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EDITORIAL.

THE Editorial of a School Magazine is perhaps the most useless part of the publication. The majority of the readers probably do not think it worth reading, and regard it merely as a necessary evil, while the Editor agrees that it is an evil, but cannot understand why it should be regarded as necessary. Custom, however, decrees that there must be an Editorial, and, being unable to say "Let there be an Editorial," and to have our command obeyed without further trouble, we must hasten laboriously to write one ourselves.

In reviewing past events, our first duty is to offer our heartiest congratulations to W. D. G. Wilkinson, who obtained a Classical Scholarship of £80 at Jesus College, Oxford, in January.

Activity on the playing-fields during the term has been somewhat limited by the heavy falls of snow we have experienced. In the few matches which were played, however, the Hockey XI. acquitted itself very creditably, and in the match against Swansea showed very good form.

The Steeplechases were run on March 25th, and provided interesting finishes. The winners in both races ran well, under very unfavourable conditions. We hope that better weather will prevail for the Sports on April 10th.

On such days as the weather has permitted the Cadet Corps has been actively employed. It is confidently expected that the Corps will soon receive official recognition, and all thanks are due to Mr. Isitt, who has been untiring in his efforts to achieve this object.

It would be impossible for us to conclude the Editorial without some reference to those Old Breconians, who, since our last issue, have sacrificed their lives upon the altar of duty in the World War. One of these, namely, D. C. Thomas, the majority of the present members of the School remember, and some of us were in the same form with him. The example set by these heroes should be long remembered, and may the time be far distant, when mention of their names ceases to arouse feelings of pride in the mind of every Breconian.

IN MEMORIAM.

CECIL H. BROADBENT: Classical VIth Form Master during 1903—6: accidentally killed in France in March, while serving as 2nd Lieutenant with the 4th Batt. K.O.Y.L.I. (T.F.). Mr. Broadbent came to us from Trinity College, Cambridge, with a good record as a Classical Scholar, and his Sixth Form work was very successful during his somewhat brief period of service at Christ College. He passed from Brecon to a Classical Mastership at Bradford Grammar School, a post which he retained until shortly after the outbreak of war. Weak health prevented him taking a very large share in the life of the School here, apart from his teaching work, but he will be remembered as a clever golfer and billiard player, a keen student of English literature and an agreeable and popular master.

D. CUTHBERT THOMAS: Hostel, 1906—1914; only son of the Rev. E. Thomas, Vicar of Llanedy, Pontardulais. Died of wounds in France on March 18th, while serving as 2nd Lieut. in the 1st Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He took a prominent part in the life of the School, being a member of the Classical VIth and a School Prefect when he left just before the outbreak of war. Not physically strong, he was nevertheless a good all round athlete, playing forward in the XV.'s of 1912 and 1913, and doing much excellent service as a steady batsman to the Cricket XI. for three seasons (1912-3-4). He was also a member of the Hockey XI. (1914), and for some time one of the Editors of the "Breconian," to which he contributed at various times pieces of light verse of no little promise. He joined the ranks of the Public School Batt. of the Royal Fusiliers in August, 1914, but subsequently obtained a Commission in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He had been in France for some 3 or 4 months, and his untimely death in his 20th year will be a source of grief to many Brecon contemporaries.

R. S. YORKE: at Christ College 1865—1867: afterwards entered at Tonbridge School, and won a Scholarship at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge. An Old Boy of the old regime, who after many years' Government service in China, returned to Breconshire about 1907, and for some time lived at Scethrog. He took no little interest in his old School, and in December, 1908, presided as Senior Steward at the O.B. Dinner held at Brecon. Being an ardent motorist, he had during the war volunteered his services as a driver for Government purposes, and died in his 59th year in February last of pneumonia, contracted while engaged in this work. His keen personality and pleasant comradeship will be much missed by a large circle of friends.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Broadbent, C. H., 2nd Lieut. 4th Batt. King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (T.F.) (bomb accident in France).

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Thomas, D. C., 2nd Lieut. 1st Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers (in France, March 18th).

WOUNDED.

Davies, J. Ll. T., 2nd Lieut. 10th Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers (severely—in "International Trench" at Ypres).

Denny, M. C. M., Lieut. 11th Batt. King's Liverpool Regiment (slightly—in France).

Gibbon, S. R., R.F.A. (in France).

Hazard, C. P., 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Lewis, P. S., 2nd Lieut. R.F.A. (in Mesopotamia).

INVALIDED.

Davies, W. L. G., Lieut. R.A.M.C.

Evans Jones, P. D., Lieut. 6th Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers (from Gallipoli).

Howell, W. A. G., 2nd Lieut. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Lewis, L. G., 4th (Public Schools) Batt. Royal Fusiliers.

Price, A. B., 4th (Public Schools) Batt. Royal Fusiliers.

Price, H. P., Surgeon, R.N.

Thomas, E. F., Corp. R.E. Cyclist Corps.

MENTIONED IN DESPACHES.

Budworth, C. E., C.B. Brigadier General, R.H.A. 2nd Cavalry Brigade (2nd time).

ROLL OF SERVICE (5th List).

Coppage, V., Driver A.S.C. Motor Transport.

Cryer, J. B., Inns of Court O.T.C.

de Winton, C. H., Lieut. Staff Recruiting 24th Reg. District.

Evans, J., Inns of Court, O.T.C.

Evans, G. S. W., O.T.C., Lichfield Camp.

Green, N., 2nd Batt. (Reserve), R.F.A.

Innes, J., Naval Constructor, R.N.

Jones, G. B. H., 2nd Lieut. 3rd/1st Welsh Horse.

Jones, J. P., Lieut. R.A.M.C.

Jones Davies, J. L., 3rd Batt. S.W.B.

Large, C. J. E., Lieut. Territorial Reserve of Officers (Air Control).

Lloyd, J. E., 2nd Lieut. 3rd/1st Brecknock Batt. S.W.B. (T.F.)

Macaulay, H., 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. Seaforth Highlanders.

Martyn, J. V., Inns of Court, O.T.C.

Morgan, W. J. H., 2nd Lieut. 3rd/1st Brecknock Batt. S.W.B. (T.F.)

Robinson, J. S., Naval Instructor, R.N.

Saunders Davies, D. H., 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. Warwickshire Regt. (seconded for service with Royal Flying Squadron).
 Sims, E. T., Inns of Court, O.T.C.
 Thomas, C., 3rd Batt. H.A.C.
 Thomas, H. E., 3rd/4th Batt. Black Watch.
 Thomas, T. F., Inns of Court. O.T.C.
 Thomas, W. B., R.N.V.R. (Air Service).
 Tottenham, R. C., 2nd Lieut. R.E.
 Tudor, A., 26th Batt. (Bankers), Royal Fusiliers.
 Walters, D. J., 2nd Lieut. R.G.A.

PROMOTIONS.

Gibbon, W. St. M., 2nd Lieut. 12th Batt. Welsh Regt. to be Captain 1st Batt.
 Griffith, E. W., Lieut. R.A.M.C., to be Capt.
 Hinks, B., Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. S.W.B.
 Hunter, W. A., Lance-Corp., to be 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.
 Jenkins, E. D. T., 2nd Lieut. 2nd Batt. Monmouthshire Regt., to be Lieut. King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.
 Llewellyn, M. H., 2nd Lieut. 5th Batt. Welsh Regt., to be Lieut. R.E.
 Phillips, C. D., Capt. 12th Batt. S.W.B., to be Major.
 Phillips, T. G. V., 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. S.W.B., to be Capt.
 Robertson, T. P. M., Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. S.W.B.
 Spencer Smith, M., Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 16th Batt. London Regt. (Queen's Westminster Rifles).
 Yendoll, R., Private, to be 2nd Lieut. A.S.C.

LETTERS FROM THE WAR.

I.

We are in quite nice billets again and expect that ere long we shall be back again in winter quarters. It now really looks as though we shall have no chance of going into action this side of Christmas, but of course one never knows. I have quite a good farm for the Section and have nearly all my horses under cover; it is rather dirty at present, but I am getting it cleared up. When it is nice and respectable, I expect we shall move, as that usually is the case. The beginning of this week the gun fire was tremendous and continuous day and night, and we were all very hopeful that we were going to get a move on, but once again all is quiet. . . . One of my A.V.C. men had his leg broken on Thursday. They were out exercising before breakfast, riding one horse and leading another. A led horse in front lashed out and caught him on the shin-bone, smashing it in two places. . . . I wonder when I was near Roddy (A. R. Evans O.B.)? But he must have made a mistake and heard that one of the Indian Infantry Divisions was near him. I should much like to see him.

From France.

II.

After serving 6 months in the Public Schools Brigade along with several O.B.'s, I went as a junior sub. to the Welch Regiment. I sailed from England in August last with our first draft for our first line, which had sailed for Egypt a month previously. We were in total ignorance of our destination, but from Malta we went direct to Lemnos and after a short stay in that wonderful harbour, full of warships and merchant craft of every kind and nationality, we arrived at Suvia Bay on August 31st. We joined our battalion in the trenches the following night. On our way up there was a lively battle on the left, in which

our guns and the ships' guns took a part and for about an hour and a half we could do nothing but lie down. You can imagine it was rather impressive to newly landed soldiers. The battalion had been in the landing and had lost heavily, besides enduring an arduous 19-day spell in the trenches. We were busy, because there was only one trench between the Turks and the sea; so we had to get on with support and reserve trenches, etc. . . . Things generally were very quiet in Gallipoli, till we came back, and personally I was never in a fight worth speaking of. After a few weeks we went back to Lala Baba and recommenced interminable trench digging. We honeycombed the place, and still had more to do, because on Lala Baba were the defences, behind which the rearguard would have to fight in covering the evacuation. . . . We lived in dug outs covered with blankets and water-proof sheets, which were very comfortable till it rained: this was seldom, but when it really commenced, well!—At first the storms were short and extremely sharp but at the end of November came the one and only. You always speak of it as "the Flood" or "the Storm." "Were you there," you ask a man, "during the Storm?"—because there was nothing ever like it. Personally, I spent an unprofitable hour baling out 2½ feet of water from my dug out with my helmet. It was a fine sight, because it was also the Company Mess Room. Canned fruit, jars of rum, papers of every kind floated round, while my valise containing three parts of my clothing reposed quietly under the water. Worse was to follow, for we had 3 days of biting north winds with sharp frosts and some snow. No house to warm and dry oneself in, while Mr Turk after one day sufficiently recovered to cheer us up with shells. They allege that 10,000 men were evacuated sick after that storm. . . . After an uneventful period of beach life we left the Peninsula as tranquilly as if we were embarking on a Bristol Channel trip. We did not know we were evacuating, but it is not surprising that we were puzzled and suspicious. I have now been 3 months in Egypt, still digging more trenches. There are a good many Llandoverians in this Brigade but only one Breconian that I know of. It was good news the School beat Monmouth at last and then drew with Llandoverly. May their success long continue!

From Egypt.

III.

Your letter, with all its news, reached me a few days ago. The parcels, so kindly provided by the Hostelites, arrived en masse yesterday. I wish to thank you all very much indeed for your kindness and thoughtfulness: please thank the contributors for me and tell them how much the good things are being appreciated.

The 'footer' results make excellent reading. To beat Monmouth by such a score reminds me of my early days at Brecon: the Llandoverly match must have been a very good one. I've had two games of Rugger since I came out. The second game wasn't at all bad fun, but my wind gave out early after half time. The men mostly play Soccer: we have a good regimental side. Very few officers seem to know much about Rugger.

Christmas out here was a very merry festival. A burlesque Soccer Match, Officers v. Sergeants, came off in the morning. The sergeants showed great ingenuity in their 'makes-up,' some wearing gas-helmets, others women's clothing. The men quite enjoyed their Christmas and are all ready for work again this week.

I shall get my leave about March, I expect. If I get time, I should like to spend a few hours in Brecon. If I cannot do so, I must wait until I get a "Blighty packet"—i.e., a soft "cushy," wound, necessitating slack convalescence. I'm getting well up in T.A.'s expressions, several of which are mutilated French—e.g., "no pooh" (? il n'y a plus), which can mean countless things.

From France.

[We print this letter for its pathetic interest. The writer was killed, just at the very time when he speaks of expecting his leave. No "Blighty packet," alas! but the eternal discharge. *Sit terra levis!*]

HOCKEY SEASON, 1916.

At the risk of being hackneyed, we must begin by discussing the weather. It has done its worst once more for our brief Hockey Season; rain, as usual, and snow, beyond usual measure, have combined to make things either impossible or exceedingly unpleasant. It is almost a mockery to speak of a 'Season' at all.

This is the more regrettable, as never before perhaps have the League Teams and House XI's been so equally matched. There was prospect of much keen competition and skilful play, and it speaks well for the energy of the players that their keenness at any rate has been so little affected by adverse conditions.

By ignoring waterlogged or snow covered grounds, we managed to play three matches at the end of the season, and were able from these to form some opinion of our School XI., whose existence had previously been somewhat shadowy. In its more materialised form it left a distinctly good impression behind it. With a few dry grounds to practise on, a little extra dash and finesse would no doubt have been acquired, and with these added the Hockey XI. of 1916 might certainly be written down as well above the average.

A word of praise is perhaps specially due to the excellent half-back line. The goal-keeper too need not fear comparison with his predecessors, and we think the forward line considerably more dangerous in attack than those of the last year or so.

The League Tables are recorded elsewhere. Too many matches were abandoned to make them instructive reading. The three leading sides were very "much of a muchness." The Cossacks gained most points, but on the other hand the Japs had a better average and the Gurkas were only once beaten. We bracket them together and leave individual judgments to draw their own conclusions. Among the Juniors the Cossacks were pretty certainly the ablest side.

It would be difficult to say which of the divisions of the School House really had the better XI.; but A-M. thoroughly deserved their victory over the Hostel, and as the other matches were drawn, they were assuredly champions. Moreover, they played in both matches a sound

and persevering type of game, which contrasted on the whole favourably with the less accurate vigour of their adversaries.

Of players outside the XI., who did good service in League and House Games, out of many deserving mention, we having only space to congratulate the following: D. Hoskins, H. I. K. Jones, C. Ll. Morgan, D. Leyshon, Lloyd Rees, and (ignoring one silly fault) N. Evans.

We must say in conclusion that words cannot adequately express our debt to Mr. Henshaw, whose generous aid in finding teams to give us matches during the past year has done so much to mitigate the ravages of the war upon the School games.

THE HOCKEY XI.

- T. THOMAS (Goal-Keeper)—1916.—A cool and determined defender; with plenty of judgment, is equal to most emergencies.
- F. M. PRYCE (Right Back) 1916.—Sound, but slow. Has a good clean clearing shot, and is persevering as a tackler.
- R. L. PHILLIPS (Left Back) 1916.—A worrying player who makes up for lack of pace and some clumsiness by unflagging determination. Must learn to clear the mouth of goal better, when hitting on the defence.
- E. J. MORGAN (Right Half-back) 1915-6.—Clever and untiring; not easily beaten and generally in the right place to assist his forwards.
- T. LL. EVANS (Centre Half-back) 1915-6.—His illness and absence have prevented him perhaps from reaching the highest standard hoped of him; but his play is marked by quiet skill and judgment and his captaincy has been successful.
- C. HOWELLS (Left Half-back) 1916.—A much improved player with the knack of rising to the occasion. Skilful in stopping the ball and in stick work.
- D. J. THOMAS (Outside Right) 1915-6.—Makes very good use of his pace and centres with great force and certainty. Only falls short of real excellence by an obstinate indifference to the off-side rule.

- W. SAUNDERS JONES (Inside Right) 1916.—On a dry ground decidedly the most dangerous inside forward; his stick work and knowledge of the game are above the average, and he can shoot goals.
- A. G. HENSHAW (Centre Forward) 1916.—Ought with his pace and good control of the ball to be an ideal centre, but he lacks finishing power and is a little too individualistic. Can shoot with deadly effect when in the mood.
- G. WILKINSON (Inside Left) 1915-6.—Plays a bustling game in a by no means easy position. Should try to manœuvre a little more for position in the circle and to make his shooting more effective.
- S. E. LEWIS (Outside Left) 1916.—A very clever player. Has an uncanny control over the ball and marked agility in the use of his stick, and though rather slow for a wing, has certainly filled the position with great success.

HOCKEY MATCHES.

THE SCHOOL v. MR. HENSHAW'S XI.—Mr. Henshaw with his usual generosity brought a team to play us on Saturday, March 11th. Some of those who were to play got held up in the snow on the Beacons, so that the team was rather weakened. However, the substitutes enabled the team to give a good account of itself. The ground was not very good for hockey and snow on the surface made it very difficult to see the ball. The School pressed from the start and soon scored through Henshaw. Continuing to play well we added another goal in the first half, this time through Saunders-Jones. Play in the second half was for some time uninteresting, but towards the end the School again played up well and Henshaw added two more goals. So we were left victorious by 4 goals to nil. The following represented the School:—(Goal) T. Thomas, (Backs) F. M. Pryce, R. L. Phillips, (half-backs) E. J. Morgan, T. Ll. Evans, C. Howells, (Forwards), D. J. Thomas, W. Saunders-Jones, A. G. Henshaw, G. Wilkinson and S. E. Lewis.

THE SCHOOL v. MASTERS & 2ND XI. On Wednesday, March 15th, a game was played v. the Masters and 2nd. XI. The ground was in very bad condition, and good play was therefore largely prevented. The School were infinitely superior to their opponents, who nevertheless for a long time put up a stubborn fight. Mr. Hoskins and D. Hoskins were especially prominent on several occasions and brought off some pretty movements in spite of the bad conditions. For the School Henshaw and Saunders-Jones played well. After rather a scrappy game the whistle went with the score 7 goals to 3 in favour of the School. The following represented the School:—(Goal) T. Thomas, (Backs) F. M. Pryce, R. L. Phillips, (half-backs) E. J. Morgan, T. Ll. Evans, C. Howells, (Forwards), D. J. Thomas, W. Saunders-Jones, A. G. Henshaw, G. Wilkinson, S. E. Lewis.

THE SCHOOL v. SWANSEA XI.—This match was played on St Helen's ground, Swansea, under ideal hockey conditions on Saturday, March 18th. Swansea turned out a very powerful XI., which included several international

players. A goodly number of spectators came to witness a game, which was fast and clean from start to finish. Considering the effects of a long and tedious train journey the School side found its feet very quickly, and took up the attack at once. The Swansea defence seemed impenetrable, their backs hitting hard and clean, while, again and again, some really difficult shots were repulsed by their goal-keeper. But, at last, after some clever passing and a hard centre by D. J. Thomas, Henshaw scored with a fast high shot. Swansea very soon made the score equal after several unsuccessful attempts to defeat T. Thomas. The second half was no less exciting. The School forwards set the pace, and soon after restarting play Henshaw scored after defeating the whole back division. It was evident at this stage that our opponents were flagging, and the School attacked strongly, but without success. Swansea, however, rallied wonderfully well, and their centre forward scored with a shot, which seemed impossible to be stopped. The School had decidedly the better of this half, but a strong and untiring defence prevented further scoring on their part. The final score (2 goals all) was a very satisfactory termination to an exceedingly well-contested game. The School forwards played very well together, passing with rare skill and running with determination and speed. At half T. Ll. Evans was in splendid form. His clever stick-work, combined with untiring energy, was invaluable to his side. He was well supported by Morgan, whose hitting and tackling were never so admirable as on this day. Howells also played with praiseworthy perseverance. The two backs, although unsteady at first, improved as the game went on. They came successfully to meet their man, instead of waiting for him. In goal, T. Thomas, always cool and judicious, played a superb game. The following represented the School :—(Goal), T. Thomas, (Backs), R. L. Phillips and F. M. Pryce, (Half-backs), E. J. Morgan, T. Ll. Evans, and C. Howells, (Forwards), D. J. Thomas, W. Saunders-Jones, A. G. Henshaw, G. Wilkinson and S. E. Lewis.

THE HOCKEY LEAGUES.

SENIOR.

	Matches.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Abandoned.	Pts.
Cossacks	6	2	1	2	1	6
Japs	6	2	1	1	2	5
Ghurkas	6	1	1	1	3	3
Russians	6	1	3	0	2	2

JUNIOR.

Cossacks	6	3	0	0	3	6
Russians	6	2	2	0	2	4
Ghurkas	6	2	3	0	1	4
Japs	6	1	3	0	2	2

HOUSE MATCHES.

1.—A—M drew N—Z, 4 all. Without their Captain, A—M were perhaps lucky to escape defeat, but they made more of their chances than N—Z.

2.—A—M beat Hostel, 3—1. A well fought game, but the winners played a steadier and more effective game.

3.—Hostel drew N—Z, 3 all. An even fight, in which the Hostel were slightly superior to their opponents in skill.

FIVES.

OPEN SINGLES.—Round 1.

E. J. Morgan	beat	A. L. Thomas	...	15—3, 15—7.
D. J. Thomas	"	P. C. Evans	...	15—8, 15—7.
T. Ll. Evans	"	Prosser	...	15—1, 15—5.
Wilkinson	"	Wilson	...	15—2, 15—3.

The rest had byes.

Round 2.

Roberts	beat	Fryer	...	15—8, 15—7.
Henshaw	"	Lloyd Rees	...	15—8, 15—11.
G. C. Thomas	"	Oxenham	...	15—10, 15—7.
Scudamore	"	W. R. Richards	...	15—1, 15—6.
E. J. Morgan	"	D. W. R. Thomas	...	15—7, 15—11.
K. G. Evans	"	Phillips	...	15—5, 15—4.
G. E. Watson	"	Hunter	...	15—12, 7—15, 18—14.
H. I. K. Jones	"	Dunbar	...	15—2, 15—5.
T. Ll. Evans	"	Wilkinson	...	15—1, 15—4.
N. Evans	"	T. L. Price	...	15—5, 15—4.
D. Leyshon	"	Saunders Jones	...	15—7, 15—3.
R. Thomas	"	Daniel	...	15—4, 15—13.
D. J. Thomas	"	C. E. Thomas	...	15—0, 15—10.
Searle	"	Sims	...	15—14, 15—9.
Howells	"	Hoskins	...	15—2, 15—6.
C. G. Evans	"	W. V. Thomas	...	15—4, 15—5.

Round 3.

Searle	beat	Scudamore	...	15—13, 15—7.
D. Leyshon	"	C. G. Evans	...	15—3, 15—2.
Henshaw	"	G. C. Thomas	...	15—14, 15—0.
K. G. Evans	"	H. I. K. Jones	...	12—15, 18—17, 15—11.
T. Ll. Evans	"	D. J. Thomas	...	2—15, 15—10, 15—13.
Roberts	"	R. Thomas	...	15—0, 15—0.
E. J. Morgan	"	Howells	...	18—14, 18—14.
N. Evans	won over	G. E. Watson	...	scratched.

Round 4.

D. Leyshon	beat	Searle	...	15—3, 15—0.
Henshaw	"	Roberts	...	15—1, 15—2.
E. J. Morgan	"	K. G. Evans	...	15—4, 15—5.
T. Ll. Evans	"	N. Evans	...	15—7, 15—10.

Semi-Final.

T. Ll. Evans	beat	Henshaw	...	15—6, 15—1.
E. J. Morgan	won over	D. Leyshon	...	scratched.

Final.

E. J. Morgan	beat	T. Ll. Evans	...	15—7, 15—1.
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JUNIOR SINGLES (under 15).

Round 1.

I. A. Lewis	beat	D. J. Jones Evans	...	15—14, 14—15, 15—6.
L. C. Davies	"	Scudamore	...	15—1, 15—0.
Lloyd	"	Baker Jones	...	15—2, 15—3.
Gwillim	"	H. Lewis	...	15—7, 15—4.
D. K. Evans	"	Marshall	...	15—2, 9—15, 15—7.
Blackall	"	R. St. E. Richards	...	15—5, 15—3.

The rest had byes.

Round 2.

G. C. Thomas	beat	C. du Heaume	...	15-2, 15-5.
I. Ll. Evans	"	Adams	...	15-2, 15-10.
L. C. Davies	"	T. Jones Evans	...	15-0, 15-0.
Lloyd	"	A. du Heaume	...	15-3, 15-2.
Blackall	"	Gwillim	...	15-1, 15-2.
D. K. Evans	"	R. Thomas	...	15-10, 15-12.
W. V. Thomas	"	W. R. Richards	...	15-2, 15-3.
T. L. Price	"	I. A. Lewis	...	15-0, 15-0.

Round 3.

G. C. Thomas	beat	W. V. Thomas	...	15-1, 15-1.
T. L. Price	"	I. Ll. Evans	...	15-0, 15-1.
Blackall	"	Lloyd	...	15-6, 14-15, 15-8.
L. C. Davies	"	D. K. Evans	...	15-1, 15-2.

Semi-Final.

L. C. Davies	beat	T. L. Price	...	15-10, 15-11.
G. C. Thomæs	"	Blackall	...	15-1, 15-13.

Final.

G. C. Thomas	beat	L. C. Davies	...	15-9, 15-9.
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THE STEEPLECHASES.

This annual event was run on March 25th, slightly later than usual. The weather was extremely unpropitious, a strong wind blowing down the Tarrall Valley, and rain falling nearly all the time. Consequently the ground was very slippery and muddy, and running was very difficult.

In the Junior event though some sprinters led the way out of the Cricket Field, L. C. Davies soon took the lead, closely followed by I. Ll. Evans. On the return journey, however, L. G. Yendoll emerged from a group of runners, and, passing Evans, began to press Davies closely. Just before entering the School Fields, Yendoll negotiated a hedge very cleverly, and managed to beat Davies by a few yards—a very remarkable performance, considering his age. I. Ll. Evans soon arrived, followed by Scudamore, Blackall, O. H. Watson, Marshall, W. V. Thomas, D. K. Evans and W. R. Richards. Yendoll's time was 29 mins. 54 secs., quite up to the ordinary standard, considering the adverse conditions.

As usual some of the less genuine competitors were to the fore at the commencement of the Senior Steeplechase; but Henshaw, Prosser, C. Ll. Morgan and Sims went off together. C. Ll. Morgan was at last passed by Sims, who ran very well. Henshaw came in first in 39 mins. 47 secs., closely followed by Prosser, who ran unexpectedly well, being somewhat of a "dark horse." Sims, C. Ll. Morgan, A. L. Thomas, Dunbar, R. C. Jones, Murray, Fryer and W. L. Smith were the next to arrive.

On the whole the Steeplechases were satisfactory. A large field took part, the finishes were unusually close, and the times were as good as could be hoped for on such a day. Nevertheless all were glad to say when time came, "Nunc est bibendum."

THE GAMES COMMITTEE.

THREE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD THIS TERM.

- (1) On Friday, January 21st. Members present:—Rev. A. E. Donaldson (President), Mr G. H. Isitt, D. J. Thomas, W. Saunders Jones, A. G. Henshaw and R. L. Phillips.

Mr W. L. Hoskins was unanimously elected a member of the committee vice Mr J. S. Robinson. It was decided to play Senior and Junior Hockey Leagues on the same lines as in the previous year. Senior and Junior House Matches were also arranged. A Junior Fives (under 15) Competition was agreed upon in addition to the usual Open Singles Competition.

- (2) On Saturday, February 26th. Members present:—as above with the addition of Mr W. L. Hoskins, G. Wilkinson, E. J. Morgan and T. Ll. Evans.

March 25th was chosen as Steeplechase Day and April 10th as Sports Day. It was decided to continue the House Competition in the Sports instituted last year and to make the Steeplechases part of this same Competition. The following marks was assigned to the latter races—Senior, 1st 12, 2nd 9, 3rd 6: Junior, 1st 8, 2nd 6, 3rd 4.

The Sports officials and committees were also elected.

- (3) On Wednesday, March 22nd. Members present as above.

It was decided not to award the Junior Game Football Cups this season. It was also decided not to attempt to form a regular Golf Club this term.

A. E. DONALDSON, President.

A MEMORY OF BELGIUM.

Once upon a time there was a town called Namur. Whether there is much of it left now, or what its present German name may be, are questions that do not now concern us. But amid the sad thought suggested by the fate of Belgium and the fall of Namur, it is possible to smile when I recall that wonderful Illustrated Guide to the place that I possess.

The local Committee for advertising the town and attracting visitors prepared an excellent Guide—in French. For the benefit of English tourists it was translated into English, apparently by a Belgium who only knew our tongue from books. It is from this latter version that I propose to give a few extracts.

The book begins by summarising the attractions of Namur and district, and adds, "One cannot there fore sufficiently induce the tourist to visit Namur and often some times." Then follows a page of "Practical Information" concerning conveyances and Post Offices, including this mysterious notice :—"Head Office : Near the Station. Open day and night (sale of postage stamps after been chosen according to the post office) except on sunday."

In the list of statutes in the town comes the following :—"Square Léopold : Bust of Mathieu, child of Namur, who greatly contributed to the development of the science of orthopædia and surjernry, being the inventions of the different instrument of high precision."

On page 36 is a noble piece of prose on the scenery. "In the other direction whereas it is from the heights of Moulin-à-Vent, Belgrade, or Erpent, that one discovers Namur, the spectacle lends another beauty perhaps more majestic and a picturesqueness more impressionable for the reason that the back ground is always formed by the hills with their abrupt sides which crown the wild tower of stones round which twist the angular cordons of grey walls in which the battlements are as so many disquieting eyes congealed since centuries into some large and cold orbits."

The best effort in the book is the description of the "Grottoe of Han."

What a mysterious decoration, what magic does not only that name evokes ! Directly it gives us the vision of one of those subterranean palaces, dark and fairy, which were edified by the poetic nature to

wonder-struck us. One should think to see a cathedral of wide wide world, to which innumerable pilgrims come every year. They are by thousands visitors wondered admirers of such a magnificence and who never get tired to contemplate those sublime natural architectures. The travellings guide—and inquiry books and unanimous to cite the Grottoe of Han like most majestic of the world. Its chaos, its multiform concretions whiter as alabaster, its gulfs and subterranean rivers make an impression of fantastic wick is unspeakable. A serie of halls, the most varieted, composes it. . . . The last part is visited in boat, it is then that the traveller enjoys the most wonderfult spectacle which might be imaginatied. . . . The recent transformations of the electric lighting is a real feat of strength. The nature's gigantical work appears at the visitor, like at broad daylight at certains parts, whereas the torches conserves to other passages their mysterious character."

Last come sundry advertisements :

Hotel d'Harscamp : Landlord, F. Shoeffter, Patented purveyor to TT.MM. the King and Queen of Belgium.

G. Altmann, Surgeon-Dentist : Mouth and Teeth illness.

Holland Hotel : Every forenoon and evening, Musical audits.

J. Ferard : Hire carriages establishment. Undertaking for weddings !

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D. C. T.

Since you were here two years have sped,
 But you're remembered still ;
 Your memory has never fled,
 Not yet it will.

You trod the muddy football-field
 On many a hard-fought day ;
 'Twas then you learned to scorn to yield
 In grim affray.

We've seen you batting, calm and cool,
 When runs were coming fast ;
 In a greater game, for Country and School,
 You fall at last.

Rememb'ring what you were and did,
 To you, who fighting fell,
 Breconians, past and present, bid
 ▲ last farewell.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE.

If seven days make one week
How many make one strong ?

If $5\frac{1}{2}$ yards make 1 rod
How many make 1 cane ?

If 40 perches make one rood (rude)
How many make one polite ?

If 60 seconds make one minute
How many make one large ?

If 1 dram makes three scruple
How many make one doubt ?

If three feet make 1 yard
How many make a garden ?

20 pennyweights make one ounce. We hope this rule does not apply to the good things in the Tuck-shop.

The proverb has it 'One swallow does not make a summer.'
Granted, but how many swallows make a drink ?

When the wine is in the wit is out ! so this accounts for the want of humour in so many so called Comic papers.

'Heaven helps him who helps himself.' This however is no excuse for bad table-manners.

A ROUTE MARCH.

What is this great martial throng,
Setting off with cheery song,
As they gaily march along ?

The Cadet Corps.

Who are these with weary tread,
Many hours in marching sped,
Tramping on with drooping head ?

The Cadet Corps.

Who are these that like a hearse
Homeward creep with mutter'd curse,
Stony roads their thoughts immerse ?

The Cadet Corps.

Who are these at last at rest
Back at their collegiate nest ?
Many of them have not bless'd

The Cadet Corps.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The term began on January 19th, and will end on April 12th.

At a meeting of the School, held on Friday, January 21st, T. Ll. Evans was elected Captain of Hockey. A. G. Henshaw was elected deputy Captain during the absence of Evans. At the same meeting R. L. Phillips was elected to fill the vacant place on the Games Committee.

The School Prefects for this term are R. L. Phillips and W. D. G. Wilkinson.

A. H. Johns and A. G. Henshaw (School House), and D. C. Thomas (Hostel), have been made House Prefects.

The Editors of *The Breconian* are W. D. G. Wilkinson, F. M. Pryce and G. Thomas.

W. D. G. Wilkinson has been awarded a Welsh Classical Scholarship of £80, at Jesus College, Oxford. We offer hearty congratulations on this great success.

Two extra half-holidays have been granted this term, on February 10th, in honour of Wilkinson's Scholarship, and on Monday, March 6th, instead of the usual holiday on St. David's day.

The Choir had a half-holiday on Friday, March 17th.

L. M. Thomas (O.B.) has been appointed Coroner for Port Talbot and district.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. Justice Atkin (O.B.), to be the judge for hearing appeals from decisions of the munitions tribunals in England and Wales, under Section 18 of the Munitions of War (Amendment) Act, 1916.

I. M. Powell (O.B.) at a recent Examination passed into Sandhurst. T. P. M. Robertson (O.B.) has finished his course at Sandhurst and is now a 2nd Lieut. in the S.W.B.

Brigadier General C. E. Budworth (O.B.), who was recently mentioned for the second time in Sir John French's despatches, has been made a Companion of the Bath.

F. H. Blackwood (O.B.), who was invalided from the Front in February, 1915, has now been discharged from the Army.

Birth: On February 21st, at Castle Hill, Reading, the wife of H. P. Price (O.B.), Surgeon, R.N., of a son.

Marriages: The following marriages took place recently: On February 8th, at the Cathedral, Hereford, Dr. Cyril Francis (O.B.), son of Dr. Francis, Brecon, to Iris Daphne Katherine Grenville-Levason, of Hereford.

On February 5th, in Cardiff, 2nd Lieut. W. D. Owen (O.B.), to Florence E. Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, Southampton.

On March 7th, at Merthyr Tydfil, 2nd Lieut. G. B. Llewellyn (O.B.), to Lilian Sibbering Sandbrook.

R. S. Yorke (O.B.) died recently of pneumonia. Although advanced in years, he volunteered as a motor driver and caught a chill while carrying out his duties.

On February 16th, Madame la Comtesse de Croze delivered a lecture in the Library on Alsace.

J. V. Martyn (O.B.) has composed a March, "The Devil's Own," which was played at the annual concert of the Cymmer Colliery Military Band, of which his father is conductor. He is attached to the Inns of Court, O.T.C. The March is described as "intensely forceful" and one of the audience remarked that "if the O.T.C. was imbued with the aggressive spirit of the Composer, the Germans would have much cause to fear them."

We have received visits from the following (O.B.'s) this term:— D. L. Jones, G. B. H. Jones, A. B. G. Biggerton-Evans, T. R. Davies, H. Spencer Davies, B. Hincks, E. T. Sims, A. Henshaw, A. W. T. Evans, H. Parry Price, E. Arnott, G. S. W. Evans, W. H. J. Morgan, C. Thomas, F. James. Mr. Robinson has also paid us a visit this term.

The Steeplechases were run on March 25th, and the Sports have been fixed for April 10th.

The winner of the Football Kicking Competition last term was G. C. Thomas.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Would it not be possible, during the Summer term, for boys to get leave to go boating on the Usk? This pursuit is followed in most public schools. Hoping this meets with your approval.

We are, your truly,
THE MERRY SAILORS.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—May we, through the medium of your columns, draw attention to the need of a Hymn-board in the Chapel. Would not this be a convenience to all?

We are, yours, etc.,
CHORISTERS.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Can no one be found in the Games Committee to propose that cricket on half-holidays should end at five o'clock? Three hours' cricket in one day is generally considered sufficient when there are games every day. Of course this need not apply to those in the 1st and 2nd XI., who require much practice. Hoping that this epistle, even if not meeting with your approval, may yet earn just treatment in your hands.

I am, yours, etc.,
HOOKANIT BEE.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Would it not be rather a good idea to have the high jump up all the year round for the boys to use in their spare time. Hoping our appeal will be successful,

We are, yours, etc.,
DIE LOSSIN & BROTHER.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—While reading through your last issue, I was rather surprised to see that apart from the bare mention of their names, there was nothing about those heroes who were "killed in action." Surely they are worthy of more mention than that. I beg to suggest

that a brief account of each be inserted, giving a brief account of their school and subsequent life ; this will not only be of distinct interest, but it will be in a small way a memorial of them. Also, I beg to suggest that *every* O.B. who joins the O.B.A., write to the Recorder once a year, giving a personal account of his doings. Probably over twice as many Old Boys read the *Breconian* as Present Boys, so that there should be more than one or two pages out of thirty devoted to Old Boys ; but the remedy lies with the Old Boys. If they will only put their bashfulness aside and let the School know what they are doing, the School might benefit by their successes. As it is so many Old Boys lose touch with the School. Of course, the Recorder should not be expected to reply to all these letters !

Yours truly,

R. S. A. (O.B.)

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—During next term would it not be possible to devote more time to swimming ? Last year we were allowed an hour to walk $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the bathing place, change, have a swim, dress again, and return to School in time for lock-up. Surely this time is very limited. Therefore, would it not be possible, especially as there is a prospect of fewer matches this season than usual, to extend the bathing time ? Surely swimming is one of our foremost sports ; thus, why take less interest in it than cricket ? I feel positive I have many supporters.

I am, etc.,

ENTHUIAST.

[“ Enthuiast ” will probably find on inquiry that the time for bathing is for good reasons intentionally limited, quite apart from any cricket considerations.—
EDD.]

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

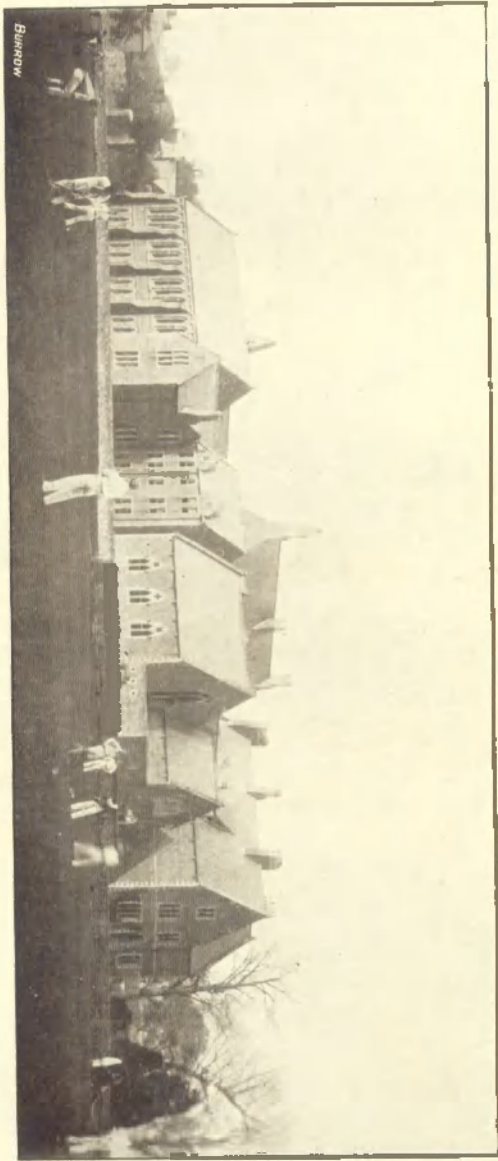
DEAR SIRs,—May we suggest a slight improvement, which would lighten the duties of Games' Captain each term, namely, that a special reporter be selected at the beginning of every term to write out the accounts of first XI. matches, the same applying to House matches. The Captain's duties, under the present arrangement, are rather strenuous and we feel sure that this innovation would find favour with them.

We remain, etc.,

A TRIO.

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