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Editorial.

SINCE our last issue the greatest War of history has been brought to a conclusion by the greatest Peace terms the world has known. We can only sincerely hope that the embodiment of the covenant of the League of Nations therein will ensure a lasting and world-wide peace.

The future holds promise of very great import. The keynote of all is reconstruction. Matters at home are fraught with dangerous delicacies. In order that we may harvest the fruits of victory, it is essential that our views, political, domestic, and educational, should undergo a thorough reconstruction. We think our readers, the men and women of to-morrow, and those who will benefit by the results of the struggle of the last five years, ought to remember this in the midst of the universal rejoicing.

Sport has naturally come into its own again with Peace. 'Mens sana in corpore sano' has lost none of its significance. The whole out-look of Peace makes for a 'better and healthier Britain.' The part that clean, healthy outdoor games have played in accomplishing the victory of 1919, will have its counterpart in the building up (or reconstruction) of our Empire, and it behoves us all still to

'Play up and play the game.'

Our Competition.

THIS term prizes were again offered for the best original story, and for a poem entitled 'The Tank,' or 'Welcome Home.'

The stories were disappointing. Only four were received, and of these, those of 'Ypres' and 'Lavender' were the best. Neither, however, was *original*, and as we had stipulated for originality, it was decided that the prize could not be given.

The poems received were really very good, but there was no doubt as to the best one which we print below—'The Tank' by 'Black Cat.' This therefore has earned the prize. The writer was the winner of the senior poem at our Eisteddfod, and therefore deserves our heartiest congratulations on this double success. At least two other poems deserve special mention, Pansy's 'Welcome Home,' and 'The Tank' of Kien Ki.' Unfortunately we have not sufficient space for both, but we print the former as an example of the second subject set.

Kien-Ki's fifth stanza was spoilt by the question at the end, evidently put in, regardless of the sense, to rhyme with the previous line. The verse reads—

And so it stands, in peace once more
A souvenir of days of war,
To tell us when our hope is low
'Ours is the victory.' Is that so?

Would not 'fallen the foe' or something similar have been better than this question? However, with this one exception, the poem is quite good, and the writer need not be discouraged.

There were many other excellent attempts, all from Form IIIa., who deserve special praise for their pluck in attempting what is by no means an easy task. 'Tiddley-Winks' gave us a simple little poem on 'The Tank,' with bright touches of humour and true patriotism here and there, *e.g.*,

I'm sure that he must have the cramp
Standing still through sun and damp;
I know I should if I were he,
But p'rhaps he's different from me.

and again

'I wonder if a lot of Huns
Have been blown up by our tank's guns?
I hope they have, for Huns I hate,
And Austrians I abominate.'

There are many similar verses well worth quoting in the other poems received, but lack of space owing to the difficulties

under which we are still labouring in the matter of supplies and labour in the printing world, makes abbreviation necessary.

As no one had earned the prize for the story, and as there were so many good poems, the Magazine Committee decided to divide the prize between 'Pansy' and 'Kien-Ki.'

The Tank (107).

Solemnly, slowly, over the road,
Steadily onward to the Front;
Like birds of prey to a feast of blood,
Death and danger alone they bode,
For *they* bear the battle's brunt.
Behind them the infantry closes their ranks
Tanks!—Sinister Tanks!

Crawling, wallowing, through the mud,
Climbing o'er parapet, trench, and wire;
Scarred and battered and splashed with blood,
Before them are none who successfully stood;
They withered the foe with their fire
And reigned on the Somme's ensanguined banks,
Tanks!—Invincible Tanks!

Home again now the war is o'er
Resting on laurels bravely won,
Silent, mysterious, as of yore,
A tank stands guard near our School-house door,
Its duty nobly done.
Honour be given—we render thanks,
Tanks!—Glorious Tanks!

BETHA THOMAS (*Black Cat*).

Welcome Home.

Welcome Home to dear old England,
Welcome Home to dear old Wales,
Welcome Home to Scotland, Ireland,
Welcome Home to hills and vales.

'Welcome Home!' It sounds so cheerful,
Every voice utters that song,
And through every street you hear it
As you gaily pass along.

'Welcome Home!' But chairs are vacant,
Wives and mothers weeping here,
Thinking of their sons and husbands,
Those who were to them so dear.

Some are back once more in Britain,
Others are across the foam,
Some perhaps have entered Heaven,
And have had their Welcome Home.

Welcome back to wives and mothers,
Those who are to you so dear ;
Welcome back to friends, companions,
Those who calmly waited here.

May you in this world find gladness,
Never may you want to roam ;
But rest in peace and joyousness,
And enjoy your Welcome Home.

WINNIE BEYNON (*Pansy*).

Prize Day.

IT was with great pleasure that we heard we were to revive one of our pre-war ceremonies this year—that of Prize Distribution—so that when the day arrived, Wednesday, March 5th, we were very much excited, especially those of us who had never witnessed a County School Prize Distribution before.

As our parents and friends were invited, it was impossible to have the meeting in the Assembly Hall. Accordingly it was arranged to hold it in the Market House, which was screened off for the occasion, thus making it possible to hear better what was being said, though by no means keeping off draughts.

Our friends soon began to arrive, and it was evident to them that there was some suppressed excitement amongst the girls, who seemed to be watching Miss Perman intently, and guarding a door near the platform. When His Honour Judge Lloyd Morgan, K.C., the distinguished guest of the day, had arrived, the Staff, the Governors and the Judge ascended the tastefully decorated platform.

The reason for the girls' excitement was soon evident, for Chubb, the youngest boy in the School, appeared from the door before mentioned, carrying a gorgeous bouquet of orchids, which he presented to Miss Perman (when he succeeded in finding her) on behalf of the girls of the School.

The chairman, Councillor W. Grieve, in opening, said we regretted that during the great war some of the old pupils, the brightest and best, had made the supreme sacrifice.

His Honour Judge Lloyd Morgan, K.C., who was received with much applause, then addressed us. He said that he was very glad to be identified with such a successful School as ours, a first rate School, full of life and activity. He thought it better for boys to remain at home under the influence of their parents, attending a good day school, than to be sent away to a boarding school. His Honour referred to the value of education, and the benefits derived therefrom, and emphasised the fact that no success was worth having which was not obtained straightforwardly and honourably. He ended by congratulating us upon the success of the School, and hoped it would prove to be the key to real success and prosperity in the town.

The Head Master's report gave great satisfaction to the audience, and the hope he expressed that it would now be found possible to erect a new building, adequate to the needs of the School district, was warmly appreciated.

The Chairman then distributed the prizes and certificates. Mr. W. Smith moved a vote of thanks to Judge Lloyd Morgan and the Chairman. Ald. C. Young seconded, and this was carried with acclamation.

During the afternoon Gwynneth Jones sang a solo, whilst the School choir, under the conductorship of Lewis Williams, also contributed two items.

The following received Form prizes :—Form II*b*.—Bertha McCloghrie and Betty Bevan. II*a*.—Ethel Foreman and W. W. Griffiths. III*b*.—Mary Teesdale. III*a*.—Elnith Griffiths and Connie Daysh. IV*b*.—Mary George. IV*a*.—F. Brailsford, Gladys M. Thomas, Violet Hall. Dockyard—P. Williams. V*b*.—Lily Vaughan. V*a*.—May Waters. VI.—W. V. Griffiths.

The School Eisteddfod.

MARCH 1st was again made the occasion of a most successful and interesting Eisteddfod. The Market House provided excellent accommodation for School friends and visitors, so that we were able to put quite a large sum of money into the hands of the 'Welcome Home Committee.' Indeed, the sum of about £45 far exceeded our expectations.

In the School the scholars entered into the spirit of the event with just the right amount of fervour, and the 'House' system proved an excellent field for competition.

Different committees were set up, and the House masters and mistresses endeavoured to instil into everyone the true love and honour due to one's House.

There were plenty of competitions to suit everyone, from the Romney landscape artist to the persevering young housewife, and even if one did fail, as some one is bound to, yet one had the satisfaction of having done the best for one's House.

The tickets were issued as quickly as possible, and in order to hasten their sale, the largest sale of tickets was made one of the competitions, Tudor being the winning House.

At last the day of the Eisteddfod dawned amidst much excitement, and to show our true patriotism, we each wore our own House colours:—Tudor—blue; Picton—red; and Glyndwr—yellow. The Headmaster opened in the true British spirit, and soon everyone was eagerly listening, although I am afraid too anxiously for the summing up when one was able to see how the 'House' stood.

The adjudicators were most excellent ones, and one felt after each adjudication that it was just as one would have wished it to be.

During the afternoon we had the musical, dramatic, and literary part of the programme, and the whole performance went off most successfully. After the interval for tea the Eisteddfod was resumed, and there was no flagging of interest; indeed the study of the faces of some of the younger Formers was well worth the entrance fee. Oh! how eagerly we totted up the points for each House, and how disappointed some of us were when we found that Picton was winning by a fair number of points, although Tudor was a good 'runner up,' and poor old Glyndwr was trotting far behind. However, the most important event, the choral competition, had still to take place.

At last the long looked for event came. One scarcely breathed, and one could hardly recognise some of the little 'rowdies' in the still motionless little figures, who patiently awaited their own choir.

At last the ordeal was over, and we each persuaded ourselves that our own choir had won. Picton, which seemed to have some of the luck of the brave general of the same name, was first again, although poor old Glyndwr did manage to come in second.

The remainder of the programme had to be somewhat hurried through, although with the singing of the National Anthem, everyone agreed it had been a very pleasant day.

Upon adding up the results we found that the Houses stood thus:—Picton, 68; Tudor, 60; Glyndwr, 52.

The awards were as follows:—Piano Solo (junior), Ivor Griffiths; Boys' Solo (senior), C. Saunders; Middle School Recitation, E. Morgan; Junior Alto Solo, Gwen Teesdale; French Recitation, Barbara Morgan; Piano Solo (middle), Muriel Davies; Junior Girls' Solo, Queenie Hughes; Welsh Recitation (senior), Gwen Evans; Senior Alto Solo, Mary Llewellyn; Dramatic Scene, Picton House; Piano Solo (senior), Lewis Williams; Junior Boys' Solo, T. Cozens; Senior Recitation, Mary Llewellyn; Senior Soprano Solo, Gwynneth Jones; Junior Recitation, Eva Prickett; Chorus, Picton House Choir—conductor, L. Williams; Junior Welsh Recitation, Gladys Davies; Duet, Gwynneth Jones and Mary Llewellyn; Scale and Arpeggio Test (junior); a Thomas; Do. (middle), Flo Davies; Do. (senior), Norah Craik; Sight reading piano (senior), Iris Allen; Do. (middle), Flo Davies; Do. (junior), Pattie Thomas; Sight reading singing (senior), L. Williams; Do. (middle), Betty Bevan; Do. (junior), Pattie Thomas; Essay (senior), May Waters; Essay (middle), W. Griffiths; Essay (junior), N. Pike; French Essay (senior), May Waters; Poem (senior), Betha Thomas; Poem (junior), Rosalind Thompson; Drawing Group (senior), A. Stephens; Group (junior) Moore; Illustration, 'The Beach' (senior), Edith Nash; Illustration—'Queen of Hearts' (junior), E. Moore; Design—cushion cover, Frances James; Design—Roll of Honour, H. Rees; Drawing—crocus or snowdrop, Elizabeth James; Ships—ancient and modern (senior), Brailsford; Women's war dress, Estelle Davies; Handbag (senior), Mary Teesdale; Collar (junior), Violet Watson; Doll, 14th and 15th century, Marjorie Scurlock; Collection of Shells, Millie Phillips; Working Model (senior), W. H. Thomas; Constructional Model (senior), Hitchings and Hooper; Constructional Model (junior), J. Llewellyn; Primitive Dwelling, A. L. J. Williams; Fruit tart, Margaret King; Jam sandwich, F. James; Raspberry buns (junior), E. James; Welsh cakes (junior), Doris Edwards; Essay—'Communal kitchen' (senior), L. Vaughan; Essay—'Economy in the Home' (junior), Betty Bevan; Ticket money, Tudor House.

The adjudicators were Mrs. Rees (Cookery and Needlework); Mrs. T. H. Jones (Instrumental Music); Mr. Jenkyn Jones (Vocal Music); The Rev. Morgan Williams and Mr. H. E. H. James, Haverfordwest (Literature); Mr. Barnes (Models); Mrs. Roberts (Cookery Essays); and Miss G. Jones (French). Their arduous duties were cheerfully carried out, and we shall ever be greatly indebted to them.

LILY VAUGHAN.

School Notes.

THE first C.W.B. Examination for our School took place on Monday, July 7th. The last sitting is down for July 25th.

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The Cookery Examination took place on Tuesday, March 18th, when Miss John visited the School for the purpose of conducting the examination, and on June 25th, Miss Butterworth examined Vb. in needlework.

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Miss Shillington visited the School to examine the pupils entered for the Junior and Senior C.W.B. in Oral French, on Thursday, June 19th.

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We were delighted to welcome Mr. Skrine who returned to us at the beginning of the term after his long absence on active service. He has taken the Headmaster's place as head of Glyndwr House, and his aid in games has been much appreciated by the whole School.

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Millie George and Mary Llewelin both go to Training Colleges in September next, the former to Goldsmith's Training College, London, and the latter to Barry Training College. We hope they will both be very successful in their careers.

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We are pleased to report the success of some of our pupils who competed at the 'Welcome Home' Eisteddfod on Whit Monday. Great credit is due to Lewis Williams, our youthful, but very promising conductor, who won a 1st Prize with his School choir, scoring 85 marks out of a possible 100.

This competition was very keen, five choirs competing. He also gained a prize with his essay 'My favourite Season.' May Evans won the 1st prize for the girl's solo, and Hilda Lewis gained 2nd prize with her poem entitled 'Spring.'

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The C.W.B. Woodwork Examination took place on June 19th, when Mr. Sturch of Guildford, Surrey, visited us to conduct the examination.

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Owing to the strike of the Pembroke Dock Elementary Teachers, our Student Teachers have been for some time in a state of enforced idleness, for they are not strikers them-

selves. They, however, by no means complain, as they find that a long holiday in June is much more agreeable and delightful than teaching in a School. Still they say that the Mondays spent at the County School, when they return for a brief space to hard work, form a welcome break in the monotony.

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It was with great regret that we heard that Miss Pick, Miss Molony, and Miss Murray were leaving at the end of the term, and we wish them success and happiness in their future careers. Miss Murray is leaving the teaching profession, which she entered as a form of war-work, and going in for design of a very useful and practical nature. We hear that Miss W. Pritchard Jones is leaving Exeter at the end of the term, and will be working in the Canton Secondary School for girls, Cardiff, next session.

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We are pleased to note that one of our boys—Brailsford—headed the local list in the Dockyard Examination results, and that he came 5th in all Dockyards, with a total of 1258 out of a max. of 1500. We heartily congratulate him.

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During the Y.M.C.A. Campaign Week, our School was visited by Mr. F. S. Higman, M.B.E., of Cardiff, and Mr. N. S. Tucker, Y.M.C.A. The former gave us a very interesting and instructive address on the work of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Higman's anecdotes, although causing many of us to smile, were very pathetic, and helped us to realize that the work of the Y.M.C.A. is far greater than we had ever estimated it to be before. All of us spent a very happy quarter of an hour listening to Mr. Higman's speech. The stories were told in such a fresh and conversational manner, that we were able to imagine ourselves in the midst of the Y.M.C.A. workers. We are all greatly indebted to Mr. Higman for paying us a visit, and for making the Y.M.C.A. a more living interest in our lives.

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Great praise is due to Ivy Le Huquet and those who helped her to get up the end of term concert, last term. Ivy, May Evans, Saunders, Queenie Hughes, Marjorie Thomas, Dorothy Baker, Betha Thomas, Bessie Jones, Florence Davies, and Norah Craik provided many entertaining items, and they deserve special praise, as no help was given by any member of the Staff.

LINES FOR THE FORMS.

Form VI.

'Far from the madding crowd.'

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Form Va.'Little things please little minds,
But we'll rise greater yet.'

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Form Vb.

'Eat, sleep, drink, and be merry.'

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Form IV.'Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,
And smile, smile, smile.'

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Dockyard Form.

'Think of your future Navy.'

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Form III.

'Up and at 'em, comrades.'

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Form II.

'Flowers laugh before us.'

HOWLERS.

Which apostle is this? Matholophew.

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'The city's main reliance was on the corpulent hearts of
the inhabitants.'

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What is a fête champêtre? Where you fetch your own food.

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There were two twin daughters—a boy and a girl.

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A Preposition is a word which is used in sentences. The
words are In, I, O, You.

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'The Channel is but a dish, and anyone who likes may
cross it.'

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The Spaniards were good only for gorilla warfare.

Old Pupils' Column.

WE are proud of the war record of our boys. As far as we have been able to ascertain, about 190 have served with the colours. Our war distinctions include one D.S.O., eight M.C.'s, one D.C.M., and two M.M.'s, and two have been awarded the new decorations of O.B.E. and M.B.E. Nineteen have given their lives for their country.

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Capt J. M. Gittins, R.F.A., an old pupil who won a Pembroke County Exhibition at Aberystwyth College, has been selected from 208 applicants by the governors of Egham Secondary School for boys, as their first headmaster. Capt. Gittins has since 1911 been senior mathematical master of Folkestone Grammar School, and during the past 4½ years has been on military service, a good deal of which was spent in France.

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Lieut. W. J. A. Davies has been awarded the O.B.E (Military Section) in recognition of services rendered to the Grand Fleet during the war.

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Hearty congratulation to J. W. Griffiths, B.A., another old scholar who is teaching at St. Edward's School, Oxford, who has, we are pleased to hear, obtained the M.A. degree of the London University. His book on 'Plato's Philosophical Theism' was highly praised by the examiners, and he has been awarded a special mark of distinction as showing exceptional merit.

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F. E. Bell Evans goes to Portsmouth Training College in September.

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Amongst the Old Boys whom we have seen in the town recently are Lieut-Commndr. W. J. A. Davies, R.N; Major H. Collins, M.C., R.G.A.; Lieut. G. I. T. Leonard, Indian Army; Lieut. F. C. Laurence, M.C., R.W.F.; Sergeant T. Grieve, R.E.; A. M. Howard Silcox, R.N.A.S.; A. M. Howard Davies; Private W. John, A.S.C.; 2nd Lieut. K. Cole, R.F.C.; Sergt. H. Barnikel; Trooper E. Finch, Lancers; Cpl. Heindmarsh, R.A.F. Many others whom we have not seen have no doubt been home, as so many have now been demobilised. We welcome them one and all on their safe return to civilian life, and thank them for all they have done on our behalf.

We feel sure that many of our readers will be glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. West, with Enid and Jack, will be at their bungalow at Freshwater during the holidays.

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Ralph Rees is again to be congratulated on his success at the Leys School, Cambridge. At the recent Speech Day he took his Form prize, and also special prizes in Composition and Geometry.

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We offer our hearty congratulations to Dorothy Jones on her success in obtaining the B.A. Degree of the University of Wales, with Second Class Honours in History. Her success came as a surprise, as the last news we had had of her was that she had just had congestion of the lungs, and had been forbidden by the doctor to take any exams.

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We are glad to hear that Doris Merriman has done particularly well in Mathematics at the Liverpool University during the session. As a result she is the only girl allowed to work for Mathematical Honours during the coming session.

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Our congratulations to Gwyneth Davies on her success in completing her qualification in massage after a six month's course at Guy's Hospital. After a full course at the Liverpool Physical Training College she took up massage work at a Military Hospital at Sherborne, and when the latter closed, she continued the work at Guy's.

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Doris Davies has also chosen a career off the beaten track of teacher and clerk, and after training in Surrey, has started a poultry farm of her own between Tenby and Saundersfoot.

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Lieut. F. C. Lawrence, M.C., is now at Manchester University, completing a course in engineering.

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Q.M. Sergt. W. Crynant Griffiths, R.E. has been awarded the M.B.E. (Military Division) for war services. He had previously received the M.S.M. for services rendered in France.

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Vernon Jones, writing from so-called 'Dismal, Dusty, Dirty, Dowlais,' says that he has become apprenticed to the firm of Guest, Keen & Nettlefold, Ltd., *the best and most important firm in Wales*. His many School friends will, no doubt, find this news very interesting. He enclosed a sealed envelope addressed to 'The Honourable Occupants of Room 2.'

We were very curious to know the contents, but resisted the temptation. He says:—'I like my work very much indeed, although it is rather dirty, but I do not mind that in the least.' 'Industry without grime' is, doubtless, a fine ideal to place before those who plan our future cities, but it is refreshing to find that he is not ashamed to soil his hands by honourable toil. We shall watch his future career as an engineer with interest, and send him our best wishes for success. During his peregrinations, he met Miss Hicks, who is now Art Mistress at the Intermediate School, Merthyr Tydvil, and still keen to hear news from her former pupils.

The Presentation of Tank 107.

HERE was great excitement in Pembroke Dock a few weeks ago when we heard that the town was going to be presented with a tank.

On the appointed day a procession was formed, headed by the town band. The Mayor and Corporation, a detachment of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, the Boys' Life Brigade, and the Tank, with representatives of the Navy acting as escort, followed. The procession through Bush Street will ever be remembered by the huge crowds that gathered along the line of route. The band played patriotic selections, and the progress of the Tank was watched with intense curiosity on the part of the onlookers.

The Tank was eventually placed in position outside our School gate, and the presentation was formally made by Colonel Crocker, D.S.O., who during the course of a most interesting address, spoke of the valuable service rendered to the country by the people of Pembroke Dock during Air-ship Week.

His Worship the Mayor received the Tank, and in reply he thanked Colonel Crocker for coming there that day. Other appropriate speeches were made. Captain Farrar, M.C., captain of the Tank, responded on behalf of the crew. The band then played the National Anthem.

We are all the more pleased that the Committee of the War Savings Associations of Pembroke Dock should have chosen a site for the Tank so near our School, and we shall always upon entering and leaving School be reminded of the weapon which played such a prominent part in the concluding stages of the great war.

The School Choir Trip.

WE shared the prize money gained at the Eisteddfod on Whit Monday, by going for an outing to Saundersfoot on Saturday, June 21st. The weather was glorious, and the drive there was very entertaining.

After our arrival we set out to enjoy ourselves, starting with a game of cricket. Later we had lunch, and in the afternoon we set off for a long walk towards Amroth, under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Skrine. After tea we sang to a number of people, and returned to the beach where further amusements were indulged in until 7.30, the time fixed for our departure.

LEWIS WILLIAMS.

French Correspondence.

FRENCH correspondence seems to have progressed a great deal during the term. At the beginning great excitement was caused by the arrival of a fresh batch of names and addresses to be distributed among the pupils, so that they might have the much longed-for French correspondents.

In fact most of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Formers now exchange greetings with French boys and girls, and we have even heard of one or two cases of international friendship in the 2nd Forms.

All the French boys and girls express their delight at having English correspondents. The letters are very interesting. They give us a good account of school life in France. One correspondent says—'The boy's lycee is more beautiful than ours, which is not at all beautiful, but it looks like a prison. It's why you could hear the boys when they went to school say "Je vais au."'

Some of the correspondents we hear, have announced their intention of coming to England soon, and no doubt when they have seen our School they will return to 'La Belle France,' full of schemes for reforming the French methods of building schools. We hope so, for we do not like to think of our French friends grinding away in 'prisons,' so different from our School.

'Will you send me your portrait?' is a favourite question which we find in their letters.

Will someone enlighten us as to the meaning of the following:—

'I have not my photograph because I don't it.'

The following extract gives us an idea of one of the curious customs of France:—

'In the country there are often "pardon." It's a festival day to celebrate a saint, and always during the "pardon" there are "procession." Its a religious walk taken by the priests, and all the people who are in their evening dresses.

L'autre jour a eut lieu le pardon de Rumengol. Tous les ans il y a un pardon, et il paraît que la procession était très intéressante. Maintenant ce pardon de Rumengol a perdu un peu de ce qu'il avait de saint, et il y va beaucoup de touristes pour voir ses curiosités.'

On the whole, the letters are very interesting. The 'dears' scattered over them suggest that the French people are very affectionate. 'My darling dearest,' starts one correspondent, while another says, 'I am sure I am going to love you.' 'Votre amie qui vous aime' is a favourite ending to the letters, which in some cases extend to a length which quite takes our breath away. Let us hope that the letters which go to France correspond in length and interest.

The French correspondents live in various parts of France. We have heard of some who live at Avalon, Tonne, Lens Tonne, Brest, and St. Brieux, while quite a number inhabit 'gay Parea.' We have good descriptions of the places in the letters, too long to be written here, and no doubt they are very beautiful.

The following are a few interesting extracts from French letters:—

'Plougastel is situated not far from here. It's there that the strawberries grow. Do you like them? I do.' (The question is surely unnecessary, and the latter part proves that French and English schoolchildren have something in common).

'I read an English book—The girl's own book. I have a book-case. In my book-case there are many books.'

'For three days, there are English sailors here in Brest. Every day all are zig-zag. I am sorry to be obliged to tell you that, but it is very true.'

'If you will be in a Brest street you can see during all your walk American soldiers and navy. We are near to be American!'

'Last year I learnt the English geography and I think that England is a very interesting and beautiful country and I like it very much.

'J'ai reçu votre lettre qui m'a fait bien plaisir. Je suis très contente d'avoir une correspondente Anglaise.

'Perhaps I send you my photo in the prochaine letter que I send you.'

ENITH GRIFFITHS.

A Trip to Stack Rocks.

ON Saturday, June 28th, Miss G. Jones and the following girls—F. James, G. Thomas, M. Harries, E. Evans, D. Thomas, E. Adams, V. Hall, A. Bevan, and M. Waters, walked to Stack Rocks. The party, armed with walking sticks and carrying plenty of food (we were not on war rations) left Pembroke Dock at 10.30 a.m. All were in gay spirits, and since many of the girls had never been on that road before, the country round was very interesting to them. We had a very pleasant crossing at Bentlass Ferry since the high wind blowing made the water rather rough. We walked on past Orierton House, where by the way, we followed the private road and found ourselves outside the door of the large house with its numerous windows.

We retraced our steps and soon found ourselves on the main path, and tramped on again. We reached Merrion at 1.15 p.m., and since we all felt very hungry we decided to dine on the roadside. We had plenty of visitors—not human beings—but flies. Oh! hundreds of them, but we did enjoy that lunch.

We set off again, and by 2 p.m. we were on the coast. The coast guard proved himself to be a very genial, kind-hearted man, and came out to the cliffs to let us look at the eligugs through his telescope. Meanwhile two of us acted coast guard, and stayed in the hut listening for the sound of the telephone bell. At 4.30 p.m. we left the cliffs and went to the farm house near, where we had a *most excellent tea*. No one felt tired, and we were in excellent spirits when we left the cliffs on the homeward journey.

At Merrion we heard that peace had been signed, and in great joy we continued our march, singing, laughing—we were indeed a merry crowd. Now and then the sound of a gun broke in upon us, and freshened us to greater bursts of merriment. We reached Pembroke Dock at 7.45, none feeling any the worse for the adventure, and all in decidedly bright spirits.

What a memorable event to associate with our Peace Day!

ONE OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC WALKERS.

War Savings Association.

UNDER Scheme 3 the number of certificates purchased was 1434 to the cash value of £1111 7s. Payments under Scheme 7 were made for the first time during the week ending May 31st. £8 11s. has since been paid for stamps, and £6 19s. 6d. for certificates, by single

payment to the end of June. Weekly payments have not been quite so large in amount under the new scheme.

The present membership is 109, about half the number of pupils on the School Roll.

As originally announced, the value of the certificate at the end of five years is £1.

A new concession has now been granted.

Members may retain their certificates for a second period of five years, interest for the extended period being paid at the rate of 1d. per month, with a bonus of 1/- at the end of the second period of five years. One certificate then becomes worth £1 6s.

Girl Guides.

THE progress of the 1st Pembroke Dock Troop of Girl Guides has been extremely steady in most ways. A fine 'esprit de corps' has grown up among all the patrols, while enthusiasm and enterprise are not lacking.

This term several excursions have been planned. Early in the term they had a pleasant expedition to Freshwater, whence they proceeded to Manorbier where they explored the castle, and visited the church. Some route marches were also arranged with great success, all the patrols entering with enthusiasm into the spirit of the movement. Later on in the term there was a paper chase which afforded pleasure and at the same time healthful exercise.

Progress is also being made in signalling and physical culture under the direction of Scoutmaster Edmunds and Sergt. Lafferty, respectively. An attempt has been made to form a Brownie Patrol for the younger children.

Mention should also be made of the enrolment of the 2nd Pembroke Dock Troop of Girl Guides, by Miss G. Prichard Jones, the captain of the 1st Troop, and of the 3rd Troop by the Baroness de Rutzen, at both of which the 1st Troop was present.

Much of the success and progress of the company is due to the enterprise and enthusiasm of the Captain, and also of the new Lieutenant, Miss Pick, and to the keenness of most of the Guides.

Unfortunately Miss C. Davies, our 1st Lieutenant, has been unable to attend many of our meetings this term. We hope, however, to see her often next term.

P. L. GLADYS THOMAS.

Examination Results.

Entrance Examination for apprentices in H.M. Dockyard.

The following boys reached the qualifying mark:—F. Brailsford, H. J. Pooley, F. W. Mathias, C. V. Sherlock, A. L. J. Williams, A. E. Price, W. J. Lewis, H. T. H. Rees, C. R. Saunders, H. G. Hitchings, W. Nash.

Preliminary Certificate Examination. Part II.

The following pupils of Vb. passed:—G. Brock, I. Le Huquet, M. Prickett.