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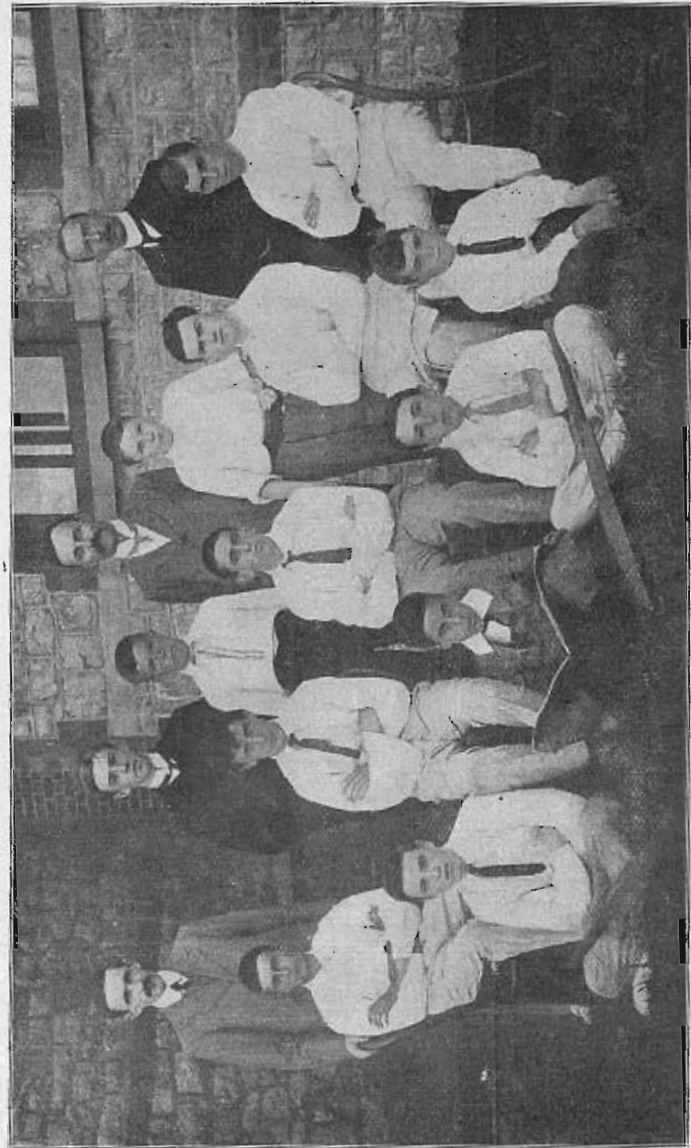
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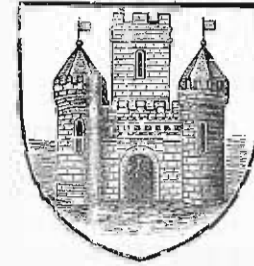
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School Cricket Team—1909.



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### Editorial.

Once more the festive season is at hand and the "Penvro" appears, to wish its readers a joyful Christmas holiday, and a Bright and Happy New Year.

At the beginning of the Term, we received the annual Central Welsh Board Certificate list. The successes included: 1 Honours, 7 Senior and 21 Junior Certificates. We wish to congratulate Form IV. who did remarkably well this year, 21 pupils out of 22 entered obtaining Junior Certificates.

The welcome news reached school recently that the Governors had made arrangements to purchase nearly 5 acres of land near the school for a recreation ground. This action of the Governors is much appreciated by the pupils who take this opportunity of thanking them, through the medium of the "Penvro," for thus providing such a splendid playing field.

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"I have always thought of Christmas time . . . as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time, the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut up hearts freely."—*Dickens*.

### Life in the Trinity Service.

The following account of some of the work that is done by the men of the Trinity Service has been sent us by Gordon Harries, who left us last term, and is now an apprentice on the s.s. Irene :—

The general work of the Trinity Service is the management of buoys, lighthouses, and beacons, and keeping clear the fairways. The buoys have to be exchanged every six months, and generally a deck-load of them is taken out to sea to replace the old ones, and, for this, fair weather is needed. The vessel anchors near the buoy, which is hove up and cleaned of all the mussels, barnacles, weeds, &c., as soon as it is on deck. A rope is then fastened to the chain to prevent it falling overboard when the buoy is unslacked. When this is done the new one is shackled on to the chain, which holds it by means of an iron sinker at the bottom. The rope which holds the chain is freed, and the buoy lowered into the water. Care must be taken not to get the buoy out of position, especially when a new chain and sinker are laid. Some buoys are lighted by gas, the submerged part acting as a tank, which will hold enough gas to last from 30 to 150 days. The gas is conveyed to the buoy by a gas pipe from holders on board. When the pressure in the buoy exceeds that of the holder, a patent steam pipe is used to force the gas into the buoy. The lightship and her moorings are exchanged every seven years. The moorings are laid in the direction of the tides, and are composed of chain or ground mooring (about one-fifth of a mile long) laid on the bottom of the sea, and at the end of which are two mushroom anchors. Halfway between these a chain is shackled, which leads up to the lightship and on which she swings. Every lightship carries about 60 fathoms of chain, which forms part of the chain she swings on. When a lightship only is exchanged, this enables it to be done easily. When she is being shifted, the old lightship cuts off this chain, and is then taken alongside the Trinity boat. The new ship takes the end of the moorings and fastens on her 60 fathoms. The shifting or exchanging of the moorings is a much more difficult task, for it is exceedingly important to place them exactly in the right position. When the new moorings are laid and the lightship moored safely, her position is verified by certain marks and angles.

On the 15th of every month, the relief takes place, when the lightships and lighthouses are given oil, water, coal, stores, &c., and new men are put aboard the lightship or on the lighthouse.

A more dangerous duty is the blowing up of wrecks which are sunk in parts dangerous to shipping. Divers are first sent down to ascertain convenient places for the charges of dynamite or other explosive. When this is done, the charges are lowered down, placed in position, and are connected to the steam vessel by electric detonators.

Everything being clear, the charges are fired and hatchways, spars, deckplates, &c., are blown up out of the water.

An annual inspection of all the lighthouses and lightships round the coast of England and the Channel Islands takes place in the summer by the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House in our ship, the Trinity yacht "Irene." This vessel also has the privilege of accompanying the Royal yacht when the King is on board, as on the occasion of the last Naval review at Spithead on August 1st, when she led the Royal yacht and the Russian yacht through the lines of battleships and cruisers, which were decorated with flags. As soon as we entered the lines, the warships fired salutes. The same night we were decorated with electric lights like the battleships, and anchored off Cores near the Royal and Imperial yachts.

### A Wet and Stormy Day in a Freshwater Hut.

There are two sides to every question, and it is always wise to look on both. Day trippers, who go to Freshwater on a bright summer's day, would find it hard to imagine the sea any other colour but blue, and the sand without its habitual smoothness. The little children, who think the waves are never above paddling height, would find it difficult to believe that they can rise so high that they look like great walls. These have experienced only one side of Freshwater. Only we campers-out know it on a day when others would think it insane to venture out of doors.

After a terrible night, during which we have nearly been blown, hut and all, down over the burrows, we wake up to a sight very different from that which, on a fine morning, greets the eye—inside and outside. On the walls of the hut, there are numerous little streams running down, making various little pools on the floor. These must be immediately wiped up, and to avoid them for the rest of the day, cups and basins are placed to catch the drops. Any clothes that have become wet, we hang over the stove to dry. What a dreary sight greets us outside! There is no break in the leaden sky, the sea is almost as grey, save for the furious white horses driving before the wind—that same wind that had nearly ruined us the night before. The foam stretches out for thirty yards, and we can hear the waves beating mercilessly on the shore. Instead of strutting along the beach in the sunlight, the gulls are flying inland, screaming above the noise of wind and rain.

Our attention is now called to our duties inside. After having performed a hasty toilet, we find we have no water for breakfast,

which is the result of being so tired the night before. Out one of us must go to the well, bundled up in coats and macintoshes, leaving the others more room to get breakfast.

We must have this meal inside the hut. This is a great change from having it on the verandah in the fresh-air, where there is plenty of room to move about. After breakfast we prepare to go down to the shore, for campers-out think it a sin to stay in all day, when there is a chance of seeing such a glorious sea below. What a sight the shore is! Little balls of foam, blown up from the sea cover the beach, and whirlwinds of stinging sand meet us at every turn.

All along the coast clouds of spray, caused by the waves thundering against the rocks, are thrown up towards the sky, lighting up for an instant the leaden atmosphere. A brisk walk across the beach gives us such an appetite, that we soon have to return to satisfy our hunger. Dinner over, we have to look about for amusement indoors, for our clothes are so wet from the driving mist, that we have to allow them to hang over the stove for the rest of the day. Books and fancy work now appear, whilst to one of us is appointed the task of emptying the cups and basins, as they fill from the trickles down the walls. Some would hardly think so, but an afternoon spent thus is not at all unpleasant. The next item on the programme is tea. It usually happens that on a wet day, we run short of provisions so one of us must put on the driest of the clothes and run out again, this time to the farm with a milk-jug.

Tea over, we sit till dusk, anxiously watching for signs of clearing, for we do not relish being rocked to sleep by the wind again. At last there is a break in the grey sky and a lovely silver patch of light strikes out upon the sea. This is followed by others, showing signs of a fine day on the morrow.

At dusk, we light our lamp and make ourselves perfectly cosy and comfortable until bed-time.

D. JONES & M. JAMES.

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"If a little knowledge is dangerous, where is the man who has so much as to be out of danger."—Huxley: "Aphorisms and Reflections."



### "Not a Stanley's Man."

The following advertisement appeared in a provincial paper some time ago:—

"A gentleman, about to go to Central Africa, desires a companion in a big game expedition. Kindly apply 9, Chesterfield Avenue, Twickenham."

Seeing this advertisement, a man on the look out for a job determined to apply. A few days later, he was returning home about midnight, after spending the evening in a riotous manner with companions to whom he had been loudly boasting of his future exploits with the African lions, when he found himself in rather a hazy state of mind in the neighbourhood of Chesterfield Avenue. Although it was so late, he determined to call on the big game hunter. He rang the bell of No 9, and the door was answered by a liveried servant.

"May I see Mr. ——" he asked?

The servant explained that his master had retired for the night.

"But I must see him," he urged, "it is a matter of life and death."

The servant was about to close the door in the man's face, when a voice came from the top of the stairs, "All right, James, show the gentleman in. I'll be down in a minute."

After a short time Mr. —— appeared. "Well, my man, what can I do for you?"

"Oh, sir! It's er —— about that —— er —— big game expedition," he replied with much hesitation. "I thought as how —— er —— I'd call and tell you as —— er —— I can't come."

F. C. LAWRENCE.

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### The Song of the Soccer Team.

1. It is not often that we rhyme,  
But surely, surely it is time,—  
For better or worse,—  
We broke into verse.

*Chorus—*

When the Governors buy a field,  
When the Governors buy a field,  
When the Governors buy,  
When the Governors buy,  
When the Gohernors buy a field.



2. We look with longing everyday,  
Beyond the railings over the way,  
And long for the day,  
When we can play,  
On a grand five-acre field  
*Chorus*—On a grand &c.
3. We've played on mud and sand and lime,  
Till the captain began to sigh for the time,  
When we could play,  
In the normal way,  
On a green and grassy field.  
*Chorus*—On a green &c
4. These verses three, let's sing with glee,  
Till the glorious days we see,  
Hurrah! we shout,  
Three cheers ring out.  
For the Governors and the field.  
*Chorus*—For the Governors &c.

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### Central Welsh Board Certificate List, 1909.

#### HONOURS CERTIFICATE.

Joseph James—Lower Stage, English Language and Literature, Latin, French, with conversational power.

#### SENIOR CERTIFICATES.

Harold Wynne Collins—English Language, Literature, History, Arithmetic (with distinction), Additional Mathematics, Mechanics (with distinction), Chemistry, Geography.

Violet Masson—English Language, Literature, Arithmetic, French (with conversational power), Elementary Mathematics, Chemistry, Drawing.

William Henry Petty—English Language, Literature, History, French, Arithmetic (with distinction), Additional Mathematics, Mechanics, Chemistry, Geography, Drawing.

Dorothy Spriggs Phillips—English Language, Literature, Elementary Mathematics, French (with conversational power), Chemistry, Geography.

Stephen John Scurlock—English Language, History, French, Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geography.

Edward Alford Duncombe Stephens—English Language, Literature, History, Latin, French (with conversational power), Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics (with distinction), Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Drawing (with distinction).

#### JUNIOR CERTIFICATES.

Alice Lydia Annie Anderson—English Language, Literature (with distinction), History, Elementary Mathematics, French (with conversational power).

Harold Brown—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature, French, Arithmetic (higher stage), Elementary Mathematics, including Trigonometry, Drawing, Woodwork.

Lilian George—English Language, Literature, French, Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics, Drawing, Hygiene and Domestic Economy, Cookery.

James Wilmot Griffiths—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature, History, Latin, French, Arithmetic (higher stage), Elementary Mathematics, including Trigonometry, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Drawing, Woodwork.

Margaret Evelyn Griffiths—English Language, History, French, Geography, Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics, Drawing, Hygiene and Domestic Economy, Cookery.

Mary Gwendoline Howells—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature, Latin, Arithmetic, Hygiene and Domestic Economy, Cookery.

Frances May James—Scripture Knowledge, English Language (with distinction), Latin, French (with conversational power), Arithmetic, Hygiene and Domestic Economy (with distinction), Cookery.

Margaret Dilys Jones—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature, History, French, Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics, Geography, Drawing, Hygiene and Domestic Economy, Cookery.

Frederick Charles Lawrence—Scripture Knowledge, English Language (with distinction), Literature (with distinction), Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics (including Trigonometry, with distinction), French (with conversational power), Drawing, Woodwork (with distinction).

Guion Thurnal Ingledeu Leonard—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature, History, French (with conversational power), Arithmetic (with distinction), Elementary Mathematics, Physics, Geography, Drawing, Woodwork (with distinction).

Florence Maud Lloyd—English Language, Literature, French (with conversational power), Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics, Drawing, Hygiene and Domestic Economy, Cookery.

Alice Mary Morris—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature, History, French (with conversational power), Arithmetic, Chemistry, Hygiene and Domestic Economy, Cookery.

Ruth Elizabeth Ogleby—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature (with distinction), French (with conversational power), Arithmetic (with distinction), Elementary Mathematics, Geography, Hygiene and Domestic Economy (with distinction), Cookery.

Ida Gwendoline Phillips—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature, Chemistry, Geography, Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics, French, Drawing, Hygiene and Domestic Economy, Cookery.

David Edward Pledge—English Language, Literature, French, Chemistry, Elementary Mathematics, including Trigonometry, Drawing, Woodwork (with distinction)

Hugh Upton Richards—English Language (with distinction), Literature, French (with conversational power), Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics (including Trigonometry), Physics, Drawing, Woodwork (with distinction).

Howard William Silcox—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature, History, Latin, French, Arithmetic (higher stage), Elementary Mathematics (including Trigonometry), Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Drawing, Woodwork.

Cyril Edward Sketch - Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature (with distinction), Latin, French (with conversational power), Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics, including Trigonometry, Chemistry, Geography, Drawing, Woodwork (with distinction).

William Robert Tett - Scripture Knowledge, English Language (with distinction), Literature, French (with distinction and conversational power), Arithmetic (with distinction), Elementary Mathematics, including Trigonometry, Physics, Drawing (with distinction), Woodwork (with distinction).

Christopher James Thomas—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature, Physics, Geography, Arithmetic (higher stage), Elementary Mathematics, including Trigonometry, Latin, French, Drawing, Woodwork.

Mary Thomas—Scripture Knowledge, English Language, Literature, Latin, French (with conversational power), Arithmetic, Elementary Mathematics, Chemistry, Geography, Drawing, Hygiene and Domestic Economy, Cookery.

## An Account of a School Caravan Tour.

(As told to me by one who went).

Most of us at one time or another, have heard about such tours, although we might not have been on one. So I venture to give the following outline of a tour, which took place, from my last school, namely, at Guisborough. Perhaps you do not know some of the places through which we passed; but it will give you an idea of what one of these tours is like.

At nine o'clock in the morning on August the 3rd 1908, the caravan was in the school square ready to be laden. Packing the luggage on it took some time, as the party did not possess the skill which they afterwards acquired with practice, and it was about 10 o'clock before we finally left the square, amid the cheers of those who had assembled to wish us God-speed. Those who took part in the tour were the Head-Master, Mr. Berwick, and eleven boys, and, of course, our equine friend Boney who served us so well, and faithfully, and who, I believe enjoyed the holiday almost as much as any of us. Never, I should think, since he started his career as a cab-horse, had he spent a week in which corn was so plentiful and work so scarce. Our first halting place was to be at Chop Gate, a small village in the depth of the Yorkshire moors, about fourteen miles from Guisborough. One of the boys had been sufficiently thoughtful to bring a bicycle which we took turns in riding, and which proved useful on several occasions. The first day's march was not particularly eventful, most of the boys performing the greater part of the journey on foot. At Chop Gate we found that an ideal camping ground had been engaged, quite near to the village, if a village it can be called. The field where we camped was bounded on one side by a row of trees, which, to a certain extent, kept off the cold winds, and on the other side by a stream which came in very useful for washing purposes. The night was clear and bright, and the boys amused themselves by shooting with an air-gun, and by strolling round the village.

In spite of the beautiful appearance in the early part of the evening, the night was very stormy, and the boys in one of the tents were soaked, although those in Mr Berwick's tent seemed to be none the worse. This fact may be due, possibly, to the ramblings of one of the boys, who took it into his head in the middle of the night to change places, and who bumped the top of the tent several times with his head, and the heads of the other fellows with his feet. Considerable dread was also caused by Boney, who wandered about the guy ropes, and on one or two occasions seemed on the point of falling on the tent. Next morning broke damp and cold, and since most of us were wet and uncomfortable in bed, we rose at four o'clock, and ran down to the stream for a wash. Coal fires were lit in the tent to dry it, and we

"What is the use of health or of life if not to do some work therewith."

—*Carlyle: Sartor Resartus.*

breakfasted on potted shrimps, plum cake, and smoke. As we could not get the kettle to boil, we washed these down with a mixture of coffee essence and cold water. After breakfast the tents were taken down and packed up.

As on the night before, since none of us except Mr Berwick had had any experience in the art of handling a tent, we were rather slow in doing this, but before the week was over we could drop the tent, roll it up, and pack it on the cart in less than two minutes.

After this we set out en route for Helmsley, which was situated at a distance of fourteen miles. On this day a system was begun which was kept up until the end of the tour. The party was divided into two companies, of which the five elder boys formed one, and the six smaller boys the other. These companies took turns at riding and walking, the change taking place about half way between the halting places.

On this, the second day of the journey, we made a long march in the morning, in order to reach Rievaulx Abbey in time for luncheon. The mid-day meal was eaten under one of the arches of this ancient building, and we spent about an hour looking it over, while the photographers of the party took snapshots. On arriving at Helmsley we found that the field reserved for us was about as convenient as any of the camping grounds on the journey. It was a good distance from a farm, and from water, although it was within easy reach of the town. This time we were not quite so long in putting up the tents, and we were learning to erect them in a way which made them more proof against the weather. By the end of the third day, after a stop of about an hour and a half at Kirby Moorside, we reached Thornton Dale. This is a very pretty village, so pretty in fact, that a few years ago it was the winner of the prize offered by the "Leeds and Yorkshire Mercury" for the prettiest village in Yorkshire. At Thornton Dale the party enjoyed their first bathe, and to get it we had to trespass on private property. At Pickering we had received the ground sheets which had been sent out after us, and so perhaps we were a little more snug than usual at Thornton Dale. We had already learned that it was unnecessary to take off any clothing at night. Before retiring we used to fill the pillow-cases with straw, if we were not too lazy, so that there might be something to rest our heads on. Then after loosening the necks of our shirts, (no one wore collars) we put on a pair of slippers and a top-coat, rolled ourselves in our rugs, and in a very few minutes, were all fast asleep. Some thought it unnecessary to take their caps off, for the short time they spent in bed. Next day, August 1st, was certainly the most exciting day we spent. It was the turn of the older boys to walk first, and, of course, as a usual thing, they took with them the air-gun and the bicycle. Before they had got very far they were stopped by a plain clothes policeman on a bicycle, who took their names and addresses for carrying a gun without a licence. They pleaded ignorance of the fact that a licence was required for an air-gun, and the Inland Revenue officer seems to have pardoned them on that score. A short time afterwards we passed through the middle of a

sham fight, and had a little fun with the soldiers. Most of them took the jokes in good part, but a few of them threatened to "flog" the party. One of the boys who was dressed somewhat after the style of a boy scout, attracted most attention, and was received with numerous invitations to wash his knees. The Volunteers thought this very funny. Our intention was to spend the next night at Ravenscar, but when we reached that place we found that the landlord who owned the surrounding property would allow no one to camp there, so the caravan was obliged to go to Robin Hood's Bay. Perhaps we were fortunate in not being able to stay at Ravenscar, for the few things we bought there were absurdly expensive.

The camping ground at Robin Hood's Bay was in a field which stretched right down to the edge of the cliffs. It was no difficult matter to climb down to the beach, and most of us had at least one bathe, and some of us two.

The next day being Sunday, was spent quietly at Ruswarp. The last part of the journey from Ruswarp to Guisborough was completed in one day. Most of the luggage was packed up and sent by train, and so all the boys were able to climb into the otherwise empty caravan. The day proved wet, but we protected ourselves by wrapping the ground sheets round our shoulders, and the party reached Guisborough at night, all in good health and spirits, having enjoyed a most delightful holiday. H. L.

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"The most mortifying infirmity in human nature, to feel in ourselves, or to contemplate in another, is, perhaps, cowardice."—Lamb: "Essays on Elia."

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"Heed how thou livest. Do not act by day which from the night shall drive thy peace away."—Whittier.





### School Notes.

This term ends on December 17th. The Spring Term begins on Tuesday, January 11th, 1910, and ends on Friday, April 15th.

At the beginning of the term, a new copy of the School Prospectus and Plan of Work was issued. Amongst other things included in it, is a list of school rules, which it would be advisable for some people to commit to memory.

Forty-seven pupils entered the School in September this year.

The following pupils gained entrance scholarships to the School this year:—County Scholars—Alice M. Stephens, Sarah H. John, T. S. Griffiths, O. T. H. Williams, L. F. Masson, J. W. Brailsford, W. Reynolds, R. Harris. District Scholarships—Helena M. Stephens, Frances E. French, Gertrude Edwards, Irene M. Bollom, Doris Edwards, O. J. Rees, B. James.

May James, W. Tett, and C. E. Sketch were awarded internal scholarships at the beginning of this term.

We congratulate Mr. Garnett on his marriage with Miss Bertha Smith of Ramsbottom, which took place in the summer holidays. In extending a hearty welcome to Mrs. Garnett, we wish both Mr. and Mrs. Garnett every happiness in the future.

Miss Hewitt, who has been Art Mistress at the School during the past year, is leaving us at Christmas. We unite in offering her our best wishes for the future.

An excellent photograph of the late Chairman of the Governors (Rev. S. T. Phillips) has been placed in the Board Room.

The builders have been busy at the School all this term, and in consequence the boys' field has been occupied by materials of all description. We are glad to say the work is nearly finished, and we hope to come back next term to a clear field.

Now that it is finished, the caretaker's lodge forms a pretty little building at the entrance to the School grounds.

We congratulate Tett on obtaining five distinctions on his Junior Certificate, and Lawrence who had four distinctions.

We congratulate J. James on gaining a Honours Certificate this year and also on being awarded a £40 King's Scholarship at University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. By the aid of this scholarship, James has been able to enter as a resident student in the College Hostel. We wish him a very successful student career.

The Preliminary Certificate Examination for Elementary School Teachers, Part I., will be held at the School on Thursday and Friday, December 16th and 17th.

Bursars.—The following pupils have become Bursars under the Pembroke-shire Education Committee:—I. G. Bonnell, M. G. Howells, F. M. Lloyd, A. M. Morris, S. E. Price, E. R. Smith, M. Thomas, H. Brown, J. B. O. George, J. W. Griffiths, H. E. Lewis, W. A. Llewellyn, H. W. Sileox, C. J. Thomas.

Seven of last year's Form V. are serving a year as student teachers:—N. Rees, W. H. Petty, H. W. Collins, E. A. D. Stephens, all at Neyland; J. G. Webb at Rosemarket, T. A. Harris at Burton, and E. M. Cleveland at Cosheston.

County Scholarships, for one year, have been awarded to the following pupils, who hope to become Bursars next year:—Lilian George, Dilys Jones, Ida Phillips, Ruth Ogleby, G. I. T. Leonard, A. S. Road, W. E. John.

Several members of last year's Form III. A entered for a holiday prize competition, organised by Mr. C. J. Jones, "For the Best Collection of Wild Flowers." Rev. R. Jackett, of St. Ishmael's, very kindly consented to act as adjudicator, and his criticisms on the work submitted will be of service to those who enter next year for the prizes which will be offered. We say prizes, for Rev. R. Jackett has promised to offer a prize himself next year. The winner was T. Smith.

Three pupils of the School, who are Student Teachers, have been accepted for entrance into Training Colleges for next year:—N. Rees and E. M. Cleveland at Fishpond's College, Bristol; E. A. D. Stephens at University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

E. W. Davies has gone to sea as an apprentice on board s.s. King Howell, the vessel on which we have another old boy—L. Bennett.

S. J. Scurlock, who passed the entrance examination of the London and Provincial Bank, left us at the beginning of this term to take up his appointment in one of the Bank's branches in London.

Marjorie and Grace Gain will be missed from Form III. B next term. They left in December with the 1st Battalion Welch Regiment for Egypt. We hope they will send us some of their experiences of Egyptian hospitality.

We have heard much of late about the reform of spelling, and we are told that each person would, with reform, spell as he wished. Perhaps the person who, in the recent examination told us to "find the eight of a block" is a reformer.

From a recent Geography examination.—“Some time ago the North Sea was dragged and animal bones were found. This shows that the British Isles was once a part of the Continent.” “A rain gauge shows you the direction of the prevailing winds.”

From an essay on Westminster Abbey.—“We thought it would be looking old and decayed, but it is very nicely kept, and the old air in it is beautiful.”

A very modern idea of the pleasures of L'Allegro, from Form V.—“he spends a pleasant evening at a popular Music Hall listening to one of the beautiful comedies of Shakespeare.”

Definition of quacksalver—an animal of the duck species.

The “surplice population” that an essayist spoke of was not meant to refer to the Church—but it looks as though it were.

Some new facts of history from the Lower Forms—“Edgar Arthing was called Edgar the Peaceful. He was chiefly constructed by St. Dunstan. His reign consisted of prosperity and peace.” “Boadicea was the leader of the English against the Romans after she poisoned herself.”

We congratulate Beatrice Phillips of Form V. B, who has been awarded a £10 exhibition by the Pembrokeshire County Education Committee, to enable her to train as a teacher of domestic subjects. She will enter at the Cardiff School of Domestic Science next term, and we wish her every success.

The following are instances of mistakes in the Form IV. Hygiene Examination:—“The teeth are made of the mucous membrane of the mouth.” “Cooked food can be more easily masticated by the natural juices.”

The following statement is true, but quaintly expressed:—“This organ (the mouth) contains two gums, which contain teeth.”

We have heard of Carolines and crinolines, but it remained for a boy in Form IV. to acquaint us with parallines.

“The only people, scientific or other, who never make mistakes, are those who do nothing.”—Huxley: “Aphorisms and Reflections.”

## Results of Examination.

LONDON PROVINCIAL BANK, ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

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## Old Pupils' Column.

*The Editor will be glad to receive items of interest for this column from any of the old pupils of the School.*

At the Degree Ceremony of the University of Wales, held at Cardiff last month, two old pupils' were capped:—F. E. Eiford for the B.A. degree, with second class Honours in French, and J. M. Gittens, the M.Sc. degree.

Several of last year's pupils have begun their College career this term. K. M. Leonard is at the Home and Colonial College, London. B. Allison at Swansea Training College, J. Phillips at Bangor Normal College, J. James, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

We congratulate Mr. L. Tucker on taking a high place in the Synodical Examination of the Methodist Church. Mr. Tucker was third on the list and was the highest of all the candidates from South Wales.

We were pleased to see Miss Winnie Jones, a former member of the staff, calling at the school this term, when she was on a visit to her sister Miss B. Jones.

The Senior Students of the Swansea Training College are acting “Twelfth Night,” for the annual dramatic entertainment. The School is well represented in the cast, A. M. Webb is playing Viola; C. E. John makes an admirable Antonio; D. M. Eardley is Sir Andrew Ague-check, while A. M. Jones acts as pianist. The performance took place on December 10th.

At the same College the following old pupils of the school have distinguished themselves in the Prize lists this term:—A. M. Webb, General Progress Prize (known by the students as the Kangaroo prize), distinction in English, Composition, Education I and II; A. M. James, distinction in Music, C. E. John passed 1st Class; D. M. Eardley, Essay Prize, distinction in Composition, Education II.

On leaving College the following were successful at the Examination for the Elementary School Teachers' Certificate:—N. Hazeldine, A. Bennett, J. George, A. M. K. Sinnett, E. A. Phillips, distinctions in ordinary mathematics, optional mathematics and optional history.

F. E. Elford who left University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, last term, has gone to France to teach in a school at Le Pons, near Bordeaux. We wish her every success in the work.

Gertie W. Edwards, who has been an Assistant Mistress at Prendergast Girls' School, Haverfordwest, has recently been appointed to a similar post at Tenby Girls' School.

At Bangor Normal College, E. A. Phillips won the second prize for English and Welsh History.

W. J. Davies entered the Naval College, Keyham, this term to take up his Admiralty Scholarship. We understand he has been the means of resuscitating the College Football Club.

Gracie Gibbs, who used to be so energetic in the Girls' Hockey Club, is now Captain of the Olympic Club, City of London. Since leaving us, she has been Captain of the Ladies' Emerald Club, Cardiff, and of the same Club in Swansea. She also won two First Prizes at the Olympic Club Sports, and was on the Committee of the Cardiff Ladies' Swimming Club. No one who knew her, when in school, will be surprised to read this list of athletic successes.

J. Phillips is in the College Football Team at Bangor.

H. T. Grieve is Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club in Swansea.

There are at present 14 old pupils of the school in Government Training Colleges, and 3 others are students at University Colleges.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Miss F. A. Troughton on her marriage in August, to Mr. C. P. Matthews, formerly Science master at the Nantwich Grammar School. While a student at Aberystwyth, Miss Troughton gained a handsome Oak Chair for a poem at the Celtic Society's Elsteddfod, and no doubt she finds it very useful in her new home.

"I should say sincerity, a deep, great, genuine sincerity, is the characteristic of all men in any way heroic."—*Carlyle: "Heroes and Hero Worship."*

### Rainfall in 1909.

Measurements are taken at 9 A.M. each day at the School.

		Last Year,
January .....	2.01 inches.	2.42 inches.
February .....	0.47 "	1.91 "
March .....	6.00 "	3.99 "
April .....	3.21 "	2.85 "
May .....	1.125 "	2.10 "
June .....	1.91 "	0.95 "
July .....	3.09 "	4.15 "
August .....	2.20 "	6.08 "
September .....	3.02 "	3.60 "
October .....	7.44 "	3.83 "
November .....	1.74 "	2.51 "
	Total 32.215 "	34.39 "

Average Total rainfall first 11 months of a year, 36.78 ins.  
Number of rainy days to December 1st, 1909, 165.

The weather at the beginning of the term was beautifully fine and one almost regretted the summer holidays were over. Towards the end of the month however rain began to fall freely and on the 27th there was a tremendous downpour. The storm began early in the morning of the 28th and lasted all day and all the next night. The total rainfall for 24 hours was 2.28 ins. This means that nearly 230 tons of water fell on an acre of ground in this district. On the 25th of September a magnetic storm was detected in these islands, and the telegraphs and other electrical instruments were interfered with. October proved to be a very wet month this year for rain fell on 27 out of 31 days, and the total for the month amounted to 7.44 ins. November was a dry month with sharp frosts on the 6th, 7th, and 8th, and again for a fortnight from the 13th to 26th. This early appearance of winter was welcomed by the boys who enjoyed sliding in the school field. The lowest temperature recorded was 23°F or 9 degrees of frost on November 22nd. A severe gale visited these shores on Thursday night December 2nd, when some damage was caused in the district. At the coast guard station at St. Anne's Head the barometer fell to 28.4 inches, the lowest reading for 21 years. A glance at the rainfall records shows that we have not had the usual amount of rain this year.

"It's faith in something and enthusiasm for something that makes a life worth looking at." *Oliver Wendell Holmes.*

### Recreation Club.

"Every man shift for all the rest, and let no man take care for himself."—THE TEMPEST.

#### GIRLS.

The girls have shown great enthusiasm for hockey this term. A large number of new sticks, which were greatly needed, were bought at the beginning of the term and this enabled more girls to play. The field has been in a bad condition all the term and play has taken place under very depressing conditions but we are all looking forward to the time when we shall be able to enjoy real hockey on our own new ground.

The girls are very grateful to Miss Evans for her kindness in arranging practices for the beginners and others, and also for attending these games and coaching the players. One match has been played this term against the Pembroke Dock Team, which consisted chiefly of old pupils. The game was a very exciting one and resulted in a draw, the score being 2-2. The school played well against a much heavier team. The team, which is an almost entirely new one consists of the following girls:—G. Henry, P. George, I. John, M. Webb, L. Collins, V. Pick, S. Edwards, S. Price, C. Reynolds, E. Swift, I. Bonnell. S. Edwards and S. Price were unable to play in the match and their places were taken by D. Christian and E. James. The officers are as follows: Captain, S. Edwards; Vice-Captain, G. Henry; Secretary, I. Bonnell; Treasurer, V. Pick; Committee, S. Edwards, G. Henry, I. Bonnell, V. Pick, P. George, L. Collins, I. John, M. Webb.

#### BOYS.

At the beginning of this term the following were chosen to fill the various offices: Captain, H. Silcox; Vice-Captain, L. McKeon; Secretary, H. Silcox; Committee: G. Leonard, H. Richards, C. Lawrence.

So far the present hockey season has been very successful as regards the winning of matches. The following is the result up to December:

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.	
				For.	Against.
3	3	0	0	14	4

The boys from Pembroke and Neyland who stay at School for the dinner hour, have been supplied with magazines and games to while away the weary hours of noon.

Unfortunately the boys have not been able to play football in the School Grounds owing to the building material there. But we are looking forward to next term when we hope to be able to play on our new ground.

**HOCKEY.**—Through not having a ground to play on we have been put to great disadvantage this term. We have lost the continual services of Collins, Petty, Webb and O'Donnell but our present team has done creditably so far. We have played three matches, one with the R.G.A. and two with the Town Team, winning all three.

**PEMBROKE DOCK 1st Match.** In this match we defeated our opponents by 2-1. Kerrison and Petty scored.

**R.G.A.**—We had the valuable assistance of Potter in this match, which we won by 3 to 2.

**PEMBROKE DOCK SECOND MATCH.**—In this match rather to the disappointment of the school team which had been strengthened by including Petty and Collins, the Town Team were very weak, scarcely being able to get a team together. In this match we came off victorious by no less than 9 goals to 1, nearly all the forwards scoring.

The general Hockey team was as follows: Goal, H. Lile; Backs, Mr. T. H. Jones, G. Leonard; Half-backs, L. McKeon, H. Silcox, and S. Thomas; Forwards, Mr. C. J. Jones, F. Thomas, Petty, Richards, Kerrison.

**PAPER CHASE.**—About half term a paper chase was held when no less than 15 hounds followed. The hares were G. Leonard and L. McKeon. The run was about 12 miles which was done in good time. Unfortunately for the hares, the hounds lost the scent on the Lamphrey Road and as they were wending their way home they ran across the hares who were soon caught much to their chagrin. We have to thank Mr. C. J. Jones for kindly taking charge of the hounds.

In this number of the "Penfro" we are including a photograph of the School Cricket Eleven which was taken at the end of last term by Mr. Allen.

J. Phillips who was captain of cricket this year, has won the bat, which is kindly given by Dr. Saunders for the highest average. Unfortunately, the Annual Match with Haverfordwest Grammar School fell through this year. This fixture is regarded by both schools as the most interesting game of the season, and we all regretted that owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever in the town, the Grammar School was prematurely closed last term, and the match had to be declared off.

## SCHOOL PROSPECTUS.

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The School was opened in January, 1895, under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, and is intended to provide a good secondary education for boys and girls remaining at School to the age of 16 or 17. Separate entrances, cloak rooms, etc., are provided for boys and girls. The large grant from the County Council funds enables a sound education by a competent staff to be provided at very low fees, and by means of Scholarships, boys and girls of good ability from the elementary schools receive their education free, and many receive scholarships enabling them to proceed to University Colleges.

**Fees**—£4 per annum, payable in three instalments of £1 6s. 8d. at the beginning of each Term. Instrumental music, £1 1s. per term.

**Scholarships**—Entrance County Scholarships, each of the value of £5 per annum, are offered yearly, and these may be renewed. Entrance Scholarships are confined to pupils who are and have been for the last three years at an Elementary School.

Scholarships tenable at University Colleges and Universities are given in connection with the School.

A number of Bursaries, each of the value of £3, are awarded each term to pupils whose parents are in pecuniary need of them.

**Conditions of Admission**—Candidates must pass an entrance examination unless they have reached Standard V. in an elementary school. Pupils are admitted at the age of ten, but may enter earlier with special permission from the Governors.

**Withdrawal**—Half a Term's notice (in writing) is required on a withdrawal of a pupil, otherwise the Half Term's fees must be paid.