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### Editorial.

HISTORY, we have been told, is nowadays considered not literature but science, and a mere presentation of facts is its pre-eminent aim. We have, therefore, after long hesitation, decided that the *School Journal* is to be classified as history. Nor are we unaware of the storm of censure which this admission is likely to bring down upon us; yet, while we are naturally prevented from joining our critics, we cannot but feel confident of our own innocence.

In several respects the recent year has proved itself exceptional. Not only was the Football programme as successful as it was brief, but the same remark might be equally applied to the Sports, which, although curtailed for the greater part by the weather, produced some remarkably good results. It is no uncommon feature that Miss Russell's skilful care has preserved intact the health of the School, but our debt to her is emphasised by the extreme winter which we experienced last term. In February, the river being frozen over, we enjoyed a fortnight's skating.

The spoils of the session include two 'Varsity and two other scholarships. The Debating, Dramatic, and Musical Societies have, as we remarked in our last number, suddenly burst forth again into flower; while it is our earnest desire that their autumn is yet far off, and that the present spirit of initiative and originality will not lack next year the full

support and encouragement which it undoubtedly deserves. In connection with the Musical Society, Mr. Spencer-Jones is to be most heartily congratulated on the excellent display of the choir, both in Church and in the concerts.

This term has provided us with three main diversions in addition to Cricket. Drill has been under the charge of Mr. D. R. Williams, who, together with the section-commanders, is responsible for the satisfactory work which has been accomplished. During July some of the School assisted in the hay-making at various farms in the neighbourhood. Never have we seen swimming as popular as it is this summer, and we are especially grateful to Mr. Norton Thomas for the interest which he has shown, and also for the systematic manner in which he has organised bathing. There has been a large increase in the number of 'Stripes;' at least seven boys have passed the Big Test, and those who have swum the Little Test exceed twenty.

As announced on a succeeding page, one Old Llandoveryan has been recently decorated with the D.S.O., two have won the Military Cross, and one the Military Medal. Our pride in mentioning these distinctions is only equalled by the deep regret with which we record the names of those whom the hand of Fate has taken as the price of victory.

## The School.

**T**ERM began May 7th. There were ten new boys in the Easter term, and four this term.

K. Fraser has been elected to a Scholarship of £80 a year in Modern History at Jesus College, Oxford, and J. B. Young-Evans to a Henney Open Scholarship of £90 a year in Classics at Pembroke College.

Mansel Davies has won a Scholarship of £70 a year at Clifton College.

1st XI. Cricket Colours have been awarded to D. H. Jones, C. E. Jones, I. D. Bowen, J. S. G. Llewelyn, W. M. Williams.

2nd XI. Cricket Colours have been awarded to D. T. Reynolds, A. Rahmattulah, A. B. Davies, E. G. Pritchard, E. V. Cresser, C. James, W. M. Lloyd-Roberts, J. Phillips, R. V. Phillips.

A. Norton Thomas, Esq., M.A., L. ès L. (London and Paris), and the Rev. R. Allen, M.A. (St. John's College, Oxford), have joined the staff, in place of Mr. Matheson, Mr. Barker, and Mr. Grahame.

The Prefects this term are—J. B. Young-Evans, Head Prefect (Gwent); D. H. Jones (Seniors); C. E. P. Davies (Cawdor); W. M. Williams (Seniors); C. E. Jones (Class-room); T. W. Hill (Evans).

The Sub-Editors of the *Journal* are J. B. Young-Evans and C. E. P. Davies.

## Old Llandoveryan Society.

**M**AJOR J. E. Powell, R.A.M.C. (Carreg Cennin), has been awarded the D.S.O.

The Rev. F. R. Williams, Chaplain, and Sec.-Lt. C. G. N. Morgan, R.W.F., have received the Military Cross; and Lance-Cpl. Oscar M. Powell, A.S.C., the Military Medal.

Capt. G. E. Thomas, Welsh Rgt., and Lt. J. A. Jones, S.W.B., have been mentioned in dispatches.

W. Lleufer Thomas has been appointed Chairman of the Labour Unrest Committee.

A. Ifor Parry has been called to the Bar.

W. R. Richards and J. B. Young-Evans have joined the Society.

The Rev. Alban Davies has contributed £2 to the School Improvements Fund.

## MARRIAGE.

*Crawford—Eccles.*

On June 6th, at St. George's, Hanover Square, H. W. Crawford, Yeomanry, to Miss Martha Hector Eccles.

### In Memoriam.

B. J. Davies, Capt., S.W.B., killed in action.

Eric M. Forster, Second Lieutenant, R.F.C., killed in action.

J. R. Anthony, Capt., R.F.C., killed in action.

H. L. Pugh, Second Lieutenant, 3rd S.W.B., died of wounds.

H. D. Hughes, Second Lieutenant, killed in Mesopotamia.

G. H. Jennings, Second Lieutenant, R.W.F., killed in France.

T. McKenny Hughes, F.R.S., Woodwardian Professor of Geology in the University of Cambridge, aged 85.

The Rev. D. L. Davies, Vicar of Llanstadwell.

## PRISONER OF WAR.

J. R. Samuel, Second Lieutenant, Welsh Regiment, attd. R.F.C.

## WOUNDED.

J. A. Goodman, Lieut. Welsh Regiment.

H. W. Spurrell, Second Lieut. Machine Gun Corps.

D. A. Evans, Second Lieut. Norfolk Regiment.

P. F. H. Wiseman, Second Lieut. Royal N. Lancs.

L. E. Roberts, Second Lieut. R.W.F.

R. O. Roberts, Australian Contingent.

W. B. Morgan, Lieut. Welsh Regiment.

D. F. Roderick, New Zealand Contingent.

H. L. Morgan, Canadian A.S.C.

H. M. Herbert, Lieut. S.W.B.

R. A. Owen, Lieut. Somerset L.I.

The Rev. Alban Davies, Chaplain Welsh Div. (invalided home).

## Old Llandoverians serving in His Majesty's Forces.

## SECOND TERM, 1917.

The Rev. Connop Price, Chaplain, 1st Class.	The Rev. R. A. Williams, Artists' Rifles.
C. B. Jones, R.G.A.	H. A. Jones, R.H.A.
G. Duncan, Canadian Contingent.	O. D. Ballinger, Cadet Batt.
T. M. Williams, Welsh Rgt.	I. Wynne Jones.
N. E. Evans, R.H.A.	R. Lloyd.
The Rev. W. Pugh, Chaplain.	W. Morgan.
H. G. Davies, London Scottish.	A. B. Davies, Artists' Rifles.

## PROMOTIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Rowland M. Lewis, Lieut.-Col. R.A.M.C.	D. S. Jones, 2nd Lieut. Survey Coy. R.E.
T. D. Williams, Lt. R.F.A.	F. M. Kitto, Lieut. R.F.C.
E. J. Davies, 2nd Lieut. West Riding Regiment.	C. C. Carter, 3rd Worc. Regiment

## Athletic Sports.

THE Sports this year had been arranged for Monday, April 2nd, but an unexpected heavy fall of snow, together with other circumstances, compelled the abandonment of the programme. This was particularly disappointing in view of the fact that really good performances were anticipated. Fortunately, however, in addition to the Steeplechases, which were run off on March 14th, a few events had been previously contested: these produced the best results recorded during the last ten years.

*Senior Steeplechase*—1st, N. E. Evans ; 2nd, A. B. Davies ; 3rd, R. L. J. Davies.

*Junior Steeplechase*—1st, J. S. G. Llewelyn ; 2nd, E. A. Rowlands ; 3rd, E. G. Pritchard.

*Mile, Open*—1st, N. E. Evans ; 2nd, H. G. Davies ; 3rd, A. P. N. Roberts. Time, 5 min.

*High Jump, Open*—1st, G. T. Jones ; 2nd, N. E. Evans. Height, 5 ft. 0 ins.

*Putting the Weight*—1st, N. E. Evans ; 2nd, D. H. Jones. Distance, 28 ft. 3 ins.

## The Cricket Season, 1917.

ALTHOUGH we were unfortunate in losing the match against Brecon this season, there are no grounds for despondency as regards our team, which was a considerable improvement upon that of last year. Great keenness was shown by the side throughout the season, which promises well for the future.

In batting our side was undoubtedly strongest, good scores having been repeatedly made by C. E. Jones and I. D. Bowen, who have both improved considerably during the season. In our School match useful scores were also made by D. H. Jones and W. M. Williams, the former captaining the side with laudible vigour and precision.

Among our bowlers J. Llewelyn and Rahmatullah were prominent, the former bowling a good break ball with considerable care and judgment, while the latter, although apt to pitch a short length, nevertheless met with a considerable degree of success.

Our fielding was particularly smart on all occasions, the ball being returned to the stumper's hands with invariable accuracy. I. D. Bowen, the wicket-keeper, who only took up this position at the beginning of the season, is to be congratulated upon the improvement he has shown.

After the Brecon match the customary slump in games was successfully averted by the formation of Senior Leagues, which, up to the time of writing, have proved unusually well balanced, each league having lost and won one game. House matches have also been played with the greatest keenness.

For the success of the season we have to thank the Rev. T. W. Thomas, our cricket master, who has coached both Seniors and Juniors with the greatest patience and interest. Mr. C. P. Lewis has also assisted us greatly by his wide experience of cricket and his ready instruction, while Mr. D. R. Williams has very kindly helped by playing against the Eleven in first games. Our thanks are also due to the Rev. R. Allen for his timely assistance, which did much to make the Senior Leagues a success, and to increase competition among them.

### LLANDOVERY COLLEGE v. CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON.

Played at Llandovery on Saturday, June 30th. Result—Christ College won by 79 runs.

As usual we were favoured with glorious weather for our annual School fixture this year, though during the first half of the week heavy rain fell continuously, and to some extent hindered the extra training which is usually the feature of 'Brecon week.' In spite of this slight handicap, however, when Saturday came round, there was a laudable absence of the traditional nervousness felt so often by members of the team prior to the match itself, and this is more worthy of note since this year our team was composed of unusually young players, who show much promise for next year.

The match commenced at 11.30, but the School unfortunately lost the toss and had to field first. The pitch was in perfect condition, and there was every prospect of a good game.

The Brecon innings was opened by T. L. Evans and D. W. R. Thomas, who batted steadily till the former was run out. S. Evans then added a useful seventeen runs to the score, and was followed by R. M. Roberts, who contributed eighteen. T. L. Price went in next, and by hard and forceful hitting brought the score up to 100 before the luncheon interval.

When play was resumed the Brecon skipper again scored fairly freely till he was dismissed by a well-pitched ball from Rahmattullah. No conspicuous score was subsequently made, the most marked feature of the fall of the remaining



wickets being the good length bowling of A. Rahmatullah, who succeeded in taking two wickets with two consecutive balls.

Throughout the Brecon innings the home side fielded excellently, and several hard catches were successfully held, particularly one by Cresser at mid-off.

W. M. Williams and C. E. Jones batted first for Llandovery, though the latter was unfortunate in being soon bowled off his pads by R. M. Roberts. I. D. Bowen then gave a good exhibition of batting till he was dismissed by a ball delivered by R. M. Roberts, which pitched rather short and resulted in a catch. No appreciable score was recorded till D. H. Jones, the Llandovery captain, went in, and by well-judged hitting added a few much-needed runs to the score. After he was dismissed by a ball from R. M. Roberts, the outlook for Llandovery appeared very dark indeed, and the last few wickets fell without any good stand being made.

R. M. Roberts is to be congratulated on his achievement in capturing eight wickets for 26 runs, and T. L. Price on his useful innings, which did much to encourage his side. Throughout the Llandovery innings the visitors fielded keenly, though they by no means attained the standard set them by the home team.

Brecon then batted again, good scores being made by D. W. R. Thomas and R. M. Roberts, who made twenty and forty-three runs respectively. During the second innings, however, it may be confidently asserted that Brecon did not play up to the standard of the first, the runs coming considerably more slowly and the hitting not being so free and confident.

Llandovery opened the second innings in good style, J. Llewelyn and C. E. Jones compiling the runs with the greatest ease. Unfortunately stumps had to be drawn at 6.30, and so an opportunity was denied the School side of reversing the decision of the first innings.

Brecon are certainly to be congratulated on their victory, and never may it be said of us that we do not give 'honour to whom honour is due;' but it must be borne in mind that whereas our opponents had a majority of old colourmen in the team, and had been able to obtain several fixtures

during the season, our team included only three members of last year's XI., and we were unable to play a single match previous to that against Brecon.

<i>Christ College, Brecon.</i>		<i>Christ College, Brecon.</i>	
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
L. Evans, run out .. ..	7	ct Reynolds, b Llewelyn ..	1
D. W. R. Thomas, b Rahmatullah ..	13	ct Reynolds, b Llewelyn ..	20
S. Evans, b C. James .. ..	17	ct Cresser, b C. E. Jones ..	1
R. M. Roberts, b W. M. Williams ..	18	ct James, b D. H. Jones ..	43
T. L. Price, b Rahmatullah ..	57	ct Rahmatullah, b C. E. Jones ..	2
Oxenham, ct Llewelyn, b Rahmatullah ..	7	ct and b Rahmatullah ..	8
W. M. Jones, b Rahmatullah ..	12	b C. E. Jones .. ..	0
Beresford, st Bowen, b Rahmatullah ..	7	ct Williams, b Llewelyn ..	0
T. Thomas, b Rahmatullah ..	0	b D. H. Jones .. ..	6
C. L. Morgan, ct and b Llewelyn ..	0	ct James, b D. H. Jones ..	8
Fryer, not out .. ..	0	not out .. ..	3
Extras .. ..	5	Extras .. ..	10
Total .. ..	143	Total .. ..	102

<i>Llandovery College.</i>		<i>Llandovery College.</i>	
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
W. M. Williams, b R. M. Roberts ..	13	b R. M. Roberts .. ..	3
C. E. Jones, b R. M. Roberts ..	2	not out .. ..	21
I. D. Bowen, ct S. Evans, b R. M. Roberts ..	13	ct T. L. Price, b R. M. Roberts ..	5
D. T. Reynolds, b R. M. Roberts ..	7	did not bat.	
E. G. Pritchard, b W. M. Jones ..	0	„	
A. B. Davies, b W. M. Jones ..	0	„	
D. H. Jones, b R. M. Roberts ..	13	„	
J. Llewelyn, ct W. M. Jones, b R. M. Roberts ..	6	not out .. ..	15
Cresser, b R. M. Roberts ..	0	did not bat.	
Rahmatullah, b R. M. Roberts ..	0	„	
C. James, not out .. ..	1	„	
Extras .. ..	9	Extras .. ..	3
Total .. ..	64	Total (for two wickets) ..	47

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

##### *Christ College, Brecon—1st Innings.*

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av'ge.
Llewelyn .. ..	11	0	31	1	31
Rahmatullah ..	11.3	0	42	6	7
C. E. Jones ..	3	0	12	0	—

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av'ge.
W. M. Williams	3	0	16	1	16
D. H. Jones	4	0	18	0	—
C. James	5	0	12	1	12
Cresser	2	0	8	0	—

*Llandovery College—1st Innings.*

R. M. Roberts	12.1	4	26	8	3.2
T. L. Price	6	0	23	0	—
W. M. Jones	6	4	6	2	3

*Christ College, Brecon—2nd Innings.*

Llewelyn	15	2	41	3	13.3
Rahmatullah	9	2	17	1	17
C. E. Jones	4	0	14	3	4.7
D. H. Jones	4.6	1	16	3	5.3
C. James	1	0	6	0	—

*Llandovery College—2nd Innings.*

R. M. Roberts	9	1	25	2	12.5
T. L. Price	6	2	14	0	—
W. M. Jones	3	0	3	0	—

## Debating Society.

**D**URING last term the Society continued to play an important part in the life of the School, and we have to thank Mr. Barker, who unfortunately is no longer with us, for the extensive help which he gave us in organisation and every other sphere. C. E. P. Davies and D. H. Jones were elected to fill vacancies upon the committee.

The three debates which were held showed no lack of keenness; but the Society did not receive the full support to which it should be entitled, and, in some respects had to face obstacles sufficient to stifle any measure of success. In some cases also, the necessity of shortening the time at our disposal deducted somewhat from the gravity and vigour of the debate. But to the interest shown by the Warden, and the untiring efforts of the committee, is due the fact that the Debating Society still survives; while we hope that next term a year's experience will have firmly set its foundations. Seeing that, as cannot fail to be realised, the Society should be no insignificant factor in the School, we are confident that it will enjoy the scope and support essential to its welfare.

In the first debate, on February 24th, the motion, 'That in the opinion of this House Women's Suffrage is advisable,' was supported by T. W. Hill and D. H. Jones, and opposed by C. E. P. Davies and H. G. Davies.

T. W. Hill, opening, took upon himself the championing of the fair sex, and described their numerous wrongs. They were ranked, he complained, below criminals and lunatics, and had no means of recovering their rights. Anyone who had the least experience of munition factories could bear testimony to the work which women were doing at the present day, and which was bound to receive recognition.

C. E. P. Davies drew attention to the fact that feminine agitation was not unknown among the Romans, who had set us an example of the way in which it should be treated. Drawing vast evidence from his anthropological knowledge, he proved with logical reasoning the folly of women attempting to transgress their natural limitations, and concluded by quoting a few verses describing suffragist tactics.

D. H. Jones then rose, and vehemently harangued the House, declaring with unshrinking confidence that Women's Suffrage would certainly be achieved. Unfortunately the ambiguity of one of his statements caused him to be suspected of uttering seditious sentiments.

H. G. Davies in a seemingly unwarlike and diffident manner outlined the state of affairs after the war. His effort to throw dust in the eyes of the House was crowned with success, leaving the majority in uncertainty as to the aims of both parties in the discussion.

On the motion being put before the House for discussion, it was strongly attacked by J. Pryce-Jones, J. L. Evans, J. B. Young-Evans and H. V. Thomas, and supported in a humorous speech by R. L. J. Davies.

After C. E. P. Davies and T. W. Hill had each made a second appeal to the House, a division resulted in the motion being carried by 31 votes to 10.

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In a second meeting of the Society, on March 10th, R. L. J. Davies introduced the motion 'That in the opinion of this House Capital Punishment is justifiable.' After calling to his aid the provisions of the Mosaic code, he dwelt earnestly

upon the enormity of murder and the right of the State over the individual. The opposition to this ancient institution, this method of punishment which was at once striking and exemplary, he attributed to a 'mawkish sentimentality,' in contrast to the undeniable justifications urged by justice and policy.

J. B. Young-Evans, by means of textual criticism, reputed the authorities quoted by his opponent. Not only did humanity condemn Capital Punishment, but the contradictory character of the latter rendered it ridiculous. Nor, he maintained with conviction and emotion, was murder to any degree a blacker crime than several other offences punished by lesser penalties.

G. T. Jones next launched forth upon a patriotic peroration, with references to the deeds of the British Army, military discipline and the spy peril. Despite his opponent's protests against confusing international with criminal law, he urged that such considerations were of vital importance under any circumstances whatsoever.

W. M. Williams amused the House by his negative definition of man, who was 'neither a horse nor a crow nor a toad nor a fish.' He spoke of the necessity of reforming the character instead of merely chastising the body, denying that the fear of death was sufficient to restrain anyone from committing 'homodice.'

When the debate was thrown open to the House, J. L. Evans recalled several indisputable scandals connected with capital executions, which T. W. Hill made strenuous efforts to ascribe to cinemas and fictitious literature.

At this point, considerations of time compelled a premature conclusion of the debate, before the principal speakers had an opportunity of making their final addresses. This somewhat spoilt a discussion which was not otherwise unspirited. On a division the motion was carried by 34 votes to 18.

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The debate on March 24th, was not, unfortunately, as well attended as the former two, but, nevertheless, did not lack vigour and argumentative display.

The motion, 'That this House considers Socialism a practicable ideal,' was championed by A. P. N. Roberts, who,

after sketching the chief aims of Socialism, emphasised its aptitude to stand beside Democracy and Freedom. As the sole method of levelling the wealth of Mr. A and Mr. B was not compulsory generosity on the part of one, the ideal might and should be attained by gradual systematic legislation.

G. D. Oldfield, rising in opposition, made a lively and polished speech, in which he described wealth as the necessary reward of industry. When all finance passed into the immediate control of the State, commerce would inevitably fall to the ground, while our large public works would assuredly not be successfully administered by such laudable bodies as trades unions.

R. V. Phillips, who was greeted with a storm of applause, demonstrated the connection of republican and socialistic ideals, through the French Revolution and the fall of the Monarchy in Russia, with the present European conflict. He enthusiastically applauded Mr. Lloyd George, who by his legislation had paved the road to the gates of perfect Socialism, and shown the methods by which it might be attained.

H. Morris shocked the democratic portion of the assembly by the unorthodoxy of his ideas, expressing profound admiration for 'the blue-blooded aristocrat.' Ideals, he asserted, were excellent things, but they never materialised. His rhetorical vehemence, however, led him away into an untimely attack upon Welsh miners and charcoal burners.

G. T. Jones and J. B. Young-Evans both vigorously replied to the disparaging remarks to which Welsh nationality had been subjected: while W. R. Richards and D. H. Jones also threw their oratory into the scale of Socialism. From the other side C. E. P. Davies illustrated by an amusing anecdote what he considered to be the individual attitude towards the proposals; T. W. Hill, R. L. J. Davies and Mansel Davies loosed in the same direction their shafts of eloquence and sarcasm.

G. D. Oldfield and A. P. N. Roberts then made their last reply to their various opponents, after which the House went into division. The motion was lost by 11 votes to 25.



## Dramatic Society.

THE first performance of the Dramatic Society took place in the School Hall on December 15th, and consisted of a presentation of one scene from Shakespeare and two scenes from Dickens. Mr. Barker and Mr. Spencer-Jones were responsible for the excellence of the scenic arrangements and the costumes, while to the careful attention which they paid to the rehearsals is due in a large measure the success of the entertainment in general. The three scenes, comprising as they did the first dramatic performance for over six years, revealed considerable histrionic talent which had hitherto lurked unnoticed.

The first selection was the trial scene from Dickens's *Pickwick Papers*, and the scene opened with the entry of the lawyers, and a conversation between Pickwick and Perker. An amusing discussion between the judge and a member of the jury was followed by a long speech by Buzfuz for the prosecution. Then came the evidence of Mrs. Cluppins, Mrs. Saunders, Nathaniel Winkle, and Sam Weller, all of whom were particularly successful; the rôles of the juniors Skimkin and Phunkey, were well played by J. L. Evans and C. E. P. Davies. Snubbin in a loud and passionate voice addressed the jury, and afterwards the Judge, in which character Mr. Barker was very amusing, summed up.

The second scene depicted young David Copperfield stopping on his way to school at an inn, where the wily way in which the waiter aided him in the demolition of his dinner greatly delighted the audience. The parts were admirably executed by G. D. Oldfield and R. L. J. Davies.

The national element in the scene from Henry V., when Fluelynn compels Pistol to eat the leek, appealed strongly to the house; while the mediaeval atmosphere provided a change from the more modern surroundings of Dickens. D. H. Jones successfully filled the rôle of Fluelynn, and J. B. Young-Evans made an excellent Pistol, while C. E. P. Davies, as Gower, displayed with the utmost effect all the characteristics of the army captain of the age.

The caste was as follows :—

### BARDELL v. PICKWICK.

<i>Mr. Justice Starcleigh</i> .. .. .	A. Barker, Esq.
<i>Mr. Pickwick</i> .. .. .	W. M. Williams
<i>Sergeant Buzfuz</i> .. .. .	M. L. James
<i>Mr. Skimkin</i> .. .. .	J. T. L. Evans
<i>Sergeant Snubbin</i> .. .. .	J. B. Young-Evans
<i>Mr. Phunkey</i> .. .. .	C. E. P. Davies
<i>Nathaniel Winkle</i> .. .. .	T. W. Hill
<i>Samuel Weller (jun.)</i> .. .. .	R. L. J. Davies
<i>Old Weller</i> .. .. .	E. O. Jones
<i>Perker</i> .. .. .	G. T. Jones
<i>Dodson and Fogg</i> .. .. .	T. D. Jenkins and R. V. Phillips
<i>Groffin</i> .. .. .	W. M. Lloyd-Roberts
<i>Clerk of the Court</i> .. .. .	N. E. Evans
<i>Usher</i> .. .. .	I. D. Bowen
<i>Master Bardell</i> .. .. .	E. O. A. Thomas
<i>Mrs. Bardell</i> .. .. .	D. H. Jones
<i>Mrs. Cluppins</i> .. .. .	H. Morris
<i>Mrs. Saunders</i> .. .. .	N. V. Morgan

Stage Manager—A. Spencer-Jones, Esq.

### DAVID COPPERFIELD.

<i>David Copperfield</i> .. .. .	G. D. Oldfield
<i>Waiter</i> .. .. .	R. L. J. Davies
<i>Coachman</i> .. .. .	G. T. Jones
<i>Landlady</i> .. .. .	D. H. Jones

### HENRY THE FIFTH.

#### Act V. Scene 1.

<i>Fluelynn</i> .. .. .	D. H. Jones
<i>Pistol</i> .. .. .	J. B. Young-Evans
<i>Gower</i> .. .. .	C. E. P. Davies

Stage Manager—A. Barker, Esq.

## The Rabbits.

‘WELL caught, sir! well caught!’ *Me miserum!* My innings was brought to an unhappy termination, and with gloomy steps I betook myself to the shade of the hedge. The afternoon was hot, and soon sleep bore me away to the realms of dreamland.

Once more I found myself upon that hallowed spot, *The Rabbits’ Pitch*, and there my old fellow bunnies all stood in those inelegant attitudes which, fain to keep up a pretence of fielding, they must needs assume. At the wicket, brandishing a bat as it were a club, stood a dark-bearded giant from the North, and, full twelve paces behind him, in a posture dimly reminiscent of a crouching tiger, was a mortal, with

manly calf greaved in a single pad, which might have done good service four or five seasons before.

Whack! plonk! Up soared the ball, and dropped into the turbulent tide of Towy. Forthwith arose eager clamourings for 'the net,' and with leisurely pace the whole assemblage proceeded along the river-bank, soon to be overtaken by an excited procession, the foremost of whom carried on his shoulder an elongated specimen of shrimping-net. Slowly the leathern sphere drifted down the river, keeping so close to the bank as to lie within reach of the wired meshes. But this pleased not the adventurous spirits of the party, who straightway gathered unto them stones, and, casting them at the ball, made as though to entice it unto the shore, but in reality forced it into the midst of the stream, where it quickly gained speed and joyfully raced down the current. Down to 'The Shallows' the party pursued their quarry, and there after much mysterious discussion, in which the phrases, 'Leave Off after Tea,' 'Catch death of cold,' and others of like purport were often heard, a youth divested himself of boots and stockings, and, boldly wading into the deep, rescued the erring sphere. A slight halt was then made for the older members of the party to rest their weary limbs, and then the heroes ambled back to the wickets to re-commence the game.

Crack! the mighty one's stumps collapsed, and amidst tumultuous cheering and shouting of 'grats' to the budding bowler, a youth small in stature took his stand. Gently he hit the ball, to the immense consternation of all around him. Again and again he put his bat against the ball, but hesitated to run. Soon cries of 'Play the game!' 'Don't poke!' 'Slam out!' began to fill the air, but all were of no avail. At last, the worthy bowler, who had bowled incessantly from his end irrespective of which side was batting, emitted a blood-curdling yell, and, like a charging bull, bore down upon the wickets, delivering a ball with the force of a missile flung from some Roman siege-engine. Straight for the head of the terrified 'Obbs it flew, but at the last moment that wary individual ducked, and, after eluding the but half-awake stumper, the ball reposed in the hands of the episcopal longstop. Faster and faster it whizzed on its destructive

flight, yet each time in vain. At last in desperation the weary bowler, signalling to two of his fielders, who stealthily crept up towards the batsman, bowled a tardier ball. As it neared the wicket, those worthies rushed forward, and, seizing upon their victim, dragged him out of his crease, while the stumper, creating a sensation by catching the ball, knocked over the stumps, accompanying his action by a stentorian 'How's that?'

One after another the remainder of the side foretold their scores in the score-book, and went out to bat, many returning after but a brief and bitter sojourn. Indeed the game became so uninteresting that the 'Point' produced a small book of Vergil, and, with the aid of a 'Kelly,' soon became so engrossed that balls passed him altogether unheeded. In the meanwhile 'Long Field,' finding that his presence was seemingly no longer needed, quietly slinked behind the screen, and, taking a fountain pen out of his pocket, composed himself to writing 'copies.' The last wicket fell, and a joyous cry of 'All out!' was answered by a sharp command in my ear 'Out to field!'—out to field, but no longer among the Rabbits.

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