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Editorial.

The term which is now drawing to its end has certainly been an eventful one. The first week was marred by a tragedy which none of us is ever likely to forget. After even this lapse of time, we have hardly yet realised the magnitude of the gap that the death of Mr. Pearce has left. Certain it is—and never was it possible to speak with more sincerity—that those of us who worked with him will never forget his cheerful helpfulness, his willingness to do his utmost always to help the life of the school in any way within his power, and, possibly more than anything else, his unfailing sense of humour. But it is quite impossible to express in a few short lines all that we feel about Mr. Pearce, and a more fitting tribute has been included in this copy of the PENVRO.

It is not often that we have occasion to record long absences of members of the staff, but this term two of our number have been away for long periods. Earlier in the term Miss Holmes

was away for several weeks, and, at the moment of writing, the School has been without its Headmaster for three weeks. It is very many years since Mr. Jones was compelled to be absent for such a considerable period, and it is to be hoped that long before the magazine is published he will have quite recovered his usual good health.

There is one bright spot in this otherwise gloomy term. The Debating Society has had a decidedly successful session, as will be seen from the account given in this number. No one will dispute the fact that the most entertaining of the meetings was the Mock Trial, which was the best affair of the kind the school has witnessed for many years. The organisers deserve our heartiest congratulations for the efficient way in which the trial was staged, and those who took part are to be complimented on the enthusiastic way in which they entered into the spirit of the proceedings.

There only remains now to convey to all readers of the *PENVRO* the season's greetings, and to express the hope that next term will be less ill-omened than the present one has been.



Mr. A. W. Pearce.

Mr. Pearce joined the Staff of this school in September, 1918. He came to us from Abertillery where he was Science Master at the County School and earlier the minister of a Baptist Church.

Mr. Pearce's arrival brought the number of masters, depleted on account of the war, up to three, and so made it possible for each house to have a separate House Master, Picton being then in charge of Mr. Garnett, Tudor of Mr. Pearce and Glyndwr of myself.

Mr. Pearce at once took charge of the teaching of Physics and of the Physics Laboratory, he became Editor of the School Magazine, he took the boys' Physical Training, and he always had charge of the business side of our public functions.

In all his duties he took the liveliest interest. I don't think he found anything dull; he managed to find a human interest in the most uninspiring tasks. Under his guidance the equipment of the Physics Laboratory was transformed and we can now boast of an excellent collection of apparatus for advanced as well as for lower school work. The scope of our teaching has been widened from the narrow mechanics course to a much fuller course in General Physics, and the volume of advanced work has greatly increased. In the thirteen years that Mr. Pearce served the school he had the satisfaction of establishing a sound scheme of study carried to a high level and of seeing an increasing number of boys selecting Physics as one of their Vith form studies.

He was an admirable editor of the magazine which under his guidance grew in interest and usefulness. In this part of his work his happy relations with pupils, present and past, were of the greatest assistance. All old pupil visitors to the school were anxious to see Mr. Pearce, and no one was more interested than he in their success in life. No tea after an Old Boys' match could finish until he had made one of his humorous speeches. No Staff hockey team took the field without Mr. Pearce, arrayed in cricket pads, as its sure last line of defence. Tudor House owes him a lot. Tudor's great win in 1930 was a great joy to him, but he was a good winner and a good loser, and could congratulate a successful rival with real good feeling.

I have put down some of Mr. Pearce's many contributions to our school life.

Perhaps I ought to add one or two words on his personal characteristics. The first I would mention is this—he was essentially a friendly man. He was always well disposed towards everyone with whom he came into contact, and we shall all of us remember him for his kindly attitude to everyone. The other quality I would note was his sense of public duty. Mr. Pearce was not satisfied with himself unless he were serving the community in some way apart from the conscientious performance of his school work. He was specially interested in the League of Nations Union and was the mainstay of the local branch, and he did excellent service too in connection with the Pembroke Dock branch of the Rural Library. He was always helping someone, and we shall miss in him a man of fine character and warm sympathies, who had won for himself a high place in School history.

T. H. J.

Examination Results.

Central Welsh Board Annual Examination, July 1931.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE.

L. B. Davies—English, History; D. J. Griffiths—Geography, Pure Mathematics; B. M. Jones—English, History; A. F. Morgan—English, French (with conversational power); W. G. Morgan—English, History (with distinction); P. G. Sudbury—English, French (with conversational power), History.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

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

D. Allan (5); D. M. Bray (5); I. E. Canton (6, W.M.), with distinction in English; M. P. Castle (5), with distinction in English and Geography; J. G. Clements (8, L. and W.M.), with distinction in Mathematics and Physics; N. V. Coulman (3); R. S. Davies (7, W.M.), with distinction in History and French; O. M. Dudley (7, L. and W.M.); G. A. Greenaway (5); L. M. Hicks (5, W.M.); M. W. Hughes (5), with distinction in Needlework; M. D. E. Hunt (5); R. G. F. Huzzey (4); R. R. James (6); B. May (4); I. McTaggart (7); B. I. Miller (5); M. E. Mould (6); N. W. Nash (4); T. A. Owens (5, L. and W.M.); N. G. M. Phillips (3); F. I. Pierce (5, L. and W.M.); S. E. Polhill (3), with distinction in French; G. M. Rea (8); R. Rees (6, L. and W.M.); M. E. Roberts (3); D. M. Scourfield (4); D. I. Taylor (5); E. M. G. Thomas (6); I. C. P. Thomas (4); J. A. G. Thomas (8, L. and W.M.), with distinction in Mathematics, Physics, Geography and Woodwork; J. R. Tucker (7, L. and W.M.), with distinction in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry; Joan R. Tucker (7, L. and W.M.); T. A. J. Warlow (6, L. and W.M.), with distinction in Mathematics; C. P. Williams (3); J. Young (2).

SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE.

K. A. M. Rouse, Latin; N. F. Sutton, Needlework.

LONDON MATRICULATION.

W. A. P. Francis.

Last Year's "Leavers."

Pupils who left last year have, as usual, scattered, if not "to the four corners of the earth," at least to all parts of the country. Many have proceeded to Universities and Training Colleges. Three have become students at the University of Wales, Louisa Evans and A. F. Morgan at Cardiff, and D. J. Griffiths at Aberystwith; two, W. G. Morgan and George Rees, are at St. David's College, Lampeter; Marjorie Mould is at the Training College of Domestic Arts, Cardiff; and eleven others are at various training colleges.

These have distributed themselves as follows:—Mary Taylor and Bessie Thomas are at Avery Hill; Nesta Dew, Daisy Rogers, and Nancy Richards at Stockwell; Norah Powell at Fishponds, Bristol; Nancy Sutton at Bangor Church of England Training College; Dorothy Jenkins at Portsmouth; L. Andrews at Goldsmiths; D. Hitchings at Bangor Normal; and F. Pierce at Chester.

A number of others are still continuing their studies in various ways. W. A. Francis is spending a year at Leicester in preparation for a course of training for the ministry; R. Hamerton is at the Wireless College in Cardiff; Mamie Roberts is doing a home course in dispensing, preparatory to going to the Westminster Dispensing College in February; Joan Young is taking a commercial course at Cardiff Technical College; four girls have become observation teachers, Maisie Hicks and Marjorie Hughes at Monkton, and Doris Scourfield and Connie Thomas at the East End School, Pembroke; and Ruby James, who is now living in Portsmouth, is still at school, at the Stoke Damerel Secondary School.

Others are now following various occupations. Mona Winter and Percy Lewis are clerks in Inland Revenue Offices, at Poole and Llanelli respectively; Tom Davies is an estimating clerk with a firm in Chester; W. Johnson is on the staff of the "Sporting Life" in London; Tony Satherley, who was 45th in the R. A. F. examination, is in training at Halton; Chrissie Griffiths has a situation as governess; and Myra Griffiths is helping in Mrs. Llewellyn's Kindergarten School, Wellington Street.

School Notes.

The number of pupils in school this term is 339, 191 girls and 148 boys. These together with the student teachers—B. Davies, G. Childs and P. Sudbury—and the observation teachers—L. Davies, G. Greenaway and I. Howells—bring the total to 345.

The prefects, who have incidentally made their presence felt are:—

Pictou:—I. McTaggart, M. D. E. Hunt, J. R. Tucker, G. I. Phillips (Senior), T. A. Owens.

Tudor:—B. M. H. Jones, A. M. G. T. Rouse, K. A. M. Rouse, W. J. Sutton, A. H. Bull.

Glyndwr:—E. M. G. Thomas (Senior), I. E. Canton, O. M. Dudley, P. Bevans, D. A. G. John.

The school wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Mr. Jones on the death of his mother, and to Mrs. Jones on the death of her mother, Mrs. Robson.

During this term Miss Holmes has been ill for several weeks. We are pleased to report, however, that she has recovered and is now back at school. Mr. Jones has also been indisposed during the term, but we are pleased to note that he has been able to attend school during the latter part of the term.

Miss Davies who has been unable to attend school since her unfortunate accident during the Spring term, is with us once again. We are pleased to hear of her complete recovery and welcome her return.

We welcome Mr. Irvin who joined the staff on October 12. Mr. Irvin is a graduate of the Universities of Cambridge and London, and was a Scholar of Caius College, Cambridge.

This term has witnessed the return of two old pupils, this time as members of the staff. They are E. G. Taylor who was at school from Monday, September 21st to Friday, October 17th, and C. O. Thomas who started on Tuesday, November 17th.

On Tuesday afternoon, November 3rd, the school was favoured with a concert by the Dorian Trio. The players were: Miss Rhid Lewis (piano), Miss Leyshon (violin), Miss Pauline Taylor (cello). The Assembly Hall was well filled and a very good hearing was given to the players, whose aim, Miss Taylor said, was to get good music appreciated as it should be. Judging from the applause they succeeded in this, the most popular renderings being, "The Londonderry Air," and "Beethoven's Minuet in G."

The concert was repeated for the public in the evening, when an appreciative audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This is the first visit which the school has received from the Dorian Trio, and since the Trio has been sent to work in this district we have every reason for hoping that it will not be the last.

Armistice Day was observed as usual in school, many pupils attended services at the various places of worship in the town, the others observed the Silence in their classrooms. Poppies were sold by Doreen Hunt and Mary Thomas on behalf of the local British Legion Committee. A sum of £2 15s. 7½d. was realized.

The Scholarship kindly given by Mrs. Rees—one of the lady Governors—has been awarded this year to Betty Jones.

Congratulations to J. A. G. Thomas, who in the 1931 C.W.B. Examination, achieved the first position in Pembrokeshire, winning a County Exhibition. The third and fourth places in the county were also held by members of this school, G. Tucker and J. Clements respectively. W. G. Morgan also distinguished himself by attaining third position in the county in the higher C.W.B. Examination.

Glyndwr House is indebted to Mr. Rees Phillips, J.P., one of the Governors, for the gift of a picture of Owain Glyndwr. Mr. Phillips has also presented the Sixth Form Library with a book on Owain Glyndwr.

Just before the beginning of this term the report on the inspection of last March was received at School. We can all congratulate ourselves on its complimentary nature, as it is in every way an excellent report.

Old Pupils' Notes.

Once more several old pupils have been successful in examinations. Ten—Maggie Davies, Olive May, Norah Sutton, Winnie Bull, Doris Barr, Alan Brown, W. G. Cole, A. J. Noot, C. O. Preece and Arthur Williams have obtained the Teachers' Certificate, and two—Marion Thomas and L. E. Nelson—after obtaining their degrees last year, have now successfully completed their year's training, Marion Thomas with a 1st Class in both Theory and Practice of Education, and Nelson with a 1st Class in Practice and a 2nd Class in Theory. C. W. Wells has completed the first year course at the Royal Veterinary College with 1st Class Honours; W. G. Morgan has obtained an award of £25 granted by the Lampeter College authorities on the result of the C.W.B. examination; and Frank Hobbs has passed the London Matriculation, and is now at St. David's College, Lampeter.

Of the thirteen old pupils who last summer completed courses at Training Colleges and Universities, all have obtained appointments—Marion Thomas at the Central School, Milford Haven; L. E. Nelson at the County School, Festiniog; Olive May at an Army School in Cheltenham; Norah Sutton in Chichester; Winnie Bull at an Army School in Deepcut, near Aldershot; W. G. Cole in Bath; A. J. Noot in Salisbury, Southampton; Alan Brown in Ludlow, Shropshire; C. O. Preece in Edmonton, London; L. M. Williams in Chichester; Arthur Williams in Salisbury; Maggie Davies in Smethwick, Birmingham and Doris Barr in a school near Oxford.

One old boy, W. Bevan, has gone to Goldsmiths' College; and C. O. Thomas, who obtained his degree last June, has gone for one year to the Teachers' Training Department of Bristol University. C. J. Rea is in London, studying to become an accountant.

It is our pleasing duty to congratulate a number of old pupils on their marriage. News of the following have reached us:—

Joan Hall to Mr. A. G. Elsdon, of Pembroke.

Ivy Le Huquet to Mr. A. G. Morgan, of Neyland.

Charles Thain to Miss D. Griffiths, of Tumble.
 Mabel Griffiths to Mr. G. Phillips.
 W. A. Gittos to Miss Helen Scott.
 R. D. George to Miss V. Morris.
 Olwen Thomas to Mr. H. Rossant, of Pembroke.
 Christine Davies to Mr. S. Oxenham, of Burton.
 Evelyn Thomas to Count Ottavio Zasio, of Venice.
 R. G. Hitchens to Miss Gwyneth Jones, who is also an old pupil.

Two old pupils have recently taken up fresh appointments, both in Gloucestershire; Ray Thomas as Geography master in Cinderford, and the Rev. E. L. Saunders, who was for some years curate in the parish of St. John, Pembroke Dock, as curate in Stroud.

The usual reunion of Old Pupils has been arranged for the Christmas Holidays, but at the moment of writing the date has not been fixed.

Debating Notes.

The Debating Society has had a very successful season, having held four very interesting debates. It is to be deplored however that the girls, more especially those in the Vth Forms, are so thoroughly scared by the prospect of an audience that they refuse to speak. The boys too have lacked their usual pluck for they leave the work almost entirely to the Sixth Formers who threaten to resign if they do not receive more support in the future.

The first debate was held on the 20th of October when the motion was "That free trade is still the best policy for Britain." The speakers for motion, M. Taylor and G. Phillips, completely vanquished their opponents C. W. Parry and R. Davies, but the number of votes is still uncertain.

On October 28th yet another debate was held when M. Castle and R. Davies supported the motion, "That the 'so-called dole' should be abolished." They were however defeated by J. Thomas and R. Rees who put forward very good speeches against the motion.

We held our third debate on November 4th when the committee were extremely fortunate in securing Miss Hinchliffe to speak against the motion "That Co-education has proved to be a failure." She was ably supported by G. Phillips and together they succeeded in defeating their opponents, P. Bevans and M. Taylor. This debate was very interesting, but again we must lament the lack of support from the mass of the audience.

Later in the term another debate took place when R. Davies and G. Phillips spoke for the motion "That Science is antagonistic to Religion." We rejoice to find that despite their fervent speeches, religion still holds sway for they were defeated by their opponents, Mr. Irvin and M. Castle.

The Debating Committee are anticipating another successful season when School re-opens and hope very sincerely that the shy members of the Senior School will overcome their stage fright during the holidays and give the committee their admirable support in the future. The members of the Committee desire to express their gratitude to those members of the Staff who assisted them in making the debates successful.

The Mock Trial.

The majority of the members of the senior school attended the Mock Trial, in which Geoffrey Phillips, the prisoner, was indicted with having illegally run a sweepstake in connection with the Football Match against Fishguard on November 21st. Mr. Davies proved an excellent and impartial judge, and was assisted by A. H. Bell as clerk of the Assizes. The ladies and gentlemen of the jury having been called upon, with Mr. Nagle as their foreman, the trial proceeded apace.

Mr. P. Bevans, the aggressive Counsel for the Prosecution, presented his four witnesses, R. Rees, Miss Treharne, Detective-Inspector Taylor and Mary Thomas. The first witness produced some very startling evidence. Having found a sweepstake ticket in a room frequented by chemistry people, he had reason to suspect the accused, a chemistry boy himself. In order to see if these suspicions were well founded, he tested the prisoner by means of what might be called "the association of ideas." Thus, the witness said to Phillips "Fishguard," and he immediately answered "Sweep-," changing it to "kipper" when he perceived his blunder. Mr. J. Thomas, the learned Counsel for the Defence, suggested that these terms might apply to the witness himself, at which there was loud laughter.

Mary Thomas and Miss Treharne saw Phillips on Monday and Tuesday night respectively, consulting the library in Room 2, surrounded by books, and looking very guilty. Mary Thomas also found a list of chemical formulae, which she presented to Detective-Inspector Taylor for investigation.

These witnesses having been very ably examined and cross-examined, those for the defence were called. They were R. Davies, Miss Hinchliffe, Joan Tucker and Marion Castle. R.

Davies alleged that the prisoner habitually used his typewriter, but it had not been employed when the chemical formulae and ticket had been typed, and it was therefore highly improbable that these two articles belonged to the accused. Marion Castle vouched for the prisoner's good character and produced a testimonial to the effect, while Miss Hinchliffe, a handwriting expert, pronounced it her firm belief that figures usually made by the accused and those inserted in the typewritten list were essentially different. Joan Tucker, who also discovered the prisoner at the VIth form library on Monday night, effectively explained that he was there out of brotherly love. He wished to obtain a book for his brother, who, not being a VIth Form boy, was not authorised to do so.

Thus, the Counsel for the Prosecution having exhorted the jury to find the prisoner guilty, and the Counsel for the Defence having begged a verdict of "Not Guilty," the judge summed up the case, and the jury retired. The prisoner, to his great joy, was acquitted, without a blot on his blameless character.

Sport.

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

TENNIS.

This season the finalists of the annual tournaments had the use of the new courts, which gave an added interest to the contest.

After some well-matched games, Beryl May and Joan Tucker were opposed to each other in the final of the Vth and VIth forms, the former proving victorious by 6-3, 6-4.

Keen rivalry was shown in the IIIrd and IVth forms, who this year had a combined tournament. The victors in the final, after a very hard struggle against Joan Thomas and Doreen Reynolds, were Elsie Addis and Ada Collins. The score was 4-6, 6-5, 7-5.

The champions of the IIrd forms were Gwyneth Rees and Jean Thomson, who defeated Esmé Barrett and Dorothy Branigan by 6-0, 6-0.

We can again boast of a school team, but owing to a lack of opponents, only two matches were played, one against Haverfordwest and the other against the 'Old Girls.' Since an account of the former match was given in the last issue, there only remains the report of the match between Past and Present pupils. This was one of the most interesting events of the Summer Term.

The match, which took place on July 21st, was played on the new courts. The 'Old Girls' were very strongly represented, and some evenly contested and exciting matches were witnessed. Unfortunately rain prevented the match from being completed, but out of the eight events played the 'Old Girls' were victorious in all but one.

The team representing the school in both matches was as follows:—M. Mould* (capt.); J. Tucker*; G. Rea; B. May*; B. Davies; D. Rogers.

* Players who have been awarded tennis colours.

CRICKET.

The School team ended a very triumphant season, by wresting back the honours of victory from the "Old Boys." This match proved the most enjoyable and thrilling game of the season's fixtures, and was witnessed by over three hundred excited spectators. The "Old Boys" XI batted first on a saturated wicket and scored 51 runs. The School XI then batted and nine wickets had fallen for 54 runs, so that it was not until the last minute that the school so dramatically regained their laurels, in defeating the "Old Boys" by 4 runs. The performance of A. F. Morgan in this match was a noteworthy one, this player scoring 27 runs for the school in just over one hour.

The Officials for the season were:—I. E. Howells (captain), A. F. Morgan (vice-captain), G. Phillips (secretary).

The team was selected from the following:—I. E. Howells*, A. F. Morgan*, G. Phillips*, T. Owens*, L. Rickard, R. Rees, T. Satherley, P. Bevans, D. John, W. Morgan, E. Humber, A. Thomas, A. Davies, W. Hopkins, J. Humber, L. Phillips and R. Huzzey. (* Old Colours). L. Rickard and T. Satherley were awarded Cricket Colours.

July 4, (home), v. Neyland C. C.—Won 62-39. Batting:—L. Rickard, 28, T. Owens, 22. Bowling:—G. Phillips, 5 wickets for 7 runs.

July 23 (home), v. "Old Boys XI." Won 58-54. Batting:—A. F. Morgan, 27, G. Phillips, 11. Bowling:—G. Phillips, 5 wickets for 15.

Final Results:—

Played 9. Won 7. Drawn 1. Lost 1.

The best batting performances were those of A. F. Morgan, who scored 83 runs for an average of 10.4, and T. A. Owens, who scored 79 runs for an average of 9.9. In Bowling, G. Phillips took 25 wickets for an average of 3 runs apiece, and A. Morgans, 23 wickets for an average of 4.5.

HOCKEY.

Eight matches had been arranged for this term, but two have already been cancelled owing to the inclemency of the weather

and one with Whitland County School on account of their inability to get up a team. Up to the time of going to press it has been a very successful season, although there have been several stiff fights, notably with Carmarthen, Whitland and Taskers.

The match with Carmarthen was eagerly anticipated because it was the first time we had played these formidable rivals. The game proved to be very exciting, Carmarthen leading at the end of the first half by 3-0. However, although the circumstances seemed rather disheartening the black and yellows returned to the fray with renewed vigour, scoring 4 goals in succession. A spirited rush of the Carmarthen forwards in the last minute resulted in a well-earned goal, equalising the scores.

The following appointments were made at the beginning of the term:—Captain, J. Tucker; Vice-Captain, B. May; Hon.-Treasurer, R. Rouse; Hon. Sec., O. Dudley.

The team was chosen from the following:—J. Tucker*, B. May*, B. Davies*, A. Johnson, R. Rouse*, M. Davies, O. Dudley*, D. Allan, K. Rouse, P. Moses, I. Canton, G. Thomas, N. Collins.

* Colours.

J. Ward played in the Carmarthen match owing to the absence of P. Moses; Betty Jones resigned at the beginning of the term, Gwyneth Thomas taking her place in goal.

This term also, we were granted the privilege of playing upon the boys' beloved cricket pitch, upon which they had toiled so assiduously during the summer months, but owing to adverse weather conditions, only one practice match could be played upon it. However, we can assure the cricket enthusiasts that the pitch has lost none of its fertile beauty, because throughout the match the eternal cry was "replace that sod," to which advice all strictly adhered.

Matches played:—

October 3rd—Whitland C.S. (home). Won 1-0.
October 24th—Carmarthen C.S. (home). Draw 4-4.
November 7th—Tenby C.S. (away). Cancelled.
November 14th—Fishguard C.S. (away). Cancelled.
November 21st—Taskers' High School (away). Won 4-2.
November 28th—Whitland C.S. (away). Cancelled.

FOOTBALL.

At a meeting of the Vths and Vllths boys at the beginning of the term the following officials were elected for the season:—Captain, G. Phillips; Vice-Captain, T. Owens; Secretary, P. Bevans.

Up to the time of going to press, 9 matches have been played, 6 won, 2 lost, and one drawn.

The school team has been selected from the following:—G.

Phillips, T. Owens, P. Bevans, R. Rees, H. James, A. Bull, F. Hordley, C. Richards, J. Humber, N. Nash, E. Humber; E. Rees, R. Huzzey and W. Hopkins have each played one game.

We retained our record by defeating Fishguard on our own ground, besides beating Narberth and Milford County Schools by substantial margins.

In House matches three games were played, the results being:—Pictou 2, Glyndwr 2; Tudor 2, Glyndwr 4; Pictou 4, Tudor 2.

Match results:—

October 3rd—Band Boys. Won 5-1 (home).
October 10th—Royal Engineers. Won 2-1 (home).
October 17th—Milford County School. Won 4-1 (away).
October 24th—Llanstadwell 2nds. Won 4-0 (away).
October 31st—Band Boys. Draw 3-3 (home).
November 7th—Fishguard County School. Won 3-2 (home).
November 14th—Royal Engineers. Lost 6-7 (home).
November 21st—Royal Air Force. Lost 2-1 (home).
November 28th—Narberth County School. Won 3-0 (home).

THE COUNTY SCHOOL GAMES.

On November 17th, we were away to Milford County School, and after a good match we won by four goals to one.

The match against Fishguard County School was spoilt by the abominable state of the pitch, but nevertheless after a very exciting game, we won by 3-2.

To complete our school matches we defeated Narberth County School to the extent of three goals to nil.

Life at Stockwell College.

7.10 a.m.—Rising Bell. Silence reigns in the dormitories, only to be broken by the creaking of the floor boards caused by one or two people who most religiously wend their way to the bathrooms.

7.25 a.m.—Orderly Bell. Drowsy voices ask, "Was that Rising?" Gradually everyone begins to hustle about, while after a few minutes there are frantic rushes to the bathrooms. Some very modest people, however, prefer to perform their toilet within their own rooms; this is allowed after Orderly Bell.

7.40 a.m.—Breakfast Bell. Within five minutes of this all are assembled in the Dining Hall. The Staff enter, Grace is said, and soon everyone is doing a fair share of eating and talking. After breakfast there is a rush to the letter rack. "Any letters for me?" is the predominant cry. Then everyone goes up to the

dormitories to make her bed and tidy her room.

8.50 a.m. Prayers in the Day Room.

9—1. Lectures or study.

1 p.m.—Dinner, after which the majority of people are free to do as they please. The afternoons are generally spent in playing hockey, net-ball, going for walks, shopping, excursions, visiting museums, welfare-centres, hospitals, and Blind and Deaf Institutions. If the weather is unfavourable the free time is spent in playing badminton or table tennis in the Old Art Room, and dancing or listening in to the wireless in the Day Room.

4.30 p.m.—Tea.

5—7 Study or lectures.

7—8.15—Prayers, supper, and then free until

8.15—9.45—Study again.

9.45—10.15—Free. Lights out 10.15 p.m.

Every other week-end is "Week-End Away," when most people go away from 12.30 p.m., Saturday, until 9.45 a.m., Monday morning.

On Sundays an extra hour's sleep is allowed. All are expected to go to church in the morning. Everyone is free to go where she pleases after dinner and stay out until 9.45 p.m.

There are many Societies in College which all are expected to join. Here is a list of them:—

The Music Society, every member of which is allowed to attend all musical concerts held in college, free of charge.

Social Service. The subscriptions from this society are sent to hospitals, welfare centres and St. Martin's Crypt Meetings are held, when all very busily knit blanket squares or children's garments.

Literary and Dramatic. Plays are arranged to be read and acted, while debates and discussions of all descriptions are also arranged.

Kurl Society, the aim of which is to beautify the college by means of flowers, pictures, etc.

Tramp Society. Excursions are arranged to places of interest, e.g.:—a tramp round the old walls of London.

Student Christian Movement, connected with which we have study circles on missionary work and such subjects.

There is also a college branch of the League of Nations Union.

There are several dances and entertainments arranged during the term. At the end of such functions all sing the college song, "College Days."

NESTA DEW.

Some Impressions of Avery Hill College.

"Animo et fide

Animo et fide

Avery, Avery, Avery,

Hoo, Hoo, Hoo,

Hoo, Haa, Hoo."

That's nothing more formidable than Avery Hill College cry—it's just used for "state" occasions when the students and lecturers of the whole college are collected together for a social evening of some kind or another. These occasions are only few—can't explain how much we enjoy them, because we usually don't.

L.C.C.!!! L.C.C.!!! L.C.C.!!! That greets you everywhere in Hostel and College. Somebody translated it as "Let Comfort Cease." Most visitors and innocent students interpret it as "London County Council." Are these translations synonymous? We wonder!!!

I dwell among the heavenly heights—that's top floor. Somewhere Lamb says, "Bells are the music nighest to heaven." He did not visit Fry Hall—here they are rung on bottom corridor!!

To-night there is an inter-hostel debate in Fry Common Room (let's hope there will be two fires). The motion is "It is better to be savage than civilised." Fry students intend to support the motion wholeheartedly—savages don't have to line up on Thursday night for permits to go out with friends on Sunday.

Motor-cycle enthusiasts would do well to come to Avery Hill. The dirt-track is already here—that's our path through the park to College. We prefer to use the road for walking—the path gives too much trade to shoe repairers.

I must warn you that the standard here is high. One student even expects a five-year old to answer the question, "What trees come here to lay their eggs in the spring?"

Despite minor "discomforts" College life at Avery Hill is really fine. Anybody who wants to know more about it may ask me in the holidays.

MARY TAYLOR.

The Nativity.

The saffron dusk sped on its fleeting way
Across the hills and o'er the Eastern seas,
A tropic moon hung languid in the sky,
Night fell, a zephyr whispered in the trees.

The shepherds crooning to their drowsy flocks,
With all the sacred meekness of their race,
Beheld a vision falling in their midst,
An angel tumbling thro' ethereal space.

They rose with one accord and heard the words,
"Behold! the King of Kings is born this night,"
They heard . . . one star seemed brighter than the rest,
They rose and followed by its guiding light.

It led them by the brink of Eastern shores,
O'er scented hills and to a manger bed,
And Heaven's blue bivouac of stars beheld
The Holy One, the little hallowed bead.

The moon waned, and the shadows paled away,
And still they lingered there until the morn,
With hearts exultant bowed they all before,
Chanting aloud unto the Prince new born.

The sun burst forth upon a crooning sea,
And bore aloft his fiery diadem;
. . . The world was born—its Lord and King,
The lowly little God of Bethlehem.

CLARICE WILLIAMS.

Catching A Train.

"The train leaves at 8.23 a.m. on Monday mornings, Mr. Brown." These were the words which reached the ears of Mr. Brown every Sunday night as he retired to bed. His landlady looked after Mr. Brown very well indeed. It was part of Mr. Brown's routine that he had to catch a train every morning at 8.30 a.m., except Mondays, on which day the train departed at 8.23 a.m. Mr. Brown thought it was very annoying that the train should leave earlier on Monday mornings. Because of this alteration, Monday mornings became his unlucky mornings.

It happened only on Mondays that he overslept, lost his studs, lost the tie that matched his suit or found a hole in his socks. Monday always was the day when he was able to eat twice his usual amount of breakfast, or when there was a particularly interesting piece of news in the newspaper. On Mondays his gloves were always lost, or his pipe or attaché case mislaid. On every other day of the week, everything was in its proper place; he was not hungry and there was no interesting piece of news in the paper. The train was only seven minutes later on Mondays than on other days, yet this difference affected him a great deal. The train on Mondays was always absolutely punctual, but on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and the other days, it was a few minutes late, or at least a few seconds.

Yes, on Mondays the train was punctual, but Mr. Brown never was. "Mrs. Smith, where did I put my attaché case, and where is my pipe, and where are my gloves?" "Here they are, Mr. Brown—why! there is a button off your coat!" "I cannot help that, there is no time to have it sewn on." "Yes, I shall not be a minute, Mr. Brown."

Mr. Brown stood patiently, while Mrs. Smith sewed on the button. At least, she thought he was patient, but all the time he was glancing from his watch to the clock. "The train leaves at 8.23 this morning," how often he had heard and repeated that phrase! Yet not once had he arrived early at the station. "Good morning, Mr. Brown, and good luck," but this was lost upon Mr. Brown, for he had slammed the door and was half-way down the street, walking in a very reckless manner. Naturally, to add to the usual misfortunes of Monday morning, his case found it convenient to burst open and display its contents on the muddy road. Mr. Brown hurriedly pushed the papers into the case, and proceeded. That was not all, however. The wind toyed with his hat, and finally the hat was racing him to the station. That hat had seen its last days! A car ran over it. Mr. Brown eyed it sadly—it had been a good hat . . . but that train had to be caught.

Twenty-three minutes past eight! "I shall have to run. Why must everyone walk on this pavement?—I beg your pardon, madam." He was obsessed with one thought, and one only, which was to catch that train, or else his work would not see him for another hour. He was perturbed; his mind was muddled; he was flurried and flustered. Poor Mr. Brown! his feet seemed to be glued to the ground. Was it the force of gravity which prevented him from running as fast as he would have liked?

Ah! the station! He made his way to the platform; "will the train have gone?—ah—ah is my luck in for once?" The train . . . had gone! He sank on to a seat and mopped

his brow. Bright prospects! the sack perhaps! The guard accosted him with a smiling countenance. "Pleasant morning, sir! The train is due in in ten minutes, sir; you seem surprised, sir! perhaps you have not been told that the 8.23 now leaves at 8.35?"

Instead of having seven minutes less than usual, Mr. Brown now had five minutes more!

JOAN WARD.

Winter.

Winter is here with frost and snow,
The trees are bare and wild gales blow,
The snow floats down from a leaden sky,
And the hail-stones hiss and the curlews cry.

The swallows have gone to a sunny shore,
But faithful robin is still at our door,
And cheers our gloom with his merry note,
Like a soldier brave, in his scarlet coat.

The merry children laugh and play,
Despite the coldness of the day,
Upon the pond they skate and slide,
And snowballs whizz from side to side.

The flowers are sleeping 'neath the ground,
Scarce any blooms can now be found,
But soon their icy chains will break,
For Spring will bid them all awake.

M. ROUSE.

A Visit to Pembroke Castle.

We walked up to the caretaker's cottage, paid our money, bought a plan, and entered the castle through the great gate that had once been shut against Cromwell.

As we had done when we went there before, we tried to get into the famous Barbican tower. This time we succeeded, as the door was not locked. We went in thinking how lucky it was that we had brought a flashlamp. But we found it was not needed, as the tower had been repaired, and the steps were even and complete. After climbing about fifty steps we came out into sunshine again. We were rewarded with a good view of the country round about. When we had rested, for we had walked

over two miles to Pembroke, we went down exploring all the rooms and blind passages. We were surprised at the alteration. The rooms have been repaired, windows and doors put in, and the floors covered with paving-stones. We went along a dark corridor, and found ourselves in the joiner's shop. In a little room behind, there were some things found while the work had been going on:—what seemed to be pieces of old pottery, a sort of cannon ball, and animals' skulls.

The battlements and walks along the walls were being repaired. The man in charge told us he was making it look as he thought it must have been before Cromwell spoilt it. They were going to try and get all the earth away from the side facing Monkton and expose the bare rock.

The next tower we explored had the floors only half finished so we could not see much there. From there we went to a building which looked like a chapel. Some say it is the chapel and others say that the chapel was next to it. However, the bits of walls standing there seem to have been part of the chapel. I do not know if they used to have fireplaces in chapels, but there is what appears to be one in the former.

Next we went to the keep. This keep is one of the finest examples of a round keep in existence. The walls at the base are about twelve feet thick. All the repairs that had been done there were to the steps. One workman proudly told us that they had mended all of the steps, a hundred and one altogether. There should have been five floors but all had crumbled away, and pigeons were the only inhabitants.

We climbed the hundred and one steps and were rewarded by a lovely view, far better than that from the top of the Barbican. We could see the country for miles around, and had a good view of Bush House, Penmar and Pembroke River.

After a long rest we went down and explored the Norman Hall and the Chancery. But the best of all was the Wogan cavern. We needed our flashlamp to go down there. It is impossible to describe that huge old natural cavern, with its green walls and the iron grating in front. We flashed the light up the holes in the walls and frightened the bats. Then with a whirring noise, they came out, nearly flying into our faces. About two dozen were flying round.

We found it was time we went, so we hurriedly ascended and went over the remaining parts of the castle quickly. We went home tired and hungry, but determined to visit the old castle again, when the work was farther advanced.

DOROTHY CLEMENTS.

Form Notes.

Upper VI.—Another term has come to an end—and what a term it has been! From time to time we have been nearly drowned in hot water, but we have managed to keep our heads above flood level. We are now the veterans of the school, and a question of urgent importance to some of us is whether we shall be granted pensions at the end of the year! Considering our reputation for hard work, I am sure all will agree that we deserve them. We all welcome the change of name in the form—Upper VI sounds so much more elevated than VIA.

Lower VI.—Lower VIth is certainly a 'mixed' form. Every day we see one of the Stuart line and several other superior personalities rub shoulders with a Miller's daughter and a Priory lass; and time never lies heavily on our hands while we have in our midst seven jolly (?) prefects, a communist, an atheist, a Dud, a Duffer, two Gay birds, and our mascots, the Greyhound and Paulley, the parrot, to Ginger things up a little. During the term, one of our number, T. Warlow, cut his hand very badly in the Physics Lab., but we are pleased to report that it has healed satisfactorily. Our form has lately discovered that light travels in two directions. We were surprised to learn that the knowledge caused some of our members to dream of Guy Fawkes all through the night. The only Grimy blots on our landscape are the mystery of history (which is for us an "hysterical problem"), and the question "when Is-a-bell not a bell?" which baffles us all. If any irate person should feel themselves insulted at our inferior efforts and demand an apology, we beg for "Clements," and wish them and the school a Merry Christmas and the best of "Tuck."

VA.—Exams now occupy first place in the minds of the majority of the form, although they are treated with calm indifference by the experienced "second-year-girls," who total seven. This year we are honoured by the presence of a few representatives of the 1st XI hockey team—but as yet the weather has not admitted of their matching their prowess against that of other forms, although it has sanctioned the playing of two netball matches—in which the fates were against us. We suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of the IVth form, but lost to the VIth formers by the narrow margin of only one goal, the score being 9-8. Next term we shall endeavour to follow in the footsteps of last year's VA and win all matches.