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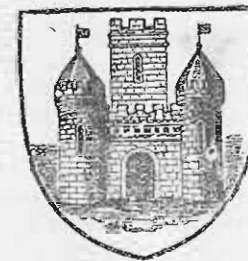
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Editorial.

Tremendous things have happened in the world since our last editorial, but school life, fortunately, continues with very few inconveniences. It is difficult at times to realise that we are not still living at peace with our neighbours.

It is most probable that we shall be losing three of our masters, Mr. King, Mr. Haines, and Mr. Cleaver at the end of this term. We very much hope that their absence will be a very short one and that the service they undertake will prove merely a pleasant change from school life.

We welcome our new art mistress, Miss Williams. She came in January to take the place of Miss Gurney, so is now well used to our ways.

This term has been an unfortunate one for some members of the staff. Miss Hemmings was away for some weeks with throat trouble, but is now quite well again and back at school. Miss Rich has been particularly unlucky. After a spell of absence with scarlet

fever, she had been back at school only a few days when she had to be operated on for appendicitis. We hope that when she reads this she will be quite well again.

This summer is not going to be one for holidays in the normal sense of the term, but we are all hoping for some relaxation, and at least, a change of occupation.

Shadows.

And as the moon rose in her majesty,
Shedding her silver light o'er land and seas,
The darkening shadows lengthened in her beams,
And as the wind played gently through the trees,
The black shapes dodged and darted to and fro,
As if they feared pursuance by some foe.

And as I gazed across that silver stretch
Of glittering waves that crashed upon the shore,
Sending cascades of foaming spray aloft,
That soon were splashing on the sands once more,
I saw the rippling shadows of the rocks,
Those dark grey shadows which the wavelet mocks.

But as the dawn approached the moon sank low,
The shadows paled and paled, till lost from view,
The sun arose and cast her warmth abroad,
And gave the earth a goldish coloured hue,
And though her rays made many shadows bright,
More beautiful are those made by moonlight.

MARY DAVIES, IVA.

Prize Day.

Owing to various difficulties connected with the war, Prize Day this year was not held until May 8. Mr A. S. Owen, M.A., formerly Fellow and Tutor of Keble College, Oxford, distributed the prizes, and made the principal speech. In his address Mr. Owen mentioned with pride that he was a Pembrokeshire man. His main theme was that one of the chief objects of education was to train the mind. Many things that pupils consider a waste of time were valuable to this end. He ended by emphasising the need of continuing studies after school, and the value of reading good books.

The Headmaster's report for the year 1938-9 reads as follows:—

The number of pupils on October 1st, 1938, was 351; for the spring and summer terms the figures were 339 and 321 respectively. New pupils admitted to the School for the first time numbered 86. The classification of children according to the fees payable by parents or guardians showed that 197 were totally exempt from payment, 28 were partially exempt and 126 paid the School fee in full. The percentage of those exempted in whole or in part from the payment of School fees was 64.

92 pupils left during or at the end of the School year. A paragraph later gives a summary of the occupations taken up by these boys and girls.

There have been a number of Staff changes since my last report. Miss Loosemore, whose tenure of office of Senior Mistress was marked by dignity, discretion and a sympathetic understanding of children, left on the occasion of her marriage. Her successor as Senior Mistress is Miss Hemmings, who has already given the School many years of service as the mistress in charge of English and of Glyndwr House. As a French teacher, Miss Loosemore's successor is Miss Eirlys Thomas, who holds a double honours degree in division one of the second class in French and in English. Miss Thomas's activity is attested by the fact that she was both hockey captain and tennis captain at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Mr. W. J. Davies, B.A., of the Cardiff University College, spent a short time here deputising for Mr. Nagle during his illness. Miss Rudkins left at the end of the Summer Term and was succeeded by Miss Myfanwy Mathias, who holds the first class diploma of the Liverpool Physical Training College. Miss Mathias was head student at her College.

Mr. Albert Davies, an old boy, joined the staff as a part time teacher of Commercial Subjects, on the establishment of a Commercial Course in Form VI. Mr. Davies holds the following qualifications:—Fellow of the Society of Certificated Teachers of Commercial Subjects, Associate of the Faculty of Teachers in Commerce.

This Course was a new departure for us and in consequence the subjects Economics, Typewriting and Shorthand were introduced into the curriculum for the first time. The Commercial Course is essentially a VIth Form Course, and in general no pupil can be admitted to it unless he has completed the School Certificate. The main requirements for Secretarial work, as for any other occupation, depend more on character than on attainments, but it is good to add to reliability, truthfulness,

industry and punctuality, such technical accomplishments as a command of English, accuracy in dealing with figures, and ability in Typewriting and Shorthand. The course has met a distinct need, and some of its members have found very satisfactory posts.

The other alteration in curriculum was the presentation of an alternative scheme to the Central Welsh Board for the School Certificate History Course. This gives somewhat greater prominence to Welsh History than the official syllabus. Its introduction seems to have given new interest to our History teaching, which is reflected in a much improved level of marks at the Certificate Examination.

At the close of the year the long awaited supply of electricity for the Physics Laboratories was installed, together with power points in two other rooms. Apart from this, there have been no alterations in the buildings, and any further improvements such as a new Masters' room, a library, the substitution of new buildings for the draughty huts which are a relic of the last war, and proper drying accommodation, seem to have receded into the obscurity of an uncertain future.

The Central Welsh Board examinations produced satisfactory results. One Higher candidate out of two was successful and 49 out of the 53 School Certificate candidates passed. We also got one Supplementary Certificate. This year the new regulations affecting the award of Certificates came into force. Their main effect is to make a pass in languages or in Science subjects no longer obligatory, and thus to ease the path to success for pupils without linguistic or scientific ability. Under the new regulations six pupils passed who would not have done so under the regulations in force last year.

The Commercial section of the VIth took the examinations of the Royal Society of Arts in Shorthand and Typewriting. Three of them obtained the 80 words per minute certificate of the Society and eight the elementary typewriting certificate.

As I have explained in previous reports, the Clerical Class examination of the Civil Service has attracted those pupils whom one would otherwise have expected to have entered on the Higher Certificate Course. In 1938-9 again we did well at this examination and the following pupils were appointed to posts:—E. G. James, Joan Simpson, Marjorie George, Eric Pearce and V. Clayson. Other examination successes are as follows:—George Clark entered the Navy as an Artificer Apprentice, G. Croft became a Dockyard apprentice, E. M. Evans and Emmet joined the Fleet Air Arm, and T. Kelly the Royal Air Force.

Of our 92 leavers, 41 left under the age of sixteen years: but it should be added that 14 of them are known to have entered

other secondary schools, and 7 others left on account of the removal of their parents from the School district. The five boys mentioned above as having joined one of the Services left before sixteen on account of examination age limits, thus leaving 15 who left before completing the terms of their agreements. In most cases the parents concerned did the right thing by laying the circumstances before the Governors and obtaining their consent for the removal of the children.

Of those boys who have not already been mentioned, two returned to Elementary Schools, 8 took up clerical posts, 4 became apprentices to trades, one entered on training as a pharmaceutical chemist, one became a bank clerk, one a writer in the Royal Navy, one took up agriculture, one went to Hong Kong and one to Australia. One boy, L. Barrah, entered a Training College. Of the girls two took up domestic service, eight are serving in retail businesses, eleven are at home, thirteen have found clerical posts, two entered Bank service as clerks, one became a telephonist, two took up nursing as a career, one became an Uncertificated teacher, two are serving as clerks in Army units, and there is no information about the other two. Sheila Dixon took up dairying at Aberystwyth University College, Mollie Thomas entered Stockwell Training College, and Dilys Morris, the National School of Domestic Subjects.

The Winter Games proceeded under more favourable conditions than usual, for we were able to rent, at the expense of the Games Fund, seven acres of land near the school, which provided space for one hockey pitch and two football pitches. It was thus possible to combine forms for games practices, which made for better classification of players and therefore for better games.

The hockey team was not up to our usual standard. They won 3, drew 3, and lost 3 matches. The football team was a better one than the previous year's. They won 10, drew 5, and lost 5. The cricket team played 10 matches, winning 6, losing 2 and two matches were drawn. They were particularly pleased at winning against a strong Old Boys' eleven. Unfortunately we had to abandon our sports, for while Sports Day itself was beautifully fine, wet weather previously had made it impossible to train or to run off heats.

The usual School activities were continued during the year. The Debating Society, Science Society, Play-Reading Society, the Arts and Crafts exhibition, School and House parties and the annual play, diversified and enlivened the School routine and taught valuable lessons of their own. A new departure was the establishment of a Social Service committee which organised various activities, the most important of which was the production of woollen coverlets from knitted squares; there were ten of these

completed and they have been distributed in the district and gratefully received.

The play meant more work than usual on account of the large numbers of performers who had to be marshalled, rehearsed and clothed. Congratulations are due to all concerned in the production, which was the most colourful of any we have so far attempted.

Once again Miss Loosemore took a party of girls to France during the Easter Holidays and there was an instructive and enjoyable School trip to Cardiff during the Summer term.

We thank Mr. T. Rees and the donors of prizes whose names appear in the prize list.

The most considerable gift received during the year came from Miss Perman; it took the form of 250 of her books, which arrived the day before she died. It was a splendid gift from a generous donor, who had many times made us her debtors. Her best gift was the influence of a fine personality who for 34 years radiated kindness, sound sense and unselfish service throughout our community. Miss Perman's name is always mentioned with respect by those who knew her, and in the case of colleagues and pupils with affection as well.

I acknowledge with grateful thanks gifts of books from the Rev. Percy Cash, M.A., B.Sc., and of plaster casts and a cabinet of shells from Mr. L. W. Nuttall.

There are some old pupils who deserve mention:—Leslie Phillips has obtained the Diploma of the Associate of the Institute of Chemistry and the M.Sc. degree of the University of London; Dorothy Clements took 2nd class honours in Mathematics at the University College, Cardiff; she is joint secretary of the Students Representative Council; Eric Foss has taken his London degree with second class honours in Geography; Leslie Thomas obtained the Diploma in Handicraft at the University College, Exeter; George Lewis took a first class Diploma in Theology at Bala Theological College. Grahame Davies obtained the B.A. degree at Bristol University with second class honours, division one in French, and J. O. Thomas, despite anxieties due to bereavement, did excellently by taking first class honours in French at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. For some time I have been urging two of our boys to see which of them could first get a major doctorate of a British University. We have several Ph.D's, but, as I thought, no full doctorates. However I have recently discovered that there are two old Boys who already hold such a distinction, Bertram Young and S. J. Scurlock. Bertram Young, who was only at the School for a short time, is an M.D. of London, and S. J. Scurlock holds an imposing list of medical qualifications, including an M.D., London, with distinction, and M.S., while both have the much coveted diploma of M.R.C.P.

There are two other old pupils who deserve our congratulations:—Ralph Rees on winning the Moulton Medal of the Institution of Chemical Engineers for the best paper of the year 1939, and Doris Merriman on her appointment as Head Mistress of Twickenham County School for Girls.

The section of this report on Old Pupils would not be complete without a reference to the small fund which they have placed at my disposal for the benefit of pupils who may be in need of assistance. This fund has done excellent work in a quiet way, and I hope that it will be maintained year by year to augment the help given from official sources.

I have referred to the training of the mind and of the body and some reference should be made to the training of character. We are not unmindful that this is the highest aspect of education, and we hope that pupils who have passed through the School emerge the stronger mentally, bodily and spiritually for their experience here. It is our endeavour that this shall be so.

In conclusion I desire to express to the Governors, the Clerk and the Staff my sense of gratitude to them for the help given me in carrying out the duties of the Head Mastership of the School.

During the afternoon there were very pleasing items by the Senior Girls' Choir and a unison song by three senior boys. An interesting innovation was the playing of pieces by the pipe band. These pipes have been made by the players themselves, under the supervision of Mr. Evans, and it was clear that much hard practice had been put in.

PRIZE LIST.

Form IIc: 1, R. F. Thomas; 2, P. Child. Form IIb: 1, M. L. F. Ewen; 2, D. E. Tucher. Form IIa: 1, L. C. Davies; 2, D. M. James. Form IIc: Form prize, S. G. John. Form IIb: 1, J. A. Batchelor; 2, D. O. Dudman; Form IIIa: 1, H. A. W. Bennett; 2, K. G. Carr. Form IVc: Form prize, K. M. Crawley. Form IVb: 1, E. R. Davies; 2, E. G. Connick. Form IVa: 1, D. Brookfield; 2, N. E. Bacon. Form V: 1, J. N. Greenhow; 2, C. R. Thomas.

Form Vb: Form prize and school certificate, N. P. Castle. School certificates: M. E. Griffiths, E. M. Phillips, E. A. Treherne, M. V. G. Hall, B. M. A. Johns, G. M. Jones, M. E. Leonard.

Form Va: 1, J. G. Bowen and school certificate; 2, E. V. Thomas and school certificate. School certificates: E. M. Scale, B. A. Cole, E. P. Simpson, J. O. Morris (special prize for history, given by Mr. Wm. Roblin), F. Phillips, M. F. Rogers (special prize for cookery, given by Miss B. Williams), G. L. Dyke, P. M. Kelly, U. I. Mullins, B. M. Johns, S. A. Jones, M. L. Richards, E. M. Hall, B. George, E. M. Kelly, I. M. Dony.

Form Vs: 1, J. W. Blencowe and school certificate (special prize for woodwork, given by Mrs. David); 2, G. L. Round, and school certificate. School certificates: W. F. Lewis, C. F. Jelley, D. P. John (special prize for mathematics, given by the Rev. T. L. Perry, chairman of the governors), J. S. B. Roblin, G. S. Pendleton, K. G. Tucker, G. J. Prout, K. R. Cox, A. D. Thomas, B. G. V. John, W. A. Crowe, P. Davies, R. P. Morgan, R. Prout, C. J. Walters, L. J. Dyke, T. P. Rees, M. M. Williams, G. G. Ellis, W. E. Adams.

Form Lr. VI: Form prize, B. E. M. Thomas, G. M. James (special prize for needlework, given by Mrs. M. L. Phillips). London Matriculation: P. R. Thomas.

Civil Service VI: Form Prize (given by Mr. Wm. Roblin), M. A. George.

Commercial VI: Form Prize, J. E. Garlick. Certificates of the Royal Society of Arts: Typewriting (elementary stage), D. A. Charles, J. F. Flutter, V. B. M. Ford, A. K. Baker, M. L. Davidson, J. E. Garlick, J. A. K. Mullins, R. W. O. White. Shorthand (80 words per minute): D. A. Charles, V. B. M. Ford, E. G. Roblin.

Upper VI. Form Prize (given by Mr. Wm. Roblin), M. Thomas and higher certificate with credit in English, history and geography.

Cricket Bat (given by Mr. G. P. Francis, J.P.), P. Davies.

The Mrs. Rees, Ty Gwyn Scholarship (given by Mr. T. Rees, J.P.), G. M. James.

School Societies.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Two meetings were held in the Spring Term. The first was on February 8, when the motion, 'That this house considers popular taste deplorable,' was debated. Gwyneth James and Brenda Phillips supported the motion, which was opposed by W. J. Davies and Peter John. The meeting was rather poorly attended, but there was a lively discussion. Several speakers from the floor contributed some excellent arguments, and some were forcibly expressed. The motion was finally defeated by a majority of nine votes.

A successful evening of Impromptu Speeches was held on February 29. An excellent selection of subjects, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous, had been prepared, and once the example had been set by one or two braver spirits, the Chairman had no need to appeal for speakers. Perhaps the most amusing effort was that of a certain member of the staff, well-known for his love of good music, who had to give a discourse on Swing Music. By the time the Chairman closed the meeting, practically every member present had spoken.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE BEES.

As the British Drama League has ceased to function, the Play-Reading Society had to suspend its activities. It was decided, however, to hold some General Knowledge Bees, in place of the play-readings. The first was a contest between the VI Form Girls and the VI Form Boys, and was held on February 22. Miss Hemmings was in charge, and after a very exciting contest, the boys won by 21 to 17. The questions varied from fairly easy to decidedly difficult, and successful replies were greeted with loud applause. The second contest was perhaps even more exciting, as

it was between staff and school. Fortunately for their prestige, the staff won, but it is sad to think that it was by the narrow margin of one point, the score being 21-20.

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The first meeting was held on February 15, and was an innovation. Mr. Leslie Williams brought along his 'talkie' apparatus and showed two sound films, on the smoke menace, and the by-products of coal. There was a large attendance at this meeting, and Mr. Williams very kindly explained the working of his apparatus to those interested.

At the second meeting, held on March 7, talks were given by three senior boys. Paul Thomas, in a talk on Science in Farming, showed how Science has helped the farmer to produce better crops with less labour, and to improve his stock. In the talk on Photo-Electric Cells, by Edwin Lewis, the structure and uses of this invention were explained. It was shown how the cell is utilised to open garage doors, ring burglar-alarms, and perform numerous other useful functions. The usefulness of the Racing Pigeon, in message carrying, and the fascination of pigeon racing, were revealed by Peter John, in his talk on Pigeons, in which the life of a Racer was traced from the egg to its release from the first race point. After the talks there was a very lively discussion, in which practically all the members of the society took part.

School Sports.

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

HOCKEY.

This season has proved very successful for our team, and many fixtures were arranged despite bad weather and wartime conditions. The team has shown a fine spirit and there has been splendid co-operation. These factors, coupled with hard practice, have produced successful results.

The team has been represented by the following:—*Jo Morris (capt.), Barbara George (vice-capt.), *Dorothy Brookfield, *Marian Howard, *Phyllis Greenslade, *Nora Bacon, Gwyneth Thomas, Katie Martin, Vera Williams, Kitty Prout, Eva Kelly, Peggy Gibby, Amelia Hicks, Alicia Sabido.

*Old Colours.

At the end of the season, colours were awarded to Barbara George and Vera Williams.

Results.

December 16—Tenby (away). Won 5-2.
 December 21—Old Girls. Won 7-1.
 February 10—Milford (away). Won 4-2.
 February 17—Carmarthen (home). Won 5-1.
 March 2—Taskers (home). Won 10-2.
 March 9—Tenby (home). Won 10-2.
 March 16—Fishguard (home). Won 6-0.
 March 30—Tenby (away). Won 13-1.

FOOTBALL.

In the spring term the team maintained its form, winning 4, losing 3 and drawing 1 match. They were unlucky to have the first matches cancelled owing to ground conditions, but all the remainder were played.

The team would like to thank those of the staff who refereed the home games and the girls who provided the teas.

We were very unfortunate to lose many members of this season's team, but they can be sure that they have the best wishes of the remainder of the team, for their future.

The team was selected from :—

E. P. Carr* (Capt.), G. L. Round* (V.-Capt.), P. R. Thomas* (Sec.), G. S. Pendleton, K. G. Carr, M. G. Howells, N. C. Walters, D. P. John, T. Howells, L. G. Evans, W. A. Crowe, R. H. Davies, W. Thomas, R. P. Morgan, P. Davies.

*Old Colours.

Colours were awarded to G. S. Pendleton, D. P. John, L. Evans.

Results :—

December 20—Old Boys (H), Won 2-1
 February 10—Narberth (A) Won 1-0
 February 17—Tenby (H), Won 4-0
 February 24—Milford (H), Lost 1-4
 March 2—Milford (A), Lost 1-4
 March 9—Tenby (A), Won 3-2
 March 23—Narberth (H), Won 3-1
 March 30—R. A. F. (Manorbier) (H), Drew. 1-1
 April 6—Scholastic Amateurs (H) Lost 0-1

TENNIS.

So far this term we have played only four matches, owing to weather conditions and traffic restrictions. The tournaments have just started, and are in full swing, but the finals have not yet been reached.

A second team has now been formed, but has only played one match, against Taskers School, which we won by 50 games to 31.

Both teams would like to thank Miss Mathias for her encouragement and help, and also the girls who prepared teas.

The teams were chosen from the following :—Jo Morris* (captain), B. George,* N. Bacon,* D. Brookfield,* M. Howard, P. Greenslade, M. Richards, G. Thomas, P. Thomas, M. Hughes, B. Evans, M. Bearne, B. Adams, J. Allen.

*Old colours.

Matches Played.

June 1—W.A.A.F. (home). Lost 35-41.
 June 8—Taskers (away). Lost 36-45.
 July 6—W.A.A.F. (home). Lost 37-44.
 July 13—Taskers (home). Lost 40-41.

ROUNDERS.

We now have a 1st and 2nd team, but so far they have only played two matches, both with Milford County School.

The Rounders tournaments are proving very popular this year, especially in the Junior school.

The teams were chosen from the following :—J. Morris (captain), B. George, M. Howard, N. Bacon, M. Bearne, M. Richards, O. Flavell, K. Martin, S. Canton, P. Greenslade, D. Brookfield, P. Thomas, S. Noakes, V. Williams, P. Gibby, G. Thomas, E. Kelly, M. Griffiths, M. Phillips, A. Sabido.

Matches Played.

May 18—Milford (away), 1st team, Drew 2-2.
 2nd team, Drew 5-5.
 June 15—Milford (home) 1st team, Won 2½-2.
 2nd team, Won 3½-1.

CRICKET.

This term the school team has continued its successful run, winning 6 matches and losing one. We have been very lucky in getting fixtures with schools this term, as many country clubs are not running a team till after the war. We hope when they begin to play cricket again, we shall have more games with them.

There has been some splendid bowling by P. Davies and M. Howells, the former taking 26 wickets for 117 runs and the latter 21 for 67 runs. E. Carr has played many good innings, scoring 128 runs.

House matches have been played this term and Glyndwr has won both the Junior and Senior matches. The following have represented the team :—

G. L. Round* (capt.), P. Davies* (v. capt.), P. R. Thomas* (sec.), E. P. Carr* (com.), K. G. Carr*, R. H. Davies, J. Williams, E. Thomas (III), G. Lloyd, M. Howells, P. John, N. C. Walters, E. Orsman.

*Old Colours.

Mr. Devereux has played one game.
Colours have been awarded to R. H. Davies.

Fixtures.

May 11—v. Tenby County School (home). Won 89-69 (E. Carr 25; K. Carr 31; P. Davies 5 for 17).
May 18—v. Fishguard County School (home). Won 145-10 and 43. (E. Carr 49; P. Davies 23; P. Davies 7 for 3 and 4 for 13; G. Round 2 for 0).
June 1—v. Milford County School (away). Won 90-80. (E. Carr 41; R. Davies 18; M. Howells 5 for 15).
June 8—v. Fishguard (away). Won 73-26. (J. Williams 21; P. Davies 19; M. Howells 5 for 7; K. Carr 4 for 10.)
June 15—v. Pembroke (home). Lost 17-75. (M. Howells 4 for 20.)
June 22—v. Milford County School (home). Won 65-51. (K. Carr 25; P. Thomas 10; G. Lloyd 3 for 7; P. Davies 3 for 9).
June 29—v. Pembroke Dock Labour Club (home). Won 121-67. (Mr. Devereux 65; G. Lloyd 6 for 16.)

A Visit To St. David's.

This summer we had not expected a school trip and so we were pleasantly surprised when we were asked if we would like to join the architecture trip to St. David's.

The weather on the Saturday when we went was however, disappointing, as it rained practically all day.

It was about half past eleven when we arrived in St. David's and we left the charabanc and walked down to the Cathedral. We wandered through it and we were all delighted with the beautifully patterned roofs, the mosaic windows and the little chapels. One chapel in particular delighted us. It was built in marble and alabaster and was in memory of a lady of whom, however, we could not discover anything, as the inscription on the wall was written in Latin, and our knowledge of that language proved to be very inadequate.

We left St. David's and went on to Whitesands Bay where we had lunch. We stopped there for a while and then returned to St. David's. The architecture class revisited the Cathedral to sketch, while we went for a walk through St. David's. In spite of it being a city this did not take us long. There were a few shops and the museum, we found, was closed. This was very disappointing as the admission was free. Seeing a paper shop we bought magazines and detective novels and settled down for

the rest of the afternoon to read in the charabanc.

We had tea in Newgale and as the weather had cleared up a little, we were able to spend some time on the beach, but it was not warm enough to bathe.

It was about half past seven when we returned to Pembroke Dock and the rain.

VALERIE THOMAS, VI.

The Blackout.

(With apologies to Alfred Noyes.)

The land is cloaked with darkness, hiding bush and house and tree:

The searchlight's arc is stabbing out across a cloudy sea:

The roads have paint splashed o'er them to lighten the traveller's way:

And the stay-at-homes are longing,

And the night-birds too are longing,

Everyone is longing for the coming of the day.

The windows all are lofty and reach above my arm:

And I'm afraid that carelessness may bring me to some harm:

The blinds must fit exactly and their wrinkles must away:

And any light that twinkles,

Gaily twinkles,

Every single light that twinkles will mean a lot to pay.

For the great bust-up has started and men have gone to fight:

And that's the reason why we folks just have to hide our light:

And so I have to stretch and strain at windows far too high:

For Government officials,

And A.R.P. officials

Have warned us that's the only way to safety from the sky.

I couldn't do athletics until we went to war:

But I've found a lot of muscles that I've never used before:

And now I'm a contortionist, the best in all the town:

As I stretch to blacken windows,

To blacken lighted windows,

And I soon may be a film-star, or at least a circus-clown.

ARNOLD ROUSE, VI.



A Shark Fishing Holiday in the Red Sea.

Having tried most of the seaside resorts in Egypt, I decided to explore the Gulf of Suez and the Red Sea with my friends during the holidays. Enquiries amongst the fishermen at Suez proved that there was plenty of shark waiting to be caught in the far end of the Gulf, where it opens out into the Red Sea.

With the exception of the road from Cairo to Suez the remainder of the 500 kilometres along the western shore of the Gulf is about as bad a track as it is possible to find in Egypt. Therefore it was necessary to fit special wheels and springs to our car before starting.

Apart from the necessary camp equipment for ourselves, sufficient food had to be carried for fourteen days; and to break the monotony of tinned food, ten live chickens were taken with us.

The track from Suez to Hurghada runs along by the sea almost all the way, and is not inhabited, except for a few frontier police. We had to rely on the kindness of the police for our fresh water supply.

On arrival at Suez we made arrangements for a fishing boat with two men and a boy to proceed to Ras Abou Diraga, which is 120 kilometres from Suez, where we would meet them two days later. The following morning we left Suez, and after travelling 55 kilometres, we made camp for the night and had a grand bathe.

We were up early next morning, and after breakfast we struck camp and proceeded to the point where we had arranged to meet our boat, not arriving until the afternoon as it was only possible to do ten miles an hour on the bad track with our heavy load. The temperature during the day reached 115 degrees, and after making camp, we spent a couple of hours in the water amongst the rocks trying to get cool.

At night, when we had been asleep for a while, we were awakened by the howling of jackals, and on getting up in the morning, we proceeded to try and find out where the jackals were, but we were unlucky and never found them.

Later in the day our boat arrived, and we started fishing for small fish for shark bait. Our method of catching shark was as follows:— We had a half mile of cable with two yards of line and a hook every ten feet: when all the hooks were baited we went out until we reached a depth of fifty yards, we then anchored our line at one end and put a special buoy we had, on

top of the water; we then laid all the line with another anchor and buoy at the other end.

By the time we had finished laying our bait it was eleven p.m., and we returned to shore for some food and sleep. When the sun showed up we began hauling up our line. The catch was disappointing as we only pulled up one shark weighing about six stone. We put the poor catch down to the smallness of our bait.

We cut up the shark for bait and thus we had an attractive menu for the sharks next night. When we started pulling up our line next morning we were greeted with a 12 foot shark on the third hook. As it was not possible to take a big shark into the boat, we had to lean over the side and slip a rope round his back fin, we then cut the line which held the hook and towed the shark behind the boat. We continued to pull up our line and brought up another 10 footer, and after securing him with a rope, we proceeded to tow him with his bigger brother.

We then decided to go ashore and kill the two big fish, and so we ran our boat into shallow water near the shore, and after securing another rope round the biggest shark, two of us waded ashore, and while one rope was held on the boat we pulled the shark ashore with the other. We then cut off his back fin and allowed him to bleed to death.

One often hears stories about things that are found in dead sharks, so it was with some curiosity that he was opened up. We were astonished to find a four foot shark inside which had been first caught on the hook before he was swallowed by his bigger relation.

Having covered the meat up to keep it from the flies, we packed it all in the bottom of the boat, covering it with wet sacks. We then decided to send the fish to Suez, and arranged for the boat to return six days later to a point near Zafarana, 60 kilometres further up the Gulf.

That night we camped near Zafarana. During the night I woke up and was surprised to see what looked like the headlights of a small car about twenty yards from our tent. After a while I could see it was a hyena; I took my rifle and had a shot at him, and he made off into the hills.

As we intended visiting Hurghada, which by a desert track is 251 kilometres from Zafarana, we started early. Our car must have looked a funny outfit, with six chickens on the top, the dog in the front and two canvas bags of water on the sides. We arranged with the Commandant of Police to inform the police at Hurghada that we were attempting the journey across the desert, and, if we did not arrive in three days time, to send someone out to look for us.

Progress was slow during the day as we had to dig the car out four times. The heat was trying, the temperature reaching 120 degrees. We camped at four o'clock by the sea, and after some food we retired to rest. The stillness of the night was terrible—there did not seem to be any living creature in that part. In the morning we went for a bathe, and that evening we arrived at Hurghada, camped for the night, and two days later we arrived back at Zafarana. Our boat turned up the following day and we had another two days fishing, catching in all, three quarters of a ton of clean shark. We arrived safely back in Cairo after having a hot and exciting holiday.

S. ASH, IVC.

A Vision.

The shadows began to lengthen as the day drew towards its close; the birds flew swiftly treewards, eager for their rest. The sun's last rays cast a rosy glow upon the still sea, tracing a golden pathway to the horizon; then it sank suddenly, leaving everything wrapped in breathless silence.

I turned slowly to face the crumbling ruins of an old castle. And then a vision passed before my eyes, I saw the castle as it had been in former days, the home of kings, princes and knights. From a long way off came the sound of a bugle, and a long procession passed along the brow of the hill. As it drew nearer the splendid colours of the attire were clearly visible. Six knights rode ahead of the retinue, clothed all alike in bright armour, and each mounted on a magnificent black charger. Next came a number of foot soldiers, and behind these was a litter in which sat, resplendent in his jewels and robes, the King of England, James I. Around his litter rode a number of personal attendants, and fifty men of the royal bodyguard rode behind.

The whole retinue filed into the large quadrangle in silence, for they were bound upon no joyous mission. Inside the courtyard a scaffold was erected, and round it were grouped people from a neighbouring village.

All eyes watched James as he slouched to his seat on a small raised platform, for his ungainly body did not do justice to his splendid attire. He made an impatient gesture with his hand, and a grim looking man stepped forward, and read a long passage from a parchment which he held, while James listened with an air of bored impatience. The executioner appeared, and after bowing, he donned his mask, and rolled up his sleeves to his elbows, for he knew well that before an hour had passed his arms would be red with the blood of his victims. He walked to his place by the scaffold,

and placed a basket ready to hold the heads of those who were about to be killed.

Next the victims were brought before the king. They were two Jesuit priests. One took his place in the background, the other bowed to James, then turned and made a short address to the people. After this he walked to the scaffold, with his head held high; after a short prayer commending his soul to God, and another for the religion for which he was dying, he laid his head upon the block. The crowd held its breath as the executioner raised his axe. . . . The moment passed, the dream faded, and a cold wind blew from the sea.

BARBARA SHOOSMITH, IVA.

Everyday Life in Egypt.

The Egyptians differ from the English in many ways. For one thing, they do not pray to our God. They have their own god called Allah.

The Egyptians have some very strange customs; a few of them are as follows. A poor class Egyptian man will not let anyone see his wife, unless she has a veil over her face, and she cannot go anywhere unless her husband accompanies her.

If an Egyptian wife has a pretty child, she sometimes pierces its eye with a needle, so that if it is a boy, it will not be taken into the army, or if it is a girl it will not be stolen by another woman who might be jealous. The little children, in their first years of life, have their ears pierced to enable them to wear ear-rings.

The Egyptians hold their Christmas after the feast of Ramadan, which continues for a month. This is what takes place. From sunrise to sunset, the Egyptians fast. The beginning and the ending of the fast is announced by the sound of a gun being fired. Towards sunset the Egyptians get very bad tempered, as they are very hungry, but after the gun goes at sunset, the streets seem to become suddenly deserted, for every one is busy eating, making up for lost time.

Most Egyptian men seem to be very corpulent, and like to take things easily. They can be seen at any time riding on small donkeys, making their wives and children walk along by the side of them. The donkeys are very small-framed and the men's feet almost trail on the ground.

The Egyptians carry their goods around on donkeys, and you can see these donkeys with baskets hung from their sides full of sugar cane or oranges. The children can be seen sitting on the roadsides chewing sugar cane, which can be bought for a small

price. There must be a cruel streak in the Egyptians, as the killing of birds is very revolting. They grasp the bird and bend its neck back, and then cut its throat, throwing the bird on the ground, until it bleeds to death.

The Pyramids are a common sight in Egypt, as you can visit them whenever you wish. Guides take you around them, and if you are a good climber, they will let you climb to the top of them, and there, on a special piece of slate, you can scratch your name, to let other people know you have climbed the Pyramids.

AUDREY ENGLISH, Form IIIc.

School Notes.

The number of pupils in school at the beginning of this term was 329—183 girls and 146 boys.

The Prefects are :—

Tudor :—Valerie Thomas, Peggy Treherne, Lillian Dyke, D. P. John, C. Thomas.

Picton :—Brenda Phillips, Miriam Rogers, Enid Simpson, W. E. Lewis.

Glyndwr :—Gwyneth James (senior), Maisie George, Jo Morris, P. R. Thomas (senior), J. W. Blencowe, E. P. Carr.

We congratulate Winston Thomas on passing the Naval Artificers Examination held in April. He was placed 115th.

More members of the VIth Form have obtained posts since Christmas. Agnes Baker began work as a clerk in the Office of the Town Clerk in January. She has since been appointed short-hand-typist under the R.A.F. Three boys found situations in the Civil Service, K. G. Tucker and G. R. Round under the Admiralty and G. S. Pendleton in the Engineering Department of the Post Office, while Joan Davies is now a clerk in a Juvenile Employment Bureau in London.

Molly Richards and W. A. Crowe both have posts with Mr. Roch, the auctioneer, of Pembroke, and Mary Dony is employed in the showrooms of the West Cambrian Power Company.

N. Earnshaw and G. G. Ellis also found clerkships in local offices, while Brian Williams has been appointed to Barclays Bank.

R. P. Morgan was recently appointed surveyor's assistant to the firm of Watson and Horrocks Ltd. of Bridgend, who are engaged on works in the district.

When Phyllis Kelly left to become a clerk under the Admiralty at Milford Haven, Barbara Johns took her place as Headmaster's secretary.

Joyce Bowen left at the end of January to become an observation teacher.

On May 14 the Dorian Trio paid us another visit, when, in addition to the usual chamber music, we were treated to some more recorder solos by Miss Taylor.

The School had a new experience on the morning of Tuesday, May 21, when we all went to the Cinema, to see some French films. It was a pleasant break from school routine, although most people were disappointed at not being able to follow the speech better. We hope for better results in this direction next time. The programme contained three 'Journaux Parlés,' a film about French Morocco, another about Montmartre ('Un Village dans Paris'), and another entitled 'La Lutte pour la Vie,' dealing with the work of the League of Nations in combating disease.

There have been the usual practical examinations this term and last term. The first was Cookery, conducted by Mrs. Porter, on February 28. Mrs. Porter also came for the Needlework examination on May 21st. Prof. Williams, of Swansea conducted the Geography Practical Examination on May 31, Mr F. G. Skrine, the Woodwork examination on June 4, and Dr. Annie Owen the Oral French on June 12.

We record with deep regret the death of Joan Mullins on February 28. She had been employed at the Pembroke Dock Laundry, and was ill for only a few days.

The following pupils have left since the last Penvro appeared. We wish them every success in the future.

VI—Una Mullins, G. J. Prout, T. P. Rees.

V—Dorothy Perry, Dorothy Powell, Dorothy Cole, Gwynneth Thomas, Nancy Morris, Kathleen Crawley, B.V. G. John, W. J. K. Jones, D. Calver, J. Gaddarn, J. Woolcock.

IV—Suzie Daddo-Langlois, Greenhow, Margaret Sutton, R. Mc Laren, J. Keznan, D. Ellis, E. Clayson, R. Palmer.

III—Joan Griffiths, Rosa Brinn, Eileen Tucker, Rowena Francis, Joan Morgan, E. Howells, D. Curtis, E. Williams, D. Griffiths, E. Paulett, N. John

We welcome the following new pupils :—

III—Elva Tribe, Trevor James.

III—Gwyneth Dawkins, Dorothy Parks, D. Huddleston, J. Conrade.

OLD PUPILS' NOTES.

We are pleased once again to congratulate a number of old pupils on successes of various kinds.

Ralph L. Rees, M.A., F.I.C., was recently awarded the Moulton Medal of the Institute of Chemical Engineers for the best paper

read to the Society in 1939. He is a chemical engineer employed by the London Power Company at Battersea Power Station. Some time ago he discovered a method of removing all sulphur from coal so that there is no pollution of the air.

R. A. Jones passed the Second Mate's Certificate in January. He has recently returned safely from another long and adventurous voyage.

W. A. P. Francis has just completed his B. A. degree at Lampeter.

Some months ago E. J. Rees, who was trained with Mr. Mendus of Pembroke, passed the qualifying examination of the Pharmaceutical Society.

Audrey Sabido, who is on the staff of Cotford Hospital, near Taunton, passed the final examination of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association in December. As a result of passing this examination she was promoted Staff Nurse.

Another nursing success is that of Ruby Lawrence, who has passed the advanced examination of the National Society of Day Nurseries. She is at the Edward Nicholl Home in Cardiff, a Waifs' and Strays' centre.

Hugh Richards has had further promotion in the army and is now a Brigadier.

In March of this year Doris E. Merriman was appointed Headmistress of the County School for Girls at Twickenham.

Valene Bowling completes her training as cookery mistress this term, and has been fortunate to secure a post locally, having been appointed Domestic Science Instructress to the Elementary Schools in the borough.

Madge Davies and Joan Mathias have both obtained posts at schools in Hendon for next term. In January, Madge was elected editor of her College magazine, and she and Joan were both in the Special Choir of the College.

Ralph Davies has a post at the County High School, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, where he is teaching French and German.

Eric Thomas, of Neyland, began work as a Clerk at the Air Ministry in May.

Harold Oliver has left the Town Clerk's Office for a post on the G. W. Railway.

Several old boys have served in France and Belgium since the outbreak of war. A. H. Bull, who is now a captain in the Royal Engineers, was on the first convoy to go to France, and acted as intelligence officer in the Anti-Aircraft Section, working with the French Army. David Lewis also made good use of his French while serving abroad. It would be quite impossible to give a list of those who served with the B.E.F., but we know that it would

be a long one.

It is a sad duty to have to record the death of one old boy. Arthur Allen, who went out with the B.E.F. in October, was killed in action on May 29. He had been home on leave in March, and this proved to be his last visit home.

Two other old boys, Ernest Huxtable and J. Utting, have been reported missing: up to the time of writing, nothing further has been heard of them.

Others served with the N.W.E.F. in Norway, and both they and the members of the B.E.F. have had much to relate of their experiences.

Morwyth Pierce, who is a member of the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Services Reserve, also served in France. She reached home at the end of June, after four months' service at a Dieppe Hospital, which had to be evacuated owing to bombing by the enemy.

Clifford Moses has been discharged from the R.A.O.C. on medical grounds. He had served for some months as a clerk.

Jean Jones gave up her post at the Co-operative Stores at the end of June to join the Land Army. She is to be stationed at Stackpole.

Leonard Purser was made Head Student for this year at the Agricultural College at Usk.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Skyrme Rees on his engagement, announced on June 19, to Marjorie Mathias.

We congratulate the following old pupils on their marriage:—

December 28—Beryl May to Flt. Sgt. William Bevans.

January 8—Mary Paynter Francis to the Rev. David G. Stephens.

January 25—Nesta John to Flt.-Lt. Cecil H. Bull.

February 10—Doreen Lee to Lt. Stanley J. Dickinson, R.A.S.C.

February 10—Mary Taylor to Robert Holmes.

February 17—Winifred Mullins to Cpl. C. Catt, the Buffs.

March 6—Loughton Thomas to Elsie R. Canton.

March 18—Irene Canton to John D. Kempton.

March 25—Dorothy Brown to Sgt.-Pilot William Willetts, D.F.M.

March 25—Dorothy Taylor to Sgt. Kenneth Thomas, R.A.F. (both old pupils).

March 26—Donald Hitchings to Margaret G. Ainsworth.

April 6—Ensor Morgan to Miriam Allen.

April 9—Violet Evans to Cpl. Harry L. Corden.

April 24—Winifred Richards to George Emmet (both old pupils).

May 12—Dorothy Branigan to A. O. Martin.

June 8—Margot Gray to Cpl. Dudley Cameron-Waller, R.A.S.C.

June 29—Edith Dew to Aircraftman Charles Bettison, R.A.A.F.

July 10—Denys Bray to L.A.C. Edward Victor Trice, R.A.F.

We print here a further list of old boys serving in the forces:—

ROYAL NAVY.

H. A. Arthur.

ARMY.

George Barnes	Jack Humber	F. Rogers
A. Brown	Horton Jones	Leslie Thomas
Geoffrey Denner	Richard C. Jones	Loughton Thomas
Mervyn Gibbon	Deryck Morgan	Mervyn Thomas
E. J. Gibby	Tom Phillips	Ronald Thomas
Herbert Gray	Rowland Rees	

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

T. Albury	Norman Butler	Gwyn Nicholls
T. Belt	Jack Mathias	Clifford Roblin
		Jim Thomas

His Own Ghost.

There was an old-fashioned hotel in a little village in Norway, which was, at one time, said to be haunted. As it was a picturesque little village, many people visited it, and in summer particularly, the hotel was full, with the exception of one room, the haunted room, for when told it was haunted, they either laughed at the idea and slept there for one night, but never two.

At last a young man having heard terrible tales of this room, determined to solve the mystery for himself, for he was certain that there were no such things as ghosts. And so although he lived quite near, he took a room and would have none other than the haunted room, and would not listen to the tales of the landlord. When he went to the room he looked round carefully, examining the walls well, but not finding anything, he went down to supper. When next he went to his room it was about 10 p.m. and then getting into bed as quickly as he could, he turned out the light and went to sleep.

At about five minutes past twelve he was awakened by a noise, and sitting up he was surprised to see a white figure at the front of the bed: he stood up and the figure immediately began to grow taller. By that time he was quite alarmed, for he was sure it was no fancy of his: so, to see what it was, he picked up the pillow and threw it with all his force at the apparition. There was a terrific crash, a sound of breaking glass, and then all was still.

He waited a few minutes, expecting to see the figure again, but as nothing happened, he turned on the light, and was surprised to see the door of his wardrobe open, and the glass smashed. It was later discovered that the noise which had awakened him was the midnight mail going by, and it shook the room so violently that the door of the wardrobe flew open, and when he sat up in bed he could see his own reflection. So the ghost of the hotel was only the reflection of the person who slept in the haunted room. It was a long time before the landlord could induce people to sleep there, but after a few years the tale was forgotten, and the wardrobe being moved, the ghost was never seen again. The room is still being used.

KAYE MORRIS, IIc.

A Picture Lives!

As I gazed thoughtfully at a nautical picture before me, I fell asleep and I dreamt. The picture came to life: the old sailor in the picture was celebrating his birthday at a seamen's inn and one of his friends got up to toast the good old sailor. "Mates," he said. "I b'aint much good at speechifying, but ye all know what I got this 'ere glass of good old English ale 'ere for, for to toast my good friend Tom. 'Eres to him, shipmates." Thereupon the jolly his narrative." It was May when we started the voyage on the slaors rose and toasted their good friend, loudly exclaiming the wihle. "Now Tom," says one, "give us a story." "Aye give us a story," echoed the others. "All right ship mates," acceded Tom and began Voyager under Captain Brown, a better sailor never sailed the seas. We were bound for India to get spices, so they told us, and many of us looked glum that morning for India was a sailors' death-trap. The mosquitos there were sumthin' awful, tobaccer kept 'em off, but by the time we got to India all that had gone and there weren't no baccy in taven' India as you might well know. Well, we started out on that voyage but soon we began to think that we weren' going to India after all; if we were, it was a mighty queer course to take. I had heard rumours that our voyage was a secret one but with some people every voyage was a secret one, so I took no heed of their words, but now I thought there might be some truth in their words. My first thought was the new India Drake had found, but I said nothing to my shipmates for fear mutiny would break out against our good captain who was a bit strict on discipline, so the men weren't over partial to him. One day he sent for me to his cabin. "Tom," he says, "I daresay you've noticed something rather strange about this voyage?" "Yes sir" I sez, "We all have." "Well" he says "We're bound for Drake's India, to trade furs with the Indians there. There has been a company formed to trade furs

With these natives. The guns we have in the hold are the barter."
 "Yes sir" I replied flabbergasted.

"Oh Tom," says the Captain, "How d'ye think the men will take it?" "Not so good Sir," and sure enough the men muttered and grumbled when they heard the news I brought. Mutiny threatened, but a few of us thought that was no use, so it was prevented. Then the look-out sighted land and each man put to, so as to bring the ship into shore. We had a splendid welcome, about two hundred jumping raving Indians yelling and shouting fit to curdle your blood"—then I awoke and averted a fierce battle.

RITA O'CALLAGHAN, IV A

Latin.

The shades of night were falling fast,
 As through an Alpine village passed,
 A youth who bore midst snow and ice
 A textbook with this strange device—
 Latin!

"O stay," the maiden said, "and rest
 Your weary head upon my breast!"
 A tear stood in his bright blue eye,
 But yet he answered with a sigh—
 Latin!

The "siren" went, he paid no heed,
 Continued he that book to read.
 The siren it was softly cooing
 While poor old swotter he was doing—
 Latin!

O'erhead a German squadron flew,
 Their fearful errand for to do.
 And while they did our Air Force fight
 That youth continued to recite—
 Latin!

A warden on his usual round,
 Beneath a pile of debris found
 A youth still grasping like a vice,
 A textbook with that strange device—
 Latin!

The moral to this mournful ditty,
 On Latin scholars don't take pity;
 The youth deserved all that he got
 For mugging up that awful rot—
 Latin! K. G. TUCKER, VI.