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EDITORIAL.

THE mountain could not be persuaded to come to Mahomet, so naturally Mahomet had to go to the mountain. In other words, the unhappy Editor, having waited several days for ideas, had to go in search of matter for an Editorial.

In the first place, let us express our regret that we have had to give up a cover to the *Denstonian*. This is an essential measure of economy owing to the greatly increased cost of production. But, as a certain optimist points out, this is not as unbearable a hardship as it at first appears; for those of our readers who keep their *Denstonians* will probably bind them—in which case the covers will be useless—

while those who do not keep them will, presumably, not n«^d-

Havino- therefore unburdened our mind of this weighty matter, we turn to the subject of the war- For in spite of what we have said abo^{> ^ ^ ^} persists in pressing itself upon us : the war is drawing to a close. Three events point to this conclusion—the recent successes of the Allied armies, the capitulation of Bulgaria, and the increase in the number of masters on the staff. The two former reasons explain themselves, but we must explain that the latter is a necessary precaution against the days of peace, when an increased meat ration will r^{o ^ ^ ^} the bellicose spirits of the school. In spite of all this, the lighting restrictions down the Row and the coal shortage point out that the blessings of peace are not y^{o ^ ^ ^} upon us.

O'Grady says, "Finished."

A DON UNDER ARMS.

By G. E. Jackson, O.D.

Your letter arrived a few minutes ago—or rather I came to it, at the end of a 1,500 feet climb. I am no end bucked that the school still goes strong; but how strange it does seem, that most of us, who played about the cloisters and sat on the pipes, and cadged bread and butter from Mother Rowe, with sugar on it, should now be dust in No Man's Land!

I am very nearly, now, an officer, and statutorily at least, a gentleman. We have had a shocking course. I thought at one time I should break in two. However, most of our officers are very fine men, and the fellows are a pretty good lot. I begin at last to appreciate the Territorials. They are a jolly good crowd: but the Regulars—I was almost writing "we Regulars"—can still show them a few things.

I expect to go to the E. Lanes, or N. Lanes., where I may meet more Denstonians. Without knowing it, I lived for eight months in Bangalore close to Captain Geoffrey Blackburn, who is O.C. British Details, or something exalted of that sort. What front I shall go to, I don't in the least know—or care very much, so long as I am not among the hills. I am a poor climber, and I like deserts and flat places of that sort.

India reeks of rumour, as usual. The Germans are coming through the Khyber Pass next Monday morning: despite the efforts of Dr. Garfield Williams, of Bromley, who edits an excellent daily in three languages, especially to persuade the bazaars to the contrary. Actually, of course, there are unpleasant possibilities, but they are a long way off. The immediate result of false alarms is to produce a

currency famine. There is hardly a silver coin in circulation for miles. I have not seen a rupee for months: and one gets small change nowadays almost entirely in postage stamps.

However, it means that the movement of troops is a more secret and mysterious process than ever: and one remains in the dark. Odds, I think, are a little in favour of Palestine for me.

Here we are close to the frontier, about ten miles, at the nearest point, from Kashmir; so our sentries mount at night with Snider rifles, chained to their bodies, and a charge of buckshot. You can see the Himalayas on one side, right above you, and on a fine day, 6,000 feet below and 27 miles away, you can just find Rawal Pindi with the naked eye. We are in an almost endless pine forest: indeed, it is the *Forest Lovers* land. And everywhere there are mountain paths, clinging sometimes to the side of a precipice, with goats, camels, mules, pack-bullocks, buffalo, and all the rest of the menagerie dotted here and there:

It would amuse you to hear me lisping in pidgin-Hindustani to these lousy hillmen. I really make quite a lot of a little grammar, and a hundred words or so. The trouble, as in learning any language, is to understand the other fellow: but one gets the keywords. If he says "*Hujoor*," one knows he is being jolly respectful, and if he says "*Turn*" one knows he wants choking off. And one learns one or two useful swears: but I can't help thinking that our dear good Victorians would have disapproved of them. They really are a bit thick.

As to the screed on Baghdad for which you ask, a dozen Denstonians could do the job better than I could. I have slept near the tomb of Haroun al Raschid—on whom be peace, and on the Companions—but to

my regret I have never been in the city streets. I was just long enough in the Gulf to learn to appreciate the Arab, and that is all. After twelve months in India, north and south, I have not seen a race of Indians his equal. However, if you can really do with the style of a minor prophet, and the half-baked ideas of a subaltern, I will try to do something for you presently. My salaams.

TAR AN TO.

By G. B. Fyldes, O.D.

Taranto has come to the fore once again. I am revealing no secret when I say that it is now a very large base for the East, and is used by many of the Allies.

Taranto is the ancient Tarentum, as the reader is probably well aware. It was originally founded and peopled by the Greeks, together with many of the other towns in Southern Italy, such as Capua and Naples. The site was probably chosen by reason of the magnificent harbour. This is divided into two portions—the outer and the inner. The latter is practically an inland lake, as only a narrow channel connects it with the outer harbour. This channel is about 70 yards long and is just wide enough to admit of the passage of a modern dreadnought. Now-a-days there may be seen in this harbour Italian, French, Japanese and English war-ships. They make a most impressive sight, but they look strangely incongruous against the background formed by the irregular mass of the old town.

The fact that in its early days the town was peopled by Greeks would naturally have led it into conflict with Rome if any other cause than jealousy had been required. The Roman Republic was

founded in B.C. 510. From that date to the death of Hannibal in B.C. 183 Rome was almost continually striving with some or all of the rival towns or states in Italy. Of these Tarentum was by no means the least. It had two great natural advantages—first, its fine harbour, and secondly, its inaccessibility from Rome. The former was a great attraction to the allies whom the Tarentines sought in the East; while the latter lessened the fear of a direct assault on the town, even if her armies were defeated in the field. The great Roman roads which were, in the first place, purely military, were not started till 300 B.C., about which time the Appian Way was begun, and for many years after that there was no road between Rome and Tarentum. As a further defence, the Appenines lay between them, amidst the fastnesses of which dwelt Rome's fiercest enemy—the Samnites.

Of Tarentum in the middle ages I must plead ignorance. No doubt it continued to flourish. In more recent years, however, it has been rather overshadowed as a commercial port by Brindisi. It has, though, always been a base for the Italian Navy. The reason for its decay lies to a large extent, I think, in the malarial belt in which the town is situated. To-day modern science has to a large extent overcome this, and sickness there is by no means excessive. After the war, therefore, Taranto may—indeed probably will—regain its former position.

To-day the town is divided into two parts—the old and the new towns. These are separated by the channel connecting the two harbours, and are joined together by a swinging bridge, which has to be moved to allow of the ingress and egress of ships. Of the new town nothing need be said except that it is uninteresting and by no means typically Italian. The old town

is distinctly the reverse. It has many interesting churches, houses and associations if only one could find them all out. For this, unfortunately, a knowledge of the language is essential. As I lack that, I fear that I can only present a very imperfect picture.

The houses have apparently all been built on ancient foundations, though in most cases dating, I should think, from the 19th century themselves. The plan of the original streets is therefore maintained. These, like all old streets, are very narrow, the main thoroughfares being about 18 feet wide at the most. There are no side streets—only alley-ways in which there is just room for two people to pass each other. The houses are quite lofty, though by no means uniform in their height or architecture. The disparity is further emphasised by the various coloured washes with which they are painted. As can be imagined, it is always possible to find shade in such streets—no mean consideration in a town where the temperature rises to well over 100 degrees. Of early Roman architecture I could find no trace in my cursory examination, unless it was in the tower of the principal church. Even if my supposition is correct, however, there is very little, and I could gather no reliable information about it.

Of mediæval architecture there are, on the contrary, numerous examples. These are mostly found in doorways. Many of them are very fine, and must originally have given entrance to some rich men's homes. Now, however, they usually lead to a block of squalid flats. In a few instances the inner courtyards, so typical of Eastern architecture, still remain. In the middle of these will be found a well, and perhaps, an olive tree and vine-covered arbour. Such an oasis in the surrounding desolation of insanitary over-

crowding is most pleasing. The dirt is indeed appalling. This naturally reacts most unfavourably on the inhabitants, who present a pitiable spectacle of abject poverty and its accompanying evils; whereas money is really more plentiful there than in many of the country towns where the conditions of life are far better.

However, now Taranto has awakened from her stupor of so many years' duration, there is every prospect of her becoming, once again, comparable to Merivale's description of her in ancient times as "The Queen of Magna Graecia."

DENSTONIANS IN THE
HOLY LAND.

III.

W. J. Crick wrote a long letter in July, and one so interesting that we give it almost in full. We may not, as he requests, publish his address, but any O.D. who wishes to write to him may send letters to Denstone, and they will be forwarded.

Since last writing to you I have seen more of the world. I left the old General Hospital in May, 1918, and joined a hospital that was supposed to be going to France. We sailed on the 10th and landed on the 16th. In France?—oh, dear no! *Salonika!*

The Hospital to which I was attached was split up on disembarkation. I was sent to a Detail Camp to await orders. On the 23rd I was attached to a General Serbian Hospital—British staff, patients all Serbs. By an extraordinary stroke of good luck I managed to return to Egypt shortly afterwards. The War Office wired out for five chaplains to be sent at once to Egypt, and I jumped at the offer when it was made to me.

We sailed in the middle of June, coming across in a small boat of under 1000 tons, but managed the journey without mishap. On arrival we were sent up to Kantara where we found ten more Anglican Chaplains waiting to be posted. After remaining for three weeks I got posted and left Kantara on July 19th at 11.30 p.m.

After a dirty and somewhat weary journey, I reached Jerusalem at 1 p.m. on the 20th. I had only an hour in the Holy City so had not time to see much. From there I went to a rest camp just outside the city.

Next morning at 6 saw me on my way again—in a motor lorry. I had a filthy and very bumpy ride to Jericho, reaching there in four hours. I waited in a bell tent till my horse and groom arrived in the late afternoon; then off we went through inches of dust. I reached my destination at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, July 21st, looking like an old stone-breaker.

I have never seen such a dusty place in my life. The roads all round are coated with six inches of fine dust. Here, close to the Jordan Valley, the temperature in the shade daily registers 106—no degrees. If you make up your mind that you are especially designed to swallow dust and to perspire for the rest of your life, then you are quite happy, and nothing short of kind attention from "Jacks," as the Turks are called, can upset you. Scorpions are plentiful here; I found one in my boot yesterday morning.

My "parish" is very scattered, and I spend at least three hours daily on horse-back. Last night I took a service at one of the batteries, and while I was at the mess afterwards, my mare broke away. I borrowed another horse to bring me back, and up to the time of writing the miscreant has not been caught. The worst part of it all is that she has got my robes, service

books and so on, strapped on to her back!

I have said too much about myself already, and will give you the O.D. news in brief. I met Vivy Harris, at Kantara a fortnight ago. One of the officers here is L. G. Smith. I made the discovery on Saturday evening. We were talking about the Bishop of Hereford, and that led on to the fact that he was confirmed by the Bishop of Lichfield—then Denstone! I also met a friend of his named Rhodes who was a patient in the 71st General Hospital while I was Chaplain there. I had a good chat with him about old days.

One Rogers (1882-6) is living at the Sporting Club, near Alexandria. He is married, and has an awfully nice kiddie, aged about 8. J. L. I. Green is still at the 21st General Hospital. I have met Roberts in Alexandria and C. S. Little several times, but missed seeing Jimmy Greenwood when I got sudden orders to join the hospital.

WAR NEWS.

We have heard since our last issue of the following honours gained by Old Denstonians in the War:—

BAR TO THE D.S.O.

Brig.-Gen. C. R. P. Winsler, C.M.G., D.S.O.

D.S.O.

Capt. W. F. Greenwood, M.C.
Staff-Surgeon H. Cooper, R.N.

D.S.C.

Sub-Lieut. R. W. Peel, R.N.A.S.

BAR TO M.C.

Capt. K. J. H. Lindop, M.C.
Major J. E. Hardinge, M.C.

MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. R. Sapcote.
2nd-Lieut. W. H. R. Lloyds.

2nd-Lieut. C. S. Embrey.
 Lieut. E. Walker.
 Rev. J. L. G. Hill, C.F.
 Lieut. E. A. Oldham.
 2nd-Lieut. F. S. Parker:
 Major G. W. Ashforth.
 Major J. B. Hardinge.
 Major Rupert Gray.
 Major E. D. Farr.
 2nd-Lieut. J. Cornes.
 Lieut. H. T. Sampson.

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE.

Major J. B. Hardinge, M.C.
 Captain C. R. Keary (with palm).

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE.

Staff Surgeon H. Cooper, D.S.O., R.N.

GREEK WAR CROSS.

Sub.-Lieut. R. W. Peel, D.S.C.

MENTIONED IN DESPACHES.

Rev. M. R. Smith, C.F.

MENTIONED IN FRENCH DESPACHES.

Major J. B. Hardinge, M.C.

We learn that we were incorrect in recording in our March issue that Staff-Surgeon H. Cooper had been awarded the M.C. It was the D.S.O. He is now Lieut.-Colonel in the Royal Air Force.

The following official accounts are issued of how O.Ds. won their Military Crosses:—

Lieut. H. T. Sampson, R.F.A.—During a withdrawal, after his Major had been killed, he commanded his battery with skill and ability. He fought a rearguard action with great determination and courage, engaging the enemy over open sights and inflicting severe losses on him.

T. 2nd Lieut. F. S. Parker, Notts and Derby R.—During a raid on the enemy's trenches, this officer, followed by a N.C.O., attacked a blocking party on the flank, shooting one and capturing three prisoners.

He then worked along the front under machine-gun fire, controlling his men and organising an orderly withdrawal.

Lieut. I. D. R. McDonald, R.A.F.—With seven scouts, he attacked eighteen enemy machines, of which three were destroyed and one driven down completely out of control. When driven down to within 200 feet of the ground by two enemy machines owing to a choked engine, he turned on them and drove one down. He has in all destroyed eleven aircraft and carried out valuable work in attacking enemy troops on the ground.

2nd Lieut. W. H. R. Lloyds, S. Staffs R., S.R.—While in command of a company, when the battalion was almost surrounded, he formed a flank guard under intense machine-gun fire in conjunction with a rear guard, and thus enabled the remainder of the battalion to withdraw in good order to a new position. Next day he maintained his position on a hill under close range field-gun fire. He showed fine gallantry and leadership.

S. O'R. SurrIDGE won his Military Cross thus: though wounded in the thigh, he continued to lead his company, and finally gained his objective, capturing a large number of prisoners. He remained in command of his company throughout three days of heavy fighting. When attacking a village he steadied his men under heavy shelling, and then led them forward into the village under heavy fire until he was severely wounded.

W. F. Greenwood won his D.S.O. in Italy thus: While in charge of a raiding party he displayed very high powers of leadership, and most conspicuous personal gallantry. When some of the party had lost direction, and others were held up by hostile fire, he penetrated the enemy's main position with only two men. He attacked a large party of the enemy, who were firing

from the top of a railway cutting, and inflicted heavy casualties on them, firing 36 rounds from his revolver at point-blank range. He subsequently cleared out ten large hostile dug-outs and shelters, killing all who resisted, during which time his party was reduced to two, one of his companions being shot dead. He eventually returned with 12 prisoners, having, with the aid of one man, killed about 30 of the enemy.

Replying to a congratulatory letter he wrote: "The fact that you look upon my awards as bringing credit on Denstone, I need hardly say makes them worth double their value to me. That you should think that I am a Gredit to my old and much loved school gives me keen satisfaction." He went to Italy in April, 1918 after recovering from wounds received at Messines in 1917. "Since arriving here I have seen quite a lot of fighting as we have given the Austrians absolutely no peace, and no self-respecting people will stand this long without retaliation. Since June 15 we have continually raided the enemy's line, thus making his life one perpetual anxiety."

J. B. Hardinge won his Military Cross thus: While commanding his machine-gun company he reconnoitred in advanced positions for the most advantageous situations, and his skilful setting of his guns caused the enemy heavy losses in their attack. He did fine work.

C. S. Embrey was awarded the Military Cross for "tactical dispositions, and going out and attacking a Boche patrol in the middle of the day, killing one and taking the others prisoners, without a shot being fired on his own men."

J. K. Summers writes from Karlsruhe:—"Brought down unhurt by Lothar von Richthofen, August 12th—his fortieth."

G. W. Ashforth writes: "Last winter I

was stationed on the East Coast. I returned to the West Yorks in May and have had a fairly lively time. At present we are engaged in following up the Boche, who is going back; but in this quarter we have missed the big shows down south. However, we have had several 'stunts.' I seem to be going through every rank out here, as I have been all, from Lance-Corporal to Major. The only one I have not tried is Sergeant-Major." He gained his M.C. for a "show" in June, and also his majority, well under two years of commissioned service.

Wounded 25 years ago, L. Head is still prevented from doing "anything more exciting than pottering about the East Coast. I have had several shots for the Air Service with but poor results." He recalls the Tuck-shop, the hot water-pipes "which masters were much adverse to our sitting on, and the pipe to the ceiling which I was made to scale and sing the National Anthem."

Hubert Carson is a Captain.

Barry Girling was on home service after being gassed, when a strange horse reared and fell upon him before he could get clear, and he was badly hurt.

C. Girling has been invalided out of the Army.

H. S. Barber has a commission in the R.N.V.R. and is in command of a wireless station in Aden.

Mr. H. Merrick is again at the front. So is A. Winkler.

W. Horsfield is in the Officers' Prison Camp, Holzminden, Germany. He wrote in June: "I shall certainly do a good deal of work here, though little of one's time seems free. It is spent waiting in queues to get food." He has met the pilot of Helder's machine.

E. C. Warren and E. H. Price are lance-corporals in the Artists' Rifles,

R. P. Pollard has been a Major since January.

It seems that when R. Hilton was killed, his machine was brought down in the German lines.

Mr. Huskinson writes from Egypt :

"I have at last succeeded in sending off the piece of Babylon brick for the Denstone Museum. I brought it along from Mesopotamia and they accepted it at the post office here in Egypt. I hope it will safely dodge the ever-watchful submarine and eventually find its way to a case in the museum. You will find a reproduction of a complete brick in the Oxford 'Helps to the Study of the Bible,' Plate C, and I suggest that one of these be placed with my specimen. The whole brick was too heavy to send, so I had to content myself with picking out a piece of one which just showed some of the hieroglyphics—wish I could have sent the complete brick, of which I saw heaps of specimens.

"I hope you got my article on Babylon, and think it worth printing in the *Denstonian* as a final 'Leaf from my Eastern Notebook!' I feel that I had a unique unexplored region there to write about; and though now I am in equally historic spots, still, their interests and romance have oft been written of. However, I will always be on the look-out for any copy which may interest you. You have had several articles on Gaza, Philistia, Jerusalem, &c.; but there may be much still to be said about them and about other places here.

"E. T. Greenwood and G. S. C. Weigall and I have met for frequent chats since I found them here a month ago. A Gunner is always worth knowing when he has a car, sidecar, and a horse at his disposal, and I think I have been able to while away many an otherwise dreary hour for them.

"Weigall was chafing at the inaction of life at the base and was delighted when his

call for 'up the line' came. As he has gone to the Sector we shall probably be in, I shall see more of him anon. Greenwood and I dine together at the Y.M.C.A. to-night and then go for a moonlight side-car ride along the canal afterwards.

"I am keen on getting away from the Base, with its endless expanse of sand and glare, and making acquaintance with the vineyards and olive groves of the 'milk and honey' region."

He has been ill in Egypt but has recovered.

E. Hargreave was with the Artists' Rifles at Romford in May.

L. A. Gothard wrote in May—when sending a photograph: "I believe my face is little changed in spite of 18 months training troops for France, 12 months of 'life' on the old Ypres salient, and 6 months convalescence from trench fever." He had seen a good deal of Lieut.-Colonel Milward and P. E. Burrows who, before he went to India, was in his company.

J. L. G. Hill joined the forces as C.F. in December, 1915, going to France in August, 1916. On May 30 of this year he spent 26 hours with shells exploding around him binding up wounds, a fellow officer being killed beside him. For this he was awarded the Military Cross. He is suffering from shell-shock and trench fever, but has, we hear, insisted on joining for another year.

Stanley Smith received his commission in the E. Yorks. Regiment in September, 1914, and went out in May, 1915, taking part in the second battle of Ypres, when the Germans launched their first gas attack. He was gassed and invalided home. After recovery he took light duty at Strensall Camp. In January, 1916, he went to Salonika, and in May was a captain and in command of a battalion.

Lieut-Colonel E. Woolmer, D.S.O., M.C., was D.A.Q.M.G. to an Army Corps, E.E.F. Later he has been attending a Senior Staff Course in England.

We much regret to learn that G. R. M. Rutter, Durham Light Infantry, has been "missing" since May 27.

H. Bassett has been ill in hospital: he was in bed for two months with "a second dose of trench fever."

Amongst those recently wounded are E. A. Oldham, E. A. Champney, N. Blunt, Captain H. A. Panting, J. T. Davies.

A recent number of the *Tatler* had a caricature of E. A. Brock. He has gained fame in France and in hospitals as a conjurer and impersonator, and he was represented with a conjuring table and a figure of Charlie Chaplin. His taste for theatricals dates from painting scenery at Denstone.

Fred Kemp is at the Offizier Kriegsgefangenenlager, Karlsruhe—i—B. Germany. His machine was brought down by an anti-aircraft gun.

W. K. Shirlaw says that his squadron has been "pushed into all these late battles." He is on a pilot's course.

H. R. Cadman is at Trinity College, Cambridge, in training.

J. Boothroyd is a Flight Cadet and is stationed at Stonehenge. D. Boothroyd is a Lance-Corporal in the Durham L.I.

R. M. Williams writes: "I have been on the Lys ever since the beginning of the year, being in the retirement last April, and in the German evacuation and our consequent advance lately. Advancing has proved to be much more satisfactory than retreating. Seeing the ground the enemy has so recently held has been most interesting, but seeing the effects of our shooting has proved too top-hole for words, and leaves no doubt in my mind as to a very good reason why he retired."

A series of letters from J. F. Menzies has reached us. First he wrote from Rastatt (Baden). "We are living in huts in a wire cage. Life is rather monotonous but I am fit and well. It was very bad luck my being captured, as I was expecting to be transferred to the R.F.C. any day."

Later he was at Stralsund. "This is quite a comfortable place. We live in huts, eight in one room. We are actually on a small island—the Little Danholm—but it is connected to the Big Danholm, and as we can go across we get plenty of room for exercise. As soon as we get our parcels of food and clothing we shall be very comfortable. We are starting a theatre, concert, library, sports and so on. The island is very pretty, with quite a lot of flowers and plenty of trees. We are allowed to fish, but up to the present have not had any luck. It is rather awful not having a change of clothes. Luckily the weather is warm, and we can wash our clothes and dry them in the sun. I am now reduced to wearing a vest only, as my shirt was unfortunately an old one and is now in ribbons. We are having lovely weather, but we expect the winter will be very cold, as we are on the Baltic."

Later he wrote: "I am going to study German, French and Hindustani. We have nothing to do, and it will help to pass the time away. We are very comfortable here and the treatment is very good. Our room is looking very nice now, as we have just bought some flowers and plants."

On 20th August he wrote to say that he had received parcels of cigarettes and clothes. "I have just met Helder, who was Captain of School in my last year at Denstone. He came to lunch yesterday and we had a long chat about old times. We have got a gramophone but are badly in need of records." He also mentions that the officers received a parcel from the

American Y.M.C.A. which was much appreciated.

An O.D., concluding an interesting letter from the front, ends with an apology, since "I am not a man of learning—like Watts, for instance."

H. L. Pearce is in France, enjoying what he calls a "seaside holiday in a glorified O.C.B. The whole camp," he writes, "is under canvas, that being the only discomfort, but one manages to forget the rain dropping in the soup."

H. C. Collis has returned to the front after recovery from his wounds.

F. Stott is in Stoke Hospital, seriously wounded, we regret to hear.

P. W. A. Wood writes: "It has been a great experience being out here during the last few weeks. It has been pretty tiring, of course, at times; but what makes all the difference is that we have been going forward."

A. S. Marsh writes: "I am with the transport in rear, and have been fairly comfortable until this morning, when the 'old fellow' pushed some iron rations at us. One wounded a water-cart man and two horses. We have an ammunition dump just in front, and if that is hit there will be a mess. I joined this battalion about June." He helped his company to win a cup recently by a long jump.

An O.D. writes: "I discovered the men did not like me as I was too particular on parade. They turned completely round after three weeks of fighting. Some of the rank and file are very curious. They cannot see that all the cleaning up and drill out of the trenches is for their own good."

C. F. W. Haseldine writes: "We have moved our school and are now in a very pretty village. I have a good deal to do. I find lecturing very interesting, as I am chief instructor at the School and give all

the Electrical Lectures. I have recently done a very large diagram (seven feet by seven), and had it reproduced in order to give all students who come here a copy." He sends a copy to us. He also says that his school has just beaten five others in cross country running, and that out of 150 starters he was surprised to come in eighth.

S. O'R. Surridge writes: "I am at present understudying adjutant in Fiance. It's a change for me from company work, and rather useful. Our CO. seems to think it better to have a captain as second string. Those days I had over at Denstone were delightful beyond description. I came over about the middle of August—just the time the harvesting boys went home. I am very glad to be back again here."

S. Tew has been for some time with the Sherwoods at Rugeley and Welbeck, but hopes to get his commission.

G. E. Jackson has passed first in his platoon in a Cadet examination in India. This is quite like old times!

H. W. Jones, whose death we recently recorded, was in a M. G. Squadron, and died of wounds received in the great battle for Amiens (March). He joined the Montgomeryshire Yeomanry as a private in Sept. 1914, and was granted a commission in the Welsh Horse in Feb., 1915. He went to France in Oct. 1916.

H. G. Embrey has been in the Medical Dept. of a base Hospital in Alabama for two years.

J. S. Dyson is well, but cannot meet O.Ds. in France.

R. A. C. Richards has been at the front in France since December, 1916, with the Liverpool Scottish, seeing fighting at La Bassee and Cambrai and in Flanders.

D. Victor has sent a subscription to the *Denstonian* from East Africa, "50 miles from my nearest neighbour."

W. H. Lindley is applying for a commission in the R.N.V.R. He writes: "The Crystal Palace makes an ideal depot for the training of men. All floors are spoken of as "decks," and when one leaves the depot for an evening one "goes ashore in the liberty boat."

N. H. Miller joined the Army in Nov. 1914, as a private in the London Scottish. Gazetted in June, 1915 (Liverpool Rgt.), he resigned his commission owing to ill-health a year later. Joining the Motor Transport, A.S.C., he served for fourteen months in Salonika, being invalided home with malaria in March, 1918.

Writing in July, E. T. Greenwood said that he had recovered from his wound and was back with his regiment. J. R. Birchall was Second-in-Command and a Major.

E. A. Champney, before being wounded, won both the open mile and three mile races in his Brigade sports. He was wounded on August 27. Owing to the heavy barrage, it was many hours before he could reach the casualty clearing station, but he was looked after wonderfully on his journey down the line. He is doing well in hospital at Manchester, and writes most warmly of the work of his battalion of the Inniskillings in a successful action near Neuf Berquin. He thinks himself lucky to have received his painful wound only in the left wrist. His company commander was J. Tasker, the Yorkshire Cricket Captain, who said that he learned the "rudiments of cricket" from Mr. Cadman at Worksop.

G. P. Rogers is in the Liverpool Regt. He was in France during 1916 and 1917, but is now training others at Oswestry.

W. W. Hodges, having failed on account of bad eye-sight to join the R.F.A., was stationed with a North Stafford unit in Lincolnshire. He was drafted on Easter

Monday into the Cyclists, and in September was in camp near Canterbury. He has been on a number of courses, and hopes to obtain his commission in the Tank Corps.

Brig.-General C. R. P. Winsor, D.S.O., C.M.G., in writing his views on the War Memorial, says: "Although I am a man of peace who has had war thrust upon him and dislikes it *intensely*, I am very much in favour of training for war. I feel sure that the majority to whom the memorial is to be must have frequently felt how unfitted they were for fighting owing to lack of training in their youth. Bring your boys up with some idea of power of command and leadership."

E. H. Robinson writes cheerfully from Roehampton: "I am at the Officers' Hospital for the fitting of artificial limbs. I arrived here on August 28, and hope to have my foot to-morrow for first fitting. There are only 35 officers here at once, and 800 Tommies at Roehampton House, 600 yards away. It is a very pathetic sight for any one who has not seen much limbless life. One meets heaps of men (on chairs) with double amputations and some with an arm also. The limbs are most wonderful things, especially the artificial legs. It is often impossible to tell which is the dummy leg, and I hope in a short time to walk without even a limp."

Lance-Corporal A. C. Hogg has been wounded in France, but has recovered, and is applying for a commission.

A. Winfield, Vicar of Musbury, Haslingden, has enlisted as a private in the R.A.M.C.

T. C. Keble, on recovering from a wound received in France, is applying for a regular commission in the Indian Army.

G. S. C. Weigall is with an Indian Lancer Regiment in Palestine, and has seen a good deal of fighting. For instance, he was in action near Jericho in July. He

was laid up in August with malaria, but is now better. He has met J. B. Hardinge and several other Denstonians. He writes: "Before leaving camp I spotted an old Syrian woman sitting close by, and had her searched. We found three of our signal messages about her. . . . These people do lots of harm giving information to the enemy." He pleads not guilty to the charge of being in command of a depot in India; it was in Egypt and only for a fortnight.

M. H. W; Michell wrote in July from port, after a long voyage down South: "I think when last I saw you I had just transferred from the Transport Service to the R.N.R. Since then I have been convoying fleets of merchant ships from all parts of the Atlantic to English ports. We have a fairly good job, but it is rather like a well-trained dog and a flock of sheep—they are just as much trouble and as hard to manage. So far we have been very lucky, not having lost a ship, though we have had one or two close shaves with mines." He is now transferring to the Marines.

P. E. Burrows had a good journey to India with A. W. Longbottom. In May he wrote from his bungalow "6,000 feet above sea-level. On reaching Bombay we all reported and were posted to various regiments. I was very pleased when I found I was going to the Gurkhas, and still more so when I found they were at a hill station. On the way up from Bombay the heat was sometimes over 118 degrees—rather difficult to become accustomed to after a winter in Flanders. Owing to a shortage of officers, I was put in command of a double company as soon as I arrived, and I am also putting in as much time as possible in learning the language, in hopes of passing the colloquial examination in six weeks instead of the three months

which are allowed. My vocabulary at present is very limited. I have some rather amusing times with my bearer, who rejoices in the name of Bahadur Khan; as he cannot understand a word of English, usually I have to make myself understood by signs." Of course, he went to Palestine, where he was, alas, killed.

F. J. Keble wrote before he was reported "missing": "I am in a daylight bombing squadron. Of course, when we trespass in Hunland the Boche greets us with vigour. A day or two ago, as raids were washed out, we decided to go and see how the war was getting on. We went over a lot of the land which had only just been captured. I amused myself with tanks and pill-boxes which had been knocked out. Fritz was all the time delivering 'iron rations' on a village about 200 yards from us. When we returned to the car, I suppose the wily Hun thought he would play a practical joke on us, so he altered his range and dropped a shell about ten yards from us, which wounded a chap next to me very slightly, burst the petrol tank, and broke the wind-screen of the car. Of course we all betook ourselves swiftly to the ditch, and stayed there whilst two more shells burst in exactly the same place. Then, when there was a pause, we emerged from our hiding-place and got into the car. But the beastly thing would not start, as there was no pressure in the petrol-tank. But eventually we got away with the tank tied up with a handkerchief." He is now a prisoner of war.

A. H. Wainwright is with an Australian Field Ambulance. He enlisted in 1916 and came to France next year.

P. C. Atkins is in India with the Punjabis and is a captain.

B. E. Frayling writes: "I last wrote to you in August 1914, when I had finished my four years at the School of Mines. I

was just going abroad when the war broke out, so I applied for a commission in the R.E., and enlisted as a private whilst I was waiting for it. I got a commission in the Signal Service in September, 1914. I became a Brigade Signal Officer in England in December, 1914, and went out to the front in May, 1915. I applied at the same time to transfer to the Tunnellers, then being formed. My transfer came through in December, 1915, and I have been with them ever since. My company laid ten of the big mines put up at the Messines show. Besides this offensive mining, we take on any variety of tunnelling work, with such side lines as looking for Hun booby traps. I got my captaincy in November, 1916, and have been Second-in-Command of the company some time now.

"I have met very few O.Ds. that I know—Menzies and one of the Goldsmiths. I am glad to see the science side at Denstone coming on. I hope the school will send more fellows'to the R.S.M. after the war."

M. R. Smith wrote in July from Macedonia, enclosing a programme of the —th Division Gaiety Theatre programme of *Robinson Crusoe*. He has met R. Crawford, but has lost touch with other O.Ds. "Bill Cooper," he writes, "has left this country owing to ill-health. I spent a couple of days at the 29th General Hospital, where he was stationed for about two years, and while there I heard many of the staff express their great affection and respect for Padre Cooper and their high appreciation of his excellent work. For myself, I am still attached to the same battalion, with which I have now spent nearly fifteen months, moving periodically in and out of three or four parts of the line.

"Just at present we are in a Brigade Reserve, encamped in a nullah on a hillside overlooking a fairly large lake. On the

opposite shore are two or three Greek villages which, when one stands on the distant hillsides, look very picturesque. The weather is very hot just now during the day, and the mosquitoes are rather vicious o' nights; but still, I am thankful to say, I keep fairly fit and so far have successfully dodged the prevailing malady.

"One's work out here is very difficult at times, and I am afraid I am sadly lacking in capacity and devotion" (he has been mentioned in despatches); "but the men themselves—and the officers too, as a rule—are wonderfully sympathetic and helpful in overcoming difficulties about times and places for services and celebrations. There are no Greek churches near enough to where we are now, but I hope soon to be settled for a few weeks near one which is in a fairly good state of preservation, and should be quite useable. I have become quite an expert horseman, and have two good horses at my disposal, though I am only entitled to one. Consequently I do a good deal of trekking about the country."

L. B. Helder, after a long stay in Aachen, waiting daily to be sent to Holland, has been moved after all to Stralsund. He is naturally bitterly disappointed. He is very short of food: some parcels do not arrive and of the others half the contents are stolen, so that he can much enjoy a mouldy loaf, twenty days old. Apparently Helder was not connected with the tunnel episode at Clausthal, though he was punished as if he had taken part. We learn from a repatriated officer that for three months those who attempted to escape were roused every hour of the night, and had their clothes torn off them and a bright light flashed in their eyes—a form of torture which considerably affected all but the heavy sleepers, of whom Helder was fortunately one.

G.B.Fyldes wrote from Egypt in August:

" Alexandria is rather a disappointing place. It is too much Westernised; all the interesting things are hidden very deep, and one is very much hindered in the search for them by ignorance of the language. Perhaps, though, I will try and write you something about it later on. I find it so much easier to do so after an interval for mental digestion. I was fortunate enough to find out Mrs. Roberts' address. I made myself known to her, and they have been extremely kind and thrown their house open to me. They are most delightful people."

WAR OBITUARY.

Second Lieut. Arthur Darby Morton was here (in Selwynlfrom May, 1894, until the end of 1897. He was a singer, and took part in several plays, his chief part being Mistress Ford in *Merry Wives of Windsor*, in 1896. On leaving, he entered the service of the Capital and Counties Rank, and kept up his athletics, being a prominent member of the Blackheath Harriers. He was 2nd Lieut. in the London Regiment, and was killed in action in a very successful attack south of Albert, on August 25. In a letter written to his father, "in case he did not get through," he said :—" It is worth it, and my only desire is to prove myself worthy of the great ones who have gone before." And he paid a touching tribute to the splendid conduct of his men. His last letter to Denstone was full of affection for the School.

Lieut. Peter Sydenham Dixon, R. Sussex Regt., was here from April, 1897, until the end of 1899, in Meynell Dormitory. He was an excellent "Mistress Quickly" in *King Henry V.* in his last year, and always had a taste for literature. On

leaving, he served his articles in Carlisle, and qualified as a solicitor in 1906. Next year he went to Hong Kong, where he practised until 1916, when he returned to England to receive a commission. He soon went out to the front, where his legal knowledge proved especially valuable in matters regarding court-martial. He saw much fighting, and was once wounded, but he still found time for some literary work as well, and continued to write short stories for various magazines, even on the battlefield. On the way with his regiment to take part in the successful fighting in the early days of August, he was killed by enemy shell-fire. His Colonel speaks of him as a good friend and a good officer. His brother Basil was killed in June, 1915.

T. Capt. Cyril William Rowland entered the Preparatory School in 1905, and the College in 1908. He left in 1913, and enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers on the outbreak of war. He saw much service in Malta, Egypt, and Gallipoli, and was invalided with dysentery at the end of 1915. He became lance-corporal in the London Regiment, and subsequently received a commission in the same regiment. In France he received the Military Cross for gallantry at Cambrai. He was killed last August, "leading his men into action with cheery words—a very gallant death." His father is kind enough to say that "his training at Denstone turned him out into the world a straightforward and honourable boy," and his padre spoke in glowing words of the example he set the men, and the affection in which he was held.

Cyril le Gay Hayward, R.N.R., was in Head's i. during 1906-7, and then entered the service of the P. and O. Company, in which he did well. During the war he served on H.M. Hospital Ship *China* as

third officer, and comparatively recently passed for first mate. He was accidentally killed on board, on August 10th, in the North Sea. He was only twenty-six years of age.

2nd Lieut. Henry Seddon was in Meynell from September, 1908, to April, 1911, when he left to learn the cotton business in Leigh. He joined the M.T. as a private, and after a year's service in France was recommended for a commission. He went out again last November, and was killed in action on August 8th. His company was attacking up the valley of the Lys, advancing in line under heavy artillery fire. His tank was on the right, and received three direct hits, which instantaneously killed the whole crew. His Major describes him as an officer on whom he could "absolutely rely."

Capt. Tom Newton was here, in Meynell, from September, 1908, until July, 1913, when he left as a prefect. He had an adventurous career in the Army from the first weeks of the war, when he was gazetted to the Lancashire Fusiliers. He served first in France, then in Macedonia (where he took part in the Serbian retreat), and then again in France, always with distinction; for he had always been charming in disposition, capable and cheery. In December he was invalided home from Greece, suffering from malaria and shell-shock. He had already had more fighting than has fallen to the lot of many, but he was soon on active service again, and in January, 1917, he was mentioned in despatches and received the Military Cross for gallantry with the Salonika forces; honours particularly acceptable to him as they were won in Greece, where, as a keen classic in Mr. Swift's Form, he had been glad to go.

On his first arrival there he spoke of his delight at seeing the land he had learnt to love, but had hardly hoped to visit. In October, 1917, he went to France, and won his captaincy at the Battle of Cambrai. His colonel testifies to his worth in the warmest terms, and says he had predicted for him a great future in the Army, and in three weeks' time he was to have received his majority. But he died of wounds received in action on August 5th, aged only 23 years, splendidly cheerful to the end. What Denstone values most of all are the following words:—"I don't think you have an idea of how much he thought of Denstone. All his aims and ideals were to prove himself worthy of the School and bring it honour; and he would have sacrificed his life rather than bring dishonour to that happy place." We did know it, and we thank God for it.

George Edward Loud was here from September, 1895, until he left to go to Jesus College, Oxford, with a Mathematical Exhibition, in 1901. He was in Woodard, a prefect, and a winner of distinctions in the Higher Certificate Examination in Natural Philosophy and Mathematics. He was also in the XV. After taking his degree he became a master at the Royal Masonic School at Bushey, and was ordained in 1906. He was one of those priests who felt it a duty to enlist in the ranks, and he did so, in the London Regt., in January, 1917. In three months he was out in France, and was taken prisoner in March, 1918. He was imprisoned at Münster, in Westphalia, and died of inflammation of the lungs, on June 27th. A fellow-prisoner says everything possible was done for his comfort by the nursing sisters. He had been offered a commission, and also a chaplaincy, but he

preferred to take his share with the men in the trenches, It was noble unselfishness.

Cyril Hamden Slack was here, in Woodard, from 1905 until 1909, musical and of some ability. He spent some time at Lichfield Theological College, but eventually went abroad, and returned with the New Zealand Field Artillery, in which he was gunner. He was trained in Egypt and was then sent to France. On 18th September, while acting as runner, carrying messages from H.Q. to the batteries, H.Q. was heavily shelled. About noon there came a lull, and Slack, with two signallers, went back to fetch some of their belongings from H.Q., which had been temporarily abandoned: the shelling began again and the three were hit and, of course, killed instantly. He was 25 years of age, and his body lies in Bertincourt Military Cemetery on the Ypres road.

Captain Percival Ernest Burrows was here from 1909 until 1915 (in Selwyn) when he was gazetted to the Sherwood Foresters. He had done most things here, and all well—work, choir, games—and he did equally well in the Army. In six months he was in France. In July, 1916, he was back wounded. In another few months he had won the Military Cross; soon, again (at the battle of Messines), he had won his Captaincy. Adventure, horrible and amusing, fell to his lot in profusion, and he survived danger a little of which would have killed any ordinary man, but which his gallantry and unflinching coolness carried him through in safety. His ability obtained for him a transfer to the Indian Army; but almost immediately he was sent to Palestine, where he was killed in action on 19th September.

CRICKET.

MR. T. H. RICHARDSON'S XI.

We did not begin very well, but Hall played a patient innings which was very valuable. Corbishley hit vigorously; but, though a few batsmen reached double figures, none of them was really at home with the bowling. Whitfield seemed more likely than most to make runs, but was soon caught. For us the Lutters bowled well, but were unable to get rid of Clegg, the match ending in a draw in the visitors' favour. Scores:—

SCHOOL.	
N. G. Whitfield, c Vost b Wragg	8
W. Hall, lbw b Eaton	38
D.J. Fergusson, std Richardson b Clegg	4
F. Lutter, b Eaton	13
J. Tomlinson, b Eaton	7
P. R. Sutton, c King b Eaton	14
G. Lutter, lbw b Eaton	1
G. H. Wildsmith, c Joyce b King	13
J. Corbishley, b King	20
M. G. C. Hobday, c King b Eaton	0
H. G. Newton, c Braddon b King	1
S. L. Kilbourn, not out	5
Extras	19

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MR. T. H. RICHARDSON'S XI.

Wragg, std Fergusson b F. Lutter 18; Dolman, c Wildsmith b F. Lutter 9; Vost, c F. Lutter b Corbishley 6; Clegg, not out 42; Joyce, b G. Lutter 11; Haig, b G. Lutter 0; Eaton, run out 21; King, not out 5; Extras, 10; Total (6 wks.) 122.

G. Lutter took two wickets for 13 runs; F. Lutter, three for 29; Corbishley, one for 27.

O.T.C. v. 53RD BEDFORDSHIRE REGT.

This fixture was made possible by the kindness of Major Bowes-Lyon, and a very close match resulted, our O.T.C. winning just on time. After a very fair start, the Bedfordshires somewhat fell to pieces, until Major Bowes-Lyon and Sergeant Lynes came together. The latter hit with great power, whilst the Major

played a sound and stylish innings, being undefeated when a sporting declaration was made. Hall got rid of Lynes with a magnificent catch on the boundary, and our fielding altogether showed improvement.

For us Captain Cadman, despite one or two chances towards the end of his innings, batted with admirable judgment and determination to get the runs. Fergusson made a most welcome return to form, some of his shots being excellently timed and placed. Lieut. Wood opened very confidently, and even when he was dismissed the game seemed well in hand; but after Pte. G. Lutter left wickets fell very cheaply, and it was anybody's game when Tomlinson by a resolute innings won the match. Scores:—

O.T.C.

Capt. H. S. Cadman, c Livesay b Lynes	69
Cpl. W. Hall, b Busby	6
Cpl. D. J. Fergusson, b Livesay	49
Lieut. A. J. Wood, c Sutton b Lynes	33
Pte. F. Lutter, b Lynes	7
Pte. G. Lutter, b Vann	19
Sgt. N. G. Whitfield, c Wright b Lynes	3
Cpl. G. H. Wildsmith, b Lynes	0
Pte. M. Sugden, c and b Lynes	4
Pte. J. Tomlinson, not out	14
Pte. P. R. Sutton, not out	1
Extras	25
(9 wkts.)	230
Sgt. H. G. Newton did not bat.	

53RD BEDFORDSHIRE REGT.

Livesay, b St'tton 25; Busby, b F. Lutter 19; Vann, c Newton b Wood 7; Wright, b F. Lutter 4; Jacklin, b F. Lutter 0; Bows-Lyon, not out 62; Lynes, c Hall b Cadman 55; Morton, run out G; Wilson, c Whitfield b Cadman 0; Jones, c F. Lutter b Cadman 0; Wood, not out 24; Extras, 21; To U1 (innings declared closed), 223.

Lieut. Wood took one wicket for 51 runs; Sutton took one for 19; F. Lutter took three for 79; Capt. Cadman took three for 14.

REVIEW OF THE CRICKET SEASON, 1918.

The season of 1918 was an improvement on that of 1917. The batting was fair, but many of the players seemed to suffer from nerves. We were only able to arrange two School games, one of which we could not play owing to illness. Our two best games were at Burton, against Mr. Evershed's XI. especially the second game, when we were unfortunate to lose by one run.

In batting, Fergusson and G. Lutter were the most successful; the latter, who was brought into the team towards the end of the season, made over 50 runs in his first game. The fielding was very fair.

We were able this year to get several matches for the 2nd XL, in most of which we proved successful. We did especially well against Oakamoor 2nd XL, who brought over a team. Results of 1st XL matches:—

May 25...Oakamoor	Drawn, 74—172
„ 30...Trent College (away) ...	Lost, 90—163
June 8...F. Evershed, Esq.'s XI.	(away) Lost, 84—190
„ 15...Oakamoor ...	Lost, 123—164
„ 22...C.E. Averill, Esq.'s XI.	Lost, 153—15G
„ 29...F. Evershed, Esq.'s XI.	Lost, 158—159
July 6 . T. H. Richardson,	Esq.'s, XI. Drawn, 143—122
„ 13...53rd Bedfordshire Regt.	(v. O.T.C.) Won, 230—223

CRITIQUE OF THE XL, 1918.

*D. J. Fergusson.—Has made a most energetic and keen Captain. Has kept wicket splendidly all through the season. A good bat, though rather unlucky.

*H.G. Neiton.—His batting and fielding improved towards the end of the season. His bowling lacked "life."

*J. Corbishley.—Most disappointing in every way all through the season.

*/. Whittles.—A good steady bat, and useful left-hand bowler.

*N. G. Whitfield.—A keen field. His batting was spoilt by endeavouring to "play across."

*F. Lutter.—A sound and stylish bat, and more than a good bowler on his day.

*W. Hall.—A good field. His batting was handicapped by lack of confidence.

ty. Tomlinson.—A disappointing bat, but a safe field.

tP. R. Sutton.—A fair bat and a useful change bowler.

fG. H. Wildsmith.—A good steady bat, and a good field.

fG. Lutter. — A promising all-round cricketer; will be very useful next year.

^M.Sugden.—A promising bat and a safe field; should be useful next year.

* 1st Colourman. | 2nd Colourman.

AVERAGES OF THE XI.

BATTING.

	Inngs.	Runs.	Highest score.	not out.	Av.
G. Lutter	3	73	53	0	24·3
D. J. Fergusson	8	142	90*	1	20 '3
W. Hall	8	137	38	0	17·13
J. Whittles	5	75	30	0	15
J. Corbishley	7	82	20	1	13·6
P. R. Sutton	7	56	29*	2	11 '2
J. Tomlinson	7	65	16	1	10 '83
F. Lutter	8	79	35	0	9'9
G. H. Wildsmith	6	46	16	0	7·6
N. G. Whitfield	8	56	18	0	7
M. G. C. Hobday	6	41	19	0	6·8
H. G. Newton	6	14	9	2	3'5

The following also batted :—

R. C. A. Miller	1	1		1 * 0	
S. L. Kilbourn	1	5	5*	0	—
M. Sugden	2	4	4	1	4

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
P. R. Sutton	38	116	7	16·7
J. Whittles	49	227	13	17'5
J. Corbishley	58	189	7	27'4
H. G. Newton	29	122	4	30'5
F. Lutter	72·2	3M	9	34·9

The following also bowled :—

R. C. A. Miller	8	27	4	6'75
G. Lutter	15	75	5	15
S. L. Kilbourn	6	25	0	—
M. G. C. Hobday	3	37	0	—
J. Tomlinson	2	15	0	—

O.D. NEWS.

K. Arnott is learning engineering at Crewe. He is at present in the nut and bolt shop, where he finds the work hard but instructive.

We congratulate Randle Ball upon his marriage.

O. G. Misquith, of the London Regiment, has been awarded a Kitchener Scholarship for two years at S. George's Hospital. He has been invalided out of the service.

E. J. H. Sewell has passed the Third Professional Examination, R.C.V.S.

J. H. Brownlow has entered the employ of Messrs. Crocker, Sons & Co.

C. Hammond, we regret to learn, has lost an arm in an accident, an electric fan having struck him and set up blood-poisoning. He is, however, able to work now at munitions.

G. H. Hayward has had an operation for appendicitis, but is now with the Hall Line branch of the Ellerman Lines. He has been married.

A recital of music by C. a B. Williams has been given recently at Wigmore Hall.

A new book, *Fernando*, by "John Ayscough," has been issued by Mr. John Long.

NOTES.

We had the unusual pleasure of a wedding last term, Captain Eric Rawlinson Wood, M.C., one of the most distinguished of recent Denstonians, being married in the

School Chapel to Madeline Campbell, daughter of Mr. Percy Campbell and Mrs. Dudgeon, of Gezira Palace Gardens, Cairo. Miss Peggie Smith and Monica Hibbert were bridesmaids, and Michael Hibbert was page.

We do not intend to describe the wedding, but it is interesting to record that the Headmaster, who took the Service, spoke in his address of the wonderful record of the bridegroom. E. R. Wood has been awarded the Military Cross and bar, and has twice been recommended for the D.S.O., whilst he has been wounded four times. At Cambridge he won a History Scholarship and took First Class Honours in the Tripos. Here he was Captain of School. The Major-General of his Division has placed on record his appreciation of Wood's "conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty," adding that this is but a small record of his "magnificent ten days"—March 21st to 31st.

Mrs. Hibbert most kindly arranged for a reception in the Drill Hall, and of course carried everything through with her usual ability and taste. In view of the increased number of ladies whom we are happy to have associated with Denstone, we shall not plunge into reckless inaccuracy concerning dresses; but may we add that the bride—and the bridesmaids, too—looked charming?

The Headmaster has been elected a member of the Executive Committee for compiling a history of the North Stafford Regiments during the war.

We regret that we have lost the services of four ladies from the staff. Miss Denman is doing war work in France, Miss Squire has left the Preparatory School, and we are without both Miss Fyldes and Miss Pruden in College. We wish them every success in their new sphere of work; but when we remember the brilliant

successes of Miss Fyldes' pupils in French a year ago, we realise how severe is our loss.

We are glad that Mr. Crompton has been allowed by the War Office to return to us after his service abroad.

The Rev. H. E. Wigglesworth, an old Aluredian, who also taught at Worksop, has left Cheltenham to join us. We have a special welcome for old Woodard School boys.

We also welcome Miss A. V. Winter, who has joined the Preparatory School staff.

The Rev. B. R. Hibbert is now, to our great pleasure, in residence in the village, and is able to devote some time to our work. Miss Hayward is also giving considerable assistance.

During the long vacancy of the living of Denstone, the Headmaster was in charge of the parish. He was able to restore the sung Eucharist to its rightful position; whilst his series of lectures on the history of the parish aroused widespread interest. An outdoor service at the Village Cross was held on "War Sunday." The Scouts from our Longton Mission paraded the village with their band, and Father Murray preached.

We were glad that the Scouts were able to be encamped in our grounds, though we believe that there was the ever-present difficulty of jam!

We were immensely pleased that our former master, and still staunch friend, the Rev. T. A. Lacey, had been appointed Canon of Worcester, in succession to Canon Knox Little. Tributes to the wonderful powers of which all the world knows appeared in many papers. May we add one from an Old Boy who had just heard of his appointment? "I was delighted to see that fine old master, the Rev. T. A. Lacey, had at last got some recognition of

his abilities and splendid work for our Church—recognition long overdue. It is nice to know one was in his dormitory and learned Latin under such able guidance."

The *Church Times*, in reviewing the Headmaster's Miracle Play, called the attention of all who desired to produce such plays to its merits, since it was just the thing required.

We regret that Sergeant Munro has been recalled to his unit. Sergeant Rider is now our instructor in P.T. and bayonet fighting.

The Report on our O.T.C. Annual Inspection was gratifying. Drill: Company, Platoon, and Extended Order Drill good. Care must be taken to see that too long a pace is not set, in order that small boys are not over-extended. Manoeuvre: The Inspecting Officer saw sections advancing in extended order, and opening fire on given targets; orders were well passed and obeyed, and the section commanders had their men well in control. Further training is required in fire orders. Discipline: Good. Very steady on parade. Turn-out: Very good in all respects. Arms and Equipment: In good order. General remarks: Armoury inspected, and found in good order. Miniature Range: Satisfactory; sufficient appliances are available. The general "tone" of this contingent is excellent.

The following promotions and appointments are posted:—

Sergt. Whitfield to be Company-Sergt.-Major; Corporals Wildsmith, Fergusson, Wynne and Miller, to be Sergeants; Ptes. Drury, Seddon and E. Chapman to be Lance - Corporals. Platoon - Sergts. of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Platoons: Sergts. Fer-

gusson, Wildsmith, Miller and Wynne. Section Commanders: No. 1 Platoon, Pte. Hicks, Pte. Corbishley, Lce.-Corpl. Alker, Lce.-Corpl. Finney; No. 2, Corpl. Whittles, Lce.-Corpl. Hamblin-Smith, Lce.-Corpl. Carmichael, Lce.-Corpl. Rerrie; No. 3, Pte. Lawrence, Pte. Hobday, Lce.-Corpl. E. Chapman, Lce.-Corpl. Seddon; No. 4, Pte. Dodds, Lce.-Corpl. Drury, Pte. Lockyer, Pte. MacGregor.

The following are the new School officers:—

Captain of School: G.H. Wildsmith.
 Prefect of Hall: D. J. Fergusson.
 Prefect of Chapel: E. Finney.
 Captain of Football: D.J. Fergusson.
 Captain of Fives: D.J. Fergusson.
 Editor of the *Denstonian*: H. P. Rerrie.

New Prefects are: H. G; Cutter, C. L. Lowndes, E.C. Brewer, G.C.P. Llewellyn, C. Puntan, S. B. Harrison, H. F. Hicks, R. Seddon, B. K. McMichael, F. F. P. Smart, and M. Sugden.

Meynell headed the Junior Cricket League.

At the end of last term, First Eleven colours were awarded to F. Lutter and W. Hall; Second Eleven, to G. H. Wildsmith, G. Lutter, M. Sugden, and S. L. Kilbourn,

The Dormitory Tennis Competition was won by Head's ii., represented by W. Hall and H. G. Newton.

Head's ii. also carried off the Kirkpatrick Shield, the Kelman falling to Head's iii. — the first award, owing to lack of range accommodation, for some years.

Corbishley won the Roberts Cup for

Selwyn by making the highest score (78 points) in class-firing at Burton.

The Dormitory Swimming Trophy went to Head's ii. after an unexpected and creditable victory over Selwyn.

We congratulate C. J. N. Atkinson on passing tenth into the Navy by Special Entry.

Owing to harvest work and other difficulties, only a few boys were entered last term for public examinations. However R. K. Samuels obtained First Class Honours in the Oxford Local Senior Examination, whilst the following passed:—J. W. Church, W. Whitehurst, E. F. Williams, M. Williams, J. G. H. Vidler.

J. Carmichael and G. Mordaunt passed the Junior Examination.

S. G. Seville has gained the Higher Division Certificate of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music.

The following gained Commercial Certificates at the end of last term:—For Gregg Shorthand, "Order of Gregg Artists," R. E. Smith and A. G. Summers; Pitman's Shorthand, Theory, L.S. Duckworth; Elementary, G. F. Thompstone; Book-keeping, Intermediate, J. G. Henson, M. G. C. Hobday, J. L. Martin, and R. Thorpe; Elementary, G. H. Lloyd, J. L. Short (Honours), and H. D. Thacker; Handwriting and Correspondence, Intermediate, G. R. Wildsmith; Elementary, L. S. Duckworth, H. Lawrence, and J. L. Martin; Typewriting, Junior, T. Atkinson and A. L. Jones.

A rood has been dedicated in Christ

Church, Stafford, to the memory of B.E. G Jones. The ceremony of dedication was performed by the Chaplain.

A General Meeting of the School Mission took place last term. Father Murray appealed to Old Boys for their help.

There were enjoyable concerts on July 16th—the day of Captain Wood's wedding—and at the end of term. We believe we have to thank Mr. Green for kindly organising the latter. Amongst several notable items, Miss Browning's violin solos seemed even more delightful than ever.

We much regret to learn of the death of Bishop Mitchinson, who was for many years one of our Fellows, and took much interest in the Society. R.I.P.

We are most sorry to hear of the fresh loss which has befallen the family of our founder. Major Arthur George Percival Heywood, of the Manchester Regiment, went at the beginning of the war to Egypt, and saw service later in Gallipoli. This year he received a staff appointment. He was before the war in the battalion of his uncle, Colonel B. C. P. Heywood, who did so much to help in the early days of our Corps. We offer our respectful sympathy to Lady Heywood in this, her new, sorrow. R.I.P.

Among those who left last term were the following:—

C. J. N. Atkinson (1910).—Selwyn; Prefect; O.T.C.

H. R. Cadman (1910).—Selwyn; Prefect; 2nd XV. Colours; Cpl., O.T.C.

A. H. Cowan (1915).—Selwyn; Captain of School, May, 1918; Editor of *Denstonian*; C.S.M., O.T.C.

W. Hall (1914).—H.M.H. ii.; Prefect;

ist XI. Colours; Fives Colours; Captain of Tennis; Cpl., O.T.C. 2nd XV. Colours.

H. G. Newton (1913).—H.M.H. ii. ; Prefect of Hall; ist XI. Colours; ist XV. Colours; Sergt., O.T.C.,

F. W. S. Podmore (1913).—Lowe ; Prefect of Chapel; Sergt., O.T.C.; Editor of *Denstonian*.

G. H. Slack (1913).—Shrewsbury; Prefect; 2nd XV. Colours; O.T.C.

J. G. H. Vidler (1910).—H.M.H. iii. ; Prefect; 2nd XV. Colours ; Sergt., O.T.C.

The following is the term S list of new boys:—

Addis, Cyril Henry ...	Selwyn
Alcock, Frank Dixon	Lowe
Bailey, John Hilton	Shrewsbury
Bullock, Thomas Bassett	Selwyn
Bullock, Nigel	M
Butterworth, John Roland ...	Preparatory
Clarke, John Paul Travers ...	Meynell
Clay, Ronald William	
Clegg, Henry McHugh	
Dunn, John Fletcher	Shrewsbury
Fleet, William Bagnall	
Ford, Charles Eric ...	Meynell
Granger, John William	Woodard
Headridge, William ..	ii
Hill, Reginald Manson	Lowe
Hyatt, Thomas Augustine ...	H.M.H. ii.
Hyatt, Geoffrey	»
James, William Hyde Wilding	Woodard
Jureidini, Jack	Preparatory
Lake, Arthur Raydon	Lowe
Lenton, Robert George	Preparatory
Lester, John Taylor ...	Selwyn
Lindley, John Horace	H.M.H. i.
Miners, Alan William	H.M.H. ii.
Pickford, Hugh Stirling Gee	Preparatory
Pickford, Walter Murray ...	it
Place, Ernest Jacob ...	Lowe
Poynder, Clement Hugh	Selwyn
Reay, Michael Edward	Lowe
Rees, Geoffrey Llewelyn	Woodard

Richardson, Herbert H.M.H. ii.
Rowlands, Richard Eric

Knowles... Woodard
Rowlands, William Kenneth
Stirling... "

Schofield, Frank Ingham ... Shrewsbury

Spencer, Philip Martin ... H.M.H. iii.

Stott, Hugh Lance H.M.H. ii.

Summers, John Millward ... Meynell

Taylor, Ralph Forbes ... Lowe

Thorpe, Jesse ... H.M.H. i.

Tysoe, Philip Michael Howard. H.M.H. iii.

Varwell, Lucien ... Woodard

Vaughan, Edwin Alexander... "

Wainwright, Jack Herbert ... Lowe

Whitfield, Sydney Richard ... H.M.H. iii.

Withers, James Brickwood ... Selwyn

The following have come into the College from the Preparatory School:—

Garner, Thomas Goodwin ... Lowe

Lewis, Henry Rogers ... Meynell

Richardson, Henry ... "

Thompson, Robert Edward
Gray... Lowe

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries :—

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