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Editorial.

The school has been agreably excited this term by the news that the Governors intend to enlarge and alter the premises. The present building, which was completed in 1897, was intended for one hundred and fifty pupils, about one half the present number and the results of this overcrowding are only too apparent to need any enumeration here. We understand that a new Assembly Hall is to be built near the lodge and facing Argyle Street. Behind the Physics Laboratory and parallel to the main building, a new Chemistry Laboratory and Domestic Science kitchen will be added. The present premises are to be transformed by building two corridors through the school, one on either floor. Every room in the school will thus open directly on a corridor. Part of the old Assembly Hall, we understand, will be made into a library and part utilised as a class-room for the sixth form.

To judge by the numbers and appreciation of the spectators, a Staff v. School hockey match must be a novel event to most pupils. We congratulate the staff upon their victory and we add our hopes of witnessing another such game before long.

We come now to the last and pleasantest of our annual duties. For most of our readers any exhortation to the enjoyment of the Christmas holidays is superfluous. A warning to temper enjoyment with the precaution of wisdom is perhaps more needed. But to all Penvroites we extend the seasonable greetings and our wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

To The Nightingale.

The night's starr'd visage lights the heavenly realm. Sweet Cynthia reigns upon her golden throne. Surrounded by her myriad starry maids : And thou, concealed, and beautifully lone. Oh winged dryad of the woody shade, Who sing'st unceasingly in ecstacy. Who pourest forth thy soul in raptur'd bliss, And blended purity of harmony-From whence issues that wondrous, rising song, Like incense rising in the stilly air. Now shimm'ring tenderly, as from a star. Now echoing thro' thy silent leafy lair? Dew'd violets sob the haunting evensong, Sweet rest o'ercomes the budding eglantine, Bluebells lie tinkling-far off fairy flutes-The primrose sups the nectar'd silver wine. Pale moonbeams flutter, filt'ring thro' the copse, Thro' pallid silv'ry glimm'rings of the brook-All charméd by thy wondrous symphony. But hark ! the night is whispering with the morn, Thy tuneful dark will glimmer into light-All dreams will fade as Sol will haste to rise ; Ethereal songster, wilt thou fade with night? Night ling'reth on, and darkness dimmer grows, Stars pale away into the dapple dawn, Thy song ceaseth as landscapes greet the sup And all is silent in the darkling morn.

CLARICE WILLIAMS, Form Va.

Popular Superstitions.

Most superstitions are relics of bygone days when every rock, lake, tree and cave was supposed to contain some demon, who was ever ready to clutch his victim with hungry arms. The goodwill of these demons had to be gained by performing long complicated ceremonies, and to these ceremonies many of our superstitions may be traced. There are, of course, superstitions which originated in later periods, but these are not of such true type as the others.

The oldest superstitions have originated from Latin omens. These deal especially with birds. To see one magpie means a death, two a birth and three a marriage. Jackdaws cawing on the chimney-pot are supposed to foretell death too. In this part of the world we should be thankful that this is only superstition, since the jackdaws appear to outnumber the population, and these daws make a speciality of building their nests in the chimney pots. The crow of a cockerel has a special significance ; if heard before midnight, this means a death. This superstition may have originated from the time when Peter denied his Lord, and the cock crowed thrice.

In order to have a successful marriage, numerous laws must be observed—so says superstition. On her Wedding day the bride should not see the bridegroom for at least six hours before the ceremony. The bride must on no account have her photograph taken in her bridal dress before she is married. It may hardly seem credible to a common-sense person, that only a few weeks ago, a daily paper suggested that the death of a newly married society lady was due to the fact that she had had her photograph taken in her bridal array, before the ceremony. That, in the twentieth century !

No girl with any sense would get married on Friday—perhaps because it was originally the day before pay-day—and she who gets married in May will live to rue the day. It is extremely lucky, it seems, to hurl horseshoes, slippers, rice or old boots at a bridal pair. Every bride should have in her attire, something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue.

Talk to any sailor. He is sure to have a good store of superstitions. Friday seems to be an unlucky day for everybody—even to start on a voyage. There are some ships known as Hoodoo ships, and if a sailor knows it, he will not join the crew of such a ship for love nor money. These ships are fated to have bad luck, as are those which do not take a cat as a pet. Not so very long ago the captain of an English man-of-war threw all the cats overboard, and for months the ship had a run of bad luck. All sorts of minor accidents occurred : the ship ran into bad weather continually, she also ran into a stone pier, smashing in her bow ; cholera broke out on board—to mention only a few of her many misfortunes. At last, the crew, almost on the point of mutiny, demanded that a cat should be taken on board. That same day, a stray cat walked up the gangway, and was jealously guarded by the sailors until they put out to sea. After that, they had no more bad luck.

It is easy to trace the origin of some superstitions, as for instance the supposed ill-luck of breaking a mirror, and the spilling of salt. Originally it was very unlucky to do these things because of their scarcity and expense. Then again, it is unlucky to cross knives; this probably came from the crossing of swords, since they too were made of steel.

It is unlucky to walk under a ladder, and quite rightly too, since at any moment a pot of paint, or even the painter, may, quite by accident, find occasion to prove the Law of Gravity.

Certainly, it was lucky to find a horse-shoe when metal was scarce, and to pick up a pin when pins were made of silver or gold and had jewelled heads.

Some people still pin their faith to the little rhyme :--

See a pin and pick it up,

All the day you'll have good luck,

See a pin and let it lie,

You'll want a pin before you die.

What a threat !

Old wives' tales are often worth listening to. This one of Hallowe'een is rather interesting.

On All-Hallows' Eve, the maiden who wishes to know her true love, should go to a cross-roads alone at midnight and say. "Hempseed I sow, hempseed must grow, Who ever is my true love, come after me and mow." And, suiting the action to the word, she must scatter hempseed around her. It is, however, fatal to look behind. (How one is to discover the identity of the true-love trotting along behind, if one is not to look back, has always been a mystery to me).

Many years ago now, one of my great aunts went a-sowing, and my great uncle—then her ardent lover—'got wind' of the proceedings. (Perhaps Cupid himself breathed in his ear). Anyhow, off he went a-mowing, and—well, there is no need for me to enter into the details of a love affair here. Suffice it to say that the dear old souls are living happily to this day, and since both are past their three score years and ten, are likely to continue so, it being rather late in the day for them to start matrimonial quarrels. Superstitions are happily regarded mostly as jokes now-adays; but for the few who are still slaves to superstition, life must be a misery. We, living in this enlightened age, should be thankful that we have escaped most of its terrors, since they are only promoted by ignorance. MARY THOMAS, Vb.

Noises In The Wood.

A great stillness which was broken by the voices of nature heralded the coming day—The sun rose with magic splendour, flooding the earth with rosy hues. My heart was glad as I ventured forth. I ran through the deep grass, wet with dew, splashed diamond showers from puddles with a stick I had plucked from the hedge, jumped the stile and entered the wood.

High overhead a lark was singing a morning matin, but the melody was soon drowned by the "caws" of the awakening rooks, whose abode was directly above me in the elms bordering the wood. Musical voices came from the thick undergrowth. When suddenly a blackbird with a noisy warning, hushed the birds into silence.

Onward I plunged through the thick undergrowth, digging my heels into the squelching soil.

Tall trees stood up like sentinels guarding the many dwellers of the wood, and their thick foliage whispered a song of gladness to all.

Emerging suddenly into a sunlit dell I was startled by the scurrying of many rabbits as they raced across the open glade and disappeared underground.

Plunging once more into the deep wood, the gurgling sound of a tiny brook hurrying on its way to the broad river, blended harmoniously with the many noises of the wood.

Somehow I found myself singing utter nonsense, yet the rise and fall of the tune seemed the one utterance fitted to the voices of the wood R. A. JONES, IIIa.

Going On A Journey By Omnibus.

It is very interesting and amusing to study the occupants of a bus, when you go on a journey. Whilst journeying through the country, in a bus, I spent most of my time in studying the passengers.

First came the flappers with their attache cases and handbags, in which I think they must carry all they own ; for, after settling down they take out the powder-puffs and commence to powder their noses which are sbining a little. In baste to catch the bus (which is a nuisance, when they would certainly like to come about an hour later in order to get a little more rest) they evidently did not have much time to attend to their toilet. After this process—which I must say took a great deal of time, they settled down to read a novel. After a great struggle with her billowing skirts and several parcels an old lady entered. It had evidently been a great struggle over that step, which, she thought, ought not to have been so high. She sat near me and after re-arranging her parcels she opened a heavily-beaded bag and took out a large bottle of smelling salts. This was followed by a large packet of acid drops which she generously handed round. Although the flappers would have preferred a few chocolates they accepted the kind offer.

Outside, people bustled about because it was a very frosty -morning, and the fishmongers especially looked cold as they handled the fish on the cold marble slabs. At the corner of the street entered a blustering school-boy, who roughly pushed his way to the front seat and took out a very begrimed "Buffalo Bill" and contrived to read the thrilling adventures of the daring bandit. He had banged his case down with an unnecessary bump as if he were glad to get rid of the horrible lessons which had prevented him from continuing with this adventurous tale. He was followed by a red-faced business man who looked very cold indeed and who seemed to want to sit by a glowing fire instead of going to an office to write letters. After seating himself he took out a large white handkerchief and blew his nose violently, and with a kindly nod to the old lady began to read the morning's paper. After this no one entered so I was obliged to study the outside world for a time until someone came into the bus. The ticket collector was given angry looks from some for disturbing their reading, merely to clip a piece of paper.

The loud whistle of a train roused me from thought and after glancing through the door I saw a minister rushing to enter the bus. He sat by the old lady and cleared his throat so loudly that the business man thought he was going to give a sermon, but to his joy and delight found he was inquiring a' out the football match. They both seemed enthusiastic about this sport and enjoyed the journey in friendly conversation. Leaving the town far behind we had entered a little villiage, the cobbled streets of which told me that it must be very old. At the corner an old farmer got in and sat by the school boy. He began to talk about how badly he had fared with the crops this Autumn. With "How be ye to-day," to the business man he settled down to gaze at the shops in a neighbouring town through which we were passing, as no one had any interest in farming. I noticed he chewed a wisp of straw, which he evidently thought a good substitute for a pipe.

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As I reached my destination the old lady got out too, with her parcels tucked under her arm, and exclaimed how cold the air was. I was very sorry to leave such pleasant company but most of them were getting out of the bus the same time as myself, so 1 hurried along home where I knew a blazing fire would greet me and a steaming cup of coffee. L. PRICKETT, Ifa.

Old Pupils' Column.

The School has heard of the success of many old pupils. We congratulate them all,

Ruth Davies has been appointed to a school in Truro.

I. Sabido has been appointed Junior Engineeer on the Technical Staff of the Main Drainage Department, Swansea.

Morwyth Pierce has qualified to be enrolled on the State Registry of nurses.

Donald Lewis and W. Bevan have passed their London Matriculation Exam.

E. Dew, who is at Bushey Masonic School, has passed his School Certificate with credit in seven subjects.

Nigel Maire, who is at Haverfordwest Grammar School has also obtained his School Certificate.

B. J. Garnett has obtained his Higher Certificate at the Leys School, Cambridge. He was awarded the French Prize.

Eric Griffiths obtained his Oxford Senior Certificate in the Honours Class.

Many Penvroite weddings have taken place during the last few months. Agnes Jenkins has been married to George Davies, Gertie Johnson to W. H. Green, Flo. Thompson to H. Davey, and May Waters to Rev. Henry Lewis, M.A., Vicar of Llangonwen.

Oliver E. Davies, who passed into the Dockyard, has just completed four years in the R.A.F. as a fitter and is going to Canada.

F. W. Brailsford has signed on for two years with Metropolitan Vickers. He is in the magnetism and electricity department where he is doing some interesting research work. Prior to that he was on the staff of Glover's, testing cables.

Mary Stonier has been appointed to Houghton School.

H. Macken has obtained his teacher's certificate and G. Macken has been appointed on the staff of a school in Tenby.

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Muriel Trevena and Edith Nash have both been appointed to schools in Pembroke Dock.

Cécile Morgans is now teaching at Albion Square School.

C. W. Wells has been granted by the Colonial Office a four years' course at the Royal Veterinary College, London, at the end of which he will proceed to the colonies.

I. Brock has recently visited us. He is now at Scotland Yard and has welcomed as a colleague in the Metropolitan police, James Baker.

Amy Stephens, who is at Fountains Hospital, has qualified to be enrolled on the State Registry of Nurses and is now the senior nurse at that hospital.

P.J. Beesley, who is in the Merchant Service, is now home after a six months' voyage.

G. Barrett who is in the Merchant Service, is now a petty officer on a British tanker.

We are glad to learn that the accident to J. V. Morgan whilst playing for his college, Culham, against Boro' Road College is not serious.

Geo. Milburn a former School Captain was married recently. He is to represent the provincial branches of the N.P. Banks for the fourth year in succession, in their annual match against the London N.P. Banks.

S. Saunders has been appointed organist of St. Marys, Pembroke.

School Notes.

The number of pupils in the school this term is 337. There are also 3 student teachers and 3 observation teachers.

We were all very sorry to lose Miss Laing and Miss Thomas last term. We hope they will be very happy in their future lives. In their places we welcome Miss Holmes and Miss Lewis and hope they will have a pleasant time amongst us.

Tudor :-Betty Hier, Margery Mould, Betty Jones. Picton :-Blanche Davies, Nesta Dew, Dorothy Jenkins. Glyndwr :-*Mary Taylor, Mary Thomas, Isabel McTaggart.

BOYS.

Tudor :---A. Morgan, W. Morgan. Picton :---*L. Andrews, D. J. Griffiths. Glyndwr :---D. Robinson, I. Howells. * Senior Prefects. Betty Hier left early in the term and has been replaced by Grace Childs.

W. J. C. Rouse passed the London Matriculation Examination and is now at King's College, London.

We congratulate W. J. Sutton, who was successful in gaining a Pembrokeshire County Exhibition, through being 2nd in the County in the Central Welsh Board School Certificate Examination.

We also congratulate D. M. Evans, who was 3rd on the Higher Certificate list and P. H. Lewis who was 3rd on the School Certificate list.

Dorothy Evans has gone to Cardiff University, where we wish her every success.

D. J. Mackeen has commenced his studies at Aberystwyth University.

Molly Wells has commenced training as a nurse in Kennington Hospital.

We congratulate the following boys on passing the Artificers' Examination :--F. I. Rake, 41st, and A. H. Williams, 62nd. Williams will commence work in Portsmouth Dockyard in the New Year.

George Gibby has gone to a Wireless College in Cardiff.

Muriel Lewis is taking a course in a Commercial College in Oxford.

We were all very sorry to lose Betty Hier after a few weeks of term. She is greatly missed in our sports circles. However, we hope she will be successful in her commercial studies in London.

Louie Rees, our head prefect last year, is now in Avery Hill College, London, where we hope she will be very happy and successful.

W. G. Evans has gone to Boro' Road College, London, and J. Morgans to Culham College.

D. Robinson has qualified to enter the Bank and is awaiting an appointment.

This term on November 6th, the school had the unwonted privilege of listening to an address by Vice-Admiral Allen, C.B., R N, which was as interesting as it was edifying. Admiral Allen spoke about the League of Nations, its aims and achievements. He told us that it strove for universal peace, and that it was working slowly but very surely towards that goal. One of its greatest hindrances was the everlasting enmity between France and Germany over Alsace Lorraine, but the League is gradually stamping out this hostility by teaching the children there as here, to aim at peace not war. Admiral Allen said that the League of Nations does not only aim at peace making but has already acted as arbitrator between two countries in South America and with soft answers it succeeded quite easily in turning away wrath. Admiral Allen gave us many more interesting examples of the League's good work and we were finally dismissed after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

This year on November 11th we celebrated the eleventh anniversary of Armistice Day. We assembled for Prayers at 9 o'clock and after singing, "O God, our help in ages past," listened to a few appropriate words from our headmaster. Later, loyally wearing our poppies we observed the two minutes silence, vainly trying to remember something tangible of the first Armistice Day, which marked the end of the Great World War. The sale of poppies realised £3 5s.

Our school is a Junior Branch of the League of Nations Union and has its own debates and meetings where its favoured members discuss the activities of the League. We have our own little branch, so that while we are still young we may be taught that our duty to Great Britain no longer lies along the fiery path of war, but along the quiet path of peace, which in the end must inevitably lead to prosperity.

The meeting at the Temperance Hall was made more interesting and enjoyable by the presence of Miss Perman on the platform. School was pleased to see her looking so well and to listen to her excellent speech proposing a vote of thanks to Vice-Admiral Allen.

That greatly anticipated annual event, the Senior Social, opened with the singing of an impromptumale voice choir Since no mention of this was made in the programme we must conclude that it was intended to be a surprise item. The games were highly amusing, but perhaps the "balancing competition" headed the list in the estimation of the majority. We paraded round the room, books balanced on heads, and resembling so many capped and gowned students, keeping time to the music, and bending on one knee when the piano stopped. At this game Miss Treharne excelled, and we voiced our disappointment in cries of "Hard Luck," when her book, after hanging on for a while at a very precarious angle, fell to the ground, and she fell out of the game, the last female competitor.

Let us now discuss the entertainments. We laughed uproariously at the monologue, "A Welshman's Holiday in London," given by Daisy Rogers. Two cautionary tales were performed and we wept dutifully over the tragic fate of Henry King. We sighed continuously over Matilda's fibs in the second of these tales, and her aunt's motor car (a scooter regally decorated with orange paper), received the admiration it deserved. The triumphant entry of London's Fire Brigade, riding on noble steeds (who dares to call them hockey sticks ?) left us spellbound.

Now we come to the all important item—supper. We walked to the dining hall with eyes glued to the ground to prevent plunging into a puddle, of which we had been warned. However we did not encounter it. The supper was a very enjoyable one, and there was such a variety of cakes that one did not know which to choose. Although the mince pies (made by IVa girls) were rather tough, we will kindly overlook the fact. After supper several more games were played but no one was ready to sing "Auld Lang Syne" and that song did not receive the enthusiastic rendering it deserved. Thus ended that delightful function our Senior Social.

On Friday, November 14th, the Junior Social took place. The Seconds and Thirds turned up in full force.

The first game we played was cat and mouse and then twos and threes. Next came a game where one person stands in the middle of a circle and shuts his eyes while the people move round him; when he shouts "stop" everyone stands still while he moves towards someone. By sounds which the "someone" is asked to make the person in the middle had to guess who it was.

Seven Second Form girls sang two pretty songs and after a few more games we saw a dance, "Harlequin and Columbine," by Gwynneth Rees and Beryl Claypoole. Then Herbert Pearce, Madge Davies and Ronald Simlett acted "Alexander's Horse." Everyone enjoyed the items very much.

Then Supper !!!

We came back to the hall full of energy for more games, musical arms and musical spot. In this game everybody has a partner and they form a circle, all moving round the room, but when the pianist stops playing suddenly the couple on or nearest to a certain spot chosen by someone who has not joined in the game, drops out.

Then we had a competition. Placards were placed on the window ledges with the jumbled name of a flower on each, and all of us were given a pencil and paper to write down as many names as we could get. The highest number attained was eighteen out of twenty names right.

Next community singing filled the building, then "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

We were sorry to hear that our esteemed clerk, H. A. Jones-Lloyd had retired. He has served the School long and well and we will all join in wishing him a long and happy retirement. We welcome Mr. T. P. Owen as his successor.

We congratulate W. I. Halliwell, C. G. Evans and K. I.

Thomas who passed the Air Force examination in June and are now receiving their training at Air Bases.

After the C.W.B. exams Vs visited Milford. At the Post Office they were courteously received and much trouble was taken to demonstrate and explain the working of the latest machine. the Tele-type Transmitter also the Bandot Transmitter, the telephone system and the big set of large accumulators. The automatic telephone system was also explained and great praise was given to the painstaking officials who were willing to do anything and everything for us. Later we visited the Fish Market taking care to keep our balance and to avoid the whizzing fish barrows. Although it was far from a busy day yet there was much that interested and claimed attention. Perhaps the best visit of all from our point of view was to the Ice Factory. Here we saw the whole process of the freezing of water, the unloading, transporting and crushing of the ice. It was a most interesting sight.

The day spent at Milford was a most enjoyable one.

Another day was spent visiting Orielton. Ably led, Vs commenced their day by attacking Pembroke Castle. For about two hours, the grim old walls echoed with happy laughter as different parties scaled the high towers or descended the dungeons

We then set out for Orielton. Blue skies above, leafy lances through which to walk, and gay company to talk with, appeared to make the miles fly past, and before we were aware of it : Orielton lodge was before us.

Receiving no answer at the lodge we advanced down a longcool avenue of trees to the House. It was under repairs, but we were allowed to explore it. Some went down to the wine cellars, others to the roof until finally every corner had been explored. Now lunch, which had been the main topic of conversation for the last half hour, was partaken of. Some utilised the roof, but the majority retired to the side of the lake, where, under the welcome shade of the trees, lunch was enjoyed to the full. We had one more walk round and then struck out for Pembroke. Liquid refreshment was eagerly sought for at Maiden Wells and here we recuperated our strength for the last stage of the journey. At last Monkton hove in sight and our last call, Monkton Priory was reached. How cool and quiet it seemed in this fine old church, as we wandered round amongst the ancient tombs. At length we returned having passed a most enjoyable day.

Not so many contributions have been recived for the School Snapshot Album during the Summer Term of this year as there were during last year's Summer Term. This was not due to lack of zeal on the part of the photographers as many cameras were to be seen towards the end of the term. A fresh departure was the photograph which had been taken of the cricket team and several visiting teams, including the Old Boys. For the best photographs of the teams competing in the Old Boys' Match, two prizes were offered. There were about eight entries and the prizes were awarded to J. Young and J. W. Pearce.

On July 30th a party left for France in charge of Miss Loosemore. Four set out from Pembroke Dock, another joined at Pembroke, Miss Loosemore met us at Cardiff and the number was completed by two more at London.

We went from Paddington to Victoria by 'hus; then, as we were early we walked to Westminister Abbey to compare the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior there with that under the Arc de Triomphe. Just as we were passing by, Big Ben struck a slow, sonorous seven, so we began to hurry back.

The journey to Newhaven was quite short and soon we were on the boat, filled with good resolutions, well wrapped up and our ears stuffed with cotton wool (to prevent sea-sickness ! !). Unfortunately the cotton-wool had no effect, and we arrived at Dieppe a sorry party. At the Gare du Nord in Paris we were in time to meet all the workmen and business people. Feeling much better and quite jaunty, we arrived at St. Germain about 7.20 a.m. on Thursday and were met by Mademoiselle who conducted us to the school.

After breakfast and a rest we were soon quite ready to go to the bank to change some money. The school where we stayed was a delightful place with beautiful grounds. As for the town, it was most quaint—all the windows had shutters, the streets were cobbled and there were quite a number of horse-meat butchers. Friday—we got up very early, because we had to leave for Versailles at 9 o'clock by bus. In the morning we went through the palace. There we saw the hall of mirrors, and in nearly all the rooms were portraits of Louis XIV. In the courtyard there was an equestrian statue of Louis XIV, and also many other statues.

Then we had dinner in the open-air and went to the market and from there we went around the grounds of the palace. We walked to the Grand Trianon and the Petit Trianon where Marie Antoinette used to pretend to be a peasant maid. On the way we passed the Temple of Love, which was mirrored in the little lake around it. A calamity nearly happened here, some of our members were nearly arrested by the gendarmes—for walking over "Le Tapis vert."

Saturday—unfortunately the "weather clerk" was rather unkind, but we were not daunted and set off in high spirits for Paris. In the morning we visited Sacré Couer, La Chapelle Explatoire and the Trocadéro. Lunch was then taken at the Hôtel Universal, and we were allowed to wander about for an hour. Like all women we rushed to the Galeries Lafayette to bargain.

After our free hour we started off again in the charabanes for the Panthéon, Notre Dame, La Sainte Chapelle and the Conciergerie. Then after having some refreshments we returned home very tired.

Sunday—we caught the train to Paris. Three of our party went to church with Miss Loosennore, whilst the others stayed in the grounds of a small church. After dinner we went to La Madeleine and Notre Dame, climbing right to the top of Notre Dame.

On Monday we went to the church at St. Germain to see the tomb of James II, but there was a large funeral there. Then we did some shopping and climbed to the top of the Eiffel Tower. We had tea "Au Printemps" and got home rather late for dinner.

On Tuesday—more shopping followed by a visit to the Louvre with Mrs. Duncan. At the Galeries Lafayette and Au Printemps we met Miss Trehame and her friend and we all had tea on the roof of Galeries Lafayette. We returned early and regretfully packed.

On Wednesday—up early to go to Rouen led by a Russian refugee. There we climbed eight hundred steps to get to the top of the Cathedral, saw the law courts and the market place where Joan of Arc was burnt. We then left for Dieppe and crossed. It was the roughest crossing of the season and although we sucked lemons it availed us nought. The waves broke over the ship which pitched and tossed, but we were all safe and sound in London next day and having crossed London we entrained for Pembroke Dock after an experience which will ever remain with us.

School Sports.

"Let each shift for all the rest and none take thought for himself."-The Tempest.

TENNIS.

Although there was no tennis team this year, the tournaments were played as usual. Keen competition was shown, especially among the Second-Formers who had a tournament of their own for the first time, while the Fourths instead of having the doubles tournament were allowed to enter for the Seniors' singles tournaments. There were some very good matches in both singles and doubles events. The scores were as follows :--

Unds-Winners, Marjorie Mathias and Dorothy Rowe; score

4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Runners Up, Elsie Addis and Ada Collins.

IIIrds-Winners, Joan Thomas and Olga Woodward; score 6-0, 6-f. Runners-Up, Dorothy Clements and Ruth Bracher.

IVths, Vths, Viths—Winner, Betty Hier; score 6-0, 6-1. Runner-Up, Irene Canton.

HOCKEY NOTES.

During the season the hockey eleven managed to retain its previous record, and in spite of the inclemency of the weather, four matches were played.

The team was selected from the following ;-B. Davies (capt.), J. Tucker (vice-capt.), O. Dudley*, B. Jones, L. Evans, D. Bray, M. Hicks, D. Rogers, N. Phillips*, M. Freeman*, R. Rouse, B. May. *colours.

Matches Played :	Goals For	Goals Against
Narberth Ladies (away), J. Tucker scored	 1	1
Haverfordwest (away), D. Rogers scored	 1	0
Guides, R. Rouse scored	 1	0
School Staff	 0	3

The match against Narberth County School was cancelled owing to bad weather. This season the team has suffered a severe loss in the departure of our former captain and one of our best players, Betty Hier, who has left for London. The team wishes her every success.

CRICKET NOTES.

The cricket team concluded a fairly successful season with three home matches. Fishguard County School were defeated by twenty-four runs in a match that was remarkable for the very accurate bowling of A. F. Morgan and the lusty hitting of T. Owens.

On July 24th, "The Old Boys" visited us with the strongest team they have fielded for many years. The school batted first, scoring only thirty runs. This total however was too much for the Old Boys who collapsed before the bowling of Morgan and were all out for twenty-four. In the second innings the school made exactly fifty runs but the Old Boys, helped by the batting of Morgan reached sixty-one. They thus obtained their first and well deserved victory over the School eleven by the narrow margin of six runs.

The one House match played resulted in a victory for Tudor over Glyndwr by 61 (for one wicket) - 50.

Results :--

V. Fishguard C. S.-Won 54-30, Batting :- T. Owens, 24. Bowling :- A. F. Morgan, 9 for 8,

V. Old Boys-Lost 30 and 50-24 and 61. Bowling :- A. F. Morgan, 8 for 10.

V. British Legion C.C.-Lost 42-61.

Cricket colours were awarded to T. Owens, A. F. Morgan, W. C. Rouse, D. C. Robinson and G. Phillips.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The Winter Term of 1930 has been a fairly successful one for the School football team. Eleven matches have been played, eight being won and three lost. It is a significant fact, however, that the School team has not been defeated when at full strength.

Injuries have been numerous, but happily, the invalids are progressing favourably. The officials elected at the commencement of the campaign are as follows :—

I. E. Howells (Captain), L. H. Andrews (Vice-Captain) and A. F. Morgan (Secretary),

The team has been selected from the following: I. E. Howells*, L. H. Andrews*, A. F. Morgan*, G. Phillips*, H. James*, A. Bull, T. Owens, R. Rees, R: Hamerton, P. Lewis, F. Hordley, N. Nash, F. Pierce, J. Humber, E. Humber.

*Old Colours.

In House football, Glyndwr have won two matches and Picton one, whilst Tudor are the unlucky possessors of the "wooden spoon."

Sept. 27—Band Boys (home). Won 9–2. Oct. 4—Milford C.S. (home). Won 5–2. Oct. 11—Lamphey (away). Won 8–1 Oct. 18—Royal Engineers (home). Won 6–4. Oct. 25—Narberth C.S. (away). Won 4–2. Nov. 1—Lamphey (home). Won 8–1. Nov. 8—Royal Engineers (away). Lost 1–4. Nov. 15—Band Boys (home). Won 8–1. Nov. 22—Fishguard C.S. (away). Lost 0–8. Nov. 29—Angle (home). Lost 2–3. Dec. 6—Fondroyant (home). Won 4–3.

Examination Results.

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HIGHER CERTIFICATE.

L. H. Andrews—French, with conversational power, History : D. M. Evans-English, French, with conversational power, History ; D. I. Mackeen— English, History, Pure and Applied Mathmatics ; E. F. E. Thomas—English, French, with conversational power.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

The figures in brackets indicate the number of subjects in which the candidate passed with credit. L.M. indicates the London, and W.M, the Welsh Matric. equivalent,

P. Bevans (7., L. and W.M.), with distinction in Maths, and Woodwork : I. E. Canton (5); G. M. Childs (7); S. O. Davies (6); N. A. Dew (7, W.M.); F. E. Dickman (4), with distinction in Maths.; O. M. Dudley (1); T. J. Edwards (7. W.M.); V. S. Grimes (6); G. A. Greenaway (2); J. Gwyther (7, W. and L.M.), with distintion in Maths. and Woodwork ; L. M. Hicks (4) ; E. M. Hier (6), with distinction in History ; I. E. Howells (5), with distinction in History ; J. H. Humber (7, W. and L.M.), with distinction in Maths.; D. Jenkins (6, W.M.); D. A. G. John (7, W.M.); R. C. J. Jones (5); M. E. Lewis (2); P. H. Lewis (8, W. and L.M.), with distinction in History and Physics; B. I. Miller (4); A. R. Morgan (7, W. and L.M.) with distinction in Maths.; C. W. Parry (7, W and I.M.), with distinction in Geography ; F. I. Pierce (6), with distinction in Geography and Woodwork ; G. R. H. Rees (2) ; H. F. N. Rees (4) ; N. E. Richards (7, W.M.); W. A. Roberts (6); C. D. Rogers (6); A. M. G. T. Rouse (8. W. and L.M.), with distinction in Maths.; K. A. M. Rouse (6, W.M.), with distinction in Maths.; N. F. Sutton 5, W.M.); W. J. L. Sutton (8, W. and L.M.), with distinction in Maths. and Physics ; M. H. W. Taylor (6), with distinction in History.

SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE.

L. A. Evans, Needlework; L. M. Freeman, Cookery; N. P. Powell, Maths., Needlework; L. M P. Rees, French, with Conversational Power.

LONDON MATRICULATION.

W. J. Rouse.

ROYAL AIR FORCE EXAMINATION, JUNE. W. L. Halliwell, G. G. Evans and R. I. Thomas.

DOCKYARD APPRENTICES AND ARTIFICERS EXAM. F. I. Rake and A. H. Williams.

Form Notes.

VI.—At last the long-looked for time has arrived, and we are now peacefully gathered together in the VIth Form Room. At last we are reaping the joys of new labours, and can sit at ease in the Chemistry Laboratory, inhaling the healthy (!) and diverting odours of Sulphuretted Hydrogen, Chlorine, and Ammonia. At last we can gaze at the rest of the school with a critical air, regarding ourselves monarchs of all we survey, standing in awe of no one, rather, wearing an audacious look in front of our superiors, and inspiring fear into the hearts of juniors, who run through the lab., like hares, as if pursued by some wild beast. At last—but I can think of no more prosaic expressions.

VS.—The Term has pursued its uneventful course, while we, deprived of our former form room are compelled to occupy bleak Room 11 and gaze with chagrin at IVB in Room 5, a room of pleasant memories to former members of VS, who will always remember the notorious sparrows of that room, who gave the distracted members of the form many pleasant entertainments. We congratulate T. Owen and R. G. Rees on obtaining positions in the first XI. Va.—This year Va is a very lively form, probably due to the fact that it has a larger number of members than last year, and is made up mostly of frisky one-time fourth-formers, and a few hoary veterans who were loth to leave the fold.

Most of its members like Room 12, but there are a few who still prefer Room 4

One advantage of the new form-room is, that it has a stove, and it is around the latter that you will usually find Va congregated at break, although a few hardy members prefer to go for a stroll in the park, even when it is quite frosty weather.

Exams are here again, and if you enter Room 12 now, you will most probably find the stove deserted, for after such strenous work Va have found that the best place to be, is out in the open air.

Vb.—The Christmas turkey will not be nearly as stuffed up as Vb are at present with the Head-mistress as our form mistress, and three bright girls as lordly prefects. Of course, this has its drawbacks as well, for under their eagle eyes we wilt at times. The prestige, however, amply compensates for this.

We are certainly an asset to the school especially in the musical sense. This we proved at the Senior Social.

Vb holds two records, namely :---

1. It has the oldest girl in the school.

2. It has the tallest girl in the school.

We here beg to give the world due warning that there will be at least double this year's record of distinctions in Vb, when the results of the Central Welsh Board Examination appear next August, so pray do not be unduly alarmed.

IVa.—We are all dreading the exams, but we have already survived several half-term tests which have decreased our fear by some degree.

We are losing several of our comrades this term :-Graham Robinson departing for the Lake District, where we hope he will delight in Wordsworth's paradise, and Aubrey Williams who is entering the Royal Navy as an artificer. We wish them success in their new spheres of life.

In spite of bad weather we have staged two football matches, IV's v. V's in which we suffered a heavy reverse, but we hope to get our revenge next term. IVa have also played the IIIrd's and we had the satisfaction of winning 2-1 although we had to engage a small deputy goalkeeper.

The girls too have suffered from the rain, every hockey match having been cancelled. Three netball matches were played, one against the Fifths, two against the Thirds, we won the three, the scores were 18-7, 15-7 and 13-6. IVb.—Our Room is No 5. Our form master, Mr. George. At the commencement of the term we were 35, 21 girls and 14 boys. But Olga Woodward has left for Sheerness. We shall miss her and our hearty good wishes follow her.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the two new mistresses—Miss Holmes and Miss Lewis.

We are told by the staff that as a form we are not up to IVb standard, but we are determined to work hard and we hope to give them a surprise in the certificate exams, next year.

We are proud of James who plays in the First XI.

Our motto in work and play shall always be the last line of that Welsh football cry.--

Nawr te ! Nawr te ! Nawr am dani ! !

IIIa.—This year's Thirds are apparently making good progress, at least, as far as IIIa is concerned, and this will be further determined by the coming exams.

Latin was taken with general approval; chemistry and physics at first with a considerable quantity of excitement, which in most cases gradually gave way to a dignified sang-froid. Our prowess (lies not only in the scholastic direction, but the athletic, as IIIa beat IIIc in netball. The captain of the Thirds is in IIIa. Two of our Form play for South Pembrokeshire.

We are proud of the fact that we have a violinist amongst us.

Our eminent actor-producer, and half scene-shifter has met with an accident on the School field, but is recovering.

We were astonished at the enormous increase in girth of King Hal during the social, but were greatly relieved to find out the cause of this rotundity.

Exams, are now the outstanding thought and all IIIa hope for success.

IIIb.—Since moving into our new Form Room we realise the hardships endured by the Eskimoes in Iceland.

The IIIrds have played two football matches this term winning by 10-1 against the IInd, and only losing to IVa by the narrow margin of 2-1.

The exams. will soon overshadow our pleasures, but after a short period we shall be repaid by the Christmas holidays.

IIIc—We came back to school very fit after the long holida,y and ready to work hard. Our form is still unlucky, being without form-room.

We welcome our new form mistress, Miss Lewis.

The most exciting things that have happened this term are the medical exam. and Admiral Allen's visit when he spoke about the "League of Nations." A few weeks ago Tudor boys played against Glyndwr. They came in tired after a strenuous game and the latter wearing broad triumphant grins were extremely pleased with themselves. The Tudor boys nursing their grievances went home very dissatisfied with themselves, each telling one another what they ought to have done. At the break most of the girls play hockey which is a new game to all of us. We all look forward to the game and some hope to play and win for the school in the first eleven.

As the examinations have started, everyone in the form is very busy revising. However many of the girls go to the gym hut after school to practice the dances which they are going to take part in at the concert.

IIb—This is the first term for most of us and for our mistress Miss Holmes. We all find the lessons and also the games very interesting. Our room is called Room 7, but the new pupils who do not yet know call it "the back of the hall." All the girls like hockey, and the boys play football, but on account of the bad weather the field has not had much use. We all try to treat the teachers with the greatest respect, and so they trust us. We had a very good 'junior social' and all the pupils who went to it enjoyed themselves thoroughly. We all had a Medical Examination not very long ago. We are all now thinking of the exams. and then we may look forward to the Christmas holidays.

IIc—Our first day at school was a day which was full of surprises, but nevertheless it was enjoyable.

After a week or ten days we were soon settled down and used to the routine. We are twenty three in class, and we are all girls. We often pass through the Chemistry Laboratory, and sometimes there are unpleasant odours, and often we have to run through holding our noses.

One day we were told that we were going down to the Temperance Hall for a lecture (given by Admiral Allen) in connection with the League of Nations, but unfortunately the Medical Examinaton was being held so we were kept behind,

The next important event was the junior social which was splendid. Later we had a French test, and we are anxiously waiting the result. We are now eagerly looking forward to the end of term, when the season of Christmas will be here.