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EDITORIAL.

IT is our sad duty in this number to record the death of the Matron, Miss Mallinson. It was a great shock to us all when we returned at the beginning of this term to hear that she was ill and not expected to live. The loss of one who has been so long at the School naturally leaves a blank in many lives. As Matron she had made many friends, and the esteem in which she was held can be gathered from the many letters of sympathy which have been received. It is only fitting that there should be some permanent record of one who gave a large part of her life to the School. Consequently a circular is being sent to those who knew her, containing a proposal to erect a window in the Chapel to her memory. This will serve as a visible memorial of her faithful work, though doubtless the best memorial of her will exist in the hearts of her host of friends.

SCHOOL NEWS.

THE following have been made prefects this term :—Mackreth and Harris.

BELFIELD is captain of hockey, and Bonnewell, vice-captain.

THE following Old Bloxhamists have promised to preach on the Thursday evenings in Lent :—February 26th, Rev. G. S. Hand (1893-98), Rector of St. Lawrence's Church, Norwich. March 5th, Rev. J. B. Kirby (master, 1885-87), Vicar of Buckingham. March 19th, Rev. T. Hands (1867-74), Vicar of St. Lawrence's Church, Northampton. March 19th, Rev. R. W. Sutcliffe (1890-96), Lecturer in Hebrew at Cuddesdon Theological College.

ON Sunday, March 22nd, the sermon will be preached by the Ven. Cyril Hallett, Archdeacon of Rovuma in the Diocese of Zazibar.

THE Lord Bishop of Oxford will confirm on Wednesday, March 18th, at 4 p.m.

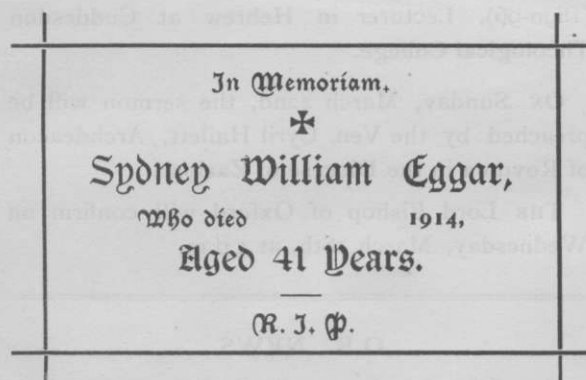
O.B. NEWS.

THE following have recently become members of the O.B. Society :—E. B. Board (1889-94), P. E. Read (1910-12), T. E. Jenner (1880-82), B. E. Troughton (1877-79), G. M. Deane (1910-13), F. A. Salmon, H. F. S. Drewe (1911-13).

THE following ordinations took place on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, 1913:—To the Priesthood—Rev. J. F. Shaw, by the Bishop of Oxford; Rev. P. P. Darke, by the Bishop of St. Albans. To the Diaconate—R. A. E. Harris, B.A., by the Archbishop of York.

BIRTH.—December 28th, 1913, at Old Road, East Cowes, the wife of A. Paul Boissier, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.—January 1st, at S. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, by the Rev. W. C. Winterton (brother of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. W. Black, the Rev. F. J. Winterton, B.A. (Master 1895-1902), Vicar of Stoke Mandeville, to Miss Lucy Black, daughter of the late Mr. P. G. Black, Writer to the Signet, and grand-daughter of the late Mr. J. R. McCulloch, Professor of Political Economy, University College, London. The Rev. J. F. Turner acted as "best man." After the ceremony, a reception was held by Mrs. Colmer (sister of the bride), at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington. On the previous Friday, the "Popular Vicar of Stoke Mandeville" had been presented by his parishioners with a splendid cabinet of cutlery and silver, together with an illuminated album containing the names of subscribers. We wish the happy couple every blessing.

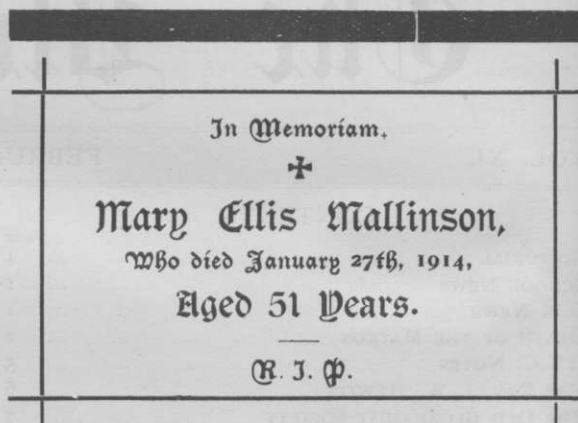


REGISTER.—No. 1157, entered Term j., 1883; left Term ij., 1889. Prefect, Football XI., 1888-89; Cricket XI., 1889; won cricket ball for average, 1889.

WE regret to hear that F. A. Hart (1904-11) was injured recently in a hockey match.

WE have just heard that H. A. R. May (1872-79) is the Commanding Officer of the 28th (County of London) Battalion. The London Regiment, Artists' Rifles.

H. M. CAIN (1910-13) has recently joined the same Territorial Regiment.



DEATH OF THE MATRON.

IT is with the deepest regret, which we are sure will be shared by all our readers, that we have to record the death of our beloved matron, Miss Mallinson, which took place at the School on Tuesday, January 27th, after a very brief illness. Miss Mallinson came back from her holiday on Tuesday, January 13th, apparently in her usual health. Towards the end of that week she was not feeling very well but it was only at the beginning of the following week that her symptoms began to give rise to any serious anxiety. From that time onwards, however, she got rapidly worse in spite of all that the most devoted attention of doctor and nurses could do for her and eventually succumbed to heart failure and acute congestion of the lungs. She suffered greatly during the last few days, but remained conscious to the last, and was able to follow the prayers of those who were with her up to within a few minutes of her death. Her sister, Miss L. Mallinson, was the only one of her relatives who was able to be with her, all her

other near relations have been living abroad for many years. Miss Mallinson was the eldest daughter of Mr. George Mallinson, architect, of Filey. Before she came to Bloxham she had been for some years companion to the Misses Gould, Mrs. Egerton's sisters. The Founder had the highest opinion of her character and capabilities—indeed it was through his strong recommendation that she came to Bloxham—and when he was alive she frequently used to spend portions of her holidays with him in his beautiful home at Vale Mascal. Of her loyalty to Bloxham, her faithful work, her keen sympathy and her unsparing devotion to the boys under her care during the thirteen years she was matron here, it is impossible to speak too highly. Perhaps her sympathy was her most marked characteristic, as all knew who came to her with their troubles, their anxieties, their sufferings or their sorrows. Many and many a boy has found help and comfort sitting by her fireside and talking freely to her of his troubles at school or his life at home; she was always interested, always ready to listen and sympathise if she could do no more, and quick, if she could, to help or advise.

One whose words we quote below speaks for many besides himself when he describes her as a "second mother" to those who passed through her hands. Almost all of us have turned to her for help at one time or another, and there must be very few who will not feel acutely from time to time the blank which her loss has left in their lives. The fact, too, that of all the wreaths that were placed on her grave the most beautiful was the one sent by the School servants, shows that she was appreciated quite as much as a mistress as she was as matron and friend. The few following extracts from some of the many letters which have been received since her death will serve as examples to show the trust and confidence which parents had in her and the respect and affection in which her memory was held by boys who had been under her care.

"I can assure you that we feel that we have suffered a great personal loss as our little boys

were never tired of recounting the many, many acts of kindness she was ever ready to show them and I am sure they will feel her loss very keenly." "She was always such a true friend to all the boys, and so good to them in all their troubles and joys alike that she will be terribly missed." "We shall all miss her sadly." "The boys have lost a second Mother, and we, the O.B.'s., have lost one from whom we were always sure of a smiling welcome whenever we came." "We all feel we have lost a sincere friend." "I hope to be down at Whitsuntide, but I shall miss Miss Mallinson more than I can tell." "She was always so very kind to me when I was ill, and I always looked forward to a long talk with her whenever I came over to the School."

Letters of sympathy and condolence were received from the Provost of Lancing, the Warden of Keble, Mrs. Hinde, Mrs. Paul, Miss Tyler, Miss Ommanney, H. R. F. Brooks, Esq., Mrs. Caesar, Mrs. Lester-Smith, Mrs. Ravenor, E. Tayler, Mrs. Lloyd, Miss Sutton, R. Standage, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Lyle, Mrs. Cobb, Dr. Ferguson, Mrs. Ayling, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Roberts, G. Foxwell, E. R. G. Shepherd, Mrs. Deane, Mrs. Standage, Mrs. Phillipi, H. Shepherd, Mrs. Holtom, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Ashmore, Miss Holford, Mrs. Cooper, Rev. J. F. Turner, H. B. Rylands, A. E. S. Riddle, R. E. Gepp, R. F. Bryant, Rev. A. E. Riddle, Rev. L. Riley, C. A. M. Roberts, Mrs. Bennett, J. P. Champion, F. E. L. Riddle, P. E. Read, Mrs. Read, Mr. Ashworth, J. S. Chatterton, Rev. R. A. E. Harris, C. A. Bernays, S. Yorston, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Phizachlea, R. J. G. Read, F. W. Attwood, Mrs. Cobb, S. Beacher.

For the following account of the service and funeral we are indebted to *The Banbury Guardian*.

FUNERAL.

REQUIEM CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.

Amid many tokens of love and affection, the remains of Miss Mallinson, the respected matron for the past thirteen years of All Saints' School,

were laid to rest in the Bloxham churchyard on Friday morning. Miss Mallinson was honoured and held in high regard by the head-master and staff and by all the boys who had passed through the School during that period. As announced in our columns last week, Miss Mallinson died after a short illness on Tuesday of last week. There was a requiem celebration of the Eucharist in the School Chapel at eleven o'clock, at which hour the tolling of the chapel bell announced the service. Miss Lucy Mallinson, sister of the deceased lady, was the chief mourner, and was accompanied by Mrs. Ward. There were also many personal friends of the deceased in the chapel, and the boys occupied their appointed places. As the coffin was borne into the chapel by Sergeant Grinter (the School athletic instructor) and Messrs. Payne, Ayres, Mawle, Adkins, and A. Bartlett, the bearers, the organist played very impressively Handel's "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The officiating priests, servers, and choir, headed by the crucifer, preceded the coffin, which was placed on a catafalque in the chancel, with lighted candles on either side. The opening sentences of the Burial Office were solemnly sung by the choir. The Psalm, "I will take heed to my ways" was chanted to a Gregorian tune, and the head-master (the Rev. G. H. Ward) impressively read the appointed lesson, telling of hope in the resurrection. The introit to the celebration of the Eucharist was sung to Croft's setting, and was followed by the Easter hymn, "On the Resurrection morning," which was taken part in by the congregation. The School chaplain (the H. R. Willimott) then proceeded with the celebration. At the offertory the hymn sung was "Christ enthroned in highest Heaven." The *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei* were most impressively rendered, and at the moment of Holy Communion the choir sang the hymn, "The Saviour's death, O Lord, we plead," and the post-communion hymn "Christ the King, the World's Creator" was rendered, giving a brighter touch to the solemn service, from which the *Gloria in Excelsis* had been omitted. After the service the boys adjourned to

the school-yard and the rest of the congregation to one of the corridors near the front door, as the bearers bore the coffin from the school precincts to be placed on the bier. It was a long and imposing procession through the village to the churchyard. Most of the residents had drawn their blinds, and the men uncovered their heads as the coffin passed by them. The choir and clergy, headed by the crucifer, came first, then the bearers, followed by the chief mourner, congregation and school boys, in the order named. There was a large company in the churchyard, including the Vicar of Bloxham (the Rev. C. H. Verey). The service at the graveside was said by the Head-master, and the service concluded with the singing of the hymn, "Now the labourer's toils are o'er." Wreaths and flowers were sent by Miss L. Mallinson and Mrs. Donaldson, the Masters, the Boys of the School, Old Bloxhamists, the School Servants, the Head-master and Mrs. Ward, Dr. and Mrs. Boissier, the Rev. A. E. Riddle and Miss Sladen, Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Miss Ommanney and Miss Chipperfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ayling, Mrs. Deane, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bernays, Mrs. Goldring, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. Chatterton, Miss Tayler, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Bonnewell, Nurse Morton, Mrs. Deane, Miss Molly Cheetham, and Mr. E. R. G. Shepherd.

MEMORIAL FUND.

A circular will shortly be sent to all Old Bloxhamists who have been at the School during Miss Mallinson's period of service as Matron, asking them to contribute towards a fund for putting a stained-glass window in the Chapel, and a suitable monument over her grave.

If there are any Old Bloxhamists who do not receive the circular, but wish to contribute to the fund, they are requested to send their contributions to the Chaplain.

O.T.C. NOTES.

SINCE our last issue, the Corps has passed through the throes of an "Armoury Spring Cleaning," and the result is certainly most satisfactory.

A very efficient heating apparatus has been installed, so arranged as to keep the clothing thoroughly aired. Paint, whitewash and varnish have all contributed to make a thorough transformation scene, the walls being hung with photographic records of the Corps. The storing of equipment has been completely reorganised. Specially designed cupboards and "Tent Boxes" enable all necessary field equipment to be stored in such a manner that a camp party could march out fully equipped at a few hours' notice.

Struck off the strength in January :—Sergt. Stevens, Lce.-Cpl. Winch, Cdts. Long, Metcalfe, Riddle, Woolliams, Gepp, Deane.

Promotions and Appointments :—Sergt. Bel-field, to be Cadet-Colour-Sergeant ; Cpls. Higgs and Fradd, to be Sergeants ; Cdts. Anderson, Hill and Harris, to be Lance-Corporals ; Cdt. Coombes, to be Lance-Corporal i/c Signallers ; Cdt. Brooks, to be Bugler.

H. N. Cain, late Cadet-Lance-Sergeant Bloxham School O.T.C., has joined the 28th (County of London) Battalion, the London Regiment.

A. R. I. Stevens, late Cadet-Sergeant Bloxham School O.T.C., has joined the University of London, O.T.C.

AN O.B. IN CAMP.

The following account of a week-end Camp, held in January, has been sent by A. R. I. Stevens, who left the School last term. He is now a Cadet in "F" (Headquarters) Coy., Univ. of London O.T.C.

SHERE, 1914.

On Friday, January 9th, "F" Company U.L.O.T.C. went into camp at Shere for week-end training. The writer and another O.B. were members of an advance party sent down earlier in the day to get things ready. They arrived about

one p.m., and spent the afternoon in building a field-kitchen, digging washing places, refuse pits, etc. As the soil was somewhat clayey and moist, the labour was by no means light. The barn, which was to constitute sleeping quarters, was swept out and littered with fresh straw. Tea was prepared for the Company, which arrived about 4 p.m. Sleeping places were allotted to the men, and a guard told off. The Company were then fallen in and marched down to the "White Horse" for the evening meal, which was followed by a sing-song. The following routine was drawn up :—Reveillè, 7 a.m. ; breakfast, 8 a.m. ; 1st parade, 9.30 a.m. ; dinner, 1 p.m. ; 2nd parade, 2 p.m. ; tea, 5 p.m. ; supper 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday morning, the section commanders took their sections in visual training. They then divided the sections into squads, which were marched about 400 yards away from each other. They were then told that they represented the scouts of two opposing forces, and were to endeavour to get through. This scheme was most instructive in the art of taking cover. As the operations took place in a wood, there was plenty of scope to exercise one's talent in this direction. In the afternoon, a very pretty scheme was carried out. A protected march was made to a position about five miles from camp. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy until a halt was called in a gully to make tea. Almost immediately our flank-guard was attacked. The force was, however, quite small, and was composed of old members of "F." Rain now began to fall, and we pushed on to our position. Two pickets were told off, and sentry groups posted. For about an hour nothing happened. At length firing was heard and the right-hand picket was gallantly charged by one old member of "F." We then marched home in the pouring rain, and on our return we found quite a contingent of old members, and a very convivial evening was spent. On Sunday morning the company was supposed to be the scouts of a battalion. A flagged outpost position was to be located. One man with plenty of ammunition was left with each

outpost. All the flags were eventually located, and the scheme provided excellent practice in sending field messages. In the afternoon attack practice took place. The company entrained for London about 5 p.m., leaving a rear-party to clean up and bring back stores. The weather might have been better but on the whole the camp was most enjoyable. These week-end camps should do much to add to the popularity of "F."

THE REV. J. W. HEWITT.

BY the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Macray, who has recently come to reside in Bloxham, we are able to publish below an interesting memoir of the Rev. J. W. Hewitt, which we feel ought to be placed on record among our School annals. Mr. Hewitt, as many of our readers are aware, was the Founder of the original All Saints' School, the buildings of which were afterwards taken over by Mr. Egerton and which now form the north side of our present quadrangle. Dr. Macray was one of Mr. Hewitt's personal friends and still has in his possession an interesting collection of publications and letters from him written at the time he was starting the School. The Memoir has a peculiar interest for us now that Bloxham has become a Woodard School, as it reveals the fact that Mr. Hewitt owed much of his zeal on behalf of Church education to the inspiring enthusiasm of Canon Woodard, so that we, like the other Woodard Schools, owe our origin, indirectly at any rate, to him. A further interest belongs to the Memoir as illustrating the eternal truth that whole hearted, unsparing self-sacrifice is never in vain, that in the end it will reap its reward even in spite, it may be, of apparent failure and incapacity. The one wish of Mr. Hewitt's life was to found a school in which the Catholic Faith and practice should be made the basis of life and work. He had great enthusiasm but he had not some of the other qualities necessary for carrying out such a work. In faith he gave literally his *all* and died poor, disheartened, and what the world would perhaps call a failure.

In spite of all, however, the School *is* there and but for his devotion would never have been. Who can doubt that as he looks down upon it now he has at last the reward he never knew on earth. Well may we draw lessons of inspiration and encouragement from the example which his life and its results afford.

At the request of the Head Master of All Saints' School it is with pleasure that I write my recollections of the original foundation of the predecessor of the present School, which ought not to be forgotten. Although it is with sorrow that the recollections record the failure of a scheme begun in a spirit of ardent self-devotion, but attempted at once on a scale regardless of present means for execution and depending almost entirely upon uncertain prospects, and consequently ending in sorrowful failure when the prospects were not realized.

Through the introduction of a mutual friend, I became acquainted with the Rev. John William Hewitt, in, I think, the year 1852. He was M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, and after ordination in 1849 became Fellow and Tutor of St. Nicholas College at Shoreham then newly established by Canon Woodard. Thence he came as Curate to Bloxham in 1852, imbued with enthusiastic desire to aid in developing at his own risk, the Canon's great plan for Church education, and in the following year he put out his proposal. The commencement was made in the Vicarage house in February, 1863, the Vicar, Mr. Hodgson, giving warm approval, but a site was procured and plans for building on a large scale obtained from the eminent architect, Mr. G. E. Street. The accommodation was to be for 100 commoners, 40 or more scholars, and a body of choristers; there were also already three exhibitioners. But it was stated that the permanent establishment would depend partly upon benefactions from churchmen and partly upon the profits of the school; and alas—both benefactions and profits failed to be forthcoming. The first stone of the

buildings was laid on 7th June, 1855, by Bishop Wilberforce, who preached at the services, and a special "office" for the occasion was printed. Special forms were also printed for the "admission of scholars" and for the "admission of choristers" and a "Benedictio Mensae; Grace before and after meat." But unhappily, in 1856, the collapse came; funds failed entirely, the school came to an end, and the Founder left Bloxham as a ruined man.

He was a zealous antiquarian, and printed various papers of interest, and was preparing subsequently a work on the Roman roads in Britain. He wrote some good verses and hymns, and in 1859 published anonymously a volume of "Verses, by a Country Curate." In 1858 he printed at Ashby-de-la-Zouche a series of useful tracts, "Household Words for Christian Families." Two little collections of more than passing or personal interest were published for him by Rivington in 1861 and 1865; the first, "Hymnorum Latinorum Delectus, pars prima"; the second, "Sacra Academica, a collection of Latin prayers now or lately used in certain Colleges and Schools in England." Of the latter he collected materials for a supplement, which, however, unfortunately never appeared. He was a liturgical student, and collected a library at the School which contained, I believe, some rare books, but which were sold at auction under their value. He printed various separate sermons.

His life after leaving Bloxham was one of continual trial and struggle, broken by sickness and sorrow in many ways. He died at Ashby-de-la-Zouche, Leicestershire, 20th April, 1886, aged 62, leaving the record of a good life, but a life of worldly failure through want of prudence and forethought and lack of business capacity; a life of ardent aspirations unguided by calm judgment. But from his failure there has risen the new School, well-ordered and flourishing, established on a firm foundation by the large munificence of its second Founder and his wife.

W. D. MACRAY.

THE OLD BLOXHAMIST SOCIETY.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on January 13th, at the Trocadero Restaurant. The President of the society took the chair at 6.45 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. The recommendation of the committee regarding the alteration of Rule 5 was adopted. The alteration will be found in the report which was sent to the members before Christmas. Messrs. E. A. F. Mould and J. S. Chatterton retired from the committee, and Messrs. F. Kinch and R. J. Sainsbury were elected in their place. Mr. Wilson was again requested by general consent to act as auditor.

Then followed a discussion about the "O.B. Divinity Prize." The committee submitted a recommendation that the society should henceforth be responsible for providing these prizes out of its funds. It was pointed out to the meeting that the prizes cost about £3, and for many years have been paid for by Old Bloxhamists. The suggestion was made in order to overcome the difficulty of collecting subscriptions and to prevent the cessation of the prizes. This received the approval of the meeting, but voluntary subscriptions may still be sent. Owing to illness, Mr. Haden Crawford was unable to be present, and consequently his scheme for founding an Old Bloxhamist Masonic Lodge was not discussed. There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

The thirty-eighth Old Bloxhamist Dinner was held immediately after the meeting on January 13th. The Archdeacon of Lewes again presided. We were fortunate enough to get Mr. Athelstan Riley, a member of the Chapter, as our guest of the evening, and there was a fairly good attendance. The following were present:—The Provost, the Head-Master, H. Brancher (1890-92), Rev. S. F. Leadley-Brown (1886-93), R. F. Bryant (Master 1909-12), S. Blacker (Master 1862-73), H. N. Cain (1910-13), E. B. Cree (1899-1903), J. S. Chatterton (1878-84), J. R. Egerton (1882-91),

F. C. Footner (1881-85), Rev. G. S. Hand (1893-98), H. G. Hoskins (1908-10), T. E. Jenner (1880-82), F. Kinch (1869-75), W. H. Lockey (1870-74), L. G. Langmore (1883-85), A. C. Mutter (1886-93), E. A. F. Mould (1865-73), F. B. Palmer (1872-79), W. G. Page (1881-83), R. H. Read (1868-72), R. J. G. Read (1866-70), P. E. Read (1910-12), C. A. M. Roberts (1904-12), R. V. Rylands (1902-06), A. L. B. Sproule (1908-13), L. A. Shuffrey (1865-67), R. J. Sainsbury (1881-88), H. Simpkins (1887-88), B. E. Troughton (1877-79), L. C. Vaughan (1885-88), C. J. Wilson (1860-—), St. J. Montagu Young (1874-81), St. J. Maitland Young (1900-05), and Rev. H. R. Willimott (Chaplain 1904-—).

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at being unable to attend were received from several O.B's., among whom were—F. Haden Crawford, H. G. Rawlings, S. W. Eggar, R. H. Russel, and G. H. Moore; also from the Archdeacon of Oxford and the Warden of Keble College, who, as members of the School Committee, had been invited.

An excellent dinner was served in the Oak Room at the Trocadero, after which the Chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was duly honoured.

The toast of "Floreat Bloxham" was proposed by the Rev. S. F. Leadley-Brown. While regretting the present decline in numbers at the School, he dwelt upon its general efficiency as shown in the results of the Oxford Local Examinations last summer. He knew that Bloxham, with its comparatively low fees, provided advantages which could not be obtained at many schools where the fees were much greater, and he thought that probably the School would gain in numbers if the fees were increased. He mentioned the good effect which was produced by the O.T.C., and said that all the teaching and organisations tended to produce good Christian men with strong characters built up on a sound religious foundation, which was the only true basis of all education. He asked the company to drink to the prosperity of the School and to couple with the toast the health of the Head-Master.

In replying to the toast, the Head-Master, who was received with loud cheers, referred to a story told about Archbishop Temple, who, on being

asked at what age a boy should be confirmed, replied that you might as well judge of a boy's fitness for Confirmation by his weight as by his age. So the real test of a School's efficiency was not the number of boys in it, but the results of its work. He said that some time ago the question was raised as to whether it would be advisable to stop having day-boys at Bloxham, and the Bishop of Reading had pointed out that so long as Bloxham could do any good to day-boys, the School should continue to receive them. The question, too, of raising the fees had been discussed by the Governing Body, and it had been decided that no increase should be made at present. He said that at the present time the School was in a sound condition financially, able to pay its way and endeavouring to do its best for the boys in it. From the point of view of morality, the School was in a better condition than he had ever known it. He spoke with great enthusiasm of the work of the staff in producing the excellent results attained in the Oxford Locals. There had been few changes in the school buildings during the past year, but he wished to make public acknowledgment of the splendid gift to the chapel by Mr. Haden Crawford of the panelling round the walls, which was an immense improvement and completed the work done in connection with the Founder's Memorial. He had often been told that he ought to advertise more, but frankly he was no good at advertising, and hoped that the Old Bloxhamists would relieve him of that work by telling their friends, when looking for a school for their sons, of Bloxham.

The Head-Master then proceeded to propose the toast of "The Corporation of SS. Mary and Nicolas," and with it the health of the Provost. He said that Bloxham was in a very real sense the child of the Corporation, for although Mr. Egerton had built up Bloxham School independently of the Woodard Schools, yet the small block of buildings in which Mr. Egerton started his school in 1860 had been erected a few years before by Mr. Hewitt, who worked under the influence of Canon Woodard, and had been for a short time associated with him when he was beginning his great work in Sussex. Mr. Hewitt possessed great enthusiasm and had noble ideals, but unfortunately he was not a good administrator and consequently

failed. As to the Provost, he assured his hearers that although he always wore a cheerful countenance, yet he had many cares. He was sure that all present would join in wishing him every success and blessing in controlling the great organisation of which he was the head.

The Provost thanked the company for drinking his health and that of the Corporation of SS. Mary and Nicolas, which included among its members some of the most eminent men of the day. He was happy to be able to say that all the schools, fifteen in number, were doing well, and he mentioned in particular those of the Southern Division which were under his personal supervision. He hoped that the great purpose which Canon Woodard had in view when he founded his schools, would never be lost sight of—namely, a sound education on a religious basis; and that the great gathering of schoolmasters and university tutors which had recently been held at Lancing, might be instrumental in spreading a knowledge of the Woodard Schools. At Bloxham he felt that he was in an atmosphere different from that of many other schools, which could not fail to produce a good effect on the characters of those who were being educated there.

He passed on to propose the health of the visitor of the evening, Mr. Athelstan Riley, and spoke of him as one who devoted the whole of his time and energies to the service of the Church in almost every department of its work. He thanked Mr. Riley for coming that evening, and expressed the hope that it would not be the last occasion when he would honour the Old Bloxhamist Dinner with his presence.

Mr. Riley, in returning thanks, said that he had not been aware before he sat down to dinner that he would be expected to make a speech, and he had not come prepared to do so. He had the reputation of being a keen critic of schools; sometimes he was accused of being a somewhat captious one. But he could honestly say that when he paid a short visit to Bloxham in November he was immensely impressed with the place. He was sorry the numbers were low, and said that they should not be content till they had at least one hundred boys in the School. That depended largely on the efforts of the Old Boys.

He instanced the great help that the old boys of Lancing had been in recent years to their own school, and urged Old Bloxhamists to send their sons to Bloxham and try to persuade others to do so. He was sure they would get full value for their money—a sound general education based on the Catholic Faith.

R. J. Sainsbury then proposed the toast of "Absent Friends."

The Provost added yet another toast to the list, and proposed "The Health of the Staff," regretting that more were not there to receive their good wishes for renewed prosperity in their work for the School.

Mr. Wilson replied for himself and the assistant masters, who, he said, always seemed to be busy with one thing or another.

The Chaplain also thanked the Provost for the kind words he had said, but pleaded his secretarial duties in connexion with the Old Bloxhamist Society as sufficient excuse for saying no more.

FOOTBALL.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

THIS match was played on December 13th at Oxford in very fine weather and on a dry ground. For the first ten minutes Bloxham pressed continually, and very nearly scored on several occasions. But the High School now played a very different game, and kept up a constant attack on the School goal mainly through their left wing forwards, who played a very fine game, and completely outran our backs.

The first goal against us was scored when Bonnewell left the goal to clear.

This was all the scoring in the first half. On the change of ends the School had to play against the sun, which was very bright and low. No less than four goals were added by our opponents. The School had a lesson in how to combine passing with speed in following up and taking advantage of every mistake by the defence.

In the reply, the School made several good attempts to score, and on three occasions Belfield had the goal at his mercy, but lost his chances through indecision. The result 5—0 under estimated the superiority of the home team, who might easily with any luck have increased their score.

Bonnewell played a good game in goal, but little can be said of the rest of the team. The halves were outrun, the forwards never combined. Winch tried to play centre half and forward, and so muddled those in front of him, while the backs were only moderately good.

HOCKEY.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. BANBURY.

WE started the season badly by losing to Banbury at home by 8—2. Although we beat Banbury last year, this defeat does not necessarily mean that our team this year is much worse than before. Our opponents this time brought a much better team against us, being especially strong forward. They were too strong for us all through the game. Their play may euphemistically be termed robust, and the School were put off their game by danger to life and limb. The visiting centre-forward, in particular, was very effective, combining the games of rugger, golf and hockey in a most demoralising way. The two other inside forwards were quite orthodox and very clever. In consequence, Banbury were always dangerous near goal, and put on points with regularity. The School played a losing game pluckily. Walden was safe in goal, although he was caught unawares in one case. The backs came fairly well out of a gruelling game, and not much fault could be found with the halves. The forwards were not effective, and the tactics of our opponents prevented them from getting really going. We hope we shall give a better account of ourselves at Banbury. Team: Walden, goal; Smith and Powell, backs; P. Higgs, Mr. Pastfield, and Hill, halves; Cain, Anderson, Mr. Nuthall, Bonnewell, and Cain, forwards.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. WYCHWOOD.

We did better in our second match, also played at home. It was a very good game considering the wretched weather and the condition of the ground. The chief strength in the visitors lay in the magnificent play of Hartley, the county back, who got through an immense amount of work. Our forwards were rather better together than in the first match, but one or two found difficulty in standing on the slippery surface. The rest of the team was again quite sound. Mr. Nuthall scored

twice for us, and Bonnewell once. Wychwood could only reply with one, so we won a very pleasant, clean game by 3—1. Team: Walden, goal; Belfield and Smith, backs; R. Ravenor, P. Higgs, and Hill, halves; Mr. Pastfield, Anderson, Mr. Nuthall, Bonnewell, and Cain, forwards.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. C. A. FLETCHER'S XI.

Played at home, Wednesday, February 11th. Our opponents were a scratch team drawn from various Oxford Colleges. Several of them were good players, but others were very short of practice. We had practically all the game, and gained an overwhelming victory by 14—0. Although the ground was appallingly muddy, our forwards put up an excellent game, combining well and shooting successfully. Mr. Nuthall was in great form in the centre, scoring eight goals. Bonnewell and Anderson also played extremely well, and combined well with the wings. Mr. Pastfield, on the left, was very fast, and kept the inside men well supplied with centres; and Cain, on the other wing, was also most successful, playing his best game of the term. The halves were even better than usual. Hill was, perhaps, the best, playing a very plucky game and passing well. Ravenor and Higgs also worked very hard, and kept the opposing forwards well in hand. The backs were quite as good, Smith playing better than he has done before, and Belfield using his pace to advantage. The latter was, however, a trifle weak in his clearances. Walden did all he was called upon to do in good style, hitting strongly and using his legs well. He might kick a little more than he does. We were, perhaps, rather flattered by the unevenness of the visiting team. Team: Walden, goal; Belfield and Smith, backs; Hill, P. Higgs, and R. Ravenor, halves; Mr. Pastfield, Bonnewell, Mr. Nuthall, Anderson, and Cain, forwards. After this match, colours were awarded to Hill, Walden, Cain and Smith.

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EDITORIAL.

THE term has now almost reached its humid close. There is little in the way of excitement at this time of year, the nearest approach to it being to rush to the window when we get up in order to see what sample of weather we are having for the time being. Apparently, however, the weather is always good enough for taking and printing photographs.

We have not had a successful hockey season, having won only three matches. It is doubtful if we shall ever turn out a really clever hockey eleven. To be played scientifically hockey requires a hard flat surface, and in the Lent term our ground is never dry and seldom flat, even after being rolled. This state of things is almost unavoidable, owing to the all-pervading clay of

the neighbourhood. This clay is also our *bête noir* on the cricket-field; but here matters are made worse by the fact that, owing to some horrible irony of fate, the square is the most sodden part of the field, and at present looks more like a bog-garden for the cultivation of aquatic plants than the site of prospective match-wickets. Obviously the drains are not acting, or rather they appear to conduct the water into the centre of the field and leave it there to disperse as best it can. As a result, it has been impossible to take a roller anywhere near the square for the last month. There should be few drawn matches next term.

SCHOOL NEWS.

WE are much indebted to the Revs. G. S. Hand, J. B. Kirby, T. Hands, and R. W. Sutcliffe for their sermons on Thursdays during Lent.

THE Rev. F. Shaw (master 1911-12), of St. Edwards' School, Oxford, preached on the first Sunday in Lent, March 1st.

THE Ven. Cyril Hallett, Archdeacon of Rovuma, in the diocese of Zanzibar, was to have preached on March 22nd, but was prevented from doing so by a bad cold. We hope he will be able to visit us later on before he returns to his work in Africa.

O.B. NEWS.

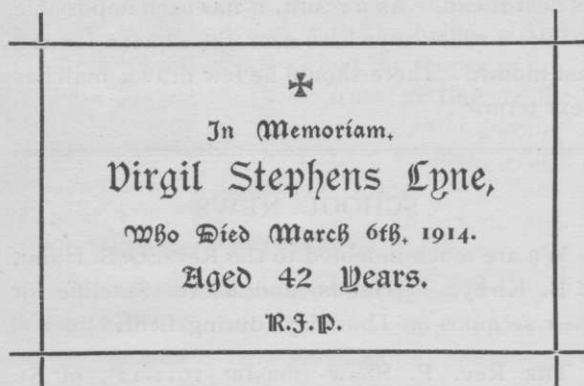
V. MACKRETH (1911-14), and F. H. Woolliams (1910-13) have joined the O.B. Society.

THE following have visited the School during the term:—C. A. M. Roberts (1904-12), E. J. Harvey (1906-13), R. F. Bolton (1907-10), G. K. Riddle (1907-13), T. G. Bowler (1906-11), H. W. E. Crouchley (1911-12), B. B. Brooks (1906-12), R. E. Gepp (1903-07), F. G. Gepp (1910-13), F. H. Woolliams (1910-13), J. G. Clifford (1910-12), G. A. Leadley Brown (1890-94), and W. L. Hall.

The O.B. Cricket Match will take place on Saturday, May 30th, and the Rev. B. W. Bradford has kindly promised to bring a team on Monday, June 1st, to play against the O.B's. Another notice will be sent out early next term, but the Secretary of the O.B. Society will be glad to hear from Old Boys who wish to play in either or both of these matches.

WE have only just heard of the death of John Andrew Armstrong (1903-09), which took place a few years ago at Heidelberg. R.I.P. *False alarm - Armstrong was supposed to head the news.*

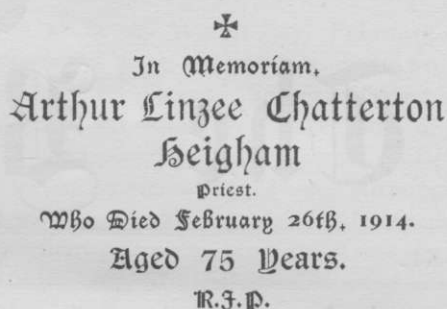
ARTHUR KINETON SWALLOW (1903-4) was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Peterborough, on Sunday, March 8th, 1914.



DEATH OF THE REV. A. L. C. HEIGHAM.

IT is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the Rev. A. L. C. Heigham, who passed away in his sleep the night after Ash Wednesday, at his sister's house, Heather Mount, Westend, Southampton, where he had been living

for the last two years. He was twice Chaplain of the School, from Term ij. 1878, until Term ij., 1881, and again from Term iij., 1883, to Term j., 1885, during part of which latter period he acted as Vice-Principal as well as Chaplain.



A glance at the School history will show how he immediately succeeded the Rev. A. D. Crake, who had been Chaplain for thirteen years, and whose work was so wonderfully blessed in the lives of those who came under his spiritual direction. No two men could have been more different in every way, except in whole-hearted devotion to our Church and all that Bloxham stands for; but Mr. Heigham, despite the great difficulties in following such a man, was a success from the first. He won the affection and the confidence of those in his charge, and there must be many men who are the better for having known him; leading the lives of true English gentlemen and faithful Churchmen—which was the aim and object of our beloved Founder.

A whole generation has elapsed, and many hundreds of boys have passed through the School since he was with us. Present Bloxhamists, maybe, hardly know his name, except those who happen to be sons, or nephews of those who were boys here in his day; but all enjoy the benefit of his life here, his teaching, and the system of discipline and order, which he did so much to establish.

Mr. Heigham, of Magdalen College, Cambridge, took his B.A. in 1860 and M.A. in 1872. He was ordained in 1861, and held a curacy at St. Giles',

Reading, for two years. Then he became Vicar of Totternhoe (1864-66), Vicar of Newport Pagnell (1866-75), Chaplain here (1878-81), Rector of Hoxinger with Ickworth (1881-83), before he came to Bloxham the second time (1883-85). After leaving us, he held the living of Englefield, near Reading (1885-96), resigning to become Assistant Chaplain at St. Paul's, Cannes, for two years. Then began his devoted and inspiring work for the National Society, travelling in his advanced age all over the country to champion and further the interest of Church Schools, which he continued for sixteen years. Even this did not exhaust his energies, for he found time, as well as money, for his Boy Scouts, going through all the routine and their camp life year after year, as time allowed, in order to influence them for good. Many a one will now miss his cheery word, and his open purse too; and what numbers have come under his influence in these 53 years of his ministerial work. He would have completed 76 years of life had he lived until the 26th of this month.

We are indebted to Mr. Heigham for our school bell, which he gave us many years ago, and on his last visit here, finding that the small bell in the chapel passage that he had given us was cracked, he presented us with the small one we now use. It will be remembered how, when with us, he gave up his whole time and energy to furthering the interests of the boys in every way. He started the bank, selling stamps and P.O's., note paper, envelopes, wrappers, &c., every evening. A lost property office, too, was started. Sets of chess and draughts were issued on wet afternoons, on Sunday evenings, and at other times. In the summer he used to take every opportunity for teaching swimming, and what number of O.B's are now grateful to him for doing so. May he rest in peace, we know, is the wish of all.

An O.B. writes:—It happened that I went to Bloxham the Summer Term when Mr. Heigham became Chaplain in succession to Mr. Crake. I was eleven years of age, so my earliest recollections

of the School were largely identified with those I had of the new Chaplain. Thirty-six years is a long time to look back upon and much that one was believed to have learned has been forgotten in the busy years that have followed; but it would be impossible to forget the impressions made by such a charming and unique personality. It was a wonderful new world for a delicate London boy to be thrust into. The School was then at its maturity, Mr. Egerton took an active lead in the whole of the work and play, in which he was ably supported by a fine staff of masters, and there were 175 boys. I came under the immediate care of, and so was in constant touch with, Mr. Heigham. I slept in "No. 1," and in those days the Chaplain had charge of that part of the buildings; his rooms then being under the southern end of the dormitory. I was also admitted a member of the choir; how well I remember the meetings of the probationers and the practical lessons then given of special dedication and humility.

The School history credits Mr. Heigham with being a thorough organiser of the discipline. If that is so I never realised it and I do not think any other fellow did, for in those first days it was all done (and for good in most cases), so far as we knew, by kindness. He was certainly a fine figure of a man but never suggested the military bearing, with which he is credited, nor had he the manners of the parade ground. To us he gave the impression that he was accustomed to be obeyed rather than that he found it necessary to command; it never occurred to anybody to *cheek* him, the thing became somehow unthinkable. For nearly every boy he had a charming, attractive manner, which engaged the affection and stirred his finer feelings at once; he had an 'air' about him, a charm difficult to describe but which created an atmosphere of courtesy and gentleness. He was indeed a spiritual father to all of us, and I am sure the older we grow, and the fuller our experience, the more this is realised.

Mr. Heigham used a gentle raillery with great effect. I never remember him "blowing up"

anybody. Before W. S. Gilbert wrote "Patience," he derided the namby-pamby, Kensington-art craze, through which the middle classes were then passing. He could not bear sham, or cant, or humbug. His contempt for "crocodile tears" was often expressed, more by a peculiar emphasis of the words themselves than by any long tirade; but there was never any misunderstanding about it. He liked boys to be boys, and though he had a dignified presence, and one would never think of taking a liberty with him, yet we all knew that he thoroughly understood the natural boy. The musical laughter with which he would receive the embraces of a youth, who would, without hesitation, spring at him from off the old iron railings, by the gates, and throw his arms round his neck, showed that.

CONFIRMATION.

THE Lord Bishop of Oxford visited the School on Wednesday, March 18th, and administered Confirmation to seventeen candidates. This is the first time that we have had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Gore for such a purpose; his previous visit was just two years ago, when he celebrated the Holy Eucharist one Sunday in our Chapel.

The Bishop's addresses contained, as one might expect, much useful advice for all who heard them. The following were confirmed:—H. C. Brooks, L. Bryan, H. D. Bidlake, C. S. L. Coulson, F. M. Eve, S. German, W. H. Higgs, C. G. Holtom, H. H. L. Hunt, S. Heaton, C. G. Martin, D. A. Neale, R. W. Pearse, N. Parsons, J. E. Philbrick, E. J. Stanbra, W. R. Wright.

O.T.C. NOTES.

FIELD OPERATIONS.

On February 26th the corps took part in the field operations arranged by the Oxford University O.T.C.

The rendezvous for the Brown Force, of which Bloxham formed a part, was at Botley, one mile west of Oxford Station; here the Commander,

Lieut.-Col. Stenning, received news that a convoy, escorted by White Troops, was moving from Witney to Bicester, and he decided to try to capture it whilst it was passing over Wytham Hill.

The Cavalry were sent to locate the position of the Convoy and to delay its progress eastward, the Cyclists were ordered to Swinford to prevent the withdrawal of the convoy in a westerly direction.

The Main Body, having Birmingham University, Bloxham School and Solihull Grammar School as advanced guard, moved from Botley, via Marley Wood, to Wytham Hill. On reaching Marley Wood the Advanced Guard was checked by the report that White Cavalry had been seen in Marley Wood; this, however, proved false, but on pushing through the wood the scouts soon came in touch with a few of the enemy and information was received of the presence of large bodies of the White Force on Wytham Hill. The Advanced Guard soon came in contact with these and supported by the Main Body pushed forward. At first they were repulsed on the right flank, but being reinforced again advanced, and eventually made good their position on the top of the hill.

Meanwhile the Brown Cavalry had evaded the Main White Body, and managed to get to close quarters with the guard of the convoy, delivering an attack which presumably would have been successful in preventing its further progress.

Several vacancies for commissions exist in the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion The King's Own Regiment. Candidates desirous of taking commissions are invited to correspond with the Adjutant, who will be glad to furnish full particulars, of which the following are the chief:—

Age—Between 17 and 25 years.

Probationary Training—Six months, with line Battalion of the Regiment, now stationed at Dover. If in possession of Certificate "A," 5 months; or of Certificate "B," 4 months.

Annual Training—27 days.

Pay—9/3 per diem, plus 2/6 under canvas.

A grant of £35 is given to candidates in possession of Certificate "B" in O.T.C.

£20 retaining fee for each year *after completion of Probationary Training* till attaining 35 years of age.

£50 on being called up during an emergency.

£40 Outfit Allowance (not applicable for candidates for the Regular Army).

H. K. CLOUGH,

Capt. and Adj. 3rd Batt. The King's Own Regt.,
Lancaster.

HOCKEY.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. MAGDALEN SCHOOL,
(OXFORD).

WE lost this match at home by five goals to three. Our team played a very disappointing game, being absolutely disjointed and very slow on the ball. Magdalen, on the other hand, played extremely well together and some of their forwards were very smart indeed, being clever and quick in breaking through. Their small centre-forward kept them well supplied with passes. Magdalen were a well-balanced team and on the day's play were obviously at least two goals better than we were. Team:—Walden; Smith, Powell; P. Higgs, Hill, Belfield; D. Coleman, Anderson, R. Ravenor, Bonnewell, Mayou.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. R. F. DUNN'S XI.

Our opponents were drawn from Trinity College, Oxford, and included about six of the Trinity 1st XI. We played very well indeed in the first half, and scored three times before our opponents obtained a point. In the second half, the visitors, with a re-arranged forward line, were continually pressing, and scored five times, running out winners by 5—3. This was by no means a bad performance on our part. Team:—Walden; Smith, Belfield; P. Higgs, R. Ravenor, Hill; Mr. Pastfield, Anderson, Mr. Nuthall, Bonnewell, Cain.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. BANBURY.

Played at Banbury, lost 9—3.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. WYCHWOOD.

This return match with Wychwood was played away and lost 2—1. We were somewhat bothered by the smallness of the ground, but had a very fair share of the game. Hartley was again a tower of strength for Wychwood at back, and, the ground being so small, was able to keep an eye on nearly all our forwards. Team as previously.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. OLD BLOXHAMISTS.

The O.B's. were unfortunately weakened by the unavoidable absence of H. Cain and Sproule, and were badly beaten by 17—2. The first ten minutes or so were quite even, each side scoring twice. For the remainder of the game, however, the O.B's. were mainly occupied in defence. Despite the bad state of the ground the School put up a very good game. Teams:—O.B's.—Jeffries; P. Read, C. Coleman; J. G. Clifford, M. Roberts, H. W. E. Crouchly, G. A. Leadley-Brown, R. Gepp, B. Brooks, F. Gepp, F. H. Woolliams. School—Walden; Smith, Belfield; P. Higgs, Mr. Pastfield, R. Ravenor; Cain, Hill, Mr. Nuthall, Anderson, Bonnewell.

HOCKEY CHARACTERS.

G. G. Belfield (Captain, left back). Is fast and energetic, and uses his feet well, but is weak in his clearing. Has made a reliable and keen captain.

H. S. Bonnewell (Vice-Captain, inside left). In a difficult position shoots well, but is clumsy and slow on the ball and apt to pass wildly. Made a good acting-captain in the early part of the term.

D. Cain (outside right). Has improved very much since the beginning of the season. Follows up and centres well, being fast and clever with his stick. Does not help his half enough, and is still apt to be easily discouraged.

Lester Smith (right back). Has a very long reach, and is quite clever with the point of his stick. Defends well, and stops the ball pluckily with his feet, but is slow in clearing, appearing somewhat casual.

H. R. Walden (goal). Is very plucky and steady, occasionally brilliant. Is just learning to kick, but still shows bad judgment in failing to run out when an opposing forward gets clear away.

W. Hill (left half). A very plucky and energetic half, who never knows when he is beaten. Would be really good with more size and speed.

R. Ravenor (centre half). Steady and self-possessed. Is clever with his stick, but apt to dally with the ball instead of clearing. On the slow side.

P. Higgs (right half). Works hard, but is a rather foul player. Fails to clear effectively owing to the fact that he uses a species of scythe-stroke instead of standing upright.

P. A. Anderson (inside right). Is far more effective in games than in matches, when he lacks confidence in himself and is very slow.

R. B. Powell. Has played back in two matches. Can hit well, but is slow, and has as yet but a slight knowledge of the game.

J. W. Mayou. Has played in one match, at outside left. Is much too fond of fiddling about with his stick on the reverse side, consequently seldom centres well.

D. S. Coleman in photograph, but not Mayou
Colours have now been awarded to the first nine of the above.

THE CRUISE OF THE "MINNIE."

THERE were three of us, we had undertaken to be present at the Long Vacation Cruise, and to this end we had agreed to hire the *Minnie*. We were none of us distinguished for our proficiency in sailing, and more especially none of us had ever sailed on the South Coast, so the waters and ports were all strange to us. A, being an excellent cook, was relegated to the fore-castle; I supplied the charts and sailing directions, and

was supposed to be more or less responsible for the sailing of the ship.

The *Minnie* was a $3\frac{1}{2}$ ton cutter with schooner bows, an excellent little sea-boat and well found. She was about 26 ft. long by 7 ft. beam, and drew only 3 ft. 6 in. She slept two in the cabin, and one, A, in the fore-castle.

The cruise, which we intended to attend, was to start from Newhaven on the morning of Tuesday, 12th August, and to proceed *via* Littlehampton, Bembridge, Lymington, and Poole, to Portland Harbour. As I was in camp until the morning of Saturday, the 9th, it was settled that A and B should go on board on Friday and get everything ready for a start early on Saturday afternoon, and that I should arrive at Burnham as early as possible in the afternoon; but owing to my luggage going astray crossing London, I did not arrive at Burnham until after ten p.m. on the Saturday night.

During Saturday, A and B had slipped their moorings and dropped down just below Burnham, and the *Minnie* lay at a single anchor between the lines of moorings awaiting my arrival; but I arrived so late that we decided to wait for dawn. During the night on the flood the *Minnie* was very lively, as the wind was westward, and being anchored between the moorings, there was at times some little danger of her fouling the yachts close to her.

Sunday, August 10th.

4.30 a.m. Got the anchor, wind west, light to fresh, tide still flowing. By half-past five, when was high water, we were off the mouth of the Roach, and by half-past six, clear of the Crouch. After passing the West Buxey Buoy, we steered for the Whitaker Beacon, which we could just see in the distance, but B, who was steering, let her come up in the wind, and then seeing the Buxey Beacon rather wide on the port bow, steered for that, thinking that he was still making for the Whitaker Beacon, meanwhile remarking on the veering of the wind. It was our intention to cross the Foulness Sands near the Ridge Buoy; so getting out the compass, a small and somewhat

ancient box affair, to lay our course across the Foulness, I was somewhat unpleasantly surprised to find that according to the compass our course was N.E. by N. instead of S. by E., some six points out. This was rather a nasty shock, as we should have to be somewhat dependant on it, and as it looked very old and decrepit, we somewhat hastily assumed it to be useless. I inspected the beacon with the glasses, and received a further shock when I recognised the T head of the Buxey Beacon. This vindicated the compass and explained why we had not been able to see the Ridge Buoy, which we now descried away on our starboard beam. Hastily we gybed and steered S.S.E. for the buoy.

I got out the lead, and we crossed the end of the Buxey in one fathom. By half-past eight the Ridge Buoy was abeam. It was now half-tide, and the wind had fallen very light, and the wisdom of crossing the Foulness in so light a wind on a falling tide was questioned; we decided to hold on, but we certainly began to get anxious when the soundings decreased from a fathom and a half to a fathom, and then to four feet, and were greatly relieved when, at about ten minutes to nine, the water deepened to a fathom, showing that we had passed the watershed. It was a fine sunny morning, and it was pleasant sailing, and the passing vessels were very picturesque in the light and shade of the sun and clouds. Very slowly we picked up and passed the North-East Maplin and the Maplin Edge Buoys, the former to port and the latter to starboard.

Steering between the black and white can buoys, West Swin Buoys 1 and 2, we entered the Barrow Swatchway, the Barrow itself showing dry on both sides of us. Keeping well to the west of the normal course to allow for the tide, we crossed in a fathom, and the Barrow Deep Light-vessel was abeam at 10 a.m.

The wind now fell right away, and the tide gradually brought us closer and closer to the light-vessel. After about half-an-hour a slight breeze enabled us to get on our course again, and

still steering S.S.E. we crossed the Knock John. Presently, identifying the St. Andrew's Cross of the North Shingles Beacon among the many spars we saw, we steered for that, and entered the South Edinburgh Channel at noon. We now met the full force of the flood, and progress was very slow. A spar that we had been trying to identify as a beacon now resolved itself into the mast of a wreck on the Long Sand. By three o'clock we were crossing the end of the Margate Sand, well inside the track of the many pleasure steamers which, black with humanity, were making for Margate. Slowly approaching the Foreland, we gradually came within earshot of the Margate bands, and at five o'clock, the wind having completely died away, again we were gravely bobbing to partners with the Longnose Buoy, the tide taking us where it wished, until tired of waiting for a wind, we dropped our anchor and fed. We exchanged compliments with a local smacksman adrift close to us; much of what he said we did not understand, but we did gather that we should not reach Ramsgate that night. Soon after eight, a slight breath made itself felt, and, getting our anchor, we slowly closed on the Longnose Buoy, passed and drew away from it. At 9.30 we had left the North Foreland astern, and as night fell we hailed a yawl flying the Royal Cruising Club's burgee. Finding out that she was making for Ramsgate, we asked her to give us a lead through the Old Cudd Channel and into the harbour. None of us had ever been there before, and did not fancy tackling it for the first time in the dark. The wind, which was rapidly freshening, was from the south-west, but as the north-east stream was now in its strength, it was a rustling beat to Ramsgate, off which we arrived at 10.30. Picking up the leading lights, we stood in for the channel (we had lost sight of the yawl). We passed the buoys and stood on until the harbour mouth was well open, then bore away hugging the west pier, and shot into the west gully, where we found the yawl berthed.

Turned in at 11.25.

Burnham to Ramsgate, 36 miles, 19 hours.

Monday, August 11th.

We found the berth alongside the pier so noisy and the *Minnie* bumped so vigorously during the night that I took a warp to a mooring buoy and left a stern warp to the pier.

Turned out at 9.30 a.m. and had to get the stern warp, as it was in the way of traffic. We dropped the kedge over our stern to prevent us swinging to the wind over the west bank. After going ashore for provisions and having breakfast we prepared to get under way at 11.30 a.m.

We got the kedge and then swung to the wind over the west bank, hoisted the sails and then found our stern just fast. We took a warp to a smack just ahead of us and by the aid of her steam winch were immediately clear, paid off before the wind and blanketed by the pier, slid out of the harbour at 12.30 p.m.

Outside we found quite a capful of wind from the south west, and we made a long and short leg of it to the Middle Fairway Buoy, which we reached at 1.30. The sea, which was nearly abeam on one tack and ahead on the other, made sailing none too easy, for on the port tack in meeting extra large waves one had to luff practically head to wind.

Seeing the hour and the state of wind and tide, both against us, we decided not to push on. Sailed on and off and then ran back to Ramsgate, moored fore and aft to two buoys, 4 p.m. Explored the harbour with the lead in the dinghy.

Tuesday, August 12th.

The cruise was due to start from Newhaven today. Wind N. by E. fresh. Got under way 9.45 a.m. with one reef down, and this we shook out near the Middle Fairway Buoy.

Off Deal, at 11.30 a.m. the tide turned in our favour.

Passed the South Foreland at 12.30 p.m. and Dover Harbour at one o'clock. Seeing that the day was yet young, or comparatively so, and that we were favoured by wind and tide, we decided to make for Newhaven. We passed Dungeness just after low water at a quarter-past four and seeking shelter from the strength of the tide in shore, we

steered for Fairlight Down and thence along the coast. Off Bexhill at nine o'clock the wind fell very light, and we steered for the Royal Sovereign Light-vessel in order to get the benefit of the tide when it changed. A was steering, and B and I turned in soon after ten. I went on deck just before midnight and found that we were not doing much more than drift with the tide.

Twelve midnight passed Beachy Head. The revolving light had a peculiar ghostly effect when it played upon the chalk cliffs behind it. The coastguards were busy blinking communicatively to a vessel in the offing.

Having kept rather close in shore approaching Newhaven, the pier lights appeared crossed to us and we did not discover our error until we were close to the eastern pier. Never having entered Newhaven before we had some difficulty in following the Harbour Master's direction to make fast to 9, and we made fast to a berth which we later found to be 10 and consequently had to shift. Berthed by four, when it was already light.

Ramsgate to Newhaven, 72 miles, 17½ hours.

Wednesday, August 13th.

At six a yacht berthed inside us, got under way, and I had to attend to our warps. At seven o'clock an official came to collect harbour dues. Gave up trying to sleep.

Got under way at ten. Wind N.W. fresh. Tide ebbing. Sailed full and by about W.S.W. The wind backing and freshening with the change of the tide; we put about, and ran for Newhaven, as progress towards Littlehampton would be very slow. On arrival at Newhaven we determined to run in under foresail only, so luffed up head to wind under the shelter of the breakwater.

(To be continued.)

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EDITORIAL.

THIS number will probably be published about Whitsuntide, so we can write a few words of welcome to Old Bloxhamists who will be at the School for the cricket matches. We hope they will be successful on the Monday, and that on the Saturday they will have a closer game than last year.

In their new role of brigands, the Corps seem to have given a good account of themselves against the Banbury Territorials. Unfortunately they were unable to wear an appropriate costume or to lend the eye a sufficiently terrible aspect, and so did not inspire terror in the hearts of the crowds of children who followed them about like infants running after their fathers. Such hangers-on have their uses, however. For instance, they can be induced to carry white-wash buckets.

We must now revert to our favourite and well-worn theme, and appeal for copy. We have now nothing in hand for the next number. Will some O.B. take pity on us and send on an article of some kind?

O.B. NEWS.

If any O.B.'s or others, grateful for some happy afternoons spent on the School Cricket Ground, would care to send donations towards the cost of a new mowing machine, to the Secretary of the C.O.G., their contributions would be greatly appreciated. Without some help from old friends the necessary £30 which has to be found will severely tax the somewhat slender resources of the Games Fund this year.

WALTER HODGSON (1860-1862), M.A., Keble College, Oxford, has been appointed official shorthand writer to the House of Lords and Commons in place of Mr. Gurney Angus, lately deceased. Hodgson has spent his professional life on the staff of Messrs. Gurney, officially reporting many highly technical and some extremely confidential enquiries; also some deeply interesting events: *e.g.*, Lambeth Conference of Bishops from all parts of the world, 1888, 1897 and 1908; Royal Commissions on Ecclesiastical Discipline, 1904-5; Royal Commission Vivisection, 1906-8; Venezuelan Arbitration at the Hague, 1903, &c., &c. Besides reporting, he has found time to take an active part in Church matters, being Lay Reader in the London Diocese, 1879-94, and member of the London Diocesan Conference, 1889-94; also member of the Rochester (afterwards Southwark) Diocesan Conference, 1889-94. Present Bloxhamists, who sometimes feel weary of strokes,

dots and pot-hooks, take courage and think what lies before you ; also our aspirants to a seat in Parliament, be careful and speak King's English, and never use any but Parliamentary language, and so set a good example to others who sometimes err in that respect.

BIRTH.—March 26th, at the Old Hall, Coundon, the wife of T. E. Ferguson, of a daughter.

O.T.C. NOTES.

CADETS Bryan, Cobb, Mackreth, Mayou, and Nisbet, have been struck off the strength ; Bowden, Burbank, Burton, Hinnell, Hordern and Molesworth have joined the Corps.

Cdt.-Clr.-Sergt. Belfield and Sergt. Fradd were successful in the examination for certificate A, held in March.

The annual inspection will be held on June 24th, the inspecting officer being Capt. R. F. S. Grant, M.V.O., D.S.O.

On June 26th, Lieutenant-Colonel Stockton, commanding the 4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, will inspect the contingent.

The contingent took part in field operations at Bloxham Grove, on May 19th. An account of these will be found below.

FIELD OPERATIONS.

ON the evening of Tuesday, May 19th, the School Corps took part in Field Operations with the Banbury Detachment of the 4th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

The general idea was that a White Force (Bloxham), had pillaged Bodicote, and Brown Troops (Banbury), had received orders to proceed to Bodicote to drive out and capture the raiders. The White commander had received information through his scouts that a Brown Force of two companies was leaving Banbury, and consequently had withdrawn his men across the Sor Brook and had taken up a position commanding Cherry's Mill Bridge and Bodicote Bridge.

The School contingent reached the manœuvre area shortly after 7 p.m., and divided into three parties ; the first of these took the right of the

position and posted a few men under cover commanding Bodicote Bridge—their line of retreat was protected by the rest of this party. The second party secured positions on the left guarding the track leading from Cherry's Mill to Bloxham Grove Road ; from these positions any troops coming up the track were struck by frontal and enfilade fire. Scouts were posted at Cherry's Mill to notify the approach of the enemy.

The paths from both bridges led towards a large field (Warriner's Field) in which the third party (Reserve) was posted.

The Brown Forces crossed the Sor Brook by both bridges, and in both cases were met with a burst of rapid fire at point blank range whilst still in close order, but, pressing on, eventually forced the White Parties to evacuate their positions and to retire under cover of their reserves across Warriner's field. On the left wing five of the White troops who had been holding some of the enemy back, were cut off and captured.

A position was held for some time in the south-west corner of the field, but as the enemy began to press, a firing line was gradually built up in front of a hedge in the rear to the right, and here the final stand was made.

After the operations the School contingent joined the "enemy" and marched back with them *via* Bodicote to Banbury, and thence to Bloxham.

Several vacancies for commissions exist in the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion The King's Own Regiment. Candidates desirous of taking commissions are invited to correspond with the Adjutant, who will be glad to furnish full particulars, of which the following are the chief:—Age—Between 17 and 25 years.

Probationary Training—Six months, with line Battalion of the Regiment, now stationed at Dover. If in possession of Certificate "A," 5 months ; or of Certificate "B," 4 months.

Annual Training—27 days.

Pay—9/3 per diem, plus 2/6 under canvas.

A grant of £35 is given to candidates in possession of Certificate "B" in O.T.C.

£20 retaining fee for each year *after completion of Probationary Training* till attaining 35 years of age.

£50 on being called up during an emergency.

£40 Outfit Allowance (not applicable for candidates for the Regular Army).

H. K. CLOUGH,

Capt. and Adj. 3rd Batt. The King's Own Regt.,
Lancaster.

HOCKEY.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL *v.* LYNAM'S SCHOOL.

PLAYED at Oxford, on Wednesday, April 1st.

The School team was composed of boys under 15, for the selection of which a special division was formed.

As the weather was very fine and the ground in very good condition, a keen and fast game was looked forward to.

Play started in mid-field, and consisted for the most part of long hits between the backs, with an occasional run by the Bloxham forwards. After five minutes' play, Lynam's scored from a scramble in front of our goal. This led to an immediate awakening on the part of the Bloxham forwards, who, combining on the right wing very cleverly, enabled Wilmot to score with a very good shot.

Repeated attacks were made by our centre and right wing, which were always dangerous to their opponents' defence. Pearse missed two goals with very good shots from a difficult angle.

After fifteen minutes' play, Hunt scored our second goal, after a fast run and centre by Pearse. Unluckily the timing of the first half was erratic, and the home team, taking advantage of an extra ten minutes, scored an equalising goal.

In the second half, play was very exciting and fast. Both sides played their hardest, and some really good hockey resulted. In spite of the lack of combination among our forwards, the home goal was always in danger from the individual efforts of Pearse and Wilmot.

A very exciting and pleasant game resulted in a draw of 2 all, which was not a bad result for a team which was playing its first match against a team which had played several matches.

D. Coleman made a very good back, and by his pace and judgment was of great assistance.

Pearse played a very fine game on the right wing, and was deserving of more success.

Wilmot was sound, and fed his wing well, but with more speed, must have scored on several occasions.

Hunt played well in the centre, but was apt to neglect his left wing, and should learn not to rely on his hook stroke alone.

Chapman and Philbrick did their best, but were out-paced by much bigger opponents.

Lovesey exhibited surprising pace, and held Pritchard throughout the game, and was of great service to the left wing.

Hildred (centre half) and W. Higgs (right half) worked very hard, the latter with great success. Hildred was inclined to hold the ball too long.

Brooks was clumsy, but hard-working.

Martin was sound in goal, and used his feet well in one or two dangerous scrambles round our goal.

Team:—Martin, goal; Brooks, Coleman (D), Higgs, W., Hildred, Lovesey; Pearse, Wilmot, Hunt, Philbrick and Chapman (forwards).

CRICKET.

SCHOOL *v.* MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

THE first match of the season was played at Magdalen College School, Oxford, on May 16th. We won the toss but decided to let them bat first. Magdalen's first few wickets fell very quickly, but then with some hard hitting by Dans, runs came a little quicker than they had done previously. At the close of their innings they had compiled 88 runs. The School started none too well, 7 wickets being down for 57 runs. At this period it seemed very unlikely that we should be able to reach their score. But some excellent batting on the part of D. Coleman and Anderson, who brought the score up to 86 before they were parted, completely altered the game. The last two batsmen added two runs between them. This brought the score to 88—a tie.

The bowling was quite good all-round, and the fielding on the whole was good—much better than was expected so early in the season—although one or two fielders seemed content to watch the ball go to the boundary. Catches were missed behind the wicket which ought to have been held, but this was perhaps due to lack of practice.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

Millard, c Coleman, b Cain	3
Sheppard, b Bonnewell	12
Searby, b Champneys	0
Field, c Williams, b Champneys.....	0
Dans, not out	39
Bradly, b Bonnewell	2
Ahamed, b Bonnewell.....	0
Read, c Champneys, b Cain.....	5
Jessel, l.b.w., b Champneys	2
Hichey, b Bonnewell	3
Sophis, b Bonnewell	0
Extras	22
Total	88

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

N. Parsons, l.b.w., b Field	1
K. Bidlake, b Field	12
D. Cain, c Searby, b Field	2
G. Champneys, b Field	13
W. C. Hall, b Field.....	0
H. Bonnewell, b Field	7
A. Williams, run out	4
P. Anderson, b Dans	15
D. Coleman, not out	12
I. A. Hildred, c Sophis, b Dans	1
H. Walden, c Sophis, b Field	1
Extras.....	20
Total	88

BOWLING.

Magdalen College, Oxford.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Champneys	13	2	27	3
D. Cain.....	13	6	12	2
H. S. Bonnewell.....	9.5	3	18	5
A. B. Williams	4	—	9	—

School.

Bradley.....	11	2	20	0
Field	17	6	24	7
Dans	9	2	11	2
Millard	4	1	11	—

THE CRUISE OF THE "MINNIE."

(Continued).

A back eddy took charge and drew us on to the head of the breakwater, which blanketed us and we were in some danger of staving our sides in. However, we got away, and got the mainsail and jib off her. We found the harbour mouth partially blocked by a dredger which gave us no sign of which side of her we were to pass. We chose to leave her to port. She caused us some anxiety, for she dropped her mooring chains only just in time to enable us to pass.

By four o'clock when it began to rain, we were berthed again, and making ourselves respectable, we went to Seaford and had dinner at the Bay Hotel.

Thursday, August 14th.

We had to shift berth just before getting under way to make room for a large schooner, which was changing berths. As usual blanketed in between the piers. Passed the head of the breakwater 10.20 a.m. Wind N.W. fresh. Course full and by about W. About mid-day the wind dropped, then backed to W. and freshened again. By half-past two we were off Shoreham, heading about N.W. with a foul tide; progress was now slow. At half-past five, when we were off Worthing, which was easily identified by its broken pier, the wind fell very light and veered back towards N.W. We made a long and short leg of it along the coast making but slow progress. At half-past eight an aeroplane flying east passed inshore of us.

We arrived off Littlehampton just after night-fall, and in accordance with our unbroken record, had to tackle our first entrance in the dark. From the sailing directions we saw that the leading lights are not always shewn unless a vessel is known to be entering, and we were very anxious as we sailed in, as only one light was showing; however, the other suddenly lit up.

Just as we drew level with the pier, the wind which had been extremely light, died completely away and the flood tide swept us on to the west

pier before we could get into the dinghy and tow. It then took charge and swept us up the river faster than we had sailed all day, B in the dinghy only having to keep her in the centre of the stream and keep her straight.

Not knowing where to berth, and no one seeming to care, we dropped anchor where seemed good to us, and I went on shore to find out where we might lie, but learnt nothing. However, a passing fisherman gave A and B directions as to a better berth but not knowing the harbour and not even having seen it by daylight, we found their instructions somewhat difficult to carry out. As the main point seemed to be that we should lie further up the harbour, we shortened up the chain until we began to drag and then letting the anchor drag proceeded up stream, sounding with the lead, until we thought we had gone far enough. Next morning we found ourselves in the middle of the fairway at a point rather inconvenient to traffic, but convenient to us for landing.

Newhaven to Littlehampton, 25 miles, 12 hours.

Friday, August 15th.

The Harbour Master informed us that we should have to shift our berth, as a steamer was coming down. We were well in the fairway on the outside edge of the first bend of the river. We decided that if the steamer was careful she would be all right and did not move. B and I went ashore for provisions, but forgetting to take one of the stone jars for water, A floated this down to us, it hit the stem of the dinghy in which we were and broke, which speaks well for the strength of the tide.

We meant to start early, but with one thing and another it was eleven o'clock before we were under way.

Wind S.S.E., light, which meant a short and a long leg out of the river, tide first ebb. We were all right until we got between the two piers, when we were blanketed, but kept just enough wind to keep steerage way. I was steering; we were doing a short leg across the mouth and were pointing straight for the east pier, when I put the helm down to go about, and the tiller broke. We rammed the pier, the bowsprit going clean through

the planking. We held on to the pier until the end of the tiller was shaped to fill the socket; then, trimming the sails, let go, but being blanketed could not get enough way on and drifted down on the lee pier. Having now interviewed both piers and given a solid hour's enjoyment to a large crowd of sightseers, a friendly motor boat towed us off the lee pier and clear of the mouth, where we were left at large to damage what else we could come across.

A light wind served us until we passed the Pullar Buoy, at ten to four, but it then began to drop and we did not pass the Bullock Patch Buoy until half-past five or the Nab's End Bell Buoy until ten minutes past seven.

Close to this buoy we found floating a stone jar the same size as that we had broken in the morning; it smelt somewhat of beer, but we scalded it out and replaced our loss.

In accordance with precedent we did not arrive off Bembridge until after dark. By a strange stroke of good fortune we found the buoys lit, as a steamer was leaving at 2 a.m. We arrived just before half flood, crossed the sands to the north west of the fort in a fathom, and so entered the channel. We just touched the mudspit close to the second buoy and towed up to the anchorage. If the buoys had not been lit I doubt whether we should have made the anchorage—finding them lit was one of the best bits of luck we had.

Littlehampton to Bembridge, 26 miles, 10 hours.

Saturday, August 16th.

A, our most excellent cook, departed by train for Shanklin; his loss was much bewailed. I arranged to take over his duties, but B expressing a desire to try his hand, I at once withdrew.

Under way at nine o'clock, wind E., light, a broad reach to No Man's Land Fort and a run past Ryde—where was moored one of the crack racing schooners—to Osborne Bay, where we dropped anchor close in shore at noon.

B was on the staff of the Royal Naval College, and as he wished to go ashore for letters, we landed and walked through the grounds of

Osborne House to the College, where we had lunch. The college possesses one of the nicest messes I have ever struck, not only as to its members, a nicer lot I have not met, but its situation in the grounds of Osborne House is delightful and the buildings themselves are very fine.

At four o'clock we motored over to Shanklin, where A and B's people were staying; back on board by 7 p.m. Both of us left the other to make the dinghy fast and we next saw her about a quarter of a mile away and had to get under way to retrieve her. Anchored at half-past seven, went ashore and dined and slept at the R.N.C.

Bembridge to Osborne Bay, $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles, 3 hours.

Sunday, August 17th.

After breakfast, visited the works at Kingston, and went over the College. Got under way after lunch, wind easterly, fresh, a strong weather tide. Having determined to give up chasing the cruise, we made for Bembridge, as the first step on our way back to Burnham. With the tide under us we made short miles of it, passing on the way through the fleet anchored at Spithead. We arrived off Bembridge at 6.30, just after half ebb. Noticing a small yacht ahead of us haul in her mainsheet until the boom was almost amidships, and her crew all down on the lee side, I foresaw we should find it shallow, so followed suit; sure enough we soon touched and both of us had to go forward on the bowsprit before we could get her off. We touched once more but were soon in the deeper water of the channel. Anchored 7 p.m.

Turned in at nine, meaning to start next morning at four for Newhaven.

Osborne Bay to Bembridge, $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles, $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Monday, August 18th.

Took the train to Shanklin, 12.18 p.m. Persuaded A¹ to come back to Burnham with us.

Arrived Bembridge by train nine o'clock.

Tuesday, August 19th.

Turned out at half-past six; rather late for a start for Newhaven, especially as the wind was still in the east and the tide against us. Decided

anyhow to have a sail, and at a quarter to nine we got our anchor, but the strong flood and the light easterly winds prevented much progress. We had determined to go to Shanklin, and we did not arrive off Bembridge Point until eleven, and off Shanklin (where we found the regatta in full swing) at half-past one, and dropped our anchor about a cable N.E. of the pier-head.

At half-past six, having got on board again, we got under way. The wind was still easterly, and we did not arrive at Bembridge until nearly eleven, having unawares sailed through a night attack on the Spithead defences, which matured as we passed St. Helens Fort. As we were not showing any lights either, we might easily have met with an accident.

Wednesday, August 20th.

We overslept, and did not get under way until a quarter to six, when it was within an hour of low water. As there is only one foot on the bar at low water, and it was not far from springs, there was little chance of our getting out; however, we decided to try. There was a light northerly wind, and we succeeded in beating up nearly half the length of the channel before taking the ground. We quickly got off again, and tried towing, but took the ground again almost at once. I was steering.

While B was getting breakfast, I explored the channel in the dinghy, so that we should be able to get under way again as early as possible. The flood tide, however, was so strong that we could not sail or tow out, so bending a grass line to the kedged warp, we kedged out a very weary quarter of a mile before we could make sail, which we did at 8.30.

Two small cruisers, anchored in St. Helens Road, were having firing practice. They were firing with tubes and miniature ammunition at targets towed by their steam launches. We passed between them, and with the light wind and foul tide, succeeded in getting as far as the Nab Rock Buoy before the wind failed, and the tide slowly drove us back whence we came, but it was very pleasant lazing in the sun. About

eleven the Whale Island gunnery boat put in an appearance, and started firing from the neighbourhood of the Horse Fort, and columns of water shot into the air a mile or more ahead of us, showing where the shells were falling. A light breath enabled us to stem the tide, and by noon we had almost reached Nab End Buoy. Soon after the gunboat started firing again, but this time the shells were falling astern but very much closer; one could see the flash of the gun. This was followed by a moaning and a report when the shell struck the water and threw up a column of water, followed at length by the noise of the explosion of the gun. One could see the path of the shell as a sort of indefinable grey streak and estimate whereabouts it would fall. Some of the shells ricocheted as many as five times. It was a bit startling at first until one got used to it; but the shells started to drop closer and closer until they were within a few hundred yards of us, which was not much considering the gunboat was six or seven thousand yards from us, and they kept on coming closer until one shell fell on one side of the yacht, ricocheted over and fell into the sea on the other. One could see it coming, and as it passed over we could very clearly see the nasty little black devil twisting in the air. After that, they left us alone.

By a quarter past four, we had only reached the Bullock Patch Buoy, seven miles out in $10\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

There was now more wind, and from the west, which suited us better.

A new destroyer was on her steam trials about here. She had not then been painted, and was red in colour. She spent most of the day in describing circles for her helm trials, passing us several times. At about half-past four we saw her approaching us, apparently at full speed. We could see that she would cross our bows, and quite close to us, and her wash—. We secured as quickly as we could all the breakable moveables, and closed the cabin, expecting a bit of a tossing. She passed us within a cable and blew her whistle, presumably to warn us of her wash; as if we

couldn't see it. It blotted out the whole view, being or appearing taller than our mast. However, it was rather pleasant than otherwise, being only a sort of gentle switchback affair, though it did shift some of the crockery.

By five o'clock we had passed the Pullar Buoy, and it took us just over the hour to pass the East Bank Buoy, so that, aided by the tide, we were doing nearly six knots.

Brighton, which we passed at ten o'clock, seemed to have got up a firework display for our benefit; for nearly an hour rockets, fires, illuminations and explosions were practically continuous, and the effect was very fine.

At Newhaven, ordered to berth 9, we made fast to a white yacht, and the noise we made soon brought her owner on deck, and we found that we were alongside the Rear-Commodore's yacht *Dawn*.

All stowed by midnight.

Average speed for the voyage, $2\frac{1}{2}$ knots; the first seven miles being at $\frac{2}{3}$ knot and the last 38 at nearly 6 knots.

Bembridge to Newhaven, 45 miles, $18\frac{1}{4}$ hours

Thursday, August 21st.

Breakfast, noon.

Found the *Dawn* had had a revolver accident on board, one of her crew being shot through the ankle.

Loitered about the harbour in the dinghy.

Friday, August 22nd.

Left Newhaven for Dover at seven. *Dawn* to follow us in about half an hour, when she had finished breakfast.

Wind W.S.W. As usual, blanketed by the pier. The dredger, which occupied most of the entrance, got under way when we were close to her, and went across our bows; in consequence, we but narrowly escaped a collision with the western pier.

Outside we found much more wind than we had bargained for (as the harbour is very sheltered), and a fairly heavy sea. The dinghy on a single tow was very lively.

We calculated to arrive at Beachy Head just before low water. Left Newhaven with boom to port, determining to get shelter from the seas behind Beachy Head. We kept close in shore, gybed off Beachy Head, and then steered for Langney Point. We could occasionally discern *Dawn* astern of us.

On the Downs, near Beachy Head, I could clearly see the tracks where, when in camp, I had climbed them daily; also the rows of circles, unmistakable signs of a camp.

Off Hastings the wind freshened considerably, which definitely decided us to run for Rye. We could see *Dawn* over our starboard quarter, she having apparently gone outside the Royal Sovereign Shoals to get the benefit of the tide, and trusted to her following us in.

We ran on until we could see the shore of Dungeness right across our bows, but we had not then been able to recognise the entrance to Rye, which, of course, none of us knew.

We decided that it was no use careering on at our present speed, so choosing a calm patch, we shot up into the wind and hove to, got down the mainsail, which gave us no little trouble, and then the jib, and ran in shore under foresail only to where the mast of a barge showed, and we soon identified the entrance.

This had given *Dawn* time to catch us up, and when we reached the entrance, *Dawn* was close astern of us. The tide does not run true up the entrance, and at our reduced speed we entered more or less in crab fashion. Inside it runs about six knots; we were glad therefore to be under

foresail only. *Dawn*, who entered immediately after us, with all her sail still set, passed us in fine style.

We were berthed inside the harbour by 12.45 p.m., the first strange port we had entered by daylight. Our average speed was just over seven knots, not bad for a $3\frac{1}{2}$ ton cruiser.

The south cone was hoisted at half-past one, but the wind rapidly fell off, the warning following the event, as so often happens.

The afternoon and evening we spent exploring Rye, which is a delightful old world place, but its harbour is — well, and then they charge you 5/- harbour dues.

I had to leave *Minnie* here, as I was due back in town. I went ashore at 7 a.m. leaving B and A¹ to sail the *Minnie* back to Burnham, which they did, not without adventure. That day being rough the dinghy twice broke adrift, once in the dark. On Sunday the bowsprit was broken in a dispute as to the right of way with a pleasure steamer, off Ramsgate. They duly arrived at Burnham on Tuesday night.

So ended a very pleasant cruise. It is true we meant to join the club cruise, but in spite of our having seen nothing of it, we had an extremely enjoyable time.

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EDITORIAL.

WE must plead lack of "copy" as an excuse for not having published a June number this year. The heat must have affected those who occasionally send us an article.

The various events connected with this term have passed off successfully, favoured with fine weather. Judging by the report of our Special Correspondent, the members of the Camera Club seem to have spent a hectic afternoon, devoted more to refreshment than to photography. Presumably, refreshment constituted an important part of the Choir Outing as well. Bathing, also, was indulged in on both occasions—in the baths at Leamington, in the puddles at Shipton. A juvenile member of the Choir narrowly escaped an additional bath in the river, and learnt from bitter experience that to have one foot on the bank and the other in a boat is not the most stable of postures.

The one unfortunate thing about this term has been an outbreak of chicken-pox. Two or three

boys, of mixed sizes and ages, have gone down regularly every fortnight before the attacks of this most unheroic malady. The hospital has been inhabited for the first time for a good many years, and wan faces at the window have been objects of much interest and most unfeeling remarks.

In consequence of this outbreak only two School matches have been played. This is unfortunate, as the team this year is probably stronger in batting than for some years past. The bowling, however, is weak, a consistent bowler of good length being lacking.

We have struck out a new line this term by beginning to keep live stock. When we came back we were confronted by a magnificent gabled structure hanging over the laboratory in the asphalt court. Judging from the crowd of starlings who monopolised it, we thought it must have been built for them by a Society for the Befriending of Stray Birds. The starlings evidently appreciated their home, and, with artistic instinct, were lugging up vast quantities of straw with which to thatch the building, so that it might be in keeping with the village houses. But such ideas were dispelled, and the starlings' fond hopes of raising blue-blooded broods in a lordly mansion shattered by the advent of four white fan-tail pigeons. These were installed after the eviction of the former tenants, and we soon saw them strutting about, cooing and preening themselves in full consciousness of the immaculate

whiteness of their albs. We hope they will be the ancestors of a flock of pigeons which will lend a further touch of brightness and an old-world charm to the School buildings.

SCHOOL NEWS.

THE Rev. W. H. Ferguson, Warden of St. Edward's School, Oxford, preached here on Trinity Sunday, June 7, and the Rev. F. Shaw on July 5.

ON Thursday, June 25, the annual festival of the English Church Union (North Oxon District) was held on the School premises by permission of the authorities. There was Choral Eucharist at 11.45, followed by sermon, preached by the Rev. S. Cooper, Rector of Upper Hayford. After luncheon a meeting was held in the gymnasium and an address was given by Mr. Athelstan Riley on the present condition of Church affairs. The visitors afterwards had tea on the lawn and inspected the buildings.

CHOIR OUTING.—It seems to have become an institution that the Choir should visit Leamington every summer. This year the morning was spent at Kenilworth Castle. After inspecting every nook and corner of the ruins, a game of rounders was played before we sat down to luncheon (a sumptuous meal) in the ancient banqueting hall. Then we walked, in a very leisurely manner—the heat and the lunch made rapid movement impossible—to the railway station and took train to Leamington, where we found external refreshment in the splendid swimming-bath. The majority spent the time after bathing on the river, and returned in time for tea at the Parish Hall, which was put at our disposal by the Vicar of Leamington. The day was in every respect a most delightful one, and everyone seemed to enjoy the outing.

FOUNDER'S DAY.—We had a whole holiday on Tuesday, July 14. There was Choral Eucharist at 9.30, and at 12.0 a cricket match with the village, which they won after a good game by a few runs. In the evening there was a sing-song in the quad. Programme:—

Pianoforte Duet—"A Lorag" ("The Knights") Volkmann
Mr. Golding and R. M. Coombes.

Folk Song—"Bingo"

The Choir.

Song—"Snareeyow" ... G. F. Cobb
Mr. Child.

Folk Song—"The Sandman"

The Choir.

Song—"The Admiral's Broom" ... F. Bevan
Mr. Allen.

Pianoforte Duet—"Hungarian Dance"

Arr. by Cursch-Bühren

Mr. Golding and J. Hildred.

Folk Song—"Dance to your Daddy"

The Choir.

Violin Solo—"Mélodie" ... Moszkowski
H. H. L. Hunt.

Song—"The City of Sligo" ... Irish Folk Song
C. Coleman.

Song—"Changing her mind" ... Irish Folk Song
Mr. Child.

Folk Song—"I'm Seventeen come Sunday"

The Choir.

Song—"Gipsy John" ... F. Clay
Mr. Allen.

Violin Solo—Nocturne ... Burgmüller
H. H. L. Hunt.

Song—"Mandalay" ... G. F. Cobb
C. Coleman.

Song—"Powder Monkey" ... Stephen Adams
Mr. Child.

Song—"I'm a horseherd" ... Hungarian Songs
Mr. Allen.

Folk Song—"Oh, no, John!"

The Choir.

"God Save the King."

THE CAMERA CLUB OUTING.—On Wednesday, July 1st, the members of the Camera Club and a few of the servers went to Mrs. Hinde's house at Shipton for their outing. The majority rode on bicycles, while a few, under the leadership of Mr. Wilson, went by train to Chipping Norton and then finished the journey in Mrs. Hinde's motor. The cyclists started at 2 o'clock, under a broiling sun, and reached Chipping Norton about 3 o'clock, where most of them partook of lengthy drinks—of a mild nature, of course! We then resumed our journey, and reached Shipton by 4.40, where, at Mrs. Hinde's invitation, we refreshed ourselves with more drinks. The train party, who had arrived some time before and had been inspecting the village church, then returned and showed us where to bathe, warning us that the water was very shallow. However, the heat induced most

of us to try it, and though the water was a bit shallow we enjoyed the bathe very much. Those members who had cameras then wandered about the grounds taking photographs, until we all eventually assembled under a big tree, where the Headmaster and the writer took some photographs of the group, the Headmaster causing much amusement owing to the number which he took. We then proceeded to have tea in a lovely old half-open barn and, needless to say, we enjoyed it very much. After tea Mrs. Hinde escorted Mr. Wilson, the Chaplain, and most of the boys over the house. We marvelled at the size of the house, and wondered if we were ever going to see all of it; but what interested us most was the number of bedrooms. During the tour a few members of the party found some musical instrument, on which they immediately began to play bugle calls; perhaps they did it to remind us that it was time to return. Mrs. Hinde and a few of us then found the bowls, and were just going to start a game when the Head, with an anxious eye at the sky, said he thought we ought to start, and, though Mrs. Hinde pleaded hard for us, he was obdurate, only allowing those who were motoring to stay any longer. Mrs. Hinde offered to send the motor all the way to Bloxham, an offer which was accepted without any delay. We were just going to start home when Mrs. Hinde suggested that we should have a last drink, a suggestion which was carried out with such promptitude as to leave no doubt as to Mrs. Hinde's correct judgment of our drought. After we had passed through Chipping Norton, where we did *not* have more drinks, we were passed by the motor, the occupants of which greeted us with a derisive cheer, one of them nearly falling out in his attempt to jibe at us. We arrived back at the School just in time for a wash before chapel, after having enjoyed an outing which many consider to be the best we have had for years, and for which we are all much indebted to the kindness of Mrs. Hinde.

O.B. NEWS.

The following have recently joined the O.B. Society:—R. H. Cobb (1910-14), J. C. Smith (1899-1900), T. Thomas (1908-9), H. Walford (1896-1900).

At or about Whitsuntide we had the pleasure of seeing a large number of Old Bloxhamists. The following is a complete list of O.B.'s who have been here this term:—T. R. Taylor (1902-6), E. J. Harvey (1906-13), F. J. Whiting (1904-9), J. G. B. Whiting (1905-10), A. E. Peel (1892-98), G. H. Holiday (1900-03), H. N. Cain (1910-13), J. R. Egerton (1882-91), F. H. Woolliams (1910-13), T. W. Bennett (1904-11), E. A. Brown (1910-11), C. A. M. Roberts (1904-12), B. B. Brooks (1906-12), L. W. Whitty (Master, 1912), J. B. Leadley-Brown (1881-89), A. L. B. Sproule (1908-13), A. W. Gepp (1908-11), A. N. Rye (1888-92), F. E. L. Riddle (1903-11), C. B. Cossart (1889-94), F. B. Palmer (1872-79), P. S. Corbould (1893-98), A. C. le Poer Trench (1893-95), S. J. le Poer Trench (1893-96), R. J. G. Read (1866-70), S. Blacker (Master, 1862-73), J. T. Champion (1864-68), H. W. E. Crouchley (1911-12), G. W. H. Grimes (1907-11), R. A. T. Stevens (1909-13), F. A. Hart (1904-11), G. E. Foxwell (1906-09), H. R. Standage (1905-09), D. Richardson (1903-07), T. Thomas (1908-09), C. A. Bernays (1902-05), W. H. Warriner (1867-71), W. G. N. Aplin (1907-11), H. Walford (1896-1900), M. Brown (1882-88), T. G. Bowler (1906-11), P. A. Boissier (1899-1905), W. B. Bennett (1862-64), T. Coleman (1875-78).

ORDINATION.—A. S. H. Cree (1900-05), was ordained Deacon on June 14th, in Canada.

C. A. M. ROBERTS (1904-12), has been awarded his colours for cricket, at Keble College, Oxford. We offer him our heartiest congratulations.

BIRTHS.—On May 27th, at Willaston, near Chester, the wife of Arthur E. Peel, of a daughter.

ON June 7th, at 6, Deanville Road, Clapham, Park, S.W., the wife of G. Wynne M. Andrew, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.—On Thursday, May 8th, at the Pro-Cathedral, Edmonton, Alberta, by the Rev. Canon

Webb, the Rev. Martin Webber Holdom, Priest in charge, of Castor, Alberta, and son of E. M. Holdom, Esq., Marston Park, Ampthill, Beds., to Aldah Winnifred Bryans, daughter of Robert Bryans, Esq., Edmonton.

On Thursday, May 28th, at St. Peter's Church, Heswall, by the Rev. C. R. Leadley Brown, assisted by the Rev. S. F. Leadley Brown, George Alexander, fourth son of Leadley Brown, Esq., of Heswall, to Alice Edith, daughter of the late Brigadier-General Ducat, U.S.A., and of Mrs. Simpson, of "Gaytonhurst," Heswall.

E. L. ROBERTS (1903-07), after leaving school, went to the G.W.R. Works, at Swindon. After his apprenticeship was up, the company kept him in the drawing office for a year, and then through the company he was offered a post in South America, which he accepted, and he has now been nearly two years there. He has recently been ordered some miles further up country, in charge of an extension, and will there be his own "boss."

HENRY NASIBU (1883-85), who was sent here by the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, together with Hugh Peter Kayamba, has recently written to Mrs. Hinde, in answer to her letter which she sent with a copy of the History of the School. His English, though not perfect, is most creditable after all these years.

Wete, Pemba,
Education Department.

DEAR MRS. HINDE,

I want to thank you very much for the nice book about All Saints' Bloxham School. . . . I like the book very much indeed. It reminds me very much of the days when I was in Europe. Very many things have happened since those days. I have been to many places in Africa since I left off teaching in the Mission. I was very sorry to hear of the death of your father and of your mother, for I remember how kind you all were to us. The last place I was doing Government work, it was Uganda country. . . . In 1912, I left Uganda and came here to Pemba as a teacher in the Government Education Department.

Pemba is an island near to Zanzibar. The Government school here is for boys. They are mostly Mohamedans, but of many different tribes, Arabs, Swahilis, and Indians, but the boys of the island itself are called the Wapemba. They are different to the Swahili people who live all over the East of Africa. This year the Government has built a new school, a stone building with tiles, and I am the head-master. I have one assistant, an Arabic teacher who teaches Mohamidanism. Unfortunately there is no Christian religion taught in the school, by the order of the Government, perhaps in future things will be changed. The Director of Education is Mr. Rivers Smith, who lives in Zanzibar. This school has been going on now for about six years, and I am glad to say since I came here the number of boys have increased. There are nearly sixty boys, aged from eight to sixteen. I expect there are many changes in Bloxham since I left. This month is the season of many heavy rains. This island is full of clove trees. When I came to Africa I married and had four children, but they have all died, and my first wife has died at Nairobi, up country, British East Africa Protectorate. Her name was called Emma Nasibu, who I lived with for nearly 24 years. She died on March 28th, 1912. Now I have married again. . . . Here at Wete district there is a Mission also, with one priest and two ladies as nurses.

My wife sends many salaams.

I conclude,

I am,

Your sincere friend,

HENRY NASIBU.

O.T.C. NOTES.

THE Annual Inspection took place on Wednesday, June 24th, the inspecting officer being Captain R. F. S. Grant, M.V.O., D.S.O., of the General Staff. We were favoured with a fine afternoon, and a cool breeze. The programme was as usual, with the addition of a parade of the buglers, who sounded "Retreat." In his short address to the contingent, Captain Grant

expressed his entire satisfaction with everything he had seen, and in referring to the objects of the O.T.C., said that from its origin it had received a considerable amount of criticism, and that it now lies with individual cadets to prove to the critics that it is justifying its existence by providing officers for the Special Reserve and Territorial Force. Below is given a copy of the "Remarks on the State of Efficiency of the Corps," from the certificate of efficiency received from the War Office.

WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.

2nd July, 1914.

Drill—Good. The Company marched past well. Arms were handled smartly. The smaller boys did not carry rifles or carbines. Words of command good.

Manœuvre—I saw an attack exercise well carried out. Fire control orders were in most cases correctly given. Section commanders displayed a good knowledge of fire-control generally.

Signalling—Above the average. Lieutenant Allen is the instructor, and the signallers reflected great credit on him.

General Remarks—A small but efficient contingent, which reflects great credit on both the officers of the corps. The buglers sounded "Retreat" extremely well. The corps is popular in the School, and all ranks appear to be very keen. It is a pity that the territorial range in the neighbourhood of the School does not admit of Table B (for Regulars) being fired on it. Captain Child does musketry instruction personally.

On Friday, July 26th, the Corps was inspected by Lieut.-Col. Stockton, commanding 4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

The contingent, having given the General Salute, marched past, and was then drilled by Clr.-Sjt. Belfield and Sjt. Fradd, who were candidates for certificate "A" last March. Later, in his address to the contingent, Lieut.-Col. Stockton said what a great pleasure it had

been for him to come over and see the cadets on parade; he had already seen their work in the field, and his gratification at their keenness on that occasion was only equalled by his surprise at the excellent way in which they had performed their company drill; in particular he would like to mention the noticeable steadiness in the ranks, both during the ceremonial work, and also during the ordinary drill. Lieut.-Col. Stockton then presented Clr.-Sjt. Belfield and Sjt. Fradd with their certificates, and in complimenting them on their work said that in his opinion they were quite capable of drilling a company in any battalion.

A new feature was introduced into the training of the Corps on Thursday, July 9th, when Captain Frith, of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, conducted a Regimental Exercise. The Exercise was attended by N.C.O.'s and selected cadets, and consisted of an "Advanced Guard" scheme. The general idea was that a battalion of infantry was marching from Aynho to Tadmarton, via Bloxham, through hostile country. Each member of the party was instructed to regard himself as the officer commanding the vanguard (strength one section) of the advanced guard (one company). As a preliminary, Captain Frith explained—and events proved how very necessary it was to do so—that the first duty of an advanced guard is to advance, and the second is to guard. Then he gave a series of questions arising from a number of incidents and situations, such as frequently occur to a vanguard. Replies were written down, and some of them read aloud, Captain Grant criticizing them, and giving his solution of each problem before passing on to the next. The instruction received was most useful—it is to be hoped that we shall remember it—and we trust that future Regimental Exercises will be equally interesting.

The Bugling Squad this term has been more than ever in evidence, and it has sounded the School March and "Retreat" on all "Flag Days," besides performing on other occasions. Our thanks are due to Colour-Serjeant Castagnola for

his excellent instruction, and to Serjeant-Bugler Brown for his organisation and untiring efforts both by precept and example to bring the squad to a high state of efficiency. Just now there are heard rumours that the Corps will before long be in possession of some drums—if the rumours develop into facts it will no longer be correct to talk of the Bugling Squad, which will become a part of the band.

Several vacancies for commissions exist in the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion The King's Own Regiment. Candidates desirous of taking commissions are invited to correspond with the Adjutant, who will be glad to furnish full particulars, of which the following are the chief:—Age—Between 17 and 25 years.

Probationary Training—Six months, with line Battalion of the Regiment, now stationed at Dover. If in possession of Certificate "A," 5 months; or of Certificate "B," 4 months.

Annual Training—27 days.

Pay—9/3 per diem, plus 2/6 under canvas.

A grant of £35 is given to candidates in possession of Certificate "B" in O.T.C.

£20 retaining fee for each year *after completion of Probationary Training* till attaining 35 years of age.

£50 on being called up during an emergency.

£40 Outfit Allowance (not applicable for candidates for the Regular Army).

H. K. CLOUGH,

Capt. and Adjt. 3rd Batt. The King's Own Regt.,
Lancaster.

CRICKET.

THE SCHOOL v. OLD BLOXHAMISTS.

THIS match was played on May 30th. The School did well to get a strong batting team out for 130, Mr. Nuthall bowling well, but our batting failed badly before some good bowling, and we were badly beaten.

OLD BLOXHAMISTS.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
J. R. Egerton, c Smith,			
b D. Cain.....	21	did not bat.	
T. R. Taylor, ran out	1	b Champneys	42

G. Holiday, b J. C. Nuthall	2	b Champneys	25
H. N. Cain, b D. Cain....	46	not out	23
J. Whiting, b J. C. Nuthall	13	did not bat	
F. Whiting, c Smith, b			
J. C. Nuthall	6	not out	28
F. H. Woolliams, b. J. Nut-			
hall.....	9	did not bat	
A. E. Peel, c Champneys,			
b Nuthall	8	b Champneys	14
E. J. Harvey, c and b Nut-			
hall.....	12	did not bat	
W. Bennett, b D. Cain.....	5	did not bat	
E. Brown, not out	0	did not bat	
Extras	7	Extras	10
Total 130		Total (3 wickets dec.)	142

THE SCHOOL.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
J. Hunt, Esq., b Holiday...	10	b. F. Whiting	1
J. T. Pastfield, Esq., b			
Holiday.....	2	b F. Whiting.....	9
W. Compton Hall, b J.			
Whiting.....	0	b Holiday	2
G. Champneys, c and b J.			
Whiting.....	7	c Taylor, b F. Whiting	18
J. C. Nuthall, Esq., b Holi-			
day.....	16	run out	1
D. Cain, c and b J. Whiting	7	c Peel, b E. Brown.....	17
H. S. Bonnewell, b Holiday	8	not out	29
D. Coleman, b Holiday ...	0	b F. Whiting	6
L. Smith, b Holiday	4	not out	2
A. B. Williams, b Holiday	4	b J. Whiting.....	0
N. Ravenor, not out.....	3	c Peel, b. Holiday	1
Extras	6	Extras	5
Total 67		Total (9 wickets)	91

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

The School.

1st innings—					
	Overs	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
J. C. Nuthall	13	1	58	6	9'66
D. Cain	6'5	0	49	3	16'3
H. S. Bonnewell	6	0	16	0	—
2nd innings—					
G. Champneys	9	0	35	3	11'66
D. Cain.....	5	0	57	0	—
J. Hunt	2	0	18	0	—
A. B. Williams.....	3	0	24	0	—
H. S. Bonnewell	1	0	4	0	—

OLD BLOXHAMISTS v. REV. B. BRADFORD'S XI.

Played on Whit Monday, June 1st. Some very fine cricket was seen in this match, which was much enjoyed by the spectators. The visitors went in first, but were able to do

little against some very fine bowling by Holiday and J. Whiting. Whiting kept up a splendid pace, combined with perfect length, and had only 19 runs scored from him. Holiday was not quite so accurate, but was also very successful. The O.B.'s fielding was very good, Holiday bringing off a magnificent catch in the slips, which dismissed Gresson, and making two other catches; Taylor and Cain also distinguished themselves.

The O.B.'s gave a good display of batting when they went in, Cain, Holiday, F. Whiting and Taylor, all playing extremely well. Holiday made a fine hit over the pavilion, and F. Whiting an even bigger one over Strawberry Terrace. Cain's hitting was very clean and hard. Holbrooke bowled really well, and captured five wickets, his bowling never being really collared. Score and analysis:—

REV. B. BRADFORD'S XI.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
F. S. Beauford, run out.....	5	c Cain, b Whiting	10
F. Pellatt, c Taylor, b Holiday.....	8	st Woolliams, b Edger- ton	2
S. Holbrooke, b J. Whiting	17	c and b Brown.....	29
C. H. Gresson, c Holiday, b J. Whiting.....	5	b J. Whiting.....	5
B. Bunbury, b Holiday	4	b J. Whiting.....	11
J. B. Wilskin, b Holiday	5	not out	23
L. Jones, b Holiday	0		
C. F. Cholmondeley, b J. Whiting.....	7		
C. C. Bradford, not out	13	} did not bat.	
C. Hurley, c Holiday, b J. Whiting.....	3		
P. Anderson, c Holiday, b J. Whiting	0		
Extras	5	Extras	5
Total	73	Total (5 wickets dec.)	85

OLD BLOXHAMISTS.

R. Egerton, c Wilskin, b Holbrooke.....	4
T. R. Taylor, lbw, b Holbrooke	35
H. N. Cain, c Jones, b Pellatt.....	55
G. H. Holiday, c Hurley, b Pellatt.....	56
C. M. Roberts, b Holbrooke.....	16
F. W. Whiting, not out	39
J. G. Whiting, c Bunbury, b Holbrooke.....	9
F. H. Woolliams, b Pellatt	4
H. W. E. Crouchley, st Jones, b Pellatt.....	0
T. W. Bennett, b Pellatt.....	0
E. Brown, c Gresson, b Holbrooke.....	8
Extras.....	2
Total	228

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Rev. B. Bradford's XI.

1st innings—

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
G. Holiday.....	14	2	46	4	11.5
J. Whiting	14	4	19	5	3.8

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. ADDERBURY C.C.

Played at Adderbury on June 13th.

ADDERBURY.

F. Beasley, b D. Cain	0
D. Whittton, c W. Ravenor, b J. C. Nuthall ..	67
C. C. Bryant, b J. C. Nuthall.....	9
T. Holiday, c D. Coleman, b G. Champneys...	13
J. Butler, b J. Hunt	36
R. Beasley, c L. Smith, b G. Champneys	11
Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, b G. Champneys ..	0
E. Drane, not out	2
G. Pearse	} Did not bat.
E. Hall	
C. Bryant	
Extras	12
Total (for 7 wkts.)...	150

SCHOOL.

D. Cain, b T. Holiday	3
J. C. Nuthall, b T. Holiday	4
G. Champneys, b T. Holiday.....	1
J. Hunt, c F. Beasley, b T. Holiday	3
W. C. Hall, lbw, b E. Hall	0
H. S. Bonnewell, b E. Hall	11
J. T. R. Pastfield, b E. Hall	6
L. Smith, b T. Holiday	1
A. B. Williams, b E. Hall	0
D. Coleman, run out	0
N. Ravenor, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	36

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Adderbury C.C.

	Overs.	M'ds.	Runs.	W'kts.
J. C. Nuthall	12.1	2	23	2
D. Cain	11	1	33	1
H. S. Bonnewell	7	1	17	0
G. Champneys.....	9	2	23	3
A. B. Williams.....	3	0	13	0
J. Hunt	5	0	10	1
D. Coleman	3	0	18	0

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. BLOXHAM C.C.

Played at Bloxham on June 20th.

SCHOOL.

D. Coleman, b G. Neale	11
W. Compton-Hall, b M. Mobley	54
J. Hunt, c and b G. Neale	15
J. C. Nuthall, b F. Kerrod	88
G. Champneys, b M. Mobley	23

H. S. Bonnewell, not out	2
A. B. Williams, not out	0
D. Cain.....	} Did not bat.
J. T. R. Pastfield	
L. Smith.....	
N. Ravenor	
Extras	21
Total (for 5 wks.)...	214

BLOXHAM.

W. L. Hall, b G. Champneys.....	2
G. Neale, c J. Hunt, b G. Champneys.....	5
W. Mallett, c D. Coleman, b D. Cain	4
G. Bridges, c D. Coleman, b G. Champneys...	19
S. Tustian, lbw, b D. Cain	2
F. Kerrod, c N. Ravenor, b J. C. Nuthall	31
S. Pearce, b G. Champneys	2
M. Mobley, c J. C. Nuthall, b D. Cain	2
H. Hawtin, c J. Hunt, b G. Champneys.....	0
E. Heath, not out	4
F. Cox, c N. Ravenor, b J. C. Nuthall	0
Extras	6
Total	77

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Bloxham.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	Wkts.
G. Champneys	11	3	14	5
D. Cain	11	1	35	3
H. S. Bonnewell ...	3	0	6	0
A. B. Williams	1	0	7	0
J. C. Nuthall	2.8	1	9	2

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. CHIPPING NORTON C.C.
Played at Bloxham on June 27th.

CHIPPING NORTON.

S. Grace, c N. Ravenor, b D. Coleman	39
H. Lewis, b J. C. Nuthall	16
P. R. Hearn, c N. Ravenor, b H. S. Bonnewell	9
C. C. Craze, b D. Cain	11
T. Hobbs, c L. Smith, b D. Cain	57
T. H. Rose, run out	16
J. Allen, b J. C. Nuthall	20
W. Poulton, c J. T. R. Pastfield, b J. Hunt ...	20
H. Howes, not out	2
A. J. White, b D. Cain	2
E. Bayliss, b D. Cain	4
Extras	8
Total	204

SCHOOL.

W. Compton-Hall, b J. Allen	15
D. Cain, b W. Poulton	18
J. Hunt, c Rose, b J. Allen	1
J. C. Nuthall, not out	46

G. Champneys, not out.....	40
H. S. Bonnewell	} Did not bat.
J. T. R. Pastfield	
A. B. Williams	
D. Coleman.....	
L. Smith	} Did not bat.
N. Ravenor	
Extras	12
Total (for 3 wks.)...	132

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Chipping Norton.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	Wkts.
J. C. Nuthall	20	4	48	2
D. W. T. Cain	19	4	60	4
H. S. Bonnewell ...	7	0	18	1
G. Champneys	8	0	42	0
D. Coleman	5	0	13	1
J. Hunt	3	0	15	1

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. BRACKLEY SCHOOL.
Played at Bloxham on July 8th.

BRACKLEY SCHOOL.

M. K. Filby, b G. Champneys	1
H. D. Taylor, b G. Champneys...	1
F. D. Pearce, c L. Smith, b D. Cain.....	5
G. B. Smith, c D. Cain, b G. Champneys	0
L. R. Martin, b G. Champneys	0
O. Evans, b D. Cain.....	6
S. Green, b H. S. Bonnewell	10
C. G. L. Bowley, c D. Coleman, b D. Cain ...	1
F. R. Dickens, b D. Cain	0
L. North, not out	13
T. R. K. Inch, b D. Cain.....	6
Extras	11
Total	54

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

C. T. Coleman, c Pearce, b Filby.....	4
G. Champneys, b Martin.....	55
L. Smith, b Filby	0
H. S. Bonnewell, b Inch	26
D. W. T. Cain, not out	22
A. B. Williams, not out	11
D. Coleman.....	} Did not bat.
W. B. Compton-Hall..	
J. S. Vesey-Brown.....	
N. J. G. Ravenor	
R. M. Coombes	} Did not bat.
Extras	
Total (for 4 wks.)...	119

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Brackley School.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kts.
G. Champneys	15	7	13	4
D. W. T. Cain	13	7	14	5
H. S. Bonnewell	5	0	6	1
J. S. Vesey-Brown ...	3	0	9	0

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. BLOXHAM C.C.

Played at Bloxham on July 14th.

BLOXHAM C.C.

G. Neale, c Lester-Smith, b J. C. Nuthall.....	1
S. Tustian, b J. C. Nuthall	12
G. Bridges, b D. Cain.....	3
W. Mallett, b J. C. Nuthall	7
F. Kerrod, c D. Cain, b J. C. Nuthall	19
W. Poulton, S. Brown, b J. C. Nuthall.....	4
W. L. Hall, b D. Cain	17
W. S. Grinter, c and b D. Cain	30
E. Heath, not out.....	17
F. White, c G. Champneys, b J. Hunt.....	6
H. Hawtin, c J. Hunt, b D. Cain	2
Extras	23
Total	141

SCHOOL.

D. W. T. Cain, b W. Mallett.....	0
N. Parsons, b W. Poulton.....	6
J. Hunt, lbw, b W. Poulton	5
J. C. Nuthall, c W. L. Hall, b G. Neale.....	71
H. S. Bonnewell, b W. Poulton.....	5
J. S. Vesey-Brown, c G. Neale, b W. Poulton ..	10
G. Champneys, b G. Neale.....	22
W. Compton-Hall, c E. Heath, b G. Neale.....	4
D. Coleman, b W. Poulton.....	0
R. M. Coombes, lbw, b G. Neale.....	0
L. Smith, not out	4
Extras.....	3
Total	130

BOWLING.

Bloxham C.C.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kts.
J. C. Nuthall	16	3	41	5
D. W. T. Cain	17	3	37	4
J. S. Vesey-Brown ..	5	0	20	0
G. Champneys	8	3	12	0
H. S. Bonnewell.....	2	1	8	0
J. Hunt.....	2	0	0	1

DORMITORIES I. AND III. v. II. AND V.

DORMITORIES II. AND V.

FIRST INNINGS.

SECOND INNINGS.

W. Hill, hit wicket, b	
Champneys	0 b Champneys
Sidney Wilmot, lbw, b Cain	9 c N. Ravenor, b Cain...
L. Smith, b. Cain.....	1 c Walden, b Champneys

W. Compton-Hall, b Cain	7	c Rowland, b Cain.....	3
H. S. Bonnewell (capt.) run			
out	56	b Cain	14
A. B. Williams, c Parsons,			
c Champneys	1	b Champneys	8
D. Coleman, hit wicket, b			
Parsons.....	8	c and b Cain.....	8
K. Bidlake, c N. Ravenor,			
b Parsons	8	b Champneys	22
P. Anderson, c Walden, b			
Parsons.....	0	not out	6
S. Brown, b Parsons	5	lbw, b Champneys	29
W. Higgs, not out	5	b Champneys	0
Extras	14	Extras	6
Total	114	Total	99

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Dormitories I. and III.

1st innings—

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kts.
Champneys	14	6	31	2
Cain.....	14	3	33	3
Parsons	4	2	12	4
C. Coleman ...	3	—	18	—

2nd innings—

Champneys	11	4	22	6
Cain.....	11	2	43	4
Parsons	3	1	13	—
Coombes.....	2	—	17	—

DORMITORIES I. AND III.

FIRST INNINGS.

SECOND INNINGS.

C. Coleman, c W. Higgs, b	
Brown	8
P. Higgs, c Williams, b	
Brown	15 c Coleman, b Brown ...
R. Coombes, c Wilmot, b	
Bonnewell.....	11
D. Cain, c Higgs, b Brown	6 not out
Champneys (capt.), c Hill,	
b Williams	16
N. Ravenor, c Higgs, b	
Williams	14
N. Parsons, b Bonnewell...	8 not out
R. Ravenor, not out	11
Walden, b Bonnewell.....	0 c Coleman, b Brown ...
R. Pearse, b S. Brown	4
Rowland, c Smith, b Brown	0
Extras	15
Extras	18
Total	108
Total (2 wks.)	116

CRICKET CHARACTERS, 1914.

H. S. Bonnerwell (captain).—Has unfortunately been unable to fulfil his last year's promise as a batsman owing to trouble with his eyesight. Bowls with fair pace and success, but is apt to become very short. Should accustom himself to a definite length of run, and thus avoid missing his step and spoiling his balance. Has made an energetic and reliable captain.

G. C. Champneys (vice-captain).—A really good batsman, with sound defence and plenty of scoring strokes, especially to the off. Has deservedly played some very good innings. A distinctly good bowler, with an off break, generally keeping a nice length, and at times varying his pace well. Has proved a great help to his captain.

D. W. T. Cain.—A vastly improved batsman, who has almost entirely cured his last year's mania for the "cow shot," and in its place developed a useful off drive. Bowls left hand round the wicket, with an easy action, and should become better when he can prevent his deliveries from swinging over on to the leg side. A really good and smart fieldsman, who has been unable to show his real ability owing to the fact that, being a bowler, he generally fields in the slips.

W. B. Compton Hall.—Can hit a loose ball clean and very hard, but has little defence, because he will persist in playing back, even on a fast wicket—hence he has been disappointing. Appears somewhat slack in the field.

H. B. Williams.—A painstaking and promising batsman, who only needs more confidence to be successful. Has some nice strokes to leg. A slow bowler, who keeps a steady length and has an easy action. Catches well and picks up cleanly in the field. Has plenty of keenness and should be vastly improved another year.

D. S. Coleman.—Fields very well at point, holding some really good catches. A very fair slow bowler. A batsman without strokes, who can, however, be trusted generally to keep his end up.

N. J. G. Ravenor.—A fair wicket keeper, who has to stand back, but takes balls well on the leg side. Is apt to drop easy catches and misfield the ball at a critical moment. As a batsman, he seldom hits the ball—but, if he does, it has to go.

G. Lester Smith.—Can catch—and frequently has done so—anything within his reach with either hand. As he fields at mid-on, and is well over six feet in height, this covers a good area. Is slow starting to get a ball out of his reach. Also hits the ball hard at times.

J. S. Vesey Brown.—A useful slow bowler, who can send down a nasty ball swinging from leg. When batting he runs a great risk of getting out leg before by stepping in front of his wicket and attempting to turn balls on his leg stump to fine leg. Feels after balls pitched wide on the off, and fortunately seldom succeeds in touching them.

R. M. Coombes.—A fairly sound bat, with a tendency to make rather dangerous strokes on the off. A safe field.

The last place is not settled at the time of writing.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MISS M. E. MALLINSON.

THE window in memory of our late Matron was fixed in its place in Chapel, and dedicated at the evening service on Wednesday, May 27th. The funds subscribed have not been sufficient to provide an entire window of two lights; so we have completed one, half of which was made more than twenty years ago, as a memorial to Miss Charlotte Martin, a former matron. The new light depicts St. Hilda, the famous Yorkshire saint, who, being a princess of the ancient royal house of Northumbria, founded the abbey of Whitby and became its first abbess. She is represented as an abbess, wearing the veil and habit of a nun and a magnificent cope to distinguish her rank, and holding a pastoral staff in one hand, with a model of her abbey church in the other. On her head is a coronet to mark her royal descent. At her feet lie three or four

ammonite shells, perpetuating the legend that St. Hilda rid Whitby of a plague of snakes, which she turned into ammonites.

The work has been well executed by Messrs. Clayton & Bell, who have made most of the windows in our Chapel.

The dedication took place on May 27th, the order of service being as follows :—

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father

V. There is sprung up a light for the righteous.

R. And joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Psalm xxvii., *Dominus illuminatio mea.*

Lesson—Isaiah liv., 11-17.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Lord have mercy, etc.

Our Father

V. Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts

R. Show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

V. Show thy servants thy work.

R. And their children thy glory.

V. Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

R. O prosper thou our handiwork.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvellous light, mercifully accept our service, and graciously receive at our hands this window, which we offer and dedicate to beautify the place of thy sanctuary, in memory of thy servant, Mary Ellis Mallinson, and in honour of Him, the brightness of thy glory, whom thou hast given to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The amount subscribed up to the present is £57 2s. 2d.; the cost of the window is £44 16s. 0d., and the expenses of printing and postage of circulars £2 16s. 0d. The remaining balance of £9 10s. 2d. is not sufficient for carrying out our original intention of erecting a suitable monument over Miss Mallinson's grave. We earnestly hope that some past and present Bloxhamists who have not sent subscriptions will read this statement and send donations immediately. We ask for £10.

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EDITORIAL.

IT is most regrettable that the editor of this periodical thought good to take his departure from our midst at the end of last term. We, his temporary successor in the post, find some difficulty in meeting the many calls made upon us at this critical time. But first of all we feel it to be our duty to express our gratitude to Mr. Hunt for his services as editor—an unenviable post, as all editors of school magazines know; for it is always difficult to get the necessary amount of copy, and more often than not there is barely enough to make up even a small number. We do not know at whose door to lay the blame, but certainly not at the editor's. We earnestly hope that in these stirring times we shall have a great deal of information for publication in our columns of the doings of Old Bloxhamists. Elsewhere we print a list of those who are now

serving in His Majesty's Forces. The list is far from complete, and we hope to publish a further list later on. Several previous members of the O.T.C. have got commissions in the regular army, and many others have enlisted. To each and all we extend our greetings, and we feel well assured that they will acquit themselves well and honourably in their service, whether on the battlefield or wherever else they may be sent to uphold the honour of their country.

Like most other schools, we have to suffer from a reduction in our staff of masters. No one has been found to take Mr. Hunt's place, and Mr. Pastfield has got a commission in the army. But the difficulties seem to have been surmounted, and we are settling down to the term's work comfortably. C. A. M. Roberts (1904-12) is here assisting temporarily on the staff.

The Headmaster started off on a visit to British Columbia at the end of last term, and was well on his way before the news of the outbreak of the war reached him. We believe he was able to carry out his programme of business and pleasure, and he was fortunate enough to catch a boat from Boston, which landed him safely at Liverpool, and he was with us on the day after the School assembled. We hope he will favour us with some account of his expedition in our next number.

SCHOOL NEWS.

THE following have left :—

P. Higgs—Form VI., Head Prefect, Serjeant in O.T.C., colours for Football and Hockey 1st XI., junior colours for Gymnasium.

K. Fradd—Form VI., Serjeant in O.T.C., Certificate A, senior colours for Gymnasium.

G. G. Bellfield—Form VI., Prefect, Colour-Serjeant in O.T.C., Certificate A, colours for Football 1st XI., Captain of Hockey, senior colours for Gymnasium.

P. Anderson—Form V., Lance-Corporal in O.T.C., colours for Football 2nd XI., Hockey 1st XI., senior colours for Gymnasium.

C. T. Coleman—Form V., Prefect, colours for Football 2nd XI., Cricket 1st XI., junior colours for Gymnasium.

G. Champneys—Form V., colours for Football and Cricket 1st XI.

K. Bidlake—Form V., colours for Football 2nd XI.

P. Mitcalfe—Form V.

J. K. Cherry—Form IV.

D. Bidlake—Form IV., colours for Football 2nd XI.

W. Compton-Hall—Form IV., Corporal in O.T.C., colours for Cricket 1st XI.

I. Hildred—Form IV., senior colours for Gymnasium.

C. T. Jefferies—Form IV.

D. G. Hambidge—Form III.

THE following new boys have come :—

Form V.—J. A. L. Champneys.

Form IV.—C. T. Collinson, W. T. D. Littleboy.

Form III.—D. Beath, J. E. Hobley, W. J. Kirkby, A. E. Lewis.

Form II.—S. A. R. Kidman.

L. H. HARRIS has succeeded P. Higgs as Senior Prefect. The new prefects are :—J. S. Vesey-Brown, R. M. Coombes, and D. S. Coleman.

H. S. BONNEWELL is Captain of Football.

C. A. M. ROBERTS (1904-12) is assisting temporarily on the staff.

DURING the War the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated every Wednesday at 7 a.m., with special intention for our soldiers and sailors, and an Intercession Service, similar to those being held in the Churches throughout the country, will be substituted for Evensong on Wednesdays at 8.20 p.m.

THE results of the Oxford Local Examinations are quite good. In the Seniors, P. Higgs secured second class, and Fradd, Hill, and Lyle third class honours, while Bellfield and Vesey-Brown satisfied the examiners. In the Junior, Coombes gained a first-class with distinction in mathematics, Pearce a first-class with distinction in Latin. Harris and Williams were placed in the second-class, and C. Coleman, D. Coleman, W. Higgs, and Neale in the third-class. The following satisfied the examiners :—Bowler, Cherry, Lester-Smith, R. Ravenor, Anderson, K. Bidlake, and Rowland.

In the Preliminary, Eve secured a first-class and eight others passed, viz., Snape, Stanbra, Coulson, Martin, Philbrick, R. Powell, Sidney-Wilmot, J. Wright.

O.B. NEWS.

BIRTH.—On August 19, at 56, Crediton Hill, Hampstead, N.W., the wife of H. Brancker (1890-2), of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.—On June 30, at S. Paul's Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, by the Rev. H. G. King, Charles Hugh Holbech, eldest son of the Rev. H. and Mrs. Hugh Holbech, Bredon Rectory, Tewkesbury, to Hilda Scott, second daughter of John Scott, Esq., Vancouver, B.C.

On August 8, at S. John's, Bathwick, by the Rev. F. Gent, assistant curate of All Saints', Clifton, at a nuptial mass, Owen Wyndham, third son of Major and Mrs. Wyndham Malet, of 52, Penywern Road, Kensington, S.W., to Florence Elsie, eldest daughter of the late Mr. W. and Mrs. Hickie, of 16, S. James's Square, Bath.

PRESENTATIONS.—The Rev. G. Dangerfield, M.A., Curate of Aylesbury, Vicar of Aston Rowant, with Kingston Blount, Tetsworth. Patron, The Bishop of Oxford.

THE REV. R. W. SUTCLIFFE, M.A. (1890-6), who for the last eleven years has been Hebrew lecturer at Cuddesdon Theological College, has been presented by the Bishop of Oxford to the Rectory of Bishop's Fonthill, Salisbury.

O.B. SOCIETY.—The following new members have joined :—P. A. Anderson (1909-14), C. T. Coleman (1908-14), K. M. C. Fradd (1908-14), F. C. Kidman (1892-3).

It seems useless to attempt to arrange for an O.B. football match this season; so many, in fact most of the usual players are engaged in military operations.

We take the opportunity of reminding members that their subscriptions fall due on November 1. This only applies to annual subscribers. Members who have compounded for five years will receive notice when renewal is necessary. The annual subscription is 5/-, and the composition for five years is £1 1s.

ARMY AND NAVY.—We are endeavouring to make a list of all Old Bloxhamists who are serving with His Majesty's Forces in any capacity and shall be glad to receive information about former members of the School who are so employed. We publish a list of those already known to be serving.

As we go to press the following letter has arrived from E. S. Bliss (1904-6)—

3rd Troop, D Squadron,
Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars,
British Expeditionary Force,
Sept. 26th, 1914.

Dear Chaplain,

I thought you would like to hear that several of your old Bloxham pupils have come to the Front with the Yeomanry. We arrived here last Tuesday, and hope we shall soon get a move into the firing line. We are not allowed to mention any names of places, or our letters are not sent. We have heard a lot of firing to-day. I have met several other Bloxhamists in other regiments. I hope you are all getting on well at School, and will win some football matches this term. We had a rough passage over, but none of us was any the worse for it. I shall have to stop now; hope to hear from you; please remember me to Mr. Ward and all I know.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,
(Corpl) E. SPENCER BLISS.

ARMY.

The information given is the latest that we possess.

Names marked thus * have been in the O.T.C. at Bloxham.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	NAME OF REGIMENT.
AMESBURY, W. L. R.	1882-4	Major	Indian Army
BEACH, W. H.	1883-5	Major	R.E. 7th Div. Indian Army
BEACH, T. B.	1880-3	Major	R.A.M.C.
*BELFIELD, E. G.	1909-12	Trooper	Warwickshire Yeomanry
BLISS, E. S.	1904-6	Corporal	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars
BOISSIER, J. S.	1904-8	2nd Lieut.	
BOISSIER, G. D.	1905-7	Private	4th Batt. Oxford & Bucks L.I.
*BOWLER, T. G.	1906-11	2nd Lieut.	5th Batt. Dorsetshire Regiment
BOWLER, L. W. H. ...	1906-9	Private	Public Schools Batt. Middlesex Regt.

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NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	NAME OF REGIMENT.
BRADSHAW, N. W. ...	1905-8	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars
*BROOKS, B. B.	1906-12	2nd Lieut.	Oxford & Bucks L.I.
BROWN, C.	1909-11	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars
BROWN, E. A.	1910-11	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars
BROWN, C. A.	1904-	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars
BROWN, T. E.	1907-	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars
BRIDGES, F. D.	1882-8	Major	Royal Marine L.I.
*CAIN, H. N.	1910-13	Private	28th Batt. The London Regiment
*COMPTON-HALL, W. B.	1911-14	Private	28th Batt. The London Regiment
COSSART, A. R. B. ...	1889-95	<i>13th Brigade, Royal Artillery</i> Captain	Royal Artillery
COX, St. J. A.	1883-5	Lt. Col.	Royal Irish Regiment
CROUCHLEY, H. W. E.	1911-12	Private	Territorial Batt. Oxford & Bucks L.I.
DANSEY, F. H.	1889-91	Captain	Wiltshire Regiment
DOWN, H. W. M.	1882-85	Captain	Army Pay Department
DUXBURY, C. D.	1885-8	Captain	Indian Army
ELLERSHAW, W.	1884-6	Major	Royal Artillery
*GERMAN, A.	1912-13	Driver	Royal Field Artillery
GLENNIE, A. W.	1889-92	Private	Public Schools Batt. Middlesex Regt.
GRANVILLE, A.	1889-91	Captain	R.A.M.C.
GREEN, V. C.	1906-8	2nd Lieut.	2nd Batt. West India Regiment
*GRIMES, G. W. H. ...	1907-9	Private	7th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt.
*HILL, D. V.	1908-12	Driver	"A" Battery Hon. Artillery Co.
HILL, R. G.	1904-9		South African Police
HINNEL, H. G.	1905-8	Lieut.	7th Batt. Cheshire Regiment
HODGSON, C. B. V. ...	1909-11	Private	13th Batt. County of London Regt.
HOLDOM, L. J.	1903-8	Trooper	Royal Bucks Hussars
HORNER, A.			Princess Patricia's Horse
HUDLESTON, W. E. ...	1884-9	Major	R.A.M.C.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	NAME OF REGIMENT.
JACKSON, C. C.	1883-5	Major	9th Bhopal Infantry, Indian Army
JONES, G. V.	1900-6	Private	7th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt.
LASCELLES, A. E.	1881-2	Major	Norfolk Regiment
*MACKRETH, V.	1911-14		8th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment.
MAUDE, E. W.	1889-94	Captain	R.W. Surrey Regt. Egyptian Army
MAY, H. A. R.	1872-9		
*MAY, J. S.	1911-12	Lieut.	4th Home Counties Howitzer Brigade
MITCHELL, A.	1886-93	Captain	79th Co. Royal Garrison Artillery
PASTFIELD, J. T. R.	M. 1913-14	2nd Lieut.	2nd Batt. Middlesex Regiment.
*PEECOCK, E. G.	1908-11	Private	2nd Batt. The London Regiment.
*READ, P. E.	1910-12	Private	28th Batt. The London Regt.
*RIDDLE, F. E. L.... ..	1903-11	2nd Lieut.	3rd Batt. Oxford & Bucks L.I.
RIDDLE, A. E. S.... ..	1903-9	Private	Old Public Schools Force
ROBINSON, C.	1905-10	Private	Public Schools Force
RYLANDS, R. V.... ..	1902-6	Captain	7th Batt. Manchester Regiment
SKINNER, B. M., M.V.O.	1872-4	Lt. Col.	R.A.M.C.
*STEVENS, A. R. I.	1909-13	2nd Lieut.	Royal Fusiliers
TAYLOR, T. R.	1902-6	Trooper	Hertfordshire Yeomanry
TAYLOR, E. W.	1902-6	Sergeant	Hertfordshire Yeomanry
TOWNSON, E.	1904-7	Lieut.	17th Batt. Manchester Regiment
TRENCH, D. LE POER	1893-8	Lieut.	R.F.A.
WARD, W. W.	1905-6	2nd Lieut.	Royal Marine L.I.
WEBB-BOWEN, M. H.... ..	1904-7	2nd Lieut.	Royal Marine L.I.
WHITING, J. G. B.	1905-10	Trooper	Royal Bucks Hussars
WHITING, J. E.	1905-	Trooper	Royal Bucks Hussars
*WINCH, L. A.	1909-13	Trumpeter	Hon. Artillery Co.
YOUNG, St. J. M.... ..	1900-5	Corporal	London Scottish Regiment.

ROYAL NAVY.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	NAME OF SHIP.
BOISSIER, M. E. S. ...	1895-8	Flag Lieut.	H.M.S. "Victory."
DAVIES, J. R.	1903-5		R.N. Volunteer Reserves
HARGRAVE, J. E. ...	1901-4	Assistant Paymaster	H.M.S. "Bacchante."
HARGREAVES, G. E. L.	1909-11	Clerk	H.M.S. "Topaze."
MARSDEN-JONES, A. M.	1907-10	Midshipman	Royal Naval Reserve
PEARCE, R. H.	1907-9	Assistant Paymaster	H.M.S. "Lion."
ROACH, S.	1883-90	Fleet-Surg.	H.M.S. "Devonshire."
STEVENS, W. C.... ..	1877-80	Eng.-Com.	R.N. College, Osborne.

O.T.C. NOTES.

SINCE the last issue of THE BLOXHAMIST, the value of the Officers Training Corps has been conclusively demonstrated by the number of commissions granted to cadets and ex-cadets of that branch of His Majesty's Forces, and it is gratifying to be able to record the fact that several ex-members of the Bloxham School O.T.C. are now serving as officers. Their names appear in a list in another part of this issue.

It is regretted that the results of the Annual Musketry Course and Shooting Competitions are not yet ready for publication; they will appear in the next issue of THE BLOXHAMIST.

During part of August and September, Col.-Serjt. Grinter was employed as instructor in a camp for the instruction of newly-gazetted officers at Churn.

The following have recently been struck off the strength :—

Cdt.-Col.-Serjt. Belfield; enrolled Nov., 1910; Cdt.-Col.-Serjt., Jan., 1914; Cert. A, March, 1914; two camps.
 Serjt. Fradd; enrolled Jan., 1911; Serjt., Jan., 1914; Cert. A, March, 1914; three camps.
 Serjt. P. Higgs; enrolled Nov., 1910; Serjt., Jan., 1914; three camps.
 Corpl. W. Compton Hall; enrolled Feb., 1912; Corpl., Aug., 1914; three camps.
 Lce.-Corpl. Anderson; enrolled Dec., 1910; Lce.-Corpl., Jan., 1914.
 Cdt. K. Bidlake; enrolled Dec., 1912; two camps.
 Cdt. D. Bidlake; enrolled Oct., 1913; one camp.
 Cdt. G. Champneys; enrolled Jan., 1913.
 Cdt. C. Coleman; enrolled Nov., 1910; one camp.
 Cdt. Hildred; enrolled Jan., 1914.
 Cdt. Jefferies; enrolled Jan., 1913; one camp.

Recent promotions :—

To be Serjeant—Corpl. Coombes.
 To be Corporal—Cadet Lester Smith.

Several vacancies for commissions exist in the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion The King's Own Regiment. Candidates desirous of taking commissions are invited to correspond with the Adjutant, who will be glad to furnish full particulars, of which the following are the chief:—

Age—Between 17 and 25 years.

Probationary Training—Six months, with line Battalion of the Regiment, now stationed at Dover. If in possession of Certificate "A," 5 months; or of Certificate "B," 4 months.

Annual Training—27 days.

Pay—9/3 per diem, plus 2/6 under canvas.

A grant of £35 is given to candidates in possession of Certificate "B" in O.T.C.

£20 retaining fee for each year *after completion of Probationary Training* till attaining 35 years of age.

£50 on being called up during an emergency.

£40 Outfit Allowance (not applicable for candidates for the Regular Army).

H. K. CLOUGH,

Capt. and Adj. 3rd Batt. The King's Own Regt.,
Lancaster.

ANNUAL CAMP.

CAMP this year was cut short owing to the imminent prospect of the despatch of the Expeditionary Force to France. Great Britain's ultimatum to Germany was presented on August 4th, the day on which we left camp. However, in spite of the disturbed state of affairs, we received some very useful training.

The number of cadets from the contingent attending camp was 24, an increase of three on the number in 1913, and but for the complications caused by an epidemic of chicken-pox, there would have been three more.

The site of the camp was Tidworth Pennings, memorable to Bloxham as the place of the first annual camp attended by the contingent.

The regular officers attached to the brigade were all from the Rifle Brigade and the King's Royal Rifle Corps. The Bloxham contingent was in No. 3 Battalion, commanded by Captain A. T. Paley, of the Rifle Brigade. Battalions were organised on the four-company system, and Bloxham formed part of No. 4 Company, the other platoons of which were composed of Leeds, Handsworth, and Guernsey. The company was commanded by Captain Wynne-Edwards, of Leeds, Captain Child being Second-in-Command. Permission having been received for cadets to act as platoon-commanders, No. 16 Platoon (Bloxham) was commanded by Serjt. Fradd. Serjt.-Bugler Brown had the post of Platoon-Serjeant, Serjt. Higgs having been appointed Company-Serjeant-Major.

The normal daily time-table was as follows:—

Rouse	...	...	6.0 a.m.
First Parade	...	...	7.0 a.m.
Breakfast	...	...	8.0 a.m.
Second Parade	...	...	9.30 a.m.
Dinner	...	...	1.0 p.m.
Third Parade	...	...	3.30 p.m.
Tea	...	...	5.30 p.m.
Last Post	...	...	9.30 p.m.
Lights Out	...	...	9.50 p.m.

DIARY.

Tuesday, July 28th.—Journey to camp. Entrained at Bloxham, 8.38 a.m.; long wait at Banbury; the Bloxham contingent coach was attached to a special train at Oxford, where the St. Edward's detachment entrained; picked up the Wantage contingent at Didcot; arrived at Tidworth 1.35 p.m.; left a small baggage-guard at Tidworth Station; the bulk of the contingent marched off almost at once; were met at the entrance to camp by Major Maurice, the Senior Medical Officer, who asked a few questions with reference to chicken-pox; found our lines, drew rations, and obtained dinner from the cook-house; drew camp equipment—easy work, as the store-tent was just behind the Bloxham lines, and Mr. Allen was in charge of the stores.

Wednesday, July 29th.—First parade—Battalion drill. The battalion fell in in close column of platoons, marched off in column of route, practised halting, falling out and falling in again, then formed up in close column of platoons, and practised some of the movements in battalion drill. Second parade—Practised formation for the attack, the movements being first demonstrated by one company, while the remainder of the battalion looked on. Later, two companies practised the advance to the attack, the other half battalion watching. Third parade—Lecture by Captain Paley, somewhat disturbed by band practice.

Thursday, July 30th.—First parade—Battalion drill; practised ceremonial for review. Second parade—Battalion in attack. Third parade—Lecture; six men from the Bloxham contingent were detailed for a composite force for night operations.

Friday, July 31st.—First parade—Battalion drill, ceremonial. Second parade—Outposts; night operations; outposts; returned to camp about 11 p.m.

Saturday, August 1st.—No early parade; morning wet; no parade; attended a lecture in Recreation Tent. Afternoon—Review.

Sunday, August 2nd.—Morning wet; Church Parade in Recreation Tent. Afternoon—Sports.

Monday, August 3rd.—No early parade; received warning to prepare for departure from camp. First parade—Battalion, commanded by Major Wall, defended a position against another battalion; officers did not take part in the operations, their places being taken by cadets. Afternoon and evening—packed up.

Tuesday, August 4th.—Left camp.

Mr. Allen acted as Assistant-Quartermaster to No. 3 Battalion; he went to camp the day before the contingents marched in, and during the whole camp had his time very well occupied. His duties prevented him from taking any part in the ordinary training.

Serjeant-Bugler Brown and Cadet Rowland entered for the bugling competitions, and Bloxham was well represented in the sports held on the Sunday afternoon.

Nominal roll of the detachment:—Officers—Captain Child, Lieut. Allen. Instructor—Colour-Serjt. Grinter. Serjt.-Bugler Brown, Serjt. Higgs, Serjt. Fradd, Corpl. Bonnewell, Lance-Corpl. Coombes, Lance-Corpl. Hill, Bugler Brooks, Cadets D. Bidlake, K. Bidlake, Bowler, Cain, R. Compton Hall, W. Compton Hall, W. Higgs, Jefferies, Lester Smith, Lyle, Molesworth, Pearse, Powell, Rowland, Stephens, Stewart, C. Tucker.

CRICKET.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. CHIPPING NORTON C.C.

Played at Bloxham on July 18th.

CHIPPING NORTON.

FIRST INNINGS.

S. Grace, b D. Cain.....	4	c Smith, b D. Coleman	4
H. Lewis, b J. C. Nuthall	o		
Rev. S. W. B. Holbrooke,			
b D. Cain	3		
P. R. Hearne, b D. Cain	o		
E. L. Craze, b D. Cain ...	o		
T. Hobbs, b A. Williams	47	not out.....	5
J. H. Rose, c Brown, b			
J. C. Nuthall	9	b D. Coleman	14
J. Allen, b G. Champneys	23	b H. S. Bonnewell	6
H. Howes, c and b J. Hunt	47	b H. S. Bonnewell	3
J. Head, not out	6	c A. Williams, b D.	
		Coleman	17
A. J. White, b A. Williams	o	b H. S. Bonnewell...	o
Extras	9	Extras	8
Total.....	148	Total (6 wkts.)	57

THE SCHOOL.

W. B. Compton Hall, st Lewis, b Holbrooke ...	5
D. S. Coleman, b Holbrooke.....	o
G. Champneys, b Allen	2
J. C. Nuthall, not out	77
J. Hunt, c and b Holbrooke	8
H. S. Bonnewell, b Allen	4
D. W. T. Cain, b Allen	1
A. B. Williams, st Lewis, b Holbrooke.....	o
J. S. Vesey-Brown, c Grace, b Rose	9
W. C. Lester Smith, run out.....	o
R. M. Coombes, b Howes	2
Extras	9
Total	117

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Chipping Norton.

1st Innings.				
	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	Wkts.
J. C. Nuthall.....	10	2	38	2
Cain	10	1	31	4
Champneys	7	0	34	1
Bonnewell	4	2	14	0
S. Brown... ..	1	0	6	0
J. Hunt	3	0	12	1
Williams	2	0	7	2
2nd Innings.				
Bonnewell	10	2	18	3
Williams	3	0	13	0
D. Coleman	6	2	16	3

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. ADDERBURY C.C.
Played at Bloxham on July 25th.

ADDERBURY.

H. Tustain, b J. C. Nuthall	4
R. Beasley, b J. C. Nuthall	27
D. Whitton, c J. Hunt, b J. C. Nuthall	29
C. C. Bryant, b J. C. Nuthall	0
Rev. Cholmondeley, b G. Champneys	0
T. Holiday, c D. Cain, b G. Champneys	8
J. Butler, b G. Champneys	11
H. Falkener, b J. C. Nuthall	4
G. Pearse, b G. Champneys	2
E. Hall, not out	5
H. Bray, c J. Hunt, b G. Champneys	6
Extras	16
	112

THE SCHOOL.

C. T. Coleman, b Pearse	5
W. B. Compton-Hall, b Holiday	0
D. W. T. Cain, b Holiday	3
J. C. Nuthall, b Holiday	5
G. Champneys, b Holiday	6
J. Hunt, b Holiday	17
H. S. Bonnewell, b Holiday	3
J. S. Vesey-Brown, run out	4
D. S. Coleman, b Holiday	0
R. M. Coombes, c Pearse b Hall	1
R. L. Harris, not out	0
Extras	9
	53

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Adderbury.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kts.
J. C. Nuthall	14	2	36	5
Cain	6	1	23	0
Champneys	9	1	33	5
Bonnewell	2	0	4	0

Batting Averages, 1st XI.

	Runs.	Innings.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Average.
G. Champneys.....	210	11	1	55	21.10
H. S. Bonnewell	95	10	1	29*	10.56
D. W. T. Cain.....	81	10	1	22*	9.00
W. B. Compton-Hall...	81	11	0	54	8.10
J. S. Vesey-Brown	23	3	0	10	7.66
C. T. Coleman.....	9	2	0	5	4.50
D. S. Coleman.....	32	9	1	12*	4.00
A. B. Williams... ..	19	7	2	11*	3.80
N. J. G. Ravenor	5	4	2	3*	2.50
G. Lester Smith	11	7	2	4*	2.20
R. M. Coombes	3	2	0	2	1.50

*Not out.

Bowling Averages, 1st XI.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'k'ts.	Average.
G. Champneys...	83	19	249	24	10.37
D. W. T. Cain...	119	23	393	31	12.68
D. S. Coleman...	17	2	55	4	13.75
H. S. Bonnewell	67	11	187	10	18.70
A. B. Williams...	17	0	83	2	41.50

The bat for the best batting and bowling averages in First Eleven matches was won by G. Champneys, and the fielding prize by D. S. Coleman.

GYMNASIUM COMPETITIONS.

THE substitution of the Swedish system of training for the old gym. work has made it impossible to hold individual competitions, and last term the Gym. Committee decided to introduce a competition between two squads representing respectively Dormitories I. and III. and Dormitories II. and V.

The following conditions for the competition in 1914 and succeeding years were decided on:—

- 1.—Squads of eight to compete.
- 2.—The captains of squads for 1914 to be Cain for I. and III., Anderson for II. and V.
- 3.—The captains of squads for succeeding years to be elected by those members of the dormitories concerned who are in Gym. Squads A and B in the term in which the competitions are held.
- 4.—The squads to be selected by the respective captains.
- 5.—The exercises for the competition to be selected by the master i/c gym.

6.—Senior colours to be awarded to all members of the winning squad, and to the captain of gym. if not a member of that squad.

The competition was held on July 17th in the evening, and was very keenly contested, Dormitories II. and V. winning by a very narrow margin. The judges were ex-Colour-Serjeant Castagnola (instructor in bugling to the O.T.C.) and Mr. Child. Competing squads:—

Dormitories I. and III.—Cain (*captain*), Bowler, Brooks, C. Coleman, Coombes, P. Higgs, Rowland, Walden.

Dormitories II. and V.—Anderson (*captain*), Belfield, D. Coleman, Fradd, Harris, W. Higgs, Hildred, Hill.

GYM. COLOURS, 1914.

Senior Colours were won by Anderson, Belfield, D. Coleman, Fradd, Harris, W. Higgs, Hildred, Hill.

The committee awarded Senior Colours to Cain, P. Higgs, and Walden; and Junior Colours to Bowler, Brooks, C. Coleman, Coombes, and Rowland.

At a meeting of the Gym. Committee, held after the competition, Cain was elected Captain of Gym. for 1914-15.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES, 1914.

FIRST ELEVEN:

Sat.,	October 3.—Brackley School	Home
Sat.,	October 10.—Abingdon School	„
Wed.,	October 21.—Magdalen College School ..	„
Wed.,	November 11.— „ „ „	Away
Wed.,	November 25.—Brackley School	„
Sat.,	December 5.—Abingdon School ..	„

SECOND ELEVEN.

Sat.,	October 3.—Brackley School	Away
Sat.,	October 10.—Abingdon School	„
Wed.,	November 11.—Magdalen College School ..	Home
Wed.,	November 25.—Brackley School	„
Sat.,	December 5.—Abingdon School	„

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

"THE BLOXHAMIST" will appear 10 months in the year: no January or September Numbers will be published.

Contributions for the November Number should be sent in before October 20th, 1914, written on *one* side of the paper only.

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EDITORIAL.

THE first duty which falls to our lot in this number of THE BLOXHAMIST is by no means a pleasant one. It is to make known to our readers that the School is about to lose its Headmaster. Mr. Ward has been appointed Rector of Hillgay, Norfolk, and will leave Bloxham at Christmas. We must postpone further comment upon this event in the hope that someone who possesses greater ability in penmanship will give, in our next number, an expression of the esteem in which all Bloxhamists hold the Head, and an account of all that he has done for the School during his sixteen years of office.

To pass to more agreeable topics—All Saints' Day has come round once more and has been observed with great festivities; not so much as usual, though, on account of the war. A full account of the proceedings appears elsewhere in these pages.

A few weeks ago a motor-bus service between Banbury and Bloxham was instituted. We mention this in order that Old Bloxhamists and others who visit us from time to time may know of the quicker and less expensive means of coming out from Banbury.

We are publishing a second list of Old Bloxhamists who are serving with the colours. There are now over one hundred of whom we have heard, and once more we remind our readers that it will be a great kindness if they will inform us of any mistakes in or additions to be made to the list.

We most heartily congratulate Lieut.-Col. St. J. A. Cox, who was mentioned by Sir John French in his dispatch, published on Oct. 19th. At the same time it is our painful duty to offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Hubert Egerton, brother of the Founder, and for many years Bursar of this School, whose elder son has died of wounds. It appears to have been the general opinion of his brother officers and the men of his regiment that he was a fine soldier and a great influence for good.

And we should like to express our sympathy also with our excellent Colour-Serjeant, whose son has been wounded in the leg and is now in hospital at Aldershot. We understand that the wound is not serious and we hope that he will soon be well and able to resume his duties in the service of King and Country.

Before closing our introductory notes we would wish prosperity to the Debating Society which has taken a new lease of life under the care of Mr. Roberts.

SCHOOL NEWS.

R. V. LYLE has been made a prefect.

THE collections in chapel on the first Sunday of term (Sep. 27th) were in aid of the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, and amounted to £3 11s. 9d.

FOOTBALL COLOURS have been given to the following:—

1st. XI.—R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, R. L. Harris, R. W. Pearse, W. G. Rowland, W. C. Lester-Smith, H. R. Walden.

2nd. XI.—C. T. Collinson, A. B. Williams, J. A. L. Champneys, W. H. Higgs, W. E. Hill, N. Parsons, R. M. Coombes, F. C. Bowler.

O.B. NEWS.

ORDINATION.—On Sunday, October 4th, by the Bishop of London in St. Paul's Cathedral, Hubert Charles Brown (1900-2), St. Stephen's House, Oxford, to the Diaconate. Licensed to St. Peter's, Limehouse.

VISITORS.—In addition to the O.B.'s who were here for All Saints' Day we have received visits recently from F. C. Kidman (1892-3), F. H. Woolliams (1910-13), A. L. B. Sproule (1908-13), J. D. Lound (1909-13), T. W. Bennett (1904-11), G. M. Smith (1883-6).

O.B. SOCIETY.—The following new members have joined:—J. E. Inman (1907-10), C. T. Jefferies (1913-14).

A MEETING of the Committee was held at 38, Welbeck Street, W., on Saturday, November 7th, at which it was decided **NOT TO HAVE AN OLD BLOXHAMIST DINNER THIS WINTER.** A new edition of *Year Book* will be sent to members of the Society in due course, which will contain an account of the other business transacted at the meeting.



In Memoriam.

**Tuffnell Comper Alliston
Barrett,**

Priest,

Who Died October 6th, 1914.

Aged 57 Years.

R.F.D.

T. C. A. BARRETT (1872-74)—a member of the classical side—was not a great scholar, but his influence was always on the right side, and he was laying a foundation for his after life, which did him the greatest credit. He was good at games and got his colours in 1873. He will be remembered in the cricket field by Bloxhamists of that period for his very swift, somewhat erratic bowling. Of his life after leaving school, we take the following account from *The Church Times*.

"Tuffnell C. A. Barrett, Priest.—Tuffnell Barrett's death will have many mourners all over England, and not only in the parish of Sandgate, where, in failing health and amidst many anxieties, the last four years of his life were spent. He had had a varied experience in his ministry. Beginning with a curacy in Plymouth, he passed to work in London at the Christ Church Mission in Poplar and at St. John the Divine, Kennington. Then he took a little country living in Derbyshire; from this he passed in 1893 to All Hallows, Barking, to take part in the mission work con-

ducted from that centre. Here for six years he did what was perhaps the most effective part of his work. Without being the sermons of a great preacher, his sermons had a strange, powerful influence upon his hearers. It was plain that the message which he was delivering deeply affected the preacher himself, and many came to him for spiritual help in consequence of his preaching. His addresses to gatherings of children were full of dramatic power, and often elicited cries of delight or terror from the audience. It was impossible not to be drawn to him at first sight. His tall, strong figure, and open, cheery countenance, gave confidence at once. But only those who were privileged to be long associated with him, knew the depth, the tenderness, the constancy of that loyalty which filled his affectionate heart. In London clubs, in regimental mess-rooms, he was as much a favourite as in the mills and collieries of Belper and its neighbourhood. To the end of his life he was a sportsman of the best English type. He inherited from his father an estate near Gravesend, at Shorne; and though it brought him little financial advantage, he loved the connection which it gave him with the land and with the county of Kent. There, on Friday last, October 9th, his body was laid to rest.—R.I.P.”

IMPRESSIONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

AT the request of the Editor, which I believe is not *wholly* inspired by importunate demands from the printer for more “copy” for THE BLOXHAMIST, I have promised to write a few notes on my recent visit to British Columbia, in case any of them should prove interesting to readers of THE BLOXHAMIST. It is safer to call them “impressions,” for in a month spent in a vast country like British Columbia, during which I slept in eighteen different beds, though one’s recollections are certainly vivid, they may well be more interesting than accurate.

I left Liverpool four days before war was declared, and our first intimation of what had

happened was a wireless message received on board ship to the effect that “The House of Commons to-day has voted war,” as to the exact meaning of which somewhat cryptic utterance there was much discussion among the passengers; after this we travelled full speed through the fog without sounding our foghorn, and heard on getting into the Gulf of St. Lawrence that we were now “out of danger.” Coming home we had all our windows covered with blankets at night, and were not allowed to open them until we had put out the lights in our cabins. From time to time we met British Warships patrolling the Atlantic route, and frequently received wireless instructions from them, though no wireless messages could be sent from the ship for fear of betraying her position.

I was at Winnipeg on the Sunday afternoon on which 4,000 of the Canadian troops marched through the city before leaving for Valcartier on their way to England. It was a most impressive sight, flags and signs of loyalty were to be seen everywhere; the order on the crowded sidewalks was remarkable considering the very large proportion of foreigners and rough looking characters in the crowd. The streets were patrolled by police mounted on motor bicycles and the regiments were received in silence or with clapping of hands only, the general effect of which was much more solemn and impressive than the usual shouting and flag waving to which one is accustomed in England. The troops were a very fine looking body of men, numbers of them wearing medals obtained for service in the Boer War. Signs of the war were to be seen everywhere along the line; all bridges and culverts were guarded by sentries for the whole 3,000 miles of railroad, and at Renelstoke, the first place I stopped at beyond the Rockies, 500 Austrian labourers, who had been dismissed from their work on the railway, were wandering about the town causing some anxiety among the inhabitants. Brief notices of events at the front were posted up everywhere in shop windows and newspaper offices, but we heard little of what was going on in England. Accounts

of the Moratorium, Kitchener's Army, and the closing of the Stock Exchange, all came as news to me when I got home.

I went out on behalf of the British Columbia Church Aid Society to enquire into the needs of various parishes and dioceses. The Society sends out considerable sums of money each year, last year it was nearly £20,000, and it is only by visiting the country from time to time that one can form any idea of the comparative needs of the many various branches of work. My visits were mostly among the clergy, and my experiences varied from long motor rides with Bishops and Archdeacons to sleeping in a tent in a churchyard and being offered a garden hose as a substitute for a morning bath!

The vast size and beauty of the country, the wonderful keenness and liberality of the Church people, and the cheerfulness, hospitality and friendliness of everyone one met, were the points that have most impressed themselves on my memory. There is no "respect of persons" out there, every man is equal to everyone else; one is formally introduced to a man on a railway platform with a week's accumulation of hair and dirt on his face and who looks like a tramp; the waiter on the train will very likely remark casually "feel better?" as he gives you your bill at the end of a meal, and a gentleman with a razor in his hand and his face half covered with lather, after selling me some picture post cards, spoke of the late Pope who had just passed to his rest as "a good old rooster." The size of the country is best indicated by the number of hours it takes to pass through various parts of it in a train. One morning, for instance, I think about 24 hours after leaving Quebec, we began to pass continuous forests of pine trees with large lakes in them. One would pass a lake four or five miles long and a mile or more wide, surrounded with forest, with tree covered islands dotted about on it; ten minutes later one would pass another, five minutes more another would be seen on the other side, anyone of them would be one of the beauty spots of the British Isles if we had them here. This went on

all day, and when I woke up the next morning the scenery was still the same and continued so for the whole of the next day, and when I asked what is beyond these trees and lakes to the north and south, I was told just more trees and more lakes. Perhaps once in every two or three hours a few wooden houses or other signs of habitation are seen, but bear and deer seem to be the chief inhabitants—the latter may often be seen from the train by a sharp and experienced eye.

On the way out we had a pleasant party of people in our carriage all going through to British Columbia. The four days' journey was quite enjoyable and not nearly as dull as I had been led to expect. Washing in a tin basin in the small smoking room, which was all the lavatory accommodation provided even in the first class, was certainly rather a difficulty, and putting on one's trousers in the morning while lying on one's bed was an operation that required practice before it could be accomplished easily; but for a few days these only added novelty to the situation. From the beginning of the Rockies to the coast the scenery is magnificent the whole way. The journey takes about 24 hours and it is commonly broken by sleeping a night at a hotel so as to pass through it all in the day time. The line rises up to a height of about 5,000 feet in passing over the Rockies, almost to the level of the snow lying in crevices in the mountains; it then drops some 2,000 or 3,000 feet, and rises again to about the same height in passing through the Selkirks; this part of the journey takes about 12 hours. The line for the most part runs alongside mountain torrents, in narrow valleys, or mountain gorges; on all sides the mountains rise, covered with trees, to a height of 8,000 or 9,000 feet, and with bare rock or snow above. The engineering work done in constructing the line is wonderful—at one place the line enters a tunnel and after going round in an almost complete circle, emerges at a lower level just beneath the entrance. Even after descending from the Selkirks the country is mountainous, and all the way to the coast one is almost always within a mile of mountains that are at least 5,000 or 6,000 feet high.

The great Columbia River is crossed at Revelstoke. At Kamloops one comes to the junction of the North and South Thompson Rivers, and follows the course of their combined waters until they join the mighty Fraser at Lytton, and then for miles the train creeps along a narrow shelf on the mountain side, overhanging this giant among rivers. At one point the cliffs on each side narrow in until the river runs through like a sluice. How deep it is here no one knows; the stream is so strong that even a weight of two and a half tons, which was sunk in it recently in an effort to determine the depth, was carried away before it reached the bottom. Just below this point the salmon, trying to make their way up the river, could be seen, in the backwaters and less rapid parts near the bank, jostling one another in crowds. We passed several Indian fishing stations; they usually belong to particular families who camp out close to them at this time of the year; they are mostly situated on the top of some steep rock overhanging the river. The Indians dip the salmon out in nets and then split them open and dry them in the sun; the rows of pink salmon hanging on poles often look very picturesque against the dark background of the rocks. During the winter the Indians live largely on this half cured fish, and as spring draws on both the Indians themselves and their offers of hospitality are certainly things to be avoided by the fastidious.

(To be continued.)

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

SO far as the School itself is concerned our Festival has been observed this year very much the same as in other years. Of course we could not expect to see so many visitors as we usually welcome at this time of the year, but we know they have kept us in mind, and a large number of Old Bloxhamists and friends have written or telegraphed messages of kindly feelings, which are always appreciated.

The Festival began with solemn Evensong and procession on the eve at 8.20 p.m. On the

following morning Holy Communion was given at 8 o'clock, followed by procession, solemn Eucharist, and sermon at 10.30. The Headmaster preached in the absence of the Provost, who was detained by his duties with his regiment at Newhaven. The collections, which amounted to £3 11s. 3d., were given to the Belgian Relief Fund. In the evening, solemn Evensong was sung at 7 o'clock, followed by a procession as on the previous day. Unfortunately, many of the visitors were compelled, owing to pressure of business, to return home during the day. The Chapel looked very dignified with its additional decorations. The permanent decorations, now two years old, have toned down somewhat, or perhaps we have become accustomed to their brilliant gilding and colouring; they are still the objects of admiration by all who see them, and we venture to think they will continue to be admired, as they deserve to be, for one would have to travel a long way to find their equal.

From the commemoration of All Saints, we passed to the commemoration of All Souls, on November 2nd. The "Requiem" was sung at 9 o'clock; our Founder and Benefactors, former Bishops of Oxford, and Provosts, and all Old Bloxhamists, departed from this life, are remembered at this service; and this year we had to include the thousands of faithful Christian men of whatever nationality who have laid down their lives for King and Country. If the observance of these days does not bring home to the hearts and minds of those who join in their respective services, the reality of the "Communion of Saints," nothing ever will.

We proceed to record the secular arrangements. A whole holiday was given on November 2nd. In the morning the corps paraded at 11 o'clock, but owing to the heavy rain which began to fall almost immediately, the contingent was dismissed, and many betook themselves to the range. In the afternoon there was some football in spite of the rain, but it was hardly a day for out-door amusements of any kind. An early tea was provided at 4.30; evening Chapel was at 6.30, and everyone

sat down to supper at 7. At 8 o'clock we assembled in the big schoolroom for the prize-giving, entertainment and concert.

Mr. Child's song, "Gunga Din," was the first item on the programme, followed by the Chaplain with "Go to Sea." Then came a violin solo by Hunt. Mr. Allen sang "Drake goes West," an immensely popular song, in the chorus of which everyone in the room took part; and before we forget to mention it, we should like to express our satisfaction at the excellent way in which the choruses were sung. All the choruses to the songs on this occasion were good ones, and deserved to be sung well; they got their deserts and we hope the School will continue to sing them in this fashion in future. Fortunately, an opportunity was offered a few days previously of having a short practice, which was taken advantage of by most boys in the School, and words and tunes were learnt, the result being as we have stated.

After this digression we return to the programme.

Mr. Archie Naish came to give us an entertainment, and a very excellent variety entertainment it was. In the first part of his programme he began by imitating a cab driver, who has turned waiter at a restaurant. A cab-driver's expressions and witticisms are highly entertaining when transferred to a restaurant. Another amusing item was the imitation of Mr. Louis Parker, conducting the final rehearsal of episodes for a pageant. Several songs and piano-mimicry were also included, the last of which was "The man with the single hair," which was greeted with loud applause.

During the interval the Headmaster gave away the prizes. He made a brief allusion to his departure from us and claimed the privilege of distributing the prizes himself. He spoke of the work of the School during the past year as highly satisfactory, and judging from the results in the locals the boys had done credit to themselves and the teaching staff. We give a list of the prize-winners below. The O.T.C. prizes for shooting and signalling and medals for efficiency were distributed at the same time, the Headmaster

expressing the general feeling of admiration at the smartness of our little contingent, due to the keenness and careful training of Capt. Child, and his second in command, Lieut. Allen.

The second half of the programme was then commenced. Mr. Child sang "Tipperary," the Chaplain, "There's a Land," and Mr. Allen, "Stand up for the old, old Country," and Hunt gave us another nice little violin solo. He shows promise of one day developing into a very good player, and no doubt the promise will be fulfilled, judging from the carefulness and evident pleasure with which he handles his instrument.

Mr. Naish then took possession of the platform, the piano and ourselves. He whistled "I'll sing thee songs of Araby" most beautifully, and then dashed off a delightful parody on "Hush-a-bye, baby." His representation of a boy in the gallery of an East End Pantomime was as truthful a reproduction of the original as one could wish, and brought forth roars of laughter. This was followed by showing us how the manager of an employment bureau interviews his clients—a would-be M.P., a concert artiste, a lady desiring a husband, a pianist. A number of songs and other entertaining items brought this part of the evening's enjoyment to a close, and we all rose to sing the National Anthem; and it was sung as it should always be sung.

In spite of the limited number of visitors and the inclemency of the weather, it was one of the most enjoyable evenings we have had for some time, and our hearty thanks are due to the Headmaster and Mrs. Ward and all who contributed to the evening's entertainment, Mr. Golding in particular.

Prize List.

Divinity Prizes (presented by the Old Bloxhamist Society):—

- VI., W. E. Hill.
- V., P. A. Anderson.
- IV., D. A. Neale.
- III., H. C. Snape.
- II., S. Heaton.

Form Prizes :—

VI. Form—

Latin and English—1, R. V. Lyle.
2, R. W. Pearse.

Mathematics—1, J. S. Vesey-Brown.
2, R. M. Coombes.

V. Form—

Latin—D. S. Coleman.
English—A. B. Williams.
Mathematics—1, A. B. Williams.
2, C. T. Coleman.

IV. Form—

English—W. G. Rowland.
Mathematics—D. A. Neale.

III. Form—

Latin—L. T. Hinnell.
English—C. S. L. Coulson.
Mathematics—J. E. Philbrick.

II. Form—

Latin—E. W. Powell.
English—L. M. Bowden.
Mathematics—W. T. Hall.

French Prizes :—

Senior—R. V. Lyle.
Junior—1, R. W. Pearse.
2, D. A. Neale.

Greek Prize :—W. E. Hill.

Chemistry Prizes :—Senior—1, E. P. Higgs.
2, K. M. C. Fradd.
Junior—R. L. Harris.

History Prizes (presented by Mrs. Hinde) :—

Senior—W. E. Hill.
Junior—R. W. Pearse.
Preliminary—C. S. L. Coulson.

Drawing Prizes (presented by G. H. Ashworth, Esq.) :—

Junior—C. T. Coleman.
Preliminary—J. E. Philbrick.

“Bernard Ashworth” Prizes (presented by G. H. Ashworth, Esq.) :—

1, A. L. Stephens.
2, W. H. Higgs.

Reading Prizes (presented by A. E. Fordham, Esq., O.B.) :—

1, R. L. Harris.
2, D. A. Neale.

Prizes for Distinction in the Oxford Local Examinations :—

1, R. W. Pearse.
2, R. M. Coombes.
3, F. M. Eve.

Letters or telegrams were received from Mrs. Hinde, Lt.-Col. H. A. R. May, F. J. Linnell, Capt. C. Clark, Rev. M. W. Holdom, A. E. Fordham, Mr. Ashworth, Rev. E. Manley, R. J. G. Read, G. A. Leadley Brown, Mr. Blacker, Mr. Goodwin, J. T. Champion, Rev. L. Riley, Rev. J. F. Turner, J. S. Chatterton, A. C. Plummer, S. Yorston, Eng. Com. W. C. Stevens, A. P. Boissier, R. H. Cobb, A. H. Horner, Rev. S. Boulter, Mrs. Davies, H. G. Rawlings, Rev. R. A. E. Harris, Rev. F. S. Boissier, Rev. C. Ostrehan, and Mr. F. W. Attwood.

Flowers or money for the flower fund were received from Mrs. Hinde, Rev. L. Riley, Mr. Ashworth, A. E. Fordham, Mrs. Bernays, Mrs. Deane, and Mrs. F. Malet.

The visiting Old Bloxhamists included :—F. A. Salmon (1885-91), J. W. N. Bonner (1883-8), E. J. Harvey (1906-13), G. M. Deane (1910-13), and C. A. Bernays (1902-05).

EXPERIENCES OF AN O.B. AT ANTWERP.

THE following is the substance of an account given by an O.B. who was with the Naval Brigade sent to assist in the defence of Antwerp. He appears to have had an exciting time. After various delays, the Brigade landed at Dunkirk on Monday morning, October 5th, and thence proceeded by train to Antwerp, where it arrived at 4 a.m. on October 6th. The men soon got into the trenches, where they remained for 18 hours or so with hardly any food. Our friend was with three others who had never fired a rifle before. Consequently they were not allowed to fire,

although the enemy were skulking about within a few yards of them. They received orders to evacuate their trench at 3 a.m. on October 7th. In the meantime, all their kit had been destroyed by shell fire, and when they returned home, they had nothing but the clothes they stood up in. They marched to a redoubt, but just as their stores arrived, they were shelled out of it by the Germans. So they betook themselves to another redoubt where they fared even worse; Belgian shells from behind (falling short) and German shells from the front. Nothing, however, seemed to disturb the equanimity of one facetious member of the party, who exclaimed in a very injured tone of voice: "Who threw that last 'leming'?" as a huge projectile burst over them.

Having moved to another position, they entrenched themselves, and remained there until 7 p.m. on the following day (October 8th), with little food and having to run the gauntlet of the shells for water and ammunition. The Germans had their range, and they had to lie down flat to save their lives every time one of "Little Willie's non-stops to Antwerp" came singing through to them.

The order to retire came just when they began to feel the strain, having been hard at it for five days and nights, and they made for a pontoon, which was the only way of escape. They marched through Antwerp, and on all night for thirteen hours, leaving the city one great blaze behind them. The roads were bad and crowded with refugees, cavalry and infantry transports and ambulances. The former, he says, were the most pitiable objects he had ever seen, and beyond the powers of description; old men and women, bent with age, mothers with babies in their arms, and little mites clinging to their skirts, sick folk, who had crawled from their beds, all struggling along through the rain and mud.

During the morning of October 9th, the Naval Brigade entrained for Bruges, where it was transferred to a trooper, in which horses had been shipped. This ship was very filthy; but she ran aground in a fog off Dunkirk, and so the men were transferred to a S.E.R. Co.'s steamer, which eventually landed them at Dover at 6 a.m. on October 13th.

ARMY.

The information given is the latest that we possess.

The mark * is placed before the names of those who have been in the O.T.C. at Bloxham.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	NAME OF REGIMENT.
BARLOW, A. E. ...	1906-10	Trooper	Warwickshire Yeomanry
BRYANT, R. F. ...	M 1909-12	2nd Lieut.	Army Service Corps, 13th Div. Reserve
BURBIDGE, A. H. ...	1904-10		2nd King Edward VII.'s Horse
CHAMPION, B. E. ...	1903-7		New Zealand Contingent
CUNLIFFE, R. E. ...	1906-9	Private	Queen's Westminster Rifles
DUDLEY, W. L. ...	M 1909-11	2nd Lieut.	4th Batt. Welch Regt.
GRAHAM, F. H. H. ...	1907-10	Corporal	2nd Birmingham Batt.
HARRIS, A. ...	1906-7	Private	[Schools Brigade 2nd Batt. Universities and Public

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NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	NAME OF REGIMENT.
HARRIS, L. A.	1906-7	Private	Warwickshire Regt.
*HART, F. A.	1904-11		Public Schools Batt. Middlesex Regt.
HEWER, R. K.	1905-8	2nd Lieut.	Royal Field Artillery
HOLIDAY, W. G.	1894-		Public Schools Batt. Middlesex Regt.
HOSKINS, H. G.	1908-10	Private	1st Birmingham City Batt.
LANGMORE, L. G.	1883-5	Captain	11th Batt. The King's Liverpool Regt.
MARSHALL, G. W. W.	1906-9	Private	4th Batt. Oxford & Bucks L.I.
MORRIS, C. G. M.	1903-10	Private	Old Public School Boys' Batt., Royal
MEDCALF	1907-9		[Fusiliers]
*NIXON, O.	1908-11	2nd Lieut.	11th Batt. Royal Sussex Regt.
NEAME, A. R. L.	1906-9		British S. African Police
POTTER, D.	1894-9		Old Public School Boys' Batt. Royal
POTTER, R.	1894-9		" " " [Fusiliers]
PAGE, W.	1909-11	Trooper	Oxfordshire Yeomanry
PLAISTOWE, E. F.	1880-4	Private	Sportsmen's Batt. Royal Fusiliers
SAMSON, A. E. W.	1884-9	Private	Sportsmen's Batt. Royal Fusiliers
STANDAGE, H. R.	1905-9	Private	3rd Batt. Universities and Public
STANFORD, F. E.	1909-10		Army Service Corps [Schools Brigade]
WHITEFOOT, T. W.	1906-8	Signaller	3rd Cavalry Field Ambulance (Canadian)
WALKER, W.	1895-03		Worcestershire Yeomanry
WALKER, L.	1900-6		" "
WHITTY, L.	M 1912	Lieut.	
WHITE, A. P.	1900-6	2nd Lieut.	3rd Batt. Northants Regt.

ROYAL NAVY.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	SERVICE.
BOISSIER, E. G.	1897-8	Sub.-Lieut.	R.N. Volunteer Reserve
BROMWICH, G.H., D.S.O. (Late COCKEY, G. H.)	1885-7	Eng. Com.	H.M.S. "Penguin," (Australia)
LINNELL, F. J.	1906-8	War. Officer	R.N. Flying Corps

O.T.C. NOTES.

RECRUITING this term has been most satisfactory and although eleven members of the corps were struck off the strength in the first weekly orders the contingent now numbers fifty-five—a total which has not yet been exceeded.

The contingent is now organized on the four company basis as a platoon, and has been learning new movements in close-order drill. Platoon drill is fairly simple but company drill appears to be complicated, and our only means of learning it is by forming a skeleton company, using ropes to represent the sections.

The year's training of the signallers has been completed by the annual test, which was taken by all the members of A Squad. The results, which are given on another page, are most satisfactory, the qualification standard, 290 points out of a total of 312, being attained by 50 per cent of the squad.

The armoury is now in telegraphic communication with Mr. Allen's room, and signallers will be able to obtain practice in Morse. To become proficient in this, the most important branch of signalling, requires frequent practice, and the class will of necessity be small in number and will be open only to those who have attained the qualification standard in semaphore work.

The buglers have done excellent work during the past year, but this term have had no combined practice, owing to the absence of both the Instructor and the Sjt.-Bugler. Times for practice are being considered and it is hoped that members of the Bugling Squad will make special efforts to maintain their efficiency. This is especially desirable in view of the fact that subscriptions have already been received or promised towards a fund for the purchase of drums.

Efficiency prizes have been awarded to the following :—

Cdt.-Clr.-Sjt. Belfield (Senior)
Cdt. W. Higgs (Junior).
Serjt.-Buglr. Brown (Buglers).

The prizes for efficiency, and for signalling, and also some of those awarded for the shooting competitions, consist of special medals designed by Mr. Allen. These medals, which are two inches in diameter, bear on the obverse the School arms—*Sa., a chevron between three pheons arg.*—encircled by a collar inscribed "Bloxham School O.T.C." On the reverse, two sprays of laurel, each entwined with a garter, enclose the inscription consisting of the name of the recipient and the description of the competition or service for which the medal was awarded. The garters are charged with the School motto—"Justorum Semita Lux Splendens."

Our thanks are due to the Provost for the prize for the Shooting Competition and to Mrs. Hinde for her generous contribution to the general prize fund.

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Summary.

TABLE B.—2 Officers, 17 N.C.O.'s and Cadets exercised ; 1 Officer was unable to complete the course ; of the remainder all reached the qualification standard ; 7 reached the special standard described in the note below.

TABLE A.—10 Cadets exercised ; 7 qualified ; 3 failed to qualify.

MINIATURE RANGE. Elementary Test.—
3 exercised ; 2 qualified ; 1 failed to qualify.

Classification Test.—

2 exercised ; classified as third class shots.

In comparing the Table B results with those of preceding years it must be borne in mind that this year no repetition of any practice in the Standard Test was allowed.

Scores in Table B, Part II. (Standard Test).

		PRACTICES NO. 7 8 9 10 TOTAL.				
Rank	Name.	H.P.	25	20	32	20 97
1.	Lce.-Cpl. Harris	20s	17s	27s	16s	80 Q*
2.	Capt. Child	25s	15s	27s	10s	77 Q*
3.	Cdt. Coleman, C. ...	20s	17s	25s	12s	74 Q*
4.	Sjt. Fradd	20s	18s	22s	12s	72 Q*
5.	Cdt. Pearse	15s	15s	27s	13s	70 Q*
6.	Cdt.-Col.-Sjt. Belfield	20s	15s	23s	10s	68 Q*
	Lce.-Cpl. Coombes ...	15s	13s	23s	17s	68 Q*
8.	Cdt. Walden ...	20s	9	28s	10s	67 Q
9.	Cdt. Bidlake, K.	25s	15s	13	11s	64 Q
10.	Lce.-Cpl. Hill	20s	16s	16	11s	63 Q
11.	Cdt. Compton-Hall, W.	20s	17s	21s	4	62 Q
12.	Lce.-Cpl. Anderson ...	10s	12s	25s	6s	53 Q
13.	Cdt. Jefferies	10s	13	23s	3	49 Q
14.	Sjt.-Bglr. Brown	10s	7	24s	4	45 Q
15.	Sjt. Higgs, P.	10s	11s	15	6s	42 Q
	Cdt. Cain	15s	9	9	9	42 Q
17.	Cdt. Bowler	15s	6	14	4	39 Q
18.	Cpl. Bonnewell	10s	6	8	8s	32 Q

s.—Reached the grouping standard of the practice.

Q.—Qualified.

Q*—Reached the special standard—entitled to wear musketry proficiency badge.

NOTE.—EXTRACT FROM MUSKETRY REGULATIONS.—Those who in Part II. obtain 30 points will be classified as having reached the "qualification standard." No repetition of the practices in Part II. will be allowed. Those who obtain 65 points and reach the grouping standards may, as a special privilege, and with the approval of their commanding officers, in the following year fire, instead of Part II., the whole of the classification practices prescribed for the cavalry and infantry of the regular army.

Scores in Table A, Part II. (Standard Test).

		PRACTICES NO. 7 8 9 10 TOTAL.				
Rank	Name.	H.P.	25	20	20	20 85
1.	Cdt. Coleman, D.	10s	15s	17s	16	58 Q
2.	Cdt. Rowland	15s	12s	15s	15	57 Q
3.	Cdt. Bidlake, D.	15s	14s	14s	11	54 Q
	Cdt. Stephens	15s	16s	13s	10	54 Q
5.	Cdt. Compton-Hall, R.	15s	16s	14s	8	53 Q
6.	Cdt. Champneys	15s	16s	10s	11	52 Q
7.	Cdt. Coulson	15s	11*	14s	10	50 F
8.	Cdt. Tucker, C.	10s	13s	13s	13	49 Q
9.	Cdt. Sidney-Wilmot ...	10s	12s	4*	10	36 F
10.	Cdt. Higgs, W.	0	9	8	8	25 F

s.—Satisfied the standard of the practice.

Q.—Qualified.

F.—Failed to Qualify.

* Had no opportunity of repeating the practice.

NOTE.—EXTRACT FROM MUSKETRY REGULATIONS.—Those who satisfy the standards in Part II. and score 45 points will be classified as having reached the "qualification standard."

SHOOTING COMPETITIONS, 1914.

The Shooting Competitions for this year were held on July 27th, the last day of the summer term, but the departure for camp on the following morning, made it impossible to publish the results at that time. The range was in use

all day, the Table A Competition being fired in the morning, the Table B Competition and a Field-Firing Practice in the afternoon. No alteration was made from last year's conditions as to practices, targets and scoring for the Table A Competition, but the number of entries was much smaller, and a junior prize was unnecessary.

In the Table B Competition there was again a prize for juniors, the conditions of eligibility being slightly modified. The conditions of Practice No. 3, were also changed, a disappearing target being employed. This alteration had a very considerable effect on the scores.

An addition to the competitions was the award of a prize for the aggregate scores in Practices Nos. 2 & 3—to be known as the "Timed Practices Prize."

Conditions.

TABLE A COMPETITION.

Open to all firing Table A in 1914.

Practices:—

No. 1—Range 200 yards, deliberate, 7 rounds.

Target—Second class elementary bullseye.

,, 2—Range 200 yards, deliberate, 7 rounds.

Target—Second class figure.

,, 3—Range 500 yards, deliberate, 7 rounds.

Target—First class elementary bullseye.

One sighting shot will be allowed in each practice.

Scoring as in Musketry Course.

Ties will be decided by—(a) The scores in Practice No. 3. (b) If the scores in Practice No. 3 are equal, a repetition of Practice No. 1, with additional shots if necessary.

TABLE B COMPETITIONS.

Senior Competition.—Open to all who shoot on the open range. Prize—The Provost's Cup.

Table B Junior Competition.—Open to cadets firing Table B for the first time in 1914.

A competitor may not take a prize in both competitions.

Full scores are given below :—

TEST.....	1	2	3		4			
			Accuracy.		Accuracy.		Total.	Position.
			Style and Time.	Style and Time.	Style and Time.	Style and Time.		
Maximum	78	78	40	18	78	20	312	
Rank and Name.								
SENIOR.								
Lce.-Cpl. Hill.....	76	78	39	11	78	13	295	5 Q.
Lce.-Cpl. Harris	78	78	39	15	77	17	304	1 Q.S.
Cdt. Coleman, D.	77	78	40	15	76	17	303	2 Q.S.2
Cdt. Higgs, W....	76	78	40	11	78	16	299	4 Q.
Cdt. Sidney-Wilmot	68	78	40	7	75	10	278	11
Cdt. Stewart	75	77	36	13	72	11	284	9
JUNIOR.								
Bglr. Brooks	64	78	35	13	77	14	281	10
Cdt. Bowler	73	76	35	5	72	7	268	12
Cdt. Cain	62	77	28	0	64	0	231	14
Cdt. Coulson	74	78	36	9	76	15	288	8
Cdt. Eve	73	78	40	13	74	13	291	6 Q.
Cdt. Hunt	71	77	34	9	67	1	259	13
Cdt. Lyle.....	78	78	34	13	73	14	290	7 Q.
Cdt. Pearse	78	78	40	13	77	15	301	3 Q.J.

Q.—Attained the Qualification Standard.

S.—Winner of Senior Medal.

J.—Winner of Junior Medal.

Sz.—Winner of Second Prize, Seniors.

NIGHT OPERATIONS.

Night Operations were carried out on Friday, October 16th. The general idea was that a White Force had halted for the night at Bloxham, and a ridge north west of that village had been selected for the outpost line. Bloxham School contingent was responsible for guarding the Sor brook in front of this ridge from the Banbury-Broughton-Tadmerton road excluded to the Banbury-Bloxham road included. They received instructions to prevent any troops from crossing the Sor brook and, in particular, not to let the enemy's scouts find their positions and get back with the information.

The positions were occupied after darkness had set in—about 7.30 p.m.—the sections being led independently by their commanders to points, previously selected, where it was possible to effect a crossing.

The Brown force was supposed to have entered Banbury and to have sent out scouts.

The enemy consisted of the scouts of the 7th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, under Lieut. Hinnell,

an Old Bloxhamist. When they arrived at Banbury they proceeded some mile and a half toward Bloxham and were then sent out to the west of the Banbury-Bloxham road, being told that to the south was a stream believed to be held by the enemy. They were to find the stream, discover places where it could be crossed, and, if possible, were to cross it and find the enemy's positions and to bring back any information gained.

The Standfast went about 10.15 p.m., by which time the Brown scouts had discovered the stream and one place where it could be crossed, but had not taken back any definite information as to the position of the White forces.

Both parties then returned to the School, where the men of the Cheshire Regiment were billeted for the night, returning to their station at Northampton on the following day.

FOOTBALL.

THE SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. BRACKLEY 1ST XI.

THIS, the first match of the season, was played at Bloxham on October 3rd, and resulted in a win for the home side by 2—1. Early in the first half, Cain gave the School the lead with an excellent shot, and, encouraged by this success, the team played up well, having more of the game than their opponents until the interval. In the second half, Brackley improved considerably and deserved their goal, which was obtained as the result of a mis-kick close in. With the score level, both sides strove hard for the decisive point and play continued even until Coleman scored the School's second goal from a good centre by Cain. This caused Brackley to play harder than ever, and they should have equalised through a penalty given against the School; but the latter won, 2—1. Bonnewell in goal and Wilmot at left-half were the most prominent players in the School XI. The forwards played well in mid-field, but were weak in their shooting. The backs were unreliable and must learn to kick with more certainty. Team: H. S. Bonnewell (capt.), W. L.-Smith, H.

Walden, N. Parsons, W. Rowland, S.-Wilmot, R. Pearce, R. Harris, R. Coombes, D. Coleman, D. Cain.

2ND XI. v. BRACKLEY 2ND XI.

This match was played at Brackley on the same day on which the first elevens were playing at Bloxham. Against a lighter team our second eleven gained an overwhelming victory by 10-0. In Collinson we have found a goal-keeper who is very unfortunate in having such a formidable rival for that position in the first eleven, which, in an ordinary year, he would have obtained easily. On this occasion he had very little to do. Our forwards were slow and must not claim too much credit for scoring so heavily against a small team. Ravenor (4), Bowler (4), Tucker (1), and Littleboy (1) were the scorers. Higgs played well at half. Team: Collinson, Brooks, Champneys, R. Powell, Higgs, Martin, Littleboy, Bowler, R. Ravenor (capt.), C. Tucker, J. Wright.

THE SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. ABINGDON 1ST XI.

Being anxious to repeat last year's performance and defeat our old rivals, who in the past for many years were too good for us, the team played very keenly, and the result, a draw of 1-1, is quite creditable to them. The play was evenly distributed in the early stages, both goal-keepers being tested but without any score before half-time, the forwards on both sides showing inaccuracy in their marksmanship. After the interval, Harris was unlucky in hitting the cross-bar several times, but from one of the rebounds Coombes netted. Abingdon then proceeded to play harder than ever, and from this point until the end they had the best of the game and succeeded in scoring a somewhat lucky goal just before time. On the whole the School played better than they did against Brackley, but Harris was the only inside forward who was at all successful in his shooting. The backs were certainly better, though there is still room for improvement in this department. Wilmot was the best of the halves, who all put in plenty of work. Team: H. S. Bonnewell (capt.),

W. L.-Smith, H. Walden, N. Parsons, W. Rowland, S.-Wilmot, R. Pearce, R. Harris, R. Coombes, F. Bowler, D. Cain.

SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. ABINGDON 2ND XI.

The second eleven secured a very lucky victory in this match, which was played at Abingdon on October 10th. Our opponents were a cleverer team than we were, and would probably have scored several times against a less experienced goal-keeper than Collinson. Credit, however, is due to all our defenders, but the less said about our attack the better. With the exception of Ravenor's rather lucky run through and score in the last minute, our forwards never looked like giving the opposing goal-keeper any trouble, although J. Wright, on the left wing, made one or two good runs. Team: Collinson, Coleman, Champneys, Williams, Higgs, Martin, Brooks, R. Ravenor, Hill, C. Tucker, J. Wright.

SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, OXFORD.

This match, which resulted in a win for us by 2-1, should be an encouragement to all forwards to take advantage of their opportunities of scoring goals. Cain, who had come in from the left wing to centre-forward, ran through from the kick-off and scored in the first minute. Less than ten minutes later, with the assistance of the inside men, he had scored again. For the rest of the first half only one team looked like scoring at any time, and that very seldom, and that team was not Bloxham. This should not reflect any discredit on the home side, because they appeared to be holding Magdalen fairly easily, but the latter with better shooting should have given our goal-keeper more to do. As it was, they scored once with a well-judged long shot. In the second half, Magdalen still seemed to have the advantage territorially but entirely failed to utilise their chances.

On a day when nearly all the members of the School team gave of their best, it seems unfair to criticise. Clearly the new half formation with

Wilmot in the centre is an improvement, Rowland's pace and energy being very useful on the wing, and Wilmot's tackling ability and accurate kicking showing to advantage in the centre. The latter unfortunately was badly kicked in the game, but very pluckily continued, although obviously handicapped. The backs were more reliable than usual, and withstood the pressure put upon them very creditably. Williams, on his initial appearance in the first eleven played quite well, but is not fast enough for a wing half. Pearse, marked by a capable and burly half-back, was by no means held, and might have been worked more with advantage, as might also Wright on the other wing. Team: H. S. Bonnewell (capt.), W. L.-Smith, H. Walden, A. Williams, S.-Wilmot, W. Rowland, R. Pearse, R. Harris, D. Cain, D. Coleman, J. Wright.

THE SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE
SCHOOL 2ND XI.

This resulted in a draw 1-1. Our goal was scored by Tucker early in the second half, while Magdalen obtained theirs from a *melee*, when one of our backs was unlucky enough to head through his own goal. Team: Collinson, Parsons, Champneys, Hill (captain), Higgs, Martin, R. Ravenor, Coombes, Bowler, C. Tucker, C.-Hall.

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SCHOOL-BOY'S "SERVICE LETTER."

SEVERAL "Field Service Post Cards" having reached the School from the Expeditionary Force, it has been suggested that something of a similar nature would be of great service to members of the Lower School, by saving them the terrible labour of concocting news for the weekly letter home.

Something like the following might be adopted—

The Card need only be signed and dated. Sentences not required should be erased.

I am quite well.

*I am in { Sick Room } with { Cold.
Hospital } { Measles.
Glanders.
Scarlet Fever.
Distemper.
Housemaid's Knee.*

*I have received no TUCK from { you
anyone }
{ lately.
for a long time. }*

*We { Won } the { Football } match last { Wed.
Lost } { Cricket } { Sat.
Drew } { Hockey }*

*I { have
have not } seen the Russians on our Cricket Field.*

I have no money, have you any ?

Signature

Date

[Please pay postage on any Tuck you send me.]

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Officers :—MR. ROBERTS (President),

R. L. HARRIS (Vice-President), D. COLEMAN (Hon. Sec.).

THE first meeting was held on October 9th, the subject discussed being "the desirability or otherwise of continuing public sports in war time." The house having been entertained, for a short space, by the witty efforts of certain members in private business, Lyle rose to propose that "public sports should not be continued during the present war."

His chief argument attacked the kinds of sport which attract large crowds of spectators. Such

contests, he maintained, tended to make people indifferent to the critical condition of things on the Continent, and to increase the number of slackers who might be induced to serve their country if the opportunities of thus wasting their time were taken away. Another point he made was that the money hitherto spent on such amusements would be more profitably given to the various relief funds.

Rowland, opposing the motion, pointed out that large numbers of business men, who were by no means unpatriotic, needed a certain amount of exercise to keep them fit, and why should they be compelled to give up their friendly games on Saturday afternoons? Sport gave people a diversion which would temporarily turn their minds from the horrors of the war.

Coulson considered that young men should not be spending money on pleasure at such a time as this, and that footballers should be fighting for their country rather than for a cup.

Coombes said that all cannot enlist for foreign service, and that sport keeps these fit in case they may be called on later for home defence.

The Chairman, opposing the motion, pointed out that professional football, to which the speakers on the other side had referred almost exclusively, was not the only kind of sport which Englishmen pursued. The majority of amateur football clubs had cancelled all their fixtures, and everyone honoured them for doing so. He admitted that hardly anyone would oppose the voluntary cessation of games by men who felt that their duty lay on the battlefield, but the question under consideration, in his opinion, was whether pressure should be brought to bear on others, and this he considered unfair and unnecessary.

Stewart upheld the motion, and Molesworth opposed it, and the proposer and opposer having replied, a division being taken, it was lost by five votes to six.

The Society met again on October 23rd, the subject for debate being compulsory military service. Private business having been disposed of,

Lyle was called upon to open the debate, the motion before the house being "that compulsory military service would be more advantageous to this country than voluntary."

The proposer pointed out that Germany with a conscript army is performing marvellous feats, holding in check vast hosts. How much greater would be the achievements of England under conscription, when we consider the superiority of her soldiers. He considered that conscription would give men employment and teach them habits of endurance.

Coulson, opposing, said that conscription is not needed in a country like England, which, unlike France and Germany, has no frontiers bordering on a hostile neighbour. England would not be justified in spending vast sums on a conscript army, especially when she can raise a voluntary one so speedily as she is doing at present.

Higgs pointed out the advantage of having an army ready in time of war. Conscription would avoid the delay, which is now being experienced in this country, caused by the training of units.

Rowland considered that conscripts would not fight as well as voluntary soldiers, and that the admitted excellency of the British Army would be impaired if conscription was introduced, although, of course, the army would be vastly increased.

The Vice-President emphasised the commercial aspect of the discussion, maintaining that conscription had the effect of increasing the commercial prosperity of a country, as an example referring to Germany, whose trade had increased vastly during the past ten years. Also he held that, had we been able, as the result of compulsory military service, to put a million or more of men into the field last August, the chances of bringing this present war to a more speedy conclusion would have been vastly increased.

Mr. Allen, opposing the motion, called attention to the danger of having a large army under the control of an unscrupulous government. In a question of this sort, the country must be con-

sidered as a whole, and what is good for the individual may be bad for the state. He advocated higher pay for the army, which he considered would have the effect of increasing its numbers sufficiently. Bowler and Snape also opposed the motion, the latter making an exceedingly creditable maiden speech. Lyle and Coulson having replied, the motion, being put to the vote, was lost by nine votes to two.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

"THE BLOXHAMIST" will appear 10 months in the year: no January or September Numbers will be published.

Contributions for the December Number should be sent in before November 20th, 1914, written on *one* side of the paper only.

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As we go to press we learn that the Rev. R. M. Grier, M.A., Headmaster of Worksop School, has been appointed Headmaster of Bloxham.

EDITORIAL.

WE are beginning to find out that there is very little respite for the Editor of this periodical. As soon as one number has been safely conducted through the press and has been deposited into the hands of our greedy and insatiable readers, we find that another number must be prepared forthwith, and we rush round

begging for fresh "copy," and take up our pen and begin to concoct these prefatory lines. Before we have written a dozen lines the pipe of inspiration has gone out and must be relighted before we can possibly proceed. Then we hear the sound of the bell summoning us to other duties. And so whatever ideas we had to start with are quickly dispelled, the editorial remains unwritten, and we have to begin all over again. We sympathise entirely with our predecessors in this post.

How the time flies! Here we are at the end of term again, and such an end of such a term! We started (it seems as if it were only last week) with a reduced staff, and we end with the prospect of further reduction. We have not yet got thoroughly hold of the fact that the Head is leaving; and we hear a rumour that Mr. Nuthall is going too. The new Headmaster has not yet been appointed, but we hope to hear who he is to be before this number goes to press. Changes are not pleasant; at any rate, prospective changes are not. But they are necessary, and often turn out better than is anticipated by those who make them. We half promised to publish in this number a retrospect of the term of office which our Head is now bringing so rapidly to a close. The gentleman upon whom we have been relying to write it is busily engaged in military duties, and in all probability we shall have to postpone his article until next term.

We continue to receive names of Old Bloxhamists who are serving their country, and not a few of them are at the front. A third list is printed on another page, and we hear that the O.B. Society's Annual Report contains a complete list (so far as is known) of Old Bloxhamists who are now "On His Majesty's Service." Information concerning them and letters from them will be very welcome. We print two in another column.

We should like to give public expression of our sympathy with Capt. Child, commanding officer of the O.T.C. here, on the loss of his brother, who was one of the officers who went down with *H.M.S. Monmouth*, off the coast of Chili.

The School will break up for the Christmas holidays on December 15, rather earlier than usual. Doubtless the usual home festivities at Christmas will be somewhat curtailed this year, but that which really makes Christmas remains the same, and in view of the coming festival we extend to all our readers our hearty greetings, reminding them that *Christus natus hodie*.

SCHOOL NEWS.

THE REV. F. SHAW, M.A., assistant master at St. Edward's School, and formerly on the staff at Bloxham, preached here on Sunday, November 8th, which day was observed as our Dedication Festival.

THE REV. C. E. BROCKLEBANK, M.A., late assistant priest at St. Matthew's, Westminster, was the preacher on Sunday, November 15th.

FOOTBALL Colours have been given to the following:—1st XI.—N. Parsons, J. E. Wright, F. Bowler.

2nd XI.—C. Tucker, R. Ravenor, N. Ravenor, R. Compton-Hall.

To commemorate the birthday of the late Mrs. Egerton, her daughter Mrs. Hinde very kindly sent a packet of Banbury cakes, on November 27th, for every boy in the school.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MISS M. E. MALLINSON.

IT will be remembered that as the result of the collection of funds for the above purpose a beautiful window was put up in the Chapel last term. The total amount collected was £60 os. 2d.; the window cost £44 16s. 0d.; and the expenses of printing and postage of circulars were £2 16s. The remaining £12 8s. 2d. has been spent on a stone cross over Miss Mallinson's grave, and it will be in position before the end of this term. The cross is of the ordinary type, of Hornton stone, bearing a bronze crucifix. On the steps, which form the base, is the following inscription:

OF YOUR CHARITY
PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF
MARY ELLIS MALLINSON,
MATRON OF ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL,
WHO DIED JANUARY 27TH, 1914.
REQUIESCAT IN PACE.

O.B. NEWS.

E. W. MAUDE (1889-94) has succeeded to the title of Viscount Hawarden, the late peer having been killed in the early days of the war.

L. W. H. BOWLER (1906-9) has again been distinguishing himself as a cross-country runner. On Saturday, November 21st, he was second in a three-and-a-half mile run of the Ranelagh Harriers.

THE REV. J. F. TURNER (Master 1892-6 and 1900-9), has been appointed Vicar of Chelwood, near Bristol, by the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

THE REV. S. L. BUCKWELL (Master 1904-6) has been appointed Vicar of St. Luke's Church, Silverdale, Staffs.

BIRTH.—In September, at 12, Nevern Road, Earl's Court, S.W., the wife of E. B. Cree, (1889-1903), of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.—On December 1st, at St. Michael's Church, Breaston, Derby, by the Rev. C. M. Lambrick, Rector, the Rev. J. F. Turner, M.A., formerly assistant-curate of Blagdon cum Charterhouse-on-Mendip, to Dorothy Mary, fourth daughter of Robert John Hancock, Esq., The Close, Siddington.

VISITORS.—The following O.B's have recently paid us visits :—G. R. Colegrave (1907-13), H. M. Bennett (1909-13), J. S. Boissier (1904-8), G. D. Boissier (1905-7), D. H. Wilkinson (1901-4), H. W. E. Crouchley (1911-12), Capt. C. L. Leadley-Brown (1896-8).

O.B. SOCIETY.

THE following have recently joined the Society : V. Marsden-Jones (1906-11), Capt. C. L. Leadley-Brown (1896-8).

A new edition of the Society's Year Book will be ready about the same time as this number of THE BLOXHAMIST. Copies will be sent to all members of the Society. In addition to the annual report, statement of accounts and list of members, the Year Book will contain a list of Old Bloxhamists now serving with the colours.

IMPRESSIONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

(continued).

PERHAPS the most striking feature of the scenery in B.C., apart from the ubiquitous fir trees and mountains, is the effect of the forest fires. You scarcely ever see a photograph of any scene that does not show some "atmosphere" or haze in the air for one thing, and the bare poles of dead fir trees dotted about among the undergrowth for another ; both these are the effects of forest fires, generally the result of carelessness, that are prevalent everywhere in summer time. They cover large areas, and at times do an immense amount of damage ; the smoke travels a great distance, and the slight haze it forms in the air may often be due to a fire 40 or 50 miles away. In the day-

time there is not much to be seen of a forest fire but a few coils of smoke rising up from a dozen or more spots among the trees on the hillside, but at night the flames can be seen. When driving home late one night the side of a mountain we passed must have had at least 150 different bonfires burning on it. The fires kill the fir trees without consuming them, and the bare poles are often left standing afterwards for 20 or 30 years, until they gradually fall down or get hidden by the new trees that grow up among them. Sometimes the whole side of a mountain will look like a field of hop poles. After a fire the ground is often covered with a pretty pink flower that grows two or three feet high, and is known as the "fire weed" ; it is really a species of willow herb, and carpets the ground like heather on a Scotch mountain. In some parts of B.C. a great number of cedars are found mingled with the firs ; they are graceful trees, not like the English cedar, but more like the "arbor vitae" ; they grow to an immense size.* At one spot I saw numbers of them about 8 feet in diameter, i.e., 24 feet or 25 feet in circumference, and growing nearly to the height of Bloxham spire.

With the exception of Vancouver, which hardly existed at all 30 years ago, and now contains some 140,000 people, and Victoria on Vancouver Island, there are practically no towns in B.C. at all. There are perhaps some half-dozen nearly half the size of Banbury, the rest run from what we should call small villages up to places about as big as Bloxham. I stayed for one or two nights with a number of clergy. The hospitality one met with everywhere was astonishing. At one Rectory I was offered the spare room (!) and it was only after I had been there a couple of nights that I discovered that there were only two bedrooms in the house, and that two of the rector's daughters were sleeping on the verandah and two more had turned out into a tent in the garden to make room for me. If one stopped at a farmhouse by the road side when out for a drive, hospitality was offered at once ; perhaps huge baskets of apples would be brought out, or tea was laid and no

refusal taken ; and what teas too. I remember one Sunday afternoon we called in at a homestead owned by a man who 20 years ago was a cotton hand in the north of England, and now has 160 acres of splendid land and 30 cows, each with a calf at her heels. His wife was a little Devonshire woman—she bustled about, put cream on the table in a jug that might have belonged to a washhand basin, and sat some four or five of us down to such a tea as one never sees in England—plates of raspberries, cookies, i.e., rather rich home-made biscuits, bread and butter, a huge black currant tart, two jam tarts, a large ginger cake with raisins in, two basins of custard, and two others full of jelly, covered with mountains of whipped cream. Apparently it was her Sunday treat to dispense hospitality in this fashion to any friends, or strangers for the matter of that, who might happen to drop in. Unfortunately I had left my schoolboy appetite years behind and was quite unable to do justice to her generosity as I should liked to have done. Apparently all forms of visitors are not equally welcome, as on the next homestead to this the following notice was fixed to the gate: "preachers, pedlars, and hoboes, keep moving"—a hobo is a tramp I believe. Amongst other places, I stayed two or three days at Lytton with the Archdeacon of Yale. Lytton is one of the centres of work among the Indians. The Archdeacon has a hospital and an Indian Church here ; he says Mass for them every morning at 8 a.m., and has Evensong for them at 6 p.m. ; both of these he takes in the Indian language, with the exception of the Psalms and extracts from the Bible, neither of which have yet been translated into their language. The Indians cannot read or write, but they know parts of the service by heart and join in them heartily. The language has a curious sing-song sound, it is almost in monotone, and many words are doubled, such as "schiff-schiff." When I asked why this was, I was told that it was the only way they have of expressing a plural, so that for "sins" for instance, they have to say "sin sin." The Indians in B.C. now have special districts set apart for them to live in, known as "reservations." A few of them near

Lytton have taken up small farms up the Fraser River, but they mostly prefer to live crowded together in rather dirty wooden huts, doing no more than the minimum amount of work that is necessary to earn a bare livelihood. They remind one of English gipsies. They all seem to have dogs, and a good many have a horse and earn money by hauling and carrying goods.

From Lytton I had a 50-miles run in a motor car up the Fraser valley to Lilloet. The road winds in and out on the side of the mountains, which come right down to the river on both sides. In many places it is not wide enough for two cars to pass, and everywhere has a steep slope on one side of anything from 200 ft. to 1,000 ft. to the river bank ; sharp turns almost at right angles were no unusual occurrence, and the journey seemed to a stranger a perilous adventure, but the driver took it all as a matter of course, as he did the 6 in. ruts in the road, which frequently jolted one right off one's seat into the air. Lilloet I shall remember, amongst other things, for its fruit trees ; it was here that I first saw peaches growing on trees like apples and pears. The trees were laden with fruit with their branches often bent to the ground, and in one case a tree was broken right off close to the ground by the weight of peaches on it. Of course one is told to "help oneself," and our hostess seemed quite distressed, when after a half-a-dozen, I began to cry halt.

I came across one or two people connected with Bloxham in various parts. After running 30 miles down the beautiful Arrow Lake in a C.P.R. steamer, I stopped at a small place called Nahusp, which is just securing a foothold for itself among the forest trees. Here I found a Mrs. Croft, who had once been matron's maid at the School, and was very pleased to hear of the School and its doings. About a mile away, up in the forest, working in the garden of his log hut, I found Mr. Townsend, who used to have a market garden in Bloxham, close to the School. It was getting dusk when I got there, and he looked the most astonished man I had ever seen in my life when he discovered who it was who was calling to him from

the road. At Victoria, Mr. Tomlinson, who used to be a master here, rang me up on the telephone; he too had been astonished at breakfast by his landlady asking him if he had ever heard of Bloxham. He wondered how she had ever heard of it, until he discovered that I was announced as preaching in the Cathedral that evening. He came in to tea and brought his brother, an O.B., with him, also P. Davey, who left here a few years ago, and is now in a bank in Victoria.

At Kelowna, on the Okanagan Lake, I came across A. Cowan, camping out in a tent by the lake side with his wife and child. At Vancouver I was hospitably entertained by Cave Brown Cave, who was at Bloxham, some time in the '70's I believe, and at Montreal I managed to come across Wilfrid Bourne, who has a good position in a firm of architects and builders. The church life in B.C. is very different to anything one is accustomed to in England—an afternoon service on Sunday ten or twelve miles from the rectory, and a round of 100 miles or more during the week to visit outlying stations would be nothing extraordinary. Most of the clergy are married, incomes are small, £200 to £350 a year. Servants are out of the question, wages running from £80 a year for an ordinary domestic servant, to £100 a year or more for a Chinaman. There are no endowments, so that the whole of the clergyman's stipend, as well as other church expenses, has to be provided by the people. They are extremely liberal, much more so than the average church-goer in England; probably the least amount a poor man would give would be a dollar a month, or nearly £2 10s. a year, and in a small place of 500 people, of whom not more than 100 perhaps would be members of the Church of England (Presbyterians, Methodists, and Romans are very strong everywhere, though not so much so in B.C. as in other parts of Canada), it would not be at all unusual to raise £200—£300 a year, although not a person in the place would be at all wealthy, probably no one would have an income of more than £400 a year, and few anything near that. If once a church and parsonage are built, they

soon become self-supporting, but the difficulty is to be first on the ground and to get work started before other denominations get ahead of the Church. It is in doing this and in helping the various missions during the first few years of their struggling existence, that the British Columbia Church Aid Society has been able to do much to help the Church in Canada in recent years. The problem is very acute in the neighbourhood of the city of Vancouver, which is spreading out into the surrounding country at a most astounding rate—in four years the number of parishes has increased from 22 to 47.

Main roads are run out to a distance of six or seven miles from the centre of the city. I visited a house, No. 6395, Prince Albert Road. Almost immediately telephone poles and electric light wires are fixed. These are soon followed by trams and side roads cut into the forest where houses begin to grow up like mushrooms dotted about here or there on the various plots of land their owners fancy, and at once there begins to be a request for a church here and a parson there. On the whole, life in B.C. seems a continual struggle, but everyone is extraordinarily happy and hopeful; all spare money is spent at once in buying land on the instalment system as we call it, out there they call it buying "on time," with the result that everyone seems to have property, while no one seems to have a penny for immediate needs, but they seem quite contented. They see, as anyone must who has paid even a flying visit, that it is a wonderful country with a marvellous future before it when men and money have been found and have had time to develop it. At present it is only in its infancy, with the surface of the soil just scratched here and there and its wealth of timber and minerals hardly tapped at all.

My whole journey was most interesting from numberless points of view; it has left me with new ideas in many directions, and I can strongly advise anyone who has at any time a chance of visiting the country to take it at once, but if a man wishes to make his home there, he should certainly go out in the early years of life, before he is too old to learn and to form new habits.

ARMY.

The information given is the latest that we possess.

The mark * is placed before the names of those who have been in the O.T.C. at Bloxham.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	NAME OF REGIMENT.
BARR, W. A.	1900-1	Private	4th Seaforth Highlanders
BROWN, C. L. LEADLEY	1896-8	Captain	1st Batt. East Yorkshire Regt.
BOWEN, H. C.	1899-1902		King Edward VII.'s Horse
DAVIS, A. G. A.	1903-9	2nd Lieut.	4th Batt. Oxford & Bucks L.I.
*GEPP, A. W.	1908-11	Private	
*KEBLE, C. T.	1909-11		Royal Flying Corps
McLANNAHAN, J. G. ...	1882-7		Royal Army Medical Corps
MOORE, G. H.	1890-5	Captain	4th Batt. City of London Regt.
MOULDER, A. C.	1907		Canadian Contingent
RAWLINGS, G. W.	1906-10	2nd Lieut.	6th Batt. Hampshire Regt.
ROBERTS, E. L.	1903-7		
THOMAS, T.	1908-9	Private	4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.

ROYAL NAVY.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	SERVICE.
CREE, E. B.	1899-1903		R.N. Volunteer Reserve
*MARSDEN-JONES, V. ...	1906-11		Public Schools Batt. R.N. Volunteer [Reserves]

FOOTBALL.

THE SCHOOL v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL,
OXFORD.

THE teams met for the return match at Oxford, on November 11th. A very high wind blowing all the morning, promised to spoil the afternoon's football to some extent, but when it developed into a gale shortly after the game started, good football was virtually at a discount. This is in no way meant to disparage our opponent's victory by 3—1, which they thoroughly deserved, although possibly the elements may have affected them less, being rather the heavier team. They ran through and scored in the first minute, and encouraged by this early success they started to give our defence a warm time. In the circumstances our halves and backs acquitted themselves creditably, and in spite of the assistance of wind and sleet, Magdalen only scored once again in this half, so that at the interval we had hope of retrieving our lost ground, with the aid of the wind. The home team, however, continued to hold their own, and both sides scored once in the second half, but it must be confessed that our goal was a lucky one; Rowland put in a centre from the left wing and the wind carried it between the posts.

Team :—H. S. Bonnewell, C. Lester-Smith and N. Parsons; H. Walden, R. Sidney-Wilmot and W. Rowland; R. Pearse, R. Harris, D. Cain, D. Coleman, and R. Compton-Hall.

THE SCHOOL v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL,
BRACKLEY.

This match was played at Brackley, on Wednesday, Nov. 25th, and a well-contested game ended in a draw 3—3. Our team appeared to think that they would gain an easy victory without exerting themselves. At any rate, they started very badly and found themselves two goals down after twenty minutes' play. Compton Hall, with a high dropping shot reduced the arrears, but before half-time we did not look really like scoring once. After the interval the

XI. might have been composed of different people, and we soon proceeded to give Brackley some defensive work. We forced corner after corner without result, although nearly all the place kicks were accurate. At last Cain ran through and put us level. Shortly after Sidney-Wilmot, who alone did himself justice in both halves, scored a good goal from a corner, and we seemed to be well on the way to victory. The Brackley inside left, however, who had scored twice already, completed his hat trick with a clever first-time shot, and although time found us in the neighbourhood of our opponents' goal, we failed to score again. Team :—H. S. Bonnewell, C. Lester-Smith and N. Parsons; H. Walden, R. Sidney-Wilmot and W. Rowland; R. Pearse, R. Harris, D. Cain, D. Coleman and R. Compton-Hall.

THE SCHOOL v. ABINGDON SCHOOL.

This match, played away, on Saturday, December 5th, resulted in a win for Abingdon by 3 goals to 1. They were the first to score a somewhat unconvincing goal, the ball just rolling over the line, when Bonnewell had the misfortune to slip when running out to clear. Within five minutes however, we had equalised—our goal being even more of a gift than theirs, the Abingdon goalkeeper allowing a twenty-yard shot to roll between his legs. Before half-time they had scored again, their forwards, as a line, being much quicker on the ball than our five. Cain was unfortunate not to equalise again with a really good attempt, which hit the cross-bar with great force—the kick being taken as he pivoted round from a position facing the opposite direction.

During the second half our opponents scored again, whilst we never looked like scoring. Pearse in the first half, and Cain throughout, were quite quick and clever, some very neat passes from the latter being rendered valueless, owing to the heartbreaking slowness of our inside forwards. Sidney-Wilmot, at centre half, was sure and very useful; and Rowland, after he had overcome a tendency to kick wildly, was most energetic.

Our backs, opposed to a forward line quite clever in the three centre positions, were hustled and kicked badly and feebly. Bonnewell, as usual, was good, but he finds touch too frequently with his clearances.

Team :—H. S. Bonnewell, G. Lester-Smith, H. Walden, D. Coleman, R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, W. G. Rowland, R. W. Pearse, R. A. G. Ravenor, D. W. T. Cain, G. Bowler, J. Wright.

THE SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. ABINGDON 2ND XI.

In this match, played on December 5th, at Bloxham, our opponents gained a comparatively easy victory by five goals to nil. Having beaten them at Abingdon earlier in the term, we did not expect such a reverse, although we had considered ourselves rather lucky to win on this previous occasion. In this, the return match, the visitors showed themselves superior at all points, and the only players on our side to do themselves justice, were Hill and Higgs at half, and Champneys at back. Team :—N. Ravenor, Collinson, Champneys, L. Thomas, Higgs, Hill, C. Tucker, W. Wright, Coombes, Martin, Compton-Hall.

FOOTBALL SIXES, 1914.

A.	B.
Sidney-Wilmot (Capt.)	Harris (Capt.)
J. Wright	Hill
Philbrick	C. Tucker
German	Burbank
Hughes	Heaton
Lloyd	Day
C.	D.
W. G. Rowland (Capt.)	Lester-Smith (Capt.)
R. Compton-Hall	Martin
N. Ravenor	Hunt
Molesworth	Stanbra
Clark	Stephens
Beath	Lovell
E.	F.
Walden (Capt.)	Pearse (Capt.)
Champneys	Bowler
Coulson	Brooks
Kirkby	Hinnell
Bennett	Bowden
Holtom	Giles

G.	H.
Coleman (Capt.)	Parsons
R. Ravenor	R. Powell
Lyle	W. Wright
Chapman	Stewart
R. Thomas	E. Powell
Hordern	Hall
K.	L.
A. B. Williams	Coombes
Collinson	W. Higgs
L. Thomas	Littleboy
Eve	Ferris
Burton	Prince
Hobley	Lewis

First Round—

A beat L
B beat C
F beat D
K beat E
H beat G

Second Round—

F beat B
A beat H
K bye

Third Round—

F bye
A beat K

Final—

A beat F

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

H. S. Bonnewell—(Goal). Has proved most energetic and reliable as a captain. Is a goal-keeper of marked ability, who possesses the additional advantage of being an exceedingly powerful kick, well capable of passing the half-way line with his clearances. Has taken his position more seriously than in former years, and hence has deserved all his success.

D. W. T. Cain—(Centre-forward). Is quicker on the ball than any other member of the team, and is a good shot, often successful with long range attempts of unexpected suddenness. Has become stronger, heavier and more confident than last year. Has supported his captain well.

R. C. Sidney-Wilmot—(Centre-half). His foot-work was his best feature last year. This has improved and he has also become far larger and heavier. Tackles strongly and is good at holding the attack of opposing forwards. Judges his passes nicely. Should become really good in the future if he continues to take the game seriously.

R. L. Harris—(Inside-right). Has improved greatly, having become faster and more determined. Is the only forward, besides Cain, who seems willing to attempt a surprise shot when hard pressed. Has consequently scored some good goals.

W. C. Lester Smith—(Right-back). Really far more formidable than he appears to a spectator who has never actually played against him. Is most difficult to pass, as he makes full use of his great length of leg, and is a thoroughly sound tackler if a weak kick. Is clever and fearless with his head, and is most unpleasant and hard to run into. Should try to use his left foot more.

W. G. Rowland—(Left-half). Is most energetic, but apt to be wild and weak in his kicking, with the result that he occasionally sends a beautiful centre across his own goal mouth. Is too fond of trying to take a falling ball on the half-volley. Tackles well and hard.

H. R. Walden—(Right-half). Is strong, heavy and fairly fast, possessing good kicking power which he fails, as yet, sufficiently to control. As a half he should be careful not to retain possession of the ball too long.

R. W. Pearse—(Outside-right). Perhaps the cleverest forward on the side who should become far more useful as he gets bigger and faster. Is liable, at present, owing to his lightness, to be knocked off the ball; but he has great powers of recovery, and seldom fails to get his centre across.

N. Parsons—(Left-back). Has greatly improved, and is the only member of the team, besides the goal-keeper, who is a strong kick with either foot. Is somewhat slow, but generally contrives to get in the way.

J. E. Wright—(Outside-left). Has improved enormously, more especially in the use of his left foot for centreing. Is very keen, and looks his pleasure when he outwits the opposition.

F. Bowler—(Left-inside). Has as yet a somewhat vague idea of the exact direction, strength or moment when he is going to kick the ball, so results are novel and various. Appears to kick with the inside of his foot (a rather ungainly member), turned square on to the ball, and hence, is all the more prone to mis-time the moment of contact. Is energetic and tries his very hardest.

SENIOR FIVES TOURNAMENT (DOUBLES).

The figures in brackets are the handicaps.

A.	B.
(0) H. S. Bonnewell	(6) Molesworth
W. Higgs	Champneys
C.	D.
(2) M. Roberts, Esq.	(7) J. Wright
C. Tucker	Ferris
E.	F.
(0) The Chaplain	(6) Walden
Collinson	Lewis
G.	H.
(0) A. Child, Esq.	(0) D. Cain
D. Coleman	Hill
K.	
(6) Lester-Smith	
German	

First Round—

A beat B
C beat D
E beat F
G bye
H beat K

Second Round—

C beat A
G beat E
H bye

Third Round—

H beat G

C bye

Final—

beat

JUNIOR FIVES TOURNAMENT (SINGLES).

The figures in brackets are the handicaps.

First Round—

W. Wright (3) beat Martin (4)

Sidney-Wilmot (0) beat L. Thomas (3)

Kidman (9) beat Cooper (8)

Prince (5) beat Snape (9)

Brooks (2) beat Stewart (4)

E. Tucker (4) beat Hordern (4)

Chapman (5) beat Bowden (6)

Parsons (1) beat R. Thomas (8)

Clark (3) beat Saunders (4)

Hunt (1) beat Giles (4)

Second Round—

Sidney-Wilmot beat W. Wright

Kidman beat Prince

Brooks beat Tucker

Parsons beat Chapman

Hunt beat Clark

Third Round—

Sidney-Wilmot bye

Brooks beat Kidman

Hunt beat Parsons

Fourth Round—

Sidney-Wilmot beat Brooks

Hunt bye

Final—

Sidney-Wilmot beat Brooks

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE third meeting was held on Friday, November 6th, when a large company assembled to hear a few of the more enterprising spirits discuss learning and sport. The motion, proposed by Coulson, and opposed by Rowland, was that "A Scholar is better than an Athlete." Lyle and W. Hill supported the motion, and

Molesworth, Collinson, and Bonnewell spoke against it, while the chairman, without taking a side, gave his view of the sense in which the motion should be taken. Nearly all the speakers agreed that a scholar is not necessarily a physical wreck, and that an athlete is not devoid of intelligence. The word "better" received various interpretations, the majority of the speakers using the term as including the attainment of worldly success and having a good time. On behalf of Scholars, it was urged that nearly all important positions in the State were held by men of brains, while the supporters of Athletes pointed out that such men needed also physical strength, which is produced largely by athletic exercise, in order to endure the strain put upon them. Athletes, it was said, enjoyed more popularity than scholars, but a speaker on the other side maintained that popularity was more often a disadvantage to its possessor than otherwise, because popularity tended to increase a man's temptations. Famous men of the past had been scholars rather than athletes, but on the other hand, it was observed that, since sports had become more general, the names of great cricketers and others were known to all. The motion was passed by six votes to four.

A meeting was held on November 20th, the motion before the House being: "That absolute Monarchy is the best form of Government." We are glad that a few members summoned up sufficient courage to speak against their convictions, and support a motion which did not find favour in the eyes of the House. As was to be expected, the motion was thrown out, by nine votes to three, but, although slightly one-sided, the debate was quite a successful one.

Rowland, proposing the motion, was of opinion that the ministers in constitutional government were more likely to act from selfish motives than a king who was absolute, because the latter would have to maintain his popularity by good legislation. While admitting the failure of absolute monarchies in the past, he saw no reason why they should not be successful in the future.

Coulson (opposing), pointed out that a single ruler cannot know all the needs of his country, and that, therefore, a system in which a number of men were responsible for the government was preferable.

Hill pointed out the tendency to quarrel which exists in republics, and that a king can decide on a policy without wasting time in discussion, which is inevitable in republican government.

Williams made a strong case against absolutism, by drawing attention to the absolute monarchies which have existed in the past, and pointing out where they failed in producing good government, and how many rebellions were the results of their tyranny.

Burbank called attention to some of the evils of party government.

Stewart said, quite rightly, that the French Revolution was caused by the despotism of her kings.

Pearse, in a very capable speech, said, that a king with advisers, that is, a parliament, would surely be able to rule better than one entirely responsible for all branches of government. A country exists for the nation, and, therefore, the nation should have a voice in the government of the country.

Snape pointed out that in an absolute monarchy, the quality of government obtained depends entirely on the character of the king. He also mentioned that despots usually nominate their successors, which leads to discontent among the governed.

The last serious meeting in term was held on Friday, December 4th, when certain members and visitors discussed the respective merits of horses and motor cars.

Higgs, proposing the motor in favour of the horse, pointed out that horses can travel where motors cannot, because the ground affects the latter more than the former. Other considerations in favour of the horse were its use for hunting, its reliability—Higgs considered that a motor was more likely to break down than a horse. Also a horse is a better companion than a motor.

Williams (opposing), considered motoring pleasanter than driving or riding. Motors are proving more useful in the present war, especially in Red Cross Work. A very large number of motor accidents, the speaker contended, are caused by the carelessness of the drivers.

Pearse disagreed with the statement made by the last speaker about the war, and stated that all the officers, actually in the field, would ride horses, and these officers would be more numerous than those on the General Staff, who doubtless would use motors.

Collinson maintained that a motor car is preferable to a horse on account of its speed and convenience. Doctors find cars far more useful than horses.

Hill showed that although horses have many disadvantages, motors have quite as many, if not more.

Bonnewell considered that motors ought to be used rather than horses, because horses are liable to be ill-treated so long as they are used as draught animals.

Walden entirely disagreed with Williams and said he considered a ride on horseback infinitely preferable to a drive in a motor. On a horse one is not confined to the roads.

Rowland pointed out that a horse is cheaper to keep than a motor.

The chairman supported motors.

The motion, in favour of horses, was defeated by five votes to four.

Letter from the Rev. M. W. Holdom.

Mirror P.O., Alberta, Oct. 3rd, 1914.
Dear Mr. Wilson,

I have been meaning to write you for some time, but have been very busy. There is a great deal to tell you; if you find any parts of this letter which may interest others, you can use extracts for THE BLOXHAMIST.

Castor has gone down terribly; from 2,000, the population has fallen to just over 1,000. This is caused partly by the railway being carried on to points further east, partly by the springing up of new towns which cut off territory, partly by the

poor crops of the last few seasons, and more especially by the bad times and financial stringency which is general throughout Canada.

In consequence of these things, church work has suffered considerably; many of our best people left the town; it was quite impossible to build a rectory.

It was only, however, at the earnest request of the bishop and Archdeacon Dewdney, of Red Deer, that I handed in my resignation of the Mission. After five years, it seemed hard to give up the work, especially when I had seen it grow from nothing.

Two fields of work then came in for consideration. The Dean of Calgary and his wardens offered me the post of assistant-priest in the Pro-Cathedral, but, at the express wish of the bishop, I accepted the charge of the parishes which I am now going to tell you about.

On your map of Alberta you will find a large sheet of water, about twenty miles long, called Buffalo Lake, named by the Indians from its resemblance in shape to that animal. About twenty-five years ago, a few English people came and settled on the shores of this lake. Unlike some settlers, they had some care for their spiritual needs.

They received from the government a grant of forty acres of land for church purposes; the land then was worth nothing. These men then got together, cut down trees and built a log church. This was in 1896, the year I came to Bloxham as a new boy. In this building they received irregular ministrations from travelling priests for some years. The church was dedicated to St. Monica. In time, another small church, St. Pancras, Alix, was built, ten miles to the south. About three years ago, the Grand Trunk Pacific began the construction of their line from Calgary to Edmonton, and new town sites were put on the market. The line ran right beside the forty acres given years ago to the church. On this identical spot the company wished to place a town, called by the name of Mirror, (after the daily paper of that name). The Archdeacon of Calgary came up, and by his good management, thirty-nine acres were sold for \$12,000 cash; an acre was reserved right in the middle of the town site, including the church building and burial

ground; the proceeds were invested, and this country district became the first endowed parish of the dioceses of Calgary and Edmonton (a doubtful blessing, as the ranchers and half-breeds forming the vestry began to feel their importance).

During the incumbency of the last rector, the Rev. O. Creighton, son of the late Bishop of London, who, strangely enough, was at Keble College with me, great strides were made. In the town of Bashaw, fourteen miles north of Mirror, a beautiful little basilica has been built, made of cement from the gravel of the lake. The other two churches have been much improved, a new log church has been built twenty miles south, on the Red Deer River, and a nice little parish hall in Alix.

Mr. Creighton has just left for England. It was with great reluctance that I accepted this charge, for the responsibility is great, and the driving almost continuous. My stipend is \$1,000 per annum, and a nice rectory is to be built at once, in Mirror; the plans are now before the executive committee of the diocese. The parishes supply a buggy and pair of horses, and there is a saddle-horse besides.

The three parishes are about 1,320 square miles; there will be a drive of over twenty miles every Sunday, with three services, summer and winter. I sleep on camp beds in the vestries of the two daughter churches.

The people are for the most part English, and very nice; Mr. Walter Parlby, an old St. John's, Oxford, man, and the original settler of twenty-five years ago, is a splendid Churchman, and is now a member of the executive committee of the diocese.

The country is perfectly beautiful, comprising the western and northern shores of Buffalo Lake; the land is rolling, dotted with innumerable lakes, and well wooded with poplar trees. There are a few spruce in places. Although only seventy miles from my old district, we are quite out of the open prairie. Game is very abundant—quantities of duck, chicken, partridges and rabbits; there are pickerel and white fish in the lake; a few deer and an occasional bear.

Please remember me in this new work; we need your prayers and sympathy. I have no fellow priest within many miles.

Europe is the one topic of conversation on the prairies; we have any quantity of splendid men here, who are perfectly prepared to come to the help of the motherland when wanted. I spoke at a Red Cross Meeting this week, and there were fifty farmers' wives present, many of them foreigners. The wave of loyalty which is sweeping through the taciturn west is perfectly wonderful.

All Saints' Day will soon be here. We shall be thinking of you all then. Good-bye.

Yours ever, MARTIN W. HOLDOM.

Letter from E. Townson.

Polemedia, Limassol, Cyprus,
Oct. 25th, 1914.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I am writing to you because I think you will be interested to hear what O.B's are doing during the present war. Perhaps you were not aware that, although a man of law, I had a military vein, and at the present time I never cease to be thankful that I filled some of my spare time in this way, for recently I have heard of many of my friends having some difficulty in getting into the army, so steady is the rush of competitors.

I joined the Territorial Force somewhere about 1908, and entered into the ranks of the 6th Manchester Regiment, a battalion which has a good reputation and many public-school men. After three years, I took out a commission in the 7th Manchester Regiment (my present regiment), and am now a first lieutenant. The T.F. were mobilised on August 4th. At the time I was taking my annual holiday, and had to hurry home. We spent about a fortnight at headquarters, completing strength, fitting out, and generally equipping, and then the whole division was put under canvas in various parts of Lancashire, where we remained about three weeks. We filled this time going through a scheduled programme of training, not to mention compulsory vaccination! It was here we were invited to volunteer for foreign service, and the results were so good that we were the first complete division of Terriers in England to volunteer for service, a fact which made us, not unjustly, proud. The result soon had its effect, and on the evening of September 9th, the whole East Lancashire Division entrained for Southampton, and the next day we had

embarked for Egypt. The transport of fourteen vessels contained infantry, R.F.A., Army Service Corps, Cavalry, R.A.M.C., and many hundreds of horses, (we lost about fifty horses during the voyage) looked very imposing, and we were escorted on our long voyage by three battle cruisers. If anything had been needed to make a man proud of his country, surely this voyage has completed that need.

Battleships, searchlights, the Rock of Gibraltar, Malta, the quiet dignity of the thousands of British Regular Soldiers we have met in Egypt on their way to the front, and many other most interesting sights, have shown us what a wonderful organization this Empire of ours is.

My own battalion, after arrival in Egypt, has been rather scattered. The main body of the battalion is at Khartoum, with two-and-a-half companies (under the new double-company system). Then there is a half-company at Port Sudan, another half-company at Ras-el-Tin Barracks, Alexandria, and my own half-company here in Cyprus.

My captain had, unfortunately, to be left at Alexandria, with dysentery, so I have had command of the half-company here.

My battalion has relieved the Suffolk Regiment from all these places, and the Suffolks are now well on their way to the front. We did not forget to give them a good send-off!

The responsibility here has been rather a big one, but I think we have come through smiling, and the men have improved one hundred per cent. in every department, chiefly through their keenness and willingness. I am very proud of them, and am sure they will soon be fit for anything.

Meanwhile, we find we have not yet definitely settled. The political situation here, between Greek and Turk, has caused the authorities some anxiety, and they think my little detachment insufficient; consequently, a half-battalion of 8th Manchesters are now on their way from Alexandria to relieve us, and we are to proceed back to Alexandria, to rejoin the other half-company at Ras-el-Tin. We are sorry to go, for the climate is good; we have comfortable quarters, with an excellent rifle range and a revolver range, and the English people here have given us a very hearty welcome.

As to our future, this is rather indefinite, but Lord Kitchener, in his message to the division, before leaving England, said that it all depended on ourselves how soon we were efficient enough to go to the front. I can only say that the men are working like trojans, and are very fit, and will be quite ready when the time comes. There are rumours that we shall be relieved at Christmas, but this seems to me rather an early date, and I don't think the government would have involved all the expense of our transport if they only intended us to be out here such a short time.

Meanwhile, we are satisfying ourselves with the thought that we are of some use out here; we have relieved the regular troops, and have now the honour of keeping Egypt tranquil. There are signs of disturbances along the Suez Canal, and the Red Sea, but I don't suppose these will be anything serious.

You must please excuse all this scribble. I wonder if you would give me any idea as to what other O.B's are doing; I should like to hear from you. How is the O.T.C. progressing, and are there any new features in or about the old School?

I must now say goodbye. . . .

Yours very sincerely, ERIC TOWNSON.

Letter from Viscount Hawarden.

Wadi Halfa, Sudan,

Nov. 2nd, 1914.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Your letter of Sept. 11th cast up here to-day, and very glad I am to get it, though it would have been more appropriate if it had arrived yesterday, All Saints' Day. I was thinking so much of the old school yesterday, and wondering how many of the O.B's were at the front, when the very next day comes your letter telling me all about them.

I went home this year with Charles Egerton, and found out that the founder was a link between us. He had been to Bloxham two years ago. It was awfully nice to find someone who knew and appreciated P.R.E. Since meeting Charles Egerton I have met Philip Reginald Egerton, of the Sudan Railways, but he seems to be only a very distant cousin of the P.R.E., whose memory and example we hold so dear.

Darke, I am nearly certain, I have seen in Cairo, but I have had no chance of meeting him. Granville, I remember well, but have not met yet. The other ones I have never yet met, but hope to. Lascelles, with the Worcesters, however, has gone to the war. I do envy him, and find it very hard to be standing aside while my regiment is in the thick of it. Almost everyone of my friends has been killed or wounded, some of the real good, true friends too. . . .

At present I am doing duty at Halfa, censoring telegrams. There are three of us doing it and we do eight hours each every day, the office being open day and night always. We had a chaplain down from Khartoum last Sunday week, and I was able to go to early service and evensong, of which I was very glad. Here, there are no chaplains.

Floreat Bloxham!

Yours ever,

HAWARDEN.

Weymouth, December 6th, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I see in the last number of THE BLOXHAMIST that the Debating Society has been revived. I wonder whether this revival has resulted in the unearthing of the old minute-books? If so, the record of a debate held in the Christmas term of 1904, or perhaps a little later, may be of interest to your readers. If the minute-books have vanished, the files of THE BLOXHAMIST still remain extant.

About ten years ago, when I was either Secretary or Vice-President of the Debating Society, I proposed the motion: "That, in the opinion of this House, war with Germany is inevitable within the next ten years." If I remember rightly, I was one of a minority of two when the House divided, my sole supporter being a boy named Chevallier.

And now ———— !

Yours sincerely, A. P. WHITE.

P.S.—When will our frail human nature be able to forego the delight of saying "I told you so"?

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