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## County School, Pembroke Dock.

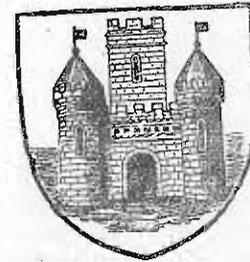
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### Editorial.

This term we welcome to school a number of new pupils. They come at an important time in school history, and it is to be hoped that that fact will give them an additional affection for the school, in that they are starting under better conditions than many generations of their predecessors. Moralising is out of place in *The Penvro*, but we cannot refrain from hoping that all our new pupils will enter as fully as possible into the life of the school, in class and out of class; that they will associate themselves to the best of their powers with all school activities, and that they will take with them, when they leave, an affectionate memory of several happy years.

The events of the term encourage a mood of retrospection. Turning to *The Penvro* of December, 1930, we find that the Editorial opens with this sentence: "The school has been agreeably excited this term by the news that the Governors intend to enlarge and alter the premises." In July, 1931, reference is made

to the imminent commencement of work upon our new buildings. In December, 1931, there is an ominous silence on this subject. The economic blizzard had arisen in the meantime and blown the whole project to smithereens. In July, 1932, there is a faint but decidedly diffident note of hope expressed in the Editorial, and at last in the following December the project is no longer a mere dream, but has become a reality. Few of the younger pupils can realize what these improvements mean to the senior pupils and to the staff. But all who took note of the Headmaster's words at the Re-opening Ceremony will remember the feeling of extreme relief he expressed in the realisation of a project which had had tentative beginnings twenty-four years ago.

No one has as yet produced an elegy to the departed glories of Room 8 (the late), or to the poor old Chemistry Laboratory, whose "innards" remained for so long scattered unsympathetically over the grass. Have they passed forgotten from our ken? Is there no one who feels any affection for these poor disappeared relics of what must henceforward be the irrevocable past?

But "hence, loathed melancholy." This is not the season for regrets, but the season of rejoicing. At the time of writing, terminals have just begun, and on all sides are furrowed brows and eyes whose gaze is lost in the far distance. May these brows soon be smoothed, these eyes lose their concentrated gaze, and may all find real recreation and rest during the holidays!

## The Lily Pools.

These are the Lily Ponds, and here I go  
On many a sunlit afternoon, to find  
The solitude dream-laden, that I know  
Awaits me here, away from all mankind.  
Here Beauty dwells. Here too, the lilies bloom  
In such a sweet profusion, that it seems  
A pattern woven on some delicate loom  
Has reached perfection.—Sunlight gleams  
On lilies golden-centred, as they sway  
With petals of pure white, and dark green leaves,  
Emblems of Nature's bounteous legacy,  
Drifting beneath the shade of friendly trees.  
So I, lying here day-dreaming in the sun,  
Think the Immortal Artist ere He died,  
Knowing His greatest work was almost done,  
Painted this scene, then laid His brush aside.

R. G. REES.

## The Re-opening.

For some years now, the term "the new buildings" has been, if not abstract, then a meaningless expression.

On November 29th, however, all our hopes were realised and our desires satisfied when Mr. Smith opened the completed buildings. The school assembled outside at the main entrance, and many visitors and parents witnessed Alderman Smith, the only surviving member of the original Governors of the School, open the main door with a gold key presented by Mr. W. H. Phillips, the builder.

We all proceeded then into the new hall, where, after a dedication prayer, and a reading by A. Morgan, Mr. David John, as chairman of the proceedings, called upon Mr. Smith to speak. This speech was very interesting, especially to the pupils, for he recalled briefly the history of the School since its beginning in 1895.

Lord Merthyr made a fine speech, in which he emphasised the fact that modern civilisation has given people more leisure, and that by education we must be taught to enjoy this leisure and use it to advantage.

Major Gwilym Lloyd George, fresh from "The House," was the next speaker. There was loud applause from the school when he said the part he had played in connection with the new buildings was that he had done his best to get the grant sanctioned by the Government.

Following Major Lloyd George, Mr. Dawes, the former (and first) headmaster, made a speech which called forth great applause from everyone. The amusing story he told about the amateur cavaliers on horseback made us wish that we had seen the Historical Pageant of which he spoke, where "if the horses had started to trot, half the cavaliers would have fallen off, while a gallop would have finished the lot."

Mr. D. Vaughan Johnson, the chief inspector to the C.W.B., appeared rather an awesome figure at first to some of us, into whose hearts the mere mention of those three fateful letters is enough to strike fear, but his delightful and friendly speech soon dispelled our fears and won general favour.

Another appreciated speaker was the Director of Education for the County, Mr. D. T. Jones. In his usual manner—for he certainly is a familiar figure on the platform on Speech Days—Mr. Jones said that the enterprise of the Governors is well rewarded in the fine way in which we are now housed.

Last, but as the chairman remarked, "by no means least," the Headmaster gave his address, in which he heaved a sigh of relief at seeing a "Paradise Regained," after labouring for twenty-seven years in "Paradise Lost." Moreover, Mr Jones brought to the notice of the public what none of the other speakers had had the opportunity of seeing, and that was the fine co-operative spirit of the workmen who had carried out their duties without causing any hindrance to the general school work, whilst there had been no friction between workmen, pupils or staff. The pupils, of course, deserve some credit in this.

There were musical items given by various of our members at intervals throughout the ceremony, while the visitors filed out at the end to the smell of fresh paint and the soft accents (!!) of "Green Grow the Rushes O!" rendered by the choir.

In addition to the fine new hall, which we will use also as a gymnasium, there are two dressing rooms, and shower-baths, whilst attached also to the block is a new chemistry laboratory, far superior in every way to the old one. Standing apart is the new cookery kitchen—more modern and better equipped than the former one.

Inside it is impossible to recognise the former school. The Chemistry Lab. and Room 8 have given place to a corridor and cloakrooms, while Rooms 2 and 5, etc., with their pleasant associations for many of us, have given place to quite different classrooms. It is to be hoped that the new surroundings will encourage all of us to greater efforts both in work and in leisure.

DOROTHY WILLIAMS.

## Examination Results.

Central Welsh Board Annual Examination, July, 1933.

### HIGHER CERTIFICATE.

P. Bevans—Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Geography; M. P. Castle—English, History; R. S. Davies—Latin, French (with conversational power), History; A. R. Morgan—Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; J. A. G. Thomas—Physics, Geography; G. R. Tucher—Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics.

### SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

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

E. V. A. Addis (6, with distinction in History, W.M.); J. H. Bevans (8,

with distinction in History, W.M.); M. B. Bracher (8); R. H. Bracher (8, W.M.); A. M. Davies (6); F. E. Davies (5); G. J. Davies (6, with distinction in French, W.M.); J. B. C. Davies (3); M. S. Davies (6, W.M.); M. F. M. Davies (3); G. C. Denner (6, W.M.); F. A. Denzey (6, with distinction in History, W.M.); E. M. Dew (5, W.M.); G. M. Edwards (7, W.M.); E. F. Foss (7, with distinction in History and French, W.M.); E. J. Gibby (6, with distinction in Geography, W.M.); A. B. Graham (5, W.M.); M. N. T. Gray (6, W.M.); L. Griffiths (5); G. E. Gwyther (4); O. C. L. Harvey (3); G. M. Henton (7); D. Hopkins (3); B. W. Howells (6, W.M.); J. R. Humber (3); B. R. Jones (3); H. I. Jones (5, W.M.); D. C. Lewis (5); M. Mathias (7, with distinction in Geography, W.M.); J. S. Mumford (2); F. E. Owen (3); C. F. H. Oxenham (4); H. Pearce (6, W.M.); C. I. M. Phillips (2); W. D. J. Priday (4); F. J. Rahe (7, W.M.); F. C. Roblin (7); D. L. Reynolds (5); M. E. Reynolds (4); F. R. Smith (4); E. H. Thomas (6, W.M.); J. E. Thomas (4); S. L. Thomas (3); W. A. Thomas (7, with distinction in French, W.M.); J. A. R. Utting (3, with distinction in Art); E. J. Williamson (5, W.M.); A. M. Willoughby (6); D. G. Winter (6, W.M.).

### SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE.

J. W. Pearce—Woodwork; W. Williams—History.

### LONDON MATRICULATION.

M. H. Taylor.

## Life At An "Ecole Normale."

I am told that life at the "Ecole Normale d'Instituteurs" (Training College for Elementary School Teachers) of Valence is much the same as at any other "Ecole Normale." But when getting up at six o'clock on a frosty morning it is little consolation to remember that in scores of other colleges, thousands of other students as well are wondering what they have done to deserve this punishment; there is, of course, probably some variation in choice of oaths for expressing this universal thought. One discovers how much less convenient it is to admire the sunrise than to admire the artist's conception of it; and how easily one forgets the wisdom of the copy-book maxim:—"Early to bed early to rise—" when the mistral blows at dawn.

It would have been more accurate to say that the students are *called* at six. Half-an-hour later all seventy of them present themselves for preparation, and no one seems to ask whether they have completed their toilet, and whether they are still wearing part of their night-attire under their black smocks. During preps., meals, household duties, and in the dormitories, two *surveillants* or junior members of the staff, are in charge. After the first prep. each student has to make his own bed, and it is immediately after this that he puts on sabots over his slippers. The subsequent clatter in the quadrangle announces that it is almost 7.30 a.m. and that breakfast is about to be served. From the chatter at meal times one might easily imagine oneself in the

Dining Hall, Pembroke Dock County School, except that the *surveillant* gives the order "Pipe down" in French. Immediately after a small breakfast, each student sweeps his assigned section of the building. Lessons begin at 8.15 a.m. and continue until lunch at 11.30 a.m.; recommence at 1.0 p.m. and continue until a snack at 4.0 p.m. Sometimes at tea hour is served a drink brewed from a mixture of herbs, and called tea; but it tastes so little like tea that it recalls the story of the hospital patient who did not know whether the drink he was given was meant to be a drink or shaving water, so he used it for both. Prep. follows from 5.0 p.m. till 9.0 p.m. with an interval for dinner at 7.0 p.m.

Recently the students considered themselves badly treated, for, instead of being allowed to leave on Friday for the two days' holiday which celebrates the glorious victory of the war, they were told they could leave when they liked on Saturday. Therefore on Friday night they dined on bread and wine alone, and sent back untouched the four courses which were served. At nine o'clock that night seventy students went to bed, and at six o'clock next morning there were only six left.

The Normalien does all the subjects that one does for Senior C.W.B., plus philosophy and gardening. The gardening consists mainly in tending the vines, for all the wine that is used here is made on the premises.

In French schools the day's holiday is taken on Thursday, instead of Saturday as in England. On Sunday and Thursday the Normalien is allowed to go into the town, so on these days he forsakes his smock and sabots, brushes his beret, and complete with spats and umbrella, makes for the nearest café. On Sundays they usually go to a dance hall some miles away, but they have to be back in college by six o'clock. Punishment, in the form of detention on these two free afternoons, is given for bad behaviour, and for bad work. But you in Pembroke Dock are fortunate, for when the *surveillant* gives one hour's detention, this is usually increased to four by the Director, and those who get below half marks in any subject are detained for a whole afternoon. In the English classes each student is called upon about three times a term to stand in front of the class to be catechised. To see a student of twenty move awkwardly from one foot to another when he forgets his piece, reminds one much more of an Infants School than of a Training College. Recently one student, who has been learning English for eight years, pronounced "promises" to rhyme with "assizes," and tried to pronounce the letter "w" in "answers." So bear up, all ye who learn French. It is quite as difficult for the French to learn English as for the English to learn French.

The Normaliens are every bit as keen about games as the English schoolboy, though rather less skilled. Recently some of those who wanted English correspondents were asked their favourite hobby, and out of twelve, eleven answered "sports." No interval between lessons is too short to play ping-pong, tennis, football, or basket-ball, but their tennis court would be considered a rough football pitch at Pembroke Dock, and their football pitch just an outside tennis court.

Municipal theatres are much more widespread in France than in England, and this, perhaps, is why the average Normalien has an excellent knowledge of opera, and a remarkable ignorance of instrumental music. Some are acquainted with the waltzes of Strauss, for dancing is one of the favourite pastimes. American music has spread, via the wireless, far beyond the limits of the English language, for one of the students is a would-be Byng Crosby, and curiously enough is by far the best violinist among the fifty students who play that instrument. Perhaps it is the compulsory military service that is the cause for the popularity of military music. One fellow told me that he does not like college. During his first two years here he was punished frequently, but things were improving for this year, as the staff has got tired of reprimanding him and he is, of course, looking forward to next year when he will be a soldier.

The whole system seems to cramp the style of the person who is original. He does four hours prep a day and is given enough work to keep the average student busy for four hours. He has practically no time of his own to do extra work on a favourite topic, and instead of becoming original, becomes a copy of his neighbour. The students seem quickly to fall into a habit of doing the "fundamental, indispensable minimum," but will probably make excellent teachers. Please do not think that this pessimistic strain represents the outlook of the student. On the contrary, his anthem might well be, "To-day I feel so happy—I don't know why I'm happy" (he often sings the French translation). He doesn't bother to ask himself why, and whether it is going to last. He is too happy, and too busy learning the "Ode to Autumn" or wondering whether it will be his turn to recite to-day, to think of anything but the present.

D. J. GRIFFITHS.

## Sports Day.

Wednesday, July 26th, was a typical day of the glorious summer of 1933. The weather was what is usually described as "ideal,"

which means, in this case, a cloudless day and a blazing hot sun. The heat had no apparent effect on the energy of the competitors, unless it was to increase it, because the standard of performance was excellent, particularly in the jumping. This year the gymnastic display was omitted, owing to fears that, even with the advantage of the long summer days, the final events would have to take place in semi-darkness. Many people regretted the omission, but the fears were justified, as it was quite late when the winners had been decorated and the various paraphernalia cleared away. The cross-country race was run off some days before the sports, and encouraged a surprisingly large number of entries.

The honours were won by Glyndwr House, the final placings being as follows:—Glyndwr, 182 points; Tudor, 167 points; Picton, 142 points.

The judges were:—Mr. David John, J.P. (chairman of Governors), Mrs. David John, Mr. William Smith, J.P., Rev. D. D. Bartlett, M.A., Mr. W. J. Elkins, Burton, and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Davies, Neyland.

Full details are as follows, the letters indicating the House to which the points belong, Picton, Glyndwr or Tudor.

80 Yards Race, Boys under 14.—1, H. Sobey, T, 10 one-fifth seconds; 2, L. Culley, G; 3, W. Cox, G.

100 Yards Race, Girls over 16.—1, Phyllis Moses, P, 11 three-fifth seconds; Dorothy Clements, G; 3, Blodwen Howells, P.

80 Yards Three-Legged Race, Boys under 15.—1, T. Hordley and W. Torrington, P; 2, V. Wells and W. Richard, T; 3, H. Griffiths and H. Williams, P.

50 Yards Sack Race, Girls under 15.—1, Margaret Rouse, T; 2, Jean Liniker, G; 3, Doreen Nevin, P.

Long Jump, Boys under 15.—1, Eric Williams, G, 17 feet; 2, H. Sobey, T; 3, E. Johnson, G.

100 Yards Race, Girls 14-16.—1, Roslyn Jordan, T, 13 seconds; Audrey Roberts, T; 3, Margery Mathias, G.

Slow Bicycle Race, mixed, over 15.—1, G. Noakes, P; 2, Edith Dew, P; 3, F. Rahe, T.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Boys over 15.—1, Bert Davies, T, 86 yards; 2, J. Gibby, G; 3, T. Hay, P.

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

100 Yards Race, Boys over 16.—1, N. Nash, G, 11 seconds; 2, F. Rogers, T; 3, F. Rahe, T.

High Jump, Girls, 14-16.—1, Marjorie Lloyd, T, 3 feet 10 inches; 2, Jessie Halliwell, P, and Marjorie Mathias, G.

Egg and Spoon Race, Girls under 14.—1, Betty Hart, G; 2, Sheila Reynolds, P; 3, Iris White, T.

Tug-of-War.—1, Glyndwr, three pulls; 2, Picton, nil.

80 Yards Race, Girls under 14.—1, Hilda Miller, G; 2, Winnie Thomas, P; 3, Audrey Sabido, T.

100 Yards Race, Old Boys.—1, G. Lewis, P, 11 four-fifth seconds; 2, I. Addis, P; 3, F. Hobbs, P.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Girls over 15.—1, Joan Tucker, P; 2, Lorna Griffiths, G; 3, Beryl May, T.

High Jump, Boys under 14.—1, H. Sobey, T; 2, E. Pendleton, T, and F. Denzey, G, tie.

Shipping Race, Girls over 15.—1, Dorothy Clements, G; 2, Phyllis Moses, P; 3, Blodwen Howells, P.

Long Jump, Boys over 15.—W. Priday, P, 18 feet 6 inches; 2, F. Rogers, T; 3, J. O. Thomas, T.

440 Yards Race, Boys Over 16.—1, N. Nash, G, 59 two-fifth seconds; 2, T. Rogers, T; 3, A. H. Bull, T.

House Team Game, Girls Under 15.—1, Glyndwr; 2, Picton; 3, Tudor.

Kicking the Football, Boys Under 15.—1, Eric Williams, G; 2, W. Richard, T; 3, T. Hordley, P.

80 Yards Three-legged Race, Girls Under 15.—1, Phyllis Griffiths and Betty Palmer, G; 2, Roslyn Jordan and Pansy Glue, T; 3, Audrey Sabido and Gwenda Rogers, T.

High Jump, Boys Over 16.—1, N. Nash, G, 5 feet 2 inches; J. Clements, G, and J. O. Thomas, T, tie.

15 Yards Flower Pot Race, Girls, Open.—1, Betty Palmer, G; 2, Olive Thompson, P; 3, Gwenda Edwards, G.

Kicking the Football, Boys Over 15.—1, A. H. Bull, T; 2, P. Bevans, G; 3, R. Jones, P.

Obstacle Race, Girls.—1, Betty Palmer, G; 2, Beryl May, T; 3, Roslyn Jordan, T.

Slow Bicycle Race, Mixed, Under 15.—1, Peter Gray, T; 2, Florence Utting.

House Team Game, Boys Under 15. 1, Picton; 2, Tudor; 3, Glyndwr.

Tug-of-War.—1, Glyndwr (3 pulls); 2, Tudor (nil).

High Jump, Girls Under 14.—1, Hilda Miller, G, and Lucy Knight, P, tie; 3, Gwen Roch, P.

50 Yards Boat Race, Boys Under 15.—1, Picton; 2, Tudor; 3, Glyndwr.

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

Obstacle Race, Boys Over 15.—1, W. Priday, P; 2, J. Owen, T; 3, G. Barnes, G.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Boys Under 15.—1, H. Sobey, T; 2, F. Denzey, G; 3, W. Richard, T.

100 Yards Race, Boys, 14-16.—1, W. Priday, P, 10 two-fifth seconds; 2, D. C. Davies, G; 3, G. Barnes, G.

High Jump, Girls Over 16.—1, Doreen Reynolds, T; 2, Nita Collins, P; 3, Gwenda Edwards, G.

50 Yards Sack Race, Boys Under 15.—H. Griffiths, P; 2, B. Burgess, T; 3, D. Shanahan, G.

100 Yards Race, Old Girls.—1, Rona Rouse, T; 2, Olwen Dudley, G; 3, Clara Burgess, P.

House Relay Race, Mixed, Over 15.—1, Glyndwr; 2, Tudor; 3, Picton.

Shipping Race, Girls Under 15.—1, Roslyn Jordan, T; 2, Hilda Miller, G; Phyllis Griffiths, G, Lucy Knight, P, tie.

High Jump, Boys 14-16.—1, W. Priday, P; 2 and 3, C. Thomas, P, and G. Barnes, G, tie.

Tug-of-War.—1, Picton (2 pulls); 2, Tudor (1 pull).

Cross-country Race of Three Miles (Over 16).—J. O. Thomas, T, 22 minutes.

Team Placings:—1, Tudor; 2, Glyndwr; 3, Picton.

## School Notes.

There are 354 pupils in school this term, 204 girls and 150 boys. In addition there is one student teacher, Kathleen Rouse.

The Prefects are :—

Tudor :—Dorothy Williams, Doreen Reynolds, Elsie Addis (taking the place of Barbara Jones, who left at the beginning of November), J. O. Thomas, Ronald Rees, Albert Morgan.

Picton :—Joan Tucker (Senior), Nita Collins, Molly Reynolds, T. A. Owens (Senior), R. S. Davies, A. B. Graham.

Glyndwr :—Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Clements, Marjorie Mathias, P. Bevans, F. A. Denzey, J. A. G. Thomas.

Edith Dew is to be congratulated on coming first in the examination for an appointment at Milford Post Office last term. Two other girls followed her very closely on the list, Joan Thomas being second and Dorothy Williams fourth.

Grenville Noakes passed the Dockyard examination last summer, and is now a moulder in Chatham Dockyard.

J. H. Bevans, by being second on the School Certificate list for the County, was awarded a County Exhibition. In September he sat the Civil Service Clerical Classes Examination, and has succeeded in obtaining an appointment. No doubt he will soon be leaving to swell the ranks of old Penvoites in the Civil Service.

We congratulate Beryl May on success in another sphere. During the summer, she won the Girls' Silver Cup in the Park Tennis Tournaments, her opponent being Joan Tucker. We seem to remember these two meeting in some tournament or other before.

W. Canton left last July and joined the Merchant Service. He began his first voyage during the first week of this term, since when he has no doubt seen a good deal of the world.

During the summer, T. Warlow accepted a post in the Housing Department of the Manchester Corporation, as the result of a competitive examination he passed some time ago.

Barbara Jones, who was made a Prefect in Tudor House at the beginning of term, has left to take a post in Hancock's Shipping Office, Milford Haven.

N. V. Coulman left school a short time ago, and is now learning to be a chemist.

Gwenda Edwards and Gwyneth Ely, who left last term, have taken up nursing.

On October 24th, the School once more had the pleasure of

being entertained by the Dorian Trio. As our new hall was not ready, and the old one had been replaced by classrooms, the concert was held in the Temperance Hall. The seating accommodation was certainly better than it used to be in our old Assembly Hall, so that this year we were able to listen in greater comfort. There was one new comer to the trio, as Miss Palmer took the place of Miss Leyshon as violinist. The other players were, as last time, Miss Pauline Taylor (cello), and Miss Euid Lewis (piano). The concert was thoroughly enjoyed, and Miss Taylor paid the school a high compliment on their capacity for appreciative listening.

This term there have been two holidays, half-term on Monday, November 13, and a half-day on Thursday, November 30, in celebration of the School Re-opening. One other day should not pass forgotten. Friday afternoon, November 24, will long be remembered as the great (but possibly unseasonable) spring-clean. Very few parents can possibly know the latent powers of their sons and daughters in the great art of cleaning and polishing. No doubt these ardent polishers will have opportunities of showing their capabilities in their own homes during the Easter holidays.

During the week beginning Monday, November 27, Dr. Dorothy Rees visited the school to conduct a medical inspection.

Everyone feels deep sympathy with Mr. Roblin on his continued ill-health and consequent absence from school. We sincerely hope that rest and care will soon restore him to the bustling, energetic figure we all know so well. In the meanwhile, we welcome Mr. Waters, who is taking Mr. Roblin's place, and we hope his stay with us will be in every way a pleasant one.

The news of the death of Mrs. A. M. Rees on November 15th, was a terrible shock to us all. It was so unexpected, and Mrs. Rees had always appeared so full of energy and so youthful in spirit. She had always been a very close friend of the School, showing her interest not only in words but in deeds. Mrs. Rees had been a Governor for about eighteen years, and acted as Chairman a few years ago. She worked very hard, though behind the scenes and in her own quiet way, to urge the Board of Education to sanction the expenditure on our new buildings. Finally, her most concrete gift to the School is the Mrs. Rees, Ty-Gwyn, Scholarship, which is a sum of £5 given annually to a pupil already in the school. It has been held successively by L. H. Andrews (the first holder), Betty Jones and Richard C. Jones. It is hardly necessary to add that our deepest feelings of sympathy go out to Mr. T. Rees and his son and daughter.

## Old Pupils' Notes.

A number of old pupils were successful in examinations last summer. In addition to the results mentioned in the July Penvro, news has been received that C. W. Parry, who is at King's College, London, passed his Inter B.A. in June, and that C. W. D. Phillips, who left school some years ago, when his parents moved to Portsmouth, has completed his B.Sc. (London), with 1st Class Honours. Tom Davies passed the London Matriculation in June, and Leslie Howells, who entered the Civil Service a few years ago after competitive examination, passed the Tax Officers' Qualifying Examination last June. In the Training Colleges the following have passed their Teachers' Certificates:—Daisy Rogers, Bessie Thomas, Mary Taylor, Nesta Dew, Nancy Richards, Norah Powell, Fred Pierce and Donald Hitchings.

News has been received of several teaching appointments since the last Penvro appeared. Nesta Dew began at Bristol last September, Maisie Freeman at a Church School in Acton, Hants, and Dorothy Jenkins at Midhurst. Fred Pierce started in Bedford in the middle of the term. Lily Paybody, who did so well at Cardiff University College, is teaching at Rochdale Secondary School. It is a mixed school, and she is teaching Mathematics and English, and is taking charge of the junior hockey. Olive May, who has been teaching in an Army school at Chepstow, has been transferred to Malta. W. Bevans has a post near London.

Molly John, who is now a qualified dispenser, has been since last July acting as dispenser to a doctor in Mere, Wilts. She likes her work very much, and appears to be a very capable worker.

Nigel Maire, who spent the last few years of his school career at Haverfordwest Grammar School, has passed out of Peel House, and is now in the Metropolitan Police.

Joan Young has obtained a post in the County Offices, Haverfordwest.

It is interesting to note that Zoe Smith acted as secretary to the "Romance" treasure-hunting expedition up to the time of sailing.

We congratulate Winnie Bull on her engagement to Mr. Victor Morcombe, and Louise Rees on her marriage, which took place at Milford Haven in November.

Congratulations also to W. G. Morgan, who has been awarded, at Lampeter, the Traherne scholarship for History.

There has been included in this issue an article by Jack

Griffiths, who is spending a year at Valence, in the department of Drôme, Southern France, as assistant lecturer, or répétiteur in a teachers' training college. It is interesting to note the differences in their way of life.

An interesting letter was received early in the term from Ray Thomas. He left the Yardley Secondary School, Birmingham, which was his first post, at the end of the summer term, 1931, and began in the following term at East Dean Grammar School, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. He tells us that he was married in January, 1932, but omits to give any further details. One of his colleagues is a Mr. Aveston, from Honeyborough, who is related to Brenda and Ida Aveston. As he was hoping to submit his M.Sc. thesis this month or in the spring, we hope to have the pleasure of congratulating him in the next number.

John Turner, who left school some years ago, when he was in the Fourth Form, was transferred to Andover Grammar School, where he did very well. In July, 1930, he passed the Oxford School Certificate with First Class Honours and London Matriculation equivalent, gaining a prize for Geography given by Viscount Lymington. Two years later he passed the London Higher Certificate, thus obtaining exemption from Inter B.Sc. He spent a final year specialising in chemistry, and now has a post as an industrial research chemist in a paint factory in London. He mentions, incidentally, that he finished up at school as Head Prefect and Soccer captain.

A reunion of old pupils has been arranged to take place on Friday evening, December 29th, in the New Hall. This year it will take the form of a whist drive and dance, whist to begin at 7.30, and dancing at 9.30, admission 2/6. An announcement has been inserted in The Nulshell. The secretaries would be glad if pupils would spread this information as widely as possible.

## The School Picnic.

A dull, grey sky and a damp morning are certainly not very heartening omens, and many were the gloomy prophecies made when we met on the pier at 8.55 a.m. (prompt) for the great School Picnic. However, our spirits rose at the apparent freeness of the ferry tickets and the Lady Magdalene carried a happy—and a large—party to Neyland. Here the freeness (also only apparent, unfortunately) of the buses cheered us still more.

We passed Haverfordwest and attacked the "sixteen miles and seventeen hills" in fine style. A five-minute stop at lovely Newgale was welcomed, and lo—some said the sky was clearing!

Refreshed, we continued our journey. The famous hills of Newgale and Solva vanished beneath us, and we arrived at St. Davids ahead of schedule.

Here we met by appointment an Important Personage, under whose guidance we saw the wonders, and heard the tale of the Cathedral. It was a very interesting visit both for those who had and for those who had not been there before and we were truly grateful to the Important Personage.

We travelled thence to an unknown destination, and I fear the noble Saint was forgotten in the "pleasures of anticipation." Still, there is a time for all things, and it was certainly time for lunch when we stopped at Whitesands Bay. A pleasant place—but time flew and once more we took to the road; this time to Newport. This was a long unbroken journey and we were all glad to arrive, for many reasons. Here we, or some of us, were to bathe, and for some I fear the lure was again—eatables. The bathe was a great success, despite the difficulty of finding the beach and the penny toll for crossing the river (or stream). "Drinks" of every sort were procured during our long stay, and we were all well fortified for mountaineering when we left for Prescelly. One member was very struck with Newport and was nearly left there. However, we arrived at the mountain (the foot of it) safely and set off up it gallantly. Alas for our hopes! A mist descended, we were late, and our leaders decided against the climb. We returned to the buses leaving Prescelly unconquered. Still, another day might come, another trip, and we were not downhearted as we set off, this time towards home. Two members were nearly lost, again, because of their desire to inspect the slate quarries.

But we arrived safely at Neyland and the ferry, and so to bed, having covered well over 100 miles right joyfully. I cannot end better than in the words of the parson who said, as a benediction at a public dinner, "For what you have just received you will have to pay three and sixpence!"

But it was worth it.

H. PEARCE, VI.

## Debating Society Notes.

There have been only two debates this term, but both were very interesting.

The subject of the first, which took place on October 18th, was, "That Great Britain needs a Hitler." The speakers for the motion, R. Rees and D. Williams, were defeated by their opponents.

P. Bevans and D. Clements. There was no lack of speakers when the opening speeches were finished.

The second debate took place on November 22nd. Two Fifth Form girls, O. Canton and M. Rouse, showed great pluck in opposing two Lower Sixth boys, H. Pearce and F. Denzey. The subject was split into two parts:—(1) That woman has claimed the privileges of man, and (2) That she must now take his responsibilities. This subject was also well debated. Much amusement was caused by the various instances given by speakers in order to add to their arguments. Most speakers accepted the fact that women have claimed men's privileges and so the votes were taken on the second clause. The two boys, who supported the motion, were successful.

Both of these debates have been outstanding for sound speeches, the keenness of the open debate, and the large numbers that attended them.

The League of Nations has doubtless increased its supporters among the members of the Senior School,—due largely to Mr. Beverley Nichols and Miss Treharne. The impetus was given on November 23rd, when, having been much impressed by "Cry Havoc!" Beverley Nichols' book, Miss Treharne read some very gripping, convincing and sincere extracts, to a surprisingly large number of senior scholars—surprising because the meeting was quite impromptu. The pacific spirit of Mr. Beverley Nichols, as illustrated by this book, was ably and impressively conveyed to all present by Miss Treharne, whose reading, interpolated with her own personal views on the subject, certainly convinced everyone of the futility of war, or "mass murder of civilians," and the pettiness and cruel animal idiocy of it, as compared with the nobler merits of peace.

The fact that there was another reading, by request, on December 1st, bears testimony to the success of the first meeting.

## The Mock Trial.

A very interesting and successful Mock Trial was held in Room 10, in November, when Phillippa Pheasant (Nita Collins) was charged with blackmailing Algernon Higginbotham, alias F. Denzey. The case was heard by Mr. Justice Devereux and a very intelligent jury:—Messrs. J. Thomas (foreman), D. Winter, T. Owens, D. Radcliffe, D. F. Hordley and V. Wells; and the Misses M. Mathias, Dorothy Taylor, Doreen Taylor, M. Davies, G. Rees and O. Canton.

The proceedings opened with an objection by the prisoner to Mr. Winters being a jurymen, on the grounds that he did not

look capable, but the objection was dropped when the foreman vouched for Mr. Winter's intelligence.

Mr J. O. Thomas, K.C., for the prosecution, in an eloquent oration, showed how the double-dyed villainess, Phesant, had known that honest but unfortunate gentleman, Mr Higginbotham in youth; how she had exercised a certain influence and had incited him to commit petty thefts for which he was sent to Borstal. He had afterwards changed his name to Denzey and become manager of a local insurance company. The accused had met him and tried to extort money from him by threatening to expose his unfortunate imprisonment in Borstal.

The first witness was Mr. Higginbotham. He declared, amid laughter, that he was afraid of the accused. He denied that he liked her. She had blackmailed him at school and was the cause of his thefts. After meeting the accused at Tenby he had received three letters asking for money and at last had met her at the Eastgate Hotel, Pembroke, where he had threatened to report the matter to the police. He often visited the Eastgate to collect insurance money and play darts (laughter).

The next witness, Miss Clegg (Miss Treharne), was a great success, causing much confusion and amusement in court. As a waitress at the Eastgate she knew Mr. Denzey well—"such a nice gentleman, too!"

She did not know the prisoner—"Nor don't want to, I'm sure—stuck-up old thing!" She had overheard several words of the conversation between Mr. Denzey and the accused in the lounge, words like "prison," "cash" and "lose my job." Mr. Denzey looked very angry. When Mr. Pearce protested against Miss Clegg's behaviour, the judge said they must make allowance for her upbringing (laughter). She sat down amidst great applause.

Mrs. Griffiths (Lorna Griffiths), wife of the Rector of Bala, and the schoolmistress there, gave evidence (with a strong Welsh accent), that Algernon had been a very good little boy, going to Sunday School regularly. Accused had always been a wicked girl.

The prisoner at the bar was then called. She declared that at Bala they had been very friendly. She afterwards kept a café at Tenby. It did not pay, and meeting Algernon in the street, she thought he would be pleased to help an old friend. Therefore she wrote to him and afterwards met him in the Eastgate Hotel. He was very sympathetic and said he would see what he could do. Speaking of the letters, she said she was not demanding money, only hoping for it. She certainly did not intend to blackmail him, and was surprised and hurt by the charges he brought against her.

The proprietor of the Eastgate Hotel, Pembroke (Mr. P. Bevans), said that Mr. Denzey was captain of the Hotel Dart Club (cheers). He must have been nervous on the night of the meeting because he threw two darts and missed the board altogether!! He seemed to be quite friendly with the accused when they left. He declared that Miss Clegg was partial to the opposite sex and had leanings towards Mr. Denzey (laughter and cheers). She was of a jealous disposition.

The Judge then summed up in a clear, concise manner, which showed his grasp of all the complicated details of the case. His speech was full of plain common sense and humour, which received much applause.

The jury retired and after being directed by the clerk of assize (Miss L. Hemmings), they concluded that the prisoner was guilty, but added a strong recommendation to mercy.

His Honour then, with a few well-chosen words, sentenced Phesant to three years imprisonment, but, in view of the jury's recommendation, he ordered that she be employed in serving coffee to unemployed barristers and judges. The crowded court applauded frantically and confusion reigned supreme, despite the efforts of Usher Coulman and P.C. R. Rees.

## Hier.

"Tuez! Tuez le polron!" Le Colisée romain retentissait des hurlements d'une foule grouillante.

"À bas! À bas!" La lance fut levée et plongée dans le côté de celui qui avait refusé de combattre. L'empereur jeta la guirlande de victoire.

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Ils étaient assis autour d'une table dans un restaurant de Soho, commode et petit, mais toutefois, à la mode. Là ils se recontraient tous les jours, à l'heure du déjeuner. C'était d'une manière étrange qu'ils étaient devenus de bons amis, ces deux hommes. L'un, administrateur civil, s'était accoutumé à jouer aux dominos, seul, après son déjeuner; l'autre, gérant de magasin, assis près de lui, à une autre table, jouait, seul, aux cartes. De ce fait même qu'ils jouaient seuls, vint leur amitié. Le gérant avait demandé s'ils ne pouvaient jouer ensemble, aux dominos et aux cartes tour à tour. L'administrateur civil avait consenti avec plaisir.

Ils parlaient de leurs métiers, de leurs familles, de leurs maisons, et des affaires du jour. Mais ce jour-là, le gérant parlait d'une manière agitée.

"J'ai eu un rêve bizarre, hier soir, mon vieux. J'ai rêvé que

nous étions, vous et moi, des gladiateurs romains. Nous étions dans l'arène, et autour de nous était une foule, une foule horrible, qui poussait des hurlements et faisait des plaisanteries grossières. La foule était si enragée que l'empereur, assis sur un trône magnifique, avait peur. Un gladiateur avait refusé de combattre. Le sang qu'elle voulait voir couler n'avait pas été versé. Ils hurlaient qu'on tuât celui qui refusa de combattre."

Sa voix s'affaiblit et devint un chuchotement: "Celui qui refusa de combattre, c'était vous, et," sa voix avait un ton de douleur étrange, "je vous ai tué." Son visage avait blanchi. "Incarnation de nouveau, mon vieux, très bizarre—"

R. S. DAVIES.

## Last Year's Leavers.

Eighty-nine pupils left during or at the end of the last school year, and of these three are at University Colleges and three at Training Colleges. A. H. Bull is at the University College, Bangor, taking a course in Forestry; G. Tucker at King's College, London, and J. Clements at the University College, Swansea. Marion Castle is at Furzedown College, London, Alan Davies at Bangor Normal, and Beryl May at Whitesands College, London. Twenty-three others have transferred to other schools, and two girls are acting as observation teachers under the Borough Education Committee.

Of the remainder, about thirty have found occupations of different kinds, so that the number of ex-pupils who are still searching for posts is, although larger than usual, comparatively small when one considers the state of the country.

## School Sports.

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

### TENNIS.

The School team ended a successful and very enjoyable season by their defeat of Tenby County School by 9 events to nil. The last match of the season was the one against the Old Girls. The weather was perfect for this event and the matches played were enjoyed by all. During the afternoon the Old Girls were entertained to tea by the Staff. The result of the match was a victory for the school, 6—3. The Old Girls were repre-

sented by the following:—The Misses M. and W. Bull, D. Williams and D. Morgan, I. Canton and B. Davies.

The School Team is as follows:—B. May\* (capt.), J. Tucker\* (vice-capt.), M. Mathias\*, G. Rees\*, J. Thomas\*, E. Addis.

\*Old colours.

E. Addis was awarded colours at the end of the season.

Rain stopped play in the Senior Final and the match was finished next day. Beryl May and Joan Tucker were the finalists again this year and thus there again arose the problem of who would win the medal this time. Play was abandoned when the score stood at one set all. However the final result was in favour of Beryl May, who won by two sets to one. Score, 6—1, 4—6, 5—7.

The Junior Championship final was another interesting and exciting event. Gwyneth Rees, by beating Glenys Williams, won the title of Junior Champion for the second year in succession. The score was 6—2, 6—2.

### CRICKET.

The school team ended a good season by defeating the Old Boys team by 7 runs, after a hard and even game. The Old Boys team consisted of a number of former stars who have upheld the honour of the school on the cricket field in the past, and included:—G. Phillips (Capt.), A. F. Morgan, I. E. Howells, W. Hopkins, L. Rickard, J. Morgans, C. O. Preece, G. Lewis and I. Nicholls, while the last two places were filled by A. Davies and J. Clements, who were then not Old Boys.

Results:—Old Boys 69 (W. Hopkins 20, G. Lewis 14, M. Taylor 8 for 32).

School 76 (Mr. Devereux 34, T. Owens 23, W. Hopkins 6 for 25).

### HOCKEY NOTES.

Although we were faced this term with the problem of refilling the positions of five of our best players, so far we have had a fairly successful season. Ten matches had been arranged for this term, but two have been cancelled owing to bad weather. Those of the hockey team who went to Swansea on November 4th to see the international match (Wales v. U.S.A.), are very grateful to Miss Lewis for giving them this opportunity of seeing first-class hockey.

Of the five matches played, the one against Carmarthen was the most exciting and strenuous. Owing to the absence of our captain and right-back, J. R. Tucker and K. Rouse, two reserves, D. Robinson and M. Davies, played. D. Nevin has been reserve

for four of our matches. We have had some very stiff fights, especially with Tasker's High School.

The following appointments were made at the beginning of term :—Captain, J. R. Tucker; Vice-Captain, N. Collins; Hon. Treasurer, F. Davies; Hon. Sec., M. Mathias.

The team was selected from the following :—J. R. Tucker\*, N. Collins\*, F. Davies\*, K. Rouse\*, G. Rees\*, B. Gibby, A. Roberts, L. Griffiths, D. Clements, N. Henderson, M. Mathias, M. Davies, B. Robinson, D. Nevin.

\*Colours.

#### MATCHES PLAYED.

October 21st—Whitland County School (away), Won, 7—1.  
 November 11th—Tasker's High School (home), Won, 5—1.  
 November 18th—Tenby County School (home), Won, 4—0.  
 November 25th—Carmarthen County School (away), Won, 2—1.  
 December 6th—Staff Match, Drawn 1—1.

#### FOOTBALL.

If the winning of matches is a criterion of a successful season, then up to the present this season has not been a notable one. Nevertheless, the two elevens have enjoyed several good games in spite of long walks and cold baths in buckets of water, and accept defeat in good part. Our heavy defeat at Fishguard was attributed to the first appearance of the new jerseys, but uniformity of kit achieved at last, and good looks, did not bring victory.

On behalf of the committee and team, I should like to express appreciation and thanks for the excellent and unflinching service of certain Senior Girls in providing tea at home matches.

The Committee elected for the season was :— P. Bevans (Captain), N. Nash (Vice-Captain), R. S. Davies (Secretary).

The team was chosen from the following :— P. Bevans\*, N. Nash\*, D. F. Hordley\*, L. Phillips\*, F. Rogers\*, F. Devonald, J. Gibby, F. Denzey, F. Denzey (IV), R. Jones, C. Thomas, F. Rake, T. Owens, H. Jones, W. Thomas, J. Owen, E. Foss.

\* Old Colours.

Results :—

October 7th, Milford Haven County School, Home, Won 9-1.  
 October 14th, Whitland County School, Away, Won 4-2.  
 October 21, Llanstadwell 2nd XI, Home, Lost 3-4.  
 November 11, Llanstadwell A.F.C., Away, Lost 0-4.  
 November 18, Johnston A.F.C., Home, Lost 3-4.  
 November 25, Fishguard County School, Away, Lost 2-4.

#### SECOND ELEVEN.

November 11, Tenby County School, Away, Drawn 3-3.  
 November 25, Tenby County School, Home, Lost 2-4.