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### EDITORIAL.

EDITOR—HARRY C. WILLIAMS (V).

We offer our sincerest congratulations to our Headmaster, Mr. W. A. Beanland, B.A., on his being elected President of the Welsh Secondary Schools Association. He has our best wishes for a successful term of office.

We extend a hearty welcome to Monsieur Mafray, the new Assistant Francais and we sincerely hope that his sojourn at the school will be an extremely pleasant one. His lessons are eagerly looked forward to by all boys.

The School Rugby Team has shown a marked improvement this year. No small part of this success is due to Mr. Messer, who has taken great pains in coaching the team, and every member of it greatly appreciates his help.

During the course of the term the Basket Ball Competition provided a diversion and relaxation from the routine of school-work. An account of the Competition appears in this issue.

We are extremely sorry to hear that Mr. E. Thomas, the Physics-Master, is suffering from a nervous breakdown. We sincerely hope that his recovery will be both speedy and complete.

Contributions for the Magazine were very slow coming in and at one time it seemed as if there would have been no Magazine this term. But a final "S.O.S." for contributions met with a magnificent response and there was finally more matter than we could print.

We are extremely grateful to the Old Boys of the School who have contributed to this Magazine and we should welcome more "Old Boy Contributions."

## SCHOOL NOTES.

**OLD BOYS SUCCESSES, 1927—**

- T. F. Bennett, B.A. (Wales) 1st Class Honours English, £100 Research Scholarship for two years.  
 Basil Thomas, B.A. (Wales), 1st Class Honours French.  
 Eli Seal, B.Sc. (Wales), 1st Class Honours Chemistry.  
 Herbert Jones, B.A. (Wales), 2nd Class Honours (2b) French.  
 Sid. Walters, B.A. (Wales), 2nd Class Honours (2b) French.  
 Elwyn James, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Bruce Gold Medal for Surgery, £50 Magrath Scholarship, Medical Surgery.  
 D. A. Llewelyn, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.  
 W. H. D. Davies, 1st M.B. & B.S., Distinction in Chemistry, £25 Scholarship.  
 H. Isaac, 1st M.B. & B.S.  
 Ivor Davies, M.B., B.S. (London).  
 T. R. Williams, 1st Class Inter. Law Society (only First in Wales).

**SCHOOL SUCCESSES, 1927—**

*Oxford Higher Certificate*—H. Richards and E. E. Bowen.

**OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—**

- First Class Honours*—W. E. Clarke, G. T. M. David, R. H. Goatman, L. Hearne, E. L. Morgan.  
*Second Class Honours*—M. Solomon.  
*Third Class Honours*—W. C. Rogers, D. J. Thomas, F. J. Williams and 44 Passes.  
*Distinctions*—R. H. Goatman (English), E. L. Morgan (English, History & Geography), W. C. Rogers (Geography), W. E. John (Geography), E. R. Withell (Geography), W. E. Clarke (Geography), G. T. M. David (Geography), D. J. Thomas (Drawing).

**LONDON MATRICULATION—**

- First Division*—R. G. Devereux.  
*Second Division*—M. G. Bladon, D. C. Davies, Dan. J. Jones, A. W. Morris, Elwyn A. Rees, Horace J. Richards, R. S. Snell, Geraint G. Walters.

It has been suggested that members of the School Rugby Team should be provided with School Rugby Caps. This suggestion comes at a time when the School Rugby Team is playing far better than has been the case for many a year, and therefore should be considered. Rugby enthusiasm in the School is at its height and competition for places in the first fifteen is very keen. Thus, if School Rugby Caps were provided for members of the first fifteen, it would stimulate this interest, and, without doubt, raise the standard of play in the School. Certainly it is a valuable suggestion.

The building of the New Girls' School is now almost completed and it is probable that when we come back after the Christmas holidays, we shall see the new gymnasium. The gymnasium is said to contain up-to-date apparatus, and if everything comes up to expectation, we must consider ourselves very fortunate in thus possessing the largest and best equipped School Gymnasium in Wales.

During the Christmas holidays, the present Manual Room will be in the hands of excavators who will there dig out a space for the new boiler house. Next term, the Manual Department will be in the old Gym.

We have indeed been "cabined, cribbed, confined" by the contractors for the New School. First they took a slice of the lower playground, then the whole of it. Later they took the end of the archway and made a new entrance, down dark, dangerous steps. Later still they have taken a corner out of the upper playground, so that there is now no room for the Fifth to assemble there, and they must make their way straight to the class-room when the whistle goes. Lastly, when the barriers broke down and earth came pouring into the playground, the rule of no assembly has had to be applied to the Fourth Years also.

The new School Field on Town Hill is much appreciated, especially by the Senior Rugby team, who have a dressing room and shower baths provided on Saturdays at the Town Hill School.

On other days, on short afternoons, it proves rather a long way up to the field, and at present there is no shelter there in which to keep your clothes dry during a shower, but it is hoped that this latter defect will be remedied in due course.

The new School Prefects are : Harry G. Williams, Cyril Gregory, C. A. Bowen, J. Povolny (V), E. Lewis (L.V), and Reg. Williams and S. G. Thomas (VI). We wish them every success and are sure that they will add credit to the School.

D. Glyn Jones, B.Sc. (Birmingham), Head of Grove House, 1920-21, has been appointed Assistant Geologist to the Anglo Persian Oil Company. Last month he left home for the East, catching the boat at Marseilles. He has our best wishes.

Stanley B. Lockley has been farming in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, for more than a year. He commenced with a wage of 25/- a week, together with board and lodging, and is so happy in his work that he would not come back for a salary of £5 a week.

PAGES FROM THE DIARY OF A BOY,  
WHO WENT TO ST. NAZAIRE.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3rd.

Ideal weather conditions favoured our journey to Southampton, where after a most interesting series of visits to the Tudor House and Museum, the Old Walls, Parks, the Commons and the Docks, we embarked at 10 o'clock on the s/s Dinar. The fates smiled on us that night for we were sailing on what the French would term a "mer d'huile" and dawn found us gliding between the main Channel Islands. It was not until 10.30 that a party of 40 eager Students with fluttering hearts set foot on French soil and did justice to an excellent meal that had been prepared for them at the Hotel Central Benoit at St. Malo. Our stay here was too limited to allow of a thorough visit but we were able to appreciate what we had previously read of its famous old walls and its quaint, narrow and odorous streets. An attempt at conversing in the new language could not yet be termed successful for some of our number from force of habit were distinctly heard to say, "Oui, Monsieur" to our waitresses.

Our journey of 134 miles across Brittany occupied the best part of 8 hours and except for occasional glimpses such as we had at Dol Beslé and Blain, there was nothing outstanding in the scenery inland. It was a party of weary, travel-stained visitors that alighted that evening at 9 o'clock, but a very warm reception awaited us at the Station of St. Nazaire, where Monsieur Gaston, the Headmaster of the College Aristide Briand, accompanied by his two sons assured us of an excellent holiday. A very acceptable meal, a few words of advice and so to bed.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th.

One of the most enjoyable days of the holiday—a visit by train to La Baule—a miniature Biarritz and certainly the finest seaside resort of the Côte d'Amour. Here a pleasing combination of the ocean and the Pine Forest, glorious colourings—the deep blue of the ocean, yellow gravel walks and artistic villas in the most fantastic colours. A visit to the celebrated Parc des Dryades with its high Belvédère, a greatly appreciated bathe in the bay where the water was quite tepid and then an enjoyable walk along the Promenade where we were able to sample some excellent "éclairs" and "Mokas." The journey back enabled us to view at fairly close quarters the "mulons" or conical piles of salt collected from the "marais salants"—the Salt Marshes.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 8th.

A very copius déjeuner at 9.30 a.m.—getting ready for a good journey, I should say! 10.30 found us at the Quay, ready to embark on what we could not truthfully call a “liner” for in less than half an hour our boat was being tossed about like a cork on the ocean. Wonderful Coast Scenery in that part of the world—so we were told—but it was only one or two of our number that were able to confirm the statement. And oh! that meal! But what compensated us for all our discomfiture was to see two of our masters (frail creatures after all!) leaning over the rail and engaged in an earnest conversation with the fishes. I shall never forget the name of the little fishing port we landed at three hours later—it was Le Croisic (the accent falling on the last syllable!) Very picturesque (after we had had a cup of coffee); a typical sardine fishing port. Rows of pretty blue nets drying in the sun and eager fishermen with their wives trying to dispose of the catch.

A visit to the beautiful old Church, the statue of Herve Riel who saved 22 vessels of the French Fleet after the Battle of Hogue, a refreshing bathe and then home—but by train this time.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16th.

Early breakfast at 6 o'clock, and by the 7.30 train to Nantes, where we arrived at 9 o'clock. Our main objects were to buy presents and to visit the famous Chateau of the Duke of Brittany. This is really interesting, for in addition to visiting the Museum, we were able to see dungeons, cells and oubliettes, which up to then we had simply read of in books. An excellent lunch at the Restaurant du Commerce for seven francs only, and then a tour round the town, the greater part of the time being spent in the La Galerie and the Maison Decrè, the Selfridges of Nantes. The Cathédral de St. Pierre which we visited in the morning is really beyond description. Along the river were to be seen the Bateaux Lavoires, and the Lavoires Publics, which we had read of in our French Newspapers.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17th.

Our last day! 11 a.m. found us singing Old Lang Syne and the Marseillaise on the station at St. Nazaire with Monsieur Gaston, joining lustily in the proceedings. At 3 o'clock, we reached Lennes, where we stayed nearly 3½ hours, during which we partook of an excellent meal at the Hotel du Guesclin, and visited the Cathedral, the Palais de Justice, the

House of Bertrand Du Guesclin and the famous Jardin Public. We reached St. Malo at 7.45, and were all on board at 8.30 p.m., full of speculation at the reception we were about to receive in the Channel! Fortunately, the gods were benignant, and we had an excellent crossing. Our journey from Southampton home again was broken at Salisbury, where we made a very profitable use of three hours in visiting the Cathedral and afterwards the famous Stonehenge.

#### NOTES.

We shall never forget the kindness of Monsieur Gaston and his thoughtfulness for our well-being during our stay at St. Nazaire.

We would like to record our appreciation of the keen interest and practical advice given us by Mr. Beanland who made all the preliminary arrangements; and our deep sense of gratitude to Mr. A. H. Davies, Chief Librarian of Southampton, who, with his friends, Mr. McArthur and Mr. Judd, contributed to make our tour around Southampton so enjoyable.

Congratulations to Haydn Davies and Arnold Bowen, who were the finalists in the Tennis Tournament, held on the School Tennis Court. They were thus the winners of two excellent books offered as prizes by Monsieur Gaston.

The trip to Pornic was very exciting indeed. During the train journey the fireman of the engine wanted to fight a member of the party, and but for the fact that the boy refused to take any notice of him, there might have been a second French Revolution.

Our trip over the La Fayette, the French liner, was a novelty indeed, but perhaps more interesting was the wonderful view we obtained of the surrounding country from the top of the Ice Factory at St. Nazaire.

We wish to thank most sincerely Mr. Powell, Mr. D. D. Phillips, Mr. George and Mr. W. T. Davies, the Masters in charge of the party.

#### THOUGHTS THAT OCCUR.

Who dropped his hat as well in the Bay of Biscay?

Who told the waitress that the lunch was to be ready by "minuit?"

What was the meaning of the song sung by the Siamese students in our Soirée?

Why does one of our Masters not seriously go in for voice training?

Will this Master render the song "Keep right on to the end of the road" at the coming Grove House Social?

Were the waitresses at a Café in La Baule, who wanted one of the party to pay twice for his ice-cream, of true French extraction?

Did the fireman of the train to Pornic, really call one of the party "A cheeky curly -——"

Is it true that this boy would have "wiped the floor" with the fireman, if it hadn't been that the others stopped him?"

Whether, after all, bacon and egg is not a nicer breakfast?

There are "Mumble's Trains" in France, only they are faster.

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### BASKET BALL NOTES.

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The writer of these notes last expressed the hope that 'next year's tournament will be as exciting and enjoyable as this year's.' The matches have certainly been enjoyed by all who took part in them, and by the spectators (although no spectators were supposed to be present); but the tournament has not been so exciting as last year. It was evident after a few weeks had elapsed that the Upper Fifth would win the shield, unless they struck a "bad patch." However, they won the shield, only losing one point (to the Lower Fifth). A fine achievement. Congratulations to the Fifth! Only four goals were scored against them—two by the Sixth, one by the Lower Fifth and one by IVa.

At one time it seemed as if 4M would be serious challengers for the shield, because they won their first six matches, but then they were "licked" by the Sixth, who beat them 8—1. This was the turning point for 4M because they lost their next two matches 2—0 and 2—1 to the Fifth and 4A respectively.

The highest scoring team has been the Sixth who scored 100 goals in ten matches; L. Hearne actually scored fifty-four goals and S. Thomas forty-five.

The same difficulty has been experienced this year in getting prefects to referee the matches and on one occasion there was not a single prefect down in the "gym."

Thus we have again come to the end of another very pleasant Basket Ball Competition and for the coming year the Shield will grace the Fifth-form wall. What form will have the honour to take it from this place next year? (No prize for solution).  
S.T. (VI).

## JUNIOR RUGBY NOTES.

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This term our record has not been up to the standard of past years. Two matches were cancelled owing to bad weather, and of the six matches played, four were lost, one drawn, and one won.

Matches cannot be won when our School team has to play short of players. Not in one match up to now has the team fielded as intended. "Players" who do not intend to play should inform the captain by Friday morning at the latest: loyalty to the School demands this.

Congratulations to Trevor Thomas, 2A, on the distinction of playing in the town team. The School has always had a forward in the town team,—and it has usually been the School team's captain.

In the match v. Terrace Road, Tasker scored two tries, Prater one try, and Thomas converted two.

Record—	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
	6	1	1	4

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## JUNIOR SOCCER.

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Congratulations to George Davies, IIIA, on being elected captain. The season opened with a match against Oystermouth Council. This is such a strong side that the School did well to run them to a margin of one goal. With a little luck the score might easily have been reversed. Score 0—1.

The next match was the First Round of the Trevor Evans Cup in which we met our former opponents, Oystermouth Council. The School did not play well, and the Council netted three times. Score 1—3. Scorer: O. Maguire, IIIr.

For the next encounter, against Sketty, the re-arrangement of the team was decidedly for the better, and a comfortable victory was obtained. Score 5—2. Scorers: O. Maguire 2, A. Leyshon 2, G. Davies 1.

Against Rutland Street, the School met a stubborn defence but succeeded in winning 1—0, the scorer being I. Bowen, IIIr.

Record—	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
	3	2	—	1	6	1

## SENIOR RUGBY NOTES.

The record up to date is as follows:—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts. For	Pts. Against
7	4	3	0	98	95

The matches played are:—	Pts. For.	Pts. Agts.
Grammar School (A) ...	... 22	0
Pagefield College ...	... 11	8
Grammar School ...	... 22	16
Carmarthen Grammar School	3	22
Llanelly ...	... 3	38
Glanmor ...	... 37	5
Swansea University "A" team	0	6

This year we have beaten the Grammar School for the first time for several years. We have also had the honour of having one representative in the Trial Match at Carmarthen for the Welsh Secondary Schools Rugby Union: A. Bowen, of the Fifth Form. He has scored for the School in every match except the last, and we feel sure that he should gain a place in the International Team. Povolny was also chosen for the trial match, but he left School a few days after his selection.

The season promises to be a very successful one, and we sincerely hope that we can reduce the scores put up against us by Llanelly and Carmarthen, in return matches, when we also hope there will be no absentees from our team. C.G. (V).

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### IV CL.

Full five and thirty merry lads are we.  
 Our thinking powers and brains you all can see.  
 Under the eyes of old . . . . (we hope this rhymes !)  
 Rufus (our captain) we're quiet (sometimes!).  
 Chem. we all love, as schoolboys always should.  
 Lo! we (the great!) at Latin are no good?  
 At Mathematics all (hear, hear!) excel.  
 Says Mr. Davies "I another tale could tell!"  
 So let us sing our praises—as we should,  
 (If we did not, I'm sure that no one would !)  
 Creatures beneath our cultured sphere can scorn  
 As though we were indeed as boasters born.  
 Long live our Form, and may our praises ring  
 And spread abroad as though on eagle's wing!

IVOBUS, IV CL.

## NOTES ON MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL RUGGER TEAM.

W. H. Evans.—A sound full-back, kicks and fields well. Played an exceptionally good game in one of the trial-matches and has been a member of the First Team ever since.

Harry Williams (Right Wing)—Has an exceptional turn of speed but has had few opportunities to turn this to the best of advantage.

J. Povolny (Right Centre).—A good all round centre and has saved his side on many occasions by good tackling. A prolific scorer.

R. Green (Left Centre).—Is fast, tricky and reliable in both defence and attack.

Haydn Davies (Left Wing).—A recent convert from Soccer. Is very fast but has had few opportunities of shining as yet.

A. John (Outside Half).—The Captain of the team and a whole-hearted "Rugger" player. Is one of the best players in the team.

Inside-half.—Several players have been tried in this position but nobody has displayed exceptional merit. C. Gregory, the untiring Secretary of the team, is without doubt the best, but he cannot play constantly owing to a knee-injury.

A. Bowen.—An exceptionally good forward and works hard in the loose and in the scrum. A very good place-kicker.

L. Mathews.—Plays a good game and is a consistent and reliable forward. Does not give his "threes" the opportunities that he might.

L. Hearne.—A good fast forward and works exceptionally hard. Opens out the game well.

T. Tasker.—His pluck makes up for his lack of inches. A good scrummager.

C. Arnold.—Another small player with plenty of pluck. His play is such that he has been able to maintain his position in the team for the last three years.

M. James.—Is best in the "line out" owing to the fact that he is tall.

W. Rees.—Hails from Morriston, the home of all good "Ruggerites."

J. Barrett.—The most recent addition to the team and plays a good game. Excellent in defence.

## A SOCIAL VISIT IN FRANCE.

One morning during the School trip to St. Nazaire in the Summer Vacation, I left the Collège Aristide Briand at 6.30 for the ferry boat crossing the Loire. Before catching my train on the other side I took a hasty coffee. I now had time to read over the invitation from M. Lesbouryries for me to stay with his son René "1, 2, 8 days . . . or a month." I had never met René although I had corresponded with him for five years while at School. I had found he was now on holiday with his people at Préfaïlles, about ten miles from our centre.

It will be interesting to most of the party to note here that the driver of the "Tortoise" (as the train is called) was Rastus, an acquaintance of the previous day. I arrived about 8.30, and after a petit déjeuner of chocolat, I reached Villa "Les Dunes." Master René appeared in pyjamas; I was evidently *astir betimes*. I found him to be a tall lad of seventeen, fair and with quite an English appearance. His English surprised me, but I learned later that his old English master was M. Berthier, a previous assistant *francais* at Swansea. We afterwards went for a stroll when I was introduced to a friend of his and his mother. Conversation provided a new experience for me; I had actually to take an active part in a chat, entirely in a foreign language and under natural conditions. One curious fact that struck me was that René and his lady friend, although passing and answering questions both appeared to talk at the same time.

I then met René's father, just returned from a cycle spin, and we went crab-hunting during the low tide; this proved excellent sport, and shrimps even were not immune from my friend's net. Excitement ran high and the French enthusiasm of temperament was well displayed. Mme. Lesbouryries proved to be a most charming and motherly lady, who provided a wonderful *petit diner*; the only thing Madame regretted was the fact that I had caught no crabs large enough to form part of the meal. Our wine was diluted with *chalybeate* water taken fresh from a natural spring close by the Villa.

After a cup of wonderful coffee, we all strolled along the cliff under a stiff breeze. A fantastic touch was supplied by large flecks of foam floating calmly up from the crags below. Further out, breakers marked the now-submarine road from the mainland to the Ile de Noirmottier; this allows vehicular traffic at certain tides, I was told.

There followed a "Five o'clock," in which an English brand of tea was brewed, much to my surprise and, I confess, delight. I was very sorry to bid farewell to my kind hosts, and about six o'clock René and his parents saw me off once more into the little Tortillard. It had been an enjoyable but fatiguing day: when finally I arrived at the Collège, fairly dead-tired, I was greeted by the lusty chorus, under Mr. George's leadership, of "Keep right on to the end of the road." Having just reached that end, I was quite able to grasp and appreciate the spirit of the song, and joined in with gusto. And so to bed. W. H. D. DAVIES (O.B.).

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### NOVEMBER THE ELEVENTH.

November the Eleventh has now become one of the greatest dates in British History. It is a day on which we gather to do homage to our glorious and unforgettable dead.

At the Municipal Secondary School the day is treated with great reverence and I describe below the simple but effective service which took place.

At a quarter to eleven the whole school assembled in the hall. One noticed immediately that the inevitable school-boy chatter was subdued and was of a more serious tone than it is at ordinary times.

The Headmaster entered the room, buzz of conversation stopped, and he began his speech, during which, he proudly referred to the activities of the school during those terrible times.

The service was then continued by listening to the Broadcast Service from St. Mary's Church. Through the loud speaker came the mellow tones of the Choir and the fluting accompaniment of the organ. Eventually the hymn finished and the Vicar with that deep sincerity in his tone, that so characterizes his work, announced that in one minute the silence would be observed.

The Two Minutes Silence. The atmosphere is tense; all with bent head, contemplate—meditate on the——that happened nine years ago. Even the school-boy with his renowned stoicism, trembles in a silence like death; four hundred minds with but a single thought.

The calm voice of the minister, brings us back to earth and reality; it is as if we have been dwelling in the clouds oblivious of all other influences.

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### REFLECTIONS OF AN OLD BOY.

Alas, that my schooldays so soon are o'er,  
 Those days that now I know were far too few (?)  
 I sigh to 'call the hours I spent galore  
 On Latin, Maths and Geography too.

And now with conscience pricked, I mind me how,  
 In summers past, when cricket was in vogue,  
 I cast my books aside, and risked a row,  
 To waste my time at playing like a rogue.

However, all that's past, and I may say,  
 That though it gave my brain the strength of Tunney,  
 I'm jolly glad it's over, anyway:  
 I'd not go back to school for love nor money

At evening, when my mind is free for leisure,  
 I fetch my book and sit before the fire.  
 And then I think, and, Jove! it gives me pleasure,  
 Of lads who needs must swot until they tire.

'Tis fine to think I've finished with detention,  
 That impots never more will come my way.  
 But then, I s'pose it is but school convention  
 To make a fellow work instead of play.

The Fifth are still good Shorthand writers, what?  
 They still work hard at Trig, throughout the year?  
 But hold! No more must I prolong this rot,  
 A tous vous élèves, je dois dire, Adieu!

R. DREW (Late of Fifth).

### GREETINGS TO CHRISTMAS.

Hail to the dawn of Christmas,  
 Which now is drawing nigh;  
 Now let our harps and voices  
 Ring forth their greetings high.  
 The message of the Manger,  
 Which Christmas brings to all,  
 Should drive away our anger,  
 And quarrels big and small.

A time of fun and feasting,  
 We welcome it along,  
 With geese and turkeys steaming,  
 We'll sit to dine with song.  
 The mistletoe and holly,  
 Around the festive board,  
 Will make us all be jolly,  
 With cake and sweets well stored.  
 Hurrah! to Father Christmas,  
 With beard so long and white,  
 He'll come with presents various,  
 And put them down at night.  
 The stocking with its treasures  
 He'll place upon the bed;  
 May all our homes be gladdened,  
 And hungry folks well fed.

STANFORD MARSHALL, 1B.

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### SCHOOL v. SWANSEA UNIVERSITY.

The match took place on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 30th, at Singleton. The School lost the toss and played down the slope in the first half. The opening exchanges were in favour of the 'Varsity and for a short time they were in our twenty-five. But our forwards took the ball into the 'Varsity's half. For the remainder of the half the School were almost continually on the attack, but although they tried hard they could not score.

HALF TIME—School 0. University 0.

Playing down the slope the 'Varsity had the better of the half and on some occasions the School had to defend very hard to save their line. However, despite their game display, the 'Varsity scored two tries, both of which were unconverted. The decision of the Referee in awarding the first try was hotly disputed by the School. A. Bowen almost scored for the School from a free-kick, the heavy ball dropping just a little short. The 'Varsity were pressing hard on our line when the whistle blew for final.

FINAL SCORE—School 0. University 6.

Throughout the game there was not a single sustained bout of passing, owing to the greasy nature of the ball. The forwards, especially Tasker, Hearne and Bowen, played a hard game and if they had been favoured with a little more luck, they would have scored a few tries in the first half. However, on the whole, the University deserved their win.

S.T., VI.

**HOUSE MASTERS AND OFFICERS.****DE LA BECHE HOUSE.**

House Masters—Mr. J. Mendus, Mr. W. H. Price, Mr. A. Jones.  
 Head—H. Davies (L.V), Capt.—L. Hearne (VI), Sec.—E. L. Morgan.

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House Masters—Mr. E. Phillips, Mr. G. Powell, Mr. A. Jones.  
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**DILLWYN HOUSE.**

House Masters—Mr. E. Thomas, Mr. D. D. Phillips, Mr. T. J. Huxtable.  
 Head—Arnold Bowen (V), Cyril Gregory, Sec (V), Aneurin John, Capt (VA)  
**GROVE HOUSE.**

House Masters—Mr. D. Davies, Mr. W. T. Davies, Mr. B. C. George.  
 Head—S. G. Thomas (VI), H. C. Williams, Sec. (V), L. Mathews,  
**LLEWELYN HOUSE.** Capt. (L.V).

House Masters—Mr. D. H. Morgan, Mr. W. H. Lewis, Mr. T. Morgan.  
 Head—D. C. Davies (VI), R. Williams, Sec. (V), M. James, Capt. (V).

**ROBERTS HOUSE.**

House Masters Mr. J. B. Abraham, Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. W. H. Lewis.  
 Head—E. S. Davies (V), P. W. Ace, Sec. (V).  
 Senr Sports Capt.—J. P. Barrett (V). Junr. Sports Capt.—H. Joseph (2A).  
 Committee—G. O. Richards (V), H. Mendus (IVCL), I. Evans (III R),  
 W. M. Morgan (2R), T. Edwards (IC)

**An episode from "The Knights of Ye Table Square."**

'Twas Christmas Feast at 'Ye Table Square,'  
 And hosts of knights and ladies fair  
 Were seated around the festive board  
 Attacking the viands with single accord.  
 All suddenly, up stood Sir Percival Potte  
 And said, in a voice that was heard by the lot,  
 "King John, on behalf of my colleagues and me  
 I beg to hand over this present to thee."  
 So saying, Sir Percival took to the King  
 A parcel, as large as e'er baron did bring.  
 Said he to the King, "Sir, to you I'll confide  
 You'll be mighty surprised when you see what's inside."  
 King John eyed the gift and observed to the Queen :  
 "'Tis something prodigious and goodly, I ween ;  
 In fact, fair Mathilde, it's my shirt I'll be betting,  
 Whatever's inside it is well worth my getting."  
 Forthwith did he open the box with his knife,  
 And truly he had the surprise of his life  
 When a Jack-in-the-box struck him full in the jaw,  
 Which was greeted by all with a mighty guffaw.  
 The King, with a snort, said, "Percy, vou varlet,  
 I'll punch your nose till the wretched thing's scarlet.  
 And if you were not such a terrible fighter,  
 I'd wipe up the floor with your carcase, you blighter."  
 "But if you agree you'll no more mess about,  
 I think I'll refrain from throwing you out"  
 Said Percy, "Your Highness, I'm grateful to you,  
 We will on with the banquet without more ado."

W. DREW (Late of Fifth).

NEW BOYS—SEPTEMBER, 1927.

Nos.	Names.	House.	Nos.	Names.	House.
2004	—Andrewartha, G. G.	G	2066	—Morgan, L. G.	D
5	—Batcup, W. F.	B	7	—O'Brien, J. B.	L
6	—Beynon, T. K.	L	8	—O'Callaghan, B.	R
7	—Bodycombe, T. G.	A	9	—Olsen, P. M.	A
8	—Cook, W. G.	A	2070	—Owen, W.	L
9	—Cooper, G. C.	A	1	—Packer, A. G.	G
2010	—Cox, E.	R	2	—Perkins, H. E.	B
1	—Crocker, S. R.	R	3	—Phillips, H. H.	R
2	—Cuff, A. N.	L	4	—Poley, S.	B
3	—Dadds, J. A.	A	5	—Pope, K. R.	B
4	—Darracott, S.	G	6	—Price, C. J. L.	G
5	—Davies, C. B.	D	7	—Price, I. G.	L
6	—Davies, H. M.	A	8	—Rasbash, N. M.	D
7	—Davies, I.	R	9	—Rees, G.	B
8	—Davies, I. R.	D	2080	—Rees, J. W.	B
9	—Davies, J. G.	A	1	—Richards, A. G.	G
2020	—Davies, R. G.	D	2	—Ridd, G. E.	L
1	—Davies, W. L.	G	3	—Roberts, D. W. M.	B
2	—Dilling, J. G.	D	4	—Rowland, C. W.	A
3	—Dimaline, W.	R	5	—Smale, J.	R
4	—Dobbie, D.	D	6	—Stabler, J. L.	R
5	—Donnell, F. T. J.	A	7	—Stewart, N.	R
6	—Dooley, D. J.	D	8	—Taylor, K. A.	L
7	—Earrey, J. E.	L	9	—Taylor, R. H.	G
8	—Edmunds, D. H. M.	G	2090	—Thomas, I. G.	A
9	—Edwards, K. C.	L	1	—Thomas, W. G.	D
2030	—Edwards, T. J.	R	2	—Treseder, C.	D
1	—Edwards, T. R.	B	3	—Tucker, R. J.	A
2	—Evans, E. R.	B	4	—Turner, W. P.	R
3	—Evans, R. A.	G	5	—Walters, H. O.	R
4	—Evans, T. A.	R	6	—Webb, L. W. T.	G
5	—Francis, J. E.	A	7	—Welsh, J.	A
6	—Gregory, L. G.	B	8	—White, P. A. F.	A
7	—Hayes, G.	A	9	—Williams, D. E.	L
8	—Hiles, B. W.	L	2100	—Williams, J. L.	A
9	—Hocknell, D.	B	1	—Williams, T. V.	G
2040	—Hodges, A. F.	G	2	—Williams, W. J.	A
1	—Holland, W. T.	R	3	—Williams, W. M.	D
2	—Hopkins, E. A.	L	4	—Wyman, M.	L
3	—Hopkins, E. L.	D	5	—Batcock, M. B.	L
4	—Howell, B. S.	L	6	—Bennett, J. E. L.	D
5	—Hughes, A.	B	7	—Bevan, I. G.	R
6	—James, J. I.	L	8	—Bevan, Llew.	B
7	—John, E. G.	G	9	—Chandler, A. S.	A
8	—John, E.	B	2110	—Davies, I.	B
9	—John, E. J.	R	1	—Devonald, A. D.	A
2050	—Jones, D. A.	B	2	—Drewett, F. E.	B
1	—Jones, D. H.	L	3	—Harrison, W. J.	G
2	—Jones, D. S.	B	4	—Jones, R. G.	D
3	—Jones, S. L.	D	5	—Kieft, J. S.	G
4	—Lewis, A. E. D.	D	6	—Macleod, D.	D
5	—Lewis, J. P.	D	7	—Matthews, A. D.	L
6	—Libotte, L. S. W.	G	8	—Matthews, R. G. L.	D
7	—Llewellyn, E.	A	9	—Mess, R. G.	G
8	—Longhurst, R. H.	R	2120	—Mitchell, R. L.	R
9	—Macdonald, T. N.	R	1	—Ruck, S.	L
2060	—Mansfield, R. J.	A	2	—Stiles, H. W.	R
1	—Marshall, J. S.	G	3	—Thomas, W. M.	L
2	—Masters, W. J.	G	4	—Williams, A.	D
3	—Meech, R.	D	5	—Williams, J. R. D.	R
4	—Minney, H. B.	G	6	—Wilson, J. E.	G
5	—Morgan, G.	L			

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