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EDITORIAL.

WITH our last issue we published as a supplement a list of Old Denstonians who are now under arms. Needless to say we did not expect that it was a complete list, and we shall be glad to receive any additions to it. Several additional names have already been received, and these have brought the number of those known to be serving their country up to something over three hundred. Many of them have written us interesting letters, telling us of their life in camp or billet, some of which letters we publish in this number in the hope that they will

interest our readers as much as they have interested us. As time goes on the number gradually increases of those who are actually in France, from which quarter we have had encouraging news.

There is one fact contained in nearly every letter, which we would bring to the notice of our readers, namely, that they all speak of the excellent way in which they are clothed and fed—both officers and men alike—and that they are feeling very fit and in the best of spirits, although they are hard worked.

For ourselves, we are doing our best to prepare for war, though at the same time we try not to lose entirely our interest in the ordinary pursuits of peace time. We have played a few football matches against other schools, and so far the XV. has

done well. The Literary and Scientific Society is in the midst of an exceedingly brilliant session, and has already been favoured with lectures from two celebrities from outside the College. The Play Committee have had their fears of an inactive season dispelled by the preparation of *The Prince of Peace*. We congratulate those responsible for the choice of a piece suitable for any Christmas, but doubly so at a time like the present. We also take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

THE MIRACLE PLAY.

Once upon a time Miracle Plays, as plays dealing with religious subjects were called in England, were common; then they disappeared entirely. They used to be acted, not with costumes and scenery "appropriate" to the events which they represented, but in ordinary everyday surroundings. The "Inn Yard at Bethlehem" was an inn yard such as we still can see at the "New Inn" at Gloucester, built in the Fifteenth Century to accommodate the pilgrims who flocked to the tomb of Edward II. in the Cathedral close by. The Holy Mother and S. Joseph wore the ordinary dresses of English peasants. The Wise Men appeared in courtiers' attire, and in armour borrowed from the lord's armoury, bearing dints no doubt which had been obtained quite recently in France, or on the ever-turbulent-Borders of Scotland or Wales. It was all as though the events represented were contemporary—even topical jokes and familiar horse-play did not seem incongruous. We see all this, also, in the pictures painted in those days.

But modern pictures of Bible incidents strain after archaeological exactness, and when a modern play* deals with such subjects it does the same. Two questions therefore present themselves: Why did the Miracle Plays cease? and What is the explanation of the altered manner of representing religious events?

It is not a sufficient answer to say that we are cleverer than our forefathers: increased archaeological and historical skill does not wholly explain the change. Nor, above all, is it true to say that the Miracle Plays and the pictures were the Bible of their day: the Bible is certainly not better known to-day than it was six, or seven, or ten centuries ago.

Many explanations have been given, but one alone is sufficient. The answer to the two questions we have propounded is simply this: in the Ages of Faith the events with which the plays and pictures dealt were intensely real and actual to players and audience, to painters and beholders. They were not something distant, removed, far-off, half-legendary, half-sentimental; they were living realities, part of the lives of the people, as close and substantial as the clothes they wore or the air they breathed. Mary was a real person, with open arms ready to help her suppliants, every Mass was a Christmas morning, every Altar a Bethlehem. What more natural, therefore, than for the events of Holy Religion to be "acted," and often in the churches? What more fitting than for these real events to be represented as actual living realities? It was only when religion became divorced from life—a thing apart, something put on by the few for a short while on Sundays—that Art ceased to look on them as real, and took refuge in archaeology. The Miracle Plays ceased because religion ceased to be real.

If that is so, why should not the Miracle Play when it is, here and there, revived, be treated in the old way? Why should not the Kings march in khaki and the shepherds keep watch in frieze and corduroy? Well, if our religion is real, why not? But if not, perhaps a sufficient reason is that an inartistic age prevents khaki from receiving its due, and the vogue of the "ready-made" makes corduroy commonplace.

Art is still a thing apart, and we must wait until both Art and religion are again a real and actual part of life before the old religious plays can be given in their completeness. At present we must do our best, and catch as much as we can at least of the spirit of religion.

That is why in the Miracle Play, which we present this year instead of our usual Shakespearean Play, we are driven to a compromise. We cannot act it in Twentieth Century surroundings, but neither shall we present it in the costumes of the First Century. This is in accordance with the tone of the play itself. In the dialogue of *The Prince of Peace* there is no attempt to represent the thoughts or ideas of the actual Shepherds of Bethlehem or of the Wise Men "from the East." On the contrary, the Shepherds are rustics as thoroughly English as were Shakespeare's "hard-handed men of Athens"; the Kings represent the longings and aspirations of humanity as truly as Falconbridge in Shakespeare's *King John* gave expression to the national spirit of Elizabethan England.

Therefore, if we cannot yet give our Miracle Play wholly in the way such a performance would once have been given, we can do the next best thing. We can present it, outwardly, as it would have been presented in the Ages of Faith; and it is our hope that the spirit of those days also will not be entirely lacking.

WAR NEWS.

G. D. L. Chatterton (Jan. 1880) was accidentally omitted from our list of Old Denstonians "O.H.M.S." published with our last issue. He is Colonel of the 66th Punjabis.

Other additions include the following :—
Derwent, F. R. (1907). 3rd City Battn. Manchester Regt.

Derwent, A. L. (1907). 2nd Lieut.

Sloper, J. S. (1906). Lieut., R.A.M.C.

Burr, F. B. (1900). 2nd Lieut., 3rd Battn. Worcestershire Regt. (At the front).

Powis, P. H. (1899). 6th Battn. South Staffordshire Regt.

Lawler, R. E. (1908).

Atkinson, B. S. (1907). Inns of Court Volunteers.

Mitchell, G. J. (1911). Reserve Squadron, nth Hussars.

Jenkins, F. H. (1900). Gunner, Motor Machine Gun Service, R.F.A.

Ash, W. A. (1898). 1st Canadian Contingent. (Died at Salisbury Plain Camp, Oct. 1914. R.I.P.)

O'Meara, H. E. (1909). 3rd P.S. Battn. Royal Fusiliers.

Clark, G. D. (1908). County of London Regt.

Marsh, A. S. (1905).

Hill, J. H. (1902). 2nd Lieut., W. Riding Regt.

Merryweather, R. H. (1905). 4th P.S. Battn. Royal Fusiliers.

Arnfield, H. (1897). 2nd Lieut., 6th Battn. Cheshire Regt.

Harrison, T. S. (1890). Surgeon, R.N. (*Victory*, additional for Portland Hospital.)

Shelton, C. W. (1904). 2nd Lieut., Notts and Derby Regt.

Andrew, G. W. M. (1900). Lieut., R.A.M.C.

Cave, G. E. (1903). East Lancashire Regt. (in Egypt).

Frith, L. E. C. (1903). nth Battn. Canadian Contingent.

Lieut. H. C. S. Walker, 1st Battn. Sherwood Foresters, sends a letter of surpassing interest, and which relates also a most extraordinary coincidence—he was sent into the trenches to relieve the French and found there an old French Magazine of 1905, which contained a notice of a football match played so long ago as January, 1905, between the Stade Fran^{çais} and a team of Old Denstonians :—

" We have now been well in the show for over three weeks, and have had many thrilling experiences.

On one occasion I had my platoon detached in a billet about three-quarters-of-a-mile behind the firing line, and we were told by a foreign colonel to clear out if shelled. We had just settled down, and I was in a long room with my guard at one end, when a shrapnel shell came through the roof and burst in the room, killing two men outright and seriously wounding the rest of the guard. I remained intact, and ordered the men to the ditches—they did not require many orders—and I had some difficulty in getting one or two to assist me with the wounded, whose groans were inhuman, and it was pitch dark.

One poor drummer boy of 16, had 25 bullets in his leg, and thigh shattered, and has since died. Since that occurrence we have been in the trenches, and are now out for a 48 hours rest, and we need it. The German trenches were only eighty yards away, and we were constantly awake and jumpy.

About 100 men of the battn. are unfit with frost-bite, and one man has had both feet removed in consequence, and many of them have lost toes. The weather is much milder now, and the men have been pro-

vided with furs and sacks of straw for the feet.

We are now about six miles from the firing line, and it is quite a change to be out of the range of shells, which are really the only things to fear.

Whilst in our trenches, which had recently been occupied by the French, I found the enclosed in a magazine of 1905, which struck me as being rather humorous, and a strange coincidence that it should have come into *my* hands, and under such circumstances."

The extract to which he refers is not very complimentary, it runs as follows :—

" Le 15 Janvier, match international de Rugby a Saint Cloud, entre le Stade Fran^{çais} et une mauvaise equipe Anglaise denommee *Old Denstonians* et qui a succombe par 23 points a 0."

Lieut. W. F. P. Thomas, S. Staffs. Regt., we regret to see has been reported wounded.

Capt. G. T. S. Dawson (1899), 2nd Battn. Royal Irish Regt., writes as follows from the front :—

" Having a spare hour while waiting to go to the front, I write you these few lines.

I left Denstone about 1900, and remember I was there when Mafeking was relieved and we *certainly did 'Maffiick.'* Gray was Captain of School and was succeeded, I think, by Jack Philipps: he was a fine athlete, and you will see his name on the honour board as jumping 21 feet 4 inches.

Ward is a Liverpool man, and is doing his bit in the 'Terriers.'

I was a member of the first viii to win the Kelman Shield, and was in the Head's House.

I met Hargreaves and 'Pat' Bennett on the Boulogne boat a few years ago.

I have knocked about the world a

bit since I left, and got on very well at Real Estate in Canada, and now I am here in France doing my bit for the 'Old Country.' Both my brothers are at it too (were at Denstone ten years before me). I am writing this to you at the 'Base.' My writing table is a 50lb. box (empty) of damson and apple jam, and I hope you will excuse paper and pencil as we have no public libraries in camp! The snow is covering the ground, and it is fairly cold at night, but on the whole both officers and men are very well off, especially the latter, who are excellently fed and clothed. It is surprising the hard weather a tent will stand, and they are covered with snow in the mornings, which of course keeps them warm. I have not seen any of the fighting yet, but my regiment has. One of our officers was wounded in two places by a shell, and was then hit three times when in the ambulance. Another got hit by a bullet which ran under his skin, and a brother officer picked it out with a pen knife. Another was shot through the throat, but they are all fit and well now.

I could tell you of many escapes, but my hands are getting cold, and it is near lunch time, so will close. The machine guns of my regiment did great work and simply mowed the enemy down in heaps.

It is most amusing to see how well our men can pick up French, and they will jabber away, and I am sure half the time neither party understand the other, still it is friendly. I would like to meet an old Denstonian out here, just to give the College yell: 'Play up Den-s-t-o-n-e.'

The foundation stone of the new Sanatorium was laid while I was there too, and I remember being in the Guard of Honour to the Duchess of Sutherland, I have

always meant to pay a visit to the College but somehow it is out of the way for Irish people."

2nd Lieut. E. J. Anderson is in the 5th (Service) Battn, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

2nd Lieut. E. O. Whitfield is in the South Staffordshire Regt.

A. E. Barlow writes from Polymedia Barracks, Limassol, Cyprus:—

"I little thought I should ever write from Cyprus, but we have been here for a month now—headquarters and half the battalion. It is a fine place. The climate is everything to be desired. We had a month in Egypt, and the heat was dreadful, the flies frightful, and the sand unforgettable; the smells too, were vile, so altogether we had a bad time. Here I have a Mounted Infantry patrol, for use in case of rows between the Greeks and the Turks here. We have just attended the annexation of Cyprus, and anything may happen. I have a five days' trek for my first route. I have an Interpreter and two jack mules, and we requisition on the country for food, etc. We were washed out of our beds the other night. Some of us were in tents, and the rain came down in solid sheets, and the lightning was continuous. I think this detachment duty has about dished our chance of getting to the front, but we still treasure Kitchener's telegrams received on the eve of our departure, promising that if we were ready by January, when troops from India would be ready to take our places here, we should be the first Territorial troop to go. We put great faith in K. of K."

Lieut. A. J. C. Richardson (1904) is attached to the 1st Battn. of the Bedfordshire Regt., and is their Transport Officer. He has been at the front since October

7th. He was at S. Nazaire for three weeks and then had to take a draft of some ninety men of the 1st Bedfordshires up to the fighting line. Among these was one of the Burrs.

S. W. Bird is at present stationed at Canterbury.

Capt. A. W. C. Richardson (1900), is Assistant Instructor at the School of Musketry, Hythe.

R. A. Bracewell (1910), is in the Royal Garrison Artillery, and is stationed at Milford Haven.

H. S. Short (1908), writes:—

"I am on the frontier and when I have a moment I will write a letter. A hundred and fifty of us, all English boys, joined the Foreign Legion for the War, and got off immediately. Life is terribly hard and weather very cold, freezing hard. Long live Denstone. I am writing this post card in a bombarded loft, having just returned from the trenches absolutely frozen. A good many of our boys are wounded."

We regret to hear of the death of Warren Addison Ash, who came in May, 1898, and left in April, 1903. Six years ago he obtained an electrical appointment in Vancouver, after being apprenticed in the Cambrian Railway Works at Oswestry. On the outbreak of war he came to England with the first contingent of the Canadian troops, and was stationed on Salisbury Plain, where he died. He was buried at Oswestry with full military honours. R.I.P.

F. E. S. Gall (Sept. 1899), is Sergeant in the 7th Battn. King's Royal Rifles, and is at present stationed at Ramilies Barracks, Aldershot.

H. E. L. Fisher writes from the front.

G. E. Cave (May 1903), is in the East Lancashire Regiment in Egypt. He was

in Egypt when the regiment went out to Abbassia, and promptly enlisted.

N. G. R. Amies (1901), who had been for over seven years Coffee Planting in Guatemala, hastened home as soon as war was declared and enlisted in "The Buffs." He has been for the last two months training at Purfleet Camp.

W. H. Cook (Sept. 1878), who is vicar of Stratford-sub-Castle, near Salisbury, writes:—

"My own bit of work in connection with the war consists of visiting the soldiers from the Plain who have contracted infectious diseases, chiefly diphtheria and scarlet fever. The Isolation Hospital for the Salisbury district is situated in this parish, and the War Office have constructed a temporary block for the soldiers. There have been no Canadians among the patients as yet, but it may be that they have their own arrangements—they rather pride themselves on being self-contained. If you could let me know of any O.Ds. amongst them, or indeed among any of the contingents on Salisbury Plain, I would gladly go and see them, and ask them to spend a night or two here. The Canadians are extraordinarily well served as regards Chaplains, they have one to each 1,000 men, At Bulford, we English have two Chaplains to 12,000 troops!"

W. White (Sept. 1907), has been taking lessons in flying, and hopes to obtain admission into the Flying Corps or Flying Squadron.

G. B. Fyldes says: "the cold has been dreadful here (Frensham Camp) lately. Every morning one's water, sponge, boots, and towels, have been frozen as stiff as boards, and there is not a fire in the place. We keep being told we are going to move, but are continually being disappointed. I am going to G. R. Wheeler (O.D.) for

lunch and tea; you have no idea what a luxury it will be to see a fire, but of course we are much better off than the poor fellows in France. I heard from my brother in Egypt the other day; he says they are working with the thermometer at 150 degrees—it makes me feel rather envious."

B. Girling's letters from the Falkland Islands are very interesting as showing the far-reaching effects of the war. He says:—

"I am sure you will understand that we have very little time for letter writing now-a-days. Not only have we been hurrying to get our usual office mail away, but there seems a probability that H.M.S. *Good Hope* may come in in a very short time, and I am one of the Volunteers who are to be Guard of Honour to the Admiral, and so I have to stand by and wait for the call. We are daily expecting a big naval battle out here, as there are at present nine British battleships in the South Atlantic, and four more at St. Vincent on their way down here, so there must be something doing. We know there are three or four German men-of-war round here, trying to harry our mercantile ships. We are very much looking forward to seeing some come in with some German prisoners, and want to look after the latter. There are three colliers in the harbour waiting for our ships to come and coal from them, and there are several more on the way. The other day when they thought the *Good Hope* was coming in to help they asked for volunteers to help them coal. Of course I was one, so I am a volunteer of all sorts now, including collier.

I have to be on parade at 5.15—the mail closed at 4—and it is now just 5, and I want some tea first, so must close."

Again he writes:—

"A third collier came in here this morning having been collared by the *Glasgow*

whilst on a voyage to Rosaria with a cargo of coal. The *Glasgow* and the *Monmouth* coaled from her at sea, and sent her into Port Edgar where the *Good Hope* was finishing her off, when she got a wireless from the *Glasgow* to say that she was engaging a German man-of-war, and although there was a very good chance of collaring her, she would like some help. So the *Good Hope* downed tools, shoved off, and was away in quarter-of-an-hour. Now we—the Volunteers that have been picked for the Guard of Honour for the Admiral on the *Good Hope* have just been told to fall in at 5.15, so, for all we know, she may be coming in with a prisoner."

P. Girard de Menon has sent us his photograph in the uniform of the 109th Territorial Regiment of Infantry. He is now stationed at Vienne.

R. H. Merryweather has returned from farming in Canada, and is now in the 4th Public Schools Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, stationed at Ashstead.

G. W. M. Andrew is Lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and is at present at Luton. He says:—

"It's jolly nice to read of such a number of O.Ds. with the colours in one way and another. I saw it mentioned with the number in, I think it was, the *High Peak News*, that is a weekly paper in the Peak district of Derbyshire. I will let you know if I come across or hear of any other O.Ds. serving. Our work, which I expect you know, is to be behind the firing line, and receive wounded from the Field Ambulance with first aid dressing, treat, and send on those fit to travel, retaining those who are not. We thus move up with the firing line, and so keep in touch with it. We are expecting and hoping to be sent to France any moment. We thought we should have gone before, but they are always altering, though I

hear the Division is not quite ready. I wonder if one can get any O.D. or Denstone news out there."

R. D. Taylor writes :—

" Being at present at home on leave, I thought I would write and let you know a little of my doings since the beginning of the war. My reason for being at home is that I have had an accident, caused by a horse treading on my foot. I have now been at home three weeks. I joined the Yorks. Dragoons within a year after I left Denstone. In my first year I won the Recruits' Prize for shooting, and have been in the list of prize-winners ever since. This I put down to being in the O.T.C. There are quite a lot of fellows in our Regiment who were at O.T.C. camps I attended. From leaving Sheffield to coming home after my accident, I never slept in a bed; for ten weeks we were at Londesboro' Park, and slept in an empty pig-stye. But it is a fine life, and I have never felt better than I do now, after roughing it for three months. The Regiment is at present stationed at Aidborough, near Hull, where they are busily engaged digging trenches and patrolling the coast."

L. E. C. Frith writes from Salisbury Plantation Camp, Bulford :—

" I was at Denstone from Sept., 1903, to June, 1904. Then I attended S. John's College, Winnipeg, from 1909-13, where I received a B.A. in Mathematics from the University of Manitoba. On August 12th last, I joined the 100th Winnipeg Grenadiers (Militia), went with them to Valcartier, where they were merged in the new Eleventh Battalion. When we first came to England we were camped at Pond Farm Camp, near Lavington, but on the 9th of this month we moved here, where we are quartered in huts."

H. Arnfield writes :—

" I have secured a Commission as 2nd Lieut, in the 6th Battn. Cheshire Regt. We are now billeted at Northampton, training hard, and expect to be fit pretty soon. It is really a feather in the cap of Denstone to have as many as 300 serving, for as Schools go, it is by no means an old one, though it has memories and traditions which will never fade from the mind of anyone who has passed through the School.

It was a big wrench for me to leave business, as I am now one of the three managing directors of our concern, and had worked very hard to build up our business, which has extended by leaps and bounds—however the call came and one felt one had to go."

O.T.C.

A special class has been formed of those likely to be taking commissions during the next twelve months. The class attends four lectures a week. The following constitute the Bugle Band under the direction of Mr. Wood:—Drummers; Ewen, Sykes, Burrows, Townsend, Leech, Williams, Müller, Whitfield. Buglers; Tobias, Mason, Coverdale, Shirlaw, Reynolds, Renfree, Zimmerman, Lindley, Jeffries, Slack, Bazley. A signalling squad has been formed under the direction of Mr. Hayward. The following are members :—Elley, Lay, Hayward, Ainger, Backhouse, Norbury i., Austin, Weigall, Barker, McCracken, Leach ii., Brooksbank i., Müller, Laithwaite, Kimbell, Jenkins, Pattison, Peel, Sharp, Emmett.

FOOTBALL.

LIVERPOOL COLLEGE.

This match was played at Liverpool on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Liverpool at once took

up the offensive and soon scored without converting. They again attacked, but after play had worked to the centre, the ball came smartly out to Taylor who ran well and scored between the posts, Wilson almost immediately adding another try by a very good individual run. Both of these Knight converted. After this Liverpool again attacked and almost scored on several occasions through neat heeling and the slowness of our backs to get up; eventually however they went over for a good try which was converted. Then the School pressed and Baness scored after a beautiful piece of close passing by three-quarters and forwards, Hutchison converting well. North-cox scored again for us from another pretty individual effort and Knight converted, thus leaving the score at twenty points to eight in our favour at half-time.

On resuming the School had matters much their own way completely out-classing their opponents both in and out of the scrum. Tries came in quick succession, through Taylor (three times), Hutchison, Larkam, Northcox, Knight, and Wilson (twice); of these Knight converted four and Hutchison two, so that when time came the School were victorious by 59 points (10 goals and 3 tries) to 8 points (1 goal and 1 try).

After a somewhat doubtful start the team as a whole played well. The forwards were at first badly beaten in the scrum, through lack of really hard pushing, though later they heeled splendidly. All through the wheeling and dribbling showed great improvement, especially in the old fault of kicking the ball too hard. The three-quarters, after some very poor work on defence, settled down to straight running and hard tackling, though many opportunities were lost by bad giving of passes; Larkam did some excellent work on

defence, being "there" all the time, and all were good on attack, Taylor and Wilson being the most conspicuous.

BIRKENHEAD.

This match was played at home on November 7th. After Larkam had won the toss and decided to play up the hill, the game was carried on for a few minutes in our own twenty-five; but it was not long before Clark made an excellent opening, of which North-Cox took full advantage, the kick failing. The opposing captain then scored, thus leaving the score 3 all at half-time. On the resumption of play their line was quickly crossed by Larkam, Knight adding a further two points from the kick. After some loose play Barnes scored, after which the game was entirely in our hands, Larkam and Clark adding further tries and bringing the final score to 24-3-

The victory reflects great credit on the School team. The tackling of North-Cox and Larkam was excellent; Taylor and North-Cox on the wings were too well marked, while their insides were decidedly weak. The victory was, however, mainly due to the fact that the team made full use of the opportunities given them, while in this respect our opponents were somewhat lacking.

Team :—Glaisby, North-Cox, Larkam, Barnes, Taylor, Leech, Clark, Hutchison, Hope, Mason, Horsfield, Knight, Baness, Briggs, Mellor.

" A TEAM " MATCHES.

TRENT COLLEGE.

From the very beginning of the game Trent showed and used their superior weight in the scrum. After a good deal of play in mid-field Leech made an opening, which resulted in a good run by

North-Cox, who, however, was brought down within a yard of the Trent line. The game was then carried into the School "25," and Martelli scored after a short dribble—the kick at goal was successful. After some even play, in which the faulty passing of the School insides was chiefly conspicuous, the ball was got out to Wilson, who ran strongly, but was put into touch a few yards from the Trent goal line. After half-time the School got a little the better of the game, and North-Cox scored from a brilliant opening by Leech—the former, however, was unsuccessful with the kick. For the remainder of the game the play was fairly even, and "time" was called with the score 5 points to 3 in Trent's favour. Leech played the most useful game for the School, while Hope, Mason, and Mellor also did good work. More use would have been made of the opportunities afforded, if the passing had been more accurate.

Team :—Glaisby, North-Cox, Barnes, Tobias, Wilson, Leech (Capt.), Clark, Hope, Mason, Horsfield, Knight, Baness, Briggs, Mellor, Lindop.

ELLESMERE COLLEGE.

The most brilliant episode of this rather one-sided game occurred within the first few minutes. Ellesmere kicked off down the hill, and Clark getting the ball away, immediately North-Cox scored, after a very successful piece of combination. This effort rather discouraged the visitors, with the result that the School team entirely monopolised the remainder of the play. Knight kicked well in front of goal, but otherwise the place kicking was weak. Leech was the pick of the School side, and ran strongly throughout, while of the forwards Horsfield, Baness and Briggs did much towards the opening up of the

game. Clark did some excellent work in getting the ball away. The tackling of Glaisby and Wilson was always sound, and the latter showed considerable promise as an inside, but must learn to part with the ball sooner. North Cox and Schofield also played well. The School eventually won by 13 tries 5 goals to nil. The following were responsible for the tries : North-Cox five, Schofield five, Leech three, Knight two, Wilson two, Barnes one.

Team :—Glaisby, North-Cox, Barnes, Wilson, Schofield, Leech, Clark, Hope, Mason, Horsfield, Knight, Baness, Briggs, Mellor, Ewen.

O.D. NEWS.

P. Houghton (Sept. 1889), has been appointed to the Vicarage of Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield.

R. A. Bracewell (Sept. 1910), was a motor engineer at Scott's Motor Cycle Works, Bradford, till the outbreak of war.

B. S. Atkinson (1907), has passed his final Law Examination.

R. and O. Harrison (Jan. 1892), are at Bobieberg, in the Transvaal.

F. H. C. Cave (May, 1902), is a member of the Order of S. Benedict.

We regret to hear of the death of Clennel Cecil Anstruther Wilkinson (Feb. 1876), last year, in the United States, where he has been most of the time since leaving England. R.I.P.

His brother, W. F. C. Wilkinson, spent many years in the United States and in Canada. Also he was some years in the far North, in Klondyke, where he was interested in Gold-mining. From there he returned home about fourteen years ago and settled in Ireland, where he is Dairy-farming.

A. Menzies (Sept. 1908), passed his last examination at the Imperial College of Science, and was going to Galicia to gain experience, when the war broke out, and he obtained a Commission.

L. C. V. Hardwicke (May, 1895), has been in charge of the Hospital at Assouan, for the use of those engaged in the construction of the great Nile Dam.

NOTES.

"Stir-up Sunday" was observed as usual as a day of continuous Intercession for Missions. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. B. Smith.

The Chapter Meeting was held on Nov. 18th. The Vice-Provost was absent as he is on Service as Chaplain to the Forces.

The new School Members of the Play Committee are F.J. Mellor (Secretary) and R. A. Briggs.

W. H. M. North-Cox has been made a Prefect.

Since our last issue the following have read papers before the Literary and Scientific Society:—Mr. Whitley, on "Antarctic Exploration." Mr. Ogle, on "The Dyeing Industry." Mr. Hayward, on "Maurice Maeterlinck." P. E. Burrows, on "Greek Drama." H. Humer, on "Aeroplanes." G. V. Knight, on "Some facts about our Navy." We are pleased to see that so many members of the School are coming forward to read papers.

On Nov. 28th and 29th, we were privileged to have lectures from Dr. Cox, on "Belgium in relation to the present War." He showed us some excellent slides, and we are inclined to think that if there were any amongst his audience who came with any secret pro-German views, they certainly went away relieved of their burden!

On November 12th, Mr. Wood provided another patriotic Concert for us which was greatly appreciated. We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks not only to Mr. Wood, but also to Miss Hartley, who favoured us with excellent renderings of two of the most popular songs of the day.

The following have been awarded their colours:—1st XV.—C. K. Hope, A. B. R. Leech, W. V. Clark, G. F. Mason, W. H. M. North-Cox. 2nd XV.—W. Horsfield, H. E. Baness.

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