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NOTICE.

Owing to the shortage of Paper and the additional cost of production, we are unable to publish more than one number of "The Bloxhamist" this term.

EDITORIAL.

JUST at first we feel rather queer in our new coat—a little uncomfortable, for we have had to squeeze and pinch our already diminutive body in order to get inside the said coat. And we fear lest our friends may not recognize us. But here we are, and we hope very much that our very old and dear kind friends will not resent our unfamiliar appearance. We really do intend to try and please them. But if they do not like us in a coat, they need only remove one or two pins in the back and the coat will come off quite easily, and then they will find us almost in our previous condition. For ourselves we rather fancy our new attire ; we begin to feel that we are after all of some importance ; and soon we hope to grow quite fat again, after a rather prolonged period of almost complete starvation. Our old friends have not been kind to us ; we really do require a great deal of feeding to maintain our existence. And now that we only intend to show ourselves in our new coat only six times a year (for the present only three), do, please, give us plenty of good food so that we may show ourselves to advantage and be fit to take our stand in the ranks with our contemporaries. We never have boasted of possessing an influential place among our contemporaries, and we are quite content to live in a back room on the first floor ; but, good friends, please do not relegate us to the lumber room in the attics, still less consign us to the obscurity of the cellars. Feed us and air us, and then we shall get on nicely and do our propoer work for the School you all love so well.

SCHOOL NEWS.

STAFF.—We much regret the departure of the Rev. C. E. Burgess, who, we are sorry to say, has had serious trouble with his leg; an old complaint which has necessitated an operation, from which he has not yet recovered. We fear the injury was caused by his over-exertion in pursuit of his duties as temporary officer in command of the corps, and we hope he will make satisfactory progress towards complete recovery. During the short time of his sojourn in our midst he won the confidence of everybody, and we shall greatly miss his genial manner and cheery address.

WE extend a hearty welcome to Mr. L. E. Smith and Mr. J. H. Stemberge.

MR. L. E. SMITH, Keble College, Oxford, was formerly Master at Worksope. There he was in command of the O.T.C. and in charge of the games. We are glad to welcome his experience in similar offices here this term. He has also taken charge of Dormitories 1 and 3, and is chairman of the games committee.

MR. J. H. STEMBRIDGE, F.G.S., has also joined the staff. Mr. Stemberge is an authority on the Scout Movement, and has for some years acted as a scoutmaster. Under his management the scouts have been revived, and seem very keen and vigorous.

VALETE.—The following have left:—**R. V. Lyle**, Form VI., Senior Prefect, Lce.-Cpl. O.T.C.; **W. E. M. Hill**, Form VI., Prefect, 1st XI. Football and Hockey, Senior Gymnasium Colours, Cpl. O.T.C.; **J. S. Hughes**, Form VI.; **H. S. Bonnewell**, Form VI., Prefect, Captain of Games, Senior Gymnasium Colours, Lce.-Cpl. O.T.C.; **W. G. Rowland**, Form VI., 1st XI. Cricket and Football, Junior Gymnasium Colours, Lce.-Cpl. i/c Buglers O.T.C.; **R. W. Compton-Hall**, Form V., 1st XI. Cricket, 2nd XI. Football, Senior Gymnasium Colours, Lce.-Cpl. O.T.C.; **J. A. L. Champneys**, Form V., 1st XI. Football; **C. H. Tucker**, Form V., 2nd XI. Football; **A. L. Stephens**, Form V., Senior Gymnasium Colours; **N. J. G. Ravenor**, Form V., 1st XI. Cricket, 2nd XI. Football; **E. J. Stanbra**, Form V.; **S. German**, **S. Heaton** and **B. L. Ingham**, Form II.; **G. Hall**, Form I.

SALVETE.—The following new boys have come:—Form IV., **J. N. Allnutt**, **H. C. Saunderson**, and **E. Read**; Form III., **D. R. F. Bertram**, **V. J. Campbell**, and **E. C. Viner**; Form II., **T. H. L. Brown**, **C. W. Cherry**, **A. R. Laker**, **E. J. Laker**, and **E. V. Laker**; Form I., **H. V. Pitt-Kethley**, **C. Viner**, **J. Mullins**, and **R. Mullins**.

D. W. T. CAIN has succeeded **R. V. Lyle** as Senior Prefect. He is also Captain of Games and Captain of the Gymnasium.

THE Committee of Games has been reconstituted, and now consists of the Headmaster (President), **L. E. Smith, Esq.** (Chairman), **C. J. Wilson, Esq.** (Treasurer), one other master elected by the staff, the Senior Prefect, the Captains of Football, Cricket, Hockey, and Gymnasium, and if in this way there are not five boys on the Committee, the number is made up to five by the votes of the Sixth and Fifth Forms; one member acts as secretary.

ON Sunday, February 13th, Mr. Clifton Kelway again visited us, and gave a most interesting lecture on "The Church and the War." He showed a very good set of pictures, illustrating scenes from various war areas. We all learnt a great deal about the ways, customs and observances of our fellow Christians in other countries, especially Russia.

ON the following Sunday the collections in Chapel were in aid of the fund for providing rest huts for soldiers at the front; the amount collected was £2 3s. yd.

ON Wednesday, February 16th, the Rev. F. R. Hodgson, sometime Archdeacon of Zanzibar, gave a lecture on "The Universities' Mission to Central Africa." His discourse was much appreciated, inasmuch as a part of that mission field is at the present time seriously affected by the war. Some of our smaller fry, dressed in native costume, did a roaring trade for the funds of the Mission by selling dolls and literature of all kinds.

O.B. NEWS.

THE REV. J. B. KIRBY (Master, 1885-7), Vicar of Buckingham, has been appointed by the Archbishop of York to the Vicarage of St. Mary and St. Nicholas, Beverley.

THE REV. J. F. TURNER (Master, 1892-6, 1900-9), who for the last year has been Rector of Chelwood, near Bristol, has been appointed Perpetual Curate of Mark, by the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

WE also note the appointment of the Rev. A. K. Swallow (1903-4), to the Rectory of Weston Favell, Northampton.

THE REV. F. W. R. HOLMES (1884-5), Vicar of St. Michael's, Bowes Park, has been appointed a Chaplain to the Forces.

R. W. PEARSE (1913-15), has gained second place in the examination for a naval clerkship; there were 51 candidates for 15 vacancies. He has been appointed to *H.M.S. Agincourt*.

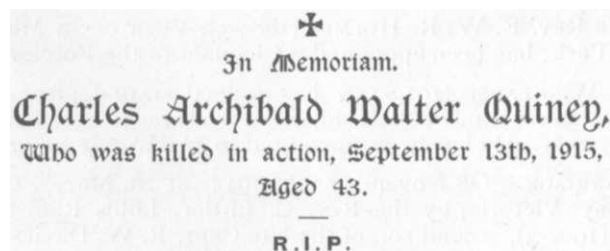
MARRIAGE.—On November 6th, 1915, at St. Mary's Church, Oaks Bay, Victoria, by the Rev. C. Littler, **Louis Ramsbotham Davies** (1902-3), second son of the late Capt. R. W. Davies, R.N., and Mrs. Davies, Curdridge, Botley, Hants, to **Jennet Louisa**, younger daughter of **James Lawson, Esq.**, of Victoria, B.C.

O.B. SOCIETY.—The following have recently become members:—R. V. Lyle (1910-15), R. C. Sidney-Wilmot (1912-15), G. H. Moore (1890-5).

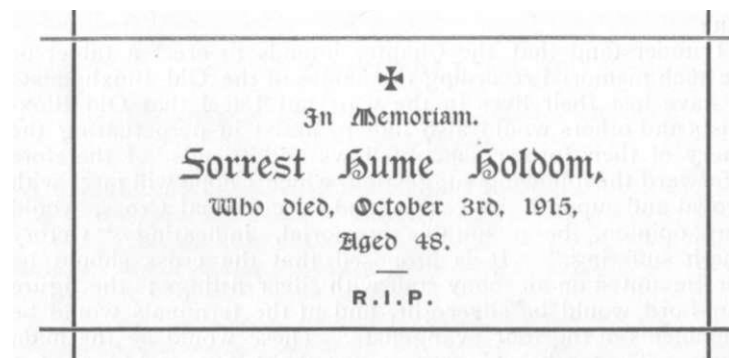
VISITORS.—February 5th-6th, R. C. Sidney-Wilmot (1912-15); March 4th, T. W. Bennett (1904-11); March nth, A. L. B. Sproule (1908-13).

OBITUARY.

WE regret to record the death of Colour-Sergeant W. S. Grinter, which occurred on January 19th, at Epsom, where he had been for a few weeks with his parents. Although we feel his loss very much, we must be very thankful that his long and wearisome sufferings are at an end. Colour-Sergeant Grinter had been for 21 years in the Rifle Brigade, and had served in India, Burmah, and South Africa. He came to Bloxham in 1903 as first gymnastic instructor, when the gymnasium was opened. He left in 1909, but returned in 1911, shortly after the School contingent of the O.T.C. was started. To him the School owes the existing high standard of work in the gymnasium, and as a result of his training it has been possible to carry on the work in that department for the last two terms without an instructor. His work has brought the Corps to its present state of efficiency, and many Bloxhamists during the last eighteen months have profited by his teaching. It is really very largely due to his efforts that Bloxham has been able to contribute a good proportion of officers to the army; men who already knew their drill and so were fitted to take responsible positions. He was truly devoted to his work and the School, and was always anxious to do anything in his power for the welfare of its members. It is of pathetic interest that his last public appearance at Bloxham was with a firing party, at the funeral of one who died of wounds received in Flanders. *Requiescat in pace.*



C. A. W. QUINEY was at Bloxham from 1882 till 1884. On leaving he returned to his home in the Canary Islands and was engaged there in business. On the outbreak of war he enlisted as a private in the Royal Irish Rifles, and eventually fell in action, as stated above.



F. H. HOLDOM (1880-82).—A fairly successful bowler in the Cricket XL, 1882. On leaving school joined the Training Ship Conway, and passed out into the Merchant Service, where he did very well, rising to the post of captain. Some years ago he accepted an important appointment under the Durban Harbour Trust, Natal, and was later selected for the responsible position of Harbour Master at Kilindini, British East Africa, under the Colonial Office. Throughout his career he was always very highly spoken of, and he never lost the nice and gentle disposition which he had at school, and always maintained the high standard placed before him. He died at Mombasa from typhoid fever, his wife passing away a few days later.

THE ORGAN.

LIKE all other material things, which suffer wear and tear in the course of time, our Chapel Organ is beginning to show signs of old age; it has been in use about forty years, and will before long need considerable and extensive attention to make it capable of continuing to perform its functions. It is quite evident that it will require a fairly substantial sum of money to meet the cost of repairs. Mere temporary patching is very unsatisfactory, and we should much prefer to do the work thoroughly so as to last another generation. We cannot at the present moment name a definite sum, but we hope before long to have the instrument overhauled and an estimate given for the work. In the meantime will Old Bloxhamists and friends give or promise donations? The School, being without endowment of any kind apart from its premises, cannot afford to spend a large sum on a work of this sort, and therefore we venture to start an

" Organ Fund," so that when the need becomes really urgent we may be able to take the matter in hand at once. Donations will be gratefully acknowledged, and should be sent to the Chaplain.

WAR MEMORIAL.

SIR,

I understand that the Chapter intends to erect a tablet or some such memorial recording the names of the Old Bloxhamists who have lost their lives in the war, but I feel that Old Bloxhamists and others would also like to assist in perpetuating the memory of their former school-fellows and friends. I therefore put forward the following suggestion, which I hope will meet with approval and support. A really good Processional Cross, would in my opinion, be a suitable memorial, indicating "victory through suffering." It is proposed that the cross should be silver, mounted on an ebony staff with silver fittings; the figure of our Lord would be silver-gilt, and at the terminals would be the emblems of the four evangelists. These would be the main features. The total cost is estimated at about £75, and I hope that this amount will be forthcoming between now and the end of the war

Yours faithfully,
H. R. WILLIMOTT, *Chaplain.*

FIVES.

A tournament was played last term, but was not finished in time to publish the results in the December BLOXHAMIST. In the Senior competition the pairs were drawn and handicapped as follows :—

The Figures in Brackets are the Handicaps.

	B.
(4) Higgs	(2) Mr. Jacob
Clowser	Lewis
C.	D.
(5) Ravenor	(5) J. Wright
Coulson	Stewart
E.	F.
(0) E. Tucker	(6) Champneys
The Chaplain	Ferris
G.	H.
(4) Stephens	(2) Cain
Hill	Bolton
I.	J.
(1) C. Tucker	(7) German
The Headmaster	Farebrother

First Round—G beat J and E beat F, the rest being byes.

Second Round—B beat A, I beat G, H beat D, E beat C.

Semi-Final—I beat B, H beat E.

Final—H beat I.

There was a large number of entries for the Junior competition. We regret that the list of competitors has disappeared and cannot be found. Several of the games were keenly contested, and in the final round Hordern and McDonald beat Cooper and W. Wright

FOOTBALL.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Score: 13—1 (against).

ALTHOUGH in this match we lost so heavily, great credit is due to several members of the team for the defence they put up against an overwhelmingly strong side. It was not the fault of the goal-keeper that the score was so high, since at times he brought off some brilliant saves.

Our half-backs and backs put up a good defence against the splendid tactics of the opposing forwards. The least said about the forwards the better. One or two of them played well, but since they were not helped by the remainder they could not effect anything. Our only goal was scored when Cain left his position as back, and succeeded in running swiftly through the whole of the opposing team.

Team :—A. Hall; D. Cain, Powell; Smith, Bolton, W. Wright; J. Wright, Clark, Higgs, Christopher, McDonald.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS, 1915-

H. S. Bonnewell (*Captain, 79/5*).—A safe goal-keeper with good judgment. As captain, trained his team well, and kept them together. His departure considerably weakened the back division.

D. W. T. Cain (*Captain, 1915-1916*). A keen and energetic player, and a good, hard shot. As centre forward he was responsible for the majority of the points which we scored. He had to re-organise the team on Bonnewell's departure, and did it well. The success of the games last term was chiefly due to his energy.

R. A. G. Ravenor.—A good back and a fair kick. Tackles very well and keeps cool in front of his own goal. Has improved remarkably.

G. R. Bolton.—As a right half proved himself to be a bustling player. He is an excellent shot and feeds his forwards well.

W. G. Rowland.—A very hard player and always on the ball. Keen almost to a fault, but as centre half he certainly kept his forwards moving.

- G. F. M. McDonald.—A fair outside right, who will improve with age. Has hardly had enough to do. Should practice how to centre.
- J. E. Wright.—An outside left with a moderate pace. Centres well. Combines well with the others, but, like them, should learn to shoot.
- W. R. Wright.—A promising half, who tackles well and plays a hard game. He should do well in the future.
- W. H. Higgs.—Has become an exceedingly useful forward, who has improved considerably. He plays a good game and is always on the ball.
- W. E. McKenzie Hill.—His lack of pace spoilt his game, and though he could bustle well he could not shoot. On the whole he did his best.
- J. A. L. Champneys.—A fair back but a poor kick. He played hard but was not always very successful.
- N.J. G. Ravenor.—Had a good deal to learn as a goal-keeper. The chief feature of his play was a very powerful "punch."
- C. G. Martin.—Showed promise in goal, but failed to maintain a good, general standard. In some matches he showed speed and judgment.

COLOURS.

The School Colours are as follows :—

Blazer: Black, with School arms on pocket.

Cap : Black, with School arms on front.

CRICKET.

Blazer: i inch black and ^ inch white stripes with School arms on pocket.

Cap : To match, the stripes arranged horizontally.

FOOTBALL.

Shirt: Black, with white sleeves, and School arms on pocket.

The 2nd XI. wear black shirts with white sleeves.

Cap: Black, initialled with B.S.F.C.

Stockings: Black, with black and white tops.

HOCKEY.

Shirt: Black and white halves with School arms on pocket.

Cap: Black, initialled with B.S.H.C.

Stockings: Same as for football.

FIVES.

Cap: Black velvet with silver tassel.

RUNNING.

Shorts. White, with double black stripe.*

Vest : White, with double black border round the neck.

GYMNASIUM

(Senior).

Vest : White, with black border round the neck and School arms and date on breast.

(Junior).

Vest : The same, but without the School arms.

BOXING.

Shorts. White, with black and white diagonal stripe.

Vest : White, with black and white diagonal border round the neck.

* Any Colourman may wear white shorts with a single wide black stripe.

CONCERTS.

A concert was held on the last night of last term, when the following programme was arranged under the management of R. V. Lyle, to whom we were much indebted for a very pleasant entertainment.

1.	Banjo Solo— The Park Crescent March ".....	C. A. Hall
2.	Songs—(a) Who is Sylvia';..	The Choir
	(b) " Hark ! Hark ! the Lark" /	
3.	Selection on the Bagpipes.....	G. F. M. McDonald
4.	Song—" When Irish Eyes are Smiling".....	W. G. Rowland
5.	Recitation—"Nicholas Knox of Nottingham ".....	R. V. Lyle
6.	Songs—r«; ; 'Sapphic Ode " j.....	
	(b) " The Forge ...J	
7.	Pianoforte Solos—«J " Castanet	tes".....
	(b) " Russian Dance J	
8.	Song—" Long ago in Alcala ".....	The Headmaster
9.	Banjo Solo—"Black Bess".....	C. A. Hall
10.	Selection on the Bagpipes.....	G. F. M. McDonald
11.	Song—" Carry on ".....	C. S. L. Coulson
12.	Reading—Extract from " On Furnished Apartments ".....	R. V. Lyle
13.	Song—" The Green Grass Grows all Round ".....	W. G. Rowland
14.	Pianoforte Solo—"Gallop".....	Rev. F. Shaw
15.	"A Dabble in Stinks ".....	Mr. T. S. Alexander

The usual concert was held on Shrove Tuesday, the various items were well rendered, and from the manner in which each was received they were evidently thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The proceedings commenced with the National Anthem. The second item on the programme was a pianoforte solo by Mr. Shaw ; needless to say this was greatly appreciated, as also was the piece played as an encore. Mr. Blanshard then recited

"The Aged Stranger," and he was followed by Coulson, who sang a chorus song, entitled, "The Empire's Sons." After this Mr. Alexander gave a series of chemical experiments; if the village policeman had been anywhere in the neighbourhood of the School he would certainly have thought, judging by the noise and smell, that a fleet of hostile aircraft had arrived at last! McDonald, in highland dress, gave a selection on the bagpipes, and then Saunderson played various airs on the piccolo and ocarina. The next item was that well-known song, "Trankadillo," which was sung by the Headmaster; he received an encore. Hall gave a banjo solo, and this also was encored. He was followed by the Chaplain, with a song entitled, "The Banjo," an amusing skit on banjo playing and on the fate of one particular banjo. After the Chaplain's song, Mr. Shaw gave us another of his inimitable pianoforte solos. A laughable recitation called "Truthful James," by Mr. Blanshard, was followed by more selections on the bagpipes, by McDonald. An amusing song, "When Father Laid the Carpet on the Stairs," was then sung by the Chaplain, and judging by the applause with which it was received it was much appreciated. The next performer was Hall who gave another banjo solo, after which Ravenor recited a piece called "The Twins"; this set the whole audience laughing. The concluding item on the programme was a chorus song, entitled, "An Awful Little Scrub," sung by the Headmaster, who again received an encore.

The Headmaster then thanked Mr. Golding for all the trouble he had taken in arranging the concert, and called for three cheers. These were followed by more cheers for the Headmaster, and then the audience dispersed, after a most delightful evening's entertainment.

THE WAR.

IN Sir Ian Hamilton's despatch, published on January 29th, we noticed the name of T. G. Bowler (1906-11). We are glad to say that he is now well on the way towards recovery, although he has lost one foot.

Major D. S. Skelton (1890), R.A.M.C., has been awarded the D.S.O.

Lieut.-Col. W. H. Beach (1883-5), wounded at Ctesiphon, has returned to his duties, and is G.S.O. on the Head-quarter's Staff in Mesopotamia.

His brother, Col. T. B. Beach (1880-3), R.A.M.C. is A.D.M.S. of the hospitals in Alexandria, and has had a very busy time all through the Dardanelles fighting.

T. H. Sanderson-Wells (1884-7), and Kennard (), are also engaged in hospital work in Egypt.

Col. B. M. Skinner, M.V.O. (1872-4), R.A.M.C., has been gazetted a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Capt. D. le Poer Trench (1893-8) has been again mentioned in despatch. The name of Major P. S. G. Wainman (1891-2), who was killed last September, appeared in the same despatch; also that of the Provost, the Ven. H. K. Southwell.

We hear that E. C. Harris (1904-6), went through the S.W. African campaign. He is now on *H.M.S. Vernon*, at Portsmouth.

O. W. Malet (1900-4), is serving as King's Messenger with Admiralty despatches.

T. R. Taylor (1902-6), after three weeks in Gallipoli was invalided to Cairo suffering from dysentery and enteric. We presume he made a rapid recovery, for we have heard that he took part in the fighting at Matruh on Christmas Day. His brother, E. W. Taylor (1902-6), was in Gallipoli for three months and returned to Egypt with only one other of his troop of forty. We hear that he has been cabled for to come home to take a commission.

A stained-glass window erected in the Church of the Holy Rood, Moorside, Swinton, by his father, in memory of Capt. R. V. Rylands, who was killed on May 29th, 1915, was unveiled on January 2nd, by Major Wilkinson, 6th Durham Light Infantry.

Lieut. H. B. Rylands (1905-9), has been wounded recently in France. We are glad to hear that his hurt is not serious.

B. E. Champion (1902-7), has rejoined his unit after his long illness.

Lt.-Com. E. G. Boissier (1897-8), received his Cross from the King just before Christmas. We regret to say that his wound has rendered him unfit for further service.

2nd-Lieut. C. B. V. Hodgson (1909-11), has been slightly wounded, and has now resumed his duties with his battalion.

Lieut. V. C. Green (1906-8), is with his regiment in the Cameroons. He was sent home last autumn in command of an escort to prisoners of war.

He writes :—"The whole trip was most unexpected, and my own people did not know that I was coming until I had landed. Then I could not arrange to see people as I was kept waiting for orders, and never knew when I was to sail again until just before I had to. However, the trip was topping and bucked me up tremendously. The most amusing part of it was the terror displayed by the prisoners when we sighted one of their own submarines in the Bay of Biscay. When I got back to Sierra Leone, I found the detachment gone, so I had to wait on there until our machine gun officer got punctured, and then I was sent down here to take over the guns, as I was reserve M.G.O. However, another man took them over temporarily whilst I was on my way, and as it is inconvenient to relieve him at present, I am kept at the base

for the time being. This place is topping; much nicer than Freetown. It is flat and very pretty, with mountains in the distance. Our quarters are down by the river; consequently we have a great deal of fever among the men, but so far we have escaped it amongst Europeans. Duala is well laid out—good roads, shady avenues, cool well-built houses. The Germans certainly know how to make themselves comfortable. The country all around is extremely pretty; it is covered with trees of all kinds, and the number of varieties of palms is wonderful. Birds, insects and flowers abound too. You see flocks of grey parrots, and there are lots of bush fowl. For the latter I brought my gun here with me, but we are not allowed to shoot at all. It is a pity, as it would be a welcome relief to our usual 'chop.'

An O.B. officer, who, at the time of writing, was in the fighting line, sends the following account of his experiences :—

TRENCHES,

February 1916.

I have not been able to send you a letter for some time, so will try and make this a long one. To begin with, you were quite right as to where our camp was. We then moved forward to a ruined village which was shelled regularly, an account of which was in the papers at that time.

We were in a big chateau which could not be seen by the enemy, though they knew we were there, and used to put over five or six big shells, by map, about every two or three hours. They never hit us though. It "put the wind up me" the first night when I awakened up at 1 a.m. by a bang just underneath my window, which was in front, and then while I was shivering, along came five more. They were awful to listen to: you could hear the thud and then the whistle coming nearer and nearer. They just missed the house, and were all "duds" (blanks). At 1 a.m. though, they are *not* nice. Three hours later we had to "stand to," as the Bosche had broken into our trenches. The trenches here are so heavily shelled that, in places, huge gaps are in the line, and you "take over" at night, and are then absolutely cut off from everybody for 24 hours. Of course you are liable to be rushed at any moment, and it is rather a strain. Well, they evidently knew "a relief" was taking place, and rushed one of these gaps. The men took it very well considering it was a new place for them, and not only turned them out but chased them back and got into their trenches. That was not the end though; all the next day they bombarded heavily, and at 5.30 p.m. we were told to expect an attack, and they started to use gas. That stopped, however, and we went out under the shells and waited just behind in the freezing cold for six hours (without overcoats). The attack was off then, and we had to take ammunition and bombs up to the front line. This was most unpleasant, as they had a "barrage" out. There were 1,200 men all mixed up, walking

along one narrow tram line, and they were sending "stuff" all over us, and yet scarcely a man was hurt. It was pretty awful though, and they started on my party just as we reached the bomb heap. Bullets from machine guns were hitting the sleepers of the tram lines as we stood there. We got back at 4 a.m. The companies in the front line had a very "thin" time. In one dug-out, one officer and 10 men were killed, while two hours later another was dug up raving mad. I have just got back from three days in the front line. The first was in a place where no fires were allowed; I lived on bread and marmalade, and a tinned chicken that you had fortunately sent me. The next two days were spent in a place cut off from the rest. It was very uncomfortable of course, and everything happens at night. They weren't very active, though we were only 40 yards off. I am writing this in a reserve dug-out—great big things—and they're still shelling. The Germans now, we hear, have great factories for making gas, just behind, and are laying pipes to the front line, and are going to gas us for four days. Pleasant that! Hope you are not uneasy about us; we have got to go through with it, so it is no good worrying.

The following has been received from Lieut. W. W. Ward :—

February 1916.

We are well established in our billets in the wood now, and our only trouble is that we have to send five miles for water; we have a 100 gallon tank which we send in a lorry. The trouble is with the tank which is not very strong, and the weight of the water being nearly half-a-ton, the jolting on the road makes it leak very badly; sometimes they hardly manage to get any of the water back. We have had three new tanks but they all go sooner or later. We are probably starting building our observation posts to-morrow, and we are going to make ourselves some very fine places too. We shall probably tunnel two of them [this means from the back to the front of some hill or slag heap, G.H.W.] One of our chaps the other day was in a trench about 500 yards from the Germans, and he put up his head very carefully to have a look round and was sniped, and the bullet hit a tree four inches from his head. I was going to my O.P. and a German anti-aircraft shell which hadn't burst in the air fell 20 yards away from me, and a lot of bits started coming down all round, so I went into the first dug-out I saw. Having got over this I went along and was just in the communication trench, when one of our batteries just behind had a premature shrapnel, which simply whizzed all round me, but luckily I was protected by the parapet, but they quite "put the wind up me" *Anglice*—frightened, G.H.W., and I fairly hugged the side of that trench all the rest of the way. At my O. P. I am making a dug-out with 6 ft. of earth on the top for three men to live in, and I shall probably live there partly myself.

O.T.C. NOTES.

THE work of the O.T.C. has been very much hindered this term by the snow and damp. The parade-state has also suffered severely from colds and coughs. The usual parades have been held, and enough has been seen to realise the high state of efficiency at present prevailing. The chief fault to be noticed is unsteadiness in the ranks when not actually standing "easy," a fault which is particularly easy to notice, and so one of the first to detract from the effect of other work. The N.C.O.'s have worked well and shown particular keenness, so that the present standard should not be hard to maintain. A section competition has been instituted, in which marks are deducted each parade from a maximum of 40 for faults in turn-out, manual, drill, and discipline. The leading section in each term's competition will parade as No. 1 the following term, so that the sections will be in order of merit. Our best thanks are due to Mr. C. J. Wilson for kindly presenting us with another side-drum and also through him to the tuck shop for the gift of a big drum; the complete band is a great asset to the corps, and has increased the ardour of the bandsmen. L. Watkins has become big drummer and shows great promise.

Shooting on the miniature range has begun, and this year we have been allowed ball ammunition, so that we hope to get to the open range next term. A cup for shooting has been promised, so that a competition can be arranged to stimulate our efforts on this important branch of O.T.C. work.

The following promotions have been made :—Corporal Cain to be Sergeant; Lance-Corporal R. Powell to be Corporal; Cadet Coulson to be Lance-Corporal; Cadet Stewart to be Lance-Corporal; Cadet Eve to be Lance-Corporal.

In the evening of Monday, December 13th, Captain Child addressed the corps in the big schoolroom. He said that in his opinion, which was also shared by others, even the youngest cadet present would be old enough to actively serve his country before the expiration of the war, and consequently reminded us that we should pay great attention to the smallest details of our training. He informed us that it had been a great pleasure to him to visit Bloxham again, and to take the corps to Didcot on the previous day. He then read us some extracts on march discipline from some notes by an officer wounded in the present war.

He then gave us an amusing account of his battalion's weekly inspection, especially with regard to boots and hair—he was reminded of the latter by ample evidence of the fact that the school barber had missed a week. As regards hair, he said that long hair collected dirt and became verminous; he also added that some men had been sent to the horse lines to have their hair cut with horse clippers. He concluded by saying that our corps had a very high standard of efficiency, and that he hoped that each individual would do his best to maintain it.

SCOUT NOTES.

The Second Bloxham (Eloxham School) Scout Troop.
Scoutmaster, Mr. J. H. Stembridge.

LIST OF PATROLS.

Lion.—Patrol Leader, Bertram; Second, Day; Scouts, Coombes, Eastwood, Bowler, Hamblett, Pitt-Kethley, S. Whitehead, and H. Whitehead.

Bear.—Patrol Leader, Da Fonseca; Second, R. Thomas; Scouts, Kidman, Agar, C. Holtom, R. Mullins, J. Mullins, and Dwyer.

Elephant.—Patrol Leader, Campbell; Second, C. Viner; Scouts, H. Brown, Gowing, A. Brown, Taylor, Egerton, and Jones.

The Scout Troup was started at the beginning of this term with about twenty-four members. Speaking generally, membership is open to those boys who are too young to join the O.T.C. The patrol leaders and seconds were chosen at the beginning of the term from boys who had been scouts before. Mondays and Thursdays are parade days. The Monday parade is usually held in the Gymnasium, while Thursday is devoted to outdoor work. The bad weather has, however, hindered this a good deal. All the members of the troop, with two exceptions, have passed their tender-foot tests, and about half their second class tests. In future, scout notes and lists of the various badges passed by each scout will be published.

At the time of writing, the complete uniforms have not yet arrived, but before these lines appear in print they should have done so. Owing to the war much difficulty has been experienced in obtaining some parts of the equipment.

It is hoped to have an inspection of the troop at the end of next term.

J. H. STEMBRIDGE, Scoutmaster.

CHESS CLUB.

THE first round of the tourney, all against all, has resulted thus :—Mr. Blanshard comes out first (giving odds of rook), winning all his games. The second round for second and third places was played by March 5th, between W. H. Higgs (beat Tucker), A. E. Lewis (beat Molesworth and Phelps), E. J. Tucker (beat Cain, Lewis, Molesworth, and Phelps). In the final round Mr. Blanshard came out first, Tucker second, and Lewis third.

Some wet afternoon this term, Mr. Blanshard proposes to play against both the VI., and V. and IV. Forms, 2 games, his opponents consulting together. If the VI. win their game they will receive a chess set from the Headmaster ; whilst the Chaplain offers a similar prize to the IV. and V. should they prove winners.

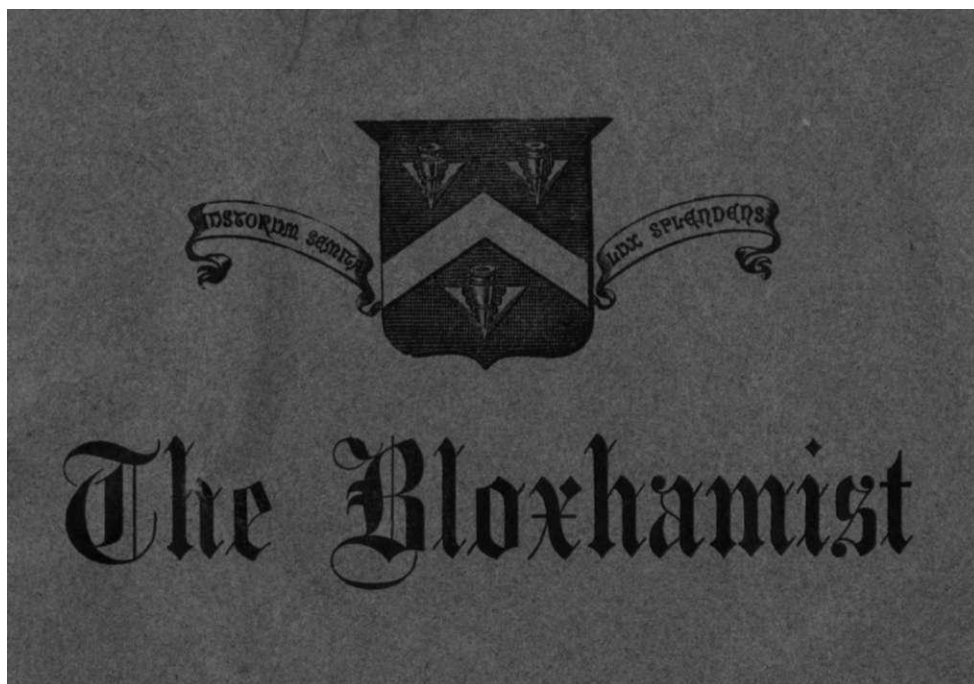
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NOTICE.

Owing to the shortage of Paper and the additional cost of production, we are unable to publish more than one number of "The Bloxhamist" this term.

EDITORIAL.

AS we take up the pen the subject that presents itself for criticism is, of course, the weather ; but we dispel that at once, for a simple rhyme we read somewhere years ago forbids the topic. Indeed, for the edification of our readers and as a warning to them of the futility of discussing, still less of abusing, the climatic vagaries of this country, we give the quotation in full :—

Don't complain about the weather,
For easier 'tis you'll find
To make your mind to weather
Than weather to your mind.

But that is not all; we must be honest and quote the two remaining verses before someone else does so. The rhyme proceeds:—

Don't complain about your neighbour,
For in your neighbour's view
His neighbour is not perfect,
That neighbour being you.
Don't complain about the sermon,
And show your lack of wit;
For, like a shoe, it pinches,
The closer it doth fit.

Excellent maxims, all of them. How apt our forefathers were to express in such simple forms the simplest rules for the guidance of their children? It would be of considerable interest if some enterprising person were to make a collection of such rhymes. We do not mean that new ones should be made up, but that genuine old ones might be collected. Perhaps some of our readers may feel inclined to adopt our suggestion.

This leads us to comment on the marvellous keenness which has been manifest among our small fry this term for collecting and keeping in all sorts of weird receptacles, numerous caterpillars with which the hedgerows abound at this time of year. Again, an interesting pursuit, the "turning" of the caterpillar is awaited with great concern, and all sorts of conjectures as to its ultimate form are made.

Many of our readers will be interested to hear of an alteration with regard to what used to be called Dormitory matches. For many years Dormitories I. and III. were combined against Dormitories II. and V. Now that Dormitory II. is used for boys in the preparatory department, this division of the School has become unequal, and a new arrangement was necessary. So now the Headmaster's House is going to stand alone, and the remainder of the School will be divided between two sets, which for convenience are called "Houses," and are named after Bishop Wilberforce and the Rev. A. D. Crake. Every boy as he enters the School will be assigned to one or other of these, and will remain "Headmaster's," "Wilberforce," or "Crake," for the rest of his time at school. This new arrangement, though seeming somewhat strange at first, is really excellent. We shall watch the development of the future champions with great interest. A healthy rivalry should be set up and greater keenness to excel in the various departments of sport should result from it. We should like to make a suggestion, if we may. Since the challenge cups will no longer be the property of Dormitories (except in the Headmaster's House), would it not be well to have cases in the schoolroom or dining hall, each case labelled "Headmaster's House," "Wilberforce House," and "Crake House," so that everybody may see by the fulness or emptiness of his own case, how his "House" stands in relation to the others?

SCHOOL NEWS.

VALETE.—The following left at the end of last term:—C. S. L. Coulson, Form VI., Prefect; R. H. Molesworth, Form V.; R. R. Powell, Form V., 1st XI. Hockey; L. Burton, Form I V.; H. E. Dewar, Form III.; R. S. Lockey, Form II.; E. F. Wykeham-Martin, Form II.

SALVETE.—The following new boys have come:—Form III., C. A. Arkell, J. B. Hall, P. B. Smithett, J. H. Butler, G. A. Baylis; Form II., R. M. Denton, T. A. King; Form I., S. Brown, B. M. R. Gale, D. F. Gray, G. Gray, K. Harrison, J. W. Hiatt, R. A. Rogers.

C. A. HALL has been made a Prefect.

CONFIRMATION.—The Confirmation took place this year on a day which is not likely to be soon forgotten, March 28th, for that morning we found ourselves deprived of all means of communication with the rest of the world, and it seemed useless to expect even a bishop to come through such snow and wind. However, Bishop Corfe left London that morning and did not run into the storm area until he reached Bicester. Fortunately the train from Banbury was able, with much difficulty and delay, to plough through the snowdrifts, and the bishop arrived. There was just time for him to confirm the candidates before he had to leave for another confirmation in the afternoon. The following were confirmed:—C. E. Butler, L. M. Bowden, J. S. Chapman, W. F. G. Clowser, L. S. T. Da Fonseca, H. E. Dewar, C. A. Farebrother, W. T. Hall, T. F. Lovell, G. F. M. McDonald, H. C. Saunderson, H. L. Thomas, L. C. H. Watkins, R. E. Watkins, J. N. Allnutt, and E. Stanbra, who was confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford at Chipping Norton a few days later.

CHAPEL.—A large reproduction of the central figures in Raphael's great picture, "The Sistine Madonna," has been presented.

ON June 4th the Rev. A. C. Blacker paid us a visit and preached. Later in the day he continued the description of his sojourn in the Fiji Islands.

ON July 2nd the sermon was preached by the Rev. E. G. Savile, secretary of the Church of England Men's Society.

ON July 9th we had the pleasure of listening to the Rev. F. S. Boissier, formerly Headmaster, who preached at the morning service.

CHOIR HOLIDAY.—The members of the choir spent a most enjoyable day on June 20th, the places visited being Kenilworth and Leamington. At the former resort the ruins of the castle attracted much interest, and after thorough inspection of Amy Robsart's prison, the kitchens, tilting ground and fortifications, a game of rounders was begun, which occupied the time till luncheon. This important part of the proceedings took place in the ancient banquetting hall. Then we retraced our steps to the station and took train to Leamington. The magnificent swimming bath was the first objective, and after that, an hour's excursion on the river. An ample tea was provided at the Parish Hall, kindly lent by the vicar. The day was ideal, comfortably warm, and (*mirabile dictu*) no rain.

IT was a great pleasure to see our late Headmaster amongst us again, looking exceedingly well, and cheery as usual. He spent a couple of nights here and appeared to enjoy his visit as much as the rest of us did.

THE School has been requested and has undertaken to provide for the comfort of a British prisoner-of-war in Germany. At present we are providing for a Bloxham man.

O.B. NEWS.

O.B. SOCIETY.—The following have recently joined the Society:—W. E. M. Hill (1910-15), L. Burton (1914-16), S. S. Goldring (1909-14), R. R. Powell (1913-16).

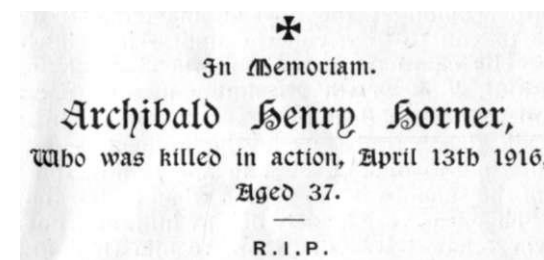
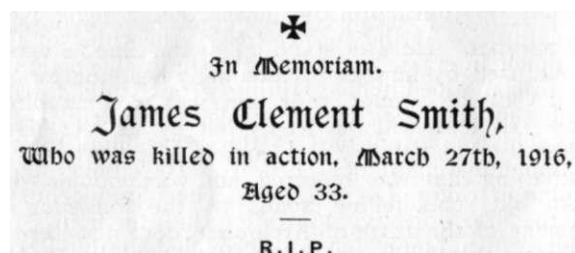
ORDINATION.—The Rev. G. H. D. Lowell (1904-7) was ordained Priest by the Lord Bishop of London, in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sunday, March 19th.

The Rev. M. A. O. Mayne (1902-7), assistant curate of Wilmslow, Cheshire, has been appointed a Chaplain to the Forces.

MARRIAGE.—On Saturday, April 29th, at St. John's Church, Boxmoor, E. W. Taylor (1903-6), to Edith Mildred, elder daughter of R. H. Balderson (1868-72).

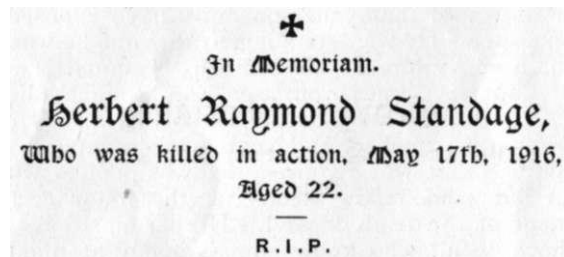
VISITORS.—April 1st, Capt. T. G. Bowler (1906-n); May 6th, E. L. Harvey (1902-4); May 15th, T. W. Bennett (1904-11); May 17th, V. C. Green (1906-8); May 27th, J. A. Carter (1900-3); May 27th to June 5th, J. T. Champion (1864-8); May 25th, W. C. Lester-Smith (1909-15); June 3rd, H. M. Bennett (1909-13); June 8th-15th, Capt. A. Child (M 1910-15); June nth, W. Hodgson (1860-2); June 14th, O. Nixon (1908-n); June 16th, H. A. Caffm (1875-80); June 24th, W. G. Rowland (1913-15); July 5th, G. D. Boissier (1905-7); July 8th, Rev. F. S. Boissier (1865-71); E. G. Boissier (1897-8).

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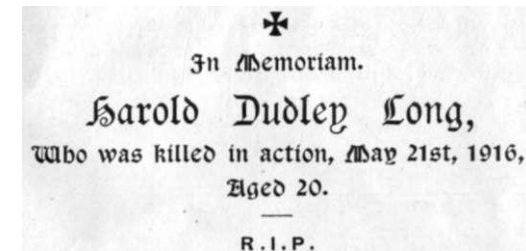


The name of A. H. HORNER (1890-8) is one which will be well remembered by Old Bloxhamists of many generations, and it will be handed down to future generations with the honour due to him who was so splendid an exponent of "*Justorum semita lux splendens*." Horner's affection for his school is sufficiently proved by the fact that he never omitted to write every year when the festival of All Saints came round. It was only necessary to see him in order to recognise a man of noble character, a Christian gentleman in the truest sense. This estimation of him is amply borne out by those who knew him intimately. Horner had been home on leave and was killed the day after he rejoined. He knew he was going to a very hot spot, and they were only a few yards from the Germans. He joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as soon as war was declared, and got his commission in June, 1915. He would have had it before but had to come home suffering from trench feet, which kept him at home some time, and then he put his knee out and was laid up again. Lieut.-Col. H. C. Buller, writing to his father, says:—"I have received your letter regarding your son, Lieut. A. H. Horner, and wish to offer you the deepest sympathy of the regiment in your sorrow. Your son was killed in the trenches by a sniper. Sniping by the Germans had been very active in that part of the line, and it is feared that your son must have exposed himself above the parapet. He was standing at the time he was hit near the dug-out used by him as his company headquarters. In the absence of Capt. S. Jones your son was commanding No. 1 Company. His loss will be deeply felt by us all. He always proved himself a most cheery and capable officer, always ready to help in anything that was required, and was popular with everyone." An old schoolfellow sends us the following:—"The announcement of the death of Archie Horner must have come as a great shock to all who knew him as a boy at Bloxham, for undoubtedly he was one of those whose influence was felt throughout the school, from the oldest to the youngest. Having been so

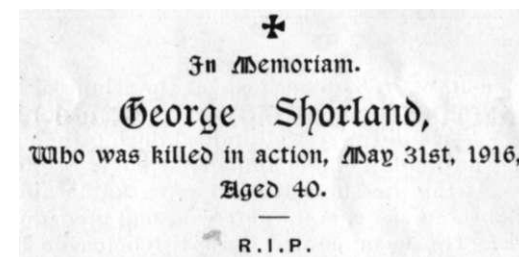
intimately associated with him in games and in authority as I was, I reckon I know what good he did, perhaps better than anyone else, either amongst the boys or masters, so I thought I would write to you to give you the impressions he has always left on me. His character was one of the finest I ever knew—honest, truthful, kind to all, absolutely unable to do anything mean or underhand, good at games and sporting in everything, and above all, deeply religious in the highest sense. Such a nature as this had to make itself felt, and I know that the whole moral tone of the school was far higher when he left than when he entered it. This was very largely due to him, and I believe I am right in saying that it was due more to him than to any other individual among either the boys or masters. Although he has left us when in his prime, yet we can truly say of him that he has done his 'bit' in this world, and that well. His death, occurring as it did, I believe, in Holy Week, seems a fitting end, and I feel sure that after commemorating the death and resurrection of the greatest Man that ever lived, many Old Bloxhamists must have remembered him in their Easter Communion, and thanked God for his life and example." Many of our readers will remember that Horner served in the South African War. He went to Africa in 1900 and was a trooper in Paget's Horse. He gained no distinction except the supreme one of always doing his duty. His CO. wrote to him after the war:—"You know how much I admired your splendid endurance and your cheery disposition and fine example. I owe more than you are aware of to the unconscious influence which you exerted over the squadron. You can enjoy the satisfaction which duty well done alone can give. We shall none of us ever forget the days we spent together; it is the best work we have ever done, the best probably we shall ever do." In the sphere of sports Horner gained his colours for cricket and football, but his strongest point was boxing, in which he gained the Amateur Championship for Heavy Weights in 1904.



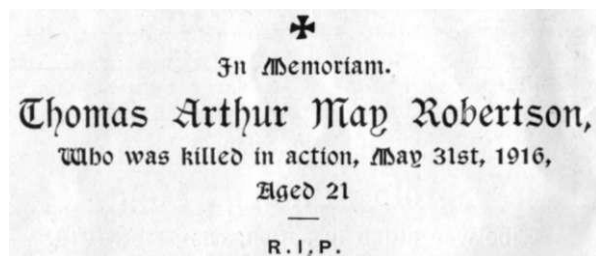
H. R. STANDAGE (1905-9) was the eldest son of the Rev. S. R. Standage, vicar of Great Bourton, Banbury. We remember him as a quiet retiring boy at school, and we hear of him as a soldier as "the man who never grumbled." He was killed instantaneously on May 17th, and his body lies in Cambrin churchyard.



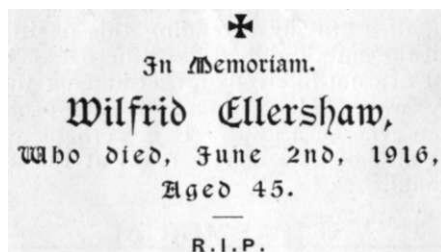
H. D. LONG (1910-13) was killed in France on May 21. Serving first in the ranks, he quickly won his stripes and went out to France as a corporal in February, 1915. He was wounded in the head and returned home. He obtained his commission in October last in the 7th City of London. A brother officer, writing to his mother, says:—"Your son was placed in charge of a very important and dangerous detached post. It may console you somewhat to know that he died bravely defending this position. He clung to his post until the end, and died like a hero." Those who knew Long at school are not likely to forget him—a thoroughly good fellow in every way. His seriousness was probably his chief fault, if that can ever be a fault. It is perhaps worth recording that he was the first of our many servers at the altar to perform that office in khaki.



G. SHORLAND (1887-90), after three years at Bloxham, passed on to Lancing. He lost his life in the battle of Jutland, on *H.M.S. Invincible*, of which ship he was surgeon.

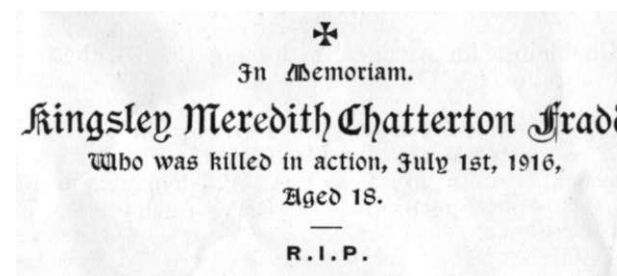


T. A. M. ROBERTSON (1904-5) was one of three brothers, the sons of Dr. Robertson, late of Adderbury, all of whom have now passed away into the great unseen. Earlier in the war we recorded the death of one of his brothers in Flanders. He was senior sub-lieutenant on *H.M.S. Queen Mary*, and went down with her in the battle of Jutland.



W. ELLERSHAW (1884-6) has spent the whole of his career in the army. At the beginning of the war he was major in the Royal Field Artillery. He did very well indeed during the early part of the war and was made colonel and given some organising work in England. At this he showed such remarkable ability that he was made a brigadier-general, and was engaged on highly important work. He accompanied Lord Kitchener on his intended visit to Russia, and with him lost his life in the disaster to *H.M.S. Hampshire*. Bloxham mourns the loss of one of her most brilliant

sons, a man too, who was true to the best traditions of his school. We have it on good authority that he was particularly glad to find that the church at Wymering, where his home was, had the one catholic service as the central act of worship which his family could attend, and whenever he was at home he was always present. His value in his profession may be gauged from the information given above, and we venture to express the opinion that such a loyal and true Christian man is a great loss to the Church militant on earth; but at the same time his loss is made up for by the fact that he is now with the Church expectant, and from our hearts we pray—*Requiescat in pace*.



K. M. C. FRADD (1908-14) left school such a short time ago that the news of his death came like a shock. He returned from Canada only last autumn, obtained a commission, passed rapidly through his course of training, and went to France. His contemporaries will not easily forget a very cheerful companion.

WAR MEMORIAL.

WITH this number of THE BLOXHAMIST we are issuing an illustration of the proposed processional cross, to which we beg to draw the attention of our readers.

The Chaplain acknowledges, with many thanks, the receipt of the following donations:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
O.C.	2	0	0	Rev. R. M. Grier	1	10	0
Mrs. Ayling	0	10	0	H. P. Brown ...	1	0	0
V. C. Green	1	1	0	P. Anderson	0	5	0

So far, we have heard of 18 deaths among Old Bloxhamists; their names are:—T. A. M. Robertson (1904-5), G. Shorland

(1887-90), R. E. Cunliffe (1906-9), L. A. Harris (1906-7), A. H. Horner (1890-8), C. C. Jackson (1883-5), H. D. Long (1910-13), J. T. R. Pastfield (M 1913-14), F. E. L. Riddle (1903-n), C. A. W. Quiney (1882-4), J. C. Smith (1899-1900), H. R. Standage (1905-9), F. H. M. Robertson (1904-5), R. V. Rylands (1903-6), P. S. G. Wainman (1891-2), M. H. Wilkins (1904-6), W. Ellershaw (1884-6), K. M. C. Fradd (1908-14).

We hope our readers will inform us if they know of any others.

ORGAN FUND.

THE Chaplain acknowledges, with many thanks, the following subscriptions :—

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Mrs. Ayling	0	10	0	H. G. Hoskins ...	1	0	0
E. Hyde	0	10	6	G. H. Moore ...	0	10	0
E. G. Peacock ..	s	0	0	A. W. Glennie ...	0	10	0
A. Child	2	0	0	H. P. Brown . .	1	0	0

THE SPORTS, 1916.

EACH Sports Day has its outstanding features, but last Sports Day was remarkable in more ways than one. In the first place owing to the downfall of snow last term, it had to be held during May. Socially this may have advantages. The weather may possibly be more settled than during April. Athletically it is a disadvantage, as there is little opportunity for training, and cricket and sports do not combine well. However, this year the day was unusually summery, and quite a fair number of visitors came.

The Sports on the whole were very good. Though most events fell to Cain or Christopher, the remainder of the competitors showed that there was plenty of promise for the future. Cain's long jump of 19 ft. 11 ins. will make a splendid record, and he is to be congratulated on it. His quarter mile and putting the weight were also very good. Christopher carried off the chief junior events, and Campbell was the most successful competitor amongst those under 13. The long distance races were not so good as last year, but that was only to be expected. Such races call for serious training, and the first fortnight of this term provided neither the time nor opportunity. A new course was chosen for the steeplechase. It was longer than usual, and had

to be run in a hailstorm. The struggle for the mile between Cain and Christopher provided one of the best races in the sports. The latter showed signs of great possibilities. The tug-of-war was disappointing.

The Rev. A. E. Riddle gave away the prizes. In a singularly pertinent speech, he apologised for usurping the functions usually fulfilled by a lady. At the same time his long acquaintance with the School, the important part taken in athletics by his sons, and the fact that Sports Day was the anniversary of his son's death in France, made him anxious to carry out the duty which the Committee had laid upon him. He warmly congratulated the successful competitors, and he urged the usefulness of athletic sports in a public school.

We have to congratulate Mr. Smith on the success of his arrangements, and on the speed and smoothness with which the programme was carried out.

Prizes and subscriptions were received from the following :—
The Headmaster and Mrs. Grier, The Rev. the Chaplain, C. T. Blanshard, Esq., E. H. Cain, Esq., Mrs. Ridley-Thompson, Rev. B. W. Bradford, Miss Ommaney, Miss Chippenfield, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Aplin, Mrs. Joynson, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Capt. and Mrs. Paul, Mr. Pitt-Kethley, Mrs. Martin, Rev. A. E. Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. Ayling, Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Verey, Mrs. Fitch, Miss Priestman, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hall, Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Whitehead, G. H. Ashworth, Esq., Rev. T. Boniface, Mr. and Mrs. Holtom, Mrs. Agar, The Misses Bradford, Rev. C. A. and Mrs. Payne, W. Bradford, Esq., Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram, Mr. Clark.

Open Steeplechase (about 2½ miles).—

Prize presented by Mrs. Ridley-Thompson,
1st W. Wright, 2nd Clowser, 3rd L. Watkins.

Time, 20 mins. 18 sees.

Junior Steeplechase (about 1½ mile).—

1st Christopher, 2nd Chapman. Time, 13 mins. 6 sees.

*Steeplechase, under 1j.—*Won by Campbell.

Mile, open.—

Challenge Cup presented by Rev. F. Churchill,
1st Cain, 2nd Christopher, 3rd J. Wright.

Time, 5 mins. 21 sees.

100 Yards, open.—

Prize presented by the Headmaster and Mrs. Grier.
1st Cain, 2nd W. Wright. Time, 10½ sees.

100	Yards, Junior.—		
	1st Christopher, 2nd Clark.	Time, 11\ sees.	
100	Yards, under 13.—		
	1st Campbell, 2nd Taylor.	Time, 13-f sees.	
	Putting the Weight (about 16 lbs.)—		
	1st Cain, 2nd L. Watkins.	Distance, 31 feet.	
	Throwing the Cricket Ball, Junior.—		
	1st E. Viner, 2nd Christopher.	Distance, 67 yds. 0 ft. 1 in.	
	Quarter Mile, open.—		
	Challenge Cup presented by Rev. A. E. Riddle,		
	1st Cain, 2nd L. Watkins.	Time, 57^ sees.	
	Quarter Mile, Junior.—		
	1st Christopher, 2nd Clark	Time, 65-5 sees.	
220	Yards, under 13.—		
	1st Campbell, 2nd R. Thomas	Time, 31 sees.	
	High Jump, open.—		
	1st Cain.	Height, 4 ft. 10 ins.	
	Long Jump, Junior.—		
	1st W. Hall, 2nd Clark.	Distance, 14 ft. 7 ins.	
	Sack Race, under 13.—	Won by R. Mullins.	
	Long Jump, open.—		
	Prize presented by C. T. Blanshard, Esq.		
	1st Cain, 2nd L. Watkins.	Distance, 19 ft. 11 ins.	
	High Jump, Junior.—		
	1st W. Hall, 2nd Clark.	Height, 4 ft. 5 ins.	
	Hurdle Race.—		
	1st Cain, 2nd J. Wright.	Time, 214 sees.	
	House Relay Race.—	Won by "Crake House."	
	Potato Race, mider 13.—	Won by Campbell.	
120	Yards, handicap (1 foot per month of age).—		
	1st Cain (scratch), 2nd Christopher (n yds.)	Time, 13 sees.	
	Half Mile, open.—		
	Prize presented by the Chaplain,		
	1st L. Watkins, 2nd W. Wright.	Time, 2 mins. 46^ sees.	
	Tug-of-War.—	Won by "Headmaster's House."	
	Junior Consolation Race (220 yards).—	Won by Stanbra.	
	Senior Consolation Race (220 yards).—	Won by Lewis.	

The marks for the "House" Challenge Cup were as follows :—

	Headmaster's.			Crake.			Wilberforce.		
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Steeplechase, open	15	—	5	—	10	—	—	—	—
Steeplechase, Junior	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	5	—
Steeplechase, under 13	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—
Mile, open	15	—	5	—	10	—	—	—	—
100 Yards, open	15	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
100 Yards, Junior	—	—	—	10	5	—	—	—	—
100 Yards, under 13	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—
Putting the Weight, open	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Throwing the Cricket Ball, Junior	—	—	—	—	5	—	10	—	—
Quarter Mile, open	15	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Quarter Mile, Junior	—	—	—	10	5	—	—	—	—
220 Yards, under 13	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	—
High Jump, open	15	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
High Jump, Junior	—	—	—	—	5	—	10	—	—
Long Jump, open	15	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Long Jump, Junior	—	—	—	—	5	—	10	—	—
Hurdle Race, open	15	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
"House" Relay Race	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—
120 Yards Handicap, open	15	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—
Half Mile, open	15	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
"House" Tug-of-War	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	160	60	10	45	57	—	45	5	—

The "Headmaster's House" won the cup with a total of 230 marks.

CRICKET.

THE season has been fairly successful on the whole. Only two colourmen were left, and there was no foundation from last year's team to build upon. All through the term the weather has been very much against cricket, and time after time we have had to have nets and even matches, when the ground has not been really playable. In matches we have beaten the village, Royse's School, Abingdon (twice), and a scratch team, while we have lost to the village and Warwick Grammar School. In all the matches the victory has depended almost entirely on Cain and Ravenor, and when they failed the rest of the team could not rise to the occasion. The reason for this is simply and solely due to their behaviour in the nets. There is a deep-rooted but mistaken idea that nets were invented as a nice slack way of passing an idle hour, or a good opportunity of working off superfluous energy. This is quite wrong, and to do any good nets must be taken seriously, and a boy who will not try in the nets will not and cannot try in a match. The bowling has suffered no less than the batting for the same reason, and slack bowling at nets harms not only the bowler but the batsman as well. The only bright spot in the way of practice has been the fielding,

which has reached quite a respectable standard. It is to be hoped that those boys who are staying on for another season will realise the importance of serious net practice, or else utilise their misguided energies in rolling, for instance, which would at least help, not harm others.

CRICKET CHARACTERS, 1916.

- *D. W. T. Cain (Captain).—An excellent, fast-scoring bat, a good left-hand bowler, and a brilliant field in any position. Sets a splendid example of keenness, and captains the team well.
- *R. A. G. Ravenor.—A good sound bat, an excellent field, and a useful slow bowler.
- *J. E. Wright.—A useful bowler with a natural leg break, a good field, and an improving bat.
- *W. H. Higgs.—A much improved bat with some good strokes, has kept wicket very creditably all the season.
- S. R. Bolton.—Much too cramped as a bat, a good catch, and a useful field.
- C. A. Hall.—A fair bat, has improved lately, but is still cramped, a good field.
- W. R. Wright.—Has improved a little as a bat, but not as he ought, a fair field.
- C. A. Farebrother.—Has improved a good deal as a bat, and would be quite good with more confidence, can field.
- J. B. Hall.—A very good bowler for his age, an excellent field, should be good in time.
- A. E. Lewis.—A good field, but lacks confidence as a bat, is very keen, and will improve.
- E. J. Tucker.—Has lots of cricket in him and will improve, a fair field.

* Denotes 1st XI. Colours.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. WARWICK SCHOOL.

Played at Warwick on June 3rd. Warwick batted first and started badly, as three wickets fell very cheaply. Their captain hit well, and mainly through his efforts the score was raised from 18 to 61. We should have won easily, but unfortunately

Cain and Ravenor only made two runs between them. The rest of the side, with the possible exception of J. Wright, showed no determination and enterprise whatever, and we were easily beaten. The batting was, on the whole, deplorably weak, and did not hold out much promise for a successful season. Score :—

WARWICK.

Love, c Cain, b Ravenor.....	7
Duffield, c Higgs, b Cain.....	1
Love, c Farebrother, b Cain.....	3
Hunt, b Cain.....	0
Farmer, b Wright, J.....	32
Hacking, c Wright, J., b Cain.....	2
Hain, not out.....	16
Jervis, c and b Wright, J.....	0
Burford, c Lewis, b Wright, J.....	0
Whetter, b Wright, J.....	0
Moore, c Wright, W., b Cain.....	5
Extras.....	11

Total.....77

BLOXHAM.

W. H. Higgs, c Farmer, b Jervis.....	7
R. A. G. Ravenor, b Farmer.....	2
S. R. Bolton, c Hacking, b Farmer.....	0
D. W. T. Cain, c Whetter, b Jervis.....	0
C. A. Hall, b Farmer.....	1
J. E. Wright, c and b Love.....	13
W. R. Wright, c and b Farmer.....	10
J. B. Hall, c Hacking, b Love.....	1
C. A. Farebrother, b Love.....	0
W. T. D. Littleboy, not out.....	0
A. E. Lewis, c Farmer, b Love.....	0
Extra.....	1

Total.....35

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Cain.....	8	4	24	5
Ravenor..	4	1	10	1
Wright, J.	8	1	20	4
Hall, B. ..	5	1	12	0

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Played at Abingdon on June 7th. Bloxham batted first, and again with the exception of Cain and Ravenor the batting was bad. Most of our side were out to easy catches off stupid strokes. We could only make 69, and managed to get Abingdon out for 65, thanks to three brilliant catches by Cain. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

W. H. Higgs, c Morland, b Morley	i
S. R. Bolton, b Knowles	i
R. A. G. Ravenor, b Taylor	13
D. W. T. Cain, c Morland, b Knowles	27
C. A. Hall, b Taylor	1
J. E. Wright, c Knowles, b Morley	12
W. R. Wright, c and b Taylor	0
J. B. Hall, c Morley, b Betteridge	4
C. A. Farebrother, b Betteridge	0
W. T. D. Littleboy, c Betteridge, b Morley	8
E. J. Tucker, not out	1
Extra	i
Total	69

ABINGDON.

Morley, c Wright, J., b Cain	2
Humprey, c and b Ravenor	0
Pony, b Ravenor	0
MacKimon, c Cain, b Wright, J.	22
Knowles, b Wright, J.	7
Taylor, c Cain, b Hall	0
Morland, b Cain	9
Betteridge, c Cain, b Wright, J.	11
Almillategui, st Higgs, b Wright, J.	2
Jackson, not out	4
Scrivener, c and b Ravenor	2
Extras	6
Total	65

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Cain	10	3	24	2
Ravenor	8	3	12	3
Wright, J.	6	3	11	4
Hall, B.	3	1	12	1

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. BLOXHAM VILLAGE.

Played at the School on Whitsun Monday, June 12th. The weather was very cold and wet, and the pitch quite unfit for cricket. Playing between the showers the Village managed to win easily. The bowling with the wet ball was not accurate, while the visiting bowlers were too good for the School batsmen. Score :—

BLOXHAM VILLAGE.

FIRST INNINGS.

G. Neal, c Lewis, b Ravenor	5
S. Tustin, b Cain	1
A. E. Dicks, 1 b w Cain	1
Spokes, b Ravenor	0
N. Bolton, c J. Wright, b Higgs	38
F. Pellatt, b J. Wright	5
Devine, c Lewis, b Ravenor	0
W. Polton, b B. Hall	18
P. G. Polton, b Ravenor	14
F. Neale, b A. Hall	5
J. Hancot, not out	2
Extras	6

Total 92

SECOND INNINGS.

c Cain, b Ravenor	6
c Bolton, b B. Hall	44
b Cain	0
c Lewis, b Ravenor	0
c and b Ravenor	0
b Ravenor	15
b Ravenor	3
not out	21

c Ravenor, b Cain 20
Extras 4

Total (8 wks.) 113

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

FIRST INNINGS.

W. H. Higgs, c Polton, b Pellatt	1
S. R. Bolton, b Spokes	0
W. T. D. Littleboy, c Tustin, b Pellatt	7
D. W. T. Cain, b Spokes	10
R. A. G. Ravenor, c Polton, b Pellatt...	14
C. A. Hall, c Polton, b Spokes	1
J. E. Wright, b Spokes	0
W. R. Wright, b Spokes	11
C. A. Farebrother, b Polton	0
J. B. Hall, not out	0
A. E. Lewis, b Polton	0
Extras	4

Total 48

SECOND INNINGS.

c Polton, b Devine	16
c and b Polton	0
b Polton	5
not out	14
c Tustin, b Pellatt	21
c and b Neal	12

b Pellatt 0
Extras 2

Total (6 wks.) 69

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1st Innings.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
D. W. T. Cain	6	1	5	2
R. A. G. Ravenor...	7	0	25	4
J. E. Wright	4	0	11	1
J. B. Hall	6	0	23	1
W. T. D. Littleboy	2	0	9	0
W. H. Higgs	3	0	7	1
C. A. Hall	3	0	6	1

2nd Innings.

D. W. T. Cain	12	2	22	2
R. A. G. Ravenor...	11	1	38	5
J. E. Wright	11	1	40	0
J. B. Hall	1	0	10	1

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Played at Bloxham, June 28th. Again it was very wet, and only about two hours' cricket was possible. Bloxham batted first, and did not do at all well until Cain went in. The scoring was slow, and we had to declare at 57, leaving Abingdon about 50 minutes to make the runs. The visitors did not rise to the occasion, and we managed to get them out for 31. The bowling and fielding was quite good in spite of the conditions. Score :—

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

W. H. Higgs, c Knowles, b Morley	7
W. R. Wright, b Morley	3
S. R. Bolton, b Knowles	1
C. A. Hall, b Taylor	7
D. W. T. Cain, b Taylor	3
R. A. G. Ravenor, not out	2
J. E. Wright, c Taylor, b Betteridge	1
J. B. Hall, not out	0
C. A. Farebrother	
E. J. Tucker	Did not bat.
A. E. Lewis	J
Extras	5
Total (for 6 wickets)	57

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

P. W. Morley, c W. Wright, b Cain	1
C. M. Humphrey, c B. Hall, b Ravenor	8
R. D. MacKinnon, run out	1
E. L. Parry, b Cain	5
J. Knowles, b J. Wright	7
C. Taylor, st Higgs, b Cain	0
J. W. Morland, b Cain	0
H. E. Betteridge, c and b Cain	3
W. H. Jackson, not out	0
Almillatequi, c A Hall, b Cain	1
W. R. Scravenor, c Bolton, b Cain	0
Extras	5
Total	31

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Abingdon School.

	Overs.	Maidens.
J. Knowles	8-2	5
P. W. Morley	9	1
C. Taylor	6	3
H. E. Betteridge...	5	2

Bloxham School.

D. W. T. Cain	11-4	2
R. A. G. Ravenor...	6	3
J. E. Wright	4	1

Runs.	Wickets.
9	1
22	2
11	2
10	1
14	8
7	1
3	1

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. BLOXHAM VILLAGE.

Played on the School Ground on Saturday, July 1st. The Village batted first, but did not make a very good show. The School batting was not very good, and 11 runs were wanted with two wickets to fall. Farebrother and Lewis, with the help of some missed catches, managed to scrape home. Score :—

BLOXHAM VILLAGE.

FIRST INNINGS.

Spokes, run out	18
Neale, run out	2
Bryant, b Ravenor	0
Sellers, c A. Hall, b J. Wright	2
Tustin, c A. Hall, b Cain	4
Bolton, c W. Wright, b B. Hall	10
Hall, c Cain, b J. Wright	9
F. Neale, b Cain	0
W. T. D. Littleboy, c Bolton, b Cain...	0
L. E. Smith, not out	0
Extras	7

Total 54

SECOND INNINGS.

b Ravenor	13
c B. Hall, b Ravenor	0
c Bolton, b Ravenor	11
not out	*
b Ravenor	0
b J. Wright	8
b Ravenor	2
b Cain	1
stHigs, b Cain	2
c Bolton, b J. Wright	0
Extras	1

Total 39

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

FIRST INNINGS.

C. A. Hall, b Spokes	8
W. H. Higgs, b Spokes	2
J. E. Wright, run out	2
R. A. G. Ravenor, b Neale	3
D. W. T. Cain, b Hall	24
S. R. Bolton, b Neale	0
E. J. Tucker, c Littleboy, b Neale	0
W. R. Wright, c Brian, b Spokes	0
C. A. Farebrother, not out	11
A. E. Lewis, b Neale	1
J. B. Hall, b Neale	3
Extras	6

Total 60

SECOND INNINGS.

b Bryant	1
c Saunders, b Neale	37
c —, b Neale	13
b Neale	19
c Sellers, b Neale	0
b Hall	0
c Sellers, b Neale	2
c Saunders, b Hall	7
c —, b Hall	0
b Hall	2
not out	0
Extras	7

Total 88

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1st Innings.

	Overs.	Maidens.
D. W. T. Cain	11	4
R. A. G. Ravenor...	3	1
J. E. Wright	7	1
J. B. Hall	1	0

2nd Innings.

D. W. T. Cain	11-4	2
R. A. G. Ravenor...	6	3
J. E. Wright	4	1

Runs.	Wickets.
17	3
12	1
14	2
4	1
4	2
13	5
21	2

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. REV. E. C. FREEMAN'S XI.

Played at Bloxham, Saturday, July 8th. The visitors did not bring a very strong team, and the pitch did not give the bowlers any assistance. The School quickly knocked up 133 for 4, and then declared. The visitors' batting broke down badly before the bowling of Cain and Ravenor, and we won easily. Score :—

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

L. E. Smith, Esq., b Rowles	70
W. H. Higgs, b Rowles	1
C. A. Hall, b Rowles	1
D. W. T. Cain, b	39
R. A. G. Ravenor, not out	17
J. E. Wright	} Did not bat.
S. R. Bolton	
W. R. Wright	
C. A. Farebrother	
J. B. Hall	
A. E. Lewis	}
Extras	
Total	133

REV. E. C. FREEMAN'S XI.

FIRST INNINGS.

Rev. E. C. Freeman, b Cain	0
A. Allen, b Ravenor	0
Rowles, c Farebrother, b Cain	0
H. Checkles, c Smith, b Ravenor	0
R. Busby, st. Smith, b Ravenor	0
M. Brown, b Cain	0
R. Bowler, b Cain	1
A. Borsbury, b Ravenor	1
T. Littleboy, b Ravenor	1
H. Wyton, b Ravenor	0
A. L. Christopher, not out	0

Total.....3

SECOND INNINGS.

c Higgs, b Cain	a
c Hall, b Ravenor	2
b Ravenor	0
b Ravenor	0
b Cain	0
b Ravenor	0
c Hall, b Ravenor	1
c Hall, b Cain	0
b Cain	0
b Ravenor	2

Extras.....i

Total.....6

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1st Innings.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
D. W. Cain	4/5		2	2
R. A. G. Ravenor	4	3	1	6

2nd Innings.

D. W. T. Cain	4	2	4	4
R. A. G. Ravenor	3*4	2	1	* 6

THE WAR.

IN addition to the eight deaths, which we record elsewhere, we have received news of two Old Bloxhamists who have been wounded. A. R. I. Stevens (1909-13), received a wound in the leg, which, although not serious, necessitated his return to England for a short period in order to recover. He has now rejoined his regiment. G. D. Boissier (1905-7) was wounded through the shoulder, and was laid up in hospital for some time. We were pleased to see him a few days ago, and hope he will soon be fit to return to his duties.

E. W. Taylor (1903-6), after serving in the Gallipoli campaign and in Egypt, has come home to take a commission in the 2nd Hertfordshire Yeomanry.

We hear that A. R. L. Neame (1906-8), G. H. Owen (1902-5), R. B. Croft (1903-7), and R. G. Hill (1904-9), are serving with the South African Forces in Central Africa.

The C.M.G. has been conferred on Col. T. B. Beach and the Provost, to both of whom we offer our hearty congratulations.

E. R. Davies (1896-8), has been promoted Captain, and is attached to the R.E. F. and Inland Water Transport.

Eng.-Com. W. C. S. Stevens (1877-80) has been promoted Acting Engineer Captain.

O.T.C. NOTES.

WE are requested to correct an error which occurred in our last number in the report of Captain Child's address to the Corps on December 13th. In the fourth line of our report for the word " would " read " might."

ON Ascension Day, June 1st, the usual march out and field day took place at Holy Well. The Chaplain again very kindly assumed the duties of a combined D.A.D.S. and M.T.O., and we had the pleasure of meeting the scouts there and joining forces for lunch, so that the whole school assembled for the first time.

The Corps paraded at 11.0, and after the issue of ammunition etc., fell out again to allow the Umpires to consult the maps and plans of operations (in the papers which had just arrived). After a rather hot and dusty march by Tadmerton, we arrived to find everything ready, and a vigorous attack was made on the transport waggon. After lunch and a rest, during which we had an opportunity of studying sheep shearing and various scout manoeuvres, we moved off to the scene of the fray. Section 1, comprising ten cadets armed with rifles and a machine-gun party of four, all under the command of Clr.-Sergt. Cain, moved off

towards Milcombe to select and hold a series of positions. The remaining sections 2, 3, and 4, under Q.M.-Sergt. Higgs formed an advance guard for a convoy proceeding down the Milcombe Road. It was the duty of Section 1 to delay the advance of the convoy as long as possible and they had instructions not to fall back beyond the railway in any case. Their first position was well chosen, being a natural fold in the ground, and so not affording a hedge as an aiming mark. There was also a natural line of retreat, concealed from the enemy, but could not be used as the hedge beyond was impassable. The enemy were compelled to deploy and waste time very early, though the first two positions could only be held for a short time. A last desperate stand was made at the railway line, and the machine-gun, after firing several million rounds in the course of the fighting, did deadly work right up to the last. The attack was very well carried out in the limited space available, and was pushed on at an excellent pace without crowding. On the return journey the band picked up their instruments at the top end of the village, and played the platoon home in excellent style, in spite of an untimely shower.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Colegrave, of Milcombe, in kindly letting us use his fields in spite of the hay crop being well grown.

The great event of the Summer Term, the inspection, is over, and the official report appears elsewhere. The report reflects the greatest credit on the N.C.O.'s and cadets themselves, and is due to the great keenness they have always shown. The standard of efficiency is very high, and every cadet who will be here for the next school year must do his utmost to maintain it.

On Thursday, June 29th, field operations took place on Broughton Wold. Section 4, with eight rifles and the invaluable machine-gun, under Q.M. Sergt. Higgs, defended a very strong position, and the remainder of the platoon, under Platoon-Sergt. Cain, attacked it. The attack was sadly hampered by corn and hay fields, and had the utmost difficulty in finding ground to deploy on. The river Sor was an unexpectedly difficult obstacle, and the enemy very ungallantly kept up a heavy fire on the attackers, who were getting wet through in their anxiety to get to close quarters. At this and at later stages of the attack, the machine-gun got quite hysterical in its outbursts of fire, and its supply of ammunition must have caused great concern to the O.C. picket. The position was finally carried by a charge, and the few surviving defenders were overwhelmed. The band very kindly marched straight home, and getting their instruments, met us at the end of the short grind and played us home.

The shooting is making excellent progress under 2nd-Lieut. Jacob, and we have already 28 cadets through the elementary test. Hobley, 73 ; Saunders and Littleboy, 69 ; and Clark, 66, are the best scores up-to-date, and are excellent figures out of a maximum of 80.

The following promotions have been made this term :—

Plat.-Sergt. Higgs to be Quarter-Master-Sergeant.
Sergt. Cain to be Platoon-Sergeant.
L.-Corpl. Stewart to be Corporal.
L.-Corpl. Eve to be Corporal.
Cadet Bolton to be Lance-Corporal.
Cadet Martin to be Lance-Corporal.
Cadet J. Wright to be Lance-Corporal i/c Band.

The Band has made excellent progress in the short time at the disposal of its members, who have shown the greatest keenness.

The signallers have been handicapped by being reorganised into Morse operators, and a shortage of practice periods. Greater efforts must be made next term to raise the signalling to its former high standard.

It would be impossible to close these, the last notes of the school year, without a reference to the invaluable work of Q. M.S. Higgs. He started work with the O.T.C. in September, 1911, and has risen through all the non-commissioned ranks in five years. The present high standard of discipline and keenness is largely due to his influence, and his place will be extremely hard to fill. He carries away with him a splendid record of service, and the best wishes of all who have worked with him.

REPORT.

Drill.—Words of command were given clearly and correctly. Movements in close order were executed correctly and without hesitation, extensions were well done, but for instructional purposes require a little more exactness.

Manoeuvre.—Information was correctly passed. The named target was fired at, sights were correctly adjusted. Cover was taken advantage of.

Discipline.—Good.

Turn out.—Satisfactory.

Signalling.—A semaphore message was correctly sent from one terminal station to another through a transmitting station. The letters were made exactly, and the reading was good.

Arms and equipment.—In good order.

General remarks.—The drill and discipline of the contingent is exceptionally good.

GYMNASIUM.

THE Dormitory Competitions were held at the end of last term, on March 25th. They resulted in a win for I. and III. The teams were as follows :—

Dormitory I. and III.—Higgs (Capt.), McDonald, Ferris, Powell, Clark, Lloyd, Christopher, Chapman, Hobley.

Dormitory II. and V.—Eve (Capt.), Wright, J., Wright, W., Farebrother, Smith, Eastwood, E., Watkins, L., Lewis, Martin.

The judges were Mr. L. E. Smith and Mr. J. H. Stembridge.

EXERCISES.

- 1.—Arms bend, stretch sideways six times and upwards six times.
- 2.—Hips firm, heels raising and knees bending.
- 3.—Feet astride, arms upwards stretch.
- 4.—March exercise, quick march, heels raise.
- 5.—Wall bars, (a) Facing wall bars, neck rest, right foot support, trunk bending backwards, left foot supporting ditto, (b) About turn, hips firm, trunk bending forwards and downwards.
- 6.—March exercise, double march, knees raise.
- 7.—Beams, (a) Over grip, arms bend. (b) Oblong grip, right hand in front, arms bend.
- 8.—Hips firm, heels raise, knees full bend, arms flinging sideways, alter with head turning.
- 9.—On the back, legs raising five times.
- 10.—Wall bars, arch hanging, arms bend 5 times.
- 11.—Benches, forward lying, trunk backwards bending (forwards), arms stretch sideways (six times).
- 12.—Marching exercise, double march, hopping on left foot and right foot, alter.
- 13.—Beams, (a) beams at three, Marching backwards, (b) Beams at three, turning about.
- 14.—Jumping exercise, three upward jumps.
- 15.—Breathing exercise, arms raising forward and upward (breathing in), arms lower sideways (breathing out), six times.

MARKS.

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I. & III. ...	18	14	17	16	35	19	18	39	36	27	35	33	31	16	31	22	16	15	438
II. & V. ...	19	14	17	14	30	12	14	37	36	25	36	29	29	11	24	11	15	14	387

On Founder's Day a Display of Gymnastics and Swedish Drill is being given. Judging by the amount of keen work which has been put in it should be a great success. Cain, the captain of the gymnasium, has put in excellent work throughout the term.

Senior colours have been given to the members of the winning team in the Dormitory Competition, and also to Eve, Bolton, Wright, W., Wright, J., and Thomas, L. Junior colours were awarded to Smith and Farebrother.

SCOUT NOTES.

Bloxham School Scout Troop. Badges gained.

First Class.—Patrol Leaders Bertram and Campbell.

Second Class.—Seconds Gowing, Thomas, R., Coombes, Kidman; Scouts Brown, A., Brown, T., Taylor, Cooper, Agar, Mullins, J., Mullins, R., Hamblett.

Tenderfoot.—Jones, Viner, C, Gale, Holtom, G.

Mr. Alexander has been appointed Assistant Scoutmaster. The following boys joined the Troop this term :—Rogers, Harrison, Smithett, Baylis, Gray, D., Gray, G., Brown, S., Gale.

We have had a good term's work. A fair number of badges have been obtained, but we hope that next term every patrol leader and second will have gained his first-class badge, and that some at least will be King's Scouts. The Chaplain has kindly promised to give a Scout Challenge Trophy. It is to be competed for each term by the members of the troop. Marks will be given for drill, attendance, badge work, etc. The trophy should provide an additional incentive towards scout work in general. Most of our parades this term have, in spite of the bad weather, been held out of doors. We have been busy with fire lighting, trek-cart drill, tent pitching and signalling. There have also been ambulance classes.

On Ascension Day we had a whole day's scouting. The Chaplain made arrangements for lunch, which was provided by the O.T.C. We all met at Holywell about one o'clock, and everyone certainly did full justice to the repast. About two o'clock a trek-cart party, consisting of eight scouts, under the Scoutmaster, started to return to the School. The remainder of the troop, under Mr. Alexander, tried to prevent their doing so. The trek-cart party, however, succeeded in reaching the School, and capturing some of their opponents.

On Wednesday, June 28th, Mr. and Mrs. Mullins, of Tadmarton, were good enough to entertain the troop to tea. A most enjoyable time was spent.

An inspection of the troop by the District Commissioner for Richmond, Surrey, was to have been held on July 12th. Unfortunately he was unable to come, owing to illness.

The Headmaster has sanctioned the holding of a Scout Camp at the end of this term. It will be pitched in Aynhoe Park, by kind permission of Sir Fairfax Cartwright. About twenty scouts hope to attend. The Chief Scout once said, "Camping out is the climax of a Boy Scout's career." Every Scout, should, if possible, go to camp. It gives him an opportunity to put his scouting to a practical use. People who have never been to camp generally talk of it as "roughing it." In a well-regulated camp this is not so, unless the fact that one does not have a feather bed and has to clean one's own boots can be described in this way.

J. H. STEMBRIDGE, Scoutmaster.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

THIS year the observance of Founder's Day has been made with greater solemnity than on former occasions ; it has been made into what is often called Speech Day in many schools. There are schools where the old idea of Speech Day is still kept up, and prize-winners read publicly their prize essays and verses. We at Bloxham do not rise to this at present ; perhaps some day we may. But this year our programme of events has resembled that of most other public schools.

The proceedings, to which our neighbours and friends were invited, began with the great Thanksgiving Service at 11 o'clock. The usual Commemoration of the Founder was made at the beginning, and then the Holy Eucharist was offered as the great act of thanksgiving to God for the life and work of Mr. Egerton, and for the many blessings which we enjoy at Bloxham as the result of his self-sacrificing labours. At this service Merbecke's setting was sung, and the hymns, " Rejoice to-day with one accord," " Bright the vision that delighted," " O God, our help in ages past," were used, and the grand hymn of praise, " Ye watchers and ye holy ones," with its string of Alleluyas at the end of each verse, brought the service to a close. On this occasion the sermon, which was preached by the Headmaster, was preceded in accordance with the ancient practice of the Church (a practice more honoured in the breach than in the observance), by a Bidding Prayer.

Taking for his text, Ecclesiastes xii. i., " Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," the Headmaster said :—" A Founder's Day is a day of memories. It should be a day of thanksgiving and a day of hope for the future. Bloxham is happier than some schools in such a day as this, for many older schools have only the memory of past Founder's Days in which to live, but there are many in England to-day who remember well the Founder of Bloxham himself. As such is the case it might be presumption on my part to speak of him to-day, since I never knew him. On the other hand I may be the better qualified to estimate rightly his work, to which I have in part succeeded.

" How does one arrive at such an estimate? Surely by an examination of his motives, of the life lived, and of the effect produced.

" What should lead a man to take the few buildings which he found here, and to erect and complete the fabric except some overmastering motive? Such a motive may be ambition. But it was not so in this case. Philip Egerton was a man of wisdom—of that wisdom which proceeds from the fear of the Lord—of that wisdom which, regardless of self, looks to the future. He, and others in England, foresaw what would come to pass if they read the signs of the times correctly. They saw a Europe, nominally

Christian—without the knowledge of God. They—the children of God, realised that soon materialism—utilitarianism—self-love would be the gods of Europe. For neither the parents of Europe sought the true God, and what was worse they failed to teach their children knowledge of Him. For the teaching of children about God—about his Son—about the Holy Spirit—about holy Church and her Sacraments was not encouraged. The results we are now experiencing. Who can doubt that our tears and anguish to-day are the product of that endeavour to live without God? How perilously near to the same disaster was England. She has denied most of her children the right to learn any definite religion, but not all. For men like our Founder arose and said, " It shall not be so in England." People might laugh at the slight beginnings. One boy, we read, entered the School in January, 1860, and Lancing, we are told, began with three boys in a kitchen, taught by a curate, Nathaniel Woodard. What certainty—what faith was here. The world might scoff, but the work grew. Devoted masters, devoted to the idea of Catholic teaching, devoted to the inspirer of the work, came to help. And as was only natural, these seeds, so small, growing apart, emerged finally into one, so that we can now gauge its growth into 13 large schools. The motives then are clear. They were not self-glorification, not self-advancement, but the glory of God, and the education, spiritual and intellectual combined, of young England. The highest motives, duty to God and to his neighbour, stirred our Founder. To carry them out he spared neither himself nor his substance. Nor must we forget how greatly in love, in influence and in means was he helped by his wife, Harriet Egerton, of whom he said that his work would have been impossible without her loving support and help. How much they gave us—this beautiful Chapel which we owe also to them ; these buildings so fair, so dignified, and above all the atmosphere which surrounds them all. What a debt we owe them, we who are enjoying the fruits of their sowing.

" Of his example as a priest, as a man, as a scholar and a sportsman, I can only speak from hearsay. That he was all these, we can be sure from the impression which he made on his boys. The love and the respect which he inspired could not have resulted from any mean character.

" And lastly of the results of his work. You may say here in these beautiful buildings are the results of his work. But you would be wrong. These buildings, and above all, this Chapel, are but a means to an end. That end was that you may learn the great truths of your religion—and in learning may remember—remember now in the days of thy youth. For without this learning what is your future to be like? If you learn how to win wealth—if you learn to win popular applause, what then? " What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul." But if you learn in youth your duty towards God,

then when enthusiasm is keen, desire vivid, you will have something which will carry you beyond this world—something which will enable every boy here to be great, even if he can never do great things or get great things.

"This possibility your Founder gave you when he built this School for sound learning and definite religious teaching. And he emphasized it by calling the School "All Saints," naming it after God's faithful, who are of all classes, but who were filled with a similar faith, a similar outlook, a similar ideal of duty to God and to their neighbour. Thus most appropriately in this Chapel built for the greater glory of God—built to teach you in your boyhood to know your Creator you have ever before your eyes the text, "*Iustorum sernita lux splendens.*"

Before we proceed to describe the secular part of the day's proceedings we will add here that solemn evensong was sung at 8.15 p.m., followed by "Te Deum laudamus." The proper psalms were 126, 127 and 128, and the lessons were Proverbs IV. and Hebrews XIII., emphasising the ideals of the Founder, and the way to carry them out. After the singing of "Te Deum" came a prayer embodying the numerous subjects for which thanksgiving was due, and the service closed with the Blessing.

Owing to the necessity for economy in these days it was found impossible to provide a public luncheon, much as we should like to have done so. But luncheon was served for visitors from a distance at a nominal charge.

At three o'clock a goodly company assembled in the School-room for the distribution of prizes by Mr. J. Wells, Warden of Wadham College, Oxford. In his opening speech, the Headmaster said that in some schools it was thought inappropriate to have a Speech Day during war-time, but he maintained that a boy who had won prizes at school should be allowed to retain in his memory the occasion on which he received them. Also a day such as this was a splendid opportunity for parents and visitors to see the school. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Wells for coming to give away the prizes, and said that no better person could have been asked, for Mr. Wells possessed every qualification to speak authoritatively on matters of education.

In reviewing the state of the School he mentioned that the number of boys had increased. Fortunately, since last summer the School had been free from epidemics, owing chiefly to the great care of the medical officer, Mr. A. H. Boissier, and the matron, Miss Reely. There had been some changes made in the course of studies, which were due partly to the loss of many of the older boys. We had gained no great scholastic distinction, but that was no evidence of any slackening of the standard of education.

Referring to the war, he mentioned the fact that over 250 Old Bloxhamists were known to be serving in His Majesty's forces, of whom about 150 held commissions. Seventy now serving had

passed through the O.T.C. since it was started six years ago, under the officership of Captain Child. Eighteen Old Boys had gained distinctions of one kind or another during the war, and the same number had laid down their lives in the service of their country. Before leaving this subject he wished to place on record the exceedingly valuable services of Quartermaster-Sergt. W. H. Higgs, through whose energy the O.T.C. had passed safely through a period of transition; it was due to his co-operation with his officers, Mr. Smith and Mr. Jacob, that the corps had preserved the high standard of efficiency in which Captain Child had left it a year ago, and he hoped that this standard would be maintained by succeeding N.C.O.'s

With regard to games he said that Mr. Smith had been able to produce a very fair cricket team. In the gymnasium, as no instructor could be obtained at present, the work of instructing had been most ably carried on by D. W. T. Cain and the prefects, to whom he wished to express his gratitude for the care and trouble which they had taken. A new feature was the organisation of a Scout-troop by Mr. Stembridge and Mr. Alexander, and he spoke in felicitous terms of the evident keenness exhibited in this department of school life.

In expressing his thanks to the staff generally for their loyalty and support, he wished to say how much the school owed to Mr. Wilson and the Chaplain for its prosperity and happiness.

With regard to the business immediately in hand, he said that the prize list was again circumscribed as the School Committee was not giving any prizes this year. But owing to the generosity of the Old Bloxhamists, the Provost, Mr. G. H. Ashworth, Mr. A. E. Fordham, O.B., Mr. C. J. Wilson and others, it was possible to give three prizes to each form.

The Divinity Prizes for each form were, as usual, given by the Old Bloxhamists, the "Wilson" Prizes were given to the best boy in each form for Latin and Mathematics; the third prize was given for each form in French, History and English. The First Form prizes would be awarded on the result of the examinations at the end of the term.

Mr. Wells then gave away the prizes, as follows:—

	Divinity.	Latin and Mathematics.	French, English & History
VI.	F. M. Eve.	W. H. Higgs.	D. A. Neale.
V.	S. T. Smith.	S. T. Smith.	S. T. Smith.
IV.	W. J. Kirkby H. C. Snape.	E. J. Tucker.	A. E. Lewis.
III.	J. S. Chapman.	G. W. Saunders.	G. W. Saunders.
II.	T. F. Lovell.	R. B. Coombes.	C. W. Cherry

After distributing the prizes, the Warden of Wadham made a short speech, which was listened to with deepest interest. He began by supporting the Headmaster's contention that even in war-time a speech-day should not be entirely ignored. In this matter he felt that our soldiers and our Old Boys would wish above all things that the old life, to which their thoughts reverted so frequently, should be kept going. Mr. Wells then turned to congratulate the winners of prizes. Prizes, he maintained, were stimulating and natural. They were to encourage us to do better, and the winners of school and college prizes had some right to hope for future success. At the same time those who were not successful at school were to take heart, as so many schoolboys had won the world's prizes, although at school they had failed to win any actual reward. He submitted with all reverence that the instinct of competition was divinely implanted within us. But there were certain rules to be observed. Competitors must play fairly and without bitterness.

Turning to education, he mentioned the modern demand for an alteration in its methods and curriculum. He thought that too little heed had been paid to the immense service the public schools had done in forming the English character. A *capax imperii*, a spirit of honour, and a willingness to sacrifice all were distinctive of the character produced by our schools, and he urged the boys of Bloxham to inculcate that spirit amongst all with whom they came in touch in after life. To this end the soul as well as the mind needed stimulation. It was because he knew that the due weight was given to the former at Bloxham, that he was so pleased to come there for Founder's Day.

The Headmaster warmly thanked Mr. Wells for his inspiring words, and the boys seconded him in their time-honoured manner. The visitors then proceeded to the Headmaster's garden, where the following programme was presented :—

The Artisans of Athens desire to perform a play before their Duke Theseus :—

Scene 1.—The Casting of the Parts.

Scene 2.—A Rehearsal.

Scene 3.—The Play.

The Persons of the Play :

Quince	- R. A. G. Ravenor	Starveling	- F. M. Eve.
Bottom	- S. R. Bolton.	Snug	- D. W. T. Cain.
Flute	- A. C. Hall.	Snout	- W. H. Higgs.

The School Choir sang the following Folk Songs :—

Before Scene 1. (a) " I will give my love an apple."
(b) " Oh, No! John."

After Scene 1. (a) " The Cuckoo and the Nightingale."
(b) " I'm seventeen come Sunday."

After Scene 2. (a) " The Carter."
(b) " My Boy Billy."

A pastoral play was a novelty at Bloxham, but those who know the beauty of the surroundings will realise that the players could scarcely have had a better setting for the play. The Prefects, who undertook the parts, were without exception very good. Each part stood out distinctly and was characteristic. Bottom was, as ever, pushing and resourceful ; Quince's gestures and by-play were inimitable ; Thisbe was effective as a coy youth and a coy maiden ; the Wall and Lion were both good, and Moonshine was a clever presentment of senility. It would be wrong not to mention his dog, who suffered severely from stage fright, and whose exit showed that it was his first and last performance on any stage. A word of praise must be given to the " make-ups " which were singularly effective. Evidently the play caused great merriment, but applause was not stinted for the Choir, who sang some favourite old folk-songs. Their rendering showed the care and trouble which had been spent on their training.

Tea was served in the Quadrangle, after which the visitors proceeded to the Lawn where a gymnastic display and some Swedish drill were given. They were both excellent, and fully bore out the justice of the Headmaster's remarks in his speech, when he observed how much was due to Mr. Stembidge and D. W. T. Cain for their careful coaching and instruction.

We may, without undue conceit, congratulate ourselves on a really successful day. We were fortunate in having summer weather, and were also fortunate in having so many willing workers who did their utmost to make matters go smoothly and quickly. The luncheon and tea were excellently served, and Mr. Wilson and his band of ready helpers are to be congratulated on their success in these important items of the day's doings.

" OUT WEST."

The following extract from a letter from a recent O. B., now with the Canadian troops at Winnipeg, may be interesting, as an instance of the varieties of occupation to be found out West :—

" I have been out West just over two years now, and like the country fine, although it is cold in winter. I have had rather a varied career and many experiences. For the first seven months I worked on a farm, and lots of times had to do my own cooking, etc., and it wasn't very successful at times. Then I went to town and got a position attending a big furnace and gas plant. It was dirty work, but warm for the winter. The coming spring I moved again and acted as hotel clerk until the fall. Then I joined a threshing gang and worked harder than ever I did before, but wages were high. Eleven of us used to sleep on boards in a little wooden hut on wheels, called a caboose. My next venture was also hard work. I became a blacksmith. I quitted that owing to work being slack, and obtained a position as travelling

salesman for a publishing firm, having a loute from Brandon, Man. to the Saskatchewan border. I could write a volume on my experiences in this capacity. I got tired of it however, and went on a farm again. The boss and myself didn't pull very well so I quitted and went to the next farm until he could get regular help, as I intended enlisting. He hired an Austrian for the summer, and I went to work for an old Irish bachelor. The house was just a little three-roomed shack, and I did the cooking, washing, housework, &c. I soon became a fair cook, my *chef d'oeuvre* being scrambled eggs. The blankets from the bed were used to cover the potatoes to keep them from freezing, and we used to roll up in a fur coat. Sometimes other fellows would drop in, and then we used to fix up a bed out of three chairs. It was very rough, and we often used to run out of bread, butter, &c, but I didn't mind it until we were both taken sick with influenza and it was about 25 degrees below zero outside. We had a swell time for a week."

NATURALIST SOCIETY.

Prizes have been offered as follows :—

1. For the best named collection of wild flowers, presented by the Headmaster. The Rev. H. Riddelsdell, who acts as judge for this prize, has kindly offered the school the nucleus of a collection, similar to the one he presented to Denstone.
2. For the best named collection of British butterflies, presented by Mrs. Riddelsdell.
3. For the best collection of British moths, also named, presented by Mrs. F. Taylor, of Rignell Hall.

The time allowed for these two last is till the end of the summer holidays.

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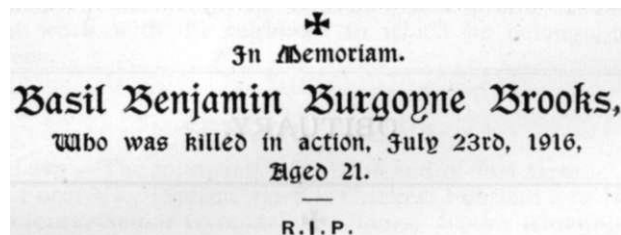
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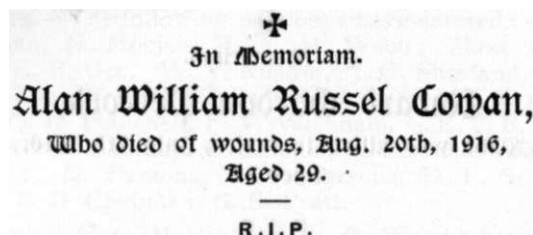
A FRIEND of ours, to whom we recently paid a visit, used in his parting speech the phrase—"the dull monotony of school life." It has rankled in our mind ever since, and we who have spent the greater part of our life in close connection with schools, challenge the expression. We venture to think that few, from the Headmaster to the youngest boy, in any school, find the life either dull or monotonous. It is not so.

It was with a big sigh of relief that we entered these buildings at the beginning of term after trudging all the way from Banbury on a hot day laden with impedimenta. But it was not merely relief after such a walk that we felt; it was a genuine pleasure to find oneself back once more in the old familiar place, treading the well-worn floor of the passage, turning the corner and instinctively making a slight detour to avoid smashing one's nose against the projecting bolt of a certain door which people *will* leave open. Then up the stairs (which on washing day are left so slippery after the weekly ablution that downward passengers are in danger of cracking their skulls), to the old room with all its treasures and associations. We have only expressed our own personal feelings, and perhaps there are some who do not share them. But he must be hard to please who finds school life dull or monotonous in these days. Anyhow, here we are, and the days have quickly passed into weeks since we arrived. Many have left, but more have come, and our numbers are higher than at any time during the last six years. At our present rate of progress we shall soon be full to overflowing. Among new arrivals we welcome Mr. Hickson, who has taken Mr. Blanshard's place,

E. G. PEECOCK (1908-11), whose death we announce with sincerest regret, was transferred from the Artists' Rifles, having gained a commission in the 9th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Another Old Bloxhamist, who was in the same battalion and lost his life a few weeks later, wrote on July 22nd, "He was leading his men in a most gallant manner when he was shot down by a machine gun, mortally wounded. His men were very fond of him and he was very popular among the officers. As his closest friend out here, I would like to ask you to remember him at the altar." This was done on the first Saturday of this term at the usual weekly requiem, and again on the following Saturday when his mother was present at the service.



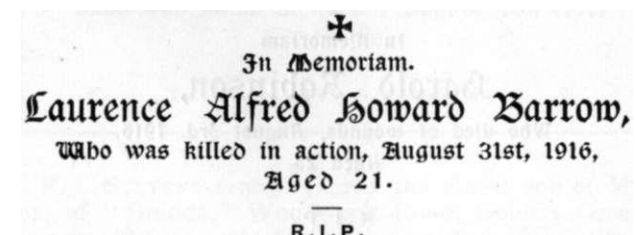
B. B. B. BROOKS (1906-12) was the eldest son of E. J. Brooks (O.B.) of Oxford. He was a Captain in the 4th Battalion Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. We hear that he led his men into action during a night attack on July 23rd. They took a first-line trench and went on to the next one, Brooks arriving there first. He was lost sight of on the parapet, and must have been shot there, for he did not return with his company. He was reported missing and it was some days later that his body was found when our troops attacked and finally got possession of the same trench. He married not long ago, and we offer our sincerest sympathy to his young widow, who is a Belgian lady.



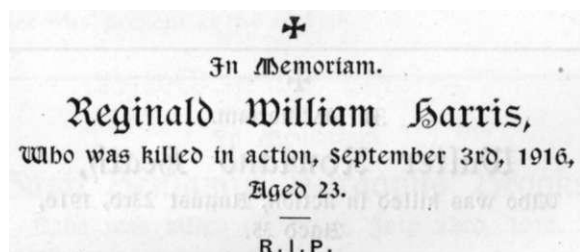
A. W. R. COWAN (1901-5) had been in British Columbia, and on the outbreak of war joined the 103rd Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. On arriving in England he was selected to join the Canadian Black Watch and was transferred immediately. He crossed to France on August 14th. His last letter home was posted on the 19th, and arrived with the official telegram announcing his death. He was severely wounded by a shell, and died on the ambulance before reaching the hospital. His superior officer, in writing to his parents, spoke very highly of Cowan's capabilities as an officer and regretted that he had been so short a time with the battalion. He leaves a widow and two children.



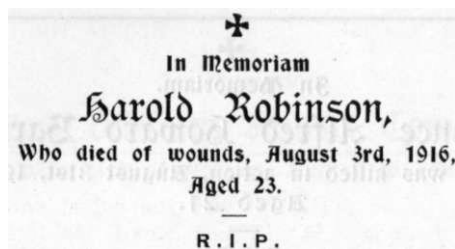
W. R. HEATH was a master at Bloxham, 1902-4. He was educated at Hatfield Hall, Durham, where he was Senior Scholar and took honours in classics and philosophy. He was a fine athlete and swimmer, and was Captain of the University Rugby Football XV., and President of the University Boat Club. At Bloxham he was an enthusiastic worker in the gymnasium. After leaving the School he went to Cairo, where he was employed in the service of the Education Department of the Egyptian Government. He obtained a commission in July, 1915, in the Oxford and Bucks L.I. For a time he held a staff appointment as Inspector of physical training and bayonet drill. He was killed on August 23, after only four weeks at the front.



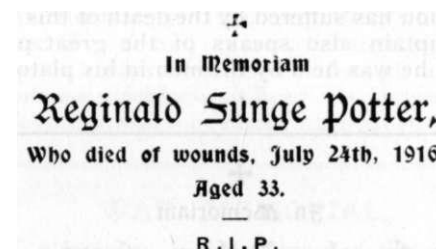
L. A. H. BARROW (1907-12) joined the Royal Sussex Regiment as a private in August, 1914, and got his commission in January, 1915. He took part in suppressing the disturbance in Ireland and soon afterwards went to France. He and two other officers were killed simultaneously by a shell bursting at their feet. Before the war he had been preparing to go to Oxford with a view to being ordained.



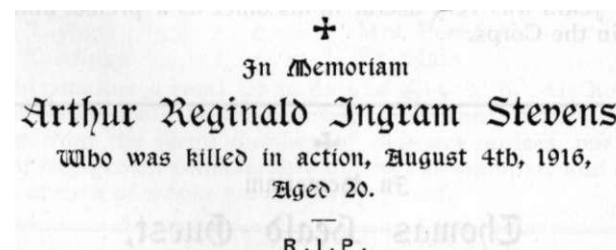
R. W. HARRIS (1906-9) had spent some years in South Africa farming and for a time served with the mounted police in Rhodesia. He came to England in April, 1914, and was about to take up an appointment in Uganda when the war began. He cancelled his engagement and obtained a commission in the 4th West Yorks Regiment. At the time of his death he was with the R.F.A. A fellow-officer in the same battery, writing to Harris's young wife, whom he had only recently married, says—"He was hit by an enemy shell whilst in pursuance of an important piece of work, and was killed immediately."



H. ROBINSON (1905-9) went to Canada, where he spent nearly two years farming. He returned to England in 1914 with the intention of farming, but joined the 20th Battalion Royal Fusiliers as a private. He went to France last November. He took part in the attack on High Wood on July 20th, when he was seriously wounded, and died a few days later at Chatham. His brother Cecil was wounded on the same occasion, and we are pleased to hear that he is well again and able to resume his military duties.

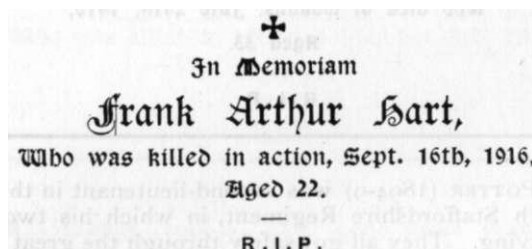


R. F. POTTER (1894-9) was second-lieutenant in the 4th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment, in which his two brothers are also serving. They all got safely through the great push and were for some time at the rear resting. On going into action again Potter was badly wounded on July 23rd and died the following morning, never having regained consciousness. His brother Douglas was wounded two days later. We are glad to hear that he is progressing favourably.

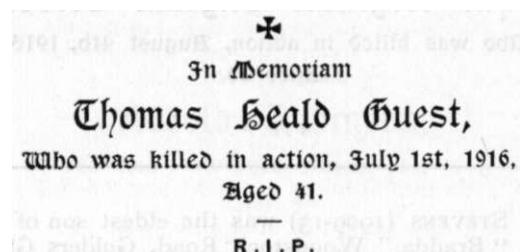


A. R. I. STEVENS (1909-13) was the eldest son of Mr. A. H. Stevens, of "Bradda," Woodstock Road, Golders Green. On leaving school he was attached to the London University contingent of the O.T.C., and on the outbreak of war he was offered a

commission in the army, which he readily accepted, and was gazetted on September 1st, 1914, to the 9th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers. His regiment left for the front in May, 1915, but he was unable to accompany it owing to illness, and was temporarily attached to the staff at Shoreham. He rejoined his regiment in France during December last and took an active part in many engagements, in the last of which he fell, being second in command. His Colonel speaks of him as being by far the youngest officer in the battalion and showing a capacity and tact in dealing with his men in advance of his years, and speaks of the keen loss which the battalion has suffered by the death of this gallant young officer. His Captain also speaks of the great popularity and respect in which he was held by the men in his platoon.



F. A. HART (1904-11) was the youngest son of the late Mr. W. H. Hart, M.V.O. We much regret that we cannot give any particulars as to his death, owing to some difficulty in tracing his relations. He spent an unusually long time at school, and during his later years was very useful in his office as a prefect and as an N.C.O. in the Corps.



MAJOR T. H. GUEST (1886-9), 13th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment, was reported wounded and missing, but later came the official report that he had been killed. He served with distinction throughout the Boer War, receiving two medals and three stripes for active service, was captured twice and once wounded. He accompanied his regiment to Egypt and was later drafted to France. His Colonel, in a letter to Mrs. Guest, wrote: "He was last seen leading his company into a German trench and was reported to have been hit in the leg just as he reached it. I gave him his choice of leading his company or remaining in reserve. He chose the former. Our Brigadier, who has seen many fights, remarked that he had never seen anything more splendid than the way your husband led his men through the heavy artillery barrage and intense machine-gun fire. He showed an example of bravery and devotion which has been unequalled."

WAR MEMORIAL.

A SLIGHT alteration in the making of the proposed processional cross, an illustration of which we sent out with the July number of THE BLOXHAMIST, has been considered advisable, and will certainly add to its beauty. The upper portion will be mounted on a foundation of olive wood. The front of the cross will appear as in the illustration, but the back will show the olive wood with Tudor roses of silver-gilt at the extremities. The shaft will be of polished olive instead of oak or walnut.

The Chaplain acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the following further donations:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
E. Bryan Smith	0	10	0	In Memoriam,			
C. Leadley-Brown ...	1	0	0	K.M.C.F. ...	£	0	0
T. R. Taylor	1	0	0	Anon.	3	10	0
E. W. Taylor	1	0	0	Mrs. Peacock...	0	10	0
H. G. Rawlings . . .	1	1	0	Dr. Hain	0	2	6

This makes a total up to date of £15 2 6. He hopes that other donations will be forthcoming in the near future. As will be seen from the large number of obituary notices, our Roll of Honour has grown considerably during the summer, and contains names of men of whom we are justly proud.

CRICKET.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. WARWICK SCHOOL.

PLAYED at Bloxham on Wednesday, July 12th. The home side batted first and scored fairly quickly. Showers of rain troubled the bowlers and Cain and Higgs hit well, putting on about 60 runs for the fifth wicket. Warwick could only raise

47, Cain and Ravenor sharing the wickets and each having 17 runs scored off him. Score :—

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

J. E. Wright, c Farmer b Jervis	11
W. R. Wright, b Jervis	4
C. A. Hall, b Farmer	1
D. W. T. Cain, b Farmer	43
R. A. G. Ravenor, b Jervis	9
W. H. Higgs, c Love, b Farmer	43
S. R. Bolton, b Jervis	1
A. E. Lewis, b Jervis	0
J. B. Hall, b Jervis	2
C. A. Farebrother, b Farmer	8
G. F. M. McDonald, not out	1
Extras	4

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WARWICK SCHOOL.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
J. T. Hacking, c J. Wright, b Cain	0	c Lewis, b C. A. Hall	5
W. H. Duffield b Cain	0		
R. T. Pemberton, c J. Wright, b Cain... ..	0		
R. J. Farmer, b Ravenor	3	c Farebrother, b Cain	0
G. R. Love, b Ravenor	3		
J. M. L. Love, lbw Cain	15		
J. C. Burford, c C. A. Hall, b Ravenor ..	3		
A. E. Jervis, c Cain, b Ravenor	6		
H. H. Hunt, c Cain, b Ravenor	0		
H. W. T. Hain, not out	5	b Cain	0
H. Whetter, b Cain	9	not out	8
Extras	3	Extras	5
	47	Total (3 wks.)	18

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1st Innings.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
D.W.T. Cain...	12-5	4	17	5
R.A.G. Ravenor	9	2	7	5
J. E. Wright ...	3	1	7	0
J. B. Hall.....	2	2	0	0
2nd Innings.				
D.W.T. Cain...	3	0	4	2
R.A.G. Ravenor	2	0	4	0
C. A. Hall	2	0	1	1

" HOUSE " MATCHES.

The "House" Matches, a new venture, were robbed of much of their interest by the strength of the Headmaster's House. The latter have six of the First XI. in their team and easily won both their matches. The remaining match, Crake v. Wilberforce, was most exciting, as Wilberforce wanted 11 runs to win with three wickets to fall.

HEADMASTER'S HOUSE v. WILBERFORCE (June 15).

WILBERFORCE.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
C. G. Martin, c A. Hall, b J. Wright ...	0	c A. Hall, b J. Wright ..	1
J. S. Chapman, b J. Wright	3	c Cain, b J. Wright	1
A. G. Lewis, b B. Hall	3	b J. Wright	6
R. A. G. Ravenor, c Smith, b B. Hall...	22		
S. R. Bolton, 1 b w J. Wright	1	c Cain, b J. Wright	13
R. S. Payne, c B. Hall, b A. Hall	0		2
G. C. Viner, b J. Wright	1	c Cain, b J. Wright , , ..	0
H. L. Thomas, b B. Hall	10		
W. T. Hall, not out	1		
M. Bennett, c Farebrother, b B. Hall ...	0	c E. Eastwood, b Cain ..	0
Beath, b E. Eastwood	0	1 b w B. Hall	
Extras	2	Extras	5
	43		54

HEADMASTER'S HOUSE.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
F. M. Eve, not out	28	not out	7
W. R. Wright, b Ravenor	9		
J. B. Hall, b Martin	1		
D. W. T. Cain, b Martin	34	not out.	12
C. A. Hall, b Ravenor	15		
S. T. Smith, not out	0	1 b w Ravenor	0
J. E. Wright		c Bolton, b Ravenor.	7
E. W. Eastwood		b Martin	2
C. A. Farebrother			
C. G. Holtom			
T. A. King			
Extras	6	Extras	5
Total (4 wks.)	93	Total (3 wks.)	33

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Headmaster's House.

1st Innings.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
J. E. Wright		5	12	4
J. B. Hall	9	1	14	4
C. A. Hall	6	1	11	1
E. W. Eastwood.	2	0	2	1
2nd Innings.				
D. W. T. Cain ..				
J. E. Wright				
J. B. Hall				
E. W. Eastwood ..				
C. A. Hall				

Wilberforce.

1st Innings.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
R. A. G. Ravenor				
C. G. Martin				
H. L. Thomas				
M. Bennett				
2nd Innings.				
R. A. G. Ravenor ..				
C. G. Martin				

HEADMASTER'S HOUSE v. CRAKE (June 22).

HEADMASTER'S HOUSE.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
D. W. T. Cain, b Saunders	5	1 b w Saunders	55
C. A. Hall, b Saunders	0	b Stewart	3
F. M. Eve, b Saunders	4	b Stewart	0
J. E. Wright, b Higgs	42	b Higgs	2
W. R. Wright, b Saunders	29	run out	12
S. T. Smith, b Higgs	0	c Hobley, b Higgs	1
J. B. Hall, not out	15	st Stewart	3
C.A.Farebrother.c Christopher,b Higgs	3	not out	0
E. W. Eastwood, b Higgs	1		
C. G. Holtom, c Clark, b Saunders	0		
T. A. King, c Clark, b Stewart	0		
Extras	3	Extras	2
		Total (7 wks.)...	78

CRAKE.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
E. J. Tucker, b Cain	0	b Cain	0
W. F. G. Clowser, run out	1	c Cain, b J. Wright	0
L. M. Bowden, b Cain	0	run out	3
W. H. Higgs, b Cain	27	b Cain	18
G. W. Saunders, run out	2	c W. Wright, b Cain	1
M. G. Stewart, c B. Hall, b Cain	0	b B. Hall	1
A. L. Christopher, b B. Hall	6	b Cain	3
J. E. Hobley, b J. Wright	1	b B. Hall	0
R. W. Ferris, c Farebrother, b Cain	1	c Smith, b B. Hall	5
J. S. Clark, c Wright, b B. Hall	0	not out	2
H. V. Lloyd, not out	0	b B. Hall	5
Extras	5	Extras	10
	43		48

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Crake.

1st Innings.		Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
W. H. Higgs		13	1	47	3
G. W. Saunders...					
M. G. Stewart					
A. L. Christopher					
2nd Innings.		3-3	0	12	2
W. H. Higgs		9			
G. W. Saunders...		7			
M. G. Stewart					
Headmaster's House.					
1st Innings.		6-2	1	17	7
D. W. T. Cain					
J. E. Wright					
J. B. Hall					
2nd Innings.		10	4		
D. W. T. Cain		4			
J. E. Wright		6-1			
J. B. Hall					
C. A. Hall		1			

CRAKE v. WILBERFORCE (June 30 and July 4).

CRAKE.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
E. J. Tucker, b Martin	12	b Martin	3
W. F. G. Clowser, b Ravenor	0	c W. Hall, b Martin	3
G. W. Saunders, b Martin	13	b Martin	3
W. H. Higgs, c Lewis, b Martin	11	b Ravenor	7
M. G. Stewart, run out	10	c and b Ravenor	0
A. L. Christopher, b Martin	6	b Ravenor	0
J. E. Hobley, b Bolton	1	c Ravenor, b Martin	8
J. S. Clark, b Ravenor	9	b Martin	0
R. W. Ferris, b Ravenor	5	b Ravenor	0
H. V. Lloyd, b Ravenor	0	not out...	1
Powell, not out	3	c Bolton, b Ravenor	0
Extras	0	Extras	3
	70		28

WILBERFORCE.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
R. S. Payne, c Powell, b Saunders	1	b Higgs	2
J. S. Chapman, c Clark, b Saunders	0	run out	4
C. G. Martin, c Powell, b Higgs	14	c Christopher, b Higgs	3 ⁰
R. A. G. Ravenor, c Tucker, b Higgs	18	b Saunders	2
S. R. Bolton, b Saunders	8	run out	0
A. E. Lewis, c Tucker, b Higgs	0	c Ferris, b Saunders	0
McDonald, b Saunders	0	1 b w Saunders	0
H. L. Thomas, not out	2		
Phelps, c and b Higgs	0		
Beath, b Higgs	0		
W. T. Hall, b Higgs	6		
	49	Total (7 wks.)	38

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Wilberforce.

1st Innings.		Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
R. A. G. Ravenor...					
C. G. Martin					
S. R. Bolton					
2nd Innings.		8	0	12	5
R. A. G. Ravenor...		7-5	2	13	5
C. G. Martin					
S. R. Bolton					
Crake,					
1st Innings.					
W. H. Higgs					
G. W. Saunders					
2nd Innings.					
W. H. Higgs					
G. W. Saunders					

THE WAR.

[Of the Letters following the first was written by the late BRIG.-GEN* W. ELLERSHAW, who was drowned with LORD KITCHENER, and the second is an account of the Battle of futland, by R. W. PEARSE (1913-15). The last retates to LIEUT. J. C. SMITH, whose death we announced in our last number.]

September fith, 1914.

I wrote to Peter two or three days ago (No. 13) to thank her for hers of 23rd August which I only received three days ago, at the same time I got Phyl's Dreadnought postcard and your letter with the photos, for which ever so many thanks, yours dated 23rd. The photos are awfully nice and I love to have them. I am writing this in the middle of a terrific battle, it has been awful slaughter and has been going on since yesterday morning, and seems likely to go on for some days. My battery came through a village under heavy shell fire yesterday morning, and we came into action. I had a wagon overturned and the limber hook broken, so had to fit up a new limber. Fortunately we shortly got the order to go off and join Colonel ——'s Brigade, or rather one battery of it. We came *en route* under heavy shrapnel fire on the road. All our infantry hiding under the bank, I gave the order to walk as the horses had had hardly any food for a couple of days and also I wanted to steady the show. I cannot say I quite enjoyed the "swank" of walking along at the head with old Batter just behind me, especially when six shrapnel burst just in front of us; but it had the desired effect, and I heard some of the infantry say, "Well, they take it coolly enough, anyway," little knowing what a blue funk I was in. We got here just in time, rushed into action and opened fire on a German counter-attack at short range, destroying the lot as far as I could see. We then moved slightly to another position to take in a valley down which they were attacking and the whole day were at it, firing into quantities of German attacks and counter-attacks. They simply cannot stand the shrapnel and the moment I got one of them they turned and bolted back to the wood. It is a war of artillery so far. I got on to their trenches, one shell dropped in, I was enfilading them, and they tore out of the trench and so on each trench in turn, and fell in hundreds. Also through the range-finder Cox saw I had hit a machine-gun and they had abandoned it and another. So it went on all day, shell and bullets humming round, but only one of my staff horses hit; our infantry advancing and retiring and others advancing and coming back again. Germans doing likewise, a hellish din of shell fire, and me pouring in fire wherever I could see them. At last I got six splendid shrapnel on to a wood and cleared a heap of them out and then got into them with shrapnel; it is awful, and even the Sergeant-Major put his hands up to his head and said, "Oh, sir, it's terrible!" That seemed to settle them,

and at last our infantry advanced towards their position without resistance. Now was my chance. I determined to get those machine-guns if I could. It was a weird ride, through thick black woods, holding my revolver ready, going in front with little Corkaday behind and the others following some way in the rear. We passed some very bad sights and knew the woods were full of Germans who were afraid to get away on account of the dreaded shell fire. We got in front of our infantry who were going to fire at us, but I shouted just in time. At last we came to the edge of the wood, and in front of us about two hundred yards away was a little cup-shaped copse.

I felt sure this was full of Germans, as I had seen them go in earlier and had shelled it hard. I started a gallop for it and the others followed. Suddenly about fifty Germans bolted out, firing at us, and I loosed off my revolver as fast as I could and Tooby loosed off his rifle from his saddle. They must have thought we were a regiment of cavalry for they suddenly yelled and bolted, except a few. I stopped and dismounted my lot to fire into them, to make sure they didn't change their minds. I held the horses, as I couldn't shoot them like that myself. I then suddenly saw there were more in the copse, so I mounted the party and galloped at it yelling with my revolver held out. As we came to it I saw it was full of Germans, so I yelled "Hands up," and pointed the revolver at them. They all chucked down their rifles and put their hands up - three officers and over forty men to ten of us with six rifles and a revolver. I had them herded away from their rifles and handed them over to the regiment behind us. I then tore on with Corkaday and the Sergeant-Major to the machine-guns and dismounted. At that moment the enemy's shrapnel, the German infantry who had got away, opened on us. I couldn't move the beastly things and it was too hot altogether, so we galloped back to the cup. They hailed shrapnel on us there, and I waited for a lull and then mounted all my lot behind the bushes and made them spread as I gave the word to gallop for cover of the woods, where the company was. We got there all right, and then I got Cox, who understands them, and an infantryman who volunteered to help, and Hempshell, and ran up to the maxims and took out the breech mechanisms of both and one of the belts and carried away one whole maxim; we couldn't manage the other. When I got back they asked what cavalry we were. I told them we were the staff of the ? Battery, and they cheered us but said we were mad. I told an officer I would make him a present of the other maxim, which he could get with his men when they took the ridge, but asked him to remember the battery that gave it him, and he said he would have our name put on it. We got back very slowly on account of the gun, but we got back, the men wild with excitement, and we have got the gun complete and the mechanism and belt of the other. I reported when I got in dead

beat, hardly had anything all day but excitement to feed on, and I sent in my report to H.Q. this morning. I got this envelope (my own back) in reply, which you might like to treasure—"Hearty congratulations"—written and signed by the General himself. I got an awful lecture from Bank, Sergt. Reider, and the Wheeler, but I have faithfully promised to try no more cavalry expeditions, and everyone has been most awfully nice and generous in their congratulations. The funny thing is that the Germans are still now, *this afternoon*, holding that same ridge. At least neither side can take it, and my guns are still in the same position. I am not shooting much to-day, I am thankful to say, as they are afraid to come into our area, whenever I see a few I let them have a few rounds and that settles it.

The funniest thing was little Corkaday, who seized a German's helmet off his head and waved it in the air shouting "I've got it," quite mad with excitement; he is an extraordinarily brave boy—but they all say this morning they felt they could follow me anywhere. Nice of them, isn't it?

Now for the other side. I cannot tell you the awful sight it was up there when I had been shelling their trenches. It looked as if they were still all there, but no living. I had some, though very sad, experiences which I may tell you some day. "To-day they have been shelling us rather badly, hardly any rifle fire, neither side like to come close enough for that, but shell have fallen in my battery, right in, and Br. Coultish has had his two legs broken, another man has severe concussion from one of their heavy high explosives, and three or four others, including dear old Harlock, slightly wounded; but I hope and think all may recover. One of my limbers was knocked out and one gun riddled with holes, but fortunately it still works. We have been marvellously protected. And now, alas, for the saddest thing I have to tell you. Poor Johnstone is very dangerously wounded. You are sure to have heard before you get this, but it is a terrible grief to me to think of his poor wife and babies. I pray God he may recover, but hear it is very very bad. Casualties have been heavy, but the German casualties have been far heavier. We hear the French guns going hard now on both sides of us, so I hope the pressure may go off and we may possibly round up and finish this German army. Would to God it might all end. I am now having everyone dug in and covered as far as possible, as I think it is more than likely this battle will go on for days with varying success, and fire may come on us from almost any direction; that is the worst of it. Do not let this letter cause you any anxiety; by God's mercy and all your prayers I will come home safe; and though it may sound very rash I was really most careful in my timing and in the way I carried it out. First opportunity I will have the gun, etc., sent home. I promise you I will do nothing rash.

To CENSOR,—Kindly pass enclosed envelope containing General's congratulations.
PRESS BUREAU.—Passed as censored.

H.M. S. "MARLBOROUGH,"
c/o G.P.O.,
12th July, 1916.

I am afraid it is rather a long time since I last wrote you; but, as you have no doubt guessed, things have been in rather an abnormal state during the last few weeks. However, I expect you will be interested to hear how an Old Bloxhamist went through the Battle of Jutland on May 31st. Most of my news is a bit stale perhaps, as the "Marlborough" was given a good deal of "kudos" in the Commander-in-Chief's despatch last Friday; but after all it is first hand, and may be useful for THE BLOXHAMIST.

The whole "stunt" was most unexpected, and came as a great surprise to most of us; the number of times, even during my comparatively short service, that we had steamed after the Germans, when they had ventured out (only to bolt back again) had made all of us very pessimistic as to our chances of taking part in the "real thing." Unfortunately for them, we were one too many for them this time.

May 31st. I had kept the morning watch (4 a.m. to 8 a.m.) in the decoding office, and so was trying to get a little sleep on the gun-room settee after lunch, when suddenly I was aroused by all the alarms going. Everyone at once rushed off to their action stations—myself to the transmitting station for the 13 5 in. guns. We then heard that some of the enemy had been sighted by a cruiser. While we were snatching a little tea the news came through that the Battle Cruiser Fleet were engaging the enemy, who were steering in our direction. Imagine our amazement to hear that. Little did the enemy think that the Grand Fleet was so near at hand! Shortly afterwards the signal went up to form line of battle. You should have heard the cheer in the gun-room at this welcome news, although I don't think we quite realised what some of us would be going through in an hour or so's time.

We opened fire on the enemy at approximately 6.20 (range 10,000 yards), but ceased fire almost at once, owing to the enemy being hidden by a cruiser on fire. We then opened fire on a battleship of the "Kaiser" class, but after one salvo she had had enough, as she immediately turned away and disappeared. Our next object was another cruiser whom we hit with two salvos; she was entirely disabled and sank fast, bursting into flames. We then opened fire on a battleship of the "Markgraf" class, whom we hit with four salvos.

A destroyer attack by the enemy followed, but on opening fire with the six-inch guns we saw no more of them.

The "Marlborough" now began to feel the effect of the damage done to her by the torpedo and, as you know, Sir Cecil Burney transferred his flag to the "Revenge."

In the early morning, as we were returning to harbour, a Zepp. was sighted, but she disappeared after a few shots. Her nose was seen to dip, but it is uncertain whether we hit her.

It was a very anxious time for us on the way home, as there were submarines after us most of the way. I am glad to say they did not hit us.

As we neared England the sea began to get up, which rather increased the difficulties to be contended with; but our destroyer screen pumped out oil on the water, and we were thus able to reach port in safety.

It was splendid! After all, three months is not so long to have to wait for an action, when some of the other officers had not seen any during the whole of their long service.

The "Marlborough's" casualties were not very heavy, I am glad to say, as we only lost two men—two stokers who were stationed just where the ship was hit. There was a most impressive funeral service on our return.

You have no idea of the state of the ship during the three days that the excitement lasted. Gear all over the place, no opportunity of a decent wash, snatching one's food when it was obtainable, and practically no sleep. Part of the time I lay on the deck with my life-saving waistcoat as a pillow.

Well, I think that is all I have to tell you. I should have written before only I returned from leave a week ago and have had a great deal of work to do since. I notice in your letter of April 18th that you say you wish we could have a smack at the German fleet; well, your wish has been granted.

Have had no news of Bloxham for some time and am looking forward to this term's number of THE BLOXHAMIST. I wonder if you could spare me an extra copy if you should find a corner for this account in any number.

R. WARWICK PEARSE.

PRESS BUREAU.—Passed as amended.

We are exceedingly glad to give publicity to the following extracts from a letter regarding James Clement Smith, whose death has already been recorded :—

"A few days after the War was declared he decided to offer himself for service and joined the Public School Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. After a period of training he was given a commission in the 6th Royal Fusiliers. His Colonel wrote of him : 'He was an excellent officer while under my command and showed great promise, and was much liked by all ranks. It is indeed a sad loss to the regiment and the country. He was killed while so gallantly leading his men in so successful an attack.' On March 25th he wrote home : 'We are taking part in a *great* attack in a few hours from now. It *must* be a success. I can't think of any other result. If I don't come through alive, my servant will send you a final letter, which I am writing before we move off from camp. But whatever happens we are in the best of spirits and as happy as sand-boys, and we would not have it different for anything in the world. I cannot say anything more, but you must read between the lines.' I received several letters from his servant (after his death on March 27th). First of all with the precious farewell letter, he said : 'I am Mr. Smith's servant. He died like a hero in action, shouting "Come on, lads, follow me!" It was his last wish that I should send you the enclosed.' The Rev. Noel Mellish, V.C., wrote also :—'I knew your son and admired him. He was a quiet, courteous, brave gentleman, and was always so kind to me. The regiment mourns him . . . So now we commend his brave soul to his Father's keeping, and we honour his memory, and know that his life was not given in vain; for a life sacrificed is a life—a splendid, glorious life, won.' And later he wrote : 'I was not able to hold any service for the burial of our officers and men, but we had a requiem mass on the morning of Friday, March 31st, the first opportunity. It was a voluntary service and held in the open, and practically the whole of our two regiments attended.'

"His superior officers all speak of him in the highest terms; his short association with them had endeared him to them all. In his home life also his influence was no less felt, and at the memorial service held in his parish church there was a full attendance of his many friends, the members of the C. E. M. S. being present in a body. He had been their secretary for two years. Clement Smith was very keen on all games, a sportsman, and leader in his native town in cricket, football, hockey and tennis; he also played golf and croquet."

IN addition to those who have been killed, and whose deaths are reported elsewhere, we have heard of several Old Bloxhamists who have been wounded :—

G. C. W. Malet (1899-1903) Somerset L.I.
 C. R. Cook (1910-12) R. Flying Corps
 J. S. Boissier (1904-8) Oxford and Bucks L.I.
 W. G. Rowland (1913-15) Queen's Westminster Rifles
 G. V. Jones (1900-6) The King's Own
 D. Potter (1894-9) North Staffordshire Regiment
 C. Robinson (1905-10) Royal Fusiliers
 A. L. B. Sproule (1908-13) London Regiment

We note the following promotions :—

V. C. Green (1906-8) to be Adjutant in the 2/4* King's Own Yorkshire L.I.
 G. A. Leadley-Brown (1890-3) to be 2nd Lieut. Royal Field Artillery
 E. L. Roberts (1903-7) to be 2nd Lieut. Royal Engineers
 D. V. Hill (1908-12) to be 2nd Lieut. Royal Field Artillery

M. E. S. Boissier (1895-8) was reported for commendation for his services in the Battle of Jutland.

Lieut.-Col. H. A. R. May, C.B. (1872-9) has been obliged through ill health to return home. We understand that he is now engaged in lecturing to cadet officers.

O.T.C. NOTES.

THE following medals were awarded for the School year ending July, 1916 :—

Silver—Senior Efficiency, Q.M.S. W. H. Higgs
 „ Junior „ Cadet J. S. Clark
 „ 1st Prize Shooting Min., Corpl. F. M. Eve
 Bronze—2nd „ Cadet G. W. Saunders

ON Friday, July 21st, a requiem mass was held for those who have given their lives in the service of their country, and especially Old Bloxhamists. On the same day a whole-day field day, of which a separate account appears, was held in the Broughton district.

ON Monday, July 24th, the corps proceeded to Aynhoe Park and assisted in putting up marquees and tents for the Scout camp. After a light lunch the cadets marched all the way home. A very useful and enjoyable day was spent, even if it was a trifle warm at times, and a very kind letter of thanks for our assistance has been received from the Scoutmaster.

OUR numbers have gone up this term by about ten, as we have enrolled 23 recruits already. This is very gratifying, as the work seems easier and more interesting with larger numbers.

SEMAPHORE signalling has been dropped in favour of Morse, in view of its greater use and more general service. Every member of the corps is either in the band or learning signalling.

THE following Promotions have been made this term :—

Corpl. F. M. Eve to be Sergt. and Acting Q.M.S.
 L.-Corpl. Martin „ Corporal
 Cadet Clark „ L.-Corp. and to take charge of the Band
 Cadet Neale „ Lance-Corporal

Mrs. Grinter has very kindly presented us with a photograph of Sergt.-Instructor Grinter, which has been hung in the arm-oury.

MRS. HINDE is again presenting the medals awarded as above, and our best thanks are due to her for her interest in the O.T.C.

We have secured the services on Tuesdays and Fridays of Battalion-Sergeant-Major Vaughan, of the 4th Queens. He has seen 37 years' service, and has acted as sergeant-instructor at Whitgift Grammar School for 7 years. His help will be very useful.

FIELD DAY.

ON Friday, July 21st., the "Locals" being practically over, a whole-day Field Day was held. At 9 a requiem mass was celebrated for all who had fallen in the war, and especially Old Bloxhamists, and afterwards the O.T.C. and Scouts paraded in front of the flagstaff and the last post was sounded. The second parade was at 10.30, and we moved off to the Sor brook by the Banbury Road for scouting operations. Two pickets under Q.M.S. Higgs were sent out to take up a line of resistance, and the remainder of the corps, under Pl.-Sergt. Cain, formed an advance guard protected by a line of scouts. The enemy were run into rather unexpectedly, and as two scouts were shot and one captured, the advance-guard had to halt and wait for reinforcements. Then the two parties changed places, and the former advance-guard took up a position almost on the Broughton Road. This time one scout was killed and one captured before the position was discovered, and the advance-guard was easily held up. A move was next made to Broughton Rectory Garden, where lunch awaited us. The Chaplain had very kindly organised it again, and the Rev. B. W. Bradford provided very welcome drinks. Full justice was done to the lunch and, after a rest and a look round the garden, bugle trials were held of A and B squads. After lunch Section 4 and three extra men under Pl.-Sergt. Cain moved off to defend the Banbury end of Holt Hill and the rest of the corps, under Q.M.S. Higgs, proceeded after half-an-hour's wait to attack it. There were no restrictions as to ground and time, so there was plenty of scope for ingenuity. Pl.-Sergt. Cain posted his men in two pickets on high ground with good fields of fire and sat tight. The attack was admirably planned by Q.M.S. Higgs and excellently carried out. One section, under Corpl. Stewart, advanced along the valley and made practically a frontal and holding attack, another small section, under L.-Corp. F. Wright, attacked along the crest of the hill, while the third section, under Q.M.S. Higgs, went right round the grind and attacked from the rear. The timing was excellent, as each attack opened almost simultaneously. The flank and frontal attack failed, as they were bound to do and, owing to the defence failing to concentrate, the rear attack got home with the bayonet and earned the almost-deserted headquarters of the defence. In spite of the heat, the work all through the day was most keenly carried out and the duties of the umpire made most enjoyable.

SCOUT NOTES.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP.

THE following boys have joined the Troop this term :—C. L. Burne, D. K. Evans, J. Parsons, M. Parsons, D. Sutton.

WE have lost several energetic scouts this term, as they have reached the age of thirteen years and have therefore become eligible for the Corps. When the troop was started it was arranged that a boy on becoming thirteen should leave the Scouts and join the O. T. C. Among those who have left us this term are Patrol-Leaders Da Fonseca and Campbell and Second Thomas.

WE welcome to the troop Mr. S. G. Cole, who is at present residing in the neighbourhood. He has had much experience with the Richmond (Surrey) troops, and will act as an assistant scoutmaster. Mr. Cole is taking bridge-building classes for patrol-leaders, seconds and first-class scouts.

THE CHAPLAIN has very kindly presented a Challenge Trophy. It is to be awarded each term to the scout who obtains the highest number of marks. The trophy, which is an exceptionally handsome one, represents a scout. It is mounted on a small stand to which are affixed silver plates. The name of the winner will be engraved on the latter. There is also to be a Challenge Shield for inter-patrol competitions. The leading patrol each half-term will hold the shield.

OUR first camp was held at the end of the summer term. The thanks of the troop are due to the O.C., Officers and members of the Corps for the assistance they gave us in erecting the camp and also for the loan of equipment.

PROMOTIONS.—Instructor S. G. Cole, K.S., to be Assistant Scoutmaster; Patrol-Leader D. K. Evans, K.S., to be Senior Patrol-Leader; Second Gowing to be Patrol-Leader; Second Coombes to be Patrol-Leader; Scout C. Viner to be Second; Scout Agar to be Second; Scout Taylor to be Second; Scout Burne to be Bugler.

PATROL-LEADER D. K. Evans, K.S., is transferred from the 3rd Richmond (St. Catherine's College) Troop to the Bloxham School Troop. Scout Burne is transferred from the Guildford (St. Nicolas) to the Bloxham School Troop.

THE SCOUT CAMP.

THE Summer Camp was held in Aynhoe Park, by kind permission of Sir Fairfax Cartwright. We had an excellent ground on the summit of gently rising park land. The tents were pitched on three sides of a square facing the parade ground. In the centre of the latter was the flagstaff. The mess tent and

store tent stood on one side and on the other two sides were rows of bell tents. The kitchen was situated a short distance away. The bathing place was about a mile from the camp itself. It was a delightful spot situated on the edge of a wooded hillside. A picturesque trout stream ran through a small lock which had been converted into an open-air swimming bath; the stream then toppled over a ledge of rocks into a deep pool. The more expert divers amongst us spent their time taking headers into this pool, whilst the younger members of our party amused themselves in the swimming bath.

Camp started on July 26th. On the previous day the members of the Corps, under the command of the O.C., kindly went over to Aynhoe and pitched the tents for us. They were accompanied by the Scoutmaster and some of the older scouts. Thus the camp was ready when the main body of the troop arrived on the following day. On Wednesday we had a visit from the Chaplain, and on Thursday Lady Cartwright made a tour of inspection. On Thursday evening there was a night attack. The next day was a strenuous one, as everyone was busy preparing for the sports on Saturday afternoon. The Headmaster and Mrs. Grier, accompanied by Miss Reely and Mr. Wilson, came over to lunch before the sports. About two o'clock the visitors began to arrive, and shortly afterwards the sports commenced. Cain carried out the arrangements in a most efficient manner. Mrs. Grier kindly presented the prizes. The latter were given by the masters. After the prizes had been distributed Scout H. Whitehead handed Mrs. Grier a bouquet and the visitors were then entertained to tea.

The Headmaster was fortunately able to remain with us on Saturday night. On Sunday he celebrated the Holy Eucharist, Patrol-Leader Bertram being server.

On Monday we commenced to pack up, and most of the camp had been struck by the evening. Owing to the kindness of Sir Fairfax, we were able to sleep in an empty house on that night. By ten o'clock on Tuesday there were few traces of the camp left and most of those who had attended it were on their homeward way.

Everyone at Aynhoe showed us the greatest kindness. Mr. Wightman did everything he possibly could to ensure our comfort. Our thanks are also due to the Rev. T. and Mrs. Cartwright for all the trouble they took on our behalf.

In addition to the scouts there were some ten visitors at camp. They did their utmost to help in every way and to ensure a successful camp. Cain had charge of the games and bathing. The canteen was managed by Bolton and Ravenor; it proved a

most popular feature. Hall superintended the bank. The Assistant Scoutmaster had charge of the cooking arrangements, and they were carried out by him and his assistants in an excellent manner; in fact the lunch and dinner with which he regaled the visitors on Saturday were worthy of a French *chef*.

The following was the daily routine :—

6.30 a.m.	Turn out, air bedding, etc.
6.45 „	Coffee and biscuits
7 „	Parade for prayers and physical exercise
7.30 „	Stow tents and wash
8 „	Breakfast—consisting of porridge, bread and butter, and either bacon, fish or eggs
8.45 „	Fatigue duties—tidy camp, etc.
9 „	Bank open
9.15 „	Scouting practice
11 „	Biscuits and milk
11.15 „	Cames
12.45 P.-"	Dinner—meat, vegetables and sweets, or bread and cheese
1.30—2.30	Compulsory rest. No movement, or talking allowed in camp
2.35—4.30	Scouting games in neighbourhood, or bathing. A responsible officer is always in attendance at the latter
4.45 p.m.	Tea—consisting of bread and butter, jam and cake, and tea
5.30—7.30	Recreation and free time
7.30 p.m.	Supper—consisting of cocoa and biscuits, or soup
7.50 „	Prayers
8 „	Boys under twelve go to bed
8—9 „	Camp fire
9.5 „	Turn in
9.20 „	Lights out

COOKING.—The Assistant Scoutmaster and the Patrol-Leaders (Bertram, Day, Evans and Smith)

POSTMAN.—Day

GAMES.—Cain

BANK.—Hall, A.

CANTEEN.—Ravenor and Bolton

IN CHARGE OF DAY GUARD.—The Patrol Leaders

IN CHARGE OF NIGHT GUARD.—Cain

BUGLER.—Eastwood, E.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE SCOUT CAMP.

BY A VISITOR.

THE Camp was "short but sweet," as the saying goes. Great was the regret when the camp ended. There were many who would have liked to stay longer.

The cooking department was well conducted ; it had a head cook and many other helpers. The meals were always punctual, and there was usually a certain savory smell issuing from the kitchen, especially when there were such dainties as roast hedgehog in the oven. The porridge in the mornings was not even burnt. Considering that it was made in two buckets, one inside the other, it was most successful. Most boys know how porridge can be burnt, even when there is everything convenient for cooking it.

One of the most interesting things we did was bathing. Everyone used to enjoy the bathing ; in fact, when it was announced that boys could go to bathe the camp was deserted in a very few minutes. The bathing place was excellent for the purpose ; there was a shallow place for the smaller boys and a deeper place for the bigger ones.

At night time the sleeping camp was always watched over by a guard. "The duty of the guard was to keep off any wild beasts which might attack them but many people, thinking of their breakfast, rather desired the guards to pay particular attention to the store tent. I mean the outside of the tent, not the interior. Each guard was on duty for two hours. This was most exciting. In the morning there were frequent rumours that the guard had distinctly heard a man cough quite close to the camp. The cough usually turned out to be that of a sheep. Often the noise resembled a certain sneeze which we were accustomed to hear last term.

The sports were ripping, and went off very well indeed. Mrs. Grier presented the prizes.

Camp life always has its charms ; it is free, healthy and interesting. Everyone who has experienced it cannot help but like it. I for one thoroughly enjoyed it. The time passed awfully quickly, for me far too quickly. The weather was excellent and there was always plenty to do, even if it was only making huts up in the trees in the wood. I shall always remember the happy holiday which I spent there with the scouts.

FISH.

To the Editor of THE BLOXHAMIST.

DEAR SIR,—With kind regards I send the following, in case you would care to publish it.

Just below our mess flows a river and in that river are several fine pools and in these fine pools are monster fishes, and fishes are fun to catch and good to eat. Hence G. and I considered it our duty to transfer certain of these watery denizens from their element, first into a boat and finally into a pot. We had, both of us, loads of the most fascinating looking tackle, beautiful silvered spoons of all sizes, life-like imitation fish and all manner of artificial minnows. Any of these we reckoned were bound to entice the most wily of fishes, even out of curiosity, if from nothing else, but alas it was not so, and after some sad days of expectation not realised we discarded them all and henceforth used one method only, that was to pay a native to get us some dace-like fish some six inches long and spin these when dead on an "Archer" spinner.

Behold us then one evening rowing slowly up the pool with our dead baits spinning some twenty yards behind the stern, with G. in charge of both the rods while I handle the sculls. Nothing happens for some time, and the plague of insects and the hot-house atmosphere make us wish that we were comfortably drinking our evening whiskey and soda with our companions up in the mess, when suddenly the reel starts screaming its line out. G. lifts the rod point to strike and yells "Yours." I leave the oars and suddenly become oblivious to everything else in life save the fish at the other end of my line, while G., from carefully schooled practice, reels up as fast as he can and takes my place at the oars. Meanwhile the fish is making a fine bid for freedom ; first he thinks he can shake out the hook and accordingly leaps eight or nine feet in the air four or five times in rapid succession, while I with my rod point nearly in the water try as it were to hold him down. Then he decides that the rocks are the place to make for, so off he whizzes with a lot more line and I check him and "give him the butt," so that he has the whole springiness of the rod to fight against. He can't get to his rocks which are coated with fresh water oyster shells (and well for me he can't, or I should have my wire trace cut in no time), so he makes a rush towards me and I fear he is going to get under the boat, which may mean a broken rod. However he alters his mind, perhaps he sees the boat, and turns down stream, than which nothing could suit me better. After a few minutes' play he suffers himself to be reeled to within a few yards of the boat, in which G. is standing, gaff in hand, waiting to welcome him ; but his time is not yet, and he makes one last dash, a very half-hearted one as he is tired out. Next minute G. has gaffed him neatly and he is lying dead in the bottom of the boat. He turns out to be a "kass," or "river dog" the natives call them, because of their terrible teeth. He turns the scale at 27 lbs., which is large for this species, but a mere feather-weight to the "aigle," or "Nile perch," which runs up it is said to 300 lbs., though the best ever caught here only weighed 82 lbs. The heaviest fish this year of this kind was caught by G. and weighed 77 lbs., and as I helped in his capture perhaps you would like a short account. It happened at another pool about four miles down stream, and both G. and I had battled with him before and been worsted and lost our tackle because our rods were not strong enough to hold him out of the rocks, so I hunted up an old top joint that I had used successfully with the big sea monsters at Aden, and found to my regret that it fitted G.'s rod and not mine, so I had to do boatman and gillie.

To cut a long story short, we rowed slowly over the pool where he was known to lie, baiting with a dead fish nearly a foot long, and before we had circled the pool he had got the hooks well into him and was off for 120 yards before G. could attempt to hold him, and all the time the rod was bent like a

bow and the muscles on G.'s arm standing out like cords. At the same time I was pulling the boat away to the further bank, and our joint efforts just prevented the fish from reaching the rocks, where he would very soon have managed to break the trace. After some twenty minutes' battle, which made G. pour with sweat and tremble all over, the question of landing the fish could be considered, and as he would have capsized the boat and put us amongst the crocodiles had we tried to lift him into it, we decided on a sand bank, and G. having brought him into reasonably shallow water, I jumped in and gaffed him and pulled him by main force on to the sand, where with a heavy club we despatched him and rode our ponies back to the mess well content, leaving a couple of natives to bring in the monster and some smaller ones we had caught earlier in the afternoon.

"CORNGUARD."

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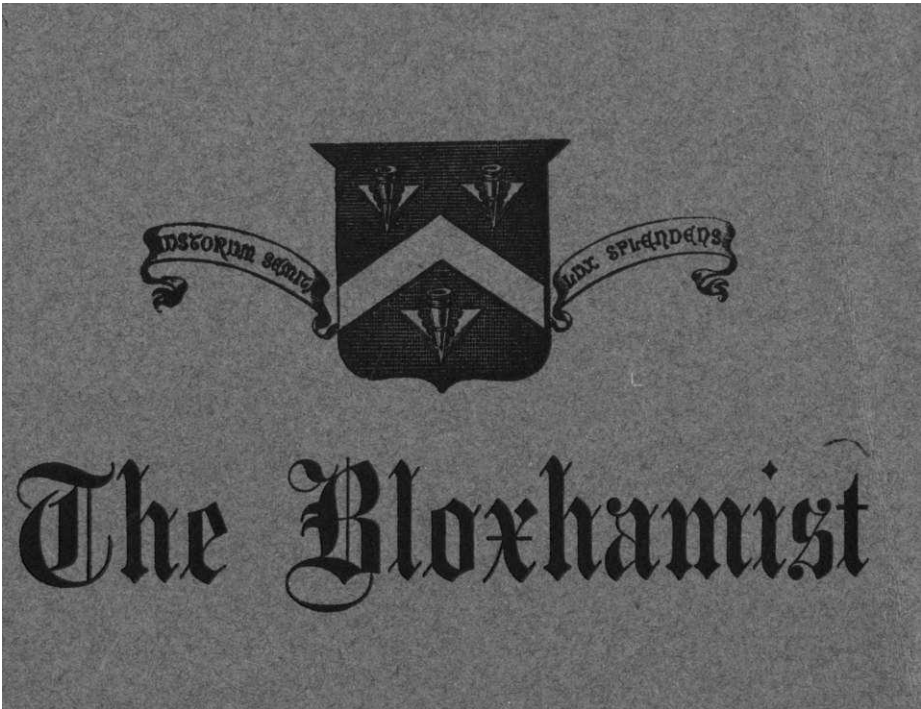
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EDITORIAL.

FOR the third time since we took possession of the editorial chair it falls to our lot to fulfil the duty of wishing each and all our readers a Happy Christmas. The great festival is fast approaching with its unvarying message of good will, which we trust will in some measure lighten the hearts of the multitudes of Christian folk who in these troublous days are all but overwhelmed with grief for their kith and kin, and also with anxiety for the greater issues at stake.

It has been said that '* comparisons are odious '—we believe that we have made use of this dictum before—but there are frequent occasions when one finds oneself drawing very vivid comparisons between other people. We have had frequent opportunities of noting how differently various people treat the harmless badinage which passes backwards and forwards among the members of a community like a school. There are some whom one would not dream of twitting, however familiar one might be with them, for fear of rousing their ire ; there are others who appear to relish all the chaff one can bring one's wits to hurl at them. And we are constrained to ask for an explanation of these varying qualities. So far we have discovered none, and the commonplace that human beings are constituted differently does not quite satisfy us. We give it up. But what would life be without the kind of badinage to which we have referred ? A sorry business, surely. It certainly is a good thing that among ourselves there are some who can afford amusement to the rest by their light banter ; it all helps to relieve the weariness of the more serious matters which are bound to occupy our attention in the course of performing the duties of our respective offices. There was, a few years ago, a class of men whose constant fund of wit and merriment seemed to be inexhaustible. We refer of course to the 'bus and cab drivers of London before the advent of the motor 'bus and taxi. The lot of those men was not an enviable one, and we feel sure that the witty remarks which we used to hear exchanged across the Strand or Oxford Street must have done a great deal to lighten the lives of those servants of the public as well as to afford amusement to

the public whom they served. Then there is that warm-hearted member of the Bar who has made it his business to collect and send sweaters to our sailors and soldiers. We feel certain that his appeals would have met with but scanty response if it were not for the delightfully humorous letters which he inserts now and again in the *Times*. Speaking for ourselves, we are bound to confess that we do not possess this quality to any startling degree. We say this partly to excuse ourselves for writing such a poor editorial, and partly to reassure our readers, who may possibly have begun to think that we were only working up to the launching of some great appeal to their already over-taxed generosity. We are conscious that we do a good deal in that direction from time to time, but without much, if any, banter, which we gladly leave to those who possess the right temperament for it.

Before we close we should like to express our appreciation of the remarks of admiration which our long-suffering readers have bestowed upon our new coat. We got it last March, and this is our fourth appearance in public. Everyone says how well we look in it; and now that we have reached the mature age of forty-two years we feel quite young again and ready to go ahead for many a year to come. But, good readers, do remember that we require food. The Old Bloxhamist Society assures us that it does not grudge the additional half-penny postage when we go forth to proclaim the worthy deeds of Bloxham and of Bloxham men to past generations of Bloxhamists scattered up and down the world.

SCHOOL NEWS.

PREFECTS. -J. S. Clark and S. T. Smith have been promoted to be Prefects.

THE REV. F. G. COPELAND, Vicar of Chudleigh Knighton, Devon, preached here on Sunday, October 22nd, on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

THE REV. A. C. BLAKER paid us another of his welcome visits on November 5th, and preached. The sermon, which was far too valuable to be easily forgotten, is reported on another page.

ON the same day Mr. Hind-Smith lectured in the Schoolroom on the work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes for destitute children. The lecture was illustrated by some excellent lantern slides, which much interested all who saw them; but Mr. Hind-Smith has a delightful way of interesting his hearers, even without the aid of a lantern.

ON Sunday, November 12th, Mr. Clifton Kelway, being on a visit for the week-end for the purpose of resting from his arduous labours in connection with the Church of England Men's Society and the National Mission, very kindly brought down a large number of slides illustrative of the West Indian Islands, which he showed us and explained. We would like to record our gratitude to him for this second proof of his goodwill towards us. His lectures are always most instructive and very ably delivered.

WE enjoyed yet another lecture on Monday, November 20th, this time from Mr. Kearton, the well-known naturalist. His photographs of animals and birds, taken under the most weird circumstances, are truly wonderful. One dreads to think of the amount of patience required to secure these pictures, and of the thrilling experiences through which he and his brother passed. There was a splendid picture of a lion, taken by flashlight after sitting in a tree for six nights in succession with no result; another of a chameleon perched on a twig with its tongue extended to its full length in the very act of securing a fly; another of a wood-pigeon with a blue-bottle fly sitting on its back; others of birds in their nests or feeding their young, and many others illustrating the unthought-of events in animal and bird life; even one of a trout actually taken under water. The marvels of nature were brought home to us in quite a new way, and the extraordinary results of photography were also revealed. Our one wish was to go over those pictures again and again, and we very much hope that it will not be long before Mr. Kearton comes again. We shall cheer him just as loudly if he repeats the same lecture and shows the same pictures.

GYMNASIUM.—The School has just been the recipient of a magnificent trophy, presented by E. H. Cain, Esq., in the form of a large shield, made of oxydised silver mounted on oak with fourteen small silver shields around it. The trophy is to be held by the winning house in an annual competition. Bloxhamists of the last seven years will always remember Mr. Cain's two sons, who have been so prominent in all branches of sport during this period, and we are very grateful to him for his gift, which will remind us continually of their prowess. Their name is a household word at Bloxham and, if we are not much mistaken, will not remain unknown in wider circles.

WATER-DIVINING.—On Friday, December 1st, there was an exposition of the art of finding water and minerals by means of a hazel stick, given by Mr. W. M. Willimott who, after explaining the art, proceeded to walk about parts of the cricket field and indicate the position of the wells, of which there are several on the premises. He also found pennies hidden in the grass or concealed in some way on the ground. Several boys in the School have since discovered that they possess the same power in some degree. In the west of England this art is known as "dowsing/'

O.B. NEWS.

J. T. READ (1896-1900), who is still working- in China, has passed the examination of the Institute of Civil Engineers and has been elected an Associate Member of that institute.

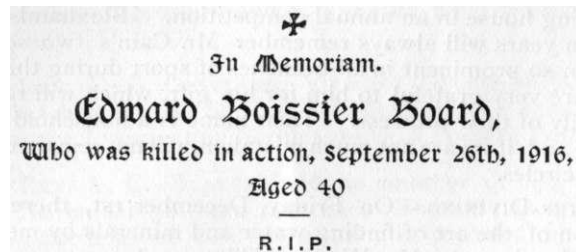
THE REV. W. A. PEMBERTON, M.A., who was a master at Bloxham from 1873 to 1876, has been appointed Vicar of Stow Bedon with Brecles, Norfolk, by the patrons, Sir Charles Harvey and Mr. A. W. Preston.

J. S. HUGHES (1910-15) has gained an Open Scholarship in Mathematics at New College, Oxford. We offer him hearty congratulations.

THE following have recently become members of the Old Bloxhamist Society :—D. G. Hambidge (1910-14), Rev. R. H. Tadman (1898-1901), B. E. Champion (1903-7), C. S. L. Coulson (1913-16), A. L. Stephens (1914-15), H. V. Lloyd (1911-16).

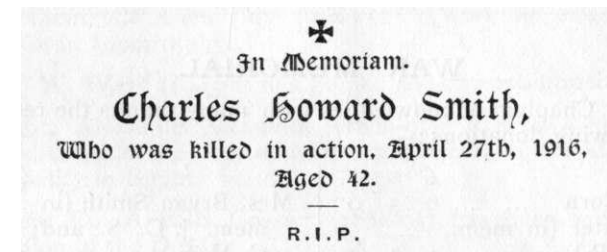
VISITORS.—Sept. 21 and 29, G. V. Jones (1900-6) ; Oct. 15th, N. Parsons (1911-15) ; Oct. 19th, G. H. Moore (1890-5) ; Oct. 22, T. G. Bowler (1906-11) ; Nov. 1st, D. Potter (1894-9), R. A. G. Ravenor (1911-16), H. C. Brooks (1912-14), J. T. Champion (1864-8), W. G. Rowland (1913-15) ; Nov. 2nd, L. W. H. Bowler (1906-9), Rev. R. H. Tadman (1898-1901) ; Nov. 4th, B. E. Champion (1903-7), F. A. Salmon (1895-92) ; Nov. 25th, C. S. L. Coulson (1913-16) ; Dec. 3rd, J. S. Hughes (1910-15) ; Dec. 9th, R. L. Harris (1911-14) ; Dec. 12th, A. C. Hall (1915-16).

OBITUARY.



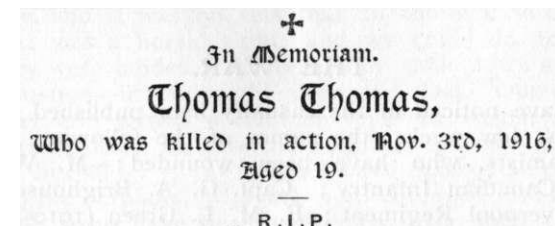
E. B. BOARD (1889-94) * * * leaving school entered the National Provincial Bank and was on their staff in Bath at the time of his enlistment. For some years he had been a member of the Artillery Volunteers in Bristol, and when he went to Bath joined the

Athletes' Volunteer Force. He was also a special constable. He enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers on March 24th, and after a period of training went to France on August 16th, where he was transferred to the 12th Middlesex Regiment. From the accounts sent to his wife, whom he married only last January, we gather that he was shot and killed instantly at the very outset of an attack which proved highly successful though very costly in officers and men.



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C. H. SMITH (1883-9) * * * half-brother to J. C. Smith, whose death at the front we recorded in our previous number. He was a trooper in the Worcestershire Yeomanry and took part in the fighting near the Suez Canal. Very little is known, but it is certain that he took part in the Katia fight and lost his life soon afterwards at Ogratina Ridge. Hopes were entertained for some time that he had been taken prisoner by the Turks and was with the British prisoners of war in Arabia, but a letter addressed to him at the camp was returned by the War Office marked "Killed." A letter written to him last Easter was found some months later on the scene of the action in which he fell. There «can be no doubt as to his death.



T. THOMAS (1908-9) enlisted in the ranks at the beginning of the war and later got a temporary commission in the 9th Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry. At the time of his death he was attached to the Machine-Gun Corps and had so well acquitted himself that his commanding officer had recommended him for a permanent commission. He was removed from Bloxham at an early age and sent to another school nearer home; but in spite of his short sojourn here he acquired a great affection for his first school and paid us visits from time to time, and also joined the Old Bloxhamist Society.

WAR MEMORIAL.

The Chaplain acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the following donations :—

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F. Kinch	0	10	0	E. B. B.)	1	1	0
J. W. Martin	0	10	0				

The total amount received up to date is £28 is. rod. In addition to the proposed processional cross the Chaplain hopes to make up an album containing photographs of all Old Bloxhamists who have fallen in the war. This will probably be of considerable interest to other Old Bloxhamists who visit the School from time to time.

THE WAR.

WE have noticed in the casualty lists published during the last few weeks, the names of the following Old Bloxhamists, who have been wounded :—M. W. Harris (1902-5), Canadian Infantry; Capt. G. A. Brighthouse (1890-7), King's Liverpool Regiment; E. M. L. Green (1910-13), South African Infantry; L. Walker (1900-6), Worcester Regiment; W. Walker (1895-1903), Worcester Regiment.

Second-Lieut. V. Mackreth [1911-14) is in hospital at Epsom, suffering from trench fever.

We were sorry to see the names of E. V. M. Orford (1908-10) and H. B. Rylands (1905-9) in recent casualty lists, both reported "wounded, believed killed." The former was seen walking back from the firing line wounded on October 23rd, since when nothing has been heard of him.

Lieut.-Col. H. A. R. May, C.B. (1872-9) has been placed in command of the Officers' School of Instruction at Tidworth, where Lieut. C. Allen (M. 1912-15) is working under him as instructor in topography.

W. W. Ward (1905-6) has gained a staff appointment.

Capt. Alexander Granville (1889-91), R.A.M.C., has been awarded the C.M.G.; he is now Director-General of the Alexandria Municipality in Egypt.

Lieut.-Col. A. R. B. Cossart (1889-95) has been appointed a companion of the D.S.O.

Second-Lieut. H. S. Bonnewell (1910-15) has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the Serbian Government.

We note the following promotions :—A. E. C. Deacon (1892-) to be 2nd-Lieut. Royal Sussex Regiment; C. T. Keble (1909-11) to be 2nd-Lieut. on probation in the Royal Flying Corps; M. B. Brown (1911-13) to be 2nd-Lieut. in the 9th London Regiment (Queen Victoria Rifles).

After our previous number had gone to press we received information that the Founder's grandson, Lieut. J. Hinde, was wounded on September 30th. We are glad to hear that he is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

H. S. Bonnewell writes under date November 12th :—"I have had several varied experiences, most of them being with the Serbians, for whom we have had a hard time. At——— there was an island straight opposite the quay, but about two miles away, and it was on this that all the sick Serbians were landed. It was a horrid sight, and we could do nothing for them; they were landed, and there they sank down and died of utter exhaustion—in one night alone 169 died. Our office was on the quay, and it was a common thing to see ten or a dozen bodies carried down on stretchers during the day to be taken across and buried. . . . When I have finished here I hope to go back to the Serbians, who are now equipped and fed by our own people, who have been with them ever since they came through Albania. It is an absolute fact that when the Serbs came over the mountains they cut off the hoofs of dead horses and

carried them under their arms and gnawed them for food. It was terrible. We heard by last mail that we have all been awarded a Serbian decoration, some getting the "White Eagle," some the "St. Sava," whilst I have got the Distinguished Service Medal; so of course, we are all very pleased. It gets very cold here at nights and so in these tents we need plenty of blankets. I hope everyone at Bloxham is quite well."

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

OUR Patronal Festival, shorn of Speeches and Prize-giving, tended to be more of a home festival than a visitors' day.

We hope, however, when the war is over, that it will develop into an Old Boys' Gathering, so that Past and Present may unite in common thanksgiving at such a time. There were present a few Old Bloxhamists, but only one of military age who, as a wounded hero, was able to join in the festivities of the day. The weather, which was cold, wet and miserable, did not prevent a certain number of parents from coming, though it certainly did keep away many who had hoped to be present. Lack of accommodation in the village was another deterrent. Some day we trust some philanthropic or business-like person will rent or build a school hostel, where our visitors can find accommodation. We feel sure that as a business proposition it would pay, and as an act of philanthropy it would confer a great boon on those who at present are deputed to make a fruitless search for lodgings. Still at the services and about the grounds were enough visitors to show that it was a day out of the common, and in the evening the locality supplied a really good audience for the entertainment.

The Choral Eucharist was at eleven o'clock, at which the Rev. J. E. Smith-Masters, the vicar of Christ Church, Banbury, gave a striking and instructive sermon. The preacher spoke of the communion of saints and of the state of the blessed departed. He pointed out the natural desire of many mourners at this time to know all that could be known of those who had gone before. He urged upon his listeners that life was continuous and progressive; that those in the continuation of life after what is termed death do pray, and that our prayers for them are both natural and efficacious.

After the service the visitors were entertained to luncheon in the dining-hall. The chief feature of the afternoon was a House match, fuller particulars of which are given elsewhere. It is sufficient here to state that it was a very even and exciting game. The ground looked like a quagmire, and the appearance of the players after five minutes did not belie the fact. Festal Evensong was sung at five o'clock, and after tea preparation was made for

welcoming more visitors. The Chaplain arranged the schoolroom, whilst the masters and prefects acted as stewards for a large number of guests.

The entertainment this year was on rather different lines from previous performances. Mr. Alfred Capper is well-known to many, but it was his first visit to Bloxham and, judging from the applause, it was an unqualified success. His tricks and his thought reading afforded great interest to all, whilst his various helpers from the audience helped materially to increase the merriment of the evening. Nor must we forget to thank Mr. Shaw for opening the entertainment with some pianoforte pieces which were listened to as always with intense pleasure, and which deservedly met with great applause. Refreshments were served to the visitors in hall at the conclusion of the entertainment.

Such a day as this, coming in the midst of term, calls for a great deal of additional labour from those upon whom rests the burden of entertaining. We are very grateful to all who contributed to the success of the day, and especially to those unseen workers whose efforts are so appreciated.

Letters or telegrams were received from the Rev. C. E. Burgess, Rev. R. A. E. Harris, C. A. M. Roberts, Mrs. Peacock, E. J. Tucker, R. H. Cobb (telegram), Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Ward, Capt. A. Child, R. L. Harris, C. J. J. Hicks, Rev. L. Riley, Mr. Blacker, Rev. G. H. Hand, J. T. Champion, J. S. Chatterton, Miss Mabel Tyler, L. B. Ostrehan, Rev. A. C. H. Ostrehan, Rev. S. Boulter, T. E. Jenner, Rev. F. S. Boissier, A. E. Fordham, A. C. Plummer, Rev. J. F. Turner, Rev. M. W. Holdom, C. A. and Mrs. Bernays, H. G. Browning, P. E. Read.

NOTES OF A SERMON

ON "VOCATION: GENERAL, AND WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE MISSION FIELD."

Bloxham School, Sunday, November 5th, 1916.

Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"—ACTS ix., 6.

I.

(1) A question that faces all who *think*.

What am I to be? What am I here for? What am I to make of my life? What is to be my quality, trade, or profession? What is to be my place in the world? "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

(2) A general answer may be found by coming to know your interests, tastes, gifts (just as your place in the cricket field is settled by what you can do there). What interests you? What do you like? What capacities have you? Every day every particle of you is developing, unfolding, growing towards its fullness. What are you, every day, fitting yourself for?

(3) At first there is only a dim idea; but gradually you find some one gift, taste, or interest is getting stronger and deeper. You feel that your whole being is "filling out," just as your body grows. You develop all manner of gifts, almost unconsciously; but, without neglecting others, you find that one of them is growing dominant, so you begin to think more closely, What am I to do? And then, as one out of many occupations claims you, you bend your mind to that—*e.g.*, electricity, engineering, music, painting, literature, Army, Navy, natural history, farming, law, medicine, chemistry, geology, the Priesthood, etc. You are drawn to one or other because there is affinity: because the special line requires the special gift which you have—in germ, at least.

So the first question rises. What do I like? And then the greater question, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Let the greater include the less; let your attraction run along the line of the call of God.

II.

We are always hearing it said, "So and so has quite a gift for such and such a job." That's true; he *has* a gift, it is given by God, "The Giver of all good gifts." The gift is to fit you for certain work. God does not give without purpose; He made you and endows you for some definite work. What work? The work is indicated by the gifts, and each gift, which is like a seed, must be developed and perfected, and above all, dedicated to God, Who gave it. Each one of you has a feeling, more or less defined, that you have "something" in you; some latent gift, power, capacity. You experience this continually. As you develop you move up in school, because your capacity is growing. You have demands made upon you, because the other fellows feel that you have "something" in you. Some post of honour and trust is given you, because the authorities see you to be honourable and trustworthy. Your nature, like your body, is developing. Find out, then, your special interests, tastes and gifts; train them; unfold them; hold them as from God; make them as good and full as you can, and use them for Him.

III.

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" So we begin to find an answer to the question—To what am I being called?

What is the purpose of my life? There is no need to ask which is the *highest* calling. To be a soldier is not a higher thing than to be a farmer. The very highest calling is simply this—to do the will of God; to do what God intends, and to do that with all the best powers of your being. God calls you to this or that line of life because He has given you certain qualities.

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" The answer lies then—

1st,—In the qualities which God has given you.

2nd,—In the circumstances and opportunities with which He surrounds you. Some of these help you directly; some of these may be difficulties, which will strengthen you as you overcome them. Many a general has "risen from the ranks."

3rd,—In the inward conviction and conscience which deepen by thought and grace. As your body, mind and spirit develop, a fuller response is made, and made more readily; so that which at first was faint, slight, and somewhat undefined, gradually becomes clearer, firmer, and more marked, and that line of life which seemed just a possibility at first, becomes, in time, a certain and positive call.

The *main point* to keep full before you is—

I am here to serve God, by doing His will, by His power, because He has called me. And this applies to each and all of the occupations of life. Many pictures and Church windows give us unworthy conceptions of saints.—nerveless, inane people. To be a real saint is not to have a halo round your head, but the will of God in your heart.

IV.

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Who amongst you is being called to the Priesthood? What is a Priest? Don't check your conception by thinking of "Father"—think further and higher. Try to realise a Priest *as he is in the mind and will of God*. Read the Ordination Service in your Prayer Book. There you will see much to help you to realise what a real Priest is in the mind and will of God.

Broadly there are three great functions of the Priesthood:—

- (1) Offering the sacrifice of the mass.
- (2) Reconciling sinners to God in the tribunal of penance.
- (3) Instructing the family of God.

Within these are included the building up of the faithful, watching, guiding, helping, warning, comforting, influencing all under the care of the ministry, as well as winning those who are outside. The three great titles,—*"Stewards of the Mysteries of Christ," "Ambassadors for Christ," "Ministers of Christ,"*—correspond with the three great functions.

Who here, then, has gifts from God for this noblest work, for the noblest purposes?

V.

If God has entrusted any one of you with the germ of priestly gifts, He is calling you to the priestly state. And then another question demands your thought. If I am called, where am I to serve, at home or abroad?

(1) *Home Service.*—In some uneventful quiet country place? In the stir of a town? In both, if a Priest is a true Priest according to the mind and will of God, the round of duties of infinite variety tax all the powers, tact, perseverance and patience that you are now gaining day by day. There must be a true knowledge—a personal, living, growing knowledge—of God, and a true knowledge of human nature; that power of insight and living sympathy which enables one man to be comrade to another. Every fibre of your physical, intellectual and spiritual being has its work. The demands on your sympathy, your time, your hope, your skill will be immense, if you are to be a Priest of God according to the mind and will of God.

(2) *Foreign Service.*—This has an extraordinary attraction to many. Apart from "the call of the wild," the sense of romance, there is that thrilling claim of chivalry for God, of winning heathen souls for Him, upholding the Cross, witnessing for Christ. Read *African Tidings* and other papers which tell of the work that men and women of God are doing for Him. Work done for years, done alone, done for no reward; alone, for years without a fellow white man to speak to. Courage in battle—being one among a thousand facing the enemy, attacking trenches, winning the Victoria Cross—it's splendid! But (and without lessening that splendour) is not there still more heroism in the solitary outposts of the Foreign Service of the Church of God? Does God think so highly of any of you that He is calling you to this work? Has He endowed you with fine qualities so that you may do this work for Him?

VI.

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Only hear the call of God, to do the Will of God, in the Power of God, to the Glory of God. Listen to His Voice. Consider your gifts, your circumstances, and follow your inner conviction.

I close with four thoughts, briefly stated, for you to expand.

(1) There may be in some of you a definite desire for the Priesthood, dating from childhood.

(2) Then later on some temptation may have come upon you to which you may have yielded. This disturbs you and leads you to mistrust your sincerity and fitness.

(3) If so, you may perhaps feel shy of asking even a trusted and loved friend and priest about your vocation to the sacred ministry.

(4) Let me urge you to break through this shyness and self-mistrust. Talk the whole thing over with him. Plunge in, as you would into the sea, and face the waves. Rely on the judgment of your friend and priest.

VII.

Your faces, as I look on them, are all different. Your characters and powers in no two cases are alike. I look on you, each one, with your life unfolding before you—as mine is passing—and I ask, Lord, what shall this boy do? Who knows but I may be looking into the eyes of another Lord Kitchener, or a Jellicoe, or one who will make some medical or chemical discovery that may do more than even Lister did. Before me there may be a future Bishop of Oxford, or the greatest statesman the world has ever known. Why not? They were schoolboys once.

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Keep before you the purpose of your life, its source, its direction, its power; the far-reaching, the infinitely varied and most glorious service of the King of Kings. Keep this before you, that He Himself, Whose Will you are pledged to do, may say when you see Him face to face, "Servant of God, well done!"

FOOTBALL.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. ABINGDON SCHOOL.

PLAYED at Bloxham on Wednesday, October nth. The forward line was re-arranged to allow Cain to play in the centre, but the change was not a success. The defence was weakened and quite unable to hold the Abingdon forwards. Cain got away early in the game and scored two good goals for us, but was too closely marked afterwards to have any success. The visitors' forwards gradually wore down the defence and scored seven times before the end. It was a disappointing game as, with few exceptions, our team put no life into their play. The backs were slow and weak in their kicking, consequently the halves were over-worked, while the forwards, who would not come back and help, were weak.

Team.—Goal, Martin; backs, Thomas L., Laker, A.; halves, Smith, Eve, Harman; forwards, Hall, McDonald, Cain, Christopher, Clark.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, OXFORD.

Played at Oxford on Saturday, October 21st. For the first twenty minutes the game was a good one, as the team played up well, but did not keep it up when Cain was slightly hurt and had to go back. The Magdalen centre-forward and centre-half were too good for our defence, and pressing almost continually they ran up a score of 12—0. The forwards again were very weak, not going for goal when they got the ball, and showing no combination. The halves played well, but the backs were overpowered. Martin stopped some good shots, but had no chance with most of those which scored. Laker was rather badly knocked out but pluckily resumed after a few minutes.

Team.—Goal, Martin; backs, Laker, A., Thomas, L.; halves, Smith, Cain, Harman; forwards, Hall, McDonald, Christopher, Clark, Eastwood, E.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY.

Played at Bloxham on Wednesday, October 25th. The visitors were a smaller team than ours and were handicapped by the wet state of the ground. We had matters pretty much our own way all through, though the Brackley forwards were dangerous on occasions, and their centre-half played a very plucky and energetic game. Our team showed much better form with the increased confidence. Cain at centre-forward was responsible for most of the goals and was well backed up by the rest of the forwards. The score reached 7—0 at the close of play.

Team.—Goal, Martin; backs, Thomas, L., Laker, A.; halves, Smith, Eve, and Harman; forwards, Hall, McDonald, Cain, Christopher, Clark.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. ABINGDON SCHOOL.

The return match was played at Abingdon on Wednesday, November 8th. The whole game was very evenly contested, but Bloxham held the advantage until within a few minutes of the finish, during which Abingdon managed to secure two or three goals. When the whistle was blown the score was five goals for both sides. Our team played very fairly well throughout, and there was little opportunity for relaxing the efforts demanded by our opponents in order to keep them outside our goal area. It was a pity that our backs were not somewhat more powerful, and on occasions more accurate in their kicking. The halves worked well, and the forward line would probably have been more suc-

cessful in scoring if their combination had been better; several good opportunities were missed by ill-judged passing.

Team.—C. G. Martin, goal; L. Thomas and A. Laker, backs; L. M. Bowden, F. M. Eve, S. T. Smith, halves; J. B. Hall G. F. M. McDonald, D. W. T. Cain, A. L. Christopher, J. S. Clark, forwards.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. ABINGDON SCHOOL.

SECOND XI.

Played at Bloxham, November 8th. The ground was very wet and muddy and prevented any very accurate football. Our forwards spoilt many chances of scoring by holding on to the ball too long, but eventually Chapman scored. The game was very even all through, but we managed to keep the lead and won 4—2. The team played fairly well on the whole. Webb was not very safe in goal; Harman and Littleboy did a lot of work at back, without kicking very well however. The halves were sound, especially Gee, and the great fault of the forwards, as mentioned before, was greediness and selfishness.

Team.—Goal, Webb; backs, Littleboy and Harman; halves, Phelps, Gee, Horden; forwards, Hobley, Chapman, Evans' Payne, Eastwood, E.

BLOXHAM V. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, OXFORD.

Played at Bloxham on Saturday, December 2nd. The weather was cold, but ideal for football, though the ground was rather heavy. The game was very fast and interesting, and our team made a very creditable show considering the age and weight of our opponents. The opening was sensational, as in the first minute our forwards got away, and Chapman, following up well, was enabled to score through a bad mistake by one of the visitors' backs. Soon afterwards the Magdalen forwards ran through and equalised. For the rest of the first half the game was very fast and exciting. Magdalen managed to put on two more goals, one from a corner and one from a scrum in front of goal. Play in the second half slackened off a bit and consisted mostly of raids against our goal. Our defence held out well and only allowed two more goals to be scored. Two of their goals were scored from corners, and both should have been saved if our team had tried to use their heads. The result, 5—1 against us, must be considered as fairly satisfactory, and at any rate an improvement on the score of 12—0 registered against us at Oxford. On this occasion the addition of one stronger dashing forward would have made all the difference, as our line was too small and weak to cope with the opposing halves and backs. As it was, everyone

played up well, though Bowden was weak, as he was playing in a strange position and was quite incapable of using his left foot. Our other weak spot was centre-half. Eve followed up the forwards too far, and when beaten for possession of the ball, would not try again, nor would he run back and help the backs. The wing halves and the backs were good, and Martin played his usual game in goal, giving the spectators many anxious moments and saving some good ones.

Team.—Goal, Martin ; backs, Cain and Thomas, L. ; halves, Smith, Eve and Harman ; forwards, Bowden, Chapman, Christopher, Evans and Clark.

HOUSE MATCH.

HEADMASTER'S HOUSE V. " WILBERFORCE " HOUSE.

Played November 15th. The Headmaster's House were expected to win, but they weakened their defence to improve the attack and very nearly paid the penalty. Cain, at centre-forward, was well marked by McDonald and L. Thomas and was not allowed any chance of getting through. The Wilberforce forwards played up very well and were the first to score, Chapman putting in an excellent shot after a weak display by the opposing backs. Soon afterwards Cain scored a very lucky goal, which bounced in off Martin's knee. The Wilberforce scored again soon, and at half-time led 2—1. Then Headmaster's House managed to get level with another lucky goal, which went through off one of the defending side, and which should have been cleared. The game was very even and fast for the next twenty minutes, but shortly before time Cain got through and scored a good goal. On the run of the play, the Wilberforce team certainly ought not to have lost, and their very creditable display was due chiefly to McDonald, Thomas, L., Harman and Martin. On the other side the halves had most of the work to do and managed it successfully, while the forwards, with the exception of Cain, were very weak.

Teams.—Headmaster's House—Goal, Moojen ; backs, Watkins L., Watkins, R. ; halves, Smith, Eve, Arkell ; forwards, Butler, E., Hall, Cain, Eastwood, E., King.

"Wilberforce" House—Goal, Martin ; backs, Thomas, L., Harman ; halves, Phelps, Macdonald, Pratt ; forwards, Day, Chapman, Payne, Lewis, Parsons, J.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

The season has been fairly satisfactory when not judged too closely by results. The team suffered two defeats early in the season before they had settled down, but improved somewhat afterwards. We lost badly to Abingdon at home (2—7), and Magdalen College School, Oxford, away (12—0), but managed to beat Brackley both at home and away. Playing at Abingdon later in the season, we managed to draw (5—5), so there was some hope of a permanent improvement. The last match against Magdalen College School, Oxford, remains to be played, so one cannot say yet whether one's optimism is justified. The heavy scoring in all the matches which we lost points to a decided weakness in the defence, but one is almost inclined to put the blame on the forwards. It should be remembered that the best means of defence is a strong attack, and our forward line has not justified itself. It is the same old weakness that has been so often mentioned. They will not go ahead with the ball when they get it and make for goal. They run backwards and forwards in the middle of the field, and will not even part with the ball to another forward who is unmarked. It is easy enough to keep out a forward, however good, if he will not part with the ball, a fact which was proved in the last House match. The halves have been the most promising part of the team so far, but their weakness lies in not getting rid of the ball to advantage, and hanging back hampering the full backs. The backs have been slow and clumsy. They have no idea of manipulating a ball when facing their own goal, and are quite unable to take a "screw kick." Laker has played well on occasions, and is the only member of the team with pluck enough to try and use his head with the exception of Cain and Smith. Martin has played in goal in all matches, and has improved considerably, but is not always safe. He must learn always to pick the ball up, as it is so dangerous to take "fly" kicks. Cain has been invaluable wherever he has played on the field, but he, too, is inclined to keep hold of the ball too long and prevent the other members of the team learning to combine.

The 2nd XI. has done much better in matches than they promised to do in practice games. They all have the same faults as the members of the 1st XI, and in many cases these faults are accentuated. Phelps and Chapman have usually tried hard and set an example to the others. Evans has also done well, but seems quite unable to get rid of the ball when he gets it.

The whole secret of the team's weakness and failures is the same as in the case of the cricket, namely lack of interest and lack of energy. No one will ever be any good who does not put his whole heart into the game and play just as hard every day, whether it is a match or practice game. Members of the School

can play a keen hard game, as they showed in the House matches ; but why do so in games which are of not the slightest importance to anyone, and fail to try in games and School matches ? House matches are of no importance to the School whatever, and unless a broader outlook is taken the whole spirit of the game will be lost.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

Cain, D. IV. T. (Capt.)—Has played back, half and forward this term, and been equally good in each position. Has made a good captain, though inclined to be selfish on the field.

Wright, IV. R.—Has unfortunately been kept out of all matches through injury. Would have been a useful and energetic half.

McDonald, G. F. M.—Has played some excellent games at outside right, and is almost the keenest member of the team. He dribbles and shoots well, but is inclined to be too greedy.

Smith, S. T.—A very useful and hard-working half. Uses his head well and is always in his place.

Martin, C. G.—Has improved as a goal keeper, but must use his hands more and gather the ball more cleanly.

Thomas, H. Z.—A strong kick with his right foot, but cannot use his left or kick sideways. Is very slow.

Laker, A.—A very energetic player, and uses his head well ; is not a very strong kick with either foot.

Christopher, A. L.—Tries hard as a forward, and is improving ; cannot shoot very well or use his right foot.

Clark, J. S.—A fast outside left who has improved, does not centre hard enough.

Hall, J. B.—Has good control over the ball and centres well ; is rather small and light, but is improving.

Eve, F. M.—A moderate centre-half, tackles fairly well, but is slow at recovering and cannot pass to his forwards.

Bowden, L. M.—Played right-half in some matches. Is fairly fast and energetic, but has no control over the ball.

Harman, C.J.—Has played right-half and shown considerable promise. He tackles well and passes to his forwards, but is inclined to leave his outside man.

O.T.C. NOTES.

OUR work this term has consisted almost entirely of close-order work. With the large number of recruits in the ranks, that was inevitable, though it may have seemed uninteresting to some. It is well known that close-order work properly done is the backbone of military training and discipline, and so must form by far the larger part of a cadet's curriculum. At present, perhaps, the value of turning out with clean buttons and boots and standing still when on parade and attending to orders is not realised, but it will be later on, and the need for it once a week should not be a strain even on the slackest cadet. A corps that turns out smartly with clean equipment and can stand still when required, has learnt the greater part of the meaning of discipline. Other work, such as open-order work and musketry, cannot be learnt properly without discipline, and so the routine of close-order work must be gone through.

OUR Sergeant-Instructor has been invaluable in his work on Tuesdays and Fridays, and a marked improvement has been shown already this term. With one or two exceptions, who are yielding to treatment, cadets are much steadier in the ranks, and are beginning to hold themselves up and show a proper pride in the fact that they are soldiers.

THE Band shows great keenness and the standard is being maintained. Of the signalling it is impossible to speak yet, as these notes have to go to the press so early, but all the squads will be inspected and rearranged at the end of term.

SCOUT NOTES.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP.

Badges Gained.

First Class.—Patrol-Leaders Coombes, Gowing ; Second Taylor.

Second Class—Scouts Gray G., Brown A., Plumbly.

Tenderfoot.—Scouts Gray G., Brown S., Parsons J., Parsons M., Plumbly, Sutton, Tranchell, Rogers, Harrison, Jones.

PROMOTIONS.—The Rev. H. R. Willimott to be Chaplain ; Scoutmaster J. H. Stembridge to be District Scoutmaster, vice Captain Braggins, resigned.

WE wish to extend a welcome to the Chaplain, who has kindly consented to act as Chaplain of the Scout Troop. He has helped us in many ways in the past, and we are very glad to have him as one of our officers.

AN ENROLMENT SERVICE was held at the beginning of the term, when those scouts who had qualified as Tenderfoots were admitted to membership of the troop. Another service is to be held later in the term.

OUR out-of-door scout work has been somewhat hindered owing to the bad weather and to the number of boys who have been "confined to buildings." We have, however, progressed fairly well. The special classes held every day at 12.30 have proved most useful and most of the members of the troop have passed their Tenderfoot and Second Class. Every scout should, however, remember that he cannot regard himself as efficient until he has passed his First-Class tests.

A FUND has been started in order to enable the scouts to subscribe to the John Cornwell, V.C., Memorial Fund. It at present amounts to about five shillings. This sum is made up of pennies given out of the weekly pocket money. Cornwell sets us an example which every one of us should try and copy. The facts concerning him are so well known that it is needless to repeat them here, but it is fitting that his memory should be perpetuated in some way, and this fund enables every scout to pay some small tribute to his memory.

THE Half-Term Inter-Patrol Competitions were held on November 27th. They were postponed from the actual half-term owing to the number of boys in the sick-room at that time. The following is a list of the marks gained by each Patrol :—

Patrol.	Signalling.	Tent Ptchg.	Trk.Ct.Drill.	Fire Lighting.	Total.	Positioi
Tiger.....	25	25	25		100	1
Elephant	15	15	10	0	40	2
Fox.....	0	5	15	>5	35	3
Bear.....	0	15	5	0	20	4

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