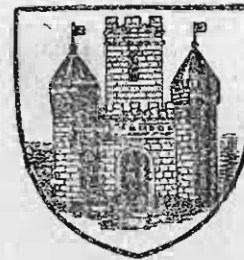


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First Editorial.

Although much of the school life is chronicled in the local press, and despite the fact that we from time to time see our doings recorded in the columns of the Welsh daily papers, yet we are not satisfied. We wish to have a magazine of our very own, a magazine which will give us the "tickling sensation of ownership," one which will contain a permanent record of the school's work and pastimes, which will be procurable by all, and which may in the future serve to recall happy days spent at school. And so we have made our debut in this auspicious year of Her Majesty's great reign; may the life of the magazine be a long and prosperous one. We have our birthday in the notable Diamond Jubilee year. Will this magazine celebrate its jubilee, and under what conditions? Whether or no, we hope that its life will be vigorous and useful. We intend to do all we can to make the hope a reality. We will try to deserve success.

De Quincey said that feeling of sadness always attends the knowledge that you are doing a thing for the last time. Perhaps a feeling of exultant hope and confidence is the one most befitting a venture on a new undertaking. The hope of a prosperous career for this journal is strong in the minds of the pupils and members of the staff, who are responsible for it. Our pages will contain full accounts of the work and play of the pupils. The proceedings of the various societies and the results of the games will find a place, as well as more serious literary efforts. We shall chronicle not only the results of the various public examinations for which pupils enter, but also those of the weekly examinations held in the school, and we hope that the desire to figure well in our magazine may stimulate many to more earnest persevering work.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas now is drawing near,
Let us all be full of cheer.
As Christ was born on Christmas Day
Let's all be merry, bright and gay.

Throwing snowballs after school,
Sliding on an icy pool,
Hurrying to the shops to see
What things there are for the Christmas tree.

Hide the presents right away!
Don't send them out till Christmas Day:
A scarf for mum, a tie for dad,
And for dear May, a writing pad.

Christmas Eve is here at last
Make the parcels quick and fast;
Hurry up the stairs at night,
And wake up with the dawning light.

BARBARA WHITEHEAD, IIB.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

HIGHER CERTIFICATES.

Peggy Athoe — Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Geography. Leslie Davies—English, History, French. B. C. Arthur—English, Latin, French. E. J. Pope—Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Geography. C. A. Roberts—History, Economics (Subsidiary), Drawing and Painting (with distinction).

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

V.G.—Very Good; C.—Credit; P.—Pass; L.M.—London Matriculation Equivalent; W.M.—Welsh Matriculation Equivalent.

J. M. F. Averill (2 v.g., 3 c., 3 p., L.M.), B. G. Bermingham (1 v.g., 3 c., 3 p.), L. T. Cole (2 c., 5 p.), Betty Crutchley (3 c., 4 p.), Marian Davies (1 v.g., 6 c., 1 p., W.M.), Minnie Davies (2 v.g. 6 c., L. and W.M.), Mary Delves (4 c., 5p.), Margaret Elliott (4 c., 5 p.), Patricia English (4 c., 5 p.), Jean Evans (1 c., 5p.), Jill Field (5 c., 2 p.), Audrie Hay (8 c., 1 p., L.M.), E. T. S. Hughes (3c., 4 p.), Beryl James (2 v.g., 5 c., 1 p., L.M.), Marion John (4 v.g., 5 c., 1 p.), Gwyneth Lloyd (2 v.g., 5 c., 2 p., L.M.), N. G. Long (5 c., 4 p.), F. G. Lovering (1 v.g. 6 c., 1 p., L.M.), Valerie Phillips (4 c., 4 p.), D. Rees (6 c., 1 p.), A. T. Richards (2 c., 4 p.), Olive Richards (5 c., 3 c.), J. D. Ross (3 c., 3 p.), Antonio Sabido (2 c., 5 p.), C. E. Sabido (5 c., 2 p.), Ivy Scourfield (9 c., 1 p., L. and W.M.), Norma Shears (9 c., 1 p., L. and W.M.), A. W. Thomas (6 c., 2 p., L.M.), Claire Thomas (4 c., 6 p.), Ethel Thomas (4 c., 6 p.), K. E. Thomas (2 c., 5 p.), Sylvia Thomas (7 c., 1 p.), E. K. Thompson (3 c., 4 p.), C. J. West (1 v.g., 3 c., 1 p.), D. E. J. Williams (5 v.g., 3 c., 1 p., L. and W.M.), Mary Williams (10 c., L. and W.M.), Josephine Yates (1 v.g., 6 c., 1 p., W.M.).

SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE.

Jean Colley — Chemistry (p.), Needlework (p.), Margaret Cunningham—Art (p.). A. G. Moffat—Mathematics (c). Gwendoline Sutton — Needlework (c.). Nellie Voyle — Needlework (p.). Nancy Willcocks—Chemistry (v.g.), Physics(c.). Mavis Williams—Art (p.).

NURSING COUNCIL PRELIMINARY.

Daphne Weekes, Mary John.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS.

Pass—50 per cent. and over. Credit—70 per cent. and over.
Margaret Fletcher—Book-keeping (P.), Shorthand (P.). Joan Rees—Book-keeping (C.), Typewriting (P.), Maureen Watson—Typewriting (C.).

UNITED we stand, divided we fall!

NATIONS, pay heed! both great and small.

EDUCATION must spread o'er all the world,

SCIENCE'S banner must be unfurled,

CULTURE must banish what makes us afraid,

OR else we perish by the bombs we made.

"UNESCO."

COUNTY SCHOOL. PEMBROKE DOCK.

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EDITORIAL.

As this is the hundredth number of the Penvro, a few remarks about our school magazine and its beginnings seem appropriate. No. 1 appeared in the Spring Term of 1897, when the school was still housed in the old building at the corner of Pembroke Street and Victoria Road. We print a portion of the first editorial. This number was simply called "Magazine" and there is no price given on the cover. We notice that it was printed by Harris and Co., Castle Terrace, Pembroke. Its make-up is very similar to that of our present issue, but there is one noticeable difference. There are no "Old Pupils' Notes." This is hardly to be wondered at, when we remember that the School was then only two years old. No. 14, published in October, 1902, was printed by the "Gazette" Printing Works, Meyrick Street. It was not until July, 1903, No. 16, that the magazine acquired the name of "The Penvro." The editorial of that number states that the name was adopted as being the "old word for Pembrokeshire." Since then the magazine has appeared regularly as the Penvro, and will, we hope, appear for a very long time to come.

We should like to welcome Miss Eynon, Miss Jones, and Mr. Harries to the staff. They already seem quite happily settled in our small community.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. Jones, who is leaving at the end of term to join her husband, now demobilised. We wish them every happiness together.

The word "small" is somewhat misplaced in a recent paragraph, as our numbers have reached a record total this term, at just over 400. It is an exceedingly tight squeeze, but we have survived very well so far.

Viewed from this distance, the last week of term, now about a fortnight off, seems also exceedingly full, so full in fact that many of us fear an explosion. That explosion will have occurred or been averted by the time these words are in print. We hope that the worst will not happen, and that everyone will enjoy a well-deserved Christmas holiday. No doubt the "well-deserved" will cause some twinges of conscience.

We are fortunate enough again to have an "embarras de choix" in the matter of items for publication in the magazine. It is hoped that the "rejected" will accept our thanks, and will remember that, for obvious reasons, it is not our policy to publish many items of similar type.

The sports were held on Wednesday, July 24th, and we were very lucky to have a really fine day, as last summer was certainly not a good one. This year a charge was made for admission, and the Old Pupils had arranged various stalls, as the proceeds were to go to the Old Pupils' War Memorial Fund. We are glad to be able to report that a very good sum was realised.

The sports themselves were very keen, but it soon became obvious that Glyndwr was going to win. The final result was:—Glyndwr 255, Picton 223, Tudor 171.

Details (standard points in brackets):—

100 yards, boys 14—16.—1, C. Palmer (P.); 2, G. Polhill (G.); 3, R. Palmer (P.). (T., 2; P., 2; G., 5). (11.8secs.).

80 yards, Junior Girls.—1, Betty Fawcett (T.); 2, Ivy Griffiths (G.); 3, Elaine Preece (T.). (T., 6; P., 4; G., 4). (11.6 secs.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Junior Boys.—1, N. Smith (T.); 2, D. Rendall (G.); 3, F. Cavill (P.). (T., 7; P., 6; G., 8). (59 yards).

100 yards, Senior Girls.—1, Marion John (P.); 2, Margaret Elliott (G.); 3, Betty Fox (G.). (T., 2; P., 10; G., 5). (12.6 secs.).

Sack Race, Junior Boys.—1, J. Powell (P.); 2, B. Preece (T.); 3, D. Lovering (P.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball, Junior Girls.—1, Pat Blake (T.); 2, Barbara Waterman (G.); 3, Marion Phillips (P.). (T., 1; G., 1). (50 yards).

100 yards, Senior Boys.—1, G. Brown (G.); 2, A. Phillips (P.); 3, C. Roberts (G.). (P., 3; G., 2). (11.2 secs.).

High Jump, Senior Girls.—1, Iris Thomas (P.); 2, Joan Rees (T.); 3, Ivy Garlick (P.). (T., 6; P., 8; G., 4). (4ft. 3 in.).

80 yards, Junior Boys.—1, J. Griffiths (P.); 2, H. Cole (G.); 3, D. Thomas (G.). (T., 1; P., 3; G., 3). (10.2 Secs.).

Egg and Spoon Race, Junior Girls.—1, Dorothy Shears (P.); 2, Pat Jefferies (T.); 3, Marion Thomas (G.).

High Jump, Senior Boys.—1, K. Davies (T.); 2, E. Pope (P.); 3, A. Phillips (P.) and D. Rees (G.). (T., 3; P., 2; G., 8).

Junior Girls, Inter-School Relay.—1, Milford Haven Central and Pembroke Dock County; 2, Milford Haven County School (40.2 secs.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Senior Girls.—1, Margaret Elliott (G.); 2, Antonia Sabido (T.); 3, Ivy Scourfield (G.). (T., 1; G., 1).

Hop, Step and Jump, Junior Boys.—1, N. Smith (T.); 2, D. Rendall (G.); 3, K. Catherall (P.). (T., 5; P., 5; G., 9). (27ft. 9 in.).

High Jump, Junior Girls.—1, Barbara Waterman (G.); 2, Rose Collings (T.); Sheila Turner (G.). (T., 5; P., 2; G., 5). (3ft. 11 in.).

440 yards, Senior Boys.—1, G. Brown (G.); 2, G. Polhill (G.); 3, C. Palmer (P.). (T., 6; P., 5; G., 10). (60 Secs.).

Team Game, Junior Girls.—1, Tudor; 2, Picton; 3, Glyndwr. Junior Boys' Inter-School Relay.—1, Milford Haven County School; 2, Milford Haven Central School; 3, Pembroke Dock County School.

Obstacle Race, Open.—1, D. Bailey (P.); 2, D. Lovering (P.); 3, A. Panton (T.).

Sack Race, Senior Girls.—1, Iris Thomas (P.); 2, Joan Rees (T.); 3, Heather Cole (T.).

Long Jump, Junior Boys.—1, J. Griffiths (P.); 2, D. Thomas (G.); 3, L. George (P.), and B. Bowen (G.). (T., 7; P., 4; G., 8).

Slow Bicycle Race, Open.—1, D. Vaughan (G.); 2, J. Greenwood (G.); 3, J. Walters (T.).

220 yards, Senior Girls.—1, Marion John (P.); 2, Margaret

Long Jump, Senior Boys.—1, G. Brown (G.); 2, A. Moffat (P.); 3, G. Polhill (G.). (T., 10; P., 5; G., 12). (15ft. 10 in.).

Senior Girls' Inter-School Relay.—1, Milford Haven County School; 2, Pembroke Dock County School.

Relay Race, Junior.—1, Tudor; 2, Picton; 3, Glyndwr (40.2 secs.).

Potato Race, Senior Girls.—1, Doreen Jones (P.) and Marion Davies (G.); 3, Pauline Tucker (P.).

Hop, Step and Jump, Senior Boys.—1, A. Phillips (P.); 2, G. Brown (G.); 3, C. Roberts (G.). (T., 5; P., 3; G., 6). (34ft. 5 in.).

Sack Race, Junior Girls.—1, Mary Thomas (G.); 2, Pamela Davies (P.); 3, June Strachan (G.).

Throwing the Discus.—1, A. Phillips (P.); 2, J. Ross (P.); 3, K. Thomas (G.) and C. Roberts (G.).

Relay Race, Senior.—1, Picton; 2, Glyndwr; 3, Tudor (54 secs.).

High Jump, Junior Boys.—1, J. Bartlett (G.); 2, D. Thomas (G.) and D. Jenkins (T.). (T., 4; P., 2; G., 3). (3ft 11 in.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Senior Boys.—1, A. Moffat (P.); 2, K. Davies (T.); A. Skone (G.). (T., 12; P., 11; G., 9). (79 yds. 6 in.).

Team Game, Senior Girls.—1, Picton; 2, Glyndwr; 3, Tudor.

Three-legged race, Junior Girls.—1, Pat Blake and Betty Fawcett (T.); 2, Marion Thomas and Joan Welby (G.); 3, Rose Collings and Elaine Preece (T.).

Inter-School Relay, Senior Boys.—1, Milford Haven County School; 2, Pembroke Dock County School (76.2 secs.).

T for the Topics of interest to all,

H is for Hockey notes, Howlers and all.

E for events which we wish to recall.

P for the Poems that brighten its pages,

E Editorial, the first page engages.

N for the Nonsense we laugh at for ages.

V for the Victories we've won thro' the year,

R for Results, some hearts to cheer.

O UR Penfro, school mag., to all pupils dear.

BARBARA DAVIES, IV.9.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Only two meetings of the above society have been held so far this term; however, they both proved very interesting. The first meeting was held on October 16th and consisted of impromptu speeches of which some were quite amusing. Two debates took place on November 20th—the first motion being: "That homework should be abolished," the speakers being G. Cook supporting and Glenys Deveson opposing. Discussion was so heated that we have been unable to ascertain whether the motion was carried or not! The other motion debated was "That woman's place is in

the home." The speakers were Glenys Preece in support of the motion, and Joy Beynon in opposition. The motion was carried unanimously.

Although the numbers present have been fairly satisfactory it is noticeable that opinions from the floor are seldom expressed. All present are urged to speak more freely, thus adding interest to the meetings.

Thanks are due to Mr. Devereux for taking the chair at both meetings.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

Two very enjoyable meetings of the Music Society were held this term.

The first meeting was held on October 23rd and consisted of solos by some of the pupils, and gramophone records. Olive Scurlock, David Harries and Marion Jenkins played piano solos, and Marion Jenkins, Kathleen Jones and three juniors, Marina Crossley, David Evans and Gwyn Emmet, sang. Gramophone records were included in the programme, including choral and orchestral works, by Elgar, Debussy and Bach.

The second meeting, held on November 13th, again consisted of records and solos. Solos were given by Marion Jenkins, Marian Davies, Betty Jones and Margaret Hughes, and the records included a movement from Handel's "Water Music," and Elgar's Chanson de Matin.

The Choral Section of the Society, although handicapped by a lack of male voices, has been practising very hard for the items for Speech Day, songs by Ford and German, and carols for an end-of-term concert.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Three very interesting meetings of the Science Society have been held this term. At the first Mr. Greenwood gave an enlightening talk on crystals. The next meeting, held three weeks later, was a talk by Mr. Howells on the elementary principles of wireless, a subject especially appreciated by the science students.

For our final meeting Mr. Leach, the curator of Tenby Museum, gave a talk on the South Pembrokeshire coast, amply illustrated with photographs which he had taken himself of many well-known and familiar spots. A large percentage of the school attended this lecture, which brought home to us the fact that Pembrokeshire is a very beautiful and interesting county.

We are looking forward to many more interesting talks next term, when it is hoped that even more pupils will attend.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The Dramatic Society has held no play-readings this term as the members have been busily rehearsing for the concert on December 16th and 17th. Two one-act plays are being performed "The Playgoers" by A. W. Pinero and "They Went Forth" by H. F. Rubinstein.

A WISH.

I wish I had a magic pen,
To make my sums come right,
To write each word correctly,
To do my work at night.

Oh! wouldn't my teacher be puzzled,
When I did my work so well,
She would ask me how I did it,
But, of course, I would not tell.

DIANA LEWIS, II.B.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

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

TENNIS.

The tennis tournaments this year were played as an inter-house competition. In the singles, points were allotted for matches won to the house of the winner. In the doubles two couples were entered from each house, and played their opposite numbers from the other two houses. The winning house was Picton—1st couple. Ivy Garlick and Jean Colley. 2nd couple, Peggy Athoe and Betty Griffiths. Glyndwr house were second and Tudor third. A match was played at the end of term between the school and the staff—five couples playing in each team. The result was a win for the staff, experience proving a match for youthful energy.

ROUNDERS.

Three matches were played after the last issue of the magazine, with mixed results.

July 6th.—v. Tenby County School. Won 2—1.

July 13th.—v. Milford County School.

First team lost ... 1—0

Second team won ... 1—1

July 20th.—v. Narberth County School. Drew, 0—0.

CRICKET.

Since the last issue of the "Penfro" the School cricket team has played three matches, winning two and losing one. The team had a fairly good season, winning five matches and losing two. However, these two losses were both inflicted by men's teams and the team was not beaten once in matches against other schools. A feature of the season was E. Roberts' feat in topping both the batting and bowling averages.

The team was chosen from the following:—G. Brown (captain)*, C. Roberts (vice-captain)*, D. Williams (sec.)*, A. Phillips (com.)*, J. Ross, A. Moffatt, P. Maynard, J. Griffiths, D. Rogers, L. Davies, D. Hayward, D. Roch, L. Cole, K. Thompson, G. Lovering, R. Robinson.

*Old Colours.

At the end of the season colours were awarded to J. Ross and A. Moffatt. Results:—

July 6th.—Stackpole (home). Won 84—31 (E. Roberts, 22, J. Griffiths 2 in.o., Mr. Devereux 17; C. Roberts 7 for 11, 9 Moffatt 2 for 6).

July 20th.—Milford (away). Won 88—71 (J. Ross 29, C. Roberts 17).

July 25th.—"Old Boys." Lost 58—108 (Mr. T. Owens 61).

AVERAGES.

Batting.	No. of		Total	Highest	Aver-
	Inns.	Times			
		Not Out.	Runs.	Score.	age.
C. Roberts	...	89.1	41	107	24 13.14
D. Roch	...	7.2	2	10	29 8.14
C. Roberts	...	7	0	92	24 13.15
J. Ross	...	7	0	57	29 8.15
J. Griffiths	...	5	1	31	21* 7.75
D. Williams	...	7	0	41	23 5.86
D. Roberts	...	6	0	34	12 5.67
A. Phillips	...	5	0	23	10 4.60

* Not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wickets.	Aver- age
A. Moffat	... 46	17	58	11	5.27
J. Ross	... 13	4	51	6	8.50
D. Williams	... 17	6	30	3	10.00

HOCKEY.

Six matches have been played this term, of which three were lost, two won and one drawn. Thanks are due to the girls who volunteered to prepare lunch for home matches on Saturdays. The results were as follows:—

September 28th.—Whitland (home). Drew 2—2.

October 5th.—Tenby (home). Won 9—0.

October 12th.—Milford Central (away). Won 4—1.

October 19th.—Tasker's (away). Lost 4—0.

November 9th.—Whitland (away). Lost 4—2.

November 16th.—Milford County (home). Lost 4—1.

The team was selected from the following:—*T. Sabido (capt.), M. Lewis (vice-captain), *J. Colley (secretary), H. Hughes, M. Elliott, I. Scourfield, M. Phillips, Z. Jermin, N. Shears, J. Yates, M. Davies, B. Griffiths, D. Colley, G. Deveson.

(* Old Colours).

The County Hockey Trials were held on October 26th at Milford, and as the result of this five of our team were selected for the Possibles team for the forthcoming trials to select a team to represent Pembrokeshire in the Inter-County matches. The five girls were: T. Sabido, M. Lewis, M. Davies, M. Phillips, J. Yates.

FOOTBALL.

Up-to-date, this term has proved a fairly successful one for the School XI. Of the six matches played, four were won, one drawn, and one lost.

The results were as follows:—

October 5th.—Whitland C.S. (away). Won, 5—3.

October 12th.—Tenby C.S. (away). Drew, 2—2.

October 19th.—Narberth C.S. (home). Won, 3—1.

October 26th.—Milford C.S. (home). Lost, 4—0.

November 9th.—Narberth C.S. (away). Won, 4—0.

November 16th.—Whitland C.S. (home). Won, 1—0.

The team was selected from:—C. Roberts * (captain), D. Williams * (vice-captain), A. Moffat *, P. Maynard *, B. Arthur, R. Palmer, D. Bailey, J. Griffiths, G. Lovering, C. Sabido, R. Robinson, D. Hayward.

(* Old Colours).

A word of thanks must be accorded to those masters who have refereed the school games during the term, and also to the girls who have prepared tea after our home matches.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Our total numbers at the beginning of the term were 404, consisting of 177 boys and 227 girls. There is one student teacher, Mary Martin.

The Prefects are:—

Tudor—Glenys Preece, Nancy Willcocks, Josie Yates, B. C. Arthur (senior), P. F. Maynard, D. E. J. Williams.

Picton—Jean Colley, Ivy Garlick, Norma Shears, A. G. Moffat, F. G. Lovering, C. E. Sabido.

Glyndwr.—Mary Lewis (senior), Ivy Scourfield, Betty Jones, C. A. Roberts, D. A. Vaughan, R. Ll. Jones.

This years twelve pupils have gone to college. Peggy Athoe is

reading for a degree in Geography and Leslie Davies for one in English at the University College, Exeter. E. J. Pope is doing Civil Engineering at the University College, Swansea, and D. G. Roch is there also, taking a degree in Science. Margaret Cunningham, Gwen Sutton, and Mavis Williams at Swansea Training College, Audrey Finch at Matlock, and A. G. Phillips and J. D. Ross at Carmarthen, are all being trained as teachers. Glyn Brown and Catherine Day are students at the Chelsea Polytechnic, taking courses in Pharmacy.

Leslie Davies received the award of Honorary Major County Scholar on the results of the Higher Certificate. Clifford Roberts, who plans to go to a London Art College in 1947, was awarded a Major County Scholarship for his distinction in Art. E. J. Pope received a bursary of £50 (since increased to £80) to enable him to pursue his studies at Swansea.

Three girls from the Nursing VI. have now gone to hospitals, Daphne Weekes to Barts', Mary John to University College Hospital, and Betty Evans to the Orthopaedic Hospital, Cowbridge.

Of the remaining leavers, Joan Rees and Margaret Fletcher have found clerical posts locally, D. Rees and E. K. Thompson have entered the Post Office Engineering Department, S. Wells and A. Powell are apprentice electrical engineers, L. Cole has entered the clerical classes division of the Civil Service, Kenneth Davies is apprenticed to a motor engineering firm, John Roberts is an apprentice in the building trade, D. Poulsen is working with an electrician, C. West at his father's art shop, and Pat Cullen and Sheila James have transferred to other secondary schools.

We congratulate John Bartlett on winning a scholarship of £20 a year at Christ College, Brecon, which he entered last September. Michael Aidin passed the entrance examination to Clifton College in the summer, but owing to a serious illness has still not been able to start there. We hope his health will soon improve sufficiently to allow him to go to his new school.

Congratulations also to one of our new pupils, Peter Collins, of H.F. He has been awarded the Gilt Cross (known as the Scouts' V.C.) for his heroism in attempting to rescue his schoolfellow who was drowned during the Coronation School sports in July.

Two of the senior boys who left in July, Mervyn Averill and Ricardo Sabido, were called up to the army soon afterwards, and were at Wrexham at the same time.

The School is grateful for two very generous gifts. At the end of the summer term the South Pembrokeshire Rechabits Association presented us with a fine cup, which will be awarded to the champion house at the Athletic Sports.

A few weeks ago we received from Mr. F. O. Sudbury, the Chairman of the Governors, a very fine shield, which will be awarded each year to the winning house at the Eisteddfod.

OLD PUPILS' NOTES.

We are glad to hear good news of the progress of our old pupils at College. Ralph Castle has passed his second year examinations at Reading, where he is studying horticulture, and Eric Manning, now at Barts' studying medicine, has passed his first M.B. Betty Bowling and Mary John have passed their second year finals at the National Training College of Domestic Science.

W. Skyrme Rees has distinguished himself still further in surgery by recently obtaining his F.R.C.S.

At the centenary dinner of the Cambrian Archaeological Association, held at Aberystwyth early in September, W. F. Grimes, now the Keeper of the London Museum, was presented with one of four silver medals presented for the best work in archaeology during the past ten years.

Marion Castle has been appointed Senior Mistress at her school, the Modern Secondary School at Haverhill in Suffolk.

I. J. H. Sabido, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.W.E., was appointed, a few months ago, Chief Assistant Engineer in the City of Leicester. He was previously a civil engineer under the Swansea Corporation. During the war he served in Burma as a Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers.

E. G. Taylor, Ph.D., has been appointed Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Williams' College, Williamston, Massachusetts, one of the best colleges in the U.S.A. He had previously spent some months with a big industrial firm in New London, whose consultant chemist he still is.

Elmer Jenkins and John Powell found teaching posts at the beginning of this term, Jenkins at a school near Newbury, and Powell at Market Drayton in Shropshire. Neither of them had much time in their posts, however, as both have now been called up to the army.

Kenneth Tucker completed two years' training at Alnwick College in July, and obtained a post at the beginning of this term in a Birmingham School.

R. Palmer Morgan was demobilised some months and recently obtained a good appointment with the Consultant Surveyor and Engineer to the City of Birmingham.

George Gill called in school in November. He is now a draughtsman with the Westinghouse Brakes Company at Chippenham, and is studying for the London B.Sc. (Engineering), which he hopes to complete in about eighteen months' time.

We were glad to see W. A. P. Francis a few weeks ago. He is still a chaplain in the R.A.F., with whom he served for a long time with Bomber Command on the East Coast. He expects to be demobilised in six or seven weeks' time, when he hopes to return to his old parish at Blackpool as assistant vicar.

George Davies is doing very good work with Messrs. Richard Thomas and Baldwins, Ltd., where he is in charge of the Magnetic Testing Department. He was recently sent to the Technical College at Bradford to give advice on a matter connected with this work.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Kenneth Manning. He was commended by Air-Marshal Sir Roderick Hill at the passing-out parade and inspection of aircraft apprentices at Halton on July 31st. He was one of the five out of the two hundred and eleven in the entry to gain a cadetship, enabling him to go to Cranwell and obtain a commission in the General Duties Branch of the R.A.F.

We heard in July that Lewtas Jenkins had reached the rank of major in the Indian Army and had signed on for a further period.

Eric Carr was home on leave in August before going overseas. He had been granted his commission in the Royal Corps of Signals after eighteen months' service in the Army.

We learnt in August that Trevor Owens, who played such a brilliant innings for the Old Boys' in July, had been promoted to the rank of Instructor-Lieutenant in the Navy. He was then serving in home waters on the aircraft carrier *Thesus*.

Mervyn Howells called in school in November. He was just back from India and Burma and now has the rank of Lieutenant in the Staffordshire Regiment.

Another old boy who called on us in November is A. H. Bull, now a Lt.Colonel in the Royal Engineers. He obtained a commission in the Regular Army a few years before the war, and has served in many theatres of war. At the time of his visit he had just returned from Palestine after six years in the Middle East.

We congratulate the following old pupils on their marriage:—

July 3rd.—Rowland Rees to Peggy Bowling.

August 17th.—Betty Thomas (Pembroke) to Victor Henry Grieve.

August 28th.—D. F. Hordley to Lillian Dew (both old pupils).

Sept. 7th.—Doris Charles to George Palmer.

Sept. 14th.—Eric Beer to Mary Elizabeth Curwen-Reid.

Sept. 17th.—Doris Charles to George Palmer.

Sept. 21st.—James Owen Thomas to Ulla Hecht-Johansen.

Sept. 21st.—Vivian Wells to Joan Margaret Andrews.

Sept. 25th.—Edna Brown to Leslie G. Pearce.

Nov. 19th.—Ronald Campbell to Marjorie Taylor (both old pupils).

The Annual Re-Union, taking its usual form of whist drive and dance, will be held at the School on December 27th. May we remind Old Pupils of the War Memorial Scholarship Fund? Subscriptions to this fund, the total of which is so far rather disappointing, should be sent to the Headmaster at the school.

A.B.C. OF THE MODERN SIXTH.

A is for Absent, at which we are shining,
B is for Betty, who is good at designing.
C is for Colley, the Hockey Tennis Sec.,
D is for Doreen, by no means a geck,
E is for Ethel, so proper and prim,
F is for Fun we have in the Gym.
G is for Glenys, Gwyneth and Grace,
H is for Hannah, who keeps us in place.
I is for me, bad grammar, I know,
J is for Joy, who can't stitch nor sew.
K is for Kenward, her first name is Grace,
L is for Lillian, who the Head won't face.
M is for Maggots, who plays in school team,
N is for Nesta, who crosses the stream.
O is for Olive, she lives in the Dock,
P is for Peggy, as firm as a rock.
Q is for Queen, of carnival fame,
R is for Richards, that's her name.
S is for Sixth, our form to be sure,
T is for Thomas, so very demure.
U have the brains of the sixth "elite."
V is for Vim (V.I.M.) no class can beat.
W is for Winter, our only male,
X is for exams., the time when we wail,
Y is for You, our Form Mistress dear,
Z is for Zoe, no one beats us here.

BIRD NESTING ON THE SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE COAST.

Collecting birds' eggs is perhaps the most adventurous hobby especially collecting sea birds' eggs. This we thought on our tour around the coast from Freshwater West to Freshwater East, a distance of about ten miles.

My friend and I set out on our bicycles for Freshwater West bay. Here on the sand-dunes we found many well camouflaged plovers' nests, each containing four dark fawn eggs densely spotted with black. After placing two examples in our egg-box we moved eastwards along the coast until we came to the "Guillemot Stacks," which were covered with these birds. As these rocks are almost unreachable and unclimbable we moved further along the coast past Flimston Bay and Bullslaughter Bay until we reached St. Govan's Chapel.

Whilst standing on the top of the cliff looking at the chapel, my friend suddenly pointed to a greenish object on a ledge in the rocks about half-way down the cliffs. This I knew to be a guillemot's egg. I immediately started to go down after it, but as the rocks were too slippery I took off my shoes and climbed down

in stockings feet. I reached it at last after many thoughts as to what would happen if I slipped. On the way up, however, I found that I could go no further using only one hand, so my friend climbed down and took the egg carefully from me.

At last we moved on again, occasionally peering over the cliff edge in the hope of finding a rare bird's nest. Our search was not in vain for on the cliffs between Barafundle Bay and Stackpole Quay we saw a great raven's nest with the old raven sitting perched on a spur of rock some distance away. The difficulty was to get to the nest. It was necessary to climb down to a narrow ledge and then climb up to the nest. My friend started to climb down whilst I, with a stone in my hand, guarded him in case the raven started to attack. However, we obtained the eggs without mishap.

We had now three eggs for our collection. From here we went eastwards again past Stackpole Head to Freshwater Point to find some seagull specimens. These were easy to obtain but it was a nerve-racking performance because the gulls came diving at us screeching and fluttering.

After we had obtained these specimens, such as the rock seagull and the black-headed seagull, we sat on the cliff and blew the eggs.

We arrived home late that night, happy and with new specimens for our collection.

E. HUGHES, VR.

A MOUNTAIN CLIMB.

Last summer, when we were at High Cross near Newport, Monmouthshire, spending our holidays, we climbed one of the highest mountains in the county. This mountain is situated near Risca. We set out after dinner one day, and took our tea with us.

First we went along by the side of a canal; over a bridge which was near Risca, and through some fields into a country lane. Up and up we went, stopping from time to time to admire the view. Where the lane finished, several paths branched off through barren land on which grew bracken, gorse and coarse grass. Mountain sheep grazed peacefully in the sun. Big rocks were strewn about making a mountain stream twist in and out between them. From here, the climb got steeper, but when we reached the top we were rewarded by a beautiful view.

On top of this mountain there is what looks like a mound of slate, which is said to be the tomb of an old Welsh chieftain, and so is called "Tomb Palam." On a clear day, it is possible to see seven counties. These are Monmouth, Glamorgan, Brecon, Gloucester, Hereford, Somerset and Wiltshire.

We also had a splendid view of the Bristol Channel and where the Severn and Usk meet the sea. The small islands of Flat Holm and Steep Holm could be seen. Many collieries were to be seen, the furnace chimneys of the big electric works at Cardiff, and ships moving in and out of the Docks at Newport and across the channel at Avonmouth. Looking around, the view made a beautiful patchwork scene, with the brown and reds of freshly ploughed ground; the greens of the pastures, the browns and yellows of early changing leaves, and the patch of glistening water of the reservoirs which feed Newport. Dotted about in the picture were dark smudges of smoke from the collieries and the slag-heaps. On our way down we stopped and ate our tea, and by the time we reached our friend's home it was dark and we were foot-sore but happy after our memorable afternoon on Tomb Palam.

DAVID FIELD IHS.

WINTER.

The trees are bare and gloomy,
The stars no longer peep,
The squirrels and the hedgehogs
Enjoy their winter sleep.

The clouds are black and heavy,
The snow lies on the ground;
The children are always full of joy,
For Christmas will soon be round.

The frost is sparkling on the grass,
And the boys and girls have fun;
But I like to sit by the fire,
When the day is done.

RICHARD BROWN, IIF.

A VISIT TO CHESTER.

During the summer holidays, I stayed for a few weeks with a friend who lived near the old town of Chester. On several occasions we spent the day in Chester, admiring the shops and visiting some of the interesting places there.

The first thing that attracted my attention was the peculiar situations of the shops, unlike any other town I had visited. They were built on top of each other, and thus had the name of Rows. To get to them you had to climb up steps on to an upper pavement, but, of course, there were shops underneath as well. The shopping centre was really a large one.

The buildings of Chester, including most of the shops, look hundreds of years old, as indeed many of them are. They are very picturesque, with their black beams and white walls.

The Cathedral is a building which attracts much attention, and is greatly admired. It is beautifully carved, and the architecture, both inside and out is a great marvel. Besides the railed chancel, the church has huge libraries and cloisters, which are in a square and look over a delightful garden with a fish pond in the centre. I have visited the dungeons which were rather eerie.

An interesting walk to take is round the city wall. This wall dates from Roman times, and surrounds most of the town. It is still complete to-day, and walking round you have a good view of the river, and of the racecourse, which is noted all over England. Parts of the ancient castle still remain to-day.

Another place worth visiting is the Roman Bath, which is still complete. To get to the Baths you have to go into the basement of one of the shops in the Rows. The Baths, unlike any we know to-day, are sweating baths. A person would sit in a small chamber, which had about thirty pillars three feet high, under which was a hidden spring, and the chamber would fill with steam.

At the museum are a great many Roman relics, including old Roman helmets, armour, weapons, pottery, tableaux and instruments of torture. There is also a plan of the arena, on which it is said part of Chester stands.

Chester is indeed a place full of interesting things to see, and there are many I have not mentioned. I must say I enjoyed my visit very much.

JEANETTE GREENWOOD, V.R.

It was in November, 1939, on our way home to England from Egypt, that we called in at Genoa. After port formalities were completed we stepped ashore and boarded a motor-coach, which had been hired by the tourist agents for a sight-seeing tour of Genoa and district. We were among a party of about fifty, all eager to see one of the most famous of Italian cities and sea-ports.

The motor-coach moved out of the docks through the tunnelled streets (for Genoa is set among mountains), into a city. The guide pointed out the places of interest and national beauty among which were some beautiful squares. One of these stands out in my mind clearly and that is the one where a massive monument of Christopher Columbus stood. Out of the side of the square a waterfall incessantly tumbled down, adding beauty to the monument and the tall modern buildings for which Northern Italy is famed.

As we passed out of this square our guide pointed out the ivy-clad ruins of the house where it is generally believed he was born, but the guide firmly assured us that he was born in nearby Rapallo. It looked very distinct, sandwiched there between the more modern buildings which overshadow it.

Eager to see the famous cemetery (I cannot recall the name) we passed along the cobbie streets and through the working districts until we reached the outskirts of the city. The cemetery was some distance outside the city proper and we eventually reached it and spent several hours looking around. It is not such a cemetery as we think of and know the word, but it is a centre of some of the most marvellous sculpture in the world. Groups in black, white and red marble are arranged in most exquisite styles and are very life-like.

There was still more to see and once again entering the motor-coach we moved off from this famous place and made towards the mountains. The journey up one of them was one of the most spectacular climbs we have ever experienced and was really "hair-raising." The road zig-zagged up the mountain-side and the motor-coach went around the hair-pin bends in fine style. At length we reached the end of the climb and there we saw a single hotel perched upon the top. From here we had an excellent view, from an observation platform surrounded by thick plate-glass, of the harbour where the ships looked like toys. The surrounding mountains were bare except for a clump of trees and a homestead here and there.

When we returned to Genoa we were taken to see such places as the G.P.O.; modern working-people's flats, and along the new white coast road as far as Rapallo and back to the shopping centre. The shops were very similar to the big London shops. As it was now growing dark, we were taken back to the docks, having spent a most interesting and enjoyable day in and around Genoa, chief port of Northern Italy.

JILL FIELD, VR.

A is for Alan, and Alfred (that's me),
 B is for Barbara, we have two or three.
 C is for Cole, Margaret or Mag,
 E is for Ernie, he's good for a rag.
 F is for Freddie, or "Freckles" for short,
 H is for Harries, a musical sort.
 J is for Johnny, with seven stone of beef,
 K is for Kenniford, also for Keith.
 L is for Leslie, Peggy's the name,
 M is for Manning, one for a game.
 N is for Nutting, a good friend of mine.
 P is for Panton (waste of a line).
 S is for Strachan, a leopard with spots,
 T is for Turner, an expert at knots.
 W is for Waterman, with never a sin,
 X for Extraordinary, counts us all in.
 Z is for Zebra, you'll find at the Zoo,
 And if you look closely, you'll find us there too.

PRIMITIVE COOKING.

During the 1914-8 war my father was in the army and he went to Iraq and the surrounding countries. While he was in Iraq he saw a primitive method of cooking used by refugees from Kurdistan. These people called themselves Assyrians and were Nestorians by religion. My father told me the way these people made their bread, and now I am going to re-tell it in my own words.

Their bread is not like ours, it is not made in loaves but in circular pancakes about the size of a plate. This bread is called "chupatties." It is made simply with flour, salt and ghee, which is a fat made chiefly from buffalo's milk. The dough is kneaded in a similar way to ours, and when it is mixed they take a ball of it and slap it from one hand to the other into the shape of a pancake. Now the chupattie is ready for baking.

The baking is done in a very primitive way. First a hole about two feet deep and about eighteen inches wide is made in the ground, then a sloping shaft is made to run to the bottom of the hole as a flue. Next they make a cylinder of clay about two inches thick which they put in the hole in the ground. Then they light a wood fire in this cylinder and when the clay is practically red hot the oven is ready for baking.

Now comes the part of the cooking where the baker has to be well experienced. They (there is usually more than one baker) now slap the chupatties on to the side of the clay and through practice make them stick. About four of these chupatties are cooking at once. As soon as one is cooked the next is put on, and so on. They cook quite a number before the oven gets cool.

The idea of using a clay oven for cooking the chupatties arose because wood was scarce in Iraq and this method use much less of this valuable fuel.

That method of cooking bread interested me very much and I hope that others will find the same interest in it.

K. J. BOWSKILL, IV9.

BIRDS THAT I KNOW.

The first time I really took an interest in birds was when my father kept some in an aviary at the bottom of our garden. Of the birds which we kept, the goldfinches fascinated me most. They were originally wild birds, but people found that they were very fascinating to keep. This is how I first began to admire, watch and take a real interest in birds.

Since we kept those birds, I have always welcomed spring and the nesting season. On many Saturday afternoons we went for rambles over the fields. The usual direction taken on our rambles was up the road and across the field towards a very big muddy pond. That was the place where I saw my first and only Nuthatch. The nuthatch is an exceptionally rare bird, which lives on nuts, insects, berries and such things. It is a pretty bird with a soft blue-coloured back and an orange yellow breast. Just below where I saw the Nuthatch, a spotted Flycatcher makes a beautiful nest in the creepers near where he has his favourite perch. There he sits until he sees a fly and darts out and twists and turns to deceive it. The Flycatcher is only a summer visitor though and arrives in this country in April.

J. GREENWOOD, IIA.

A VISIT TO MANCHESTER.

A visit to Manchester was arranged during the last week of my summer holidays, to see the firework display. At last the day arrived and much to my disgust it was very wet. This did not daunt us, so at 8 a.m. we set off by car from Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent, well prepared to enjoy ourselves in spite of the weather.

We passed through Stockport, Leek, which is the centre of the silk industry, Rudyard Kipling's birthplace, and Macclesfield, arriving in Manchester at 1.30 a.m. The rain stopped as we made our way to Lewis's Stores which is one of the largest buildings in Manchester. Our first visit was to the restaurant as we were quite ready for lunch. We spent an hour or so in this wonderful store, then caught a bus out to Belle Vue Gardens.

In Belle Vue there is a fun fair, and a Zoo. First, we visited the latter where there were many interesting exhibits. In a side show were the two smallest horses in the world, one of whom was drawing a cart in which a rabbit with abnormal paws was seated, the driver being a three-legged cockerel. In another stall a dog and two monkeys were doing tricks on the smallest race horse.

We had a picnic tea on the terrace by the lake and watched the boaters and the swans. We then made our way to the fun fair where we had many thrills, one being a trip in the ghost train, and the other a ride around the gardens in the miniature railway. As soon as it got dark little fairy lights appeared all over the gardens and excitement ran high. All roads led to the grounds near the island which was to be the centre of the firework display. About forty thousand people were being entertained by the band. Promptly at nine the display began, and descriptions of the fireworks were given through the loud speaker. It was the first firework show since the war, and many of the masterpieces were similar to those fired in the great London victory celebrations. Some of the breath-taking ones (some of which had never been seen before) were "The Fiery Whirlwind," "Mammoth Fire Wheels," "The Devil's Tattoo," "Hissing Snakes," "Jewel-Headed Cobras," and streams of liquid fire. "The Rose of Lancaster" brought forth the loudest cheers, as this was the first time for them to be shown, and was an honour to the people of Manchester. The show ended with the Royal Portraits of the King, Queen and Princess Elizabeth in lines of

We left the gardens at 10.30 p.m. and reached home about midnight, tired but happy, and with wonderful memories of Belle Vue and the gorgeous firework show.

Wm. G. S., Form iv.

FROM PRESTEIGN TO LEOMINSTER.

While on my summer holidays, which I spent at Presteign, my mother, father, brother and I went to Leominster by bus.

The bus starts outside the Radnorshire Arms Hotel, which is a very old building. It was built in 1616 and is half timbered. It is said that there is a secret passage from the hotel to Stapleton Castle, which is about two miles away.

At 10 a.m. the bus leaves, and as it gets out of the town, one can see a big P.O.W. camp. After passing the camp, we pass Hayward Hall, which has a window for every day of the year. We stop at a small village called Weobly which mostly consists of half-timbered houses, built in the sixteenth century. On leaving Weobly we once more regain the countryside, and we pass a small twelfth-century church, which is quite near to the roadside.

Herefordshire is noted for its apples, and we pass many big orchards which are a very pretty sight when laden with big red, rosy apples. One cannot help noticing how well the hedges are trimmed, compared with those of Pembrokeshire.

Arriving at Leominster we proceed to the church to see the old ducking stool (there are only two in the country). The ducking stool was used for ducking people who did wrong in the olden days.

After a very enjoyable day we had a pleasant but uneventful journey home.

IVOR WILLIAMS, IIB.