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EDITORIAL.

Y[^]LTROUGH the year 1915 is now a month old, we must preface our introductory remarks by wishing- all prosperity to our readers. And among them two come very prominently before our mind—namely, our late Headmaster and our new Headmaster. To both of them we extend our greeting and heartfelt wishes for their happiness and prosperity during this year—a year which will be long remembered by all of us simply on account of the changes which are taking place in this little world of ours at Bloxham, not to mention the far greater changes in the great world outside. It may be remembered that we promised in a previous number to publish an article recording Mr. Ward's period of service as Headmaster. The Provost had undertaken to write it, but unfortunately he has been laid up with an attack of influenza, and now that he is

convalescent he has received orders to hold himself in readiness to go to France or elsewhere with the battalion, of which he is chaplain. Consequently the article remains unwritten, and we hope that our readers will accept this explanation as an excuse for its non-appearance. We feel incompetent to do justice to the subject ourselves, and probably most of our readers are sufficiently well acquainted with the work of the School under Mr. - Ward's guidance to be able to appreciate the services he has rendered. During his time at Bloxham the Gymnasium and Fives' Courts have been built. It has not been possible for him to carry out the whole of his scheme for additional buildings, and the Swimming Bath remains to be taken in hand as soon as sufficient funds are available.

Old Bloxhamists of the period will always cherish pleasant memories of the Head, and those whom circumstances compelled him to correct with rigour can never say that the punishment he administered was unjust or undeserved. He felt very keenly the responsibility of his position, and as occasion demanded he carried out the duties of his office with supreme tact, not unmixed with great personal kindness to those with whom he was dealing. It will always be the pride of Bloxhamists that the School has had in Mr. Ward a type of schoolmaster not frequently to be found in former ages, one who took a real interest, not only in the mental development of those entrusted to his care, but also in their spiritual and moral

welfare as well. The hard, severe, unsympathetic schoolmaster has almost, if not quite, disappeared from the ranks of the scholastic profession, and given place to a very different type; and we can honestly claim that Mr. Ward was as good an example of the new type as anyone could wish to meet.

To the Rev. R. M. Grier we beg to extend our loyal greeting. He is rapidly winning his way into the hearts of us all, and we feel assured that the future of the School will be safe in his hands.

This number contains reproductions of photographs of Mr. Ward and Mr. Grier, which will doubtless be of interest to our readers.

It is a great delight to have Mr. Shaw among us again. It will be remembered that he was here for a year or so, and left about eighteen months ago to take up work at St. Edward's School, Oxford. In the meantime he has been ordained, and is returning to take his place on the staff as classical master, and not, as formerly, as music-master. Mr. C. T. Blanshard, late Scholar of Queen's College, Oxford, and the Rev. C. E. Burgess, Hatfield Hall, Durham, have also joined the staff. The former gained First Class Honours in the Natural Science School, at Oxford, and has for some years been an army coach. The latter is an old Denstonian, and has recently returned from Australia, where he was Vice-Principal of the Theological College at Brisbane.

A record appears elsewhere of the death of Mr. J. T. R. Pastfield, who was killed in battle, on December 21. He was with us for one year only, and obtained a commission in the 5th Battalion Middlesex Regiment. So far as we know he was the first of the many connected with the School who have been in the firing line to be killed. We take this opportunity of offering our sincere condolences to his family.

We regret to say that Colr.-Serjt. Grinter has been compelled by ill-health to absent himself from his duties in the gymnasium and on the parade ground. He will be away all the term

undergoing medical treatment at a home in Norfolk. May he soon recover and be fit to resume his work.

SCHOOL NEWS.

THE following programme of music was given in Chapel on Sunday afternoon, December 13 :—

1. Organ—"Song without Words" (in E Minor) Mendelssohn
2. Song—"By the Waters of Babylon".....A. Dvorak
3. Violin and Organ
4. Organ—"The Answer".....Wolstenholme
5. Carols—No. 2—"Blessed be thou Maid Marie."
No. 5—"Come, listen to my story."
No. 25—"Unto us is born a Son."
6. Organ—"Barcarolle".....Offenbach
7. Hymn 38 with "Faux Bourdon."
8. Song with Chorus—"Nazareth".....Gounod
9. Carol No. 10—"Good King Wenceslas."
10. Organ—"Marche Militaire".....Schubert

THE following have left:—R. L. Harris—Form VI., Senior Prefect, Lance-Corporal in O.T.O., colours for footballist XL, senior colours for gymnasium. H. C. Brooks—Form V., junior colours for gymnasium. j. H. Burbank—Form IV. H. H. L. Hunt—Form IV. J. E. Philbrick—Form IV.

THE following new boys have arrived:—Form IV., J. R. Bolton. Form III.—E. C. Butler, C. A. Farebrother. Form II.—B. L. Phelps. Form I.—A. Brown, C. H. Egerton.

R. M. COOMBES has been appointed Senior Prefect, and Hill has been promoted to be a prefect.

FOOTBALL.—The Dormitory Match was played at the very end of last term, and resulted in an easy victory for Dormitories I. and III., the goals being 10—0.

HOCKEY.—It has been possible to arrange only two matches at present for this term, both with Magdalene College School, Oxford. The first match will be played at Bloxham, on February 20, and the other at Oxford, on March 20.

CAPT. CHILD and Lieut. Allen have been spending the Christmas holidays at Portsmouth, assisting in the work of training officers for the new army.

O.B. NEWS.

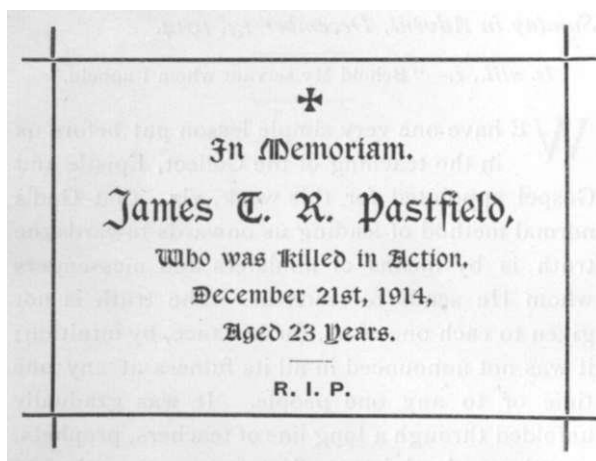
ORDINATION.—On Sunday, December 20, by the Archbishop of York, in the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, York, Rice Alford Evelyn Harris, B.A., to the Priesthood.

H. C. READER (1899-1903) is serving in the Anti-Aircraft Detachment of the R.G.A. at Walker-on-Tyne.

LETTERS have been received from K. A. Mackenzie (1903-10), and H.J. P. Burry (1910-11), who are in France, the former serving in the A.S.C., and the latter in the Wiltshire Regiment. He appears to have had an exciting time in the trenches.

St. J. M. YOUNG (1900-5) is a prisoner at Gustrów, in Mecklenburg, having been captured with six others of the London Scottish on All Saints Day.

Several Old Bloxhamists have been in the thick of the fighting, but we have not heard of any casualties among them.



Mr. Pastfield was the second son of Mr. J. R. Pastfield, of Exeter, and was born on December 18, 1891. He was educated at Exeter School and Keble College, Oxford, taking his B.A. degree in 1913. He joined the staff at Bloxham in September of the same year. On the outbreak of war he applied for a commission and was eventually gazetted to the Middlesex Regiment, with which he went to the front early in December. The

following account is given by soldiers wounded in the same action—"We left Hazebrouck on the morning of the 21st in motor busses, and went to La Basse. From there we marched three or four miles to some cross roads and entered some fields. About six o'clock in the evening we were ordered to take some trenches. Our captain had been wounded and we were hesitating, looking round for our officers, and Lieut. Pastfield and his young friend, Lieut. Wainwright, said, 'Come on, lads, we'll lead you.' They did so, and shortly after both were struck. Lieut. Wainwright fell, badly wounded. Lieut. Pastfield went on, and after some murderous fighting we took the trench. The Germans got into another position about 15 yards away. Soon after this Mr. Pastfield began to feel faint from his wound, and a Lance-Corporal begged him to go to hospital, but he said, 'I must go first and see if Lieut. Wainwright is all right.' He went out, and reeling and staggering from loss of blood, he proved an easy target, being shot through the head."

O.B. SOCIETY.

THE following have recently joined the society:—G. Melville Smith (1883-6), R. L. Harris (1911-14).

PRESENTATION TO THE HEADMASTER.

AT the end of the concert on Monday, December 14th, a beautiful rose bowl was presented to the Headmaster and Mrs. Ward by the School, and at the same time the Staff gave them a set of four very handsome silver candlesticks. The Chaplain was deputed to ask the Headmaster and Mrs. Ward to accept the gifts, which he did in a short speech, saying that although he was frequently called upon to do difficult things, which sometimes proved unpleasant as well, yet the difficulty of his present task was quite overshadowed by the pleasure it gave him to be the spokesman of the School on this occasion. His task was a double one; first, to express the regrets which every boy in the

School must feel at the departure of the Headmaster, and to assure him of their united good wishes for his happiness and prosperity in his new work at Hilgay, and as a token of their respect and love to ask him to accept the rose bowl for which the boys had subscribed. The second part of his task was to ask permission for the members of the Staff (past and present), to associate themselves with the School on this occasion in making their presentation of the candlesticks, as a token of their respect and of their gratitude to the Headmaster, for his unfailing kindness and consideration to those under him.

The Senior Prefect (R. L. Harris), on behalf of the School, then presented the rose bowl, and Mr. Child and Mr. Nuthall the candlesticks. Three cheers were called for by Harris, which were given with musical honours.

The Headmaster, on rising to respond, was greeted with great applause. He said that he was leaving Bloxham and would take away with him many happy memories. He knew it would be a great wrench, but the boys had made the parting very much easier than it might have been, for they had done their part loyally and well to make the working of the School easy. It was a great joy to him to be able to leave the School in such good condition and to know that it would be carried on by such an able successor as Mr. Grier, for whose appointment he was more thankful than words could express. Under his guidance the School should go ahead and increase considerably in numbers, and he knew that the new Headmaster would have the support of the Staff. He said he wished to take the opportunity of expressing his gratitude to two or three members of the staff in particular, and first of all to Mr. Wilson, who had never failed to support him and help him in carrying out his schemes for the better management of the domestic arrangements. Next was the Chaplain, whose outward activity was expressive of the influence for good which his unseen work had on the School. Also he wished to bear witness to Mr. Child's tremendous power, as an organiser, and worker

and disciplinarian. To his genius and energy was due the wonderful effect which the O.T.C. had had on the School, and he thanked the other members of the Staff for the assistance they had rendered during the past term in supplying the places of those of whom the war had deprived them. He also expressed his indebtedness to the School servants, upon whose labours behind the scenes so much depended. As to the general tone of the School he thought he was leaving it with a standard of morality higher than he had ever known. He had a loyal and conscientious set of prefects and the work of the School on the whole was most satisfactory. In thanking the boys for their present to himself and Mrs. Ward, he said he would miss them very much and would often think of them and wonder how each one was turning out.

SERMON.

The following is the substance of the Sermon preached by the Rev. G. H. Ward on the Third Sunday in Advent, December I J, 1914.

Is. xlii., 1.—"Behold My servant whom I uphold."

WE have one very simple lesson put before us in the teaching of the Collect, Epistle and Gospel appointed for this week, viz., that God's normal method of leading us onwards towards the truth is by means of ministers and messengers whom He sends to teach us. The truth is not given to each one of us, for instance, by intuition; it was not announced in all its fulness at any one time or to any one people. It was gradually unfolded through a long line of teachers, prophets, apostles and ministers, first to a nation, then to all people. We can trace the development of the truth among God's chosen people of Israel; we can see how they first grasped the great truth, which, as a nation, they have impressed upon the religions of the world, that God was one God, the Creator and Ruler of the universe. We can follow the development of their religion as it became more and more clear to them that God was a moral being, that He loved the good and

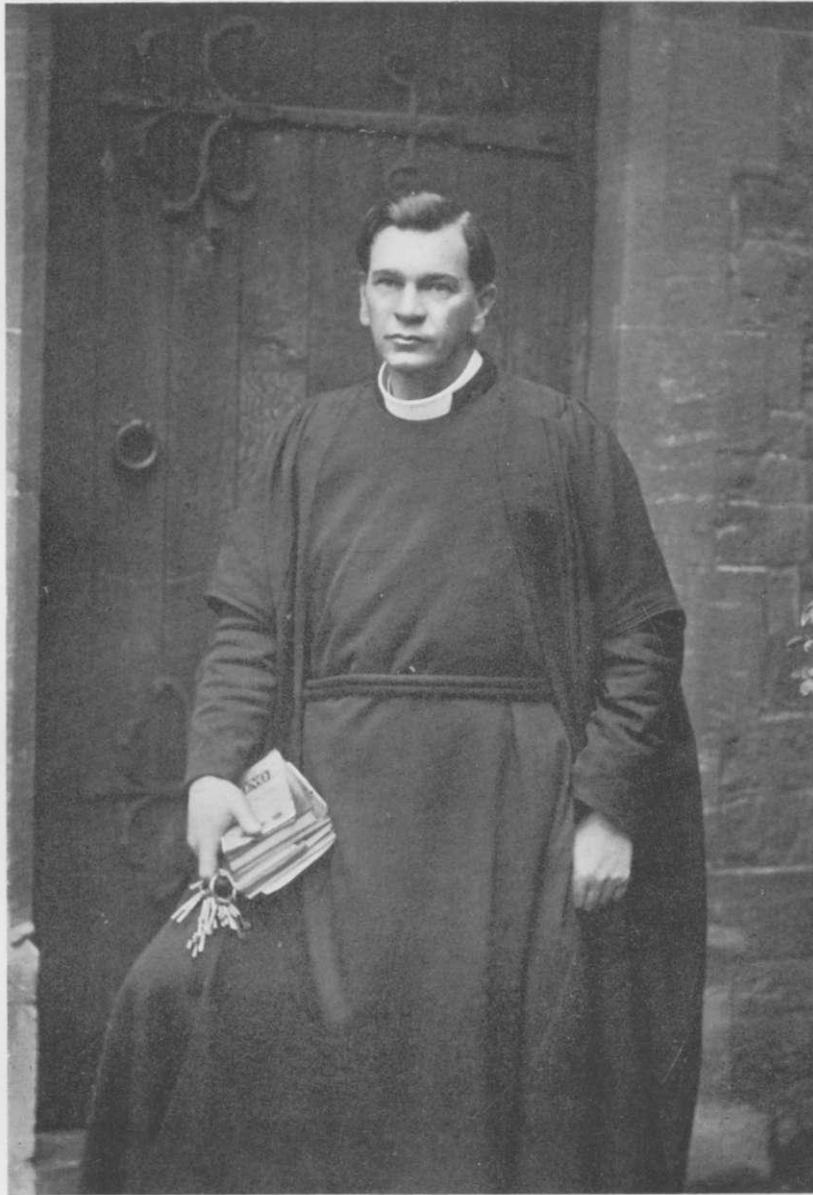


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REV. G. H. WARD.

(Headmaster, 1899—1914.)



Photo by Vandyck.

REV. R. M. GRIER.

hated the evil, that right and wrong were essential features of all real service of Him ; and then we see the gradual deepening of the spiritual character of religion until it reaches its consummation in the teaching of our Lord, where humility is above power and mercy, higher than justice. The unfolding of the truth is, for all of us, to be a gradual process and we are to look for it through the teaching of God's accredited ministers and messengers. We say in the Collect for this week " O Lord Jesu Christ, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee, grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way," and in the Epistle we read " Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God," and in the Gospel " Behold I send My messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." Clearly we are, each one of us, in shaping our lives and forming our conceptions of the truth, to give great weight first of all to the teaching of those ministers under whom God has placed us individually. Remember that the prophets often did not see all the greatness of the truth they declared ; many a prophecy, clearly fulfilled in our Lord's life and work, seemed at first to have a mere local and limited application. Teachers direct us; we must find out the full meaning of the truths they teach for ourselves, in our own lives, by our own experience. Even St. John the Baptist had only a dim vision of the great truth he taught. " Art Thou He that should come " he asks, " or do we look for another ? " The messages come in varying degrees and varying forms, God suits them to times, to nations, to individuals. Each one must ask for himself, what message is God sending me ? What truth am I to learn from the ministers He has sent to teach me ? And for all of you here the lesson surely is clear; the message for you is the message that Bloxham stands for the great truth that Catholic tradition is the safest of all guides in life, that the way we are to walk is the way the saints have trod ; that if we are to reach the highest

good possible for each one of us we are not to say, Does this seem reasonable ? Is that helpful ? Does this appeal to me ? But we are to say, Is this what the Saints of God in His holy Church have held and taught and practised ? " The path of the just is a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

" Brothers we are treading
Where the Saints have trod."

There is one feature of the message gradually unfolded by the teachers and prophets of Israel that persistently escaped the notice of those to whom they spoke and wrote. Men had learnt from them to expect and long for One who was to come, the promised Messiah and Saviour, but almost universally their hopes were fixed on a victorious leader, a triumphant king, who was to conquer and rule the world. Passages like that in our text " Behold My servant whom I uphold," and many similar ones pointing to a suffering Christ, were overlooked or explained away. They had yet to learn the lesson which our Lord taught us in His life and words, that the most perfect humanity is to be found not in power but in service. He came " not to be ministered unto, but to minister." He " took upon Him the form of a servant," and we are to be as He was—" the disciple is not above his Master, but everyone that is perfect shall be as his master." Let us take that overlooked message, which our Lord sets so vividly before us, as another simple lesson for to-day, the dignity and beauty of a life of service and sacrifice. Christianity is for us all a call to service, service in the home, service of the country, service in the Church, service of mankind, this is the first step for everyone who would be " as his Master." Think of the faithful servant, how watchful for his master's wishes, how quick to forestall his needs, his time always at his master's disposal ; loyalty, faithfulness, meekness, patience, always prominent in his character. Here is a standard to set before ourselves in the service of our Master. How near do we come to it ? You are soon going home for the holidays, days of pleasure and happiness,

I hope, for all of you, but remember the message. You are sent to serve, not to get all the happiness and pleasure that you can, but to give them. Remember that all service is Christlike, every act of service is a development of the Christ-life in you. Value too the services of others who minister to you, be grateful and appreciative, try and see how Christlike all such service makes them, and remember our Lord's words, "Blessed is the servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

And in conclusion I would ask your prayers for myself, that in the new work to which I have been called, I may myself be able to put into practice the lessons I have been trying to leave with you this morning. I would ask you to pray that I may be able above all to commend the Catholic Faith and practice to those amongst whom I am to minister, that I may be able to persuade them to learn by experience, as many of you have learnt, what blessings it contains for us all. As the Psalmist says, "O taste and see how gracious the Lord is." And secondly I would ask you to pray that I may learn that lesson which anyone who has been a headmaster for sixteen years must surely need, that I am no longer called primarily to rule but to serve, and to make myself as far as by God's grace I can, "the servant of all." May God bless you and uphold you and keep you in His love and make you His faithful soldiers and servants unto your life's end.

REQUIEM FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

^~^N Monday, December 14th, at 10 a.m., the

Holy Eucharist was solemnly celebrated with special intention for the repose of the souls of our soldiers and sailors who have been killed in the war. The service was precisely the same as that now usually held on All Souls' Day, and was attended by several visitors from the neighbourhood, who appreciated having the opportunity of joining with us in performing the last Christian duty to our countrymen. One of them wrote a few days later—"We had been looking forward

to the fulfilment of the invitation to the School Chapel, especially those of us who have lost relatives and friends in the great combat. And after our experience of the gorgeous Eucharist at the English Church Union Festival last summer, we felt sure that an equally solemn and uplifting Mass for the Dead in this winter of our anxiety and sorrow, would be well worth the journey. Nor were any of us disappointed. All the aspirations and the glory of this splendid service were summed up in the verse—

" Christ, enthroned in highest heaven,
Hear us crying from the deep,
For the faithful ones departed,
For the souls of all that sleep ;
As Thy kneeling Church entreateth,
Hearken, Shepherd of the sheep.

" On behalf of all those present, I should like to record our gratitude and appreciation. It has come to my knowledge that there are many others who would like an occasional invitation to the Sung Eucharist at Bloxham School.—H.M."

The service began with the introit, "Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord ; and may light perpetual shine upon them," which was sung to the ancient plainsong as arranged by the Rev. J. B. Croft in "The Plainsong of the Holy Communion." It is difficult to describe the marvellous pathos of this setting, which has come down to us through the centuries and at once puts one into the right frame of mind for the work of pleading the Sacrifice of the death of Christ for souls of the faithful departed. It brings home to one the great truth of the Communion of Saints in a wonderful manner ; and no one can be present at such a service, so reverently rendered, without being deeply impressed. We frequently come into touch with two popular ideas, both of which seem to miss the truth as to the state of the departed ; one regards death as the end of personal existence, the other makes death the instantaneous passing of a soul from a state of imperfection to one of perfection and glory. But the Christian Church has always taught that

death is indeed the *end* of a state of *trial*, but only the *beginning* of a state of gradual purification from the stains of sin. A Requiem Eucharist, such as we had on December 14th, and have had on previous occasions, brings out, as nothing else can, the true relationship between Church militant and Church expectant. It emphasises the solemnity of death and the hope of a speedy purification and blessed resurrection to eternal life.

CONCERT.

" ' I "HE best sing-song we have had for a long time." This was the general verdict on the concert at the end of last term. A new departure was made in the singing of the National Anthem at the beginning of the programme instead of at the end, and we venture to express the opinion that it is far better to have it so. We were delighted to see so many performers who put in an appearance on the platform for the first time, and we congratulate them on their several performances, which promise well for the future. The programme seemed a long one, and was most excellently arranged by Mr. Allen, whose energy in making the entertainment a great success is beyond our power of expression. After the National Anthem had been sung we were informed that a three-cornered contest would take place between Lyle, Coombes and the piano. This was followed by a song from Mr. Child, ; rendered in his usual hearty style, the chorus being taken up cheerily by the assembled multitude. Then came an amusing little recitation by Harris, concerning a certain half-hundredweight of coals. It was his first appearance, and we much regret that we shall not have the pleasure of hearing him again. He should cultivate his art, for he shows undoubted ability in this department of entertainment. Next came the Chaplain with "Twanky-dillo," a quaint little folk-song with a chorus which always catches on. Hunt treated us to a charming violin solo, very creditably executed. Mr. Allen repeated one of his popular coon songs with an echo and chorus. The echo in this instance was Williams, who did his part

excellently, singing from the other end of the room. It was his first performance, and we hope his voice will not break too soon, for we all want to hear him again. Rowland sang the old familiar "Tarpaulin Jacket," and acquitted himself admirably; his pronunciation of the words is quite good, and when he is older his voice should be very useful. Williams was evidently a trifle nervous when alone on the platform, but he sang "O no John," very well. Then Lyle had another contest with the piano, single-handed this time; we were told that the music was to have taken part, but it was barred! However, he succeeded in making the piano produce a very cheering melody, called "Scherzino." Mr. Allen's song, "The Dream" (an original composition, with a chorus, which we print elsewhere) evoked loud applause, but he refused to repeat it as he had woken up. Bonnewell gave us a pleasant surprise on his first appearance as a song-singer. In time he ought to produce big things from his big lungs. At any rate his first performance, "The Poacher," was quite good and was well received. Mr. Child followed with "Father O'Flynn," a song which Bloxhamists of former generations always expected to hear at School concerts whenever the Founder was present. Mr. Child is not a whit behind the Founder in the rendering of it. Hunt gave us another violin solo, and then Rowland and a special chorus sang "Widdicombe Fair." The old favourite west country folk-song was much improved by the special chorus, the individual members of which represented the characters whose names recur in the refrain; Bonnewell as 'Arry 'Awke, was particularly good. Another original song, also printed in this number, was sung by Mr. Child, and greeted with wild applause. In announcing the song, Mr. Allen told us that the words were by accident, but we feel safe in assuming that he himself was responsible for them. At any rate they are too good to be lost, and so we hand them down to posterity.

The remaining items on the programme were a duet by Mr. Allen and Williams, a new version of "Excelsior" with the expressions "I don't

see why," and "Will you shut up now, please," cleverly worked in ; and the song, "Go to Sea," by the Chaplain, the chorus of which seems to have caught on, judging from the heartiness with which it was sung. This brought the concert to an end. We wish, in conclusion, to express the School's gratitude to all the performers, and particularly to Mr. Allen, whose energy and unfailing fund of humour contributed so much to our enjoyment. We greatly hope that future sing-songs may come up to the pitch of excellence which was undoubtedly attained on this memorable evening. The following was the programme :—

1. The National Anthem.
2. Piano Duet—"Under the Linden Tree" Coombes and Lyle
3. Song—"Route Marching-" Mr. Child
4. Recitation—"The Half-Hundred" Harris
5. Song—"Twanky dillo" ... The Chaplain
6. Violin Solo—"Gipsy Serenade" Hunt
7. Song—"I used to sigh" ... Mr. Allen and Williams
8. Song—"Tarpaulin Jacket" ... Rowland
9. Song—"O No John" ... Williams
10. Piano Solo—"Scherzino" ... Lyle
11. Song—"The Dream" .. Mr. Allen
12. Song—"The Poacher" ... Bonnewell
13. Song—"Father O'Flynn" Mr. Child
14. Violin Solo—"Alia Turka" ... Hunt
15. Song—"Widdicombe Fair" Rowland and Special Chorus
16. Song—"Rumours" Mr. Child
17. Song—"Will you shut up now, please" Mr. Allen and Williams
18. Song—"Go to Sea" The Chaplain

THE DREAM.

1VTOW listen to me, and I'll tell you a tale

Of a horrible dream I had ;
 I dreamt I'd gone to the War Office,
 And Kitchener said : " My lad !
 I hear the Corps at BLOXHAM SCHOOL,
 Is the best around for miles ;
 Just leave the War, and take the Corps
 To camp in the South Sea Isles."

Chorus—

Then the serjeant, he cried " 'tion,"
 O, mother ! the fun's begun— [your boot,
 You must never salute with your head in
 Nor laugh when the captain smiles ;

Now move to the right in elevens,
 And form sixes and sevens,
 For you're off to-day, knees up all the way,
 To camp in the South Sea Isles.

We started away at the break of day,
 With Serjeant Coombes in front ;
 His rifle lock wrapped up in a sock,
 He'd borrowed that day from " Bunt."
 The N.C.O.'s wore horrible clothes,
 Of purple, and green, and red ;
 And the buglers blew for a note or two,
 And then they danced instead.

Chorus.

So on we went, till we'd passed through Kent,
 And came to the channel shores ;
 But the sea to leap was formed too deep,
 So we crossed it on all fours ;
 We did our best, and crawled out west,
 And just reached Beachy Head—
 When the sea turned pink, we began to sink—
 And I woke up in my bed.

Chorus.

RUMOURS.

XI OWsince thewar started, I'venoticedeachday,
 Some freshfunny thing that the "Rumourists"
 say.
 Singing "Toddle oddle oddle chip chap chi
 chooral ri lay."
 Singing "Toddle oddle oddle chip chap chi
 chooral ri lay."

At first 'twas the Russians were seen very plain,
 One million or so came through England by train.
 Singing, etc., etc.

I know they were Russians great burly big chaps,
 For though 'twas in August, they'd snow on their
 caps.
 Singing, etc., etc.

The next was the Germans by Zeppelins would
 land
 Ten men at a time, to invade old England.
 Singing, etc., etc.

Then, I'm told, that the Germans to Calais have sent	Ernest Maltravers	<i>Lord Lytton</i>
A gun that will knock Dover right out of Kent.	The Last Days of Pompeii ...	„
Singing, etc., etc.	Night and Morning	„
Some say that the Kaiser to the moon will soon run,	Zanoni	„
Because he cannot get his " Place in the Sun."	Falkland. Zieci	„
Singing, etc., etc.	Kenelm Chillingly... ..	„
Where these rumours originate I'm at a loss,	Godolphin	„
But those who believe them should wear the "Iron Cross."	Eugene Aram	„
Singing, etc., etc.	The Pilgrims of the Rhine ...	„
If these rumours go on, we shall hear very soon	Lucretia	„
That " Snape's" in command of the Bloxham Platoon.	The Cantons	„
Singing, etc., etc.	The Elements of Drawing ...	<i>John Ruskin</i>
Then we shall be told, if we have any luck,	The Art of England	„
That the Chaplain's white pigeons have hatched out a duck.	The Poetry of Architecture ...	„
Singing, etc., etc.	Essay on Literature and Letters...	„
Now here is a " Rumour," on which you can depend,	Selections from the Writings of John Ruskin (2 vols.)... ..	„
And that is, this song has now come to an end.	Letters to a College Friend ...	„
Singing, etc., etc.	Letters to the Clergy	„
	The Harbours of England	„
	Poetical Works (6 vols.)	<i>Lord Tennyson</i>
	The Vision ; or Hell, Purgatory and Paradise Dante, trans, by Rev. H. F. Cary	
	Greek Testament (4 vols.)... ..	<i>Henry Alford</i>
	Jeremiah : His Life and Times ...	<i>T. K. Cheyne</i>
	Introduction to the Book of Isaiah	„
	The One-vol. Bible Commentary J. R. Dummellow	
	Divine Immanence... ..	<i>J.R. Illingworth</i>
	Christian Ethics	<i>T. B. Strong</i>
	The Apostolic Fathers	<i>Bishop Lightfoot</i>
	Aspects of the Old Testament ...	<i>R. L. Ottley</i>
	The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture	<i>W. E. Gladstone</i>
	A New History of the Book of Common Prayer F. Proctor and W. H. Frere	
	Ancient Egypt and Assyria ...	<i>G. Maspero</i>
	Manual of Egyptian Archaeology	„
	The Dawn of Civilization—Egypt and Chaldea	„
	The Struggle of Nations—Egypt, Syria, and Assyria	„
	Gothic Architecture.	<i>Pugin</i>
	Sea-Fishing (Badminton Library)	
	Cycling	„
	Coursing and Falconry	„
	Shooting—Field and Covert	„
	Shooting—Moor and Marsh	„

LIBRARY.

J[^]JNDER the will of the late Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, D.D., we have received the following books as a bequest to the School. Dr. Atkinson was an Assistant Master at Bloxham (1879), and died about two years ago. The books will be labelled "Dr. Atkinson's Bequest," and will, so far as possible, be kept together.

My Novel (3 vols.) *Lord Lytton*

Devereux

Rienzi

Pelham

Harold.

Alice

What will he do with it ? (2 vols)

A Strange Story ...

Paul Clifford

Leila. Calderon. Pausanias

The Disowned

The Parisians (2 vols.)

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.
BIDLAKE, H. C. K.	1912-14	2nd Lieut.	2nd Batt. Wiltshire Regt.
BURRY, H. J. P.	1910-11	Private	
EGERTON, H. W.	1886-92	2nd Lieut.	Inspector of Mechanical Transport
FIELDER, GERALD ...	1906-08	Trooper	Berks. Yeomanry
FIELDER, GROVE	1905-08	Trooper	Hants. Yeomanry
FFRENCH, N. G.	1908-11		5th Batt. Rifle Brigade
*GEPP, A. W.	1908-11	Private	Royal West Kent Regt. (Queen's Own
*GEPP, F. G.	1910-13	Private	Royal West Kent Regt. (Queen's Own
HARRIS, M. W.	1902-5	Private	31st Batt. Canadian Infantry
HARRIS, R. W.	1906-9	2nd Lieut.	4th Batt. West Yorks Regt.
MACKENZIE, K. A. ...	1903-10	Private	Army Service Corps
MILES, H. G. MASSY ...	1900-03	Lieut.	R.A.M.C.
PERCIVAL, A. S. F. ...	1907-10	Private	Public School Brigade
PERCIVAL, G. J. F.	1806-08	Private	Winchester Rifle Brigade
READER, H. C.	1899-03	Lieut.	Royal Garrison Artillery

ROYAL NAVY.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	SERVICE.
*BENNETT, T. W.	1904-11	Petty Officer	Naval Airship Service

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries :—*The Lancing-College Magazine, The Framlinghamian, The Chelmsfordian, The Lily, The St. Edward's School Chronicle, The Pauline, The Brackleyian, The Abingdonian, The S.S.M. Quarterly Paper.*

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EDITORIAL.

WHEN we began to write our Editorial we * " feared that this number of THE BLOXHAMIST would be rather less interesting than usual, and we made the complaint, so often made before, of lack of copy. Now, however, we have received a number of extracts from letters written by 2nd Lieut. W. W. Ward, which we print elsewhere, and we feel certain that they will not fail to interest our readers.

School news is scarce, owing partly to the weather we have been experiencing, and partly to the unwonted amount of sickness which has been prevalent among us. The ground has been in such a state of solution that very little hockey has been played, and only one of the few matches which had been arranged has been played. And even when hockey has been possible the number of players has been small on account of the influenza colds which have been going the round of the School.

This state of affairs has enabled us to have another Fives Tournament. We venture to think that this excellent game is not played as much as it might be; there exists a very fair number of enthusiasts who persevere in their efforts to become adepts at the game, but we should like to see a greater number taking part. Fives is certainly a splendid game if one has only a limited time to devote to physical exercise; the constant and varied movement is an admirable specific for those inclined to be——and we recommend the game also to those who suffer from chilblains.

Early in the term a chess club was started, and the game has certainly become popular; how long its popularity will continue remains to be seen. We remember some years ago that great keenness was manifested in stamp collecting, some ardent philatelists (the smaller fry) even taking the trouble to cut out reproductions of stamps from dealers' catalogues and paste them into disused note-books. We do not mean by this reminiscence to cast any aspersion on the newly-formed chess club and its members. Indeed we cannot imagine that "The Noble Game" could come to an untimely end. We welcome the arrival of so intellectual a pursuit and hope it will have a long life amongst us.

Preparations for the sports are proceeding. Doubtless some surprises await us on Easter

Monday; a two years' interval produces considerable change in the athletic ability of anyone, and more especially in the case of a growing boy. Let us hope for a fine day for the event.

Unless greater interest is taken in the Debating Society, that august institution will rapidly return to the moribund condition from which it was rescued last term. We expressed the hope then that it would be thoroughly revived and set upon its legs, and do its duty in cultivating the oratorical powers of the present generation. Can it be that there are no such powers amongst us? Out on the suggestion! But seriously, it would be a most lamentable calamity if the debates really ceased; their educational value is very great and serious subjects need not always be chosen for discussion.

A fearful and wonderful erection, calculated to inspire awe in the bravest, has made its appearance in the far corner of the cricket field. At first we were filled with alarm, for it looked as if a number of executions by hanging were about to take place. Our fears were allayed by the assurance that the authorities had engaged a band to fill up the intervals during the sports, and this was the band stand. This statement, however, proved incorrect, and with many apologies for his error, our informant said he had learnt that swings were being provided for boys belonging to Dormitory No. IV. We have since learnt on unimpeachable authority that the structure in question is intended for the purpose of hanging (so our first idea was not altogether wrong!) dummies on which cadets may make violent assaults with bayonets. Some exercises in the art of bayonet fighting have indeed been in progress for some time past in the gymnasium, and now that the elementary points have been mastered, the instruction is to be continued out-of-doors. Moreover something approaching the real thing is also about to be taken in hand, and a marvellous protective equipment for the combatants' personal safety has been procured.

As we were about to go to press we have learnt with deepest regret of the death of Bishop

Richardson, and we are postponing the issue of this number in order to print some account of one who as a master was known to Bloxhamists of a former generation, is held in honour by many of the present generation, and was well-known by Churchmen generally as a most perfect example of what a Christian gentleman and Catholic Bishop should be. How true is the sentiment expressed in the words of our motto—*Justorum semi/a lux splendens*.

SCHOOL NEWS.

IT has been proposed to start a Natural History Society, and Messrs. Burgess and Blanchard are willing to undertake the conduct of it; the one for zoology, the other for botany. The Headmaster has kindly offered a prize for the best collection made in the neighbourhood during the summer term.

MR. J. R. PASTFIELD has kindly given to the O.T.C. the signalling apparatus which belonged to his son.

A very successful sing-song took place on Shrove Tuesday, under the excellent management of Mr. Allen. It was a great pleasure to see Mr. Shaw at the piano once more, and to listen to the marvellous music he produced. Mr. Burgess is also a great acquisition on the platform; his two songs were vastly entertaining, and received well-deserved applause. Mr. Blanchard contributed an amusing recitation. Lyle, in addition to his untiring exertions as accompanist, volunteered to sing, and did so with great credit to himself. We must also say a word in praise of Rowland's rendering of "Sister Susie sewing shirts for Soldiers"; he did the infantile lisp to perfection. Williams' contributions were much appreciated, and Bonnewell gave a good account of himself. The remainder of the programme was supplied by performers with whose singing most of our readers are familiar, and of whom we are not likely to tire. We have got into the habit of expecting an original verse or two to be added to the popular songs, and we are not often

disappointed. The author is not always willing to allow his compositions to be published. The following was the programme :—

1. National Anthem
2. Piano Duet—" Scene de Ballet " ...Coombes and Lyle
3. Song—" Funiculi Funicula "

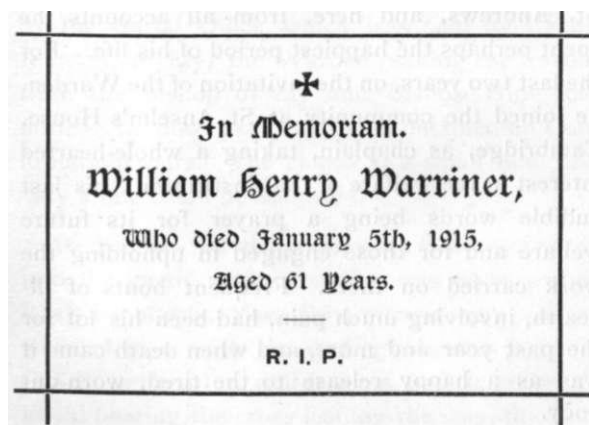
Bonnewell, Rowland and Chorus
4. Song—" Young Herchard " ...Mr. Child and Williams
5. Recitation—" The Heathen Chinees " ...Mr. Blanchard
6. Song—" The Battleships of England "..... Lyle
7. Song—" There's a Land ".....The Chaplain
8. Song—" The Admiral's Broom "..... Mr. Allen
9. Piano Solo—" A Russian Dance "..... Mr. Shaw
10. Song—" We didn't want to fight "..... Williams
11. Song—" The Baby on the Shore "..... Mr. Burgess
12. Song—" Sister Susie "..... Rowland
13. Song—" Go to Sea ".....The Chaplain
14. Song—" How are You ? "..... Bonnewell
15. Song—" Turmut Hoeing "..... Williams and Chorus
16. Song—" The Ragtime Soldier Man "..... Mr. Allen
17. Piano Solo—" Tarantelle "..... Mr. Shaw
18. Song—" The Village Pump "..... Mr. Burgess
19. Duet—" The Twins "..... Mr. Child and Mr. Allen
20. Song—" England's Battle Hymn "..... Mr. Child

O.B. NEWS.

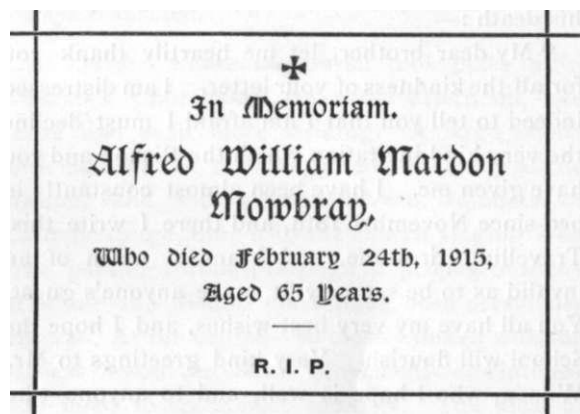
T H E Rev. S. E. L. Skelton, M.A. (Master 1887-91), late Vicar of Ashby-de-la-Launde, Lincoln, has been appointed Rector of Orlestone, Kent.

VISITORS.—January 30-31, V. Marsden-Jones (1906-11) ; February 22-27, A. German (1912-13); February 28, H. G. Hinnell (1905-8).

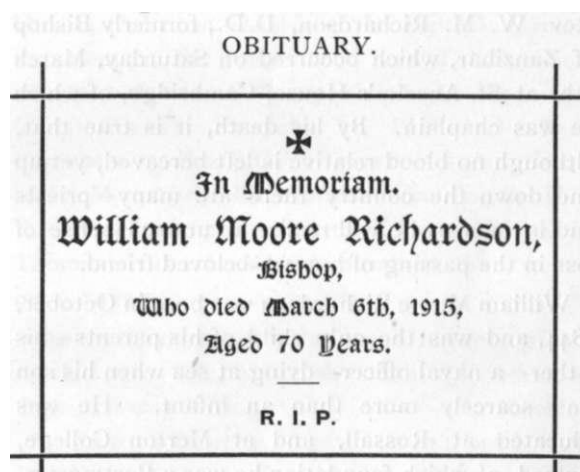
MARRIAGE.—On Tuesday, March 2, at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, W., by the Rev. Nevison Lorraine, Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, Arthur Sydney Waller (1897-9) of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, to Mary Guthrie, daughter of Sir George and Lady Truscott.



Many of our readers will remember Mr. Warriner, who up to a few years ago was a constant and familiar figure on our cricket ground in the capacity of umpire at matches played against local teams. His name is the 228th on the School Register, and he was at the School from 1867 till 1871. He was chairman of the Banbury Agricultural Association and Agricultural Correspondent to His Majesty's Government.



Mr. Mowbray was the son of the founder of the well-known firm of booksellers in Oxford. He was only at the School for a short period, 1863-4. He lived in Oxford, where he practised as an architect.



It is with great sorrow that we record the death of an old and good friend of the School, Bishop Richardson. He was second master from 1876 to 1879.

On the day of the funeral there was a Sung Requiem in the Chapel at 9 a.m., and later in the day the Chaplain, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Shaw, together with R. M. Coombes and D. S. Coleman, represented the School at the interment which took place at St. Thomas' Church, Oxford.

The following letter, in answer to an invitation to come to Bloxham for the Confirmation, was received from the Bishop about a month before his death :—

" My dear brother, let me heartily thank you for all the kindness of your letter. I am distressed indeed to tell you that I am afraid I must decline the very kind invitation which the Bishop and you have given me. I have been almost constantly in bed since November 18th, and there I write this. Travelling tires me, and I am so much of an invalid as to be scarcely fit to be anyone's guest. You all have my very best wishes, and I hope the School will flourish. Very kind greetings to Mr. Wilson, who I hope is well, and to anyone who may remember me. Spare me a prayer.

" Ever affectionately yours,

" W. M. RICHARDSON, Bp."

We reprint the following account of him from *The Church Times*:—

We regret to announce the death of the Right Rev. W. M. Richardson, D.D., formerly Bishop of Zanzibar, which occurred on Saturday, March 6th, at St. Anselm's House, Cambridge, of which he was chaplain. By his death, it is true that, although no blood relative is left bereaved, yet up and down the country there are many—priests and laymen—who will realize an unusual sense of loss in the passing of a much-beloved friend.

William Moore Richardson was born in October, 1844, and was the only child of his parents—his father—a naval officer—dying at sea when his son was scarcely more than an infant. He was educated at Rossall, and at Merton College, Oxford, of which foundation he was a Postmaster. He graduated in mathematical honours, and was ordained by Bishop Selwyn, of Lichfield, in 1869, with a title to Christ Church, Wolverhampton, where he was associated with the late Canon

Body. In 1876 he became second master of All Saints' School, Bloxham, a church school of nearly two hundred boys, founded by the late Philip Egerton, but he only remained there a couple of years. Schoolmastering was not his *metier*, though he had strong leanings towards it. He went back to his pastoral work at Dorchester (Oxon), until he was appointed to his college living at Wolvercote, and, later, by the same patrons, to that of Ponteland in Northumberland. Here it was that his last living relative—an aged aunt—died, and his thoughts, which had long been set that way, turned to the mission-field.

i At the same time a Bishop was wanted to fill the See of Zanzibar, which had long been vacant since the death of Bishop Smythies; and so it came about that he was consecrated for that diocese in St. Paul's Cathedral on St. Peter's Day, 1895. Although of robust health, he was of the same age as Bishop Smythies at the time of his death, and there were some who thought, not without reason, that a younger man should have been selected. As it turned out they were not far wrong, for the trying climate of East Africa, combined with the difficulties of a missionary jurisdiction, which had been without a head for a considerable time, and was passing through a period of no little difficulty, proved too much for his strength, and after five years he resigned and came home, not without leaving his mark upon the diocese. He subsequently became an Assistant Bishop in the Scottish Church, first to the late Bishop of Brechin, and afterwards to the late Bishop of St. Andrews, and here, from all accounts, he spent perhaps the happiest period of his life. For the last two years, on the invitation of the Warden, he joined the community at St. Anselm's House, Cambridge, as chaplain, taking a whole-hearted interest in the welfare of that institution; his last audible words being a prayer for its future welfare and for those engaged in upholding the work carried on there. Frequent bouts of ill-health, involving much pain, had been his lot for the past year and more, and when death came it was as a happy release to the tired, worn-out

I body.

We have recorded but the bare facts of a long life. Of the man himself it may be said that, while taking little part in the greater affairs of Church and State, he yet had an excellent judgment and was never in doubt as to his own line of conduct. He shrank from controversy, but in the earlier years of his ministry endured it with courage at the time of the Protestant riots at East Brent and Bristol, and later, about 1878, in the horrible agitation against members of the Society of the Holy Cross, to which Society he held with unswerving loyalty, though his name, with others, was posted in every village in Oxfordshire in the vilest terms. But what will always stand out in the forefront by those who knew him was his very lovable disposition and saintliness of character. The secret of the Lord was his, and so he lived, exercising a remarkable influence on individuals, particularly on young men, and whether it was schoolboy or undergraduate, railway guard or ploughman, soldier or sailor, aristocrat or plebeian, not one who came in touch with him failed to recognize his genuine piety, and to fall under the charm of a singularly beautiful personality.

A very unfamiliar sight was witnessed on Wednesday last, when both the University cities of Cambridge and Oxford, one may almost say, vied with each other in paying homage to, and showing respect for, the saintly Bishop as he was laid to rest. At St. Anselm's House there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, chorally rendered, at 9.45, at which the Rev. G. A. Weekes, Tutor of Sidney Sussex College, was celebrant, followed by the Burial Office, which was said by Canon Randolph, of Ely, the Warden reading the lesson. Both the Bishop of Ely and Bishop Hine had desired to take part, but were detained on Confirmation tours. The chapel is a small one, and only a few could be admitted.

At the close of the service the body was taken into the garth, where a station was made, and as it left Brookside, *Nunc Dimittis* was sung. On a wheeled bier, with six undergraduates (some in O.T.C. uniform) as pall-bearers, and an officer in khaki bearing the cross leading the way, the body

was borne to the station. The Warden of St. Anselm's, bearing the Bishop's mitre, and a number of old friends and members of the University, followed the bier. There was no worldly pomp, but the salutations which the procession received everywhere, from soldiers and civilians alike, was one more proof that the Christian religion, where it is really Christian, is nearly always recognized, and, where it is recognized, is always respected.

At Oxford, where the burial took place in St. Thomas's Churchyard the same afternoon, the scene was even more striking. A large choir, with numbers of the clergy, met the body at the station, and with all the solemn adjuncts of Catholic usage, bore it to the church singing *Dies Irae*, passing through throngs of people, to many of whom the Bishop must have been personally known. At the church—so closely linked with the earliest days of the Oxford Movement—the interior was filled to its utmost capacity. The Vicar of the Parish said the Office. The Bishop of Oxford, who read the Lesson, was placed in the chancel, as was also the Bishop of Brechin, Primus of the Scottish Church. Many familiar faces were seen on all sides, both of those of the University and of friends of the U.M.C.A. Among them were the Ven. Archdeacon Houblon, the Rev. Dr. James, President of St. John's, the Rev. Dr. Spooner, Warden of New College, Mr. A. C. Madan, of Christ Church, Sir John W. B. Riddell, Bart, (representing the E.C.U.), Canon Clayton, Vicar of St. Mary's, the Rev. Duncan Travers, the Rev. E. C. Henley, representatives of Pusey House, St. Thomas's Sisterhood and Bloxham School, and many others.

As at Cambridge, where the keynote of the service was "Praise to the Holiest," so here at Oxford it was "Glory be to Jesus"—the teaching of a devoted life thus summed-up in these hymns. Passing into the churchyard, the concluding prayers were said by the Rev. F. J. Brown, vicar of Steeple Aston, and the eventide hymn was sung; the sweet note of a thrush in the tree above the grave heralding the approaching spring, as it

were, with its joyful song of the Resurrection. The Bishop gave the blessing, and the vast concourse dispersed.

A NOTE.

"Ah, he was a real Father, he was," said a peasant woman, on being told that he had passed behind the Veil. She had received Confirmation at his hands. To assist at his Mass, to be present at any sacred function, when he presided, to see and hear him bless an aged man or a little child, reminded one of the Bishop of the Church in Cecilia's house, so finely delineated by Mr. Pater in *Marius the Epicurean*. "He (Marius) had never seen the pontifical character, as he conceived it—*sicut unguentum in capite descendens in oram vestimenti*—so fully realized, as in the expression, the voice and manner of action." With Bishop Richardson it was just the natural outwardness of a solemn and awful inwardness, of a tender devotion to the great Pastor Pastorum, in whose name and power his apostolic functions were fulfilled, and it reached directly, swiftly, sacramentally, the souls of those to whom he ministered. And then his beautiful and brotherly humility! "Will you hear my confession, my Lord?" said a priest; "Yes, dear brother, and will you hear mine?" One could never suggest, however indirectly, to him the dignity of the priestly and pontifical office without, so to say, finding him smiting his breast, with a *Domine non sum dignus* on his lips. And again, his constant anxiety to share the labour of others, above all on the Lord's Day; his horror of giving servants the trouble of bringing him hot water early in the morning; his delightful little devices for preventing his boots from being cleaned for him on Sundays. It all spelt love, the love of serving others, rather than of being served by them. With children his presence was that of a great warm sun, bright and comforting, but never scorching. "Please ask dear W——" so he wrote from his bed on February 15th, "to forgive me^ in these circumstances,"—the thirteenth week of almost constant bedfastness—"for not doing his little sums." The child was his frequent

correspondent, and they exchanged, from time to time, little arithmetical puzzles. Well, he left his blessed mark in one small village, doubtless in many more; and there will be not a few simple folk, the length and breadth of the land, who will say a *Paternoster* for his dear soul. "Give me a prayer," he was wont to write.—*Requiescat in pace*.

THE WAR.

WE believe the following list of old Bloxhamists who are at present in or near the fighting-line, is fairly complete. Doubtless there are others of whom we have not heard.

H. A. R. May (1872-9)
 St. J. A. Cox (1883-5)
 H. N. Cain (1910-13)
 H. J. P. Burry (1910-11)
 N. W. Bradshaw (1905-8)
 C. A. Brown (1904-5)
 T. E. Brown (1907-9)
 F. E. L. Riddle (1903-11)
 C. Brown (1909-11)
 E. A. Brown (1910-11)
 E. Townson (1904-7)
 T. R. Taylor (1902-6)
 E. W. Taylor (1902-6)
 K. A. Mackenzie (1903-10)
 C. T. Keble (1909-11)
 W. W. Ward (1905-6)
 A. E. Lascelles (1881-2)
 W. E. Hudleston (1884-9)
 E. G. Peacock (1908-11)
 G. V. Jones (1900-6)

Lt. Col. A. E. Lascelles (1881-2), 1st Batt. Worcestershire Regiment, and Major W. E. Hudleston (1884-9), R.A.M.C., were mentioned in Sir John French's dispatch, published on February 18th.

Lt. Col. St. J. A. Cox (1883-5), Royal Irish Regiment, who was mentioned in a previous dispatch, has been awarded a Companionship in the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Several Old Bloxhamists, who enlisted in the ranks, have recently obtained commissions;

among- them are T. Thomas (1908-9), 9th Batt. Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry; W. B. Compton-Hall (1911-14), 3rd Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment; C. G. M. Morris (1903-10); C. B. V. Hodgson (1909-11), 20th Batt. Manchester Regiment.

T. G. Bowler (1906-11) and J. S. Boissier (1904-8) have been promoted Lieutenants in their respective regiments.

M. E. S. Boissier (1895-8) has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, R.N.

The following extract from Sir John French's dispatch will be of interest to our readers, when they recollect that the officer in command of the Artists' Rifles, Lt. Col. H. A. R. May, is an Old Bloxhamist. There are other O.B's also in the Battalion. Col. May has been working with the Volunteer and Territorial Forces for many years, and we have no doubt that his enthusiasm and energy have brought his Battalion to that state of efficiency which has led Sir John French to make use of it in the way he describes :—

"I wish to add a word about the Officers Training Corps. The presence of the Artists' Rifles (28th Battalion, The London Regiment) with the Army in France enabled me also to test the value of this organisation.

"Having had some experience in peace of the working of the Officers Training Corps, I determined to turn the Artists' Rifles (which formed part of the Officers Training Corps in peace time) to its legitimate use. I therefore established the battalion as a Training Corps for Officers in the field.

"The cadets pass through a course, which includes some thoroughly practical training, as all cadets do a tour of 48 hours in the trenches, and afterwards write a report on what they see and notice. They also visit an observation post of a battery or group of batteries, and spend some hours there.

"A commandant has been appointed, and he arranges and supervises the work, sets schemes for practice, administers the school, delivers lectures, and reports on the candidates.

"The cadets are instructed in all branches of military training suitable for platoon commanders.

"Machine-gun tactics, a knowledge of which is so necessary for all junior officers, is a special feature of the course of instruction.

"When first started the school was able to turn out officers at the rate of 75 a month. This has since been increased to 100.

"Reports received from Divisional and Army Corps Commanders on officers who have been trained at the school are most satisfactory."

Several letters have arrived from Old Bloxhamists at the front. We print elsewhere an interesting letter from the Provost, who went out a few weeks ago and is doing Chaplain's work at one of the casualty clearing stations.

E. S. Bliss (1904-6), Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, writes on February 11th :—"I hoped to have called to see you when I had my three days' leave, but the time went so quickly. We have been right back from the fighting line for a time, resting. We came up again a week last Sunday and expect to go to the trenches in a day or two. I very often think of you all at School and wonder how you are getting on. It is very different being out here from being at Bloxham, but I mean to do my duty to my Country and School. The Browns are all with us still, but they are not in the same troop as I am. We have been practising a lot of night attacks and throwing hand-grenades since we have been up here. To-day we have been up close to the lines digging trenches, and we can hear a lot of very heavy gun and rifle fire to-night. We sleep in a loft over a cow-house, and we have all our horses under cover. It is getting quite warm in the day-time, but it is very cold at night."

H. J. Pullen-Burby (1910-11), 2nd Wiltshire Regiment, writing on January 21st, says :—"I have not experienced much fighting yet. What with a few shells and bullets flying over me I am quite used to it now. . . . It is very wet and muddy in the trenches, besides being dreadfully cold. We live on bully-beef, cheese, jam and biscuits. Bread when we can buy it."

K. A. Mackenzie (1903-10), 2nd Cavalry Division, Supply Column, is driving a lorry carrying hay. He writes on January 25th.—"We have quite a good time on the whole, but of course the life is rough. It is a good experience being out here, and I find the French taught me by Mr. Wilson comes in very useful. . . . I heard you had started an O.T.C. I think it is a very good thing to have as it gives everyone a certain amount of training."

R. H. Pearce (1907-9), was on board *H.M.S. Lion* in the Heligoland fight and in the North Sea battle on January 24th. Apparently, "he saw little of the action as he was down below sending messages to the firing line. But for the *Lion* being crippled, he thinks another twenty minutes would have witnessed the destruction of one or two more enemy ships."

No. 10 Casualty Clearing Station,
British Expeditionary Force,
February 25th, 1915.

My dear Head,

I hope all goes well with you at Bloxham, and that problems are solving themselves slowly but surely—as we hope they may be here! I seem a long way from the old routine life, but I don't think I really am. I landed at Havre on the 10th, and got up here on the 14th, by various routes, with two nights in the train. On my second night an A.S.C. Lieutenant laid himself out to make me comfortable, brought me tea at all hours, and finished up by giving me eggs and bacon in the carriage. I finished my journey by car, on roads that would make a motorist at home squirm, but no one seems to mind anything here. I had nearly two days at Rouen, on the way, and rejoiced in the Cathedral and its services. I found my work all ready for me here, and a very friendly medical staff, six doctors, a dentist, and a most excellent quartermaster, under Major Marriott, of the R.A.M.C. We have various buildings scattered about—an old disused sous-prefecture, a school, a chapel, and a derelict theatre with a wooden building thrown in. The field ambulances collect all the "casualties," and

send them to us and we wash, feed, clothe, and dress wounds, and send them in motor ambulances to the rail head for the Red Cross train, and so they pass away down to the base. As fast as we get them, we "clear" them again, as it is not our business to keep them, but to clear the front of sick and wounded. Numbers vary very much according to what is going on, and we have just had two very quiet days, but usually one has just about enough to do to visit all men in the short time they stay, and they come in succession at all hours. They come in plastered with mud, and generally wet through from the waist downwards, but almost invariably cheerful, especially the wounded. It is a very real joy to be of the least use, and seems to justify one's absence from so much at home. Of course, as the line moves, we move automatically, but we must keep near rail head. We have 400 stretchers, and are getting more. I think the whole medical service is wonderfully organised, and the wounded get all possible attention.

Give my respects to the Chaplain, and tell him I have run against one O.L., who is in the Gordons. We are attached to the second army. There are about 80 motor ambulances here and every conceivable sort of motor transport from a bus or lorry to a motor bike.

It's a strange life, singularly free from all excitement, and men seem to go into the trenches and come out like workmen on a job and with as little emotion. "We've got to see this beastly job through, and we mean to," about represents the Expeditionary Force.

All good wishes to Bloxham, yourself and the family.

Yours very sincerely,

H. K. SOUTHWELL.

Serjeant Billington, whom many Old Bloxhamists will remember, and who since leaving us has been an Army Scripture reader, first in Ireland, and then for a long time stationed at Devonport, is now in France working amongst the sick and wounded at Headquarters, No. 1 Base of the British Expeditionary Force.

*Extracts from some letters from 2nd Lieutenant
Walter Ward, R.M.A., 1st Howitzer Battery.*

February 20th—We took two days disembarking and getting all ready. On the morning of the next day we started off at 8 and got about a mile, then came to a most terrific hill, about two miles long, out of the town, and it is *pavee* (cobble-stones) the whole way. The tractors weigh about eleven tons each, and some draw two or three waggons of about ten tons each, and when they get on a steep slope of *pavee* the wheels simply buzz round, sending up showers of sparks, and there you stick. We started off after that by unhitching the tractor and attaching the wire rope on its winding drum, then sending the tractor on and paying out the rope. Then we put blocks under the wheels of the tractor and hauled up the waggons. You can get about 100 yards at a time, and it is a fairly slow job. With one load the wire broke while they were winding, and the trucks immediately started to run down a one in six slope, straight into another tractor, about 200 feet below. It was an exciting moment, but the rear waggon, after running thirty yards, ran up on to the pavement, and made a big hole there, and turned round; the other tipped up, and shed about half its load, which was, luckily, only iron plates, and then stopped right across the road on two wheels, only held from falling over by the bar attaching it to the other. It took a couple of hours getting them sorted out again. We finally solved matters by hitching two tractors on to each load, and by putting a dozen big bolts in each wheel, so that they gripped the *pavee*. It made a bit of a mess of the stones, simply scrunching them up. We found other *pavee* hills on the way, but managed to get to———, about twenty-four miles from where we started, about 8 o'clock, in spite of little things like having to stop at pubs for drinks of 100 gallons of water, and fifty of petrol.

February 23rd.—We have gone off now to an empty chateau, about four miles from G.H.Q., to practice mounting the gun. We started at the job on Sunday at 9, and worked all day till 7 ;

then we started at 7.45 on Monday, and had only twenty minutes for lunch at 3, and then went on till 11. To-day we started at 8, and got done at 2, and then had to begin immediately and take it to pieces again. There have been an enormous number of big bugs over to see us, including eleven generals and their attendant staffs yesterday, and seven to-day, among them General French, and later on the Prince of Wales. I had to talk to them all to-day. One funny thing was, I refused to admit the Prince of Wales. We had orders only to admit staff officers, and the sentry came to tell me that two officers wanted to come in, and I told him to go back and say what our orders were. So he had to wait outside till some general came along and come in with him.

February 26th.—We have moved on from G.H.Q. to a town about twenty kilometres further on, and do you know the very first person I saw was the Provost. He is attached to the 10th Casualty Clearing Station, which has a very big building here. I went to tea with him, and, afterwards, he gave me what I have been long wanting—a hot bath. I also passed some of the Q.O.O.H. on the road, and saw Bliss, but was not able to stop and speak to him. We had a very bad day on Wednesday. We had got the gun mounted the day before, and had to get it dismounted to start at daybreak. At first all went well, until the carriage, which weighs about six tons, and is a very top-heavy load, ran down the incline and overturned. Luckily, it was a good place, and we were able to get it up again in about two hours, which was very quick. But when we started to take the loads out down the drive, we found that the frost had absolutely cut the surface up, and there was nothing below. Three times in about 200 yards we had the carriage axle deep, and nearly over, and that all means digging it out and manoeuvring of tractors, so as to get one to pull sideways to support it, and another to drag it out. Nearly every load was the same, and once the tractor sank in more than four feet, in spite of its 2-ft. wheel. The result was, that we had to work on and on all night, with

three-quarters-of-an-hour off at 4.30 a.m., when it got too dark to do anything. The men were nearly dead, but the only ones who grumbled were those from the other gun who came to help us, as they hadn't got to go off for a week or two.

We have got a very good billet here now, with the manager of the gas works, who has a very nice house. I share the room with one of the others here, and the first night I slept on the floor on my valise ; but to-night, I see they have put me up a camp bed. So now we are all having meals together, and they have lent us a room to sit in. We draw fuel and lighting and also the ordinary men's rations. The men are most awfully well fed. In all the letters I have censored, they talk about absolutely nothing else, except a lack of cigarettes. But that will be all right soon, as they are beginning to get a cigarette ration of thirty cigarettes a week. I have been censoring letters hard for an hour, and am feeling very sleepy now. Have just heard that we go straight off to-morrow to our gun position.

March 3rd.—We have been having a lot of hard work, practically never in bed before 12, and often not till 2, and once or twice not at all ; but the work has an intense variety, and I am very happy and as fit as a fiddle. One absolutely loses account of days and time, and after a particularly beastly time, in a day or two one has forgotten all about it except to laugh over it. In the last week some of the things I have done include the following :—Fetching up ammunition and shells weighing three-quarters of a ton each, in two 3-ton lorries, which included getting them badly ditched once, through a silly old French General who wouldn't get out of the way in his car, when the roadway was only about seven feet wide with about three feet of mud on either side. However, I had the satisfaction of pointing out a way to him and saying it was perfectly safe, and then seeing him go right in, and the car nearly turn over, and then pulling him out again. Coming back, as I had my lorries very over-loaded, and expected every minute that the shells would drop through the bottom, which was only half-inch

planking, I made the lorries go at six miles an hour, and went on ahead in a car and cleared all the traffic out of the way. My next job was to run over to———(about 50 miles) in a car for some stores which had been lost, with orders not to return till I had them, and to steal them from the other gun, if I couldn't get them otherwise. I got them alright and started back about seven, and got delayed three hours on the road by a puncture, and a fool of a young chaffeur who didn't know how to mend it, getting in about 2 a.m. finally. Then I had to superintend the laying of two telephone wires of about three miles in all, and just as we had finished, we saw a horseman gallop across a field, which was the only place where we hadn't got the wire up on poles or trees, and break the line, and we had to go back and repair it. Then I had to go to the C.R.A. of our Division and get observation posts allotted to us. There is a big hill, wooded on our side, full of observation posts, most awfully cleverly dug in, with communication trenches over the crest. You have to be taken up there at first, and introduced, and have to learn the ropes as there are several places that you may be seen from as you pass, and if the enemy sees any movement it nearly always draws a few shells. The back part of the wood is full of shell holes, but there is nothing there, and they never seem able to get just on the crest. Our dug out is a perfect little gem, with a splendid view of a very fine landscape. Luckily it just takes in the amount covered by the 25 degrees training of our gun. Our present target, or rather future, as we start firing to-morrow, is slap in the middle, and is, as I always said it would be, a church tower. It is practically the only observation post the Germans have in the neighbourhood, and is surrounded by a village full of Germans, so even if we can't hit it, we ought to do some damage. We have taken immense trouble to make our gun invisible from aircraft, and have an elaborate erection over head of brushwood, etc., and have painted the gun all the colours of the rainbow, dark red, green, brown and yellow. Yesterday

they sent up an aeroplane to report on its visibility, and the report was fairly favourable. We have an aeroplane fitted with wireless to observe for us, and if the weather is not suitable, my chance, as observation officer, comes in, with instrumental observation. We have got a very decent billet in a town near, a whole house to ourselves.

March 8th.—At last we have fired ; yesterday was our first shot, note the day—and the target was a church tower. Our shooting was extremely accurate, and every one was very pleased with it. We were all personally congratulated by General French yesterday, and General Smith-Dorrien to-day, not to mention the Prince of Wales and a French and Belgian general. The first round was 30 yards right and 100 yards short, the second was 20 yards right and 20 yards over, and knocked the tower about a bit, and we could easily have hit it with a third round, but as we were out to see what we could do, we changed to a new target, which was three cottages together. The first round hit one of them and knocked it to smithereens. The second was fired without any alteration and went about 20 yards over the remains, and didn't do any damage. Then we stopped. To-day we fired at another church with an enormously strong tower. The first shot was 300 yards short and 50 yards right. The second hit the tower half-way up and knocked down everything above where it hit, except a little bit of the far left-hand corner. The third we landed in the square about 50 yards behind the tower, but couldn't see the damage. I was up both times in our observation post, which was directly on the line, and with a telescope of 21 diameter, could see everything. It is very thrilling up there. You hear the order to "stand by," and the next thing you get the report on the telephone "gun fired." About six seconds afterwards you hear the report, and almost at the same moment hear the shell shrieking through the air like a train over your head. Then you watch and at first think it must have fallen without your noticing it, but just as you are giving it up, about 30 seconds after firing,

you suddenly see a great flash, and then a mixture of black and white smoke and dust bursting up for about 50 yards in every direction, and about 10 seconds after there is a terrific detonation ; but as observation officer you probably miss that as you are looking so hard at the burst, which lasts about 30 seconds, and then the dust takes another 30 seconds to settle and let you see the damage. The accuracy of the gun has surprised even those people who have had most to do with it, and is such that they are going to put us on to some trenches only 170 yards in front of our own. After that we shall be switched on to tackle hostile batteries.

FIVES TOURNAMENT.

The Figures in Brackets are the Handicaps.

A.	B.
(o) D. W. T. Cain	(- 1) The Headmaster
R.C.Sidney-Wilmot	W. H. Higgs
C.	D.
(o) The Chaplain	(+ 6) A. E. Lewis
W. C. Lester-Smith	J. A. L. Champneys
E.	F.
(+ 6) W. G. Rowland	(+ 8) R. W. Ferris
J. E. Wright	S. German
G.	H. •
(o) H. S. Bonnewell	(+ 4) D. S. Coleman
W. E. Hill	C. H. Tucker

First Round—

A beat B (10—15, 15—7, 15—10)
 C beat D (15—1, 15—1)
 E beat F (15—13, 15—12)
 G beat H (15—3, 15—12)

Second Round—

G beat C (15—3, 15—12)
 A beat E (15—7, 15—9)

Final—

A beat G (15—8, 15—7)

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.
BARROW, L. A. H. ...	1907-12	2nd Lieut.	
BRIGHOUSE, R. W. ...	1890-2		
*DAVY, P. F.	1906-11		30th Batt.Canadian Expeditionary Force
FORTESCUE, T.	1900-2	2nd Lieut.	Oxford and Bucks. L.I.
GUEST, T. H.	1886-9	Lieut.	York and Lanes. Regt.
GOLDRING, E. C.	1907-9		Australian Imperial Force
HARSTON, S. H.			Australian Imperial Force
PERCIVAL, H. F.	1874-6		Citizens Defence Corps
SKELTON, D. S.	1890-		R.A.M.C.
SKELTON, E. G.	1897-9	Captain	Gold Coast Regt.
SMITH, C. H.	1883-9		Worcestershire Yeomanry
SMITH, J. C.	1899-1900		Public Schools Batt. Middlesex Regt.

ROYAL NAVY.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	SERVICE.
THOMPSON, W. B. ...	M1912-13		Royal Naval Division.

HOCKEY.**BLOXHAM SCHOOL V ISIS H.C.**

THIS match was played on Saturday, March 6th, on the St. John's College ground at Oxford, and resulted in an easy win for our opponents, the goals being 10-3.

Isis had a strong team out, including several Indians, who were among their best men. Play settled down in the School half of the ground

immediately, and our opponents scored four goals in the first five minutes. Once Walden cleared brilliantly, but it seemed as if the School team found their opponents almost uncannily quick. Certainly Isis were remarkably smart in marking their men, though as soon as our fellows got used to the strangeness of the ground and manner of play, there was a considerable improvement. Isis continued to attack after their fourth goal, but at

last Lester-Smith cleared well, and the ball was transferred to the other half of the field. Hill did some good work, and the School forced a corner. Nothing resulted of any profit, and in a minute or so the ball was again in the School half. Isis pressed hard for a while, and another goal was scored. Still the attack was pressed, and both Hill and Sidney-Wilmot saved well. Isis were twice penalised, giving some relief; then we conceded a corner, from which Walden managed to clear. The School rushed the ball into their opponents' territory, but they were back on the defence in a short time, and some very hot work took place in the School circle. A penalty was awarded against us, but the danger was averted for the time, and after Isis had again been penalised, the School managed to get some relief from the constant defence work. Once more the School carried the ball along, this time in fine style, and Cain nearly scored. The attack was kept up, and after some slogging work in the centre of the field, in which the keen and accurate work of the Isis halves was a pleasure to see, the School got into their opponents' circle, and Cain shot the first goal. Cheered by their success, the School kept at the attack, but were driven back. Isis now made a serious attempt to score again, but were penalised. Half-time came with the play in our half, Walden having stopped several shots well.

Hitherto, the weather had been above reproach, but in a few minutes after half-time rain began to fall, and it was with the utmost difficulty that any further notes were kept. Cain scored a good goal, but the attack was soon taken up again by Isis, and Walden, after stopping a hot shot remarkably well, was defeated by the next attempt. He was unfortunate too in being temporarily knocked out, but was not obliged to leave the ground. Isis scored again with a good diagonal shot, and then the School made another successful attempt, Bonnewell scoring. All through the second half the rain kept coming down heavily, but the ground being a well drained one, play continued to be very fast. Time came with Isis well in the lead, the score being 10-3.

Bonnewell and Cain worked hard and well all through the game. Hill and Sidney-Wilmot were also noticeable for occasional good work, but the prevailing weakness of the team seemed to be an inability to get rid of the ball when they had stopped it. Time and again ground was lost by an opponent following up hard and catching our man before he got rid of the ball.

Team :—H. R. Walden (goal) ; N. Parsons, C. Lester-Smith (backs) ; R. M. Coombes, W. E. Hill, R. C. Sidney-Wilmot (halves); R. W. Pearse, H. S. Bonnewell (capt), D. W. T. Cain, W. H. Higgs, D. S. Coleman (forwards).

DEBATING SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the society was held in the Liddon Room, on Sunday, March 7th, at which there were present :—Mr. Burgess (President, in the chair), R. V. Lyle (Vice-President), R. M. Coombes (Hon. Sec), the majority of the members, and a large number of visitors.

The Chairman called upon the Hon. Sec. to read the minutes of the last meeting. These were read and signed. The House then proceeded to the debate, the motion being "That, in the opinion of this House, modern dress is neither comfortable, healthy, nor picturesque."

The Chairman called upon Walden to propose the motion. He commenced by vividly sketching the trials and inconveniences to which people are subject nowadays by the freaks of modern dress. He said that women had to take short unnatural steps owing to the tightness of their skirts, that hat pins were a constant source of danger, that boots were too small and gave one corns. In fact he seemed to think that modern dress was far too tight, and therefore not comfortable or healthy.

Lyle then rose to oppose the motion. He said that ordinary dress was not uncomfortable, and athletic dress was certainly comfortable. He pointed out that modern clothes performed all their functions. They keep us warm in winter and cool in summer. Therefore they were decidedly healthy. As regards their picturesqueness, he said that although fashions have ugly features, all exhibit some beauty.

Hill, speaking for the motion, said that women have more reason to feel uncomfortable than men because they have more variation as regards their clothes. His ideal was summed up either in the toga, or else in the dress of the South Sea Isles, both on account of their simplicity. These two, he said, far excelled the modern frock coat and white shirt in every respect.

Rowland then rose in favour of the motion. He said that modern dress was the result of improvements. That there were no more improvements which could be made for the increase of comfort. He pointed out that there were many socks and ties of picturesque shades, which were being worn at the present time.

The Chairman then asked if anyone else wished to address the House. No one wishing to do so, the Vice-President took the chair, and the President spoke. He compared modern dress with that of the Middle Ages. He spoke from experience, for he had acted in Shakesperian plays, and had found the dress most uncomfortable. Modern dress was much more comfortable. He agreed that a toga would be very healthy, but had the speaker tried wearing a toga on a windy day? A cassock was bad enough! He also agreed about South Sea dress being comfortable, but it was only suited to certain climates. He stated that men's clothes were healthy, but women's were not. He thought that men's clothes were not at all picturesque. They consisted of cylinders; a cylinder on a man's head, two on his arms, two on his legs; and a cylinder was not at all beautiful.

The motion was then put to the vote, and carried by six votes to three.

CHESS.

A CHESS Club was started at the beginning of this term. President, The Headmaster; Vice-President, Mr. C. T. Blanshard; Hon. Sec. W. H. Higgs; other members of committee—W. E. Hill and A. L. Stephens. There are already over twenty members, all of whom entered for a tourney, divided in two sections, as follows '—

I.—Higgs, 8 out of 9, losing only to Molesworth;

Coleman, 1, beat Powell;

Coombes, 5, lost to Molesworth, Rowland and Higgs, game with Walden unfinished; had he won this, he would have tied with

Martin, 6, lost to Higgs, Coombes and Molesworth;

Collinson, 1, beat Powell;

Walden, 2, 4 to play;

Sidney-Wilmot, 2, 4 to play;

Molesworth, 8, losing none, 1 to play;

Rowland, 3, beat Coleman, Coombes and Powell.

II.—Mr. Blanshard (giving odds of Rook), 8, lost to Stephens;

Hinnell, 1, beat Coulson;

Stephens, 7, lost to Eve and Bowler;

Hughes, 3, beat Hill, Hinnell and Coulson;

Hill, 3, beat Hinnell, Coulson and Cain;

Cain, 6, lost to Mr. Blanshard, Stephens and Hill;

Lester-Smith, 1, beat Hinnell;

Eve, 1, beat Stephens, 4 to play.

Bowler, 7, lost to Cain and Mr. Blanshard.

The three top scorers of each section will play off for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. They are Mr. Blanshard, Higgs, Molesworth, Bowler, Martin and Stephens.

As soon as the first round of this tourney was over, entries were received for a knock-out tourney. The drawing for this is as follows:—Stephens *v.* Higgs; Coulson *v.* Hinnell; Coleman *v.* Walden; Eve *v.* Hughes; Lester-Smith *v.* Hill; Powell *v.* Rowland; Cain *v.* Mr. Blanshard; Martin *v.* Molesworth; Bowler, a bye.

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A considerable change has been made in the evening time-table. A voluntary tea is now provided immediately after school at 3.30 ; preparation begins at 6.0 and continues till 6.50 At 7.0 the evening meal is served ; preparation begins again at 7.45, and chapel is at 8.30. There seems to be some diversity of opinion as to the advantages to be derived from the change, but this arrangement has been adopted in recent years by several other schools with good results, so perhaps it will be attended by the same success here.

For some time past we have enjoyed the sight of various flags flying from the staff on the cricket field on occasions. The Union Jack is displayed on all occasions of national interest ; the St. George's flag goes up on all festivals in the Church's calendar ; and the School flag is hoisted for School functions and on match days. But we understand that the proper place for a flagstaff is a building. We have no tower on which to erect one and so a staff is to be fixed on the gymnasium shortly. It would be very nice to see a flag always flying, but the expense of upkeep is considerable.

EDITORIAL.

IT was our intention to have published this number of THE BLOXHAMIST during the Easter holidays ; for various reasons, however, the intention was not carried out.

So far as the weather is concerned the summer term has had a most propitious commencement, and we sincerely hope that it will continue as it has begun ; although we have frequently heard it said by people in the neighbourhood that we really need a good downpour of rain at least once a week during the summer at Bloxham, to keep the ground in good condition both for cricket and the proper growth of crops.

In another respect we have started badly. One of our number developed measles before he had been a week on the premises. We hope the disease will not spread, but we have our fears.

SCHOOL NEWS.

WE beg to thank the following for gifts of flowers for the Chapel decorations at Easter :— Mrs. Hinde, Mrs. Bonnewell, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Higgs, Mrs. Deane, A. E. Fordham, C. A. Bernays.

O U R hearty congratulations to R. W. Pearse, who has passed the Senior Oxford Local Examination with 1st Class Honours and Distinction in Latin and French.

T H E following have received 1st XI. hockey colours :—W. C. Lester-Smith, R. Powell, H. R. Walden, W. Hill, R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, W. Higgs, N. Parsons, D. S. Coleman, R. M. Coombes.

W. H. HIGGS and D. W. T. Cain have been promoted to be prefects.

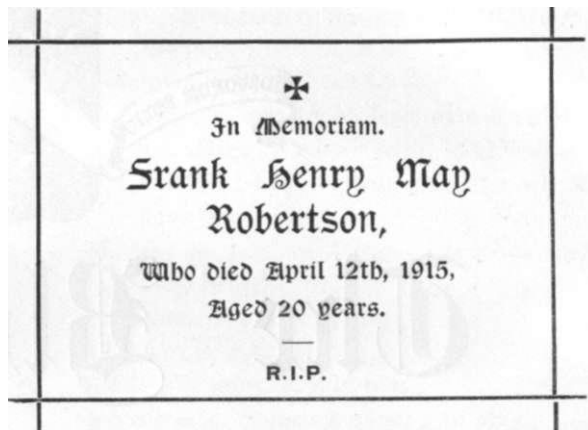
T H E following have left :—R. W. Pearce—Form VI., 1st XI. Football. A. B. Williams—Form VI., 1st XI. Cricket, 2nd XI. Football, J. S. Vesey-Brown—Form VI., Prefect, 1st XI. Cricket, Serjt.-Bugler, O.T.C. F. C. Bowler—Form V., 1st XI. Football, Junior Gymnasium Colours. S. S. Goldring—Form V. W. T. Jones j —Form I.

T H E following new boys have come :—Form III.—A. L. Christopher, R. S. Payne. Form II.—W. A. Hamblett, R. S. Lockey, G. F. M. McDonald. Form I.—C. Agha, R. B. Coombes, C. G. Gowing, G. E. Holtom.

O.B. NEWS.

VISITORS.—April 3-5, C. T. Coleman (1908-14) and E. P. Higgs (1909-14) ; April 4, W. Shilson (1899-1903), P. A. Boissier (1899-1903), and A. E. S. Riddle (1903-9) ; April 5, F. H. Williams (1910-13), K. J. Cherry (1912-14), C. A. M-Roberts (1904-12), W. L. Hall (), G. A. Leadley-Brown (1890-4), A. L. B. Sproule (1908-13), L. W. H. Bowler (1906-9), Rev. L. Riley (M1904-10), J. A. Carter (1900-3), E. J. Harvey (1906-13).

O.B. SOCIETY.—The following have recently become members :—H. C. Reader (1899-1903), W. Shilson (1899-1903), P. A. Boissier (1899-1903), J. A. Carter (1900-3), W. E. C. Hudden (1884-8), A. B. Williams (1913-15).



CONFIRMATION.

T H E Sacrament of Confirmation was administered on Friday, March 19th, by the Right Reverend C. E. Corfe, late Bishop of Corea, who very kindly took the place of the Bishop of Oxford, who was unable to visit us this year.

The Bishop delivered a very inspiring address based on the words—"We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple" (Psalm 48, 9.)—and exhorted his hearers to persevere in trying to attain perfection, going forward through life with hope and confidence in the grace of God, and continually renewing the supply of grace by regular prayer and use of the Sacrament.

The following were confirmed :—D. Beath, L. Burton, J. A. L. Champneys, L. T. Hinnell, J. E. Hobley, W. T. Jones, W. J. Kirkby, V. H. Lloyd, R. H. Molesworth, R. R. Powell, P. H. Prince, G. W. Saunders, J. E. Wright.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

W E were very fortunate in having a fine day for the Sports on Easter Monday, April 5th, and a good number of visitors came to spend the afternoon with us and witness the various events. We cannot claim to have achieved any very remarkable results, but the general results were quite up to the average. The results of the competitions were as follows :—

Senior Steeplechase (2½ miles).—

Run on Saturday, March 27th.

1st H. R. Walden, 2nd F. C. Bowler, 3rd W. E. Hill. Time, 18 mins. 20 sees.

Junior Steeplechase (i½ miles).—

1st R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, 2nd W. R. Wright.

Steeplechase, under 13 years (½ miles).

R. Thomas.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Junior—

R. C. Sidney-Wilmot. 62 yds., 2 ft. 4 ins.

100 Yards, Senior—

1st D. W. T. Cain, 2nd W. G. Rowland.

Time, 10 of sees.

100 Yards, Junior—

1st R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, 2nd J. S. Clark.

Time, 12 sees.

100 Yards, under 13.—

1st R. Thomas, 2nd R. Day. Time, 14 sees.

Quarter Mile.—

1st D. W. T. Cain, 2nd W. G. Rowland.

Time, 62 sees.

High Jump, Junior—

1st R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, 2nd W. R. Wright.

Height, 4 ft. 1 in.

Putting the Weight—

1st H. S. Bonnewell, 2nd W. C. Lester-Smith.

Distance, 31 feet.

Long Jump, Senior.—

1st D. W. T. Cain, 2nd H. S. Bonnewell.

Distance, 19 ft. 3½ in.

220 Yards, Junior. —

1st J. S. Clark, 2nd R. C. Sidney-Wilmot.

Time, 33 sees.

Mile.—

1st H. R. Walden, 2nd F. C. Bowler.

Time, 5 mins. 25 sees.

220 Yards, under 13—

1st R. Thomas, 2nd S. A. R. Kidman.

Time, 37 sees.

Long Jump, Junior.—

1st R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, 2nd W. R. Wright.

Distance, 14 ft. 9½ ins.

Dormitory Relay Race.—

H. R. Walden and W. G. Rowland, Dormitories I. and III.

Potato Race, under 13. —

S. A. R. Kidman.

High Jump, Senior.—

1st F. C. Bowler, 2nd W. G. Rowland.

Height, 4 ft. 8 in.

Hurdle Race.—

D. W. T. Cain. Time, 21 sees.

Sack Race, under 13.—

R. Thomas.

Half-Mile.—

1st H. S. Bonnewell, 2nd H. R. Walden.

120 Yards Handicap.—

1st D. W. T. Cain, scratch; 2nd W. G. Rowlands, scratch.

O.T.C Tug-of-War.—

Won by No. 2 Section.

O. T. C. -Race.

Sergt. W. C. Lester-Smith.

Senior Consolation Race, 220 Yards.—

R. W. Pearse.

D. W. T. Cain secured the Senior Championship, and R. C. Sidney-Wilmot the Junior. The Dormitory Challenge Cup was won by Dormitories I. and III., with 177 marks as against 116 marks of Dormitories II. and V.

After tea, which was served to the visitors in hall, the prizes were given away by Mrs. Verey. Our thanks are due to those who made and carried out the arrangements, especially to Messrs. Allen and Burgess; also to the Vicar of Bloxham and Mr. W. Hall, who assisted in the capacity of judges. Special prizes were kindly given by the following:—The Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Verey (*Senior Steeplechase*), the Ladies of Bloxham (*100 Yards, Senior*), Messrs. Mappin and Webb (*100 Yards, Junior*), the Head Master and Mrs. Grier (*Quarter Mile*), C. T. Blanshard, Esq. (*Long Jump, Senior*), E. H. Cain, Esq. (*220 Yards*,

Junior), T. A. Brown, Esq. (*Mile*), A. E. Fordham, Esq., O.B. (*High Jump, Senior*), the Masters (*Hurdle Race*), the Chaplain f *HalJ-Mile*).

HOCKEY.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

OUR second match was played on Wednesday, March 24th, against Magdalen College School, and resulted in a good win for the School] by 4—2. Magdalen evidently found it difficult to play on a muddy ground, as they were slow on the ball. Play settled down in the Magdalen half of the ground, and it was not very long before the School scored a goal through Cain after some very good work by the inside forwards. The backs were then pressed but cleared very well. After our first goal the School were encouraged by their early success and played harder than ever. Then, after some very hard luck, Bonnewell scored with a good shot. Then Magdalen started to attack, and did after some time score with a very easy shot. Powell and Sidney-Wilmot did some good work, and were always in their proper places. The School pressed hard for the remainder of the half, although nothing resulted of any profit. The School were unlucky in being penalised several times, which caused temporary relief for the Magdalen backs, and after some slogging in the centre of the field, in which Lester-Smith did well, half-time came with the score 2—1, in our favour.

Immediately on starting again we were on the offensive, with some smart work by Cain and Sidney-Wilmot, the former scoring our third goal. Magdalen then made a desperate effort to equalise, but were unable to on account of the excellent resistance made by our backs. However, on account of a slight misunderstanding in our defence, Magdalen scored their second and last goal. Near the end Bonnewell ran all the way up the field and scored an excellent goal. In the final stages the School had hard luck in not scoring again. So time came, the School being well ahead with 4 to 2 in our favour.

The team played very well and thoroughly deserved their victory. In the forward line, Bonnewell, Cain, and Coleman were good, although the others were noticeable for occasional good work. Lester-Smith and Sidney-Wilmot were a great success at half, and played very well. Powell, at back, was excellent ; he was quick on the ball and cleared well. Parsons was good, although very slow. Walden was good in goal, although he has not yet learnt that he must keep his legs together when stopping a ball ; he is also weak in clearing. Several times a lot of ground was lost by not following up the ball, and so allowing the opposing back to have plenty of time to clear. However, the team as a whole must be congratulated on their success.

Team : — H. R. Walden (goal) ; R. Powell and N. Parsons (backs) ; R. M. Coombes, W. C. Lester-Smith, R. C. Sidney-Wilmot (halves) ; D. S. Coleman, H. S. Bonnewell (capt.), D. Cain, W. Higgs, W. Hill (forwards).

CRICKET FIXTURES.

Sat., May 15	Keble College.....	Away
Sat., „ 22	Magdalen College School, Oxford....	Home
Mon., „ 24	Bloxham C.C.....	Home
Sat., „ 29	Brackley School.....	Away
Wed., June 2	Abingdon School.....	Away
Sat., „ 5	Keble College.....	Away
Wed., „ 9	Isis C.C.....	Home
Sat., „ 26	Brackley School.....	Home
Tues., „ 29	Magdalen College School, Oxford....	Away
Sat., July 3	Warwick School.....	Away
Sat., „ 10	Isis C.C.....	Away
Wed., „ 14	Abingdon School.....	Home

CHESS.

THE main tourney ended as follows :—1, Mr. Blanshard (giving odds of Rook); 2, A. L. Stephens; 3, W. H. Higgs. The winners received copies of a small text-book of the game. The final issue of the knock-out tourney was :—1, Mr. Blanshard (giving odds of Rook); 2, R. H. W. Molesworth ; 3, A. L. Stephens.

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.
ANSELL, H. G.	1897-1900		Warwickshire Yeomanry
FRIEND, B. F.	1900-3	2nd Lieut.	Royal West Kent Regt.
*LONG, H. D.	1910-13		
MALET, G. C. W.	1899-1903	2nd Lieut.	6th Batt. Somerset Light Infantry.
SKEELS, E. R. S.	1884-6		Army Pay Department
STENHOUSE, V. D.	1884-8	Major	West Somerset Yeomanry

ROYAL NAVY.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	SERVICE.
ROBERTSON, T. A. M.	1904-5	Sub-Lieut.	H.M.S. "New Zealand."

THE WAR.

THE following Old Bloxhamists, whose names have already appeared in our columns as serving in the Army, have recently gained commissions as officers:—A. E. S. Riddle (1903-9), 3rd Batt. Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry; R. E. Cunliffe (1906-9), 2nd Batt. Royal Berkshire Regiment.

W. W. Ward (1905-6), has been promoted to be Lieutenant.

Captain D. le Poer Trench, R.F.A. (1893-8), was wounded in September, but the casualty was not reported till April 17th.

F. H. M. Robertson (1904-5), 5th Batt. Canadian contingent, contracted cerebro-spinal meningitis in the trenches, and died at St. Omer, on April 12th.

E. G. Belfield (1909-12), is with the Expeditionary Force in Turkey.

G. V. Jones (1900-6), writing from the front on Sunday, April 18th, says:—"Only a few weeks ago I wrote to you from Witham. Now I am in Belgium in the thick of the fighting. We left Witham on March 22nd for France; we went straight up into the firing line and have had great experiences. I am now out of the trenches for four days' rest, but go back again on Tuesday evening. Grimes is with us. . . . We have had very few casualties, considering the bombardments we have been in; only one man has died from wounds (German snipers *never* miss, they are wonderful shots). I should like to describe our journey from the trenches to here, but it would be impossible. The night was as dark as a cellar; we marched single file, touching the man in front, so as not to get lost, through mud

12 inches deep, over dykes, streams, trenches, fallen trees, shell holes full of water, and under fire whenever a star-shell was sent up. The journey was two-and-a-half miles ; we started at 11.30 p.m., arriving in our billet at 3.15 a.m. ; so you can imagine what it was like. We are all very well and happy, but looking forward to peace very much. I have just come from Holy Communion, which was held in the garden of the the farm where we are."

C. T. Keble (1909-11), writes under date March 4th :—" I have been out here nearly four months now, and am still keeping quite fit. At present I am attached to a Battery of the R.G.A. The other day I took a small part in what is said to have been the biggest bombardment in history ; there was quite a noise, in fact I never heard such a row in my life before. I expect you have read about it in the paper. I am sitting in a reserve trench to write this, most comfortable too! I have not come across any O.B. yet."

T. R. Taylor (1902-6), who is in Egypt with the Hertfordshire Yeomanry, writes on March 18th —" I have had THE BLOXHAMIST forwarded from home, and am very sorry to see that Mr. Ward has left. I am sure you all must miss him very much ; the O.B.'s will, I know. Anyway, I wish him God's blessing in Norfolk, and may the new Head's work be blessed at Bloxham.

" Ismailia was the centre of the fighting on the Canal, and was shelled for a day, but without any damage. I had my baptism of fire ; it is a weird experience to hear the shells whistling overhead. One burst within thirty yards of me, quite near enough too ! I have the unique honour of being the only member of the Herts Yeomanry who has been under fire during the present war. The fighting was going on for two days along an active front of twenty-five miles, and it says something for our defences, that only four Turks managed to get on the West Bank of the Canal, and their success was very short and sweet. The armoured tugs and torpedo boats on the Canal played havoc with the pontoon bridge party, absolutely mowing them down. The result was that the Turks were

driven back with very heavy loss. Their dead must have been well over 1,000 (I was on the battlefield a fortnight afterwards and we were still burying them) and over 900 prisoners. Our casualties were 18 killed and 57 wounded, which speaks for itself, and shows how fine the defences were, and how well the whole attack was repulsed, without the useless old-fashioned idea of going out into the desert to meet the enemy. It is not thought that another attack can possibly be made this year as the hot weather commences next month, and one would also think they had seen how hopeless the task is. Anyway, things are very quiet now, and we would welcome a little excitement again. We are all hoping the Dardanelles or Constantinople will be our next move. The regiment is still in Cairo, after being up here for three weeks—two days too late to see any of the fun. I have not seen anything of Rylands or Townson.

" Our two pack sets of wireless here have been sent out on some very interesting reconnoitring trips of five and six days at a time into the desert with the Camel Corps, both before and after the Turks attacked. We call them the ' Wireless Camel Corps.' I should have loved to have gone once or twice, but unfortunately am tied down to the permanent land station (a set of instruments commandeered off a German prize ship at Alexandria) here at the base. The weather at present is perfect, and this is a charming spot. I wish I could send a week of this place to the poor chaps in the trenches at the front and those camping at home. By all accounts the winter has been one of the worst for wet and general unpleasantness for years, and bad enough to break the hardiest constitutions.

" With kindest regards to all, and every good wish to Bloxham and its new Head."

The following interesting accounts from W. W. Ward have been forwarded to us for publication :—

France,

Wednesday, April 21st, 1915.

At last I have got time to write a decent letter. First of all, many happy returns of the day to

mother. I have got the Belgian people 1 was billeted with to make some lace for her and will send it along as soon as I can. We started moving the gun last Friday at 4 a.m., dismounted, and got the gun here the same night, dug the pit on Saturday, mounted the platform on Sunday morning, and the gun all Sunday night, and were ready to fire again by 10 a.m. on Monday. I was sent off at about 8 o'clock on Friday morning to go and dig the new pit which the Major had gone on to choose. Here is an example of the sort of thing that happens. He left us waiting in a town near by till 1 o'clock, then he came along and showed us a position in an orchard. I said at once we could never get the gun up there unless we made a road with planks and bricks right across it, but he said it was perfectly strong enough. However, he was soon refuted, as a lorry came along loaded with timber and stuck fast, and we had to unload it all, and even then we couldn't get the lorry out till we had dug right down and put planks under the wheels. However, he chose a position, and told me to mark out the pit, which takes quite a long time to do, as you have to get the line measured off and get your line of fire central, and then to get right angles, etc., like a tennis court. Just as I had finished marking it all out, back he came and said he thought the pit ought to be 20 ft. nearer the gate. I measured it out all over again, and we started to take all the turf off and had dug out a good deal of earth, when he came back again and said the pit must be 50 yards further back; so we filled in that pit and started to dig another, it was then about 6 o'clock. We had to wheel all the earth away from the new place about 50 yards, and we managed to borrow 3 wheelbarrows from different farms, but two of them broke up almost at once, and we had to go on with one. The night was so dark that we had to light a fire alongside the pit to see anything at all. The pit has to be 25 ft. square and 2 ft. deep and that means a good many cubic feet of earth. At 12 o'clock we got a message from the Major to knock off altogether as he had found an entirely new position. By then we were too weak to swear—we simply laughed!

Then we had to find our billet, a farm about half-a-mile away, and I had to go and buy candles and get my party into their barn. Everything was pitch dark and we kept falling into the manure heaps in the middle of the farm yard. None of the men had any of their kit or blankets and had had no food since lunch. I got on to a bed about 1 o'clock. Shortly after this there was a very heavy shower which made the roads awfully greasy. At 2.15 I was aroused by the people who had arrived with the gun and whose men had been on pretty solidly from 4 a.m., and told to arouse my men, as they were the freshest of any, and go out on the roads as three of the lorries had got ditched in the last two miles. The first lorry we came to we saw moving towards us and discovered that it had been got out, but, just as it got to us, in it went again. We dug and got loads of bricks and planks to bridge the mud and managed to get it out first shot. The second was a much worse job as the paved edge of the road was rather raised up and the wheels simply skidded instead of mounting it. We had to put bricks and planks and dig three times before it would come out. Then we had to walk back a mile-and-a-half to the last lorry and we found it was hardly in at all, and came out easily with scarcely any help from us. I got back at 5.30 and found my bed bagged, so had to turn in on the floor without any blankets. The next night we dug the proper pit till about 12, and the next night we mounted the gun. I turned in at 1.30 as I had to be up next morning to lay telephone wires, but the mounting was finished at 4.30 and everything was clear, and at 5.30 a German aeroplane came over. That was the end of a pretty good 72 hours! The last three days we have been laying telephone wires. We are going to fire at a certain village which is going to be the theatre of a second sort of Neuve Chapelle business. The country all round us here is absolutely flat, so we have to go up pretty near to observe. Both posts are just a mile from the trenches, mine is in an apple tree which is just about to blossom. I have got a fine seat rigged up there and a telescope lashed, and my telephonist is in a machine-gun emplacement in a second-

line trench, about 10 yards in front. If my place gets shelled I shall observe from the trench, which is quite safe as it has got dug-outs all along. The other post is in a house, and we have knocked a hole in the wall. We have now got 14 miles of telephone wire out, and it has to be patrolled every day as some of it goes through places which are often under shell-fire. To-day we were laying the line across a field near a road along which about a dozen civilians were digging trenches. They were in full view from a village held by the Germans, and suddenly we heard whiz-z-z and we all ducked our heads, and then, bang; it burst in a field about 50 yards from us. All the Frenchmen dashed off at once and started digging for the fuze. I went across and claimed it when they got it. You could follow the track of the fuze straight down from the crater, it was like a mole hole, only blackened all round. They got it out at about 9 ft. in, slantways of course. I gave the chap 3 francs for it. Just before we had finished getting it out we heard another shell, and although I lay pretty flat on the ground I couldn't help laughing to see the chap who was digging fling himself head first into the hole and wriggle down till only his feet showed. The shell was a shrapnel and burst with percussion and didn't do any harm. It was just 20 yards from us and only 10 ft. from some of the Frenchmen at the trench, in fact, it hit one side while they were on the other. They didn't care a bit though. I hustled my men along with the line and we had got on about 300 yards when another shrapnel came and burst in the air just over the Frenchmen, wounding one of them rather badly. I went back and got the fuze of the second shell for two francs, it is a very fine one, quite intact, with time ring and everything complete. I saw a bit of the base of the shell—they were 5 in. I should think. I want to send them home, only they are so awfully heavy, quite

9 lbs. I should think; anyhow, they are quite nice souvenirs. I shall know better than to stand about near digging parties in future.

Belgium,

April 30th, 1915.

I was hoping to have had a few days' leave but we have just heard we are going to move the gun next week and shall be very busy, so I am afraid leave is postponed indefinitely. The new place we are going to is right in the middle of a fairly big town a few miles south-east of this, and we shall be shelling in the direction of——. We had a Zeppelin over here last night at about 12 o'clock. It came from the direction of "Wipers," where it dropped some bombs, and passed directly over us and went towards B——, where it dropped six bombs and killed a good many civilians, and was back here and out of range in ten minutes. I was in Ypres this morning; it has been most fearfully shelled—about every fourth house has been completely demolished, and no part of the town has escaped. There is practically no glass left anywhere. The cloth hall and cathedral are absolutely pitiful to see, and all round the square the houses are completely destroyed. The Germans must have put hundreds of thousands of shells into it, for it is astonishing to see what comparatively little damage the average individual shell leaves behind it, though it must make a pretty tidy dust at the time. I passed some fields where there had been batteries—and some where they still were. There was practically no grass left and you could hardly have found a spot two yards square anywhere not pitted with holes. I can't think how they manage to avoid being wiped out. I think it must be because they stay in a spot till the Germans have got the range and then go off and leave dummies behind, which the Germans shell like fury for a bit, and then when they leave off, back comes the battery.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*The Abingdonian*, *The Panline*, *The Lancing College Magazine* (2), *The Lily*, *The Brackleyan*, *The Framlinghamian*. *The Hurst Johnian*, *The Denstonian*, *St. Edward's School Chronicle*, *S.S.M. Quarterly*.

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EDITORIAL.

THE present spell of hot weather extracts even from the Editor the phrase, oft repeated by many of his readers, "Whew! How hot it is!" and he (like many of *them*) feels very much disinclined to take up his pen, even when he has divested himself of his outer garments. Would it be considered unseemly if he followed their example a bit further, and appeared in gym vest and shorts to pursue his *usual* vocation? But to work!

The Ascension Day holiday was spoilt by a constant downpour of rain, so after chapel we put in a day's work and were promised a whole holiday as soon as a suitable day presented itself. We give an account elsewhere of the field operations which took place on that day.

We continue to receive names of O.B's who are serving with the colours, but we feel certain that there must be many yet of whom we have

not heard. We hope our readers will let us know of any O.B. whose name has not yet been put on the list; also of promotions and casualties, and especially the names of those who go to the front. We are doing our best to keep the roll up-to-date, but it is difficult to do so without help from outside.

Our worst fears with regard to the importation of measles at the beginning of the term have been realised, and there are now some twenty cases. All the School cricket matches have been scratched in consequence, but we have played three or four club matches. On Whitsun Monday we secured the victory over a team representative of Bloxham.

An addition is being made to the buildings; not a very noticeable one, for it is hidden behind the high wall opposite the old fives-court; and it is just as well that it is. It is one of those hideous erections made of weather-boarding with a galvanised iron roof, suitable only for the purpose for which it is being constructed, namely the storage of coal and coke.

This is not meant as a hit at the War Office authorities. *Necessitas non habet leges* is equally true in both cases.

We are glad to notice the revival of interest in natural history. Like so many hobbies it comes and goes, and in a number of cases the interest only lasts a short time. It is of course impossible for the majority to devote a great deal of time

during term to these pursuits, but it is a good thing to begin to take interest in the affairs of nature. In later years the study may be taken up more seriously and systematically, and prove a pleasant relaxation from the ordinary business of life.

SCHOOL NEWS.

A FLAG-STAFF has been erected on the gymnasium, for which we are indebted to Mr. Child.

A VERY nice clock has recently made its appearance in the Lower Library, and (*Mirabile dictu*!) keeps good time. It is fitted with interchangeable chimes, so that when we have heard enough of Westminster we can switch on a different tune, provided always, that meddling fingers can be kept from interfering with a somewhat complicated mechanism.

FIRST XI. colours have been given to W. E. Hill and C. T. Collinson.

THE Annual Festival of the North Oxfordshire District and the Banbury and Brackley Branch of the English Church Union is to be held here again this year, on Saturday, July 10th. The event is awaited with keen interest. Perhaps some of the O.B.'s may be able to fit in a week-end visit just then.

The match, originally fixed to take place in Oxford on the same day, will be played here.

O.B. NEWS.

VISITORS.—J. Hunt (M1910-14), May 1-3; J. T. Champion (1864-8), May 21-31; N. J. G. Ravenor (1871-75) and W. G. A. Ravenor (1871-80), May 22; J. G. Clifford (1910-12), May 24; H. G. Ansell (1897-1900); G. M. Reid (1881-4).

ORDINATIONS.—Deacons—By the Bishop of London in St. Paul's Cathedral, George Helier Duhamel Lovell (1904-7), St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and Ely Theological College. Licensed to St. Mary's, Somers Town.

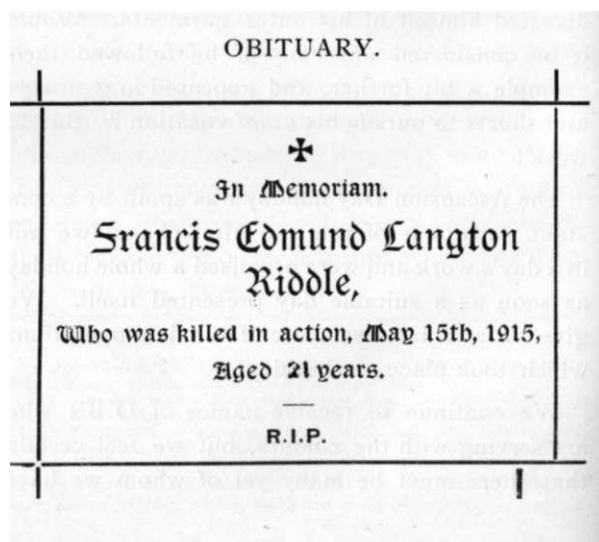
By the Bishop of Perth, Australia, George Henry Hinde (1879-86).

Priest—By the Bishop of Peterborough in his Cathedral, Arthur Kenelm Swallow (1903-4), B.A., University of London.

MARRIAGES.—Hinnell-Gartside—On May 8th, at Baldock Parish Church, Herts, by the Rev. Canon Nairn, Lieut. Harold Gudgeon Hinnell (1905-8), 7th Batt. Cheshire Regt., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hinnell, of Hillcrest, Alderley Edge, to Sylvia Frances Evelyn Gartside, 3rd daughter of the late Mr. Charles Gartside, Town Clerk of Ashton, and Mrs. Gartside, of Glen Garth, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Campbell—Craig—On May 19th, at Holy Trinity Church, Culmore, by the Rev. Canon Armstrong, Vicar of Castlerock, County Derry, assisted by the Rev. J. McAdams, Culmore, Archibald Smollett Campbell, elder son of Smollett Campbell, Esq., Commissioner of the Imperial Maritime Chinese Customs, and of Mrs. Smollett Campbell, Macas, China, to Theo Margaret Denise Craig, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert V. Craig, of Culmore, Londonderry.

Wigan—Morgan.—On April 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, Clifton, by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. C. J. Wigan, brother of the bridegroom, the Rev. Herbert Wigan, Vicar of Dunsden, Oxon, formerly Chaplain of All Saints' School, Bloxham, to Hettie, youngest daughter of the late Rev. R. H. Morgan.

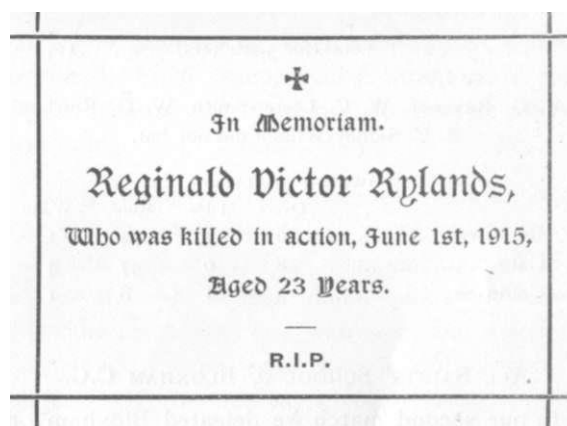


THE BLOXHAMIST.

It is with the deepest sorrow that we record the death of Frank Riddle, who will be remembered by all who have been at Bloxham since 1903, when he entered the School as a little boy, remaining for a much longer period than most boys. He left in July, 1911, but still continued to pay frequent visits to the School, so that to the present generation he was more than a name. It is exceedingly difficult to express in anything like adequate terms the greatness of his character—great because so simple. *O si sic omnes.* His name will be handed down to posterity as one of whom we may be justly proud. Details of his death are lacking. Apparently he was engaged in night operations with his battalion, the 2nd Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. On May 20th he was reported missing, but on the 29th his father received information that he had been killed. This was followed by a kind and sympathetic letter from the CO., written immediately after his body had been found, giving such particulars as were possible, and concluding his letter as follows :—" He had got on so well here, and we were all so fond of him that we shall miss his presence very much." While extending to his father and brothers and sisters, all of whom have been familiar figures in the life of the School for the last twelve years, our greatest sympathy in their family bereavement, we desire to assure them that their loss is ours also, and to associate ourselves with them in their great sorrow, taking comfort (as we hope they do) from the knowledge that a Christian gentleman has given his life in defence of a great cause. In him our motto once more finds fulfilment — *Juslorum semita lux splendens.*

As we go to press we have heard of the death of V. Rylands (1902-6), who was killed in action on June 1st. He left Bloxham rather young in order to go to Shrewsbury School, but in spite of having joined a much larger and more famous school, he always retained a great affection for Bloxham, and signified it by becoming a member

of the O.B. Society. His contemporaries will be able to recall pleasant memories of a boy of high character, the development of which is amply proved by the fact that he gained his promotion to be Captain in his Battalion (the 7th Manchester Regiment) at the early age of 22, just before he left England for the Mediterranean.



CRICKET.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL V. KEBLE COLLEGE.

The opening match of the season was played against Keble on May 15th, and resulted in a draw in our favour. The School batted first and runs came freely. Cain and Bonnewell both batted well, and the latter declared with the score at 114 for 5 wickets. Keble had only a short time at their disposal, and naturally tried to score fast, but Cain's bowling was too good for such tactics.

KEBLE COLLEGE.

T. Edwards, b Cain	6
B. K. Davis, c Coleman, b Bonnewell	0
L. A. W. Graves, b Cain	11
R. R. Kimbell, runout	12
E. Williams, b Cain	12
E. Dickinson, b Cain	18
C. A. M. Roberts, 1 b w, b Cain	2
E. J. Harvey, not out	11
W. A. Barugh, not out	5
Extras	7

Total (for 7 wickets) ... 84

G. D. Lane and Manley did not bat.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

W. E. Hill, b Kimbell	19
H. R. Walden, run out	6
C. T. Collinson, b Davis	10
D. W. T. Cain, b Manley	45
R. A. G. Ravenor, b Manley	3
H. S. Bonnewell, not out	19
D. S. Coleman, not out	5
Extras	7

Total (for 5 wickets) 114

N. J. G. Ravenor, W. C. Lester-Smith, W. G. Rowland,
R. C. Sidney-Wilmot did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kts.
Bonnewell	6	1	24	1
Cain	8	0	47	4
Collinson.. ..	3	1	8	1

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL V. BLOXHAM C.C.

In our second match we defeated Bloxham on our own ground, on Whitsun Monday. Winning the toss, the School batted first. The first two wickets were given away, as both Rowland and Collinson were run out. But Cain and R. Ravenor made a good stand. The former's score of 63 showed some really good cricket. Compton-Hall made a useful first appearance. Bloxham made 103, of which Bryant and Poulton hit up the best scores. The School bowling was good, and Collinson proved to be a useful change bowler. The fielding was very good.

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E. Drane, c Wilmot, b Cain	8
C. Bryant, c R. Ravenor, b Collinson	25
W. Mallett, c Wilmot, b Cain	0
B. Beesley, b Collinson	17
G. Neal, c Compton-Hall, b Collinson	4
G. Bridges, 1 b w, b Collinson	2
W. Poulton, b Cain	23
H. Mallett, c Coleman, b Bonnewell	4
W. Hall, b Cain	9
C. Mawle, not out	0
G. Poulton, b Cain	2
Extras	9

Total 103

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

W. G. Rowland, run out	1
H. R. Walden, b W. Mallett	5
C. T. Collinson, run out	4
R. A. G. Ravenor, c Drane, b Poulton	21
D. W. T. Cain, c H. Mallett, b W. Mallett	63
H. S. Bonnewell, b Neal	12
R. W. Compton-Hall, c W. Mallett, b Neal ...	12
D. S. Coleman, b Neal	4
W. C. Lester-Smith, b W. Mallett	0
N. J. G. Ravenor, c Beesley, b Neal	5
R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, not out	0
Extras	4

Total 13'

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kts.
Bonnewell	10	1	34	1
Cain	10	0	31	5
Collinson	5	0	20	4
Ravenor, R.	2	0	8	0

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL V. KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD.

This match was played on 5th July, and again resulted in a draw, this time in our opponent's favour. Keble batted first and their score was chiefly due to the scores of Roberts and Walters. At the same time our fielding was not as good as it should have been. Walden did well as a wicket-keeper, and both Cain and Collinson bowled fairly well, but were not so successful as in the former match. Little can be said for our batting. Compton-Hall's innings was the redeeming spot, and he seemed well-set when the stumps were drawn

KEBLE COLLEGE.

R. R. Kimbell, b Cain	13
C. A. M. Roberts, c Compton-Hall, b R. Ravenor	39
K. F. D. Walters, 1 b w, b Collinson	48
E. D. Dickinson, not out	14
B. K. Davies, b Cain	9
G. D. Lane, b Collinson	1
P. F. Sauer, b Cain	0
H. D. Wells, b Collinson	0
E. J. Harvey, b Collinson	1
W. H. Barugh, not out	1
Extras	10

Total (for 8 wickets) 136

T. R. Ritchie did not bat.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

W. G. Rowland, b Lane	1
H. R. Walden, b Lane	1
C. T. Collinson, c Kimbell, b Lane	16
D. W. T. Cain, b Kimbell	0
D. S. Coleman, c Harvey, b Kimbell	9
R. A. G. Ravenor, b Kimbell	8
R. W. Compton-Hall, not out	36
W. C. Lester-Smith, c Dickinson, b Ritchie ...	7
N. J. G. Ravenor, c Dickinson, b Ritchie	5
R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, not out	0
Extras	3

Total (for 8 wickets) 83

W. H. Higgs did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kts.
Cain	11	1	52	3
Collinson	16	2	50	4
Sidney-Wilmot	1	0	8	0
Ravenor, R	5	1	14	1

O.T.C. SIGNALLING.

THE weather on Ascension Day being very wet, the usual holiday was postponed and was eventually given on Friday, 21st May.

The School contingent took this opportunity for field work, the signallers working separately from the remainder, as it had been decided that they should form a line of stations across country and spend the whole day in signalling.

Parade was at 9.15 a.m., and shortly before 10 o'clock the signallers on bicycles moved off to their various stations, the first message being handled soon after 11 a.m.

There were six stations forming an irregular line between Fern Hill and Tadmarton, the station at the latter being on top of the Church tower. Several messages were disposed of before work was suspended for the mid-day meal, which was eaten on the various stations, so that signalling could be resumed immediately afterwards.

The messages went very smoothly till late in the afternoon when heavy rain made reading difficult, and writing well nigh impossible, the message forms becoming almost "a solution of the difficulty." The weather, however, could not damp the ardour of the signallers, and work proceeded merrily until 5.15 p.m., when they re-assembled at Tadmarton and proceeded homeward, one cadet being held back whilst going down hills by a handkerchief attached to his bicycle, the machine having no brakes worth mentioning.

During the day sixteen messages were handed in at the various stations, of these eleven were sent quite accurately, four were not sent chiefly because the rain caused much waste of time, whilst the remaining one was sent, but a somewhat serious error crept into it during transmission. Of the messages correctly sent, one was in cypher and another in French, the remainder being clear.

The line, commanded by Lieut. C. Allen, was composed of two terminals and four single transmitters as follows :—

F.H.—Lce.-Cpl. Higgs,* Cdt. Lloyd.

T.R.—Cdt. Coleman,* Sjt. Lester-Smith, Cdts. Walden, Bowden, Kirkby.

B.P.—Cdts. Eve,* Stephens, Neale, Holtom, Hobley.

P.F.—Lce.-Cpl. Cain,* Cdts. Stewart, Snape, Giles, Hordern.

L.M.—Cdts. Lyle,* Sidney-Wilmot, Clark, Wright, W.

C.T.—Cdts. Coulson,* Martin.

* i/c Station.

While the signallers were engaged on the signalling line the remainder of the corps were occupied in minor field operations, consisting of a march as in hostile country and scouting work. In the morning the party marched by way of

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South Newington and Wigginton to Holy Well Farm ; there they lunched, and later on were sent out in small parties to obtain information as to the positions of parties of enemy troops which had been reported to be in the neighbourhood. A certain amount of useful information was brought in, but owing to a misunderstanding part of the ground was not reconnoitred. The party re-assembled at Holy Well at 4.30 p.m., and marched home *via* Milcombe.

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.
BOWDEN, T. G.	1883-6	Captain	114th Brigade, R. F.A.
*BROWN, J. S. VESEY ...	1908-14		21st Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
COOK, C. R.	1910-12		6th Batt. Glos'ter Regt.
FERGUSON, T. E.	1896-1903	Lieut.	R.A.M.C.
MORTON, E. S.	1902-9	Private	R.A.M.C.
RYE, A. N.	1888-92	2nd Lieut.	Royal Guernsey Artillery & Engineers.
RYLANDS, H. B.	1905-9	2nd Lieut.	16th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers.
SALMON, F. A.	1885-		28th Batt. London Regt.

ROYAL NAVY.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	SERVICE.
ARNOL , N.	1903-6	Assistant Paymaster	H.M.S. " Venerable."

THE WAR.

THE following- Old Bloxhamists, whose names have already appeared in our "Army List," have recently gained commissions :—J. C. Smith (1899-1900), 2nd Lieut., 6th Batt. Royal Fusiliers ; C. G. M. Morris (1903-10), 2nd Lieut. Royal Berkshire Regiment ; E. A. Barlow (1906-10), 2nd Lieut., 9th Batt. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment.

Ernest G. Boissier (1897-8) has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and has been promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Commander. We regret to report that he has been wounded. News has just arrived that E. Townson is at the Red Cross Hospital at Siza, but no details are at present known.

We print three more letters from Lieut. W. W. Ward : -

France,

Thursday, May 6th.

We have just made another move and now I am in my observation post and we are going to fire in about half-an-hour. I was just having a hot bath at 10 p.m. last Sunday when we got orders to dismount the gun at once. We started at 11 and were finished by 4 o'clock. I started about 4 to roll up our cable, of which there was 15 miles ; we got it all in by 4 p.m., and then I went on and got the billets ready at the new place. The gun moved up the same night and we dug the pit that day and mounted the gun on Tuesday night ; meanwhile I chose my observation posts and laid cable and had every thing in the observation way ready for firing by 5 a.m. on Wednesday. I was very pleased, as people had been saying they could mount the gun quick enough, but that it was no good hurrying as you always had to wait three days before the observation posts were ready ; this time we were ready 8 hours before the gun. Our new position is only 600 yards from gun 2 and we are both firing at different targets ; this morning

we have to fire alternately as they want the Germans to think there is only one gun here. Gun 2 has just fired and we fire in about 20 minutes. It is very flat round here, I am observing from a house 250 yards from our trenches and about 600 yards from the Germans, sitting up in the top of a barn on masses of straw, looking out through a broken tile in the roof. We have got it well sandbagged in front as the roof is absolutely riddled with bullets, and when the attack comes off of course bullets will be flying pretty freely Just fired; a very good shot, plump in the middle of the town. Friday—We fired again this afternoon and I watched the gun fire from just behind for the first time (as my o.p. can't see this target we were firing at). It is absolutely astounding the blaze it makes and how it shakes the ground ; two large trees just in front absolutely reeled sideways and then down came a huge shower of blossom and leaves (we are in an orchard) and a cloud of dust hid the gun. I can't say much, but you can take it that something really big is coming off here and you may probably read about it before you get this letter, as another 12 hours will probably see it well under way ; you may be able to fix my position by the news. I am going off to sleep at my o.p. to-night and probably shall not get back to the gun for a couple of days.

France,

May 12th, 1913.

Well, we had our big show on Sunday, but it was a failure in our neighbourhood, though it seems to have gone better down south towards La Bassde, and we are now on our way down there, I believe. We got orders at 12.30 last night to move and started dismounting at one o'clock, and everything was ready by 10 this morning, including wires. It has been rather funny this move, as gun 2, which was only 500 yards away from us, had orders to move at the same time and started a little before us, and now at 12 midday, they have just about half finished dismounting and have hardly got in any of their wire. They seem

rather annoyed about it and look as if they did not think it at all nice of us to be so quick. We reported at 11 this morning to the general that everything was ready to move, and he sent back a message to congratulate us, ending—"now go and make up all the sleep you have lost." Now I must tell you all about the show here. There is no doubt about it that it was meant to be a big affair, as over two-thirds of the British Expeditionary Force was down in the southern 10 miles of our area, and hundreds of guns. It doesn't matter saying all this as they aren't here now. The scheme was to capture two towns on a ridge which runs parallel to our trenches about two miles away. They and the ridge are one of the keys to Lille, as the Germans could not hold Lille if we got the ridge. We went to our observation posts overnight and slept there, knowing that the show was going to start at 5 a.m. My post is 150 yards from our trenches, so of course we have to have the place we look out from sandbagged. We had it done all ready, but decided to make it a bit thicker, so we started working at 2.30 a.m. and by 4 had everything finished and were able to sit down and wait until 5 o'clock. Everything in the trenches was quite quiet and you could see the German fires going for breakfast. It was desperately exciting as we knew that there were about 30,000 men less than a mile behind us, spread over a front of about a mile. At 5 o'clock our gun and gun 2 fired, and that was the signal for every single gun in the line to start; the field guns and horse artillery guns at the trenches, and the heavier guns at the towns and fortified farms behind. It was the most magnificent sight, hundreds of shells bursting every minute over the trenches, shrapnel and high explosive, while every now and then there would be a terrific black burst, hiding everything from view, of a 6 or 15-in. howitzer. All these were bursting within 300 yards of us, and of course the noise was so great that you could not hear each other speak. I had to send my telephonist down to the cellar of the farm, so that he could hear on the 'phone, and he sent up messages written

down. I thanked my stars that I was on the right side, and the shells were going the right way. I once or twice saw our shells bursting on our own trenches, but I think our people had cleared out before it started. This went on for 40 minutes and towards the end the Germans began to reply a bit, though you could not hear their shells coming for the noise. Twice my view was shut off by a cloud of mud and leaves from two German 5.9 shells which burst in the orchard just in front. At 5.40 all our guns lifted and started firing at the German trenches in rear, and then you could tell the infantry attack had started by the rattle of machine guns and rifles. My view on either side was limited, but in front I saw two companies of our people, who came out about 100 yards to my left and doubled up to our trenches, got across them, and then turned to the right between the trenches in order to spread out. They didn't go very fast, a slow sort of double, some were even walking and they were quite bunched up together. Directly they were past our trenches I began to see casualties, about every yard or two a man would fall forward flat and I saw some sitting up who were wounded. After they had gone about 50 yards to the right they came to a hedge running at right angles to the trenches which had obviously been barb-wired and they were held up for a minute and machine guns must have opened on them as they began to fall all over the place, one on top of the other, but they soon got through and went on and I lost sight of them. Then it began to get too hot for me as bullets were coming through the roof and hitting the sandbags, so I got down from my loophole, somewhat hastened by a bullet which sang through rather near me and made me duck so hurriedly that I ripped my coat on a nail. The next day I counted over 50 bodies in front of the hedge within 200 yards of me. The end of it all was that our infantry advanced right up to F——s but got terribly cut up by the machine guns the whole way, some battalions being absolutely wiped out, and though they got into the town they were too weak to hold on and were absolutely pushed back to their own

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trenches again, where they now remain, and that our own casualties have been at least two to the German one. One rather horrible thing was that there were very few wounded brought in, as they all fell behind the line which the Germans hold now, so Heaven knows what has become of them. Our casualties in this part must be well over 6,000. At about 7.30 we stopped firing at the first target, after 12 rounds, and I had orders to go off to our other observation post to observe on a different target, so I had to make my way back just as the enemy was starting to shell our reserves and the roads, but by keeping to the fields, well away from the roads I got back safely. On the way back I picked up the fuze of one of our own shrapnel which had burst about 100 yards behind my post.

We fired another six rounds straight away at our new target, and then waited about and at 11 a.m. had orders to fire two rounds at a cross road and then report. We got two hits on the cross road and reported them by five minutes past 12 and the general sent a congratulatory message on the speed and accuracy of our fire. We can now fire at the rate of 20 rounds an hour, and when we first came out here we could only fire four, and the other guns now can only fire eight. It is all due to Boffey who is back with us again, and will probably stay as long as we have much moving about to do. We are going south to-night about six miles as we did both times before. Now we only need to go up about 2 miles north of Yyres to have covered the whole front of the English Army. I must stop now and you won't hear for 4 or 5 days if we get very busy. I got another lovely parcel yesterday, thank you so much for it.

Wednesday, May 25th.

I have had the last two days off, which I was not sorry for, and now there is practically nothing to do but collect reports from the line patrols. I wonder if you have found out where my observa-

tion post is from my description? Our two posts are at the two places which are mentioned most by "Eyewitness" in his accounts of the operations north of La Basse; mine is F——•——. I am not at all sorry not to have to go up there again, as the last time I was up there they gave it such a horrid shelling, two batteries firing at it for six hours, about four rounds every two minutes. It is the first time they have really bombarded it for three months, and most of the rounds fell in the village behind us, but we had one right into the house, which knocked us all down, and smashed one of our telephones, though it only blew out part of the back wall and did not hurt anyone. It came through the roof, and was the first one I have been really near to. It was a horrid feeling to hear it coming nearer, and then not to stop some distance away from one, but to come right on until the sort of whizzing sound changes to a rushing noise. The burst knocked us absolutely flat; I had my back to it and so was knocked on my face, but my two men were facing it and one cut his head a bit against the wall, and we lay waiting for the bits and to see how much of the house was going to fall down. We cleared out to our dug-out in the garden after that—it was really only a chance shot that hit our place—and listened to the rest of it quite comfortably. Our relief was three hours late that morning, as they could not get through the village. The effect of the bombardment to me was to make me fearfully sleepy. I went home and slept for the rest of the day without winking.

We are beginning to get plenty of ammunition, but they are getting a bit more chary of using it except on something big. Gun 4, near here, has, we think, been spotted by the Germans, as they have had several small shells over, and two days ago they had two 11 inch shells in the field they are in—one burst some way off, and the other was a blind and fell only two yards from their billet. They really deserve it, as the gun is very badly concealed, and they always seem to have it uncovered.

The letter following', written by a member of the Australian Expeditionary Force, who is not an O.B., has been received : —

Here am I travelling first-class on the R. M.S. " Royal George," on my way to Malta, where I expect to be put into hospital. Don't worry, as my wound is a slight flesh one in the thigh, caused by the bullet of a Turk who managed to hit me on Sunday afternoon, May 9th, whilst I was in the trenches. I went to the dressing station in the evening, and from there was sent to the Base Field Hospital, slept the night there and the next morning was put on board this boat, together with 700 other wounded, to be taken to Alexandria. At that port, however, there was only room for the serious cases, the hospitals being nearly full, so the rest of us are being taken on to Malta. I am sending this letter on to England by the boat to be posted as soon as it touches port, so you ought to get it about the end of the month.

I wrote a letter to you just before leaving Cairo, which I expect you have received. Since then, I have been through some most exciting times. After leaving Egypt we did not go straight to the Dardanelles, but were anchored off the Island of Limnos for some days, where we had nothing to do but grumble. On April 24th, we left Limnos in the morning and arrived off the Peninsula of Gallipoli in the early hours of Sunday morning, April 25th. I was in the first boat to leave the ship, and we were met with a very warm reception in the shape of fire from the Turks, who were strongly entrenched in the heights overlooking the beach. From that time, until I was wounded, that is to say, for fifteen days I was in the thick of it, but I am not going to try to describe all that happened. No doubt you have seen the accounts in the papers of the doings of the Australians in the Dardanelles Campaign, and that will have given you a better idea of what happened than ever I could give you.

The landing we made, under heavy fire, was about the most trying baptism of fire that any troops could undergo. In my boat there were j

thirty-five men, and only eleven of us succeeded in getting ashore unhit. Once established in trenches one was fairly safe, and the life, although hard, was healthy, and up to the time of being hit I was feeling very fit indeed, with a tremendous appetite ; even now the appetite remains, and, except for the discomfort of the wound, I feel very well indeed. The Australians have lost very heavily; my battalion, the 7th, after landing, could muster only about 500, including fifty reinforcements who joined us two or three days after the landing, out of 1,000. On the Saturday before I was hit we made an advance of 700 yards under heavy rifle and shrapnel fire, so I expect there are still less of us now.

I expect by the time you get this letter that the worst of the fighting in the Dardanelles will all be over, in fact, it is possible that the Turks will have thrown up the sponge by that time.

They seem to be brave enough, but that is probably due to the presence of German officers. They do not observe any of the rules of warfare ; they do not object to using the white flag to get us out into the open, and they seem to delight in shooting at our stretcher bearers and Red Cross men. They are well armed, and must have plenty of ammunition, judging from the tremendous amount they waste. Every night they kept up a terrific fire on our trenches which did us very little harm, their object being to prevent us making any advance in the dark.

Until I was wounded and had a chance to rest I did not realise how hard I had been working. Since I have been on board this boat I have done nothing but sleep and eat, and still I don't get enough. It is glorious to go to bed knowing that one can sleep for hours without any fear of being roused up to go on guard, or take one's turn at " look-out " in the trenches.

I have been wondering if D——— is still at Malta ; I don't think he is, as I heard that the Fusiliers have taken the place on the Canal of some troops who joined us in the Dardanelles.

I will write again later on, telling you how things are going with me. You had better continue addressing letters to me in the old way ; I might get them some time or other. . . .

To return to the subject of the war—ever since we landed we have had remarkably good weather, bright, warm days, with cold nights, but no rain worth speaking of, for which we have all been very thankful.

Our food supplies were well kept up, so that there was never any serious shortage of food, which consisted chiefly of Bully beef and biscuits, also tea, which was issued to each man who had to get his own water (of which there was plenty), and boil it himself. Bacon was issued occasionally ; this also had to be cooked, and I was becoming quite expert in cooking it.

NATURALIST SOCIETY.

LESTER-SMITH and C. G. Martin have been the most active in the botanical section. The following flowers have been found during the last month :—*Eurysimum orientale*, *orchis mascula*, *orchis maculata*, *saxifraga granulata*, *ranunculus aquatilis*, *ranunculus ficaria*, *ranunculus parviflorus*, with hooked tubercles on its achenes ; *caltha palustris*, *chelidonium majus*, *fumaria officinalis*, *capsella bursa-pastoris*, *cardamine pratensis*, *nasturtium officinale*, *sisymbrium o.*, *sisymbrium alliaria*, *sinapsis arvensis*, A specimen thought to be "*Arabis stricta*," was submitted by Mr. W. Lester-Smith, of Oxford, to the great county botanist, Mr. Claridge Druce (for this year president of the Ashmolean Society), who pronounced it to be a garden escape, the wild form of this *arabis* being unknown about here. *Viola tricolor*, *geranium molle*, *geranium robertianum*, *illex* ;

europaeus, *heracleum spondylium*, *galium molugo*, *galium aparine*, *galium verum*, *galium saxatile*, *taraxacum officinale*, *tragopodon pratensis*, *senecio vulgaris*, *senecio jacoboea*, *bellis perennis*, *veronica chamaedidis*, *mentha arvensis*, *ajuga reptans*, *lamium album*, *nepeta glechoma*, *myosotis palustris*, *primula vulgaris*, *primula veris*, *urtica dioica*, *scilla nutans*, *arum maculatum*, *sinapsis alba*, *galium uliginosum* (water-bed straw).

The following are some of the objects that have been mounted for the demonstration microscope (a direct view instrument) :—Feathers on scales of (a) South African, (b) Madagascan butterflies, provided by G. V. Hordern ; sting of nettle, and bee ; pollen of tulip, lily, etc.; hairs from tail of caterpillar, showing minute hooks, of from 3,000th to 5,000th inch in diameter ; wings and antennae of aphid and ephemeris, etc. The great difference in diameter in human hairs, also was unexpected and interesting. Samples of blood cells, and the movements of freshly drawn blood were watched with interest. The microscope magnifies 200 diameters.

ZOOLOGICAL SECTION.

A certain amount of interesting work has already been done in the way of practical zoology, under the superintendence of Messrs. Blanshard and Burgess. A frog was captured one day, and after illustrating the tenacity of life which characterises the lower animals, was pinned out on wax, and dissected under water. The various muscles, nerves, blood vessels, together with the chief internal organs of digestion and circulation were exhibited. A further dissection was carried out in the case of a grass snake, but the *post mortem* age of the subject rendered detailed investigation somewhat difficult.

A more successful matter was the capture, killing and preserving in spirits of another grass snake, which was carried out by Walden, Lester-Smith, and Collinson. This is a fine specimen, and is being taken care of, so as to form the nucleus of a collection. Meanwhile, members are reminded that the Master's house cannot be used for the storage of wild beasts, whether alive or dead ; and that collectors must make their own arrangements for killing or keeping live specimens before they go forth to the chase.

C. E. B.

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EDITORIAL.

BY the time this number of THE BLOXHAMIST reaches the hands of our readers we shall have dispersed for the holidays. It seems to be the general feeling that it will be well to get away as soon as possible after the Oxford Local Examinations are over. Incidentally we hope that all concerned in that annual ordeal will acquit themselves creditably and do their utmost to maintain the high standard which we have attained in recent years.

In most respects this summer term has been a very enjoyable one in spite of an unusual amount of sickness. The weather has been delightful, and what has been lost in the way of cricket matches with other schools and teams from outside has been made up for in other ways.

The mention of cricket brings a matter to our mind about which we venture to express our opinion. There always seems to be a much greater interest taken in the Dormitory Match than in any other match. In past years we have

frequently noted that the Dormitory Match has been postponed because So-and-so is unable to play or for some other reason, and the rest of the School always seem to show greater enthusiasm on the occasion of these matches. Surely this manifests a lack of *esprit de corps*. We do not wish to see the Dormitory Match relegated to a position of insignificance, but the School matches should be regarded in their proper light and greater keenness taken in the achievements of the School's representatives. We are firm believers in the influence made on the players by the plaudits of the onlookers.

It was a real pleasure to welcome the arrival back amongst us of Col.-Sergt. Grinter, after his long absence. Though considerably better than he was when he went away, he is not quite his former self, and is only able to do a portion of his duties. We hope he will regain his health entirely during the holidays, and be able to resume his full work in September.

We should be lacking in generosity if we failed to express our sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Ayres and their family in their present bereavement. Their son, Harry, who a short time ago was also a servant at the School, was badly wounded in France early in July, and died a few days later in hospital at Norwich. His body was brought to Bloxham for burial, and the School is grateful to have been allowed to furnish the firing party and buglers to pay the last military honours.

One other matter demands our attention here. The end of the summer term always brings a certain amount of regrets with it. We begin to realize that faces, for some years familiar among us, will be sought for in vain when we re-assemble in the autumn. But this year we are bidding farewell to two members of the staff, Mr. Child and Mr. Allen, whose places it will be hard to fill. Their absence may, perhaps, be only temporary (we hope so !), but nevertheless we shall feel it very much. Both are going to do military work. We feel assured that they will carry with them the best wishes of us all, and deep gratitude for the many works they have perfected here.

SCHOOL NEWS.

T H E following new boys have come during the term :—H. E. Dewar, **B. L.** Ingham, E. F. Wykeham-Martin.

W. C. LESTER-SMITH and **H. R. Walden** have left to take up commissions in the army.

T H E Rev. **G. H. BOWN**, Principal of St. Stephen's House, Oxford, preached here on Sunday, July iith.

FIRST XI. colours have been given to **R. C. Sidney-Wilmot**, **R. A. G. Ravenor**, **H. R. Walden**, **R. W. Compton-Hall**, **W. G. Rowland**.

T H E ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the North Oxfordshire District of the English Church Union was held here on Saturday, July iioth. A large number of visitors attended. The proceedings began with the solemn offering of the Holy Eucharist at 11.45, after which the Rev. Dr. Darwell Stone, Principal Librarian of Pusey House, Oxford, preached. The visitors had luncheon in the Hall, and in the afternoon there was a meeting in the Schoolroom, at which Mr. H. W. Hill, Secretary of the Union, was the chief speaker.

FOUNDER'S DAY was duly observed on July 14th, being Mr. Egerton's birthday. The School assembled in Chapel at 9 a.m. for the Commemoration of the Founder and Holy Eucharist. The rest of the morning was occupied in various ways, and at noon began a cricket match against

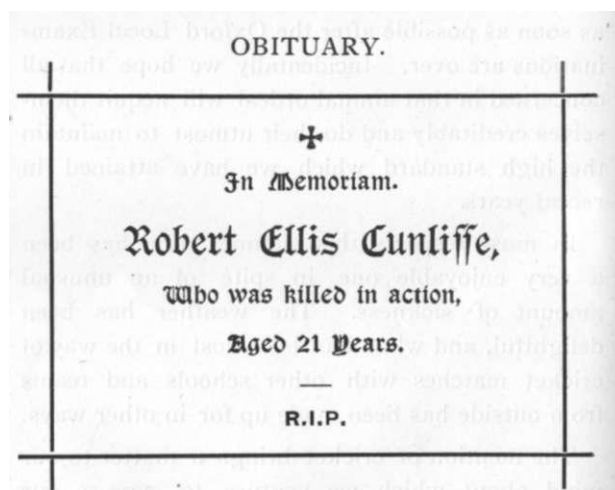
Bloxham village. The day closed with Solemn Evensong and Te Deum, according to custom.

O N Saturday, July 17th, we again offered the Holy Eucharist with special intention for the souls of our soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war. On this occasion we had to number among them five Old Bloxhamists. The Officers, N.C.O.'s and Cadets of the O.T.C. attended in uniform, some of them forming a special choir for the occasion. As usual, the service was sung to the ancient plainsong, the only new feature being the proper sequence, *Dies irae*, which was sung after the Epistle. At the conclusion of the *Requiem* the "Last post" was sounded by a bugler from the organ loft.

O.B. NEWS.

T H E following Old Bloxhamists have recently visited the School :—The Rev. **R. A. E. Harris** (1902-5), June 18; **T. W. Bennett** (1904-11), June 19; **J. D. Lound** (1909-13), June 26-27 > **R. J. G. Read** (1866-70), **P. E. Read** (1910-12), **A. B. Williams** (1913-15), July 9-12; **E. P. H'ggs** (1909-14), July 13-15; **T. Coleman** (1876-8), July 14.

R. W. PEARSE (1913-15) has become a member of the O.B. Society.



We hesitated to insert the above in our previous number, as some doubt existed as to whether Cunliffe had fallen in an action which took place

early in May. Now, however, there seems to be no reason to suppose that it was otherwise. His superior officer has written to his parents as follows :—

"The machine gun and shrapnel fire was very heavy just then, and I am afraid there is very little doubt your son was killed that day. Capt. Nugent, who commanded your son's company, last saw him when he started over our own breastwork, and I can find no one who saw him afterwards. He must have advanced at the head of his platoon part of the way to the German trench and have been killed there. Your son fell like many other officers of the brigade, gallantly leading his men against the enemy. Only four out of twenty-four officers survived."

R. E. Cunliffe was at school 1906-9, and on leaving went into business in London. He joined the Queen's Westminsters about three years ago. He went to the front with his battalion about Christmas, and after three months in the trenches was given a commission in the 2nd Batt. Royal Berkshire Regiment. Looking back to the time when he was here, we have pleasant recollections of a cheerful boy always ready to enter into any fun that might be going on, but always capable of discerning in a moment anything that was wrong, and shunning it. We can find no better words in which to express his character than those used by one who knew him well :—" He had the making of a fine fellow, and was a great favourite with all of us. He died in service, and I believe he served his generation as well as his king, and that very humbly he sought to serve the King of kings."

The following brief account of the death of R. V. Rylands, in Gallipoli, which we announced last month, has reached us. A fellow officer writes :—

" He was taken from my company and attached to B, and it was when my company and B were ordered out on a certain night, brilliantly lit by a full moon, to do an advance, that he was killed, and many others with him. He was wounded in

the shoulder, but refused to go back, and went on to the position chosen, where he received a second wound, which proved fatal."

We are asked to publish the following :—

Tadmarton Rectory,

Banbury,

June 24th, 1915.

Dear Mr. Editor,

" Although the next issue of THE BLOXHAMIST is not due for nearly a month, I should not like to wait till then to ask you to convey, through its pages, to all members of the School, masters and boys, both past and present, whom circumstances have at any time, and in any way, brought into touch with my late dear son Frank and ourselves, how very deeply we, his father, brothers and sisters, appreciate the sympathetic message contained in the latter part of the ' In Memoriam ' notice of him which appeared in the June number of your magazine.

" I feel happy to think that the summary of his character there given is simply and absolutely true, and I can add my own emphatic testimony that he always did his very best.

" That this is said from no paternal prejudice in his favour is, I think, made plain by the words of one under whose command he served. — ' He found no duty too much for him, and his one idea was to help.' I trust and believe that the memory of his bright example will be a power for good in the School for many a long year to come."

Believe me, dear Mr. Editor,

Yours very faithfully,

ARTHUR E. RIDDLE.

CRICKET.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL V. ADDERBURY C.C.

'j ^ HIS was an exceedingly close match, and was played on June 19th. Adderbury won the toss and batted first. Out of a total of 79, Mr. Cholmondeley made 46 and won the match. We could not turn out our best team, but even then, on a batting wicket, we should have been able to make up the score. Only three men reached double figures. We lost by seven runs.

ADDERBURY.

Rev. C. F. Cholmondely, b Wilmot	46
H. Bryant, b R. Ravenor	4
R. H. Jones, b D. Cain	9
C. E. Bryant, c Cain, b Wilmot	3
R. A. Beasley, b R. Ravenor	2
J. Butler, b R. Ravenor	0
H. Jones, not out	5
H. Falkner, b Wilmot	2
F. E. Johnstone, c Hill, b Wilmot	0
E. Woodfield, b Wilmot	0
E. Hall, c Smith, b Wilmot	0
Extras	8

Total.....79

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kts.	Aver.
Cain	13	2	36	1	36
R. Ravenor	14	5	23	3	7.6
Wilmot	9	4	12	6	2

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

D. S. Coleman, b C. C. Bryant	1
R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, b E. Woodfield	17
H. R. Walden, b E. Hall	8
R. A. G. Ravenor, c Falkner, b E. Hall	1
D. W. T. Cain, c Butler, b E. Woodfield	13
R. W. Compton-Hall, c and b H. Bryant	15
W. E. Hill, c R. H. Jones, b H. Bryant	5
R. A. G. Ravenor, b E. Hall	5
W. C. Lester Smith, b H. Bryant	0
W. H. Higgs, not out	1
C. A. Farebrother, b E. Hall	0
Extras	6

Total.....72

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL V. ADDERBURY, CC.

The return match was played on June 26th. Bonnewell signalled his return to the team by making a useful score, but Hall's bowling was too good for the rest of the team. Coleman fielded brilliantly in this match.

BLOXHAM.

R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, b C. C. Bryant	9
D. S. Coleman, b E. Hall	4
R. A. G. Ravenor, c Rev. C. F. Cholmondely, b E. Hall	11
D. W. T. Cain, c Rev. C. F. Cholmondely, b E. Hall	4
H. S. Bonnewell, c R. H. Jones, b H. H. Jones	29
R. W. Compton-Hall, c Falkner, b E. Hall	14
H. R. Walden, c C. C. Bryant, b E. Hall	0
W. E. Hill, c C. C. Bryant, b E. Hall	0
W. C. Lester Smith, not out	7
W. G. Rowland, b E. Hall	1
W. Higgs, b E. Hall	0
Extras	5

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ADDERBURY.

C. C. Bryant, c Lester Smith, b Sidney-Wilmot	33
H. Bryant, b Cain	0
R. H. Jones, c Coleman, b Cain	8
Rev. C. F. Cholmondely, l.b.vv., b Cain	3
H. R. Jones, b Bonnewell	0
J. Butler, b Cain	57
R. A. Beasley, b Bonnewell	16
H. Falkner, c Compton-Hall, b Bonnewell	13
N. J. G. Ravenor, b Rowland	1
F. Johnstone, b Bonnewell	3
E. Hall, not out	0
Extras	6

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kts.	Average.
Bonnewell	15	1	44	4	11
Cain	14	2	53	4	13.2
Sidney-Wilmot	8	3	14	1	14
Ravenor, R.	4	—	18	—	—
Rowland	2	—	5	1	5

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL V. WARWICK SCHOOL.

ON July 3rd we visited Warwick School, and won our only School match by seven wickets.

WARWICK.

A. T. Duffield, c Rowland, b Cain	8
Peers, c Smith, b Bonnewell	0
Duffield ii, b Bonnewell	0
E. W. Pyne, b Cain	27
K. R. Scarr, b Cain	7
R. J. Farmer, b Cain	21
Smith i, c Ravenor, R., b Bonnewell	8
Barker i, b Cain	0
McCartney, b Cain	2
Love i, not out	8
Love ii, b Bonnewell	4
Extra	16

Total.....101

BOWLING AVERAGE.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kts.	Average.
Bonnewell	12	1	33	4	8.2
Cain	13	4	37	6	6.2
Sidney-Wilmot	2	0	15	0	—

BLOXHAM.

R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, b Farmer	27
D. S. Coleman, c Farmer, b Pyne	30
H. R. Walden, b Farmer	15
D. W. T. Cain, not out	31
H. S. Bonnewell, not out	6
R. A. G. Ravenor	—
R. W. Compton-Hall	—
N. J. G. Ravenor	—
W. C. Lester Smith	—
W. G. Rowland	—
W. Higgs	—
Extras	4

Total (for a wicket).....

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL V. HEYTHROP HUNT C.C.

THIS match was played at Kingham on July 7th, and resulted in a win for our opponents by 30 runs. The game was quite spoilt by rain. The condition of the ground accounted for the low scoring.

BLOXHAM.

D. S. Coleman, c Louch, b Holbrooke	3
R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, run out	6
R. W. Compton-Hall, b Louch	5
D. W. T. Cain, b Louch	0
H. S. Bonnewell, c and b Holbrooke	8
R. A. G. Ravenor, b Echalaz	8
R. M. Coombes, st Baber, b Holbrooke	0
N. J. G. Ravenor, b Echalaz	2
W. C. Lester Smith, not out	6
W. G. Rowland, b Echalaz	0
W. Higgs, c Baber, b Holbrooke	0
Extras	1
Total	39

HEYTROP HUNT C.C.

T. Freer-Meade, c Smith, b Bonnewell	10
Rev. H. Bilsborow, b Cain	1
J. H. Echalaz, c Ravenor, N., b Bonnewell	21
J. Louch, c Coleman, b Cain	0
E. R. Salisbury, b Bonnewell	2
Rev. H. W. B. Holbrooke,	
c Cain, b Sidney-Wilmot	9
F. H. Sitwell, b Bonnewell	0
Rev. E. Freeman, b Bonnewell	7
J. W. Hughes, c Bonnewell, b Sidney-Wilmot	2
F. Baber, not out	0
Extras	17
Total	69

BOWLING AVERAGE.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kets.	Average.
Bonnewell	13	1	26	5	5*2
Cain	8	1	20	2	10'0
Sidney-Wilmot	5	1	8	2	4'0

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL V. BLOXHAM C.C.

On Founder's Day we played the village. We opened badly by losing our first three wickets very quickly, but Bonnewell and the two Ravenors raised the score to nearly 200. The first played a really good innings, and the others backed him up well. For the visitors, Perry and Mallett looked as if they were going to make the game close, but after their stand, the game quickly came to an end.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

D. S. Coleman, c Tustain, b W. Poulton	5
R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, c Mallett, b F. Neale	12
R. W. Compton-Hall, b G. Neale	1
D. W. T. Cain, c G. Poulton, b W. Poulton	2
H. S. Bonnewell, b Tustain	62
R. A. G. Ravenor, c Bridges, b Mallett	38
N. J. G. Ravenor, not out	39
W. G. Rowland, lbw, b W. Boulton	0
W. E. Hill, b W. Poulton	12
R. M. Coombes, not out	0
Extras	35

(8 wickets declared) Total 206

C. H. Tucker did not bat.

BLOXHAM C.C.

S. Tustain, c Coleman, b Bonnewell	4
G. Neale, b Cain	16
A. Perry, b Cain	35
G. Bridges, b Bonnewell	1
W. Mallett, c N. Ravenor, b Bonnewell	16
W. Poulton, c Cain, b Bonnewell	8
F. Neale, c Rowland, b Cain	6
S. Pettipher, not out	2
E. Heath, c Rowland, b Bonnewell	1
G. Poulton, b Bonnewell	0
B. Heath, c Wilmot, b Bonnewell	0
Extras	10

Total 99

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	M'dns.	Runs.	W'kets	Average
H. Bonnewell	14	4	41	7	5-8
D. W. T. Cain	12	2	39	3	13
R. A. G. Ravenor...	2	—	9	—	—

CRICKET CHARACTERS, 1915.

H. S. Bonnewell (captain).—As captain has been a success. He set a good example to his men by his keenness and readiness. He is a powerful bat, and more than once saved the day by careful play and hard hitting. He is a good fast bowler and a clean fielder.

D. W. T. Cain (vice-captain).—Is a batsman with a good style and several fine strokes. He is a useful left-hand bowler and a very sure catch. He worked hard and ably as vice-captain during Bonnewell's absence.

D. S. Coleman.—Fields very well at point—holding some good catches. As a batsman without strokes has played well, generally being able to keep his end up. A slow bowler with an easy action. Played well at Warwick.

W. C. Lester Smith.—A really excellent fielder, especially at mid-on, where he can catch anything within his reach. A batsman who has improved wonderfully since the beginning of the season, now that he has learnt how to play with a straight bat. He hits hard at times.

C. T. Collinson.—A very useful bowler with fair pace, keeping a steady length and deserving all the success with which he met. A useful batsman who can make runs; a very safe field and catch. His departure at half-term was a great loss to the team, both in batting and bowling.

R. A. G. Ravenor.—A good batsman with plenty of scoring strokes on the off, but is weak in defence. He has deservedly played one or two good innings; his best was in the return match with Bloxham C.C. An excellent field and catch, and a very useful change bowler.

R. C. Sidney-Wilmot.—A painstaking and promising batsman who has improved tremendously since the beginning of the season. He now plays with a straight bat, and has plenty of good strokes. A bowler with an easy action, but is apt at times to become very short and so gives away runs. He can catch well and picks up cleanly, especially in the slips.

R. W. Compton-Hall.—Can hit a loose ball on the off very hard and cleanly, and has a sound defence. Has played many good innings. Fields well at square leg and has caught some really good catches. Quite one of the best members of the team, and he seems to have plenty of keenness.

IV. G. Rowland.—Quite one of the best fielders on the side—stopping practically anything, and is a very safe catch. A batsman without strokes, but he has however succeeded in staying in. Has little defence, as he will persist in playing back. Well worth playing for his excellent fielding. He is always keen and works hard.

N. J. G. Ravenor.—Has not fulfilled his last year's promise as a wicket keeper, being neither able to stop balls or catch easy catches. He can bat well in nets and practice games, but in matches he fails hopelessly. Does not appear to take his place seriously enough. Batted very well against Bloxham C.C.

H. R. Walden.—A fairly sound bat with a tendency to make very dangerous strokes on the leg. A very smart field and safe catch.

R. M. Coombes.—Unfortunately has been away most of the term and has therefore only played in two matches. A safe field and catch, but in batting is very disappointing, probably through nervousness. •

First XI. Batting Averages, 1915.

	Innings	Runs	Times not out	Highest score	Average	Position
H. S. Bonnewell.....	6	136	2	62	34	1
D. W. T. Cain	10	163	1	63	18'22	2
D. S. Coleman	9	74	1	30	9'25	7
W. C. Lester Smith	6	20	2	7	5	10
N. J. G. Ravenor	6	62	1	*39	12'4	6
C. T. Collinson	5	38	0	16	7'6	8
R. A. G. Ravenor	9	125	1	38	15'75	3
R. C. Sidney-Wilmot.....	6	75	1	27	15	4
R. W. Compton-Hall.....	7	88	1	*36	14'5	5
H. R. Walden.....	8	50	0	15	6'25	9
W. G. Rowland	6	6	0	4	1	11
R. M. Coombes	2	0	1	0	0	12

* Not out.

First XL. Bowling Averages, 1915.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average	Position
H. S. Bonnewell	70	202	22	10/18	1
D. W. T. Cain	112	429	35	12'25	2

R. C. Sidney-Wilmot and R. A. G. Ravenor have not bowled 50 overs and therefore have no average.

First XL. Fielding Averages, 1915.

	Marks	Matches played in	Average	Position
H. S. Bonnewell.....	61	6	10'1	7
D. W. T. Cain	102	10	10'2	5
D. S. Coleman	108	10	10'8	1
W. C. Lester Smith	95	9	10'5	3
N. J. G. Ravenor	89	9	9'8	11
C. T. Collinson	50	5	10	10
R. A. G. Ravenor	101	10	10'1	7
R. C. Sidney-Wilmot	102	10	10'2	5
H. R. Walden	81	8	10'1	7
R. W. Compton-Hall	93	9	10'3	4
W. G. Rowland	86	8	10'6	2
		6	9	12

The cricket season on the whole has been satisfactory, and if conditions had been more fortunate, the School should have had a really good eleven. With a fair number of last year's colourmen, and with some promising material to pick from, we should have acquitted ourselves very creditably against other schools. The chief feature of the eleven was one which ought to be very common, but is not. The general improvement of the individual members of the team. The batting all round was more stylish and more effective. Bonnewell and Cain set an example of hard play and good cricket. R. Ravenor has the best style amongst the younger members of the team, whilst both Sidney-Wilmot and Compton-Hall showed that they had all the makings of good cricketers. The bowling of the team was moderate. The eleven lacked a slow bowler. This lack was apparent both in attack and defence. The team had not experience of it and fell early victims to Dr. Holbrook, of the Heythrop Hunt. The fielding on the whole was very good and clean. This is a department of the game in which a Public School should excel, and a really good fielder is worth his place in any team. This is a point which might be taken to heart by some of the younger members of the School, and by the candidates for a possible second eleven.

The ground has been well kept by Goldby, who has done good service in the nets.

O.T.C. NOTES.

THE Annual Inspection of the contingent was carried out by Major Pearson, Oxford and Bucks L.I., on June 21st.

The Inspecting Officer appeared to be quite satisfied with everything he saw, and was especially complimentary in his remarks with reference to saluting by cadets when off parade. (Cadets, who, when in uniform find it necessary to remove their caps in order to adjust the chin-strap or for some other purpose whenever an officer approaches—please mark the last sentence with red-ink).

The following is an extract from "Remarks on the state of efficiency of the contingent."

War Office,

London, S.W.,

29th June, 79/5.

DRILL.—The platoon (of four sections) was exercised in close order platoon drill and in extended order by Captain Child, Lieut. Allen, and two non-commissioned officers in turn. The words of command were very well given, and the drill, both in close order and in extended order was very good.

MANOEUVRE.—The manoeuvre was smartly and intelligently carried out. Fire was opened on an object at 200 yards on the right flank, and then concentrated on another object at 450 yards on the left flank. Fire control was good, and words of command rapidly passed along the line.

DISCIPLINE.—Discipline is good. Officers and non-commissioned officers appeared to me to exercise effective control over their respective units. Saluting is smartly and correctly done. After being fallen out and dispersed the cadets fell in again quickly on the whistle sounding and moved off in fours, all quickly done without confusion.

TURN OUT.—Satisfactory.

SIGNALLING.—Thirty non-commissioned officers and cadets instructed in semaphore signalling. A short message in proper form was correctly sent through from stations. Lieut. Allen is signalling instructor.

EQUIPMENT.—All appeared in good order except one bayonet damaged.

Cadet-Serjt. Lester Smith and Cadet Walden have applied for commissions in the special reserve of officers, and hope to be gazetted to the Third Battalion of the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry.

A firing party from the contingent attended the funeral of Pte. H. Ayres, Oxford & Bucks L.I. on July 12th.

There is some truth in the rumour that the officers of the contingent will be attached to Portsmouth Garrison for military duty during the summer holidays. There are also other rumours,

but apparently the fact that Cadet S——e has been appointed to the command of the Bloxham Platoon has not yet become generally known.

The prizes for efficiency have been awarded to Serjt. Coombes (*Senior*) and Cadet Sidney-Wilmot (*Junior*).

SIGNALLING TESTS.—Conditions and scores for the annual signalling tests are printed below. Prizes are awarded as follows :—

Senior Test — Lce-Serjt. Higgs (silver medal).

Junior Test—Cdt. Clark (silver medal).

Elementary Test—Cdt. Kirkby (bronze medal).

SENIOR TEST.

1. To read 78 letters arranged in groups of four in 2 minutes (rate 10).
2. To send 78 letters arranged in groups of four in 2 minutes (rate 10).
3. To read one "Service Message" of 200 letters in 5 minutes (rate 8).
4. To send one "Service Message" of 200 letters in 5 minutes (rate 8).
5. To write one "Service Message" and supply the "Answers" to groups.
6. A written paper on A. F. C2121 and general station work.

JUNIOR TEST.

1. To read 78 letters arranged in groups of four in 2\ minutes (rate 8).
2. To send 78 letters arranged in groups of four in 2\ minutes (rate 8).
3. To read one message consisting of address to, text and address from, containing 100 letters in 3 minutes 20 seconds (rate 6).
4. To send one message containing address to, text and address from, of 100 letters in 3 minutes 20 seconds (rate 6).

ELEMENTARY TEST.

1. To read 78 letters arranged in groups of four in 3 minutes 20 seconds (rate 6).
2. To send 78 letters arranged in groups of four in 3 minutes 20 seconds (rate 6).

SENIOR TEST—RESULTS.

Test Number	1		2		3		4		5		6	Total.
	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b	c	d		
Maximum	100	78	22	100	78	22	25	25	100	550		
Lce.-Sjt. Higgs	100	78	20	98	76	18	25	24	100	539	1Q	
Cpl. Hill	100	71	5	92	58	11	25	15	85	462	9	
Lce.-Cpl. Cain	89	75	15	99	71	12	21	19	79	480	7Q	
Cdt. Coleman...	100	73	19	98	75	19	25	22	89	520	2Q	
" Coulson ...	98	75	17	74	76	17	23	19	81	480	7Q	
" Eve	95	73	18	88	70	16	24	20	90	494	6Q	
" Lyle.....	98	70	15	93	73	17	25	22	97	510	3Q	
" Sidney-Wilmot	99	73	17	98	70	20	20	18	93	508	4Q	
" Stewart ...	96	73	17	84	71	18	25	22	91	497	5Q	
Points required to qualify ...	95	70	15	95	70	15	20	20	80	480		

Q.—Shows that a cadet has qualified in the senior test.
a.—Marks in these columns are for accuracy.
b.—Marks in these columns are for style and time.
c.—Marks in this column are for the message.
d.—Marks in this column are for the answers.

JUNIOR TEST—RESULTS.

Test Number.....	1		2		3		4		Total.
	Accur-acy.	Style and Time.	Accur-acy.	Style and Time.	Accur-acy.	Style and Time.	Accur-acy.	Style and Time.	
Maximum	100	78	22	100	78	22	400		
Cdt. Bowden...	96	76	19	99	77	20	387	4P	
" Clarke ...	100	73	20	100	77	21	391	1P	
" Holton ...	96	67	17	92	69	19	360	8	
" Lloyd.....	98	74	18	94	69	19	372	7	
" Martin ...	97	72	19	100	75	19	382	6P	
" Neale ...	93	78	18	99	78	20	386	5P	
" Snape ...	99	74	19	100	76	20	388	3P	
" Stephens	98	77	19	98	77	20	389	2P	
Points required to pass.....	95	75	20	95	75	20	380		

P.—Shows that a cadet has passed the junior test for signallers.

ELEMENTARY TEST—RESULTS.

Test Number	1		2		Total.	Place.
	Accuracy.	Style and Time.	Accuracy.	Style and Time.		
Maximum.....	100	78	22	200		
Cdt. Burton	82	44	10	136	8	
" Giles.....	96	76	20	192	3 S	
" Hall	61	68	12	141	7	
" Hobley.....	78	73	18	169	5	
" Hordern ..	99	76	19	194	2 S	
" Kirkby ...	98	78	20	196	1 S	
" Littleboy ...	95	49	12	156	6	
" Thomas, L.		Absent				
" Wright, W.	97	74	18	189	4 S	
Points required to satisfy	95	70	15	180		

S.—Shows that a Cadet has been found satisfactory in the elementary test for signallers.

THE WAR.

WE made a mistake in our last issue regarding Lieut. E. G. Boissier. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (not *Medal*). The official record reads :—" Behaved with gallantry in charge of a machine gun on May 7th, during operations south of Achi Baba, and effected the destruction of an enemy machine irun."

Lieut.-Col. H. A. R. May (1872-9) was mentioned in Sir John French's dispatch published on June 22nd. He has since received the honour of Companion of the Order of the Bath in recognition of his services.

Major R. C. W. Lukin (1881), and Capt. D. le P. Trench (1893-8), were also mentioned in the same dispatch; the former has been awarded the D.S.O., and the latter has received the Military Cross.

Lieut. W. W. Ward (1905-6) has had a few days' leave. He left the front at 7 a.m., motored 65 miles to Boulogne, and arrived at Hilgay, Norfolk, at 8 p.m. the same day. We print below some more of his interesting letters. The following incident may be of interest to our readers, and shows how big the howitzers are. On one occasion the shell, which stands 4 ft. 6 ins. high, and cost ^100, had just been put in, when the serjeant in charge suddenly remembered that he had forgotten to unscrew the cap which protects the fuse, and the shell, if fired, would not have exploded. They could not withdraw the shell as it was jammed in too tight, so the sergeant suggested that he should go down the muzzle of the gun, which is twelve feet long. He just succeeded in wriggling down and reaching the cap and unscrewing it, after which he was successfully pulled out by his heels.

24th Brigade,
8th Division,
France,
Saturday, July jrd, igi^-

Dear Chaplain,—

It has just occurred to me that it must be somewhere near the summer holidays, and time you were leaving Bloxham for a few weeks; so I thought I would write you so that you would have my letter before you left.

My address probably conveys very little to you except of course that I am in France. I have been here for three weeks, having left Southampton on June 18th for Havre, where, instead of joining my own regiment, I was

attached to the 2nd East Lancashire Regiment. After spending a few days at the base I had a train journey of twenty hours, and eventually found myself some five miles behind the firing line. The night after my arrival the transport officer put my friend and myself in a rattling old mess cart and sent us off to trench headquarters, where we duly reported ourselves to our new CO., who called two guides to lead two outwardly composed individuals to the trenches. My company officer cheerfully greeted me and led me to what was apparently a very large box, and there introduced me to my dug-out—a space six feet square surrounded by sand-bags and containing some straw, a table and a chair.

It was ten o'clock, so I laid down and slept, to be awakened at one of the very early hours of the morning, when we "stood to" till 8 o'clock. The previous evening we had sent up a number of rockets; at first the Bavarians who oppose us were silent, then as the fireworks continued they started to cheer and sing, taking it as a huge joke. That was the only time I have ever seen or heard them. As one peeps over the parapet one sees a long line of sand-bags (the usual white ones with blue ones at irregular intervals), behind which the ever-watchful German lives. My adjective is not a haphazard one; they are really always on the watch, and one is a madman to put one's head above the parapet more than once in the same place. At night time they send up star shells which give a most brilliant light, and when one is out cutting grass in front of the trenches it is of course necessary to drop as soon as one sees the little spark go up which denotes the star shell. In England we were always hammering at the men the necessity of dropping at once; there is no need out here, for they know what to expect if they don't and their expectations are always realised.

Please remember me to any who may have been at school at the same time as myself, and of course to Mr. Child.

Yours very sincerely,

HAKOLD W. E. CROUCHLEY.

Wednesday, May 26th.

We are having a much better time now as they have decided that we needn't keep watch in our observation post all day. Now we have only to go up if we are going to fire, and things have been quite slack lately in the firing line. I have had the last two days off, which I was not sorry for, and now there is practically nothing to do but collect reports from the line patrols. I wonder if you have found out where my observation post is from my description. Our two posts are at the places mentioned by "Eye Witness" in his accounts of the operations north of La Bassee. Mine is F....., and I am not at all sorry not to have to go up there again as the first time I was there they gave it a horrid shelling, two batteries firing at it for six hours, about 4 rounds every two minutes. It is the first time they have really bombarded it for three months, and most of the rounds fell in the village behind us, but we had one right into the house, which knocked us all down and smashed one of our telephones, though it only blew out part of the back wall and didn't hurt anyone. It came through the roof and is the first one I have been really near to. It is a horrid feeling to hear it coming nearer and nearer, and then not stop some distance away from you but come right on at you until the sort of whizzing sound changes to a rushing noise. The burst knocked us absolutely flat. I had my back to it so was knocked on my face, but my two men were facing it, and one cut his head a bit against the wall. We lay waiting for the bits and to see how much of the house was going to fall down. We cleared out to our dug-out in the garden after that. It was really only a chance shot that hit our place and we listened to the rest quite comfortably. Our relief was three hours late that morning. The effect of the bombardment to me was to make me fearfully sleepy, and I went home and slept the rest of the day without winking. One of our chaps has gone on leave to-day. He has seven days, and I am going to put in for mine as soon as he gets back. We are beginning to get plenty of ammunition, but they are getting a bit more

chary of using it except in something big. Gun No. 4, near here, has been spotted by the Germans we think, as they have had several small shells over and two days ago they had two 11-inch shells in the field they are in. They really deserve it as the gun is very badly concealed and they always seem to have it uncovered.

Monday, June 21st.

We had some heavy bombardments last week. I suppose you read about the new attack south of F——; well, that was preceded by a three days' and nights' bombardment by pretty nearly half the artillery out here, and then the infantry attacked on a front of about a mile, and after capturing two lines of trenches were driven out by machine guns. It gives you some idea of the strength of the German positions. This was supposed to be the strongest bit of their whole line I believe. I know for a fact that German dug-outs were found 16 ft. below the ground, and lined with concrete. As always happens after a night bombardment, the Germans spotted several of our batteries, and were firing at them yesterday. Our gun, No. 4, got rather a bad time, as she was just behind some smaller guns, and got heavily shelled just as she was finishing dismounting. All the men were under cover, but one shell pitched right among them and killed two men and seriously wounded three others. One had a leg and a hand blown off, another a leg, and another was wounded in the body, while three others are in hospital with slight wounds. Miller, the man I used to live with at Eastney, had a very narrow escape. He was sheltering under a waggon with three men, and a shell pitched about a yard in front of him, the man on either side of him was killed; he got off with a scratch on the nose. They had been pushed up in a wood very near indeed to the line, and we all said they were bound to have a bad time before they got away. I hear that the shells are getting on well in England now. They say that in three months' time we shall be getting a million shells a day, then the Germans will begin to get a hot time. Ammunition seems even now to be less scarce than it was; I know several

batteries that fired 2,000 rounds a day for three days, and we even had 40 rounds for the three days. We had awfully good luck with our wires during the three days; we had four observation posts, two of which were within 1,000 yards of the Germans, and we were only cut off from the gun for two periods of ten minutes the whole time. We were firing at two bridges, one over the canal and one under the railway. We smashed the one under the railway completely, and broke down the canal bridge, as well as landing one shell plump into the middle of a redoubt. The next day we fired at three big farms, which were all completely broken down, but were a mass of dug-outs and machine-gun emplacements, as well as having very big cellars. We got direct hits on all of them, and must have got down into one cellar at least, as once there was a second big explosion after the shell burst.

The heavyartillery had a congratulatory message from General French, and seem to have done their work very thoroughly. I believe the line was hung up by a big German redoubt which was able to enfilade the attackers on either side with machine guns, and they lost very heavily. I enclose a map and have underlined all the places I know well.

Military Wireless Station,
Giza Engineering School,
Cairo.

I5/6/I5-

Dear Chaplain,

Mr. Heath, the Old Bloxhamist Master, who is in Cairo, told me yesterday of Captain Ryland's death in the Dardanelles. Lieut. Townson was also wounded but quite slightly, and will be returning to the front again soon. Both were in the 7th Manchesters. I'm afraid I know no dates or particulars, but am writing in case you have not heard the news from elsewhere.

I'm sorry I never saw either Rylands or Townson while they were stationed here; I made arrangements to meet them twice but something turned up at the last minute and they could not come.

I came to this station from Ismailia on Easter Monday. There is no news here. The town is full of wounded from the Dardanelles; we don't seem to be making much headway there, and the casualties are very heavy.

My brother and all the chaps in the Herts Yeomanry are most fed up and discontented with being kept here so long; they are afraid they won't see any fun before the end—but there is plenty of time yet. I wonder if we shall be dismounted and turned into infantry. Cavalry seem useless so far in this war.

With kindest regards to Mr. Wilson, yourself, and anyone I know at Bloxham.

Yours very sincerely,

T. RIGBY TAYLOR.

P.S.—The heat is most trying here now, it was 115 in the shade the other day.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Thank you very much for THE BLOXHAMIST. I would be very much obliged if you would forward future numbers to *H.M.S. Woodnut*, c/o G.P.O., London.

I have been in command of this ship now for nearly three months, and have been busily engaged as an Armed Boarding Vessel in an area which has received much attention from the Germans. I should delight to spin you a long yarn, but the censor is very severe, and if even I write anything about my doings in my letters home, they are always cut to pieces beyond all recognition. I expect there are a lot more O.B.'s serving in the Navy and Army at present than those in your list, and if I come across any of them I will get them to ask you to include their names as I think it reflects credit to the School, which is of course the duty of all Old Bloxhamists. Please remember me to my friend, Mr. Wilson.

Yours sincerely,

PHILIP E. LYNE,

Lieut.-Commander R.D., R.N.R.

CHOIR HOLIDAY.

THIS annual event took place on Tuesday, June 22. A smaller party than usual left by an early train for Warwick, where the morning was spent in making a thorough tour of the Parish Church, which contains a great number of architectural features, monuments and curious objects of considerable interest ; then a visit was paid to the Leicester Hospital, an ancient building and very quaint, inhabited by a dozen old soldiers and their wives. Here too, are to be seen a great number of old-world curios ; and the fine stately old gentlemen who fought our battles sixty years ago, are not the least interesting among the many interesting contents of that ancient foundation. Luncheon was taken in a charming garden by the riverside, and was duly appreciated. The means by which cucumber is served on these occasions has become a tradition, and always causes considerable fun.

After a short rest (necessary after such a meal) we betook ourselves to the railway station, and thence entrained for Leamington. The swimming bath at this health resort is always looked forward to with pleasure, but unfortunately this year it

was not available. So we took boats and made our way, rather slowly, owing to the inexperience of the rowers, up the river till we found a convenient place where we could bathe. We discovered *afterwards* that this proceeding was contrary to the police regulations of the borough.

Soon after our return we enjoyed a sumptuous tea at the Parish Hall, kindly lent by the Vicar of Leamington. After the purchase of the necessary provisions to support our feeble human bodies on the journey home, we left Leamington about 6.30, arriving at Bloxham at 7.45.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

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EDITORIAL.

' ^ HERE is always a strong inclination on the part of the Editor to rob the column of School News in order to supply material for the introduction, and we have started with the firm resolution not to give way to it. After so long a period of relaxation it was a real joy, to one person at least, to find oneself back in the familiar quarters, surrounded with one's own property, and going about the old familiar routine. Sometimes one hears people say how much they dislike changes, but we presume that they would qualify the statement if holidays are included among changes. Personally, we generally look forward to the holidays when they begin to draw near, and we are equally glad when term time begins again. The change has done us good and we are anxious to get into harness again ; and this year

the change has been extraordinarily welcome. We hope we are voicing the opinion of the general public by saying this. The enjoyment of the summer holidays does depend so entirely on the weather, especially in a fickle climate like ours. This year we have had an exceptionally long spell of fine, not to say hot, weather. At first things looked bad ; three weeks of constantly recurring showers and thunderstorms. There was always the prospect of coming in drenched to the skin and spending the remainder of the day grouching over a book. The glorious weather which began in the middle of August changed all that, and we do not doubt that our readers, like ourselves, enjoyed to the full all the available pleasures of outdoor life.

And so we have settled down to another term with every prospect of its being a very satisfactory one so far as circumstances admit. Several familiar faces have vanished and new ones have appeared in their places, and we are glad to say that in numbers the newcomers well exceed those who have left, and we hear that probably more will follow.

We are able to print another goodly list of Old Bloxhamists who are doing military service. At the end of the year we hope to publish a supplement containing the entire list. An exceedingly

interesting letter from Lieut. W. W. Ward, written on September 30th, appears in this number, to which we beg to draw our readers' attention. His letters have been much appreciated, and we hope more will follow. We cannot close without calling special attention to the splendid record attached to the name of V. H. S. Davenport, who has gained three awards for conspicuous bravery. We are proud to be able to include his name in our list.

SCHOOL NEWS.

STAFF.—We much regret the departure of Mr. Child and Mr. Allen. The former had been here for five years, and owing to his keenness and exertions the O.T.C. made rapid progress towards the state of efficiency in which he has left it. We understand that it is possible that he may return to his duties here at a later date. For the present he is engaged in training officers at Portsmouth. Mr. Allen is doing similar work. He has been on the staff for the past three years and was a very active officer in the O.T.C., with a perfect genius for organisation, and a constant flow of humour.

In their places we welcome Mr. M. Jacob, B.A., Durham University; and Mr. T. S. Alexander, B.Sc. Honours, late Scholar of Hulme Hall, and exhibitioner of Manchester University.

VALETE.—The following have left :—

R. M. Coombes, Form VI., Senior Prefect, Serjt. O.T.C., 1st XI. Cricket and Hockey, 2nd XI. Football, Senior Gym. colours.

D. S. Coleman, Form VI., Prefect, 1st XL Cricket and Hockey, 2nd XI. Football, Senior Gym. colours.

W. C. Lester-Smith, Form V, Serjt. O.T.C., 1st XL Cricket, Football and Hockey.

N. Parsons, Form V., 1st XI. Cricket, Football and Hockey.

H. R. Walden, Form V., 1st XI. Cricket, Football and Hockey.

L. T. Hinnell, Form IV.

C. T. Collinson, Form IV, 1st XI. Cricket, 2nd XI. Football.

R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, Form IV, 1st XI. Cricket, Football and Hockey, Senior Gym. colours.

P. H. Prince, Form III.

A. H. Giles, Form III.

SALVETE.—The following new boys have arrived :—

Form VI.—C. A. Hall.

Form V—S. T. Smith, L. C. H. Watkins.

Form IV.—W. F. G. Clowser, R. E. Watkins.

Form III.—E. W. Eastwood, K. W. Harwood, E. Stanbra.

Form II.—C. H. Bowler.

Form I.—L. S. T. Da Fonseca, O. Jones, S. P. B. Whitehead, H. C. L. H. Whitehead, P. G. Dwyer, J. Eastwood, J. T. Taylor.

H. S. BONNEWELL has been promoted to be Senior Prefect. He is also Captain of Games.

W. G. ROWLAND has succeeded D. S. Coleman as Hon. Sec. of Games.

D. CAIN has been re-elected Captain of the Gymnasium.

IN the Oxford Local Examinations the following results were obtained :—Seniors—W. E. M. Hill and R. V. Lyle, 2nd Class Honours; R. M. Coombes, 3rd Class Honours; D. S. Coleman, and W. H. Higgs passed. Juniors.—F. M. Eve and D. A. Neale, 1st Class Honours; S. R. Bolton, R. H. W. Molesworth, R. A. G. Ravenor, R. C. Sidney-Wimot, E. J. Stanbra, M. G. Stewart, A. L. Stephens, C. S. L. Coulson, J. S. Hughes and W. G. Rowland passed. Three candidates failed. Preliminaries—H. C. Snape, 2nd Class Honours; L. M. Bowden, W. J. Kirkby, C. G. Holtom, P. H. Prince, R. Day, E. J. Tucker, T. V. Hordern, G. W. Saunders, B. L. Phelps, J. S. Chapman, A. E. Lewis, E. W. Powell, A. H. Giles and H. V. Lloyd passed. Two candidates failed.

THE Rev. A. C. BLAKER preached here on Sunday, October 3, and on the previous afternoon, as rain was falling heavily, he gave an impromptu and informal lecture in the School-room on the Fijians. His discourse was listened to with great attention by nearly the whole School, and was very much appreciated. We hope it will not be long before he pays us another visit.

SWIMMING.—On the last Sunday of the summer term a diving and water-polo competition took place. It was greatly enjoyed both by competitors and spectators, who found particular enjoyment in the water-polo, for which sides were taken as follows :—

H. S. Bonnewell,
R. W. Compton-Hall,
C. A. Farebrother,
G. F. M. McDonald,

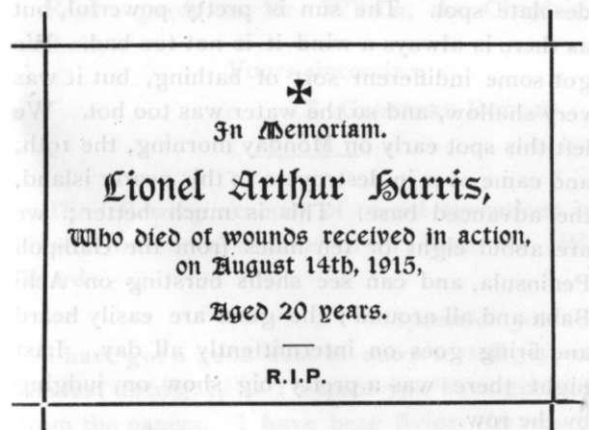
v. { D. Cain,
D. S. Coleman,
W. E. M. Hill,
L. M. Bowden.

O.B. NEWS.

ORDINATION.—On Sunday, October 3, Hubert Claude Brown (1900-2), was ordained Priest by the Bishop of London in St. Paul's Cathedral.

O.B. SOCIETY.—New Members—J. W. Mayou (1909-14), L. A. Winch (1909-13).

OBITUARY.



As we go to press we have heard of the death of L. A. Harris. He enlisted on the outbreak of war in the Warwickshire Regiment, and was wounded at the Dardanelles, his spine being badly injured. He died two days afterwards. Harris was the youngest of four brothers, all of whom were here at school. He came in January, 1906, and Old Bloxhamists of that period will remember him as a very delicate little boy. He left us in April, 1907, and went to another school, so as to be able to live at home.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

Wednesday, October 13—Abingdon School..... Away
Wednesday, October 27—Brackley School..... Away
Saturday, November 6—Magdalen College School,
Oxford..... Home
Saturday, November 13—Abingdon..... Home
Wednesday, December 1—Brackley School..... Home
Saturday, December 11—Magdalen College School,
Oxford..... Away

Brackley School has been compelled to abandon two fixtures arranged with our 2nd XL

THE WAR.

IN the casualty lists published since our last number, we have noticed the names of the following old Bloxhamists :—Capt. L. G. Langmore (1883-5), 11th Liverpool Regt., wounded in France ; Capt. W. L. Dudley (M 1909-12), 4th Welsh Regt., wounded in Gallipoli ; Lieut. T. G. Bowler (1906-11), 5th Dorset Regt., wounded in Gallipoli ; 2nd Lieut. A. E. S. Riddle (1903-9), 3rd East Lancashire Regt., wounded in France ; Major D. S. Skelton (1890-), R.A.M.C., wounded in France ; Lt.-Col. C. C. Jackson, D.S.O. (1883-5), 103rd Light Infantry, Indian Army. We hear that the Provost has had an attack of trench fever and was invalided home for a time. He is now back at his post in France.

In the *London Gazette* we have seen the names of several Old Bloxhamists who have been promoted in rank :—Lieut. E. Townson (1904-7), to be Captain.

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2nd Lieut. H. W. E. Crouchley (1911-12) to be Lieutenant.

2nd Lieut. B. B. Brooks (1906-12) to be Lieutenant.

V. H. S. Davenport (1889-92) was awarded the D.C.M. last October, and gained the Military Cross for his work at the battle of Neuve Chapelle. On May 16th he received the clasp to his D.C.M. for rescuing his colonel. He has also been mentioned four times in despatches.

The name of Lieut-Commander E. G. Boissier, D.S.C., Howe Battalion, R.N. Division, appeared in the Dardanelles list of June 12th. This is the second time he has been mentioned in despatches.

The following letter from T. G. Bowler was received shortly before the announcement in the papers that he had been wounded. We regret to say that his wound has necessitated the removal of one of his feet. He is now in England and is reported to be making as much progress as can be expected.

" You will see by the above address that we have at last got going. We left Aldershot on Thursday, July 1st, about 11 p.m., and in a most ghastly fog and rain—most depressing send off. We went by train to Liverpool, passing through Banbury early Friday morning, whilst all you folk slept. We embarked on the *Aquilania* on Friday afternoon, and sailed on Saturday at 2 p.m. The boat, as you know, is enormous ; there was a great crush on board, but our quarters were wonderfully comfortable, and food excellent. We had a good voyage, with two scares on the way. We were escorted by ; destroyers down the Irish Sea, and they left us about 4.30 on Sunday morning right south of Ireland. About 5.30 we were all peacefully sleeping when we were aroused by bugles blowing the alarm all over the boat. We put on our life-belts and hurried up to our alarm posts ready to man the boats. On enquiry we learnt that a submarine had been sighted and that she had

loosed off a torpedo at us, the nasty implement just missing our stem by about ten yards, according to the naval and military officers on watch, who saw the wake of the torpedo. After this event all ranks had to go about armed with life-belts. We passed Gibraltar about 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, but it was too foggy to see much. On Wednesday morning we had another scare; about six o'clock the bugles started, and so we again rushed out to our alarm posts. This time it was very misty, and it appeared that we had suddenly come upon a hostile submarine in the fog taking in supplies from a steamer. We hung about and shivered on deck for an hour-and-a-half in case she attacked us, but were again lucky. We passed very close to Malta on Thursday, and Crete with its mountains capped with snow on the Friday. The scenery going through the Archipelago was magnificent, and the sunsets were extraordinarily splendid. We arrived at our destination on Saturday about 7.30 a.m. It was an island (but I must not mention names as we censor our own letters) with a big natural harbour, about fifty miles from the Peninsula; the collection of shipping was extraordinary and vastly interesting. The *Aquitania* towered above everything else. We landed on Sunday, the nth, and bivouacked out on the hardest, stoniest and most barren ridge I have ever seen ; there was scarcely any vegetation and no trees at all except close to the Greek native villages. There were great rocky hills all round and it was a most desolate spot. The sun is pretty powerful, but as there is always a wind it is not too bad. We

got some indifferent sort of bathing, but it was very shallow, and so the water was too hot. We left this spot early on Monday morning, the 19th, and came over in destroyers to this nearer island, the advanced base. This is much better ; we are about eight or ten miles from the Gallipoli Peninsula, and can see shells bursting on Achi Baba and all around ; the guns are easily heard and firing goes on intermittently all day. Last night there was a pretty big show on, judging I by the row.

This island is much more fertile and we are very comfy as the ground is soft and sandy where we are bivouacked, and straw is not unobtainable. Bathing is about one mile away and absolutely "top hole," right under some cliffs among the rocks, and the water as clear as you make it. It is not so very hot here as the wind is much stronger, but the dust and flies are very bad. Feeding is pretty good. At the present moment I am on outlying piquet duty with 25 men right up in the hills, inland about three miles: the view from here is wonderful. I am looking out across the sea to Achi Baba now. A great cloud of dust or smoke or something has gone up, but I cannot make out what it is. It is rather nice up here, water is plentiful (not scarce as it is below), a few mulberry trees give us shade and the rocky hills around with bright green bushes, &c, make a pleasing scene.

Excuse paper, but A.B. 153 is all I have up here; it has never been more useful. We have received no mail from England yet, but rumour hath it that one was coming in this morning. I shall find out when we get relieved to-morrow morning.

Remember me to Allen and ask him if he knew that—of F Company was killed some while ago; he only went out in February. There is no news of us going across the water yet, but by the time you get this we shall be gone, I expect, after we have concentrated properly.

Kind regards to Mr. Wilson, the Chaplain, and all,

Yours sincerely,

T. GEOFFREY BOWLER.

The following account of recent operations in France has been received from Lieut. W. W. Ward :—

September 30th.

I have got a good deal of news to tell you of the last fortnight, as I expect you have guessed from the papers. I have been living the whole

time in my O.P., and sleeping in a little estaminet about 100 yards from it. In the last ten days we have fired nearly twice as many rounds as we have done the whole of the rest of the time we have been out here. The German lines were bombarded hard for five days, and during those days we averaged 25 rounds a day; the Germans hardly replied at all the whole time. On the fifth day our infantry attacked. There was a very slight S.W. wind, and at the same time our people lit smoke flares in order to hide them while they attacked, as there was a distance of about 400 yards between the trenches. Our infantry got on pretty well the first day, but they were counter-attacked that night and were almost put back in their old trenches on the left, though on the right of me they made good progress and captured several guns and a lot of prisoners. However, we have been going on attacking hard the whole time, without gaining very much more than we did the first day, and now at last there is a lull.

I have had a splendid view of everything, as the weather has on the whole been clear, in spite of a lot of rain. I have got a very powerful telescope, magnifying 21 times, and I am pretty high up. When it is extra clear I have often seen single Germans walking four or five miles away; I can see a certain mine from my place that has been captured and recaptured eight times already, and I can also see the Hohenzollern Redoubt, which the papers are full of; that has been captured and lost several times too, and every time we have attacked it, I have seen our people crossing the open under a most terrific shell fire. In a line of them, perhaps 400 yards long, I have seen shells bursting at the rate of six a second; it seems wonderful that they are not all wiped out in ten seconds or so, but sometimes a shell seems to burst right on top of them and you still see them going on, other times when you are watching a special group you will see a shell go right into them and clear a great gap in them, and the people on either side blown over by the concussion. Sometimes it has been so bad that I have felt that I could not look any longer and I have had

to switch off and try and spot the German guns. Their guns are awfully well concealed, and nearly always move their positions for the night and then again before dawn. I located one battery about six o'clock in the evening, but it had moved off by next morning. Some of our batteries have been doing splendidly; two horse artillery batteries especially I noticed—they moved right out into the open after our infantry advanced, and were blazing away hard the whole day at about 600 yards range. They were under a terrific shrapnel fire all day, and had two guns knocked out and a limber set alight by 8 in. shells, but I believe did not have many casualties. Another field battery advanced up, and when the Germans counter attacked they came within about 30 yards and the batteries still went on firing. Now the guns are between the two lines, and I believe the whole of the personelle has been wiped out.

In several places, I believe, our infantry are within 60 yards of the German heavy guns, which have had to be abandoned. We have heard that the French have got right through the German lines, and that all our cavalry have been sent through the gap. I hope it is true. Two evenings ago the Germans shelled a dressing station about 400 yards from here very hard for about half-an-hour. There were about 50 horses and motor ambulances round it and crowds of wounded; they killed about ten horses and wounded several men. It was fine to see the horses harnessed up and the wounded put in and taken off, though the shells were coming over about five a minute. We were watching it from our estaminet door, and as a small party of infantry was passing us, one of them got a splinter on the side of the head. We took him round to the back of the house to tie him up, and exactly as we got behind the walls a shrapnel burst right in front of the house and smashed most of the windows, but we were under the cover of the walls. It was a stray shot, as it is the only one that has ever been near the house. We have been very fortunate with our cable lines, as we have had very few breaks and have never been cut off altogether. Two more of our guns j

are, I believe, leaving England to day. I expect there will be a re-shuffle of officers, and we shall lose some of the supernumeraries we have had. I don't think I shall be moved yet, though I may have to go to No. 7 or No. 8.

We have only had one paper and one mail in the last week. The service seems to have got disorganized by something, the one paper we did get gave us a totally wrong account of what we have gained; it put down a list of places like Haisnes, Cite St. Elie, and Hulluch, that we got in the first rush and lost half-an-hour afterwards and havn't been near since.

GYMNASIUM COMPETITION.

'J ^ HE Annual Competition took place on Monday, July 19th. Dormitories I. and III. were represented by D. W. T. Cain (captain), D. S. Coleman, R. M. Coombes, W. G. Rowland, R. R. Powell, C. S. L. Coulson, J. R. Bolton, M. G. Stewart and J. S. Chapman.

Dormitories II. and V. were represented by H. S. Bonnewell (captain), W. E. M. Hill, W. H. Higgs, R. C. Sidney-Wilmot, R. W. Compton-Hall, J. E. Wright, A. L. Stephens, F. M. Eve and W. R. Wright.

Fourteen exercises were taken and resulted in a win for Dormitories II. and V. by 28 points (269—241). Col.-Sergeant Grinter and Captain A. Child were the judges.

In accordance with the regulations, senior colours were awarded to the winning squad in the competition, and also to D. Cain, D. S. Coleman and R. M. Coombes.

Junior Colours were awarded to W. G. Rowland and J. S. Chapman.

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.
*ANDERSON, P. A.	1909-14	Gunner	2nd Batt, S. African Heavy Artillery
ARKELL, A	1895-1900		
•BENNETT, H. M.	1909-13		Inns of Court O.T.C.
•CLIFFORD, J. G.	1910-12		Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars
*COLEMAN, C. T.	1908-14	Private	28th Batt.(Artists'Rifles) London Regt.
COWAN, W. A. R.	1901-5	Lieut.	30th British Columbian Horse
DAVENPORT, V. H. S. ...	1889-92	Reg.Sgt.-Maj.	2nd Batt. Border Regiment
DAVIES, E. R.	1896-8	2nd Lieut.	Royal Sussex Regiment
EDGINTON, C M .	1906-7	Lance-Corpl.	4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.
EDGINTON, W. J.	1902-4	Private	4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.
FISHER, G. R.	1898-1900		Canadian Expeditionary Force
GOLDRING, E. C.	1907-9	Trooper	2nd Australian Light Horse
•GOODMAN, J. N.	1907-11		New Zealand Contingent
HEATH, W. R.	M 1902-4	2nd Lieut.	Oxford and Bucks L.I.
HORNER, G. St. J.	1903-10	Trooper	Canadian Mounted Rifles
*LESTER-SMITH ...	1909-15	2nd Lieut.	3rd Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.
LUKIN, R. C. W.	1881	Major	
POTTER, B.	1896-01		
SHAW, A. A. St. J.	1903-9	Private	Public Schools Batt. Royal Fusiliers
TRENCH, S. J. Le Poer ...	1893-6		
*WALDEN, H. R.	1911-15	2nd Lieut.	3rd Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.
WESTON, H.	1880-2		
•WINCH, H. E.	1908-11		Inns of Court O.T.C.

ROYAL NAVY.

NAME.	WHEN AT SCHOOL.	RANK.	SERVICE.
•HARRIS, R. L.	1911-14	Sub.-Lieut.	Royal Marines
LYNE, P. E.			H.M.S. Woodnut

O.T.C. NOTES.

IN some respects this is a very critical term in the history of the Corps. The founder of the Corps, Captain Child, and his able co-adjutor, Lieutenant Allen, have both left to take up work in connection with the Regular Army. At the present time they are both at a Camp of Instruction for Officers, near Portsmouth, but are expecting to be appointed to regiments at any time. With the loss of these two officers the Corps necessarily feels at a great disadvantage, but the work has to go forward, and the whole-hearted co-operation of all ranks is looked for by all who have its interests at heart. The Acting O.C. is the Rev. C. E. Burgess, late Colour-Serjeant in the Denstone College Corps, and assisting him is Mr. L. Jacob, late of the Durham University O.T.C. The new officers have not yet been gazetted, and the work of the corps is therefore somewhat limited.

A further loss has been sustained by the corps. Last term we welcomed Colour-Serjeant Grinter back after a long spell of illness. On our return this term we heard, with regret, that he was seriously ill in hospital at Oxford. The whole corps will feel the loss of their instructor, and extend their sympathy to him in his misfortune.

Lance-Serjeant Higgs has been promoted full serjeant, and has been appointed platoon

serjeant. He is taking charge of the signallers. Corporal Bonnewell has been promoted lance-serjeant.

A voluntary class in musketry has been started under Mr. Jacob, and is being well attended. Small parties are exercised now and again in range-finding and minor tactical schemes, such as patrol work and scouting.

A number of framed photographs have arrived and have been hung in the Armoury. Among them is a photograph of the late Second-Lieutenant F. E. L. Riddle, of the 2nd Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, who was killed at Richebourg l'Avoue, in the Battle of Festubert. This photograph was presented by his father, the Rev. A. E. Riddle, Rector of Tadmarton, and should serve to keep bright the memory of one who was a credit to the British Army, both at School and in the Regular Forces.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries :—*The Cuthbertian*, *The Pauline*, *The S.S.M. Quarterly*, *The Bracklean*, *The Chelmsfordian*, *The Lancing College Magazine*.

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EDITORIAL.

READERS of THE BLOXHAMIST are probably fairly well acquainted with the complaint expressed from time to time by the editor, that he cannot get sufficient material for the publication of this magazine *ten* times in the year. When we took possession of the editorial chair a year ago we, like not a few of our predecessors, had great hopes of restoring THE BLOXHAMIST to its full number of publications and to its full size. We confess to failure in both respects.

We do not think that blame can be attached to any individual, and we sincerely hope that none

will be laid upon ourselves, for we have honestly done our best to effect some improvement in a business for which we are so ill-equipped. The conclusion at which we have arrived is this :— Instead of aiming at the publication of ten numbers in the year, it would be better to produce only six. And so, with the approval and consent of the powers that be, and after consultation with the Committee of the O.B. Society, we have decided to adopt this plan.

We also contemplate another change which we trust will not meet with opposition. THE BLOXHAMIST is not a very convenient size, so we propose to print it in future on pages measuring 5[^] x 8[^] inches instead of 7[^] x 10 inches. In its new form it will have a thick paper cover bearing the arms and title, with list of contents. Having, not without some fear of arousing resentment, unburdened ourselves of this announcement, we pass on to other topics.

We are publishing, as a supplement to this number, a list of Old Bloxhamists who have been serving their country during the present war. Great pains have been taken to make the list as complete as possible and to supply accurate information. But in all probability there are still many Old Bloxhamists who are unknown to us and who are doing their share in the defence of

the realm. It is very difficult to keep in touch with those we know to be so engaged, and we hope our readers will send us any information they can about them.

Beginning on Sunday, November 21st, members of the O.T.C. have been going on Sundays to Didcot to give some assistance in the work of packing and loading war material. We are very gratified that the School has been asked to assist in this work, and that our Cadets have been able to do some useful work in connection with the war. Needless to say, they heartily appreciate the opportunity and thoroughly enjoy the weekly excursion.

A more detailed account of the work appears further on, and our readers will be able to compare it with an article recently published in the *Church Times*, which we reprint, and which appears to have some connexion with the work of our O.T.C. at Didcot.

Once more the Christmas Festival is close upon us, and it is more difficult this year than it was last year to reconcile it with the present state of affairs in Europe—so far are we from "peace and goodwill" among men. The social aspect of Christmas will be very different from what we are accustomed to ; but if this fact tends to raise our minds to the really important view of the great event which is commemorated at Christmas, it surely would be something good resulting from all the misery and horror of war. And so we conclude another series of editorials by wishing each and all of our readers a truly happy Christmas.

SCHOOL NEWS.

H. S. BONNEWELL left on October 18th to take up a commission in the Army Service Corps. He is now on the way to the Mediterranean.

R. RAVENOR has been promoted to be a Prefect.

WE beg to thank Mrs. Hinde for her present to the School on Saturday, November 27th, by which the memory of her mother, Mrs. Egerton, is kept alive, that day being her birthday.

ON November 27th the Right Reverend C. J. Corfe visited the School, and by permission of the Bishop of Oxford administered Confirmation to a few candidates. The Bishop based his address on the words, "Our help is in the Name of the Lord," which occur in the service and in the Psalms for the 27th morning of the month. On the following morning the newly confirmed received their first Communion at the hands of the Bishop, and his lordship preached a short sermon at the Choral Eucharist, in which he dealt with the comings of our Lord in the past, present, and future, emphasizing His coming in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The boys confirmed were :—J. S. Clark, R. Day, R. W. Ferris, A. E. Lewis, W. T. D. Littleboy, B. L. Phelps, E. W. Powell and H. C. Snape.

THE little lawn in front of the School buildings has undergone some slight alterations during the last few weeks. Three large flower-beds have been made and a narrow border along the shrubbery is partly finished. A large quantity of stones and clay had to be removed. We hope this corner of the premises will present a more cheerful appearance in the future.

O.B. NEWS.

O.B. SOCIETY.—New members—A. R. I. Stevens (1909-13), H. S. Bonnewell (1910-15), R. M. Coombes (1909-15), V. H. S. Davenport (1889-92), E. Townson (1904-7), E. L. Roberts (1903-7)-

IN place of the annual report and list of members which is usually published at this time of year, a short letter from the secretary with a statement of accounts is being sent with this number of **T H E BLOXHAMIST** to members of the Society.

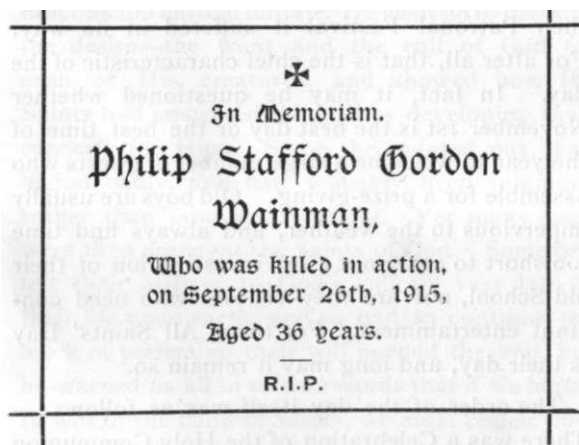
VISITORS. — The following Old Bloxhamists have visited the School during the present term :—K. J. Cherry (1912-14), October 3rd and November 13th ; E. U. Stratton (1877-82), October 4th ; F. C. Bowler (1911-15), October 20th ; A. E. S. Riddle (1903-9), October 22nd ;

J. T. Champion (1864-8), October 30th to November 8th; K. M. C. Fradd (1908-14), October 30th to November 2; C. A. M. Roberts (1904-12), E. J. Harvey (1906-13), A. G. A. Davis (1903-9), H. W. Egerton (1886-92), J. S. Boissier (1904-8), November 1st; E. L. Roberts (1903-7), November 20th to 22nd; Capt. A. Child (M 1910-15), December 1st to 15th; H. W. E. Crouchley (1911-12), December 13th

BIRTH.—On October 4th, at Chehwood Rectory, Bristol, the wife of the Rev. J. F. Turner, of a son.

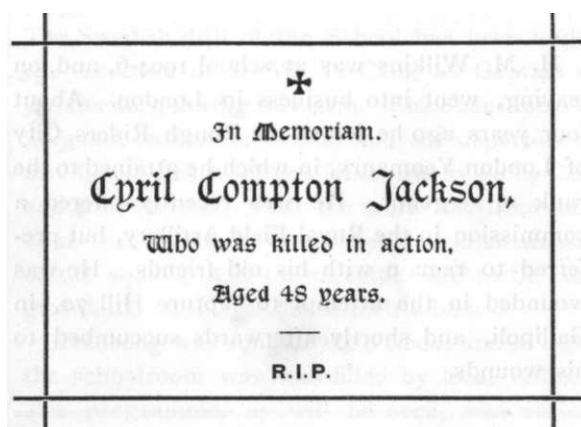
OBITUARY.

IT is with the profoundest regret that we record the death of the Rev. Father Maxwell, Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Oxford, which occurred suddenly early on Saturday morning, December 4th. Though not officially connected with the School, he took the greatest interest in its welfare, and we have often derived much benefit from his simple words. He preached at the School so recently as October 31st, the eve of our Patronal Festival, and celebrated the Holy Eucharist on the following morning. His sermon is reported in another column. He was a man of the most lovable disposition and of sound judgment. The Church on earth has lost one of her noblest priests.

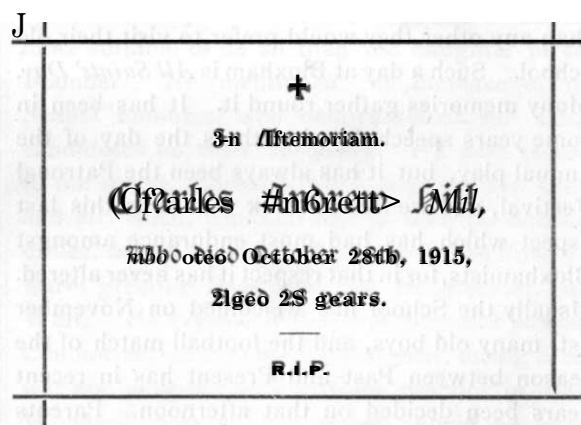


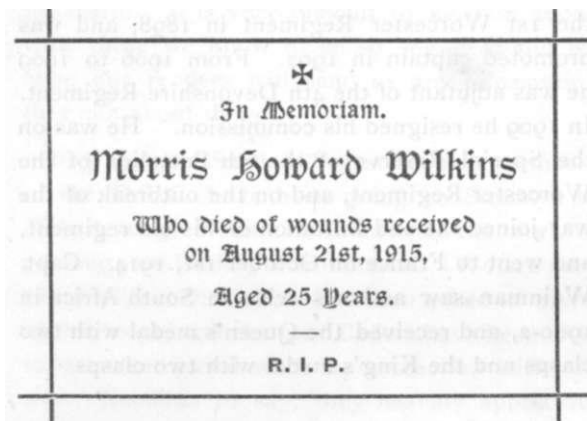
CAPT. P. S. G. WAINMAN was at Bloxham 1891-2, and continued his education at Fettes and Sandhurst. He obtained his commission in

the 1st Worcester Regiment in 1898, and was promoted captain in 1902. From 1906 to 1909 he was adjutant of the 4th Devonshire Regiment. In 1909 he resigned his commission. He was on the Special Reserve of the 6th Battalion of the Worcester Regiment, and on the outbreak of the war joined the 2nd Battalion of his old regiment, and went to France on October 1st, 1914. Capt. Wainman saw active service in South Africa in 1900-2, and received the Queen's medal with two clasps and the King's medal with two clasps.



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. C. JACKSON (1883-5) was appointed Second Lieutenant in the Border Regiment in 1888. In August, 1891, he joined the Indian Staff Corps and was promoted Major in 1906 and Lieutenant-Colonel in November, 1914. From 1906 to 1911 he served as Adjutant, Indian Volunteers. He was killed during the recent fighting in Mesopotamia.





H. M. Wilkins was at school 1904-6, and, on leaving, went into business in London. About four years ago he joined the Rough Riders, City of London Yeomanry, in which he attained to the rank of sergeant. He was recently offered a commission in the Royal Field Artillery, but preferred to remain with his old friends. He was wounded in the attempt to capture Hill 70, in Gallipoli, and shortly afterwards succumbed to his wounds.

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

A PUBLIC School of any standing and age has one day in its school year which stands out in relief against the rest. That day varies with the type of school, or with the nature of its foundation. In some it is *Speech Day*, in others it is *Founder's Day*, but whatever it is, the day is the one to which the Old Boys look back on with fondest recollections, and the one on which more than any other they would prefer to visit their old school. Such a day at Bloxham is *All Saints' Day*. Many memories gather round it. It has been in some years speech day, in others the day of the annual play, but it has always been the Patronal Festival, and we like to think that it is this last aspect which has had most endurance amongst Bloxhamists, for in that respect it has never altered. Usually the School has welcomed on November 1st, many old boys, and the football match of the season between Past and Present has in recent years been decided on that afternoon. Parents

and visitors have been numerous in years past, drawn by the attraction of the prize-giving or the evening entertainment.

But, as elsewhere, this year the national crisis forbade anything more than a simple School ceremony. No invitations were issued, and only some friends from the immediate neighbourhood came to the concert, but we were glad to see a few old boys, some of whom were naturally in khaki, though it was not possible to find an eleven to play the School. Yet the letters and telegrams, from abroad, and from military and naval training depots at home, made us realise that the thoughts of many were with us on the day. Amongst those who wrote were Mr. G. H. Ashworth, Mr. Attwood, A. P. Boissier, Rev. S. Boulter, B. E. Champion, Mr. Blacker, A. H. Horner, A. Plummer, J. C. Stevens, R. Cobb, S. Gorston, L. Ostrehan, E. Townson, F. J. Linnell, H. G. Browning, Rev. W. A. Green, and the old Headmaster (the Rev. G. H. Ward). Flowers and donations to the Flower Fund were sent by Mr. G. H. Ashworth, A. E. Fordham, Captain A. Child, and Mrs. Deane.

It seemed a small matter with so many good wishes that as a Speech Day the function was robbed of its visitors ; that as Old Boys' Day the season was deprived of its best football match. It remained for those at the School to see that as their Patronal Festival it suffered in no way. For after all, that is the chief characteristic of the day. In fact, it may be questioned whether November 1st is the best day or the best time of the year to welcome a large number of guests who assemble for a prize-giving. Old boys are usually impervious to the weather, and always find time too short to carry out a full investigation of their old School, nor are they visitors who need constant entertainment. For them, All Saints' Day is their day, and long may it remain so.

The order of the day itself was as follows :— There was a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, at which nearly all made their communion. At 10.30 the Holy Eucharist was sung. The Chapel had been beautifully decorated by Mr,

Wilson for the occasion. The service was rendered with that carefulness and reverence which is customary at Bloxham. There was no sermon, but at the first Evensong on the previous night the late Superior of the Society of St. John Evangelist, Cowley, (Father Maxwell) preached. We little thought, as we listened to his helpful and inspiring sermon, marked by its extreme simplicity, that never again should we be privileged to hear him in our Chapel, and that in a few short weeks he would have been called to join those Saints of whom he spoke so earnestly and lovingly. Taking as his text the ninth verse of the seventh chapter of the Book of the Revelation of St. John the Divine, the preacher distinguished between the four divisions of man's self:—The body, the mind, the affections, and the capacity for God. He pointed out and illustrated how each and every division was entirely governed by man's will. He then described the Saints, whose festival we were keeping, as those who had perfectly willed their fourfold self to God. He thought the Bloxhamists were happy in their Patronal Festival, inasmuch as they had so much to admire in the diverse characters of the Saints, such encouragement in their attempts to follow in their footsteps, and because they were not tied down to the consideration of the virtues of a single saint, whose very holiness might be a hindrance as too hard to imitate. He went on to describe the desire—the want and the call of God for each of His creatures, and showed how the Saints had answered this call by developing their capacity for Him. Some, he pointed out, had begun badly, and had probably been infamous rather than famous at School. Yet many such were then amongst the Saints of God. Some had left their answer to God's call till very late in their life upon earth, and so had to continue the work of perfecting their will beyond the veil, but he warned us all in solemn words that if we hoped to win to the band of Saints, we must realise now in this world that God wants us. Once we did grasp that vital fact, then naturally we should will our bodies to be clean, our thoughts to be pure, our affections and desires to be devoted

worthily, and our capacity for God to be developed. Yet unless the realisation and the work towards this end was begun in this world, it would be too late. In the next world the work might be continued, but it could not be begun.

The chief events of the afternoon were a football match and a gymnastic display. Mr. Blanshard had managed to raise a team, and after a good game the School won easily. Later, the two Senior Gymnastic Squads gave an exhibition of Swedish drill, and of work on the parallel bars, the horse and the horizontal bar. The Swedish drill of the School has been under the direction of D. W. T. Cain, as Captain of Gymnastics, during this term. Since the illness of Sergeant-Instructor Grinter and the departure of Mr. Child, this work has fallen wholly on to Cain and the Prefects. That the work has been well done was shown by the efficiency and smartness of the squads, and the directors are to be congratulated on the results of their labours.

Evensong was sung at six o'clock, and at eight the schoolroom was well-filled by local visitors. The programme, as will be seen, was varied. It began with the prize-giving, followed by an entertainment by Mr. Stanley Bell, which was interspersed with songs, chiefly of a military nature. After a brilliant pianoforte solo by Mr. Shaw, who was forced to give an encore, the Headmaster asked Mrs. Hinde to give away the prizes, remarking that the absence of a formal speech day dispensed him from a formal speech. He said that he had asked Mrs. Hinde to distribute the prizes as he could think of no one more suitable to do so than the daughter of the Founder. He mentioned the increase of the School numbers, and congratulated the Local candidates on their successes. He paid tribute to the sound, thorough work done by Mr. Child and Mr. Allen, who had left to take up military duties, and in conclusion he gave to the School a warm greeting from their late Headmaster, Mr. Ward. He explained that the School Financial Committee had decided that this year, owing to the war and in accordance with the practice in other Woodard Schools, no prizes should be given

from the School funds. Owing to the generosity of Mr. W. B. Woodard, Mr. L. Bicknell, Mr. A. E. Fordham, Mr. G. H. Ashworth, and the Old Bloxhamist Society, enough money had been offered to allow most of the prizes to be given.

Mrs. Hinde then distributed them to the following prize-winners:—*Divinity*—VI., R. V. Lyle; V., D. A. Neale; IV., S. R. Bolton; III., B. L. Phelps and H. C. Snape; II., M. Bennett. *Classics*—VI., Latin and Greek, W. E. McKenzie Hill; V. and IV., Latin, S. R. Bolton; Lower School, H. C. Snape. *Mathematics*—VI., R. M. Coombes; V. and IV., J. S. Hughes; Lower School, H. C. Snape. *French*—VI., R. V. Lyle; V. and IV., D. A. Neale; Lower School, H. C. Snape. *English Subjects*—VI., English, R. V. Lyle; History, W. E. McKenzie Hill; V. and IV., English, D. A. Neale; History, S. R. Bolton; Lower School—English, H. C. Snape; History, A. E. Lewis and G. W. Saunders. *Science*—R. M. Coombes. *Drawing*—F. M. Eve. *Distinctions in Oxford Locals*—First Class Honours, Senior, R. W. Pearse; Junior, F. M. Eve and D. A. Neale.

The Local Certificates were then distributed to the successful candidates. Mrs. Hinde also gave away medals for efficiency and signalling to members of the O.T.C. *Efficiency*—Senior, Sergt. R. M. Coombes; Junior, Cdt. R. C. Sidney-Wilmot. *Signalling*—Senior, Sergt. W. H. Higgs; Junior, Cdt. J. S. Clark; Elementary, Cdt. W. J. Kirkby.

The Headmaster thanked Mrs. Hinde for her kindness, and the School endorsed his remarks in the time-honoured fashion of schoolboys.

The concert then continued; the songs met with a ready response, and the choruses were heartily taken up. Great credit is due to Mr. Golding and Mr. Burgess for their trouble in rehearsing these items, which certainly gave additional life to the proceedings. We missed the topical verses which we have come to look forward to at our concerts. We hope another poet may arise, but topical allusions were not entirely absent from Mr. Stanley Bell's items, and

his knowledge of nick-names and other school phraseology was phenomenally miraculous. He first gave some conjuring tricks which will long be remembered, if from no other fact than that his assistants gained some new names which seem to have stuck to them. His next representation of a village concert, and his vivid mimicry of the characters were intensely amusing, but his ventriloquial efforts met with most applause. His extraordinary companion had an uncanny knowledge of our own School life, and his constant and well-timed interpolations created roars of laughter. We shall be very pleased to hear Mr. Stanley Bell again.

The full programme was:—

1. The National Anthem
2. Pianoforte Solo ... Mr. Shaw
3. Distribution of Prizes by Mrs. Hinde
4. Song—"Carry on" ... Mr. Burgess
5. Conjuring ... Mr. Stanley Bell
6. Song—"Tommy Atkins" ... A. L. Stephens
7. Sketch ... Mr. Stanley Bell
8. Song—"Little Grey Home in the West," The Chaplain
9. Song—"Somewhere in France" W. G. Rowland
10. Ventriloquism ... Mr. Stanley Bell
11. Song—"Till the Boys come Home," C. S. L. Coulson

This concluded the holiday, and we feel that at any rate we observed the Festival aright to the best of our ability, and have continued the tradition of All Saints' School.

FOOTBALL.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. ABINGDON SCHOOL 1ST XI.

(Away.)

A very fast game in which we far outmatched our opponents in weight and speed. Cain played very well, his speed enabling him to overtake others and obtain an almost clear goal. In the first half the sun shone in the faces of those expecting a pass from the backs and hindered them. The score at half-time was 4—0 in our favour. In the second half the goal was in the shade and shooting was very accurate. The score at time was 10—1 in our favour, Cain having shot 7 goals and Higgs 1, Compton-Hall scoring with two good shots from outside left.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. HOOK NORTON F.C.

Played on our opponents' ground. This match was played on a sloping ground that was not marked out, in heavy rain, with a high wind, play in the second half being in semi-darkness. The score gradually mounted for them to 7, until Higgs scored our only goal. Our forwards were greatly handicapped by the absence of Cain, and also by the eccentricities of the referee. The School played very creditably considering the mode of play.

Team :—C. G. Martin, R. A. G. Ravenor, J. A. L. Champneys, W. R. Wright, W. G. Rowland, S. R. Bolton, J. E. Wright, W. E. McKenzie Hill, W. F. G. Clowser, W. H. Higgs, G. F. M. McDonald.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL v. WITNEY A.S.C., 346 Co.

Played on November 17th, at Witney. Play commenced about 3 p.m., and at once the School defence was engaged. The goal-keeper effected several quite good saves. The forwards were well supplied with passes, which they failed to use to the best advantage. At half-time the score was 3—0 for the A.S.C. Soon after the resumption of play, Cain, by a splendid run through, scored our only goal. At the conclusion of play, the score stood at 5—1 for our opponents.

Team :—C. G. Martin (goal), R. A. G. Ravenor, J. A. L. Champneys, S. R. Bolton, W. G. Rowland, W. R. Wright, G. F. M. McDonald, W. H. Higgs, D. W. T. Cain, W. E. McKenzie Hill, J. E. Wright.

LECTURES.

THE following account of a lecture given here on Sunday, November 14th, is taken from *The Church Times* :—

"At a public school the winter terms and lectures are inseparable. Of the many offered to schoolboys there can be few more interesting and more useful than that of Mr. Clifton Kelway on

'The Oxford Movement.' Interesting as is the subject to all Churchmen, it has a special appeal in a Woodard school, which itself was an outcome of the movement. Mr. Clifton Kelway knows how to lecture to a schoolboy audience. The boys of Bloxham School thoroughly enjoyed themselves on Sunday evening. The lecture was illustrated by some beautiful slides, showing very vividly the changes which had taken place in the worship, in the care, in the adornment of our churches. Beginning with a review of church life and worship before the movement, the lecturer passed on to its leaders, and concluded with the result of their work. The picture of a desolate sanctuary, dirty and uncared for, with its altar desecrated by a guttering candle, a top hat and an umbrella, brought home to many the debt of gratitude which we owe to the faith and loyalty of a Pusey and a Keble, when they remembered their own School chapel with its perfect appointments. Nor did the lecturer fail to emphasize that it was faith and loyalty, careless of obloquy, of persecution, of neglect, which revived Church life and Catholic teaching. The whole lecture roused enthusiasm and interest, and we hope a strong desire to hold fast the privileges regained."

On the following evening Mr. Clifton Kelway gave us another treat. He showed us some beautiful pictures of the Panama Canal, and related the story of its making. Very few people, we venture to think, can imagine the enormous difficulties which had to be overcome in its construction, the rivers to be diverted, lakes to be made, vast dams to be built, mountains to be dug through. The story was indeed a revelation of the marvellous feats of modern engineering.

On Saturday, December 4th, the Rev. A. Goldring, O.B., gave us a lecture on the war, in which he reviewed the most important points of its progress and traced the various steps which led up to it. After all the various accounts which we have read, and the contradictory reports which we have heard, it was a great advantage to have the real facts so simply and clearly laid before us.

THE WAR.

WE have been asked to state that the Founder's only grandson, John Hinde, is at present on active service. He is Second-Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery, D. Battery, 91st Brigade, 20th Light Division.

Captain E. Tovvnsen (1904-7) has recovered from his attack of dysentery and has returned to his military duties in the Mediterranean.

C. Brown (1909-n), Second-Lieutenant A. E. S. Riddle (1903-9), and Captain W. L. Dudley (M1909-11), have also resumed their places, having recovered from slight wounds.

Lieutenant H. W. E. Crouchley (1911-12) has been invalided home, but hopes to return to his regiment shortly.

E. G. Belfield (1909-12), who went to Gallipoli with the Warwickshire Yeomanry, was invalided home some time ago suffering from sun-stroke. He has now recovered and has obtained a commission as Second-Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery.

Captain S. C. Nation (1877-81), 9th Battalion Devonshire Regiment, was reported wounded on October 12th.

Second-Lieutenant B. F. Friend (1900-3), 6th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, was reported on November 18th to be suffering from gas poisoning.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Beach (1883-5), Royal Engineers, was reported on November 30th to have been wounded in Mesopotamia.

Captain A. Child (M1910-15), recently O.C. of the Bloxham O.T.C., is now with the 3/2nd Battalion of the London Regiment; and Lieut. C. Allen (M1912-15) has been transferred to the 3rd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment.

O.T.C. NOTES.

THE last edition of THE BLOXHAMIST found the Corps with no officers gazetted, and a somewhat gloomy outlook for the term.

Since then there have been many changes, both in the personnel and work of the corps.

Mr. L. Jacob was gazetted 2nd Lieut, as from October 20th.

The Rev. C. E. Burgess has been acting as a cadet officer during the term.

The corps has lost two very capable N.C.O.'s, Lance-Sergeant Bonnewell and Lance-Corporal Compton-Hall. The former has taken a commission in the A.S.C. Both were very keen members of their corps and their loss is keenly felt.

The following have been promoted during the term, Nov. 20th :—Lance-Corporal Cain to be full Corporal; Cadet Lyle to be Lance-Corporal; Cadet R. Powell to be Lance-Corporal.

The Headmaster and the Chaplain have very kindly presented a couple of side-drums to the corps. It was hoped that under the instruction of Cadet Officer C. E. Burgess, some skilled drummers would soon be produced. Deprived of the former's help the N.C.O. i/c buglers are nevertheless working hard with the band, and the corps hopes to show in a loud but tuneful manner how much it appreciates these gifts.

It has been said that there have been changes in the work of the corps. On Nov. 21, a letter was received from the Adjutant 2nd Batt. Oxfordshire Volunteer Regiment saying that the military authorities at Didcot were appealing to the O.T.C. contingents in the neighbourhood for help at Didcot. Large quantities of stores are there packed and sent off to the various seats of war. The work is carried on entirely by O.T.C. and V.T.C. contingents, working under the direction of the military authorities.

Sunday being the day on which Bloxham was asked to supply a detachment, on the following Sunday about 40 N.C.O.'s and cadets paraded at 10.15 and inarched to Banbury Station and entrained there for Didcot. The detachment had to take its own rations, and these were speedily disposed of on the journey.

On arrival at Didcot the detachment took its place at the head of a column of 500 V.T.C. and marched to the depot, which is about 2 miles from the station. The depot can best be described as miles and miles of every kind of thing which an army uses and which the censor does not like to be mentioned. There was not much time for looking about, for work was soon found for even the youngest cadet. Railway trucks had to be emptied and their contents neatly stacked in the sheds: some things had to be painted, some to be carried to different parts of the sheds, some to be taken out of boxes and put into bags and *vice versa*.

All worked with a will, and it is on record that some members of another corps, seeing the business-like way in which Bloxham tackled its job, warned them "not to go so fast."

It seemed to be time to go far too soon, for at 4 o'clock the party started off for the station. On the way, the O.C. at Didcot, Colonel Purchas, sent word that he wished to address the detachment, which he did further down the road.

His words were few but did not fail to convey to each cadet the fact that, though too young to serve his country in the trenches, he was most certainly doing his bit by helping to pack and send off those stores which were so necessary to the army in action. Colonel Purchas further said that he was very grateful to the O.T.C. for their help and for the willing and able way in which it was given and he hoped to see them many more times at Didcot. Mud and dirt were forgotten on the way back to the station for all knew that they had done a good day's work in the service of their country. The train was waiting at the station, hot tea had been provided for the detachment, haversacks were opened and tin mugs and buns soon silenced the most talkative.

At length the return journey was over and at 6.45 Banbury was again reached. The bugles struck up, and the party commenced its long march back, through the dark streets of the town and then on to the still darker Bloxham Road. Once clear of the town bugles and voices in turn helped to speed away the miles, and at 8 o'clock

the School lights were in sight. At last the Quad was reached, the party halted, waterbottles and haversacks were collected, the party dismissed, tired and dirty, but justly proud of a hard day's work.

Didcot is now a part of the weekly programme, and each Sunday finds a detachment of cadets working there. The work varies, sometimes indoor, sometimes outdoor. Perhaps that Sunday on which the detachment's work was to haul many large vehicles through much deep mud, will never be forgotten by those who floundered through it. Didcot mud had been heard of before, but never fully appreciated by Bloxham until those vehicles had to be drawn through it.

ON WAR SERVICE, 1915.

From "The Church Times."

"THERE is a little school in the English Midlands where they teach and observe the Catholic Faith. Thirty miles away there is a railway junction, where, in huge sheds and in miles of railway trucks and vans, a harassed Colonel of the Army Ordnance Corps and his small and overworked command toil week in and week out in the strenuous endeavour to preserve order amongst the thousands of tons of war material which come to them from the factories, and which they in turn send on to the base ports, for shipment overseas. The Colonel appealed for help, and the call was heard by the Volunteer Regiments of three Midland Counties and by the Officers' Training Corps of some of the Public Schools. The officer in charge of the Cadets at this little school was among those approached, and the order went forth that the Contingent should do its bit on this and following Sundays, for the rest of the present term.

It is a little school, but they teach and observe the old faith. They also urgently want to "do their bit." Behold them, therefore, in their beautiful chapel, at the canonical hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon. Four-score youths, half of them

in khaki service uniforms, a sprinkling of masters and visitors, the matron and the maids, stand as the unwonted sight of a priest, attended by crucifer and candle-bearing servers clad in khaki, moves up the aisle to the altar. Plainsong and chorales roll heavenwards with more than the usual volume of sound as the Mass proceeds. The ancient words are said and sung, the ancient forms are solemnly enacted, a sermon is preached by a priest with the collar and tie and Sam Browne belt of an officer, and the ancient Oblation is offered.

"They go up as high as the hills and down to the valleys beneath," said the Psalmist. See them later in the quadrangle, girt with water-bottles and haversacks; section commanders bustling about, platoon sergeant going round with eagle eye. "Move to the right in fours, form fours, right: by the left, quick march." The bugles strike up the School march, the officers take post, and the platoon swings off down the road on its four miles march through the keen November air, to the railway station. "March at ease," sings out the O.C., and on they go, sometimes whistling, sometimes singing, but always briskly footing it along. "Five men, four men, three men, two men, one man and his dog: went to mow a meadow." A mixed couple on bicycles is cheerfully greeted with song. Down the streets of the little market town they march at "Attention": "Eyes left" to the statue of the Kaiser's English grandmother, and with a clatter of hobnailed boots they file over the station bridge, and entrain.

They are not alone. Volunteers in grey uniforms, with the "G.R." on their red brassards, fill half of the "special." Old men these: all over age-limit for the regular Army, but willing to "do their bit." The landscape of English rural shires slips by. The "dreaming spires" of a famous city are left in their Sunday peace. Afternoon has arrived as the train draws up at the junction, and youngsters and elders get out at the bidding of their N.C.O.'s and form up on the platform. A long column is drawn up outside

the station, and the O.T.C. in the place of honour, behind the band, they march off to work.

See them an hour later. Tossing boxes from hand to hand, stacking them, filling them, painting them, and nailing on the lids, working under the eyes of regular officers and N.C.O.'s: these youngsters hustle on with their work. Here is a gang of juniors—fellows of fourteen to sixteen—sent to the barrack section to deal with crockery. When they got there the job had been given to some of the veterans, but they cheerfully tackled heavier work. Puffing and blowing, a section hurls itself on to a packing case of hardware, big enough to hold half of them, and at the exhortation of a cadet-corporal, boosts it on to the top of a quickly growing pile of similar cases. This is magnificent, but it is too much for them. On the representations of one of their officers, the A.O.C. corporal puts them on to the less strenuous and somewhat unwarlike business of passing, carrying, and stacking plates. Plates in thousands are in that shed. Pudding-basins by the hundred, feeding cups, pots and jugs, all the many varieties of crockery that Tommy Atkins uses in sickness and in health; it makes the intellect reel to listen to the tale which the corporal has to recite, as he goes through the list of articles which the King has entrusted to his care for the time being. He who writes the present story went back to the shed where the throwers and stackers of boxes were pursuing their lawful occupations. There was the platoon sergeant—he of the small presence and eagle eye—but what recked he now of smartness? One had tried to catch a box with his head, some had obviously been painting, but over a thousand boxes stood neatly stacked in the middle of the shed, and the A.O.C. man was looking on with approval. On with the belts and tunics. The water-bottles where mostly empty now, and the haversacks were somewhat lighter. A few words of thanks from the harassed Colonel. "May I march them off now, sir," from the O.C., and the platoon swings off down the muddy main road to the gates, making its way back to the station.

The bells were ringing for Evensong as they got into the market town, where they detrained. But these young folk had done their bit for the day. There was four miles to march to the School, and they were hungry and weary. They had given to God the glory that was his ; they had given King George their willing service, to the best of their ability. Now they wanted to get home. And they didn't get jam for tea.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE above Society has been formed with the object of increasing the interest in stamp collecting. Papers will be given fortnightly by members of the Society upon points of interest or curiosity in Philately.

Meetings are to be held on Sunday mornings at twelve. A stamp exchange has been formed, which is inclusive to members of the Society, and there is no subscription for members.

A. L. Stevens was elected hon. secretary at the first meeting on November 7th.

T.S.A.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—5. *Edward's School Chronicle* (2), *The Lancing* |
College Magazine (2), *The Pauline* (2), *The Hurst fohnian*, *The Lily*, j
The Bracklean.

"THE BLOXHAMIST" will be published twice in each Term in future.

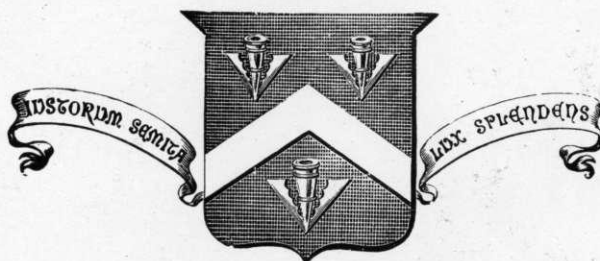
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ROLL OF SERVICE.

Team :—N. J. G. Ravenor, R. A. G. Ravenor, the second man, the score mounted to 4-0, the

*The following is sung every Wednesday
at the Intercession Service.*

A Litany in War Time

1.

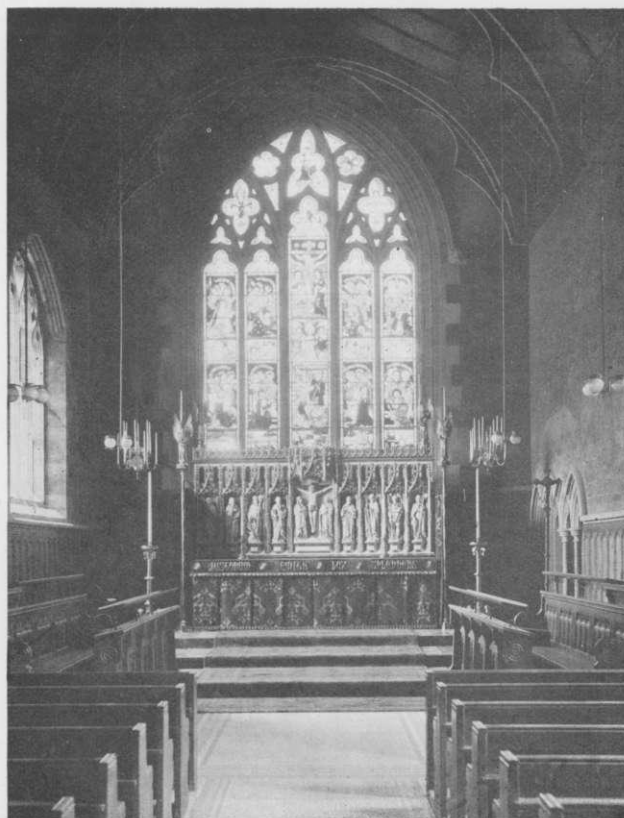
Father, eternal God,
Jesu, most high,
Spirit, the Comforter,
Hear our cry.

One God in Persons Three,
Supreme, Alone,
Hear us, blest Trinity,
At thy Throne.

2.

Lord, in necessity
To thee we go,
Be thou our Strength and Stay
In our woe

Countless the armed hosts
On yonder shore,
Keep us in safety, Lord,
Evermore.



THE CHAPEL, EAST END.

3.

On the wild waters rides
Our only guard;
May Angels have our men
In their ward.

Perils above, below,
Perils around;
Keep them, ye mighty ones,
Safe and sound.

4.

Pray we for all the troops
Gone from our land;
Keep them, O God of hosts,
In thy hand.

Husbands, sons, brothers, friends,
Over the foam;
Bring them, sweet Jesu Christ,
Bring them home.

5.

Be with the wounded, Lord,
In their distress;
Those who would succour them
Guide and bless.

To all the summoned souls
Thy pardon give;
May they in Paradise
With thee live.

A. R.

Team :—N. J. G. Ravenor, R. A. G. Ravenor,

ROLL OF SERVICE.

The information given is the latest we possess.

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

The names of those who have fallen in the war are printed in heavy type, and the date of their death is shown in the right-hand column.

C.M.G.=Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

D.S.C. —Distinguished Service Cross.

C.B. —Companion of the Order of the Bath.

M.C. ^Military Cross.

D.C.M.—Distinguished Conduct Medal.

In order that this record may be as accurate and complete as possible, it is earnestly requested that all Old Boys and others will point out inaccuracies and omissions. Particulars should include rank, regiment and battalion. It would be a great help if early notice were given of promotion or other distinction. It is hoped that friends and relatives of those serving into whose hands this record may fall will co-operate in supplying information.

All communications should be sent to the Rev. H. R. Willimott, Bloxham School, Banbury.

The Editor takes this opportunity of thanking his many correspondents who have pointed out errors or omissions in previous lists.

Justorum semita lux splendens.

R O Y A L - N A V Y

When at School

ARNOLD, N.	1903-6	Assist. Paymstr.	H.M.S. "Venerable"
*BENNKTT, T. W. .	1904-11	Petty Officer	Royal Naval Airship Service
BOISSIER, E. G. .	1897-98	Lieut.-Com.	R.N. Volunteer Reserve...
BOISSIER, M. E. S.	1895-98	Lieut.-Com.	H.M.S. "Empress of India"
BROMWICH, G. H., D.S.O. (late COCKEY, G. H.) ...	1885-87	Eng.-Com.	H.M.S. "Penguin" (Australia)
*COBB, R. H.	1910-13	Cadet	R.N. College, Dartmouth
CREE, E. B.	1899-1903		R.N. Volunteer Reserve
DAVIES, J. R.	1903-5		R.N. Volunteer Reserve
HARGRAVE, J. E.	1901-4	Assist. Paymstr.	H.M.S. "Bacchante"
HARGREAVES, G. E. L. ...	1909-11	Clerk	H.M.S. "Topaze"
*HARRIS, R. L.	1911-14	Sub.-Lieut.	Royal Marines
KIDMAN, P. W. .	1902-7	Petty Officer	Royal Naval Airship Service
LINNELL, F. J. .	1906-8	Sub.-Lieut.	R.N. Flying Corps
LYNE, P. E.	1886-	Captain	H.M.S. "Woodnut"
MARSDEN-JONES, A. M.	1907-10	Midshipman	Royal Naval Reserve
*MARSDEN-JONES, V. ...	1906-11		Royal Naval Division
PEARCE, R. H. .	1907-9	Assist. Paymstr.	H.M.S. "Lion"
ROACH, S.	1883-90	Fleet-Surgeon	H.M.S. "Devonshire"
ROBERTSON, T. A. M. ...	1904-5	Sub.-Lieut.	H.M.S. "New Zealand"
STEVENS, W. C. .	1877-80	Eng.-Com.	R.N. College, Osborne
THOMPSON, W. B	M 1912-13		Royal Naval Division



A R M Y

Name	When at School	Rank	Name of Regiment	
*ALLEN, C	M 1912-15	2nd Lieut.	3rd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment	
AMESBURY, W. L. R.	1882-84	Major	Indian Army	
*ANDERSON, P. A	1909-14	Gunner	South African Heavy Artillery	
ANSELL, H. G	1897-1900		Warwickshire Yeomanry	
ARKELL, A	1895-1900			
ARMSTRONG, J. A.	1903-9	2nd Lieut.	3rd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers	
BARLOW, A. E	1906-10	2nd Lieut.	9th Batt. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt.	
BARR, W. A	1900-1	Private	4th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders	
BARROW, L. A. H.	1907-12	2nd Lieut.	10th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment	
BEACH, T. B	1880-83	Lieut.-Col.	R.A.M.C.	
BEACH, W. H	1883-85	Lieut.-Col.	Royal Engineers ...	W ounded
*BELFIELD, E. G	1909-12	2nd Lieut.	Royal Field Artillery	
*BENNETT, H. M	1909-13		Inns of Court O.T.C.	
BEVAN, R. J. J.	1900-3	2nd Lieut.	1st Batt. King's R. Rifle Corps (Canadian Con.)	Wounded
*BIDLAKE, H. C. K.	1912-14	2nd Lieut.	13th Batt. Worcester Regiment	
BLISS, E. S	1904-6	Corporal	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars	
BOISSIER, G. D	1905-7	Lieut.	6th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	
BOISSIER, J. S	1904-8	Captain	6th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	
*BONNEWELL, H. S.	1910-15	2nd Lieut.	Army Service Corps	
BOWDEN, T. G	1883-86	Captain	114th Brigade, R.F.A.	
BOWEN, H. C	1899-1902		King Edward VII. Horse	
BOWLER, L. W. H.	1906-9	2nd Lieut.		
*BOWLER, T. G	1906-11	Lieut.	5th Batt. Dorsetshire Regiment	Wounded
BRADSHAW, N. W.	1905-8	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars	

Name	When at School	Rank	Name of Regiment	
BRIDGES, F. D.	1882-88	Major	Royal Marine L.I.	
BRIGHOUSE, R. W	1890-92	Major	W. Lanes. Div. Train, A.S.C,	
*BROOKS, B. B.	1906-12	2nd Lieut.	4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	
BROWN, C....	1909-11	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars ...	Wounded
BROWN, C. A.	1904-5	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars	
BROWN, E. A.	1910-11	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars	
*BROWN, M. B.	1911-13	Private	28th Batt. (Artists' Rifles) The London Regt.	
BROWN, T. E.	1907-9	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars	
BRYANT, R. F.	M 1909-12	2nd Lieut.	Army Service Corps, 13th Division Reserve	
BURBIDGE, A. H.	1904-10		2nd King Edward VII. Horse	
BURRY, H. J. P.	1910-11	Private	2nd Batt. Wiltshire Regiment	
*CAIN, H. N....	1910-13	Private	28th Batt. (Artists' Rifles) The London Regt.	
CHAMPION, B. E	1903-7		New Zealand Contingent.	Invalided
*CHILD, A. ...	M 1910-15	Captain	3/2nd Batt. The London Regt. (Royal Fusiliers)	
*CLIFFORD, J. G.	1910-12		Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars	
*COLEMAN, C. T.	1908-14	Private	28th Batt. (Artists' Rifles) The London Regt.	
*COMPrON-HALL, W. B	1911-14	2nd Lieut.	3rd Batt. West Kent Regiment	
COOK, C. R.	1910-12		6th Batt. Gloucester Regiment	
CORN, F. H.	1908-12	Private	5th City of London Rifles	
COSSART, A. R. B	1889-95	Captain	Royal Artillery	
COWAN, W. A. R	1901-5	Lieut.	30th British Columbian Horse	
COX, st. J. A.	1883-85	Lieut.-Col.	Royal Irish Regiment	<div> Mentioned in desp. C.M.G. Invalided May, 1915 </div>
CROUCHLEY, H. W. E.	1911-12	2nd Lieut.	j 3rd Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers	
CUNLIFFE, R. E	1906-9	2nd Lieut.	2nd Batt. Royal Berkshire Regiment	
DANSEY, F. H.	1889-91	Captain	Wiltshire Regiment	

Name	When at School	Rank	Name of Regiment	
DAVENPORT, V. H. S.	1889-92	Reg. Sgt.-Maj.	2nd Batt. Border Regiment.	D.C.M. & Clasp M.C. Mention'd in desp. 4 times
DAVIES, E. R.	1896-98	2nd Lieut.	Royal Sussex Regiment	
DAVIS, A. G. A.	1903-9	2nd Lieut.	3rd Batt. Devonshire Regiment	
*DAVY, P. F.	1906-11		30th Batt. Canadian Expeditionary Force	
DOWN, H. W. M.	1882-85	Major	Army Pay Department	
DUDLEY, W. L.	M 1909-11	Captain	4th Batt. Welch Regiment.	Wounded
DUXBURY, C. D.	1885-88	Major	Indian Army	
EDGINTON, C. M.	3 1906-7	Lance-Corpl.	4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	
EDGINTON, W. J.	1902-4	Private	4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	
EGERTON, H. W.	1886-92	Lieut.	Inspector of Mechanical Transport	
ELLERSHAW, W.	1884-86	Major	Royal Artillery	
FERGUSON, T. E.	1896-1903	Lieut.	R.A.M.C	
FFRENCH, N. G.	1908-11		5th Batt. Rifle Brigade	
FIELDER, GERALD	1906-8	Corporal	Berkshire Yeomanry	
FIELDER, GROVE	1905-8	Trooper	Royal Horse Artillery	
FISHER, G. R.	1898-1900		Canadian Expeditionary Force	
FORTESCUE, T.	1900-2	2nd Lieut.	Oxford and Bucks L.I.	
FRIEND, B. F.	1900-3	2nd Lieut.	6th Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment	gas poisoned
*GEPP, A. W.	1908-11	Private	Royal West Kent Regiment	
*GEPP, F. G.	1 1910-13	Private	Royal West Kent Regiment	
*GERMAN, A.	1912-13			
GLENNTTE, A. W.	1889-92	Private	Public Schools Batt. Middlesex Regiment	
GOLDRING, E. C.	1907-9	Trooper	2nd Australian Light Horse	
*GOODMAN, J. N.	1 1907-11		New Zealand Contingent	

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GRAHAM, F. H. H.	1907-10	Corporal	2nd Birmingham Battalion
GRANVILLE, A	1889-91	Captain	R.A.M.C.
GREEN, E. M. L	1910-13	Private	2nd Regiment South African Infantry
GREEN, V. C	1906-8	2nd Lieut.	2nd Batt. West India Regiment
GRIMES, G. W. H.	1907-11	Private	7th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regiment
GUEST, T. H	1886-89	Lieut.	York and Lancashire Regiment
HARRIS, A	1906-7	Private	2nd Batt. University & Public Schools Brigade
HARRIS, L. A	1906-7	Private	Warwickshire Regiment
HARRIS, M. W	1902-5	Private	31st Batt. Canadian Infantry
HARRIS, R. W	1906-9	2nd Lieut.	4th Batt. West Yorks Regiment
HARSTON, S. H	1895-9		Australian Imperial Force
HART, F. A	1904-11	2nd Lieut.	16th Batt. Middlesex Regiment
HAWARDEN, VISCOUNT (E. W. MAUDE)	1889-94	Captain	Royal West Surrey Regiment, Egyptian Army
HEATH, W. R	M1902-4	2nd Lieut.	Oxford and Bucks L.I.
HEWER, R. K	1905-8	2nd Lieut.	Royal Field Artillery
HICKS, C. C. J	1910-13	2nd Lieut.	4/2nd Batt. The London Regt. (Royal Fusiliers)
HIGGS, E. P	1909-14	Private	4/4th Batt. The London Regt. (Royal Fusiliers)
HILL, D. V	1908-12	Driver	"A" Battery, Hon. Artillery Company
HILL, R. G...	1904-9		British South African Police (Rhodesia)
HINNELL, H. G	1905-8	Lieut.	7th Batt. Cheshire Regiment
HODGSON, C. B. V.	1909-11	2nd Lieut.	20th Batt. Manchester Regiment
HOLDOM, L. J	1903-8	Trooper	Royal Bucks Hussars
HOLIDAY, A. S	1895-	2nd Lieut.	3/4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.
HOLIDAY, W. G	1894-1900	2nd Lieut.	3/4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.
HORNER, A. H	1890-8	Lieut.	Princess Patricia's Horse, 27th Division

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HORNER, G. ST. J.	1903-10	Trooper	Canadian Mounted Rifles	
HOSKINS, H. G.	1908-10	Private	1st Birmingham City Batt.	
HUDLESTON, W. E.	1884-89	Major	R.A.M.C.	(Mentioned in / despatch
JACKSON, C. C. ...	1883-85	Lieut.-Col.	103rd Light Infantry (Indian Army)	Nov. 1915
JONES, G. V.	1900-6	2nd Lieut.		
*KEBLE, C. T.	1909-11		Royal Flying Corps	
LANGMORE, L. G.	1883-85	Captain	11th Batt. The King's Liverpool Regiment ...	Wounded
LASCELLES, A. E.	1881-82	Lieut.-Col.	1st Worcestershire Regiment ...	Mentioned in
LEADLEY-BROWN, C. L.	1896-98	Captain	1st Batt. East Yorkshire Regiment	/ despatch
LESTER, W. H. D.	1900-1			
*LESTER-SMITH, W. C. ...	1909-15	2nd Lieut.	3rd Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	
*LONG, H. D.	1910-13			
LUKIN, R. C. W.	1881	Major	9th Hodson's Horse (Indian Army).	/ Mentioned in <u>desp.</u> D.S.O.
MACINTYRE, R. G.	1902-8	Captain	7th Batt. Durham L.I.	
MACKENZIE, K. A.	1903-10	Private	Army Service Corps	
*MACKRETH, V.	1911-14	2nd Lieut.	7th Batt. Dorset Regiment	
MALET, G. C. W.	1899-1903	2nd Lieut.	6th Batt. Somerset L.I.	
MARSHALL, G. W. W. ...	1906-9	Private	4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	
MAY, H. A. R.	1872-79	Lieut.-Col.	28th Batt. (Artists' Rifles) The London Regt. ...	/ Mentioned in
*MAY, J. S.	1911-12	Lieut.	4th Home Counties Howitzer Brigade	1 desp. C.B.
Mc LANNAHAN, J. G. ...	1882-87		R.A.M.C.	
MEDCALF, S. J.	1907-9			
MILES, H. G. MASSY ...	1900-3	Lieut.	R.A.M.C	
MITCHELL, A.	1886-93	Captain	79th Company Royal Garrison Artillery	
MOORE, G. H.	1890-5	Captain	4th Batt. City of London Regiment	

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MORRIS, C. G. M.	1903-10	2nd Lieut.	Royal Berkshire Regiment	
MORTON, E. S.	1902-9	Private	R.A.M.C.	
MOULDER, A. C.	1907		Canadian Contingent	
NATION, S. C.	1877-81	Captain	9th Batt. Devonshire Regiment...	Wounded
NEAME, A. R. L.	1906-9		British South African Police	
*NIXON, O.	1908-11	2nd Lieut.	11th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment	
OSTREHAN, L. B.	1904-8	Private	Inns of Court O.T.C.	
PAGE, W.	1909-11	Trooper	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars	
PASTFIELD, J. T. R.	M 1913-14	2nd Lieut.	1st Batt. Northamptonshire Regiment...	Dec. 21, 19U
*PEECOCK, E. G.	1908-11	2nd Lieut.	9th Batt. Royal Fusiliers	
PERCIVAL, A. S. F.	1907-10	Private	Public Schools Brigade	
PERCIVAL, G. J. F.	1906-8	Private	Winchester Rifle Brigade	
PERCIVAL, H. F.	1874-76		Citizens Defence Corps	
PLAISTOWE, E. F.	1880-84	Private	Sportsmen's Batt. Royal Fusiliers	
POTTER, B.	1896-1901			
POTTER, D.	1894-99	2nd Lieut.	4th Batt. North Staffordshire Regiment	
POTTER, R.	1894-99	2nd Lieut.	4th Batt. North Staffordshire Regiment	
RAVENOR, H. T.	187-1-84			
RAWLINGS, G. W.	1906-10	2nd Lieut.	6th Batt. Hampshire Regiment	
*READ, P. E.	1910-12	Private	28th Batt. (Artists' Rifles) The London Regt.	Invalided
READER, H. C.	1899-1903	Lieut.	Royal Garrison Artillery	
RIDDLE, A. E. S.	1903-9	2nd Lieut.	3rd Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	: Wounded
RIDDLE, F. E. L.	1903-11	2nd Lieut.	2nd Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	May 15, 191.
•RIDDLE, G. K.	1907-13		Canadian Contingent	

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ROBERTS, E. L.	1903-7	2nd Lieut.	2nd Reserve Regiment of Cavalry	
ROBERTSON, F. H. M....	1904-5		5th Batt. Canadian Contingent	Apl.12, 1915
ROBINSON, C.	1905-10	Private	Public Schools Force	
RYE, A. N.	1888-92	2nd Lieut.	Royal Guernsey Artillery and Engineers	
RYLANDS, H. B.	1905-9	2nd Lieut.	16th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers	
RYLANDS, R. V.	1902-6	Captain	7th Batt. Manchester Regiment	June 1, 1915
SALMON, F. A.	1885-	2nd Lieut.	East Surrey Regiment	
SAMSON, A. E. W.	1884-89	Private	Sportsmen's Batt. Royal Fusiliers	
SELFE, J. L.	1887-89	Corporal	3rd Batt. Hampshire Regiment	
SHAW, A. A. ST. J.	1903-9	Private	Public Schools Batt. Royal Fusiliers	
SKEELS, E. R. S.	1884-86	Lieut.	Army Pay Department	
SKELTON, D. S.	1890-	Major	R.A.M.C.	Wounded
SKELTON, E. G.	1891-99	Captain	West India Regiment	
SKINNER, B. M., M.V.O....	1872-74	Colonel	R.A.M. College	
SMITH, C. H.	1883-89		Worcestershire Yeomanry	
SMITH, J. C.	1899-1900	2nd Lieut.	6th Batt. Royal Fusiliers	
*SPOULE, A. L. B.	1908-13	2nd Lieut.	The London Regiment	
STANDAGE, H. R.	1905-9	Private	3rd Batt. Universities & Public Schools Brigade	
STANFORD, F. E.	1909-10	Lieut.	Army Service Corps	
STENHOUSE, V. D.	1884-88	Major	Somerset Light Infantry	
*STEVENS, A. R. I.	1909-13	2nd Lieut.	Royal Fusiliers	
TAYLOR, E. W.	1902-6	Sergeant	Hertfordshire Yeomanry	
TAYLOR, T. R.	1902-6	Trooper	Hertfordshire Yeomanry	
THOMAS, T.	1908-9	2nd Lieut.	9th Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	
TOWNSON, E.	1904-7	Captain	1 7th Batt. Manchester Regiment...	Invalided

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TRENCH, D. LE POER...	1893-98	Captain	42nd Brigade, R.F.A.	(Wounded, { Mentioned in ^ desp. M.L.A.
TRENCH, S. J. LE POER...	1893-96	Lieut.	Staffordshire Yeomanry	
*VESEY-BROWN, J. S. ...	1908-14		21st Batt. Royal Fusiliers	Sept. 26,1915
WAINMAN, P. S. G. ...	1891-92	Captain	2nd Batt. Worcester Regiment...	
*WALDEN, H. R.	1911-15	2nd Lieut.	3rd Batt. Oxford and Bucks L.I.	
WALKER, L.	1900-6		Worcestershire Yeomanry	
WALKER, W.	1895-1903		Worcestershire Yeomanry	
WARD, W. W.	1905-6	Lieut.	Royal Marine L.I.	
WARNER, C. W. C.	1895-1900	Lieut.	Egyptian Labour Corps	
WEBB-BOWEN, M. H. ...	1904-7	2nd Lieut.	Royal Marine L.I.	
WESTON, H.	1880-82			
WHITE, A. P.	1900-6	2nd Lieut.	3rd Batt. Northants Regiment	
WHITEFOOT, T. W. ...	1906-8	Signaller	3rd Cavalry Field Ambulance (Canadian)	
WHITING, J. E.	1905-6	Trooper	Royal Bucks Hussars	
WHITING, J. G. B.	1905-10	Trooper	Royal Bucks Hussars	
WHITTY, L.	M 1912	2nd Lieut.	3rd Lancashire Fusiliers	
WILKES, A. B. E.	1879-86	Driver	3rd Battery, New Zealand F.A.	
WILKINS, M. H.	1904-6	Sergeant	Rough Riders, City of London Yeomanry	Aug. 21, 1915
•WINCH, H. E.	1908-11		Inns of Court O.T.C.	
*WINCH, L. A.	1909-13	Gunner	Hon. Artillery Company	/ Prisoner since \Nov. ist, 1914
*WOOLLIAMS, F. H.	1910-13	Private	28th Batt. (Artists' Rifles) The London Regt.	
WROUGHTON, A. C.	1888-91	Captain	1st South Lancashire Regiment	
YORSTON, S.	1905-9		Manchester University O.T.C.	
YOUNG, ST. J. M.	1900-5	Corporal	London Scottish ...	