

## Old Cowbridge Boys and the War.

**D**URING the recent war in South Africa, practically every public school in the United Kingdom had one or more old boys trying to do a small share to help to uphold the reputation of their mother country. Cowbridge sent the following:—Corporals F. M. Steel, C. M. Lloyd; Troopers J. D. Mathias, A. I. Clarke, J. Williams, A. Thomas, T. Thomas, Isaiah Davies.

The first five enlisted in the 4th Co. (Glam.) I.Y., raised by Major W. H. Wyndham Quin, M.P., in January, 1900. A. Thomas joined the Wilts. I.Y., and as both the Glamorgans and Wilts. belonged to the same battalion they did practically the same work and traversed the same country. T. Thomas belonged to the Canadians and they, as did all

on March 1, 1900, and returned at the end of July, 1901. During the time they were in Africa they worked principally with the VIII. Division, under General Rundle. The work consisted of scouting, forming pickets, cossach posts, in fact all the work required of Mounted Infantry. When with the VIII. division there were no regular cavalry to assist the Yeomanry, and as a consequence the work fell hard and fast on the latter. The march started at Norval's Point in Cape Colony, and from that place they trekked for over a year through the Orange River Colony and Transvaal. At the surrender of General Prinsloo, the Glamorgans were present and earned the special clasp "Wittenbergen." In all they have three—Cape Colony, Wittenbergen and Transvaal. The regiment was several times complimented by the Generals for their work. At Fichsburg, Orange River Colony, they did good work in the trenches and among other things they were the first to enter Ladybrand. Two Cowbridge boys were the first to enter the town. It is fair to state that all the Cowbridge boys stuck to the regiment, that is they were not invalided home, but came with the last contingent. Steel was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and now holds a commission in the Cheshire Regiment. Clarke remained in Africa and holds a civil appointment. The others returned to England, except Davies who died on service.