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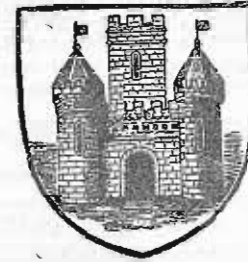
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Editorial.

This term's PENVRO shall consist mainly of an appeal for better support of the magazine. You can support it in two ways, by making up your mind to buy it regularly, and by trying to write something to help fill it. There are those who say the magazine is rather thin, in both senses. "The fault, dear Brutus is not in our stars, but in ourselves." For "stars" read "editor," and then think a little. More subscribers would mean, very probably, a larger magazine. More potential contributors would very definitely mean greater variety in the matter. This appeal has been made before, but has met with little response. Let us be more explicit this time. You have been to some part of the globe that few of our readers have visited; you have had an experience that thrilled you; you have a hobby; you have the vague outline of the plot of a story floating about in your mind. As the French exercises say: you have pens, ink, and paper. Then write (one side of the paper only, please). Now, ye scribes and literati, go to it. You may say you cannot write. Well

then, you can collect a shilling a year from somewhere. Put one penny per month in a box, and you can be a regular subscriber to the PENVRO. Do this, and your consciences will be clear enough to enable you to enjoy the happy Christmas we wish you.

One final remark on a different note. All success to cast and producer in the plays shortly to be put on. They are doing far more work than most people realise. Let the rest of the School do their share in this entertainment by seeing that the company has full houses to play to.

Sports Day.

The School sports were held on Wednesday, July 22. Our weather luck held again, the only shadow on the proceedings being cast by the very uneven result, which was as follows:— Picton, 172; Glyndwr, 150; Tudor, 80.

Detailed results:—

Throwing Cricket Ball, boys under 15—1, V. Clayson, P; 2, P. Davies, T; 3, K. Bacon, T.

Hitting the Hockey Ball, girls over 15—1, Gwyneth Lewis, G; 2 (equal), Gwyneth Rees, P, and Joan Flutter, T.

100 Yards, boys over 16—1, E. Johnson, G; 2, R. Hordley, P; 3, D. Welsh, P.

High Jump, girls 14 to 16—1, Lily Mackenzie, G; 2, Doreen Lewis, P; 3, Mona Griffiths, T.

80 Yards, boys under 14—1, V. Clayson, P; 2, G. Round, G; 3, (equal) R. Glue, T, and W. Mills, P.

High Jump, girls under 14—1, Vera Mansfield, P; 2, Doreen Stewart, T; 3, Catherine Richards, P.

Long Jump, boys over 15—1, R. Hordley, P; 2, Howard Williams, G; 3, W. Richard, T. Length, 18 ft. 3½ ins.

100 Yards, girls over 16—1, Doreen Nevin, T; 2, Molly Thomas, G; 3, Gwyneth Child, P.

50 Yards Slow Bicycle (Open)—1, N. Owen, G; 2, T. Rees, T; 3, Joyce Freeman, P.

Long Jump, boys under 15—1, V. Clayson, P; 2, G. Round, G; 3, B. Nevin, T.

440 Yards, boys over 16—1, E. Johnson, G; 2, G. Davies, P; 3, B. Parry, P.

100 Yards, girls 14 to 16—1, Lily Mackenzie, G; 2, Barbara Eisdon, T; 3, Doris Charles, P.

Obstacle Race, boys—1, H. Williams, G; 2, R. Glue, T; 3, P. John, T.

Team Game, junior girls—1, Glyndwr; 2, Picton; 3, Tudor.

High Jump, boys over 15—1, R. Hordley, P; 2, P. McGrath, P; 3, H. Williams, G. (5 ft.).

80 Yards, girls under 14—1, Doreen Stewart, T; 2, Vera Mansfield, P; 3, Phyllis Johns, G, and Peggy Treherne, T.

High Jump, girls over 16—1, Gwen Roch, P; 2, Lucy Knight, P; 3, Jean Liniker, G, and Lillian Gwyther, T.

100 Yards, boys 14 to 16—1, W. Bateman, G; 2, S. Johnson, G; 3, L. Charles, P.

Hop, Step and Jump, girls under 15—1, Sadie Page, P; 2, Margaret Davidson, G; 3, Doreen Stewart, T.

Team Game, senior girls—1, Glyndwr; 2, Tudor; 3, Picton.

Throwing Cricket Ball, boys over 15—1, F. Denzey, G; 2, W. Richard, T; 3, W. Thomas, P. (87½ yds.).

Shipping Race, girls under 15—1, Doreen Stewart, T; 2, Gwen Badham, P; 3, Lillian Freckleton, P.

Relay Race, senior—1, Glyndwr; 2, Tudor; 3, Picton.

High Jump, boys under 15—1, W. Thomas, P, and R. Davies, P (tie) 3, G. Round, G and S. Hood, T.

Obstacle Race, girls—1, Hazel Williams, G; 2, Betty Scourfield, P; 3, Dorothy Thomas, G.

Team Game, boys under 15—1, Picton; 2, Glyndwr; 3, Tudor.

Shipping Race, senior girls—1, Lily Mackenzie, G; 2, Dorothy Thomas, G; 3, Doreen Nevin, T.

Hop, Step and Jump, boys under 15—1, V. Clayson, P; 2, W. Mills, P; 3, W. Adams, G.

50 Yards Sack, girls under 14—1, Vera Thomas, G; 2, Joan Main, P; 3, Nancy Merriman, G.

880 Yards, boys over 15—1, G. Davies, P; 2, E. Johnson, G; 3, D. Welsh, P.

50 Yards Sack, boys under 15—1, B. Williams, P; 2, T. Pendleton, T; 3, H. Oliver, T.

100 Yards, Old Boys—1, N. Nash, G; 2, E. Gibby, G; 3, J. Owen, T.

100 Yards, Old Girls—1, Dorothy Robinson, G; 2, Nita Collins, P; 3, Lorna Griffiths, P.

Hop, Step and Jump, boys over 15—1, R. Hordley, P; 2, W. Richard, T; 3, W. Bateman, G. (38 ft. 5 ins.).

Relay Race, junior—1, Picton; 2, Glyndwr; 3, Tudor.

Short Wave Listening.

The majority of short wave listeners do not care what programme they are listening to, all they want to know is where the programme is coming from, and the farther away the station is situated, the better they are pleased. To the real DX (long-distance) listener it is immaterial whether he is listening to a symphony concert from New York, or some simple language lessons from Hong Kong, although, of course, if he happens to tune in some extraordinary programme his curiosity causes him to listen to it.

With earphones pressed tightly to his ears the DX "fan" sits for hours mechanically turning the tuning knob, listening for a faint whistle as his oscillating receiver comes into tune with the carrier wave of some transmitter in a far-off corner of the globe. Slowly, he turns back one of the controls and finally, perhaps, he succeeds in hearing through the feeble whistle a still feebler programme. He may only hear a few words beneath a hail of atmospherics but knowing that he has added yet one more DX station to his log, he retires to bed, satisfied.

For several years now, I have been a keen DX listener, and although, perhaps, after sitting at my set for several hours, my labour has been rewarded as above, occasionally I have heard

some very interesting programme "high-lights." One comes very vividly into my mind.

During the Melbourne Centenary Air Race in 1934, the progress of the fliers was reported each day at 7.15 a.m. G.M.T., by VK3LR Melbourne. Scott and Black, I had heard from the British News Bulletin one evening, were nearing the finish of the race, so I tuned in VK3LR at about 7.10 the next morning. The programme was a musical one on gramophone records. I listened intently until about 7.20 when it stopped, then—"This is 3LR Melbourne. Here is the latest news of the Air Race. Scott and Black crossed the finishing line about a minute ago and we shall endeavour to get them to come to the microphone in a few minutes." It was time to start for school, however, and I was unable to hear the airmen, but I think I was one of the first to hear the exciting news in this country.

It is this possibility of being present everywhere in the world, of not being excluded from the happenings in other continents, which seems to explain the thrill of short wave listening.

Some of my "rarest catches," only obtained after a lot of careful tuning, include KFZ, the station at Admiral Byrd's Base Camp in the Bay of Whales, Antarctica, during his last Polar Expedition; and W10XDA, an American schooner in the Davis Strait. Others, more easily received, were the Hindenburg on her first trans-Atlantic trip, and the Queen Mary on her maiden voyage. I listened daily to the latter direct, right up to the time that she docked in New York. Then, one evening, while listening to one of the more powerful U.S.A. stations, I heard a broadcast from the stratosphere balloon "Explorer II," when she was at her record height above the earth. During the recent Italo-Abyssinian war, I heard ETB Addis Ababa, although at the time the station was badly "jammed" by an enemy transmitter on the same frequency.

What are perhaps the most interesting transmissions to hear, are those emanating from amateur experimental stations in all parts of the world. With less power than that consumed by an ordinary household electric lamp, they are able to communicate with the ends of the earth. These stations can only transmit in comparatively small frequency bands, that are allotted by international agreement, and the QRM (interference between stations) is often rather bad. The latter is especially so on Sunday mornings when one may receive twenty stations in one degree on the tuning dial! Most of these stations use Morse telegraphy, but there are also some very interesting telephony transmissions to be heard nowadays. I have logged several hundred of these amateurs (known as "hams," among themselves), in all six continents of the world.

This conquest of distance and the annihilation of time is the thing that makes short wave listening so interesting, and because of this, the community of short wave listeners will go on growing and growing.

School Sports.

"Every man shift for all the rest and let no man take care for himself."—The Tempest.

TENNIS.

Although the Central Welsh Board Examination considerably hampered our games, we managed to get five matches, in four of which we were victorious.

Weather conditions compelled us to play off the finals on the hard courts in the Park, kindly lent to us for the purpose; but even here the matches were interrupted by heavy showers of rain which compelled both spectators and players to dash for shelter. The Senior Finalists were G. M. Rees and M. Mathias. The former became School Champion for the third time in succession, with a score of 6.2, 3.6, 6.2. The IVth Form champion was J. Flutter who beat G. Lewis by 6.3, 6.0. This year we had a II and III Form tournament and E. Phillips became Junior Champion by beating K. Wright, with a score of 6.2, 6.2.

At the end of the season, colours were awarded to G. Evans and Phyllis Thomas.

The team was chosen from the following:—

*M. Mathias (Capt.), *G. Rees (Vice-Capt.), G. Evans, P. Thomas, J. Flutter, P. Rossiter, B. Hulbert, G. Lewis.

*Old Colours.

Matches Played.

June 13—Tenby County School (home). Won 7—1.
 June 27—Tashers' High School (away). Won 5—4.
 July 14—Llanion Tennis Club (home). Won 5—4.
 July 17—Old Girls (home). Won 5—4.
 July 18—Llanion Tennis Club (home). Lost 4—5.

CRICKET.

Two more matches were played at the end of the summer term, the resulting analysis of matches being: Won 4, Lost 5, Drawn 1. The Old Boys' match was spoilt by rain, although some excellent cricket was seen. The school team was greatly helped by the all-round play of R. Hordley, and throughout the season excellent team-spirit was displayed.

The Old Boys' Team was:—F. P. Rogers (Captain), A. F.

Morgan, H. E. Goodridge, D. F. Hordley, L. Phillips, W. Smith, G. Phillips, J. Gibby, W. Rickard, W. Canton, B. Parry.

Fixtures.

17 July, 1936—Old Boys, Home; drawn 86 (42 for 2) (Match Abandoned)
20 July, 1936—Ashvale C. C., Home; lost 34—45.
Cricchet Colours were awarded to N. R. Hordley, W. H. Grey, V. F. Wells, Leslie Thomas, and G. J. Davies.

AVERAGES.

Batting.

	No of Innings.	Times Not Out.	Highest Score.	Runs.	Average.
W. Betty	7	0	42	92	13.14
G. Evans	9	3	14	47	7.83
G. Davies	10	0	18	77	7.7
R. Hordley	10	2	31	50	6.25

Bowling.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
W. H. Grey	62	10	136	18	7.55
L. Thomas	46	4	108	14	7.7
R. Hordley	113	23	299	36	8.31

The School Team was represented by the following:—E. Johnson (Captain), W. Betty, G. Davies, W. H. Grey, V. Wells, G. Evans, W. Rickard, T. Kelleher, B. Parry, J. Thomas, R. Hordley, E. Williams, P. Winter, W. Thomas, S. Johnson.

HOCKEY.

The hockey season has so far been a very successful one, for out of the seven matches played, one only has been lost, and that against a ladies' team. The team has defeated all the schools in the county whom they have encountered but, we have not yet had the pleasure of experiencing the thrill of victory by beating Milford County School.

We were rather humiliated by the heavy defeat that we suffered at the hands of the Staff at the beginning of the term, when the male members of their team evaded all our efforts to keep them back; but we hope to cancel that defeat by completely routing them in the return match next term.

As we go to Press there are still a few more matches to be played.

Like the boys, we, too, would appreciate the help of supporters at the matches played on the school field.

The team has been chosen from the following:—*B. Gibby (Capt.), *G. Rees (Vice-Capt.), *D. Nevin, *G. Lewis, *H. Williams, D. Thomas, G. Evans, D. Charles, B. Thomas, W. Richards, L. Mackenzie, J. Flutter, O. Davies.

*Old Colours.

Matches Played.

October 3—Tenby County School (away). Won 7—0.

October 24—Tenby Spartans (home). Won 3—2.
October 26—Staff. Lost 1—6.
October 31—Fishguard Ladies (away). Lost 1—2.
November 14—Tashers' High School (away). Won 3—0.
November 21—Milford Ladies (home). Won 5—0.
November 28—Fishguard Ladies (home). Won 3—1.
December 5—Fishguard County School (away). Won 5—0.

FOOTBALL.

The School XI has had a very successful term, the record number of wins for one term, eight, being broken this term. Under the efficient captaincy of F. J. Denzey the team have up to the present won nine of their eleven fixtures, the School having scored 44 goals and conceded 20. The chief scorers for the School XI were T. Kelleher and E. Johnson, who have scored 17 and 8 goals respectively. Surely such a proud record deserves more support from the members of the School! Let us hope that the two remaining matches against Tenby C. S. and the Old Boys will be firmly supported. The chief power behind the School's success is the powerful half-back line which the School possesses. Canton deserves recognition for his sterling work at right half.

The team has been selected from the following:—

*F. J. Denzey (Capt.), *E. Williams, *T. Kelleher, *E. Johnson, F. A. Denzey, H. Griffiths, S. Johnson, E. Canton, W. Bateman, F. Grey, V. Clayton, P. Winter, L. Charles, H. Williams.

*Old Colours.

Results:—

September 26th—Scholastic Amateurs (Home). Won 4—3.
October 3rd—Royal Fusiliers Band Boys (Home). Won 6—0.
October 10th—Fishguard C. S. (Away). Won 2—0.
October 17th—Fishguard C. S. (Away). Won 6—1.
October 24th—Royal Fusiliers Band Boys (Home). Won 7—1.
October 31st—Cobeston A. F. C. (Home). Won 6—3.
November 7th—Tenby C. S. (Away). Won 3—0.
November 14th—Angle A. F. C. (Home). Won 3—1.
November 21st—Milford C. S. (Away). Lost 1—3.
November 28th—Scholastic Amateurs (Home). Won 4—2.
December 5th—Narberth (Home). Lost 2—6.

The two remaining matches to be played are:—

December 12th—Tenby C. S. (Home).
December 16th—Old Boys (Home)

Prize Day.

The prize-giving was held on Wednesday, November 25, the guest of honour being Sir Henry Stuart Jones, M.A., D.Litt., F.B.A., late principal of the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth. Sir Henry distributed the prizes and gave the address, in the

course of which he showed how the fact that the School numbers have risen since the closing of the Dockyard is typical of the faith in education that is one of the features of Welsh life. He spoke much of liberty, and reminded us that the word had many varying interpretations. He liked to think of it himself, however, not as the right to do what we like, but as the power to do what we ought.

The Headmaster's report contained a full record of successes by present and past pupils, and referred to the way in which the social life of the school continues to expand, by means of the various societies.

During the afternoon, musical items were given by the Senior girls' choir, by a party of junior girls, and by J. Gaddern.

FORM PRIZES,

IIC—1, B. George; 2, E. M. Hall IIB—1, G. J. Prout; 2, I. M. Dony and G. G. Ellis. IIA—1, J. W. Blencowe; 2, J. G. Bowen. IIC—Form Prizes, E. A. Treherne and W. E. Adams. IIIB—1, M. F. Rogers; 2, A. G. Hiatt. IIIA—1, M. George; 2, R. N. Winter. IVC—1, J. E. Garlick; 2, D. M. M. Marendaz IVB—1, D. A. Charles; 2, E. M. Scourfield. IVA—1, E. R. Darlington; 2, J. M. R. Bevan, Lower V—Form Prize, B. G. K. Marendaz.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

The number in brackets indicates the number of credits. L.M.—London Matriculation Equivalent. W.M.—Welsh Matriculation Equivalent.

VA—1, P. Thomas (7, L and W.M.); 2, J. A. W. Johns (7, L and W.M.), special prize for Needlework given by Mrs. M. L. Phillips, Chairman of the Governors. E. M. Nevin, (8, L. and W.M.), special prize for Latin given by Miss Perman; P. A. Thomas (8, L. and W.M.); I. P. Roch (6, W.M.); L. M. Gwyther (6); E. M. Scourfield (5), special prize for cookery given by Miss B. Williams, in memory of her mother, Mrs. W. Williams, first lady governor of the School; D. M. Walkey (5); M. E. G. Williams (5); G. H. Evans (4); D. P. Morris (4); W. A. Mullins (4); M. I. Player (4); D. G. Taylor (4); J. I. Williams (4); D. M. Dyke (3); N. Henderson (3); V. S. Mullins (3); B. Thomas (3); G. M. Thomas (3); V. M. Nicholas (2).

VS—1, W. T. J. Cox (8, L. and W.M.), Special Prize for Woodwork, given by Mrs. David, in memory of her father, Mr. W. N. Grieve, J.P.; 2, E. G. Pendleton (8, L. and W.M.); E. F. Johnson (7, L. and W.M.); W. A. Richard (7, L. and W.M.); P. M. McGrath (6, L. and W.M.); D. Welsh (6, W.M.); L. J. Cully (5); H. F. Griffiths (5); T. W. Kelleher (5); D. H. Radcliffe (5); L. J. Charles (4); F. A. Denzey (4); W. F. Morris (3); A. G. Nicholls (3); A. W. Allen (2); F. G. D. Edwards (2).

Lower VI—Form Prizes, P. W. Winter and W. H. Grey; Supplementary Certificate—E. J. W. Mathias (History).

HIGHER CERTIFICATES.

Upper VI—Form Prizes, given by Mr. William Roblin—A. Badham, Higher Certificate with credit in English, French, Drawing and Painting; G. J. Davies, Higher Certificate with credit in English and Latin and distinction in French.

W. A. Thomas—English, Latin, French; D. G. H. Nevin—English, History.

Hockey Stick, given by Mr. H. M. Hughes, Treasurer of the School—G. M. Rees.

Cricket Bat, given by Mr. G. P. Francis, J.P.—J. W. Betty.

Moments of Magic in Italy.

On a certain star-strewn night of August of last year, with a party of English friends, I stood in the Coliseum at Rome: the moon shone high in a night-dark-blue Italian sky, illuminating the ancient ruins at her feet,—such was our introduction to the great City.

It was an unforgettable experience. We felt as though we must step lightly, for were we not standing on the very heart of the ancient world? The vast walls around us guarded the secrets of their departed glory, and all the air was full of strange whisperings of years gone by. There, below, was the "Way of Death," along which gallant pilgrims strode into the arena to face the fury of the savage beasts let loose upon them to make that fearsome thing, an ancient Roman holiday.

Through the terrific heat of an Italian late morning, we wandered to and fro among the ruins of the Forum Romanum, treading the "Sacra Via" from the Silver Arch of Titus at one end to the Capitol, pregnant with memories of the great Julius, at the other; then up the Palatine, over white dusty stones and among dusky ilexes and tall dark cypress trees, we toiled to the ruins of ancient palaces.

On Thursday, August 15th, it was a high day and holiday in modern Rome, and in the great Piazza before St. Peter's, were to be seen women carrying babes to be christened in the great church; while older children and adults were seeking the cool of the over-shadowing arms of Bernini's colonnades.

Within the great Basilica we wandered, dwarfed by its vastness, yet big with imaginative thought. We gazed with awe at the tomb of St. Peter, whose sarcophagus is illuminated with the "light perpetual" of about seventy burning lamps. We were also very interested in the marble tomb of the Old Pretender and his two sons, Charles and Henry. Sir Walter Scott travelled to Rome expressly to see this.

In such a hot city as Rome, the fountains make many a circle of interest. Around them, people gather to fill their wide bottles, encased within basket work, the better to preserve the freshness of the water; and, if you wish to ensure for yourself a safe return to this wonderful city, you must drop a coin, as a votive offering to her gods, into the pool of the Trevi fountain.

Although the summer noon-heat is terrific, sudden rainstorms are not unknown; so sudden are they indeed, that there is

actually a shop in the city where one may hire out umbrellas for a certain consideration. Sudden high winds causing miniature dust, if not sand-storms, may also arise; in one of these we were caught in the ruins of the Baths of Caracalla.

It was an afternoon of solemn thrill when we drove along the Appian Way, the sides of which are lined with the catacombs of martyrs of ancient Christendom; and it was with feelings of awe that we followed in the wake of the kindly monk, as he led us along one of the winding pathways. These stretch for a great distance in three levels of the rock; and each visitor carries his own lighted taper as he proceeds.

Apart from the monks, we did not feel as though the Romans of the capital cared for us very much; but of course, we did not know what they might, or might not, be reading about us in their newspapers, as the trouble with Abyssinia was then imminent; but no feelings of this sort crossed our ken in Florence. The courtesy of these charming people of Tuscany left nothing to be desired; and their kindly hotel reception after the exceedingly hot journey to their city is unequalled in my experience.

The site of this hotel in Florence was on the banks of the Arno, midway between the two famous bridges of the Ponte Vecchio and the Trinita. The corner of the latter is the place of the meeting of Dante with Beatrice, as depicted in Rossetti's famous painting; hence this is sometimes called "Dante's Bridge." E. V. Lucas writes of it, that there may be more beautiful bridges in the world,—but, if there are, he knows of none. The sight of the soft gentle curves of this wonderful span, reflected in three perfect ovals in the clear calm of the water below, seen from one's bedroom window in the early morning time, is an image of perfect beauty.

It is from Florence that one visits Fiesole, a wonderful village of erst-while Etruscan culture, where there is an excavated amphitheatre dating from the first century B.C., and an ancient monastery surmounting a high hill, and still inhabited by monks of the Franciscan Order.

Rome moved us with the solemn thrill of nearness to the muffled heart-throbs of the ancient world; and Florence stirred us with the visions of painters and dreams of poets; but it was Venice that imparted the deepest sense of glamour. Here, indeed, every street was a street of adventure, and every moment full of romance.

It happens very rarely in this life that a reality surpasses a dream; yet such was my experience in Venice. The glory of St. Mark's Cathedral, the moving beauty of the Doges' Palace, the emotions aroused by a contemplation of The Bridge of Sighs, and

the Rialto are beyond description.

Nobody seems to want to go to bed in Venice in the summer, except in the afternoon for a siesta! In the early morn, you are awakened by the passing to and fro of people on the Molo setting forth, perchance, on some water-picnic; and the late evening finds you, as like as not, strolling in the great Piazza of St. Mark's listening to famous opera music played by a first-class band. And how intriguing are the shops, and the bead factories, and mosaic work, and glass-blowing forges, and the lace-makers!

Some of the most glamorous moments are those magic ones of twilight, when the Venetian sky merges perceptibly from a Madonna-blue, through various darkening shades, to a full rich velvety tone. Then the great marble facades surrounding St. Mark's Piazza appear to have length and height, but no breadth, and to be but the insubstantial creations of a stage scene set against the ethereal background of the dark-blue heavens. Then the lights glow on the Grand Canal, while the gondolier propels his light barge along fascinating waterways. Then star-dust tumbles into your wondering eyes; Venetian moonshine sways the whole atmosphere, and reality is merged into a waking dream of faery-lore.

EVELINE HINCHLIFFE.

The Eisteddfod.

The Folk-Dancing competition was held in the Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, November 26, the adjudicator being Mrs. Hutton, who judged the same competition two years ago. A week later, on Thursday, December 3, the exhibition of work was held, this time in the Hall. It was supplemented this year by work done during the year, and it was generally agreed that this was the best display we have had for some years.

The total points to date are:—Picton, 66; Tudor, 57; Glyndwr, 48.

Details are as follows:—

FOLK DANCING.

Senior—1 (Divided), Glyndwr and Picton Parties; 2, Tudor Party.
Junior—1 Glyndwr; 2, Picton; 3, Tudor.

ART.

Lower School - The Fair. 1 (P), Una Mullins; 2 (G), Barbara Handley; 3 (T), Dorothy Brookfield. Commended:—(P), Sonia Stewart; (G), Joyce Owen, D. John.

Middle School—Life Drawing. 1, No award; 2 (P), Miriam Rogers. Commended:—(P), Catherine Richards.

Upper School—The Boston Tea-Party. 1 (P), Phyllis Thomas; 2 (T), Joyce Johns; 3 (G), I. Belt. Commended:—(P), Audrey Humphreys, Jean Mullins; (T), Brenda Marendaz; Peggy Thomas; (G), Doris Simpkins.

Open—Study Of A Tree. 1 (T), J. C. Henton; 2 (G), Jean Liniher 3 (P), Audrey Johns. Commended—(T), Joyce Johns; (G), Barbara Handley, Helen Green; (P), Sheila Dixon, Sadie Page.

Open—Design For Plate. 1 (T), Joyce Johns; 2 (G), Bessie Gibby 3 (P), Joan Mullins. Commended (T), P. Gray, Brenda Marendaz, Mona Griffiths, Joan Davies, J. C. Henton, Diana Marendaz, Joan Flutter (P), Audrey Humphreys, Una Mullins, Sadie Page; (G), Doris Simpkins.

COOKERY.

Lower School—Coconut Cakes. 1 (T), Loraine Woodhouse; 2 (G), Freda Manning; 3 (P) Dorothy Beynon.

Middle School—Sandwich. 1 (T), Enid Henton; 2 (P), Ruth Reynolds; 3 (G), Margaret Leonard. Commended—(T), Mary Prout, Valerie Thomas.

Upper School—Sultana Cake. 1 (T), Dilys Morris; 2 (P), Doris Charles; 3 (G), Gwyneth Rees. Commended—Gwyneth Child, Francis Newell, Madge Davies, Audrey Humphreys, Phyllis Thomas, (T), Mary Williams, (G), Lillian Dew, Beryl Thomas.

Open—Toffee. 1 (T), Valene Bowling; 2 (G), Gwyneth Rees; 3 (P) Audrey Humphreys. Commended—(T), Gwen a Sutton, Elsie Brookfield; (P) Gwyneth Child; (G), Betty Thomas, Bessie Gibby.

NEEDLEWORK.

Junior—Tea-cosy. 1 (T), Dorothy Brookfield; 2 (P), Edith Hunt 3 (G), Kathleen Hiatt.

Junior—Scarf. 1 (P), Margaret Gibby; 2 (G), Lily Evans; 3 (T), Joan Davies. Commended:—(G), Helen Green.

Middle School—Blouse. 1 (T), Peggy Treherne; 2 (P), Marion Powell; 3 (G), Sheila Jones.

Senior—Blouse. 1 (T), Lillian Gwyther; 2 (P), Peggy Roch; 3 (G) Gwyneth Lewis. Commended:—(T), Joyce Johns.

Senior—Scarf and Beret. 1 (G), Lillian Dew; 2 (P), Brenda Phillips; 3 (T), Elsie Brookfield. Commended:—(P), Audrey Humphreys; (G), Edith Scourfield, Beryl Thomas.

WOODWORK.

Form II—Box. 1 (P), A Emment 2 (G), M. G. Howells; 3 (T), R. Lawrence. Commended:—(P), G. Davies, W. Johnson.

Form III—Stool. 1 (P), E. Evans; 2 (T), G. Pendleton; 3 (G), J. Blencowe. Commended:—(P), J. Prout, W. Crowe; (T), R. Glue; (G), G. Ellis.

Form IV—Book Stand. 1 (P), W. Thomas; 2 (G), B. Ward; 3 (T), R. Winter. Commended: (P), R. Wilds; (T), P. Davies.

Form V—Knife-box. 1 (P) F. Grey; 2 (G), N. Warlow; 3 (T), F. R. Darlington. Commended:—(P) E. James.

The adjudicators were—Art:—Mrs. Goodburn. London; Needlework and Cookery: Miss B. Phillips, Milford Haven; Woodwork: Mr. David John, J.P., Folk-Dancing: Mrs. Hutton.

Old Pupils' Notes.

Congratulations to Geoffrey Phillips and W. J. Sutton, who have both obtained the London B.Sc. degree, Phillips with Honours in Physics.

Bernard Garnett has distinguished himself still further by obtaining a high position in the most difficult examination held by the Civil Service Commissioners, that for the Administrative

Grade. He has accepted a post as Vice-Consul at Bangkok, Siam, and sailed on the Rawal Pindi on December 4 to take up his duties.

Margery Manning has passed the final examination for State Registered Nurses.

Nancy Gibby and Esme Powell have qualified as dispensers by passing the examination at the Westminster Dispensing College.

H. J. Calnon is now becoming a very experienced sailor, as he has just passed his First Mate's Certificate. We heartily congratulate him on his success.

Several pupils have obtained appointments since the summer. Louisa Evans started in September at a Selective Central School in Grantham, Lincs. F. A. Denzey also obtained an appointment at the beginning of this term in a Central School. He is teaching biology and physical training at the Gordon Road Central School, Maidenhead. At the beginning of November, Dorothy Taylor began work at a school in Bath. Ada Collins was appointed at the end of October, to Wainfleet School in Lincolnshire. Sally Hobson has been appointed temporarily to Llanion School.

W. F. Grimes, M.A., F.S.A., assistant keeper of Archæology at the National Museum of Wales, has added to his achievements a survey of the megalithic monuments of Wales, and a map showing their distribution published by the Ordnance Survey.

Betty Hier's hockey form seems better than ever. At the end of September she left for the U.S.A. on the Queen Mary with the Welsh Hockey Team, a team which had a very successful tour.

Nita Collins and Marjorie Mathias are also keeping up the reputation they earned for hockey at school. They are both playing for Furzedown College, and in the same position they had in the School 1st XI.

Mary Taylor's liking for amateur dramatics is still keen, and she has fulfilled the promise she showed in school, as the "Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror" gives her high praise for her performance in "The Romantic Young Lady," during this term.

We record, with our best wishes, the following marriages of Old Pupils:—

July 22—Ivor J. Williams to Mary Lily Groves, of Walthamstow.

July 25—Tony Bowling to Margaret J. Theo Jones, of Hope.

Aug. 8—Flo Paybody to Leonard Arthur Selwood, of Ilford.

Sept. 12—Josie Walkey to Sgt. F. W. Herbert, Royal Fusiliers, of Forest Hill.

Oct. 31—Mary Stonier to Clifford Bevan (both old pupils).

Oct. 31—Doris L. Morgan to Edward H. Hofgartner.

The Reunion will be held on Tuesday, December 29, at 7.30. The evening will be divided as follows:—Assembly 7.0 to 7.30.

whist 7.30 to 9.0; dancing 9.30 to 3.0 a.m. The Revellers' Dance Band will play for the dancing. All Old Pupils are, of course; cordially invited, and a number of invitations have been sent out to others. The price of admission is 2/6.

School Notes.

At the beginning of this term there were 382 pupils in school, 151 boys and 231 girls.

The prefects at the beginning of term were as follows :—

Tudor—Lily Prickett, Joyce Johns, Valene Bowling, R. J. Wilson (senior), J. C. Henton, W. A. Rickard.

Picton—Audrey Humphreys, Gwyneth Child, Madge Davies, V. Wells, D. Welsh, P. Winter.

Glyndwr—Bessie Gibby (senior), Gwyneth Rees, Lilian Dew, F. Denzey, E. Johnson, Eric Williams.

When Wilson left A. G. Nicholls and E. R. Darlington were appointed to Tudor, and Henton became senior prefect. Kelleber took the place of Wells in Picton.

We should like to give a hearty welcome to Mr. Wyndham Jones and Mr. Haires, both of whom have already taken an active part in various sections of the social life of the School.

Several pupils have left since the last PENVRO was published, a number going to other schools and to colleges, as was announced in the July number. We were sorry to hear that W. A. Thomas had failed to satisfy the doctor at Cardiff University College. No doubt he will be fit enough to go next October. Molly and Vera Thomas, and Audrey Powell have been transferred to the Northern Secondary School, Portsmouth. Shanahan and C. L. Hobbs are at other schools in Portsmouth, Lilian Freckleton and Ernest Lewis are at schools in London, Joyce Freeman at Aberystwyth County School, and Colin Davies at the Cotham Secondary School in Bristol.

Doreen Nevin has been appointed student teacher this year, while Leslie Thomas and Winnie Mullins are observation teachers.

Edgar Owen, W. Betty and B. Parry who left last term have been offered posts under the Ordnance Survey Department, together with F. P. Rogers and D. F. Hordley, who left some time ago, and J. C. Henton, who will not be leaving until the end of term.

Congratulations to W. H. Grey, V. Wells, and Gwyneth Child on coming 518th, 1122nd, and 1202nd respectively in the Clerical Classes examination held last May. Grey began work at the local Employment Exchange at the beginning of November, replacing Geoffrey Denner, who has been transferred to the Llanely

Exchange. Wells left for London on November 17th to start work at the Admiralty, and Gwyneth is beginning at the end of this term at the local Employment Exchange.

Darlington and Burgess did well in the Aircraft Apprentices Examination last May, Darlington being 74th and Burgess 363rd. Burgess is now in training, but we were very sorry to hear that Darlington had failed to pass the Medical examination.

Congratulations to Cox and Pendleton on their outstanding achievement in being placed first and second in the County respectively at the School Certificate examination.

Bart Ward and Kenneth Bacon passed the Army Trades Examination held in July, and will probably be leaving early in the New Year.

News was received near the end of the term that Fred Grey and Norman Warlow have passed the Naval Artificers' Examination. We hope they will also pass the medical examination.

On July 23. Mr. Courtenay Price very kindly brought to School his collection of coins and medals. The exhibits were placed on tables in the Hall, and Mr. Price explained various points about them.

On Tuesday, October 27, the Dorian Trio paid us another visit, and the items they played to us were highly appreciated.

R. J. Wilson left in the middle of November, to go to the Bristol flying School at Yatesbury, Wilts. He is undergoing training there for a commission in the R.A.F. We had hoped to publish an article by him in this number, but there were too many difficulties to overcome. However, a few quotations from a recent letter of his will show the exciting nature of his training. He tells us "Flying is not so easy as one at first imagines. The controls on a machine travelling at 100 m.p.h. are very sensitive. To-day I did spinning . . . The aeroplane dives vertically and at the same time revolves rapidly about one of the wing tips. The machine falls about a hundred feet in a second. When you straighten out, you are in a dive at 120 m.p.h. When you pull the stick back, you shoot over in a loop if you are not careful. I like spinning myself better than when the instructor does it, because I know then that I have control, and I know what is happening. However, to-day I got into a spin and the altimeter was falling rapidly. I was so fascinated by the ground revolving that I forgot to pull her out. All the time we were hurtling down. The instructor shouted 'Get her out,' and I dimly realised that I should not get out of it if I did not act quickly. We had dropped 1,000 feet before I got her level again."

Mr. William Roblin has shown his generosity again, this time by a gift of two guineas towards our prize fund. This is the third gift Mr. Roblin has made to the School.

Our sale of poppies on Armistice Day this year realised the gratifying sum of £4 4s. 1d.

We wish success and happiness to the following who have also left since the summer :—

VI—Mary Nicholas, D. Welsh.

V—Nancy Henderson, Maisie Jones, Lucie Knight, Dorothy Walkey, Joan Williams, Maisie Williams, Eileen John, Roy Bordley, L. C. Jenkins, W. F. Morris, Lilian Derham, Roslyn Jordan, Betty Macheen, Audrey Sabido, Freda Thomas, Kathleen Brazell, Dorothy Hughes.

IV—Peggy Griffiths, Hazel Halliwell, V. Lloyd, Brenda Griffiths, Morwyth Rowlands.

III A—Dorothy Colclough, Roy Davies, A. Marriott, J. Hoohey, Elva Hobbs, S. N. Hood, Oriol Llweilyn, S. W. Reed.

II—D. Rees, Hilda Footner

We welcome the following new pupils :—

VI—Kathleen Lewis, L. Barraclough.

IV A—Eric Pearce.

III A—V. E. James, T. Kelly, J. Soicer.

II—Nora Bacon, Jean Batchelor, Dorothy Brookfield, Margaret Davies, Beryl Edwards, Susan Edwards, Margaret Gibby, Phyllis Greenslade, Lorna Griffiths, Marjorie Griffiths, Rachel Howell, Peggy March, Dorothy Perry, Marjorie Richards, May Roberts, D. A. Brand, D. A. Calver, G. R. Davies, R. H. Davies, G. E. Gill, M. G. Howells, W. E. Johnson, G. L. Lloyd, G. E. Manning, E. T. Nevin, W. G. Price, D. J. Rogers, D. Rolfe, Thomas, W. J. Williams, Florence Briggs, Nancy Brown, Mary Cook, Kathleen Crawley, Lily Evans, Sylvia Faulkner, Joan Lewis, Mary Phillips, Margaret Richards, Gwyneth Thomas, Joan Williams, J. J. Brown, G. T. Craft, K. A. Daniels, W. H. Elliott, D. C. Ellis, A. G. Emmett, B. J. Gray, R. J. Jelley, D. J. H. Jones, R. B. Lawrence, R. Palmer, S. J. Roch, E. A. Roderick, A. C. Rubython, W. G. Russell, L. Williams, D. V. Wright, Joyce Baker, Daphne Beynon, Eileen Brand, Dorothy Cole, Gertrude Connick, Edith Davies, Joan Edmond, Monica Fitzpatrick, Emily Gibby, Helen Green, Lilian Gwyther, Edith Hunt, Gwyneth Lewis, Kate Martin, Joyce Morgan, Anne Morris, Priscilla Morris, Joyce Mount, Beryl Owen, Ivy Owen, June Parcell, Monica Roderick, Joan Ross, Ina Seaburne, Joan Shears, Mary Thomas

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

At a meeting held at the beginning of term, the following committees were elected :—Debates—Miss Bompas, Mr. Devereux, Mr. Wyndham Jones, Lily Prickett, Gwyneth Child, R. J. Wilson, J. C. Henton ; Play-Reading—Miss Hemmings, Miss Hinchliffe, Mr. Nagle, Mr. Davies, Bessie Gibby, Madge Davies, V. Wells, C. Moses ; Science—Mr. Garnett, Mr. Haines, Mr. Jones, Lilian Dew, Audrey Humphreys, Eric Williams, W. T. Cox.

DEBATES.

The first meeting was held on October 15, when the motion "That the League of Nations has failed and no longer merits the support of this House," was supported by R. J. Wilson and Lily Prickett, and opposed by C. Henton and Gwyneth Child. The four opening speakers brought forward some good points, and some

forceful speeches were made from the floor. In spite of their good intentions, the courage of the VIth Formers remained in their pockets with their speeches, and their discomfort and shame were considerably increased when Vth Former after Vth Former aired his or her views. But, at least, they knew which side to take, for when the vote was taken, they all trooped over to be counted among the fifty who voted for the League, leaving one only of their flock to take his stand against it.

On November 12 the motion "That Ignorance is Bliss" was debated. The chair was taken by Gwyneth Child, and the motion was supported by Madge Davies and W. Canton, and opposed by Gwyneth James and R. Darlington. The subject was well debated from the floor, Mr. Devereux and Mr. Wyndham Jones speaking enthusiastically in favour of the motion. Features of this meeting were the number of speakers from the IVth and Vth forms, and the absence of speakers from the nominal centre of intellectual activity, namely, the Sixth Form.

PLAY-READING.

On October 22, J. O. Francis's one act play "The Poacher" was read. The Poacher—Thomas Shon (Eric Pearce) is struggling, with the encouragement of his wife, Marged (Doreen Taylor) to maintain a two-months-old good reputation. His friend and willing confederate, Dicky Bach Dwl (C. Moses) confesses himself disgusted with the new good character, and tries hard to lure the old poacher back to his former pursuit. He finally succeeds by talking of an old rabbit whom it has been Thomas's great ambition to catch. This proves too tempting to Thomas, and the two old friends go off together in search of "Old Soldier," the rabbit. Rickard, as Dafydd Hughes, gave a creditable performance as the self-righteous deacon who resorted to clandestine poaching in his spare hours.

On Thursday, November 19th, "The Phoby," by Mordaunt Shairp, was read. In the first scene we meet Michael and Anne as children (read by Gwenda Roblin and Peter John). Michael is subject to claustrophobia, but Anne thinks his fear is merely cowardice. In the second scene Michael and Anne (now read by Elsie Brookfield and W. Rickard) are grown up and are engaged to be married. During an amusing scene in a train which halts suddenly in a tunnel, Michael's claustrophobia is shown again, Anne's annoyance causing her to break off their engagement. In this scene Madge Davies, R. Darlington, and Eric Thomas were very effective as the other passengers. In the last scene, Anne discovers by an accident to her mother (read by Bessie Gibby) caused by her own bad temper, that she too has a defect to overcome, and the lovers are reconciled.

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the newly-formed Science Society took place on Thursday, October 29, when Mr. J. Wyndham Jones gave a talk on "The Atom," before an audience numbering about eighty. He described how men have gradually gained knowledge of the structure of the atom during the last 3,000 years, until they have now reached a theory that explains, among other things, chemical combination. Several questions were asked, and in answer to a query as to the use of all this research into the structure of the atom, he replied that it has given us, among other things, wireless and television.

The second meeting was held on November 26th, when Mr. Haines spoke on "Science Versus Disease." An explanation of the factors contributing to the diseases of the present time, enabled the listeners to understand how science fights the causes rather than the effects. In other words, prevention is better than cure. A lively discussion followed, when various questions were asked, mainly dealing with the problem of bacterial immunity and the science of vaccination, reference being made to Pasteur, the pioneer of modern aseptic surgery.

Life Abroad.

BERMUDA.

School life in Bermuda is entirely different from school life in this country. The main reason being the climate, which at times is almost tropical. During the summer, children attend school from 8.30 a.m. to noon, leaving the afternoon free, while in the winter, school hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Bermudas consist of 365 islands, the chief town being Hamilton. A naval base is situated on Ireland Island, and it was here I lived. The school master is a Naval Officer, his term of office being five years. The principal sports in Bermuda are swimming and fishing. The temperature averages about 80 degrees in the summer and seldom below 65 degrees in the winter. Bermuda is, perhaps, the only country having until quite recently, no motor vehicles, trams or factories. There is now, however, a small railway. Bermuda homes and buildings are all made of pure white coral sandstone blocks, hewn out of the ground. The roofs are white, being white-washed twice a year to make them sanitary and to purify the rain, for rain is the only fresh water supply to the Islands. Each house has a huge tank attached to collect the rain. The principal industry is agriculture, and one is amazed at the luxuriant vegetation growing from soil only two to twenty inches deep. Bermuda onions and potatoes

are famous, and parsley, celery, lettuce and bananas are grown in abundance. Easter lilies are also famous. Cedar-trees are most abundant, the wood supplying the interior of many homes with furniture.

LL. WILLIAMS, IIB.

JAMAICA.

The small school which I attended in Jamaica, had once been Nelson's dining room. The school was opened at eight o'clock, the lessons being the same as we have in England, but we did more needlework and handwork. Often the lessons were held in the open air under the two shady trees growing in the school yard, or under a large roof which was built against the high wall. The school was built entirely of wood, even the roof being covered with flat pieces of wood to represent tiles. A large fan, which was always working, was suspended from the ceiling. There were only twenty-one scholars and one teacher, and school was over by noon. We spent the afternoons swimming in the big swimming pool, and we could stay in the water for hours, because the water was so warm.

In the holidays, the families were moved to the hills for a change of air. It was hot during the day and very cold at night, and so damp that it resulted in my getting rheumatic fever and being away for nearly a year.

Coconut palms grew everywhere, maiden-hair ferns grew wild, and there were lovely flowers and lots of coloured humming birds and butterflies. On our verandah, underneath the fernpots, there were centipedes by the hundred, some of them six inches long, and we had to have mosquito nets over our beds at night. The days closed in very early and it was dark at 7 o'clock; but, there were continuous vivid flashes of lightning all night. There was no winter, but there was a hurricane season from September to June. The hurricanes were terrific winds which did a lot of damage and caused a terrible disturbance amongst the natives.

Although I enjoyed myself very much in Jamaica, I was very glad to return to England.

EDITH HUNT, IIC.

EGYPT.

It was a beautiful spring day when, as a passenger on the S.S. Ormond, I arrived at Port Said. Fortunately the steamer was able to berth alongside the quay, which enabled me to study the Egyptians before actually disembarking. Imagine my surprise to see so many types of men, women and children. Some were quite black, and probably came from Upper Egypt or the Sudan. Others were more olive-coloured and were from the outlying

villages of Lower Egypt. The dress of the Egyptians is most mixed, some wearing European clothes, others Egyptian clothes, and others half and half. The Egyptian dress consists of coarse leather sandals, and baggy cotton or silk trousers, which are like extra large plus-fours. The coat is made of thin material in the form of a shirt which hangs over the trousers as low as the knees. The hat or Tarboosh is like a red flower pot turned upside down and often has a tassel of black silken cords dangling from the top.

It seemed to me as I watched from the boatside that the little boys dressed in whatever they were able to get hold of, and in most cases they ran about wearing only one piece of clothing, which is similar to a night shirt. Most of the boys on the quayside were beggars, and continually called out for the ship's passengers to throw them "Backsheesh." This word means "Something for Nothing."

The Egyptian dress for women is easily described, as it is a plain black robe covering the wearer from head to foot, a veil, called the "Yasmash" being worn over the face.

On leaving the boat, my mother and I were pestered by a number of porters. These men bore the names of the hotels or the travel agents for whom they worked. There were many hawkers on the quayside who tried to sell to us such things as silks, leather goods, brass, and souvenirs, for double their real value. After a little bargaining the price came down to one half or sometimes one-third of the amount first asked. The Egyptian and Arab hawker is most persistent, and will follow a visitor for miles in the hope of selling him something; during this time he will be telling you that his name is Mac——(something or other), and his father was a servant to Lord Kitchener, or that his whole family have been to English schools.

The horse cabs of Egypt are a strange sight, as they often look as if a strong wind will blow them to pieces. The hood of the cab is usually battered and torn and the wheels wobble all over the road. The English call these cabs "Gharries," and the soldiers sometimes say "Bug-barrows," probably because the cushions are not too clean.

KENNETH DANIELS, IIB.

The Junior Party, which was held on Friday, November 27, was a great success, and it certainly beat all records for attendance, as at least sixty people had to be accommodated for supper in the Cookery Kitchen. There must have been very few of the Junior School who did not attend. It seems to have been very much enjoyed by all, as there were many complaints of the early (!) end of the festivities at 10.40 p.m.