are all eagerly looking forward to the time when we shall be in the "Upper School," doing the work which our masters are now promising us.

The Sports Challenge Shield has been hung on the wall of our classroom, and those of us who were in the "Winning Form"—the First Remove—last year look upon it now almost with reverence.

The weather has not permitted us to go very often to games, and this I believe has caused much disappointment; but as the year progresses, we must hope for better weather.

The top boys for the Easter examinations were:—W. E. Stone and C. Hopkins. The top for Homework was:—W. E. Stone. N.K.

## FORM IIr.

The football season has closed and we emerged from it partially successful. We were beaten always by 2a, and these defeats proved to be the only ones of the season. We defeated 2c and 1r. Our captain, W. Rees, was the top scorer with a fair margin of goals to his credit. The cricket season has commenced and we hope to do great things. We are keen on defeating 2a and so revenge ourselves for the defeats at football. So look to your laurels 2a! D.D.

We have arrived from our Whitsun holidays all in the best of spirits and ready for hard work once more. We pride ourselves on being proficient in most subjects. For instance, we are champion linguists as the following will show. What is the Latin for "I do not know?" "Je ne sais pas," and in a Latin essay one of the boys discovered a truth previously unknown—the horse's tail is made of javelins. However, practice makes perfection, and we may become perfect in time. L.A.

## FORM IVm.

During the second term the majority of the Fourth Modern were working hard for the Chamber of Commerce Exam. Now that is over, we are anxiously awaiting the result. The examinations, however, are not over yet (for the Fourth Modern) because we are now preparing for a terminal examination which will take place next June.

As soon as the exams. are quite over, we hope to visit and see our school field.

Among our numbers there is a "bowler" of much repute, Malcolm MacIndeor, who tried for the Championship of Wales, but was beaten by a gentleman who was 73 years old, and has played in about 30 tournaments before.

There is also a budding poet in our ranks.

As this is the third term of the fourth year, it will be the last for many of us, and at the end we will be bidding good-bye to each other as we leave to go into the world to fight for ourselves. R.E.

## FORM IVcL.

We returned after a glorious Whitsun vacation to continue our studies for the "Oxford Senior." The "Summer Term" is the last lap in the race for honours, and, consequently, the pupils of our Form are busily engaged in putting the finishing touches to their "intellectual pictures." Whether these "pictures" have been properly finished remains to be seen.

We still continue to migrate to different class-rooms and have to console ourselves with the thought that others have, and others will have, to put up with it. Our Form Room is renowned for its defects; the air seems to have lost a great deal of its oxygen, with the result that the pupils of the form are often inattentive.

The Form possesses two black-boards, one is never used, except as a last resource, because of its inconvenient position, the other has a decided lean towards one side, because the easel is of ancient date.

We are strongly represented in the School Cricket Team, and our Basket Ball Team still remains unbeaten.

The Form would be grateful to the authorities if they saw that the staples on the lockers were made of something more substantial.

The recent examination brought to light a few strange ideas; one pupil, who evidently believed in the "Simplified Spelling System," spelt "anchor" as "anker," another pupil translated "accablante" as "stiffing," meaning I suppose "stifling." The French II in the Whitsun Exam. was responsible for some very amusing mistakes. A pupil who wished to state that "the weather was terrific" spelt "terrific" in such a way that the master-in-charge remarked that the spelling was indeed terrific.

The Form congratulate the two pupils who succeeded in passing the Oxford Senior in March 1913.

Howlers from 4c1:—

- (1) Heard in the Art Room. Pupil: "Please sir, must we draw the eclipse of the cylinder?"
- (2) Sick man of Europe: A consumptive person.
- (3) Jehu: A swanky way of saying Jew (evidently thinking of "Bhoy" for Boy).

H.J.E.

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### THE WRECKER.

A few miles to the east of Porthcawl the traveller sees a ruined castle crowning a lofty eminence. Girt with battlements and towers it still serves to remind us of the days when the Normans found it necessary to keep down our Welsh forefathers with strongholds such as this. During those strenuous days, when the Norman barons were gradually conquering South Wales, it played an important part, but an older building was

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already standing on the site when the first band of Norman adventurers under William de Londres rode up to the walls about 1087.

In the reign of Mary the Castle was inhabited by Walter Vaughn who, though descended from a Norman could also boast of ancient Welsh lineage. He was of an evil disposition having inherited more of the vices than the virtues of his ancestors. His son and heir Walter was, however, according to the tradition of the country-side a true and noble representative of the Vaughns, and did his best to persuade his father to mend his ways and retrieve the family honour. All his efforts proved of no avail, and so discouraged was he by his lack of success and the thought that he would succeed his father only to possess an estate burdened with heavy debts, that he determined to sail for the Spanish Main, where, as he had heard, English sea-dogs were challenging Spanish supremacy and, incidentally, taking short cuts to fortune.

Freed from the restraining influence of his son, the Squire gave way to wilder orgies and more reckless extravagance than before, and soon his evil ways brought him to such dire financial straits that it seemed probable that a lack of means was going to bring about the desired reforms the son had failed to induce.

Circumstances, however, seemed to have come to his aid at this juncture. The story goes that an East Indiaman bound for Amsterdam was driven up the Bristol Channel in a gale, to become a total wreck on the rocky reef of Sker a few miles away from the castle. So valuable was Vaughn's share of the wreck and its cargo that a new lease was given to his licentious ways; his old mode of life was renewed, and, until his means were again exhausted nothing could influence him. It was at this time that he thought of the terrible plan of bringing about other wrecks by luring ships on the reefs by means of false lights: it could be easily done, he considered, by suspending a lantern at his turret window. Bristol was at this period the largest port in the kingdom and the channel was a very busy water way, so there was no lack of ships upon which he could try his destructive ruse.

Needless to say his efforts were soon crowned with an awful success, so much so, that the superstitious people of the district, who had guessed the purpose of the light now frequently to be seen at the castle turret on stormy nights, whispered that he was in league with the powers of evil; they avoided him at the various ale-houses and kept away from the castle.

Vaughn, however, covered his guilt by an exhibition of charity, for, whenever a wreck took place the squire was among the first to hasten to the beach to render aid to those washed ashore ; more than this, he insisted that all his retainers should join him, however terrible the gale.

He was doomed soon to pay a heavy penalty for his crimes. One night a terrible storm arose, and, believing that the circumstances were favourable for procuring a wreck, he ordered his household staff to retire for the night and kept watch alone. Only a short time passed before he heard the sound of a gun at sea and recognising the signal of a ship in distress he ascended to the tower and hung out the treacherous lantern. Very soon he was able to realize that a vessel had gone ashore on the Sker Rock ; then, ringing the castle bell, he summoned his servants with as much concern as he could simulate, and ordered them to accompany him to the beach to assist any sailors who might reach the land alive.

Many were washed up bruised and battered by the billows and rocks ; as they were dragged out of the breakers by willing hands the squire hurried to and fro, displaying great energy in rendering aid.

A stalwart young man, evidently an officer, was among the last to be thrown ashore by the waves. He had been terribly battered among the rocks and was clearly near death. No sooner was he laid on the sand, than he was recognised as the squire's noble son. The news was whispered from one to the other, and the simple folk recognising the hand of providence, wondered how the father would take this blow. They feared to tell him and he was allowed to discover the fact of his son's presence for himself. He bore the shock bravely and was quickly doing his utmost with the assistance of his willing helpers to save the young man's life. All was in vain however for, on recovering consciousness again, young Walter lived only long enough to realize that he was in his father's hands.

The latter, miserable and suffering agony at the thought that he had brought about the death of his only son, sought relief in further dissipation, until, at length, having spent his all, he was banished from his estates by the new owners whose descendants still own them. Vaughn, a broken man, was glad to enjoy the hospitality of a kinsman at Tenby, where shortly after he died.

Such is the story of the wrecker Lord of Dunraven Castle whose crimes brought such a terrible punishment.

D.D.P.

## CRICKET NOTES.

A meeting in connection with the School Cricket Club took place on April 18th. The chief business was the election of officers. Two candidates were nominated for captaincy, D. T. Richards being elected by one vote (22—21), and the defeated candidate was unanimously elected vice-captain. R. P. Harris was then elected Secretary. A representative was then chosen from each senior form to be on the Committee, together with the captain, vice-captain A. Evans (5), and secretary. The following were elected:—IVM, M. MacIndeor; IIICL, S. John; IIIM, A. Morgan; IIR, I. Fischer. A practice match was arranged for April 26th, but had to be abandoned owing to unsuitable weather conditions.

## SCHOOL v. ATHENIANS.

This match was to have been played on May 3rd, but had to be abandoned until June 12th owing to rain.

## SCHOOL v. WEST END.

This game resulted in a bad defeat for the school. Many of the selected players failed to turn up and junior substitutes had to be called upon. H. I. Evans bowled well for the School.

WEST END.		SCHOOL.	
Sleeman, c and b Evans	... 3	R. P. Harris, c Davies b Rees	... 0
Peters (F.), b Richards	... 2	Sub, b Rees	... 0
Rees, c and b Evans	... 9	Evans (H.), c Davies b Rees	... 3
Peters (W.), b Richards	... 0	Richards, b Clement	... 1
Evans, b Evans	... 1	Evans (A.), b Clement	... 1
Jones, c and b Evans	... 21	Elias, b Rees	... 2
Peters (J.), b Evans	... 1	Trafford, c Peters b Rees	... 1
Clement, c and b Richards	... 45	Williams, c Jones b Rees	... 7
Fitzgerald, b Adams	... 3	Sub, run out	... 0
Howells, b Evans	... 3	Morgans, c Jones b Rees	... 3
Fox, not out	... 0	Adams, not out	... 3
Extras	... 4	Extras	... 2
Total	... 92	Total	... 23

## SCHOOL v. SKETTY C.L.B.

This match was played at the School Field on May 17th. The School improved greatly upon the previous match and won by a comfortable margin. H. I. Evans and D. T. Richards bowled well for the School and Idris Williams batted well.

## SKETTY C.L.B.

Rev N. H. Parcell b Richards	0	b Richards...	...	...	0
L. Browne, b Richards	...	5	c Evans b Richards	...	6
Matthews, b Evans	...	1	b Evans	...	19
Thomas, b Richards	...	0	c and b Richards	...	5
Edwards, b Evans	...	2	b Richards...	...	0
Davies, b Evans	...	2	c and b Richards	...	20
R. Whitehouse, b Evans	...	1	st Evans b Richards	...	1
S. Whitehouse, b Evans	...	0	b Richards...	...	1
Isaac, run out	...	10	b Richards...	...	10
Cole, c and b Richards	...	0	retired hurt...	...	0
Skryme, not out	...	1	b Evans	...	0
Extras	...	0		Extras	11
Total	...	20		Total	73

## SCHOOL.

H. Evans, b Rev. Parcell	...	2	b Davies	...	10
I. Williams, c and b Matthews	27	c and b Davies	...	...	0
Richards, b Davies	...	3	b Parcell	...	13
Sub, run out	...	0	b Davies	...	2
Trafford, b Davies	...	2	c Whitehouse b Davies	...	0
S. John, b Matthews	...	5	b Matthews	...	2
Elias, b Davies...	...	3	b Matthews	...	7
Witts, b Davies...	...	2	b Davies	...	4
R. Rees, retired hurt	...	0	b Davies	...	2
Murray, b Davies	...	6	c and b Parcell	...	2
C. Davies, not out	...	2	not out	...	4
Extras	...	10		Extras	0
Total	...	62		Total	46

## SCHOOL v. YSTRADGYNLAIS COUNTY SCHOOL.

An excellent game was played on the School Field on Saturday, May 23rd, between the two teams. Our opponents were much bigger than we, but we managed to win by the small margin of four runs.

## YSTRADGYNLAIS.

S. Morgan, c Donald b Richards	19	H. Evans, b Williams	...	3	
N. Watkins, b Evans	...	8	Trafford, c and b Jones	...	8
R. Jones, c Williams b Evans	0	Richards, b Jones...	...	0	
P. Williams, c Evans b Richards	1	Harris, b Jones	...	0	
G. Phillips, b Evans	...	2	Evans, b Williams	...	0
E. Jones, c Donald b Richards	4	Morgans, b Morgans	...	11	
O. Jones, run out	...	4	Donald, b Jones	...	0
E. Morgan, c Evans b Richards	0	Williams, not out...	...	20	
D. Powell, b Richards	...	0	S. John, b Watkins	...	1
N. Beresford, not out	...	2	Sub, b Jones	...	2
D. Williams, b Evans	...	1	Witts, b Jones	...	0
Extras	...	4		Extras	4
Total	...	45		Total	49

Up to date the fielding and batting have been weak, chiefly owing to lack of practice. Games have also been spoilt

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R. P. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

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## THE FUTURE.

### A LAST WORD TO VC AND IV MODERN.

The writer makes no apology for the subject of this brief chat. Indeed, the title may be ill-chosen, for no sermon is intended, but rather a message of encouragement to those who will enter upon a commercial career shortly after this reaches their notice.

Upon the foundation of school work you are now to build your future. See to it that you build wisely, that in the stress of active competition you will have no cause for worry or complaint.

What shall we say to the boys and girls who with varied results have battled with lessons, textbooks and tests? To the students whose labour has brought them into prominent positions, and examination successes, the note of hearty congratulation must be rapidly followed by an emphatic warning. In the flush of success do not think the fight is finished, and with over-confidence lay aside care and effort. Success is good, but only when it stimulates to further activity and greater usefulness. Seek to use your knowledge and labour to extend your sphere.

To others, the greeting is not less hearty, and the future has as great a call. All work to which you have given your best energy has been a necessary and valuable discipline, and many deserve commendation for persistent endeavour. Make it your resolve to carry the same spirit into your future position, and you will have no reason to regret your determination.

In whatever capacity you serve, bring your best into your work, throwing all your weight in the direction of efficient service, allowing no opportunity to slip by, and so you will commend yourselves to your employers; prepare for advancement, and be interested and happy in your employment.

Remember that the high places twenty years hence must necessarily fall to the youth of today, and aim high!

A.J.

## A FRAGMENT.

In the year 20 — some Cambridge Professors of Archæology, while searching among the ruins of the M.S.S. came across the following manuscript, written by an anonymous writer, and dated "1912 A.D." :—

"And leaving the land of my birth, I journeyed by way of Korridor unto Forthform where great multitudes of the people thereof gathered round; and lifting up my voice I praised the land of Faibee, saying :—

He that hath ears to hear, listen unto the words of wisdom; for behold, I am even the disciple of Bhatz, and am sent unto you to preach his doctrine. No one hath yet risen to oppose him—nay, not even the prophet Harreh. Now Harreh doth love a damsel—the lovely Martha Matiks, and he noddeth and smileth upon her father, yea, smileth encouragingly, and talketh uselessly; yet it hath no effect upon Psalmson inasmuch as he still sitteth like unto a child amongst the elders of Faibee. Verily, I say unto you, he bringeth down shouts of "collar-him" out of the mouths of all our enemies. Still he persisteth in bib and breeches; even so under the eye of Kamera that visited us.

But we must weep, for the words of Alahn, the high priest have come to pass :—

"Behold the days shall come when Phoneah and Ephans, the knuts of Wheeze, shall no longer quit the city in quest of chronicles of the morning. It shall come to pass that they shall be prevented by the son of Hi Stori; for great and dark is the wrath of the Omnipotent."

Wherefore there hath been weeping and gnashing of teeth, and pulling down of blinds and "heading the ball" in the synagogue of Faibee. Yea! I say unto you that neither the wisdom of Harreh, nor the thundering melody of the voices of Alahn and Jimmosh shall make them rejoice. And now do they devote their time unto the infant Psalmson, and say unto him words of soothing. Thus from henceforth peace shall reign over the whole land of Faibee, in the land wherein, aforetime, prefects ruled with solemn sway."

T.A.E.

## RUGBY REVIEW.

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The Rugby Season has been dead some time now and Cricket has once more come into its own. Although that is so, this is the first opportunity presented of giving a survey of the doings of the Schools' League Rugby Team during 1912-13, and that being so, readers will pardon—or perhaps welcome—the trespass of winter into the realms of summer.

The season was a “lean” one. In all ten games played, one was a “friendly” the remaining nine being League encounters, five in Round 1 and four in Round 2, Brynhyfryd ceding the points. Five wins were recorded, also two drawn games and three defeats. The team finished up both Rounds in the third place of Section 1 with a total of six points out of ten.

In points scored for and against this year is also unique—there being but 18 tries to our credit, whilst the team had its lines crossed on 10 occasions, the complete figures being 1 con. goal, 1 pen. goal, 17 tries against 1 con. goal, 9 tries, or 59 points—32 points.

The scorers were: Howells 4, I. Williams 3, T. Davies 3, Chislett 2, Fischer, Barrett, S. Jones, W. Jones and T. Williams 1 each, whilst Brown converted one try and kicked the penalty goal—both in the friendly game.

In all, 25 lads took part in one or more games. Of these, only seven will be available for next year, the remaining 18 being in their last year according to Schools' League age rules. The players:—

**HOWELLS**—School and Town Captain, and International. Has had a hard season's work, having figured in all school games with one exception owing to Town trials and matches, and International trial and match. The mainstay of the team leading the forwards and participating in much of the back play.

**FISCHER**—who retired from inside half to centre has done good work in this position. His display v. Brynmill at St. Helen's when acting Captain being one of the best.

**T. DAVIES**—available next year, was Fischer's co-centre and on his day, did well. Should run for the Town team next year if he drops some of his faults.

**DONALD**—the Captain's most able front rank supporter, figured in two Town games. Was fast in the loose.

CHISLETT—should be the mainstay of the pack next year. Improved rapidly during the season, and with improved lasting power should figure in the Town team.

S. JONES—did constant service on the wing, some of his runs especially in the first Brynmill game being very good. A slight hesitancy spoilt his Town team chances.

T. WILLIAMS—a light but thorough hard working forward. For his only season in League games, showed good form.

BARRETT—a nippy wing, who later operated with some success as outside half. Size, or rather lack of it, here proved a handicap.

W. JONES—followed in his brother's footsteps as a consistent energetic forward ; should make a good show next year.

JOHN—light, but active and never shirked his work in the scrum or line out.

N. DAVIES—Although new to the game, showed good improvement and towards the end of the season, learnt the value of his weight.

The above have played in eight or more games.

G. C. DAVIES and S. J. JONES—shared the full-back position, Jones also figuring in the attacking line. Davies showed signs of developing into a good back.

CRAWFORD and LLOYD—in the forwards did good work on occasions and the first named should turn out a good scrummager next year.

DALEY and T. WILLIAMS—shared the inside half position between them.

D. JONES and I. WILLIAMS—both of whom dropped out of the team before the close of the season, showed promising form at half and three-quarter respectively, the latter being quite a good centre.

J. EVANS—figured in four games as a forward and did well.

BROWN, M. EVANS, PEARLMAN, SPOONER, GODSALL—also played in one or two games, and the last two are available for next year.

LATEST DISCOVERIES.—Atwood's machine proves that if two bobs be fastened by a string over a pulley, one comes down at the same rate as the other goes up.

Of the two gases in the air nitrogen is poisonous. If there were no nitrogen, people would live for ever, but happily this is not so.

## GIRLS' FORM NOTES.

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### FORM I.

About a month ago we were promised a walk for a Wednesday afternoon, but alas! we were doomed to disappointment. It rained, and kept on raining for almost the whole week. Then our walk was postponed for the following Tuesday. It rained again. We looked forward to the Wednesday after. It rained again. We appeal to our readers to send us, if they know it, the address of the clerk of the weather so that we can beg, implore, nay—entreat him to send us a fine day.

We wonder why all members of Form I have tired of bringing flowers to decorate our room. We know the saying about "Beauty unadorned," etc., but still a few flowers would not spoil the general effect of our delightful room.

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### FORM II.

In Form II there is always an extreme climate. When the door is shut we can hardly breathe, for the windows will not open (their cords being broken), and when the door is open everyone shivers.

We are sorry to hear that one of our scholars, Dora Abbot, is leaving soon. We hope she will remember us, as we will her.

The general interest of Form II is watching cats passing a window which faces the class. The cats seem to enjoy their promenade twice or three times a day. L.G.

We heartily welcome Miss Fischer as one of our mistresses.

Form II room has a fine collection of spiders and their homes, which are cleverly constructed on the gas pipes and in corners of the room. G.J. & D.R.

The girls who stay in to dinner in our room are still kind enough to leave us their crumbs and they often forget to remove their papers as well. This makes our room look untidy and we shall be pleased if they will take them away when they go out. G.W.

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### FORM IIIb.

Our terminal exams. have already begun, and I expect there will be a keen contest between the girls for the top position.

On Friday mornings, during algebra lesson, we hear peals of so-called music from a barrel organ below, which interferes somewhat with our work. E.L.

Our Form is now just recovering from a shock. The blow fell on Monday, May 19th, in Latin lesson when we were informed that our sports were stopped for the rest of the term.

E.J.

We in this room are glad of finer weather. During the winter we have either shivered or been almost smoked out, and have had to stick papers over the grate to prevent *all* the smoke from pouring forth. D.H.

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#### FORM IV<sub>A</sub>.

We have now returned to school after our pleasant Whitsun holiday. The weather managed to keep in our favour, which I am sure we all very much appreciated.

At the end of this term we try the Junior Oxford. Great will be the expectations! But we are all of the same opinion—that our mistresses have left no stone unturned in preparing us for the examination. Therefore we must take the blame upon ourselves if we are unsuccessful. But let us not think of failure. We wish one another good luck. E.M.

Can anyone suggest to 4a girls a remedy for a "Clarendon Cold?"

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#### FORM IV<sub>B</sub>.

We have had our hockey social since our last magazine was published and I am sure that all present enjoyed themselves exceedingly. We had tea, followed by games and dancing till nine o'clock.

We are all sorry that our fortnightly sports have been stopped, and we have no hope of ever having any more as this is our last term in 4b.

We sincerely welcome Miss Fischer again into our midst.

Peace is always in danger of being disturbed in history lesson on Friday morning for the hurdy-gurdy still visits us. We have to listen to the Whigs and Tories accompanied by the music of "Everybody's doing it." It need not be said that our mistress has not the same opinion of this diversion as we have. C.J.

## FORM IVc.

The shield that once in 4c hall  
 Was hanging, now has fled ;  
 It now enhances 6b wall—  
 Our hockey spirit's dead !

The weather clerk was not so kind  
 Last term, as he should be ;  
 And so we had to stay behind  
 To ply at lessons—see.

Sometimes we played at basket-ball ;  
 But that is not so grand  
 As practising to gain the shield  
 On honour's golden strand.

We only blame the weather clerk,  
 Because the shield has gone ;  
 If it had been a polo match  
 Well, then we might have won !

A. M. H.

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 FORM Vc.

At last the hardest of our examinations are over. Only Pitman's Shorthand Examination remains. The Royal Society of Arts Examination was more difficult than we expected, and the London Chamber of Commerce was still harder. Thirteen girls sat for the R.S.A., and five for the L.C.C. It was rather unfortunate for us that the examinations were held so early after the Easter Vacation, and it was tiring work to be at school during the daytime and then go to examinations until ten at night. Miss Phipps very kindly allowed us to leave school at 3.45 on the days of examinations. We are all anxiously awaiting the results which will not be published until July. TWO EXAMITES.

Quite recently we have been granted the great privilege of attending the Dressmaking Class held every Tuesday afternoon at the School of Art and Crafts. There we are taught to draft patterns of any garments from measurements, and at the expiration of our course of lessons, we hope to be able to make garments for ourselves. This will be of great advantage to us, for every girl ought to be able to make her own garments. We have also a pleasant lecture on various subjects connected with dressmaking, and finished garments are shown. We enjoy our practical lesson very much.

AN AMATEUR DRESSMAKER.

As we are all leaving school at the end of this term we had to be examined by the Lady Doctor of the School Clinic. We dreaded the examination and cast timid glances towards the door of the room where it was to take place. We had to wait a very long time for the Doctor, during which time many questions were asked. Some were—"I wonder if I shall have my teeth extracted?" "I wonder if I shall need spectacles?" However, the examination was not so dreadful as it seemed, but we were glad when it was over. A VICTIM.

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### FORM VI.

**HOCKEY NOTES.**—Our "Winding Up" social was held in Trinity Place Schoolroom on March 13th. About sixty were present, among whom were a number of interested mistresses. We all had a very pleasant evening and were very sorry when it was time to break up.

During the holidays we played a match with the High School's second XI, which ended in a victory for the M.S.S.

We take this final opportunity of thanking Olga and Gwen Hounsell for so kindly taking care of the flags, and hope that they will not be put to this inconvenience next year.

We are very glad that such promising players as Dorothy Walton, Beth Williams, and Grace Davies are in the second XI, because they have helped the first XI on several occasions when the players have not turned up.

The two captains, Nellie Pringle and Winnie Blain, have worked well with the team and to the latter we owe much of our success. To Miss Balls, praise must be given for the manner in which she has so ably acted as Treasurer.

Now that hockey is over what are we to take up? Would it not be wise to carry out the suggestion made in the last magazine, that a tennis club be formed?

O.W. (Sec).

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### HOWLERS.

The following is an example of what often happens when one's work is done hurriedly:—

"A Geometrical Progression is a series of quantity in which the product obtained by dividing any one of its terms by the preceding one is always the same."

In a Botany answer the following sentence appeared:—  
"Some seeds are easily blown from the parent plant by their wings."  
R.W., Form VI.

## THE MORRISTON EXPRESS.

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I suppose all our readers have heard of that celebrated train which runs between Morriston and Swansea.

The scenery between these places is beyond description. Between Morriston and Landore the line runs between huge mounds built of rubbish from the various works. From Landore to Swansea a splendid view of Kilvey Hill is obtained, not to speak of the dozens of trucks of coal which are passed. During the whole journey scarcely a green blade of grass is seen—it is a sight for the gods! This train comprises two coaches, sometimes one; and the passengers have been known to be seventeen in a compartment meant to seat ten! In the mornings, one of the coaches is a “through coach to Paddington” and often the wish has been expressed that it would fulfil its mission and land us in the metropolis. But it would have to hurry up. The soot-begrimed old-fashioned engine is a little improvement on the “Rocket” and on one occasion was named “Puffing Billy.”

This train generally starts from Morriston at any time between 8.20 and 8.30 a.m. It stops for about three minutes at Plasmarl, but at Landore it stops for at least five minutes since the person who acts as signalman, porter, station-master and ticket-collector comes round to collect the tickets and examine the “seasons.” From thence it travels to the Hafod where, sometimes, it stops for two or three up-trains to pass. This is done presumably that we may appreciate the view. The time of its arrival at Swansea varies from 8.40 to 9.5 a.m., but during the season of fogs and mists this record is often broken. On nice foggy mornings one corridor-carriage comprises the train which stops for at least twenty minutes near the Lanlore viaduct. Much excitement prevails but we arrive in school at 9.40. On another morning, not quite as foggy we reach school at about perhaps 9.20. One of the workmen on the line once came to the rescue of the train by trying to turn one of the wheels around, but unfortunately, he was unable to move the train in the slightest degree.

However the general state of the wonderful Swansea weather cannot last for ever the scientists say, so that the Morriston Express may some day in the distant future be more punctual. We are told that this line is to be joined to the new one from Skewen to Hendy, so that Morriston will be on the main line and then the present state of affairs may be altered.

A MORRISTONIAN, Form Va.

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## DIARY OF A VOYAGE TO AUSTRALIA.

For the following we are indebted to Miss Potter—a former mistress at our Girls' School—who still remembers us. We are grateful to her for the contribution to our Magazine, and send her our best wishes for her happiness in the Antipodes.

Friday, Jan. 3rd.—Left London (St. Pancras) by special boat train. Having seen off my relatives who depart for Tilbury in tug "Gertrude," I unearth cabin 299. I have two interesting travelling companions—Miss Webster, a New Zealand lady, returning from a visit to England, and Miss Wadey, from Earl's Court. We three are in same cabin. Afternoon spent on deck watching Southend go by. Tea at 4 o'clock. Good-bye, England!

Jan. 6th.—Veil drawn over occurrences of Saturday and Sunday. I am now able to crawl on deck and take an interest in things. Sun shines brightly. At 12 o'clock this morning we passed quite close to Cape Roca. Various games in progress on deck. Portuguese coast disappearing as we approach Cape St. Vincent. Gibraltar probably to-morrow morning at 10. Baggage came upon deck this morning; it was pulled up by crane from the hold, and we went and fetched what we needed. My new trunk has been slightly damaged, but the lock is intact. I unearthed a summer hat to wear at Gibraltar—and most likely it is raining in Swansea!!

Jan. 7th.—Gibraltar at last. We are disappointed in view as it is rather misty and it is raining! First rain, as we afterwards learn, that Gibraltar has had for some time. They have actually had to buy water there. We land in tug and have time to explore the English quarter. We are met by boys and men galore bearing bags of oranges, fans, etc. Visit church. Tommy Atkins on sentry duty in front of Government House. We proceed to gardens, see trees covered with amethyst bloom. Peculiar stigma rising out of flowers—cactuses, pepper trees, real English limestone with mud. Lady in charge of us helps us to shop. We are shown and buy Maltese lace collars. Mingled odour of tobacco, fruit, dirt, and fowls, from which we are glad to escape.

Jan. 8th.—We are now in Mediterranean Sea—beautifully blue and calm, the sky a good match. After a lazy morning spent in gazing dreamily at the foam which dances giddily up and down we sight Toulon. In the harbour there are six or seven battleships. Our fellow-passengers land, and before they return night comes on and the sight of the harbour, houses, and battleships lit up, the moon helping in the

illumination amply repays anyone who remained on board. It is a sight for the gods. The wanderers return full of their adventures. Salute of guns fired in harbour and finally we depart.

Friday, Jan. 10th.—We skirt Italian coast and pass Corsica and Elba. The Mediterranean flora resolves itself into a few evergreen shrubs. Here and there a more energetic inhabitant has cultivated a rectangular patch which does not appear to produce much.

After sports meeting, at which committee, chairman, and secretary are elected to arrange tournaments, etc., we arrive on deck just in time to hail the passing "Osterley," a sister boat to our own. It makes me shed two tears for is she not bound for "Home?"

Fuss subsides and we settle down to quoits. We move our chairs to narrow part of deck where we are quite near the sea because a game of cricket is in progress and nets have to be put up to prevent boundary balls from bounding into the briny ocean.

We are too absorbed in sunset (in west) that ergo we miss the Italian coast in the east. Will finish this section of diary by apologising to all to whom I sent post cards with half-penny stamps. The steward told us to. I'll pay up when I get back.

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### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

This "dread" subject, so full of terror to us, must afford our mistresses great amusement judging by the smiles we note as they glance over our attempts. We look forward with mixed feelings however, to having Miss Phipps go over our papers with us, and we heartily enjoy the mistakes of other people, of course. This term one or the other of us is responsible for the following "howlers":—

*Cantab* means a young fowl; a basket chair; the wife of a Hindu.

*Alibi* is a magpie; an Arab; a Chinese; a divorce.

The *President of the Local Government Board* is Mr. David Williams, Mr. Halden, Sergeant Thomas, and even John Keats!

*P. and O.* is short for Poor and Orphan; or passengers and other goods.

*Ebor* is short for Ebenezer while *Conscription* is money offered to orphan homes. We all confess to having done our little best, however, but can any kind helper suggest a way of our becoming geniuses in General Knowledge?

A VICTIM.

## A LITTLE OF COLLEGE LIFE.

My college career has nearly terminated. Before many weeks I shall again begin teaching. I should like to write a few lines on college life.

When I entered college, I found the new routine of work rather strange at first. To be at college by 8.25 a.m. necessitated my getting out of bed much earlier than before, but I soon got used to this.

To be thrust among some fifty or sixty strange fellow-students from all parts of England and Wales was about the worst experience I had; but this sudden shyness was soon overcome and the great trouble now is that in July we shall have to say good-bye to many of them, breaking many of our pleasant friendships.

When I entered college, I was a Junior and in a day's time I awoke to the fact that I had another "mother." This is the name given to a Senior who has to help you as much as she can in the first year. I was called her "daughter." My "mother" proved very helpful to me especially at the beginning of my college life.

The social life of Swansea College is all that can be desired and I shall miss many of the pleasant Saturday evening parties when I leave. During the first term, the Seniors entertain the Juniors with a play, and later on in the year the Juniors return the compliment. Sports are not as forward as they ought to be; but, with the opening of the new college, sports will be more to the front than they have been.

Perhaps the most happy time of the day in college life is the half hour allowed for lunch, 10.30—11. The whole college rings with laughter and other noises; all wax merry over the feast.

There are many little college terms that sound strange to a new comer's ear. These are: P. S., Crit., B.F. and the Lec. P. S. is short for Private Study (?)—about six hours a week. Crit. stands for criticism lesson—oh the agony of giving criticism lessons and criticisms of lessons! B.F. mean Bean Feast, but being a day girl I don't know much about them, but from all accounts they are well attended after "lights out."

Of course, college life is not plain sailing, for storms arise now and again, just as they used to in school.

The old college will be closed this year. What a palace the new one looks! Hurry up girls, get through your exams. Enter the palace on the hill, and taste of the joys thereof.

A DAY STUDENT AT SWANSEA COLLEGE.

## SENIOR OXFORD SUCCESSES.

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We offer our congratulations to Evelyn Jones and Maggie Williams (Va) upon their success at the Senior Oxford March Examination, and also to the following eleven girls who did not take the whole exam., but were successful in the subjects given:—

Doris Bowen	...	History, Composition.
Anita Evans	...	French.
Elvira Gustavus	...	Maths., Arith., French.
Myfanwy Jenkins	...	History, French.
Gertrude Matthews	...	History,
Elizabeth Payne	...	History, Geography.
Doris Pering	...	History, Geography.
Rachel Salmon	...	Arithmetic.
Rose Wheelhouse	...	Geography.
Olive Williams	...	Botany, French, History.
Marion Williams	...	History.

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## TOP GIRLS FOR SUMMER TERM.

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Form VI.	1. Florence Picton-Evans.	2. Doris Bowen.
Form Va.	1. Katie Todd.	2. M. Williams.
Form V com.	1. Rose Jenkins.	2. Lottie Burnes.
Form IVa.	1. Elsie Madel.	2. Lydia Williams.
Form IVb.	1. Winnie Phillips.	2. Beth Williams.
Form IVc.	1. Annie Harris.	2. Elsie Conibear.
Form IIIa.	1. Cissy Powning.	2. Margaret Jones.
Form II.	1. Dora Abbot.	2. Edith Austin.
Form I.	1. R. Beer.	2. M. Rabey.

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## COMPETITION. RESULTS.

### BOYS' SCHOOL.

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ESSAYS.—The Essays presented were distinctly good. The best in the Upper School was the essay of "Semper Idem;" and the best in the Lower School that of "Blow down." Want of space alone prevents us from including these two essays in this number; but we hope to be able to print them in the next issue.

DRAWING.—It is to be regretted that many more did not enter for this competition, as there are a large number of quite capable artists outside the comparatively small list of entries. Smaller

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still is the number of those who complied with the regulations, thus in one way, making the adjudicators' task much easier, The Competitors who failed to comply with the rule forbidding the giving of name, age or Form should read the regulations more carefully on a future occasion, and thus permit of some excellent work receiving due credit. Of the qualified papers, the award must go to "D.L." whose sketch of the convolvulus is of much credit. "A.E.'s" Easter lily is worthy of commendation also.

UNTEON.

MAPS.—Of the maps sent in the best was by "Wilfred." His map of Wales was well done—a good shape, neat printing and tastefully coloured.

S.G.

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#### GIRLS' SCHOOL.

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Of the three Competitions set for the Girls, only the needle-work was entered for. Among the entries received, that of Marion Williams was adjudged the best. The work of Frances Jelley was almost equal in proficiency, so the Girls' School awards a Consolation Prize to her.

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#### PUZZLES FOR MATHEMATICIANS.

A country baker sent off his boy with a message to the butcher in the next village. At the same time the butcher sent his boy to the baker. One ran faster than the other, and they passed each other at a spot 720 yards from the baker's shop. Each stopped ten minutes at his destination and then on the return journey passed each other 400 yards from the butcher's. How far apart are the tradesmen's shops? Each boy travelling at uniform pace.

A farmer sent his man to market with a flock of geese. On his return the servant gave his master the following account: "I sold Tyler half the flock and half a goose over; then I sold Farmer Davies a third of what remained and a third of a goose over; then to Farmer Morris I sold a quarter of what remained and three-quarters of a goose over; and lastly to Farmer Thomas I sold a fifth of what I had left and a fifth over. The remaining 19 I couldn't get rid of at any price." How many geese were in the original flock? Humane readers may be relieved to know that no goose was divided or put to any inconvenience by these sales.

Answers to above puzzles will be given in next issue of magazine.

GYMNASTICS IN MEXICO.

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It is always interesting to learn how far the claims of physical education are recognised in other lands, especially so, perhaps, in the case of those countries of which most of us know and hear but little.

Recognising that gymnastic training should develop the whole body—not train one part for acrobatic feats at the expense of the rest—and that the system must be subordinated to the individual, they recommend the division of pupils in primary schools into three grades for physical training:— (1) Infants under six years of age; (2) Children between the ages of six and twelve; (3) Boys and Girls over twelve years of age. The programme for grade 1 comprises: (a) simple and varied games, involving a little muscular effort, which must not, however, be of long duration; (b) marching to music. For grade 2 regular gymnastic drill is advocated, as providing, if systematically and scientifically taught, a more thorough training of all the muscles of the body. This programme therefore includes: (a) progressive games, more varied and complicated, and calling for more intense muscular effort; (b) Swedish gymnastics, carefully graduated, and exercises calculated to expand the chest, straighten the shoulders, rectify curvature of the spine, and strengthen the abdominal walls and lower limbs; (c) musical drill and dancing (for girls). For grade 3 we find: (a) Swedish gymnastics, carefully graduated; (b) sports in the open air, such as running, jumping, base-ball, football, etc. (for girls, lawn-tennis, basket-ball, croquet, and hockey); (c) free or organised games, involving greater muscular effort; (d) applied gymnastics, marching, long-distance running, jumping over obstacles, climbing, swimming, etc. (for girls, æsthetic gymnastics, rhythmic movements, swimming). All this, we understand, is not a mere aim—much of it is already in existence in many schools. They emphasise the necessity of providing medical gymnasia for more delicate pupils. They do not approve of the employment of specialists in physical training in all schools, but they do insist that those masters who undertake drill as part of their duties should themselves be trained by specialists. They also advocate the use of a field for drill, where possible—their Mexican playgrounds being unsuitable—and recognise the need of giving drill lessons “daily and in small doses,” because they are as “necessary as food.” All elementary schools in Mexico are now expected by the Board

of Education to have a gymnasium and a covered yard for games and recreation; some already have these, and also suitable appliances and apparatus for the various grades.

M.C.-N.

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### CONTRADICTIONS.

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How oft we find men's wisest thoughts  
By contradictions crossed—  
We're told to "look before we leap,"  
Yet "who hesitates is lost."

'Tis said, "Fine feathers make fine birds,"  
And so they do, yet note,  
Another saw declares, "A man  
Is not made by his coat."

"Give bad name to a dog, you may  
As well go hang the same."  
Or so says one, and yet we hear  
"There's nothing in a name!"

"Events advancing," it is said  
"Their shadows do project."  
And yet, "the thing that happens,  
Is the thing we don't expect."

"Sauce for the goose,"—you know the way  
It runs—yet what of this  
Which plainly says that "one man's meat  
Another's poison is?"

"To him who waits all things will come"  
Is comfort for the meek;  
The man of push quotes someone else,  
"He who would find must seek."

"A little learning we are told  
Is dangerous—Bedad!  
What's then to do, if this be true?  
"Much learning makes us mad."

"PUZZLED."

## NAMES THAT ARE NOT WHAT THEY SEEM.

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Nothing provokes more small controversies than the proper pronunciation of names. We believe the dispute is now settled whether the Conservative leader in the Commons is called Bone-ar or Bounar Law. The latter is the way in which he pronounces it, and he ought to know. Many similar difficulties of pronunciation exist, and it is the object of this brief article to clear a few of these away.

To pronounce a word as it is spelt would undoubtedly be the simplest process, but the whole interest of the language would be missed by so doing. Probably when the name was originated, it was pronounced more or less as it was spelt, but why should it have changed? Everything and everyone changes. Evolution is all-powerful and nothing can remain the same. London was once Llandin (Holy Hill) until the Romans came and called it Londinium which became changed to Londinion and finally London—to save the trouble of pronouncing it in full. This process of dropping letters and syllables is general and almost excusable in this age of bustle and hurry. Vowels which are easy substitutes themselves for vowels which require a slight effort. Awkward combinations of consonants are slurred over to save time. Thus Marjori-banks is pronounced Marchbanks, Beaulieu is Bewley, which is a far easier pronunciation. Pontefract is Pumfret. Try these as spelt and as pronounced and note the ease of the latter compared with the harshness of the former. The following are further examples:—Abergavenny pronounced Abergenny; Beauchamp, Beecham; Belvoir, Beaver; Bethune, Beeton; Colquhoun, Cohoon; Drogheda, Dròheda; Foulis, Fowls; Pole-Carew, Pool-Carey; Sandys, Sands; Villiers, Villers; Wemyss, Weems. Some of these are foreign names and suffered their change even as they crossed from other countries to this, or the change has been brought about by degrees to the form they now bear. The following have passed through various stages to the form in which they are now pronounced:—Cockburn pronounced Còburn; Daventry, Daintry; Kirkcudbright, Kircuebry; Lauceston, Lاونston; Leominster, Lemster; Magdalen, Maudlin; Wrenfordsleigh, Rensley; Worcester, Wooster.

There are a great many names of which it is difficult to say why they are not pronounced as spelt. Why should Derby be called Darby? Pall Mall be Pell Mell? This is probably a result of the time when the speech of the dandies who

lounge about Pall Mall was affected, when they said "stap" for stop, and "lard" for lord, and "Tam" for Tom.

The Americans have altered the pronunciation of many of their words. New York is invariably called by its dwellers "N'York." Arkansas is Arkansaw; Connecticut is Conneticut, which is a great improvement upon the original.

However much practical people may argue for spelling reform it seems a pity to change the present letters. Every name has its history and is closely bound up with the history of the nation. So even if we are ridiculed for "spelling a name Cholmondeley and pronouncing it Marchbanks," we will not change. It is something for a country to possess names old enough to have evolved through the centuries into sounds which are altogether different from their looks.

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## THE TWENTY GREATEST MEN.

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Carnegie was asked who were the twenty greatest men in his opinion. He mentioned the following, all of whom were born poor :—

1. Shakespeare.
2. Morton, (discoverer of ether).
3. Jenner, (discoverer of vaccination).
4. Neilson, (inventor of hot blast iron manufacture).
5. President Lincoln.
6. Burns, (the Scotch poet).
7. Gutenberg, (inventor of printing).
8. Edison, (applier of electricity).
9. Siemens, (inventor of water meter).
10. Bessemer, (inventor of steel process).
11. Musket, (inventor of steel process).
12. Columbus.
13. Watt, (improved steam engine).
14. Bell, (inventor of telephone).
15. Arkwright, (inventor of cotton spinning machinery).
16. Franklin, (discoverer of electricity).
17. Murdock, (first to employ coal as an illuminant).
18. Hargreaves, (inventor of spinning-jenny).
19. George Stephenson.
20. Symington, (inventor of rotary engine).

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BIBLE ARITHMETIC.

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A *cubit* is about 22 inches. An *ephah* is 4 gals. 5 pts.  
 A *hand's breadth* is about  $3\frac{1}{8}$  inches. An *omer* is 6 pints.  
 A *finger's breadth* is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches. A *mite* is less than  $\frac{1}{4}$ d.  
 A *shekel of gold* is worth £2. A *talent of gold* is worth £6,000.  
 A *shekel of silver* is worth 2/8. A *piece of silver* is worth  $8\frac{1}{2}$ d.  
 A *talent of silver* is worth £400.

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*Al fresco*. All right, tip-top.

*Poetic Licence*. Freedom allowed to a poet.

*Prima Donna* is the first to give a present from Primus and Donum.

*At Lloyd's* means Lloyd's Bank, where the interest is excellent.

*Downing Street*. The chief jail in London is in Downing Street.

*Wilhelmstrasse* in Germany, a new naval centre.

A *Borgia* is name given to a bronze god.

*Quid pro quo*. for what purpose.

A *Nimrod* is a kind of mermaid or nym.

*Job's Comforter* is (a) one who does odd jobs (h) a muffler.

A *Blue Stocking* is a total abstainer.

*Con amore* means no love lost between them.

*Paternoster Row* is noted for the literature factories which it contains.

*To turn turtle* means to face on one's back.

A *Croesus* is a kind of small pond in a desert.

M.C.C. stands for Municipal Congregational Chapel.

*Primate* is the first mate on board a ship.

*Scotland Yard* is where the Scots Guards reside.

*P.O.O.* (a) Post Office Official. (b) a hundred per cent.

*Baronet* is the title of a Baron's wife.

*Paternoster Row*, in London, where the Roman Catholics live,  
 A *Jehu*, the feminine of Jesuit, which implies a native of one of the Mohammedan countries.

A *Job's Comforter*, a patient comforter, generally very serious. but not always comforting.

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