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EDITORIAL.

WE are fully aware of the fact that this number of the **THE BLOXHAMIST** is very late in making its appearance, and, indeed, that circumstances may even now prevent its being delivered to our readers before the Easter holidays begin. We could, if called upon to do so, plead a variety of reasons for being so late—chiefly the old one of lack of sufficient material.

The exceptionally severe winter has been felt here as elsewhere; anyone who has acquaintance with Bloxham will easily appreciate our sufferings from the cold of the past few weeks. We are glad to say that there has been no case of serious illness as the result of it. However, the hard frost gave us the pleasure of indulging in some excellent skating on the flooded meadows near the Sor Brook. If we remember rightly, we have had no skating here since the early weeks of Lent Term, **1912**, and judging from the large number of novices, only a very few of our number have ever had the opportunity of learning to skate.

Since the breaking up of the ice, outdoor amusements and occupations have been rarely possible; snow and rain have been abundant, and our fields, always liable to be swampy at this time of year, have been reduced to quagmires. However, matters are improving and we hope the ground will have dried sufficiently to enable us to hold the sports on Easter Monday.

The mention of Easter reminds us of the peculiarities connected with the reckoning of times and seasons in the kalendar. The subject of the kalendar is one which we are in the habit of leaving in the hands of a few experts whose business it is to make a special study of the matter. Very few people, we imagine, pay much attention to the calculations by which the date of the great Christian festival is governed. Probably a good number know that Easter is always the Sunday after the full moon which occurs after the vernal equinox, i.e. March **21st**, but how to find out the

date of Easter in any given year is beyond their knowledge. It is an interesting study. We will pursue the subject further. Our readers are, of course, aware that this year Easter falls on April **8th** because the moon is at the full on April **7th**. But how many have noticed that, when Easter occurs on April **8th**, Passion Sunday coincides with Lady-Day on March **25th**? Such is the case this year, and the last time of this coincidence was the year **1860**, the next will be the year **1928**, and after that it will not occur again within the life-time of any human being now alive, unless he survives to an age far beyond the ordinary limit of human life. Since the year **1500** this coincidence has now occurred sixteen times, and one might add that during the same period Easter-Day has fallen on the earliest possible day, which is March **22nd**, only three times. With these few remarks we leave the subject to those who may be sufficiently interested to carry out further research.

We feel it to be our duty to draw attention to another matter which certainly is of interest to everyone. We have all heard or read a good deal about the food question, which is a matter of no small concern to that department of the Government which has been formed to control the supplies of the country. We are sufficiently optimistic not to fear the occurrence of anything approaching a famine, but we must not neglect the voice of warning to the effect that we must all practise economy and self-restraint in the consumption of food-stuffs. We have heard of, and some of us have also seen, a certain amount of selfish indulgence, which is utterly incompatible with present conditions. The nation as a whole has a very stern lesson to learn in this respect. There exists a large number of people who have been accustomed to enjoy plenty, and now kick against having to curtail their provisions of food. They have too long ignored the fact that there were many in pre-war times who subsisted on the barest necessities, and it is good for them to have that fact brought forcibly home to them. It would be better still if the lesson were learnt in the spirit of self-sacrifice and voluntary co-operation. Of course, no one would be pleased, and no one wants to have an institution like a school tuck-shop suspended from, or even restricted in, its daily operations, but if the national welfare demands such suspension or restriction, we must be willing to make the sacrifice and not grumble. Probably we should be reconciled to it in a week, and the very existence of such a place would be almost forgotten in a month. It is really not so difficult to get accustomed to changed conditions as most of us suppose, and many would discover to their advantage how little food is really necessary for their support in health and strength. We are inclined to believe that bodily ailments, mental incapacity and moral failure are due more to over-feeding than to under-feeding. But perhaps our readers may think differently.

SCHOOL NEWS.

VALETE.—The following left at Christmas : D. W. T. Cain, Head's House, Form VI., Senior Prefect, Captain of Cricket, Football, Hockey, Running, Swimming, Gymnasium and Fives ; Platoon Sergeant in **O.T.C.** ; Captain of Head's House. H. C. Snape, Crake House, Form VI. ; B. L. Phelps, Wilberforce House, Form V. ; E. W. Powell, Crake House, Form V., Senior Gymnasium Colours ; K. W. Harwood, Form IV., ; G. F. M. McDonald, Wilberforce House, Form III., 1st XI. Football Colours, Senior Gymnasium Colours ; A. C. Brown, Preparatory Department, Form II. ; S. Brown, Preparatory Department, Form I.

SALVETE.—The following new boys came in January :—Form V., C. T. Foster, A. Franks ; Form IV., E. C. G. Chapman, A. H. Collyer, T. A. Good, C. J. Taylor, H. J. S. Walkley ; Form III., A. F. Headland, A. R. Holness. G. Watson, L. B. West, J. H. Wroughton ; Form II., G. J. Mead, R. E. Read, S. Watson, W. E. Wroughton ; Form I., Benjafield.

F. M. **EVE** has succeeded D. W. T. Cain as Senior Prefect.

W. R. **WRIGHT** is Captain of Hockey ; C. G. Martin Captain of Fives ; H. L. Thomas Captain of the Gymnasium ; and J. S. Clark Captain of Running.

A. E. **LEWIS** has gained his colours for Fives.

ON Monday, February **26th**, the Rev. J. R. Runnells Moss gave a unique Reading or Recitation of Charles Dickens' "David Copperfield." The entertainment was unique inasmuch as Mr. Runnells Moss never used a book. Except for a brief interval the speaker for two hours recited the chief passages of the book, distinguishing each character by a change of voice and gesture. The main features of the story were preserved and the whole was well connected. We could have wished for a little more of Mr. Micawber and Uriah Heap. The loss of David's adventures with the hungry waiter at the inn was a disappointment. But these were small defects against the manifest merits of the entertainment. To all old lovers of Dickens he made the well-known characters live again, and he certainly by his efforts disposed of any ideas that Dickens was too old-fashioned and dull to merit attention. It was a novel entertainment and was much appreciated.

CONFIRMATION.—The Lord Bishop of Oxford visited the School on Wednesday, March **21st**, and administered the sacrament of Confirmation to a larger number of candidates than there has been for many years. We were pleased to see so many

parents and friends of the candidates present in spite of the difficulties of travelling in these days. The Bishop, whose words can never fail to claim attention, spoke of the need of service and of perseverance in service. The following were confirmed:—C. T. Foster, G. S. Pratt, E. Read, M. F. H. Webb, C. W. Arkell, C. L. Burne, V. J. Campbell, C. G. Gowing, J. B. Hall, W. A. Hamblett, W. V. Ruston, P. B. Smithett, C. J. Taylor, R. H. H. Thomas, T. H. L. Brown, J. H. Butler, C. H. Bowler, G. P. Cooper, D. K. Evans, A. R. Holness, T. A. King, J. H. Salmon, C. R. Viner, F. V. Wickham, E. E. P. B. Williams. E. F. Wykeham-Martin, C. Agar, B. M. R. Gale, D. F. Gray, J. W. Hiatt, E. V. Laker, C. G. Plumbly, W. E. Wroughton, H. V. Pitt-Kethley.

O.B. NEWS.

O.B. **SOCIETY.**—The following have joined the Society:—M. L. Tew (Master **1901-3**) and H. C. Snape (**1912-16**).

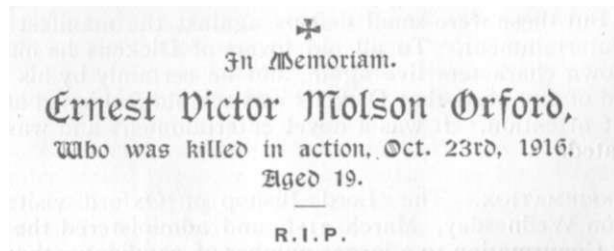
MARRIAGE.—On December **30th, 1916**, at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Reginald George Macintyre (**igo2-8**) to Edith Marjorie, daughter of Colonel A. C. Kayle, of Elmfield Road, Gosforth.

VISITORS—C. R. Cook (**1910-12**), D. C. Johnstone (**1906-7**) and the Rev. M. A. O. Mayne (**1902-7**) have paid brief visits to the School this term.

E. L. **HARGREAVES (1909-12)** has gained a scholarship at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, from St. Paul's School.

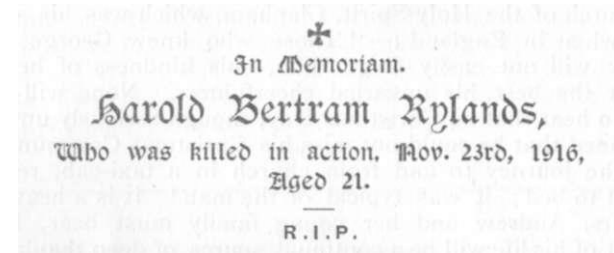
J. W. **MAYOU (1909-14)** has passed the entrance examination for the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

OBITUARY.

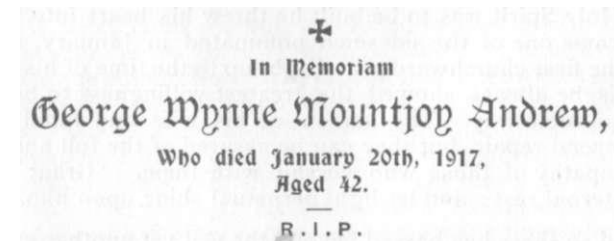


E. V. M. **ORFORD (1908-10)** was known at Bloxham as a little boy, for circumstances necessitated his removal to another school at an early age, although we were very unwilling to part with him. He showed promise of developing into a man of fine character and of no inconsiderable ability. His affection for his first school never ceased. He obtained a commission in the Essex Regiment, and went out to France early in July, **1916**. As we recorded in our last number, he was seen walking back from the firing line apparently wounded, and disappeared. There can be no doubt that he was hit by a shell.

After a serious illness about four years ago, when there seemed no hope of his life being saved to this world, he definitely made up his mind to enter the Priesthood, and with that object in view he matriculated at Leeds University and was entered as a student in the Theological College of the Community of the Resurrection.



There is no doubt that H. B. **RYLANDS (1905-9)**, who was at first reported missing, was actually killed on the date given above. He was the younger brother of R. V. Rylands (**1902-6**), who was killed in Gallipoli on May **29, 1915**. On leaving Bloxham he went to Lancing, and later was studying for the legal profession until the war began, when he obtained a commission in the Lancashire Fusiliers.

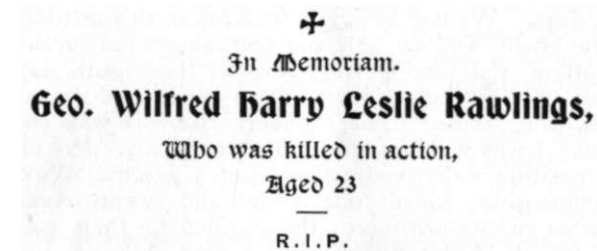


G. W. M. ANDREW (1885-9), after leaving Bloxham continued his education in France and Germany for four years. On his return to England he obtained an appointment in the foreign department of a London house of business. Subsequently he became their foreign correspondent and travelled for his firm all over the Continent for a period of nearly twenty years. His linguistic abilities and intimate knowledge of the localities where the war is now raging procured for him a post in the War Office. About two years ago he was appointed representative of two large English firms at Paris, and his success has been almost phenomenal. He worked very hard right up to the time when he was stricken with the serious illness which eventually proved fatal. Apart from his great business capacity he gained the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was elected a member of the Imperial Club in Paris, where his vivacity and genial disposition made him very popular. He never lost his love of sport and took part in the athletic organisations of the British Club in Paris. We quote the following paragraph from the Parish Magazine of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham, which was his spiritual home when in England :—" Those who knew George Wynne Andrew will not easily forget him,—his kindness of heart, his zeal for the best, his unvaried cheerfulness. None will be surprised to hear that on Christmas Day, though seriously unwell, he determined that he could not miss his Christmas Communion and made the journey to and from church in a taxi-cab, returning straight to bed ; it was typical of the man ! It is a heavy cross that Mrs. Andrew and her young family must bear, but the thought of his life will be a continual source of deep thankfulness. The news that George Wynne Andrew passed to his rest in Paris on Saturday, January 20th, came very suddenly to his friends here ; for few, if any, were aware that his health was failing. Born in Clapham on July 28th, 1874, he was educated at Bloxham. One who attracted many friends, devoted to his home, in the old days a keen Volunteer, endowed with the energy and ability necessary for a successful business career, together with a good knowledge of languages, he seemed latterly as the Paris representative of a big firm to have found just the work suited to him. At Bloxham he learned to love his Church, and when our Church of the Holy Spirit was to be built he threw his heart into the idea and became one of the sidesmen nominated in January, 1913, to assist the first churchwardens. Right up to the time of his leaving for Paris he always showed the greatest willingness to be of use in any possible way. The sorrow of his wife and family would seem beyond repair, but they can be assured of the full and heartfelt sympathy of those who worship with them. 'Grant him, O Lord, eternal rest : and let light perpetual shine upon him.'"

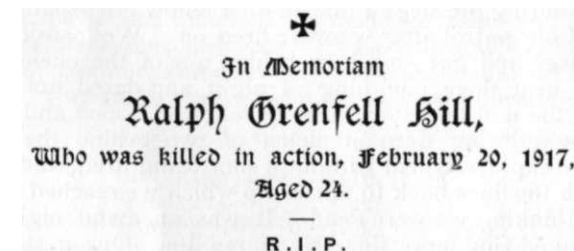
And so there has passed beyond the veil yet another exponent of "*Semita justorum lux splendens*"; and there we know that he

will not forget the School he loved, and we hope the School will not forget him in his state of progress towards the perfect day.

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G. W. H. L. RAWLINGS (1906-10) was the son of an Old Bloxhamist (H. G. Rawlings, 1880-3). He was commissioned in the Hampshire Regiment, and at the time of his death had reached the rank of Captain. He lost his life in Mesopotamia, but up to the time of writing we have received no particulars as to date and place. We hope to be able to give these later.



R. G. HILL (1904-9), who was killed in East Africa, had been for some years in the British South African Police, in which force he gained the admiration and respect of his comrades and popularity from the colonists and natives of his district. Those who remember him as a boy at School will agree that he deserved both if he maintained the character which distinguished him in those earlier years of his life, and there is every reason to believe that he did so. He received his commission as Lieutenant in the King's African Rifles on the field of battle some time ago, and was recommended to receive distinction for his bravery and services.

We have received a letter which he wrote to his mother last November, parts of it are reproduced here :—" I am sorry I have not written before, but the Germans have kept us very busily engaged. They suddenly swarmed down upon us and completely invested our little column at——, cutting us off from the outer world for eight days. We had to live in trenches in this terrible country—the heat awful and we only **500** feet above sea level. It was rather rotten, and food getting low on the eighth day. We decided to move out before dawn in two parties and try to disperse the Huns, who seemed to be on every rise. It was completely successful. I was with forty men of A company. We charged a German position with fixed bayonets at **5.30** a.m. We captured two machine-guns, killed four whites and twenty Askaris and took another twenty prisoners ; the rest fled for their lives. The position was held by fifteen whites, **150** Askaris, and three machine-guns, and we were **44**! I however lost my greatest friend and fellow-scout Judson. He was the best and bravest man I knew, and we were always together. The poor fellow died two minutes after he was hit, as I was trying to bandage him in a rifle-pit. It will take me a long time to get over this, as we were such close friends and understood each other so well. As for the rest of the battle, it was equally successful ; the Germans fled in all directions, their known casualties being **200**, which is good, considering how small our columns are out here. We also captured one field-gun and four maxims. This should make——

stir himself a bit ; the ——Force is very slow. Out scouting one night during the siege I and another fellow got separated from the rest of our patrol after we were fired on. We lost our way in the darkness and got somehow behind one of the enemy's lines. We could hear them coughing all night and dared not move an inch. As the morning star arose we followed it east and at about **4** a.m. met a dozing German picket of two behind the German lines. We captured them without a shot being fired, and they led us through the lines back to our camp which we reached at dawn, everyone thinking we were dead. It was an awful night, and I never thanked God more sincerely in my life. Our getting those two pickets was purely providential and saved our lives ; we could never have got back else. Of course the O. C. was very pleased, as we got first information from our prisoners about the investing force. This war is going to last a long time ; the country is too big, and the Germans mean to stick it out. My colonel has recommended me for a commission in the King's African Rifles, after the campaign here. I do not know whether to accept it or not, because (1) the commission is probably only for three years ; (2) German East Africa is only healthy in spots, though not bad on the whole ; (3) I am very fond of Rhodesia and the B.S.A.P. However most people advise me to take it, and at present I have not time to think it over properly."

WAR MEMORIAL.

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

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
J. H. Stembridge ...	0	2	6	C. Allen.	1	1	0
E. F. Wykeham-Martin	0	4	0	Mrs. Wainman (in mem. P. S. G. W.)	4	4	0
D. S. C.	0	10	0	Col. T. B. Beach ...	1	1	0
Rev. A. H. Barrow (in mem. L.A.H.B.) ...	0	10	0	W. E. McKenzie Hill	0	10	0
Mrs. Cowan (in mem. A.W.R.C.).	1	1	0	Mrs. P. Wainman	0	10	0
				J. D. Lound.	0	5	0

The donations now amount to **^38** os. **4d.**, nearly half the cost of the proposed processional cross. There are probably very many friends of the School and of the Old Bloxhamists who have given their lives in the war who have not yet sent their intended donations, and we hope they will do so in the near future. There does not seem to be any necessity for the postponing of the memorial until the war is over. If, when the cross is finished and paid for, we find that we have more money than is required for this purpose, some other scheme could be formulated for spending the balance. Instead of collecting the photographs of our heroes and putting them into an album, as was suggested in our last number, it has been decided to put them into frames and place them where they can always be seen. The first set of photographs, eighteen in number, have been mounted in one large frame and will be in position before Easter probably. There are now forty names on our Roll of Honour, and doubtless there are some Old Bloxhamists killed of whose death we have received no information.

ORGAN FUND.

WE announced some time ago the opening of a fund with a view to the renovation of the Chapel Organ when that work becomes really necessary. A recent mishap warns us that the work may have to be undertaken at an earlier date than we expected. We hope, however, that such will not be the case; for up to the present we have received only **^14 16s.** lod. The need of funds for this purpose must not be allowed to drop into oblivion ; so we mention it again.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

AN entertainment was held on the last evening of the Christmas term. The first part consisted of a concert arranged by Mr. Golding. Mr. Shaw opened the proceedings with a pianoforte

solo, which he played in his usual inimitable style. Other notable features of the first part were songs by the Headmaster and the Chaplain. These were greatly appreciated.

The second part of the programme consisted of a play which was stage-managed by Mr. Stembridge. It was entitled "Too Clever by Half." The first act took place in Sir Giles's study at Chittlehampton House. A forged five-pound note has been circulated in the village and the Squire gives it to Tipstaff, the village constable, in order that he may find out the guilty party. The latter seeks the aid of Howard Foster, a detective from London. Foster is staying at the village inn, as he has fallen in love with Miss Burgess-Hill. The latter is housekeeper to Sir Giles. She, however, wishes to marry the Squire and believes that he returns her affection. Foster is extremely bashful and enlists the aid of Sir Giles and Tipstaff in order to forward his suit. This leads to endless complications. Foster is led to believe that Miss Burgess-Hill will marry him and the latter thinks that Sir Giles intends to make her his wife.

Foster and Tipstaff arrest three musicians who have come down to play at a garden party given by Sir Giles to his neighbours. They prove their innocence and the forged note is ultimately traced to Foster. It has been given him by Scotland Yard to investigate. He has paid it to his landlady, Mrs. Wordy, and she in her turn has paid it to Sir Giles for her rent. Both Foster and Monsieur Denarius, the leader of the band, claim Miss Burgess-Hill as their bride. They discover that they are mistaken, and as Sir Giles does not wish to marry the lady, she decides to remain with him as his housekeeper. Foster is unable to pay Mrs. Wordy his rent so he is arrested by Tipstaff, and learns the result of being "Too Clever by Half."

Mr. Shaw as Sir Giles and Mr. Alexander as Howard Foster both played their parts with much skill. Mr. Stembridge was very good as Miss Burgess-Hill. Cain, who took the part of Tipstaff, kept the audience in fits of laughter. Eve in the part of Monsieur Denarius, and his two assistant musicians Clarke and Bowden (A Flat and B Sharp) were all good. Martin was a typical gardener and Smith an amusing page-boy. Mrs. Wordy, as played by Littleboy, was a most realistic landlady.

At the conclusion of the performance presentations were made to Cain by Eve on behalf of the Head's House, and Martin on that of the School. The Headmaster in the course of his speech said how much everyone felt Cain's departure, and on behalf of the School wished him every success in the future. He then called for three cheers, which were given with great gusto.

THE SHROVE-TIDE ENTERTAINMENT.

Pancakes, a paper-chase and an entertainment are the secular associations with Shrove Tuesday. The war economy of 1917 disposed of the first, the weather disarranged the second, but the entertainment survived. Perhaps its uniqueness in this respect gave it additional brightness, for it was certainly a great success. Mr. Golding and Mr. Stembridge are to be congratulated on the results of their labours. One item we missed through Mr. Shaw's absence. His pianoforte pieces have always been such an outstanding feature of our concerts that their absence was a real disappointment. The stage and its appurtenances were really well done, and the numerous scene-shifters had every reason to be proud of themselves.

The entertainment was divided into two parts. The first was a concert and the second that time-honoured farce "Freezing a Mother-in-Law." The first part had an unusual character for a concert. Songs were scarce and recitations seemed numerous. Except for the Headmaster and the Chaplain, who scored a great success with "Bobbie had a Banjo," the School did not produce a single singer. We should have liked to have heard some part-songs, glees, or some such singing as we had last Speech Day, if individual voices or nerves failed to rise to the occasion. The recitations were humorous and bravely attempted; but the violin duets and the solo deserve great praise, and we trust that they will long be a feature of our concert programme; indeed it may not be too much to hope that here we have the beginnings of a School orchestra.

The farce was entirely successful. Great praise is due to the "make-up." The face, or shall we say the hair, of the junior lead will be a lasting laughable memory to all who saw it. Mr. Stembridge gave a finished portraiture of the unhappy husband. The wail in his voice, the depression of his back, the drag of his shuffling feet, were all excellent. He was well supported by Harman who presented an awe-inspiring figure as the domineering, ill-used wife. Looking at her and hearing her, we could well imagine any husband's subjection and any husband's attempt to free himself from such a nightmare. We congratulate Harman on his *debut*. Eve, as a much-moustached adventurer, made his small part a success. His casual air contrasted well with the fussiness of Mr. Stembridge. There is little to be said about the lovers, except that they were lovers. The heroine was graceful in a well-fitting beautifully-designed blue dress, whilst the hero's fashion of hairdressing gave a distinct impetus to the efforts of certain members of the fifth and fourth forms. The whole farce was most enjoyable, and shows that the dramatic talent in the School may aim with safety at more superior plays.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

National Anthem.

1. Nocturne in F for ViolinsSaunderson and Shorland
2. Song—" Jack's the Boy ".....The Headmaster
3. Recitation.....L. Watkins
4. Song—"Go to Sea".....The Chaplain
5. Ocarino Solo.....Saunderson
6. Violin Solo—" Chanson de Bexeau " Holtom
7. Song—" Tommy Atkins ".....The Headmaster
8. Recitation.....Moojen
9. Song—" Bobbie's Banjo".....The Chaplain
10. Flageolet Solo.....Saunderson
11. Bourse lor ViolinsSaunderson and Shorland

PART II.

"FREEZING A MOTHER-IN-LAW."

Dramatis Personae.

Mr. Watmuff (attached to the past).....Mr. J. H. Stembridge
 Ferdinand Swift (his nephew).....Eve
 Walter Litherland (attached to Emily).....Christopher
 Mrs. Watmuff (attached to the memory of her parents).....Harman
 Emily (her daughter).....Littleboy

Stage Manager.. .Mr. J. H. Stembridge.

FIVES TOURNAMENT.

A tournament, for which there was a large number of entries, has been held this term, resulting in the final victory of A. E. Lewis.

In the Preliminary Rounds :—

<i>a</i> Hall beat Gowing	<i>b</i> Tilbury beat Allnutt
<i>c</i> Harman beat Cooper	<i>d</i> Lewis beat Smith
<i>e</i> Payne beat Kidman	<i>f</i> Day beat Watson, G.
<i>g</i> Bowden beat Bertram	<i>h</i> Burne beat Da Fonseca

First Round :—

<i>a</i> Hall beat Martin	<i>b</i> Tilbury beat Watkins, R.
<i>c</i> Littleboy beat Harman	<i>d</i> Lewis beat Thomas, L.
<i>e</i> Eastwood, E., beat Payne	<i>f</i> Clark beat Day
<i>g</i> Bowden beat Chapman	<i>h</i> Wright beat Burne

Second Round :—

<i>a</i> Hall beat Tilbury	<i>b</i> Lewis beat Littleboy
<i>c</i> Clark beat Eastwood, E.	<i>d</i> Wright beat Bowden

Semi-Final :—

<i>a</i> Lewis beat Hall	<i>b</i> Wright beat Clark
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Final :—Lewis beat Wright

THE WAR.

Col. W. H. Beach (**1883-5**), has been awarded the D.S.O.

Lieut. E. L. Roberts (**1903-7**), is now serving with the Royal Engineers in France, and has gained the **Military** Cross.

Capt. R. G. Macintyre (**1902-8**), has been mentioned in despatches.

H. Horner (**1899-1906**), has exchanged into the King's Royal Rifles, and is serving on the Western front. His brother, G. St. J. Horner (**1903-10**), has been twice wounded, and has been mentioned in despatches.

E. C. Goldring (**1907-9**), was wounded during a sharp action against the Turks near the Suez Canal about Christmas.

We are sorry to hear that R. V. Lyle (**1910-15**), has had a severe attack of pneumonia, followed by scarlet fever, from which he is slowly recovering.

W. E. McKenzie-Hill (**1910-15**), gained a commission in the **8th** Seaforth Highlanders in January, and proceeded immediately to France. Soon after his arrival he was transferred to the **2nd** Battalion.

C. T. Coleman (**1908-14**), has been gazetted **2nd** Lieut. in the **15th** Hampshire Regiment, and is in France.

D. S. Coleman (**1909-15**), has joined the Queen's Westminster Rifles, and J. S. Hughes (**1910-15**) is at the Wireless School, R.E., at Worcester.

O.T.C. NOTES.

The following promotions were made on March **14th** :—

Sergeant Eve to be Platoon Sergeant

Corporal Martin to be Lance - Sergeant and Acting-
 Quarter-Master-Sergeant

Lance-Corporal Wright to be Corporal

Lance-Corporal Clark to be Corporal

The work this term has been interfered with to a certain extent by the bad weather. A good deal of close-order drill has been put in, and some musketry classes held. The most noticeable feature has been the increased steadiness in the ranks, and at times the drill has been done exceedingly well.

We have had **25** new rifles issued to us, and the majority of the corps are now efficiently armed.

On Tuesday, March **20th**, the corps marched into Banbury and acted as a kind of Guard of Honour, while the Bishop of Oxford unveiled a Calvary at Christ Church, Banbury. The marching both ways was quite good and the band played excellently. Next term, with all the shooting and the inspection to be carried through, will mean a great deal of work.

It has not yet been decided by the War Office whether a camp is to be held this year or not.

Our numbers this term have again gone up and we now number 69 of all ranks, a very good muster considering the size of the School.

Sergeant-Instructor Vaughan is being engaged by the local V.T.C. as Battalion-Sergeant-Major, but we shall still have the benefit of his services on our parades.

SCOUT NOTES.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP.

The following boys joined the Troop this term :—Mead, Wroughton, Watson, Benjafield, Walkley.

BADGES GAINED.—Second Class : **D.** Gray, G. Gray, Jones, Gale, Plumbly, J. Eastwood. Tenderfoot: Mead, Wroughton, Watson, Pitt-Kethley. Pathfinder: Agar.

Our scout work has been somewhat hindered by the weather, but we have been able to get out of doors for the majority of the parades. Badge classes have been held twice a week, on **Mondays** and Thursdays at **12.30** p.m. The First-Class Scouts were taken by Evans, the Second-Class by Bertram, and the Tenderfoot work by Coombes and Gowing.

The Scout Challenge Trophy was won last term by Patrol-Leader Bertram. The latter has also got his War Service Badge, twenty-eight days. Scout Jones has done eleven days towards this badge. We hope that several scouts will qualify for their War Badge during the coming holidays.

Our Scout Orders are now published each week in the *Banbury Guardian*. The Editor of this paper has **kindly** allowed the Banbury and District Boy Scouts' Association to **have** a column for their **weekly** Scout Notes. The first **issue** contained **messages**

to the Banbury Scouts from the Chief Scout, Sir R. Baden-Powell, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., and also from the Chief Commissioner for Ireland, the Earl of Meath. The following was the Chief Scout's message :—

" I am delighted to hear that the Boy Scouts of Banbury and District have now risen to such a point of importance as to have their own corner in the newspaper.

"This brings an awful responsibility upon all of them, especially upon Patrol Leaders and Scouts, because people after reading about them in the papers will know what the best boys do, and will naturally expect that this is the regular standard of all. Well, and why not ?

" It means that you will all have to buck up a bit and be prepared to do just as well as your very best fellows do, in your work as well as in your play, in your smartness and behaviour whether you are on or off duty, and the public will get what they expect.

"Remember, it is not only your own good name that you have got to keep up, but also the good name of your patrol, of your troop, and of the whole brotherhood of the Boy Scouts.

" Be prepared. Stick to it."

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

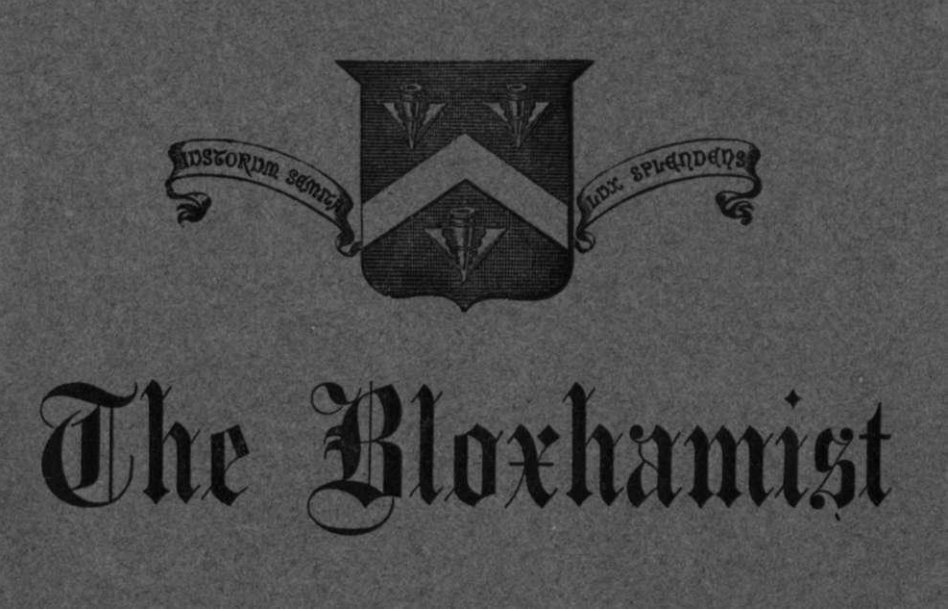
We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—
The Abingdonian, The Lily, The Chelmsfordian, The Lancing College Magazine (3), The Denstonian, The Framlinghamian, The S.S.M., Quarterly (2), The Pauline (2), The Ardingly Annals, The Hurst Johnian (2), The St. Edward's School Chronicle.

Under normal circumstances "THE BLOXHAMIST" is published twice in each Term. For the present, owing to the shortage of paper and labour, we are restricted to one number each Term.

Contributions for the next Number should be sent to the Editor before the end of June, written on one side of the paper.

The Annual Subscription is *js. fost free*. Members of the Old Bloxhamist Society are supplied with copies. The Secretary is the Rev. H. R. VVILLIMOTT, Bloxham School, Banbury, to whom members should send their subscriptions—5s. per annum, or £1 is. for five years, or £4 4s. for life. Other subscribers to "THE BLOXHAMIST" should send their subscriptions to C. J. WILSON, Esq.

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EDITORIAL.

WE have recently heard remarks made in connection with our supplies of food which recall to mind an old saying, "You must cut your coat according to your cloth." As it is with regard to the exterior covering of the body, so it is with regard to the interior support and nourishment of the body. Both are necessary, and both are limited by the material at one's disposal. Some months ago we did what we thought was a duty in warning our readers, and especially those into whose hands THE BLOXHAMIST first comes, of the restrictions which must be imposed on the consumption of food-stuffs, and we even went so far as to hint at the possible closing for a time of the most popular premises in any school, namely the tuck-shop. Fortunately that step has not yet been considered necessary ; but it may have to be taken. Who can tell ? But surely by this time everyone, even the youngest boy in an institution of this kind, has had ample opportunity of realising the state of affairs, and it is time now for grumbling to cease. We have frequently noticed, in times of peace as well as in times of war, that the complaints made about food are nearly always exaggerated. There exists a class of grumblers who will never be satisfied, and representatives of that class exist at Bloxham as elsewhere.

It seems to us that we have much to be thankful for. Certain of our number, who have visited London recently, have returned with the most unpleasant reports of the restrictions imposed at hotels and restaurants, and rejoice to get back to the ample, if simple and somewhat monotonous, fare provided in the school dining-hall.

We dismiss this subject by repeating to all concerned the advice contained and implied in the quotation with which we ushered in our remarks—"You must cut your coat according to your cloth."

The near approach of the third anniversary of the commencement of the war is an event which must not be lightly passed over. We are bold enough to reprint elsewhere some remarks on the subject, which we ask our readers to weigh well. We have no reason to suppose that the writer was not in possession of the real facts.

And now comes the most difficult portion of our task. It is nearly three years since we assumed responsibility for this periodical. The mantle which we have worn during this never-to-be-forgotten epoch of national and school history will now be transferred to other and (we hope) worthier shoulders. This is the last number of THE BLOXHAMIST to appear under our auspices, and we take this opportunity of craving pardon for our many shortcomings. It was with much trepidation and hesitation that we undertook the task, having had no editorial experience upon which to work. Quite suddenly and unexpectedly THE BLOXHAMIST found itself an orphan, and we temporarily assumed the duties of father. Then a number of changes in the staff of the School compelled us to continue those duties, and we do not claim to be over well satisfied with the result. Besides having provided our son with a new coat in March, 1916, and thus improved his appearance, we do not know that he has made much progress towards the achievement of his ideal, which is to take rank among the leading literary productions of public schools.

And so we resign the editorial mantle, chair and pen, with all good wishes for the prosperity of THE BLOXHAMIST under the able management of a more experienced Editor.

VERSE.

With heavy heart and gloomy brow,
The time has come when we must now
Bid you "Farewell!" Do not, we pray,
Despise the words which we would say
To hide our imperfections.

Some thought us rather prim and staid,
Because we have not always made
Our pages filled up with delights
And words which act as searching lights
To make some bright reflections.

We rather had it in our mind
To publish something of the kind
Which to our readers would bring joy
From knowing how their friends employ
Themselves in life's connections.

It was not much we ask'd of you,
To give us what we thought our due ;
A letter now and then to show
Us and your friends the way you go,
And other such selections.

But if we seem to blame you so
For want of zeal, still well we know
You did not mean to stand apart,
Or, freed from school, to make your start
In different directions.

"Farewell! Farewell!" again we say.
You, whom we've known upon our way
In this small world, dismiss us thus—
"He wished to do his best for us
In spite of imperfections."

And when some day we meet again,
We will take up once more the strain
Of many years spent here in peace.
And then each one will find release
From all his imperfections.

H. R. W.

Sing a song of sixpence,
Thirty-one of these,
Put into the War Loan,
Multiply with ease.
When the war is over,
Out they come again,
With nine new little tanners,
Trotting in their train.

The King was with his Army,
At battles and parades,
The Queen was in the factory,
Making hand grenades.
The Bosche was in the trenches,
Singing hymns of hate,
When there came a lump of shrapnel,
And smote him on the pate.

C.E.B.

SCHOOL NEWS.

VALETE.—E. Eastwood, Head's House, Form IV. ; L. S. T. Da Fonseca, Crake House, Form III. ; T. A. King, Head's House, Form III. ; W. O. L. Tranchell, Crake House, Form III. ; G. Stanbra, Form IV.

SALVETE.—Form V., P. Mier ; Form IV., A. J. Bolus, L. E. Law, E. C. P. Rayner, L. A. Trendell, T. F. B. Powell ; Form III., F. W. Berringer, E. R. Keating, A. W. Morgan, J. S. Sam-bidge, M. W. Stanbra, W. G. H. Truscott, W. F. Heathfield ;

Form II., J. E. Bowler, F. S. Chapman, M. L. West; Form I., T. R. A. Brooks, A. R. Green, C. S. Hawkes, G. N. Lee, J. A. Y. Matthews, C. N. D. Milner, E. B. Pugh, J. W. Smith, E. A. Truscott, L. H. Yates, S. D. A. S. Aylmer.

J. S. CLARK has been elected Captain of Cricket.

HOUSE FIVES.—The competition for the House Cup resulted in a victory for Wilberforce House. The Houses were represented as follows :—

Wilberforce: Senior—C. G. Martin and A. E. Lewis
Junior—M. Parsons and G. S. Pratt
Head's: Senior—W. R. Wright and S. T. Smith
Junior—J. B. Hall and G. Watson
Crake: Senior—J. S. Clark and L. M. Bowden
Junior—D. R. F. Bertram and J. E. B. Gee

Colours have been awarded to J. B. Hall.

ON Sunday, May 13, a Rogation Procession was held, the School joining with the congregation of the Parish Church in the perambulation. A short address was given by the Chaplain in Church, and then the Litany was sung in procession through the village. The first station was made near the end of Queen Street, where the Vicar gave an address and prayed for God's blessing on the fields, gardens and allotments. The next stopping place was on the Tadmarton Road, where a similar short service was held. Then the procession came back to the School, and the final prayers, in connection with the war, were said by the Headmaster in the play-ground. After the blessing the National Anthem was sung. A very large number of people attended, and the revival of the ancient custom was much appreciated. We hope it may never be allowed to drop in future years.

O.B. NEWS.

O.B. SOCIETY.—The following have recently become members :—B. L. Phelps (1915-16), S. S. Goldring (1909-14), D. V. Hill (1908-12), E. P. Higgs (1909-14), E. W. Powell (1914-16), C. A. Farebrother (1915-16).

A MEETING of the Committee of the O.B. Society was held in London on June 23rd. As the Rev. H. R. Willimott, who has been secretary of the society since its reconstitution in 1911, is about to leave Bloxham, it was necessary to make some arrangement by which the society's affairs could be managed. Mr. Willimott will continue secretary as before, and Mr. Wilson has undertaken to act as "Secretary resident at the School," so that the provision of Rule 5 is not infringed. Mr. Willimott's address is Tintinhull Vicarage, Martock, S.O., Somerset.

VISITORS.—During the term we have received visits from D. W. T. Cain (1910-16), C. A. Bernays (1902-5), J. H. T. Goodwin (Master 1888-98), R. Reynolds (), A. L. B. Sproule

(1908-13), Rev. G. H. Ward (Headmaster 1899-1914), J. A. Carter (1900-3), L. W. H. Bowler (1906-9), C. Allen (M. 1912-15), G. K. Riddle (1907-13), R. M. Coombes (1909-15), C. T. Keble (1909-11).

R. R. POWELL (1913-16) having passed the entrance examination, has gone into residence at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

WE offer hearty congratulations and best wishes to E. S. Bliss (1904-6) on his marriage, and regret that his health has compelled him to discontinue his military career.

WE also congratulate H. G. Hinnell (1905-8) on the birth of a son.

To the Editor of THE BLOXHAMIST.

DEAR SIR,

May I, through the medium of your columns, let Old Bloxhamists and other friends know that, after 21 years of Bursarial duties and 52 of teaching, I have thought it my duty, for the good of the School, to resign at the end of this Term, and so make room for a younger man to undertake the responsibility of these duties. I am glad to say that both the Headmaster and the Provost have most kindly expressed their wish that I should not then sever my connection with the School, but remain here that so, amongst other things, the O.B.'s—now upwards of 2,200—of every generation, may feel that when they come to visit their old School there will be someone here whom they know to give them a welcome. May I take this opportunity of thanking most heartily Bloxhamists and friends for their assistance, their many acts of kindness, and for their forbearance with my many shortcomings, etc., etc., etc.

I remain, Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

July, 1917,

CHARLES J. WILSON.

OBITUARY.

IN our last number we recorded the death of G. W. H. L. RAWLINGS (1906-10). He was killed on January 27th, 1917.

The following letter from a brother officer to his father has been forwarded to us for publication :—

"DEAR MR. RAWLINGS,

"I am writing to express to you and Mrs. Rawlings my very great sympathy on the loss of your son. As his company commander for nearly two months, I saw a good deal of him, and was very soon captivated by his wonderful charm. The liking in which he was held by his brother officers was something more than mere popularity, and his sudden death at the hands of a Turkish sniper, at a time when the regiment was not actually engaged, came as an awful blow to every one of us. I was all the more sorry at the manner of his death because I had confidently looked to his distinguishing himself greatly on an early occasion by virtue of his courage and the power of leadership his personality gave him over the men. I feel that I have lost not only a

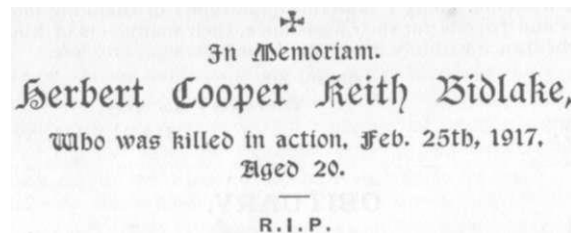
friend of whom I hoped to see much after the war, but also a brave and reliable officer whose place it will be impossible adequately to fill.

"Owing to the fact that we were within 200 yards of the enemy, we were obliged to bury him just before dawn behind the trench, but the enemy have now been driven back and I was able a day or so ago to recognise his grave and it has been tidied up and marked by a wooden cross.

"Assuring you again of the real sympathy we all feel with you in your terrible loss, I remain, yours sincerely,

(Signed) "F. H. BURNETT, Capt."

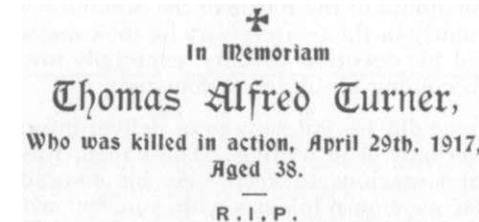
Rawlings was sent in December, 1914, to India with his regiment, and was stationed at Quetta for fifteen months. At the end of March, 1916, he went to the Persian Gulf to join the 1/4th Hampshire Regiment. He appears to have borne the terrible heat of last summer. In addition to showing exceptional ability in his military duties, he won the high regard of his fellow-officers and men, his great musical talent adding much to his popularity among them.



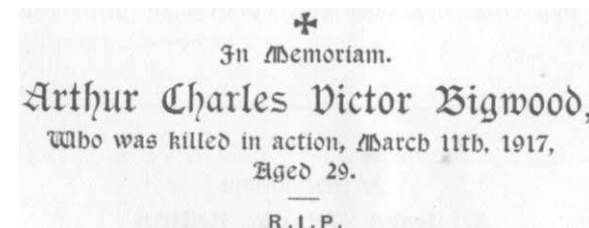
The following is reprinted from *The Times*:—

"CAPTAIN H. C. K. BIDLAKE, Worcestershire Regiment, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bidlake, of Reigate, and was born in 1896. Educated at All Saints', Bloxham, he received his commission in Jan., 1915, and was wounded on Dec. 15, 1916. On rejoining his battalion in January, 1917, he was promoted to acting captain with command of a company, and was killed in action a month later. His commanding officer writes:—'I can truthfully say he was my best company commander. He had an opportunity of showing his worth in an attack on a strong point about a fortnight ago, and did his work so thoroughly that the brigadier-general's attention was drawn to his work. If he had lived his name would have been submitted for reward.' The adjutant writes:—'Your son was a fine type of manhood. In action he showed the utmost contempt of danger,

and in a battle on December 15 last showed the greatest gallantry, taking into action a Lewis gun and firing same in face of an entrenched position until both he and his gun were put out of action. He remained at duty for two days, although he had a bullet in his arm, and I know he remained at hospital for as short a time as possible. He was singled out by the commanding officer for early promotion."



T. A. TURNER (1891-4) was Lieutenant in the 50th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Up to the time of going to press we have received no information about his military career.



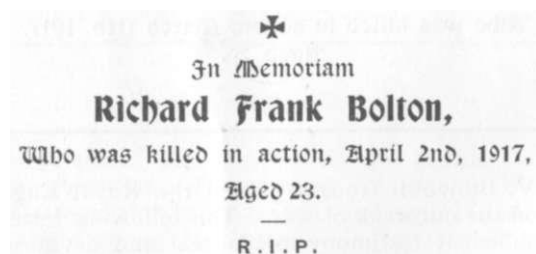
A. C. V. BIGWOOD (1902-4) joined the Royal Engineers immediately on the outbreak of war. The following letter from his captain is sufficient testimony to his zeal and devotion to duty, and we are glad to have it for publication. Bigwood was one of the many Old Bloxhamists of whom we hear little and see nothing after they leave the school. The following is from his commanding officer:—

"I regret to have to inform you that Sapper Bigwood was killed in action on the nth of March. He was hit by a piece of shell in the back while he was cleaning his bicycle and died almost immediately. I am glad to say that he did not suffer to any great extent.

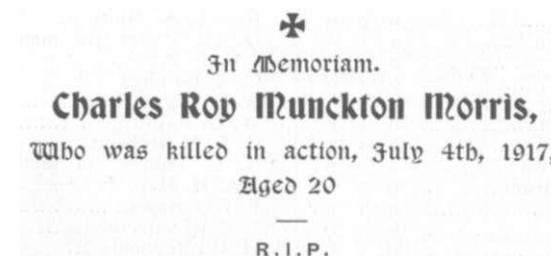
"As his officer commanding at the present time I feel it my duty to let you know what sort of a soldier he was, and how much we miss him, and I hope that what I have to say will tend to relieve your sorrow, so that when you think of him the pain will be mingled with pride for a brave man fallen. Sapper Bigwood joined this company when it was formed on the 25th September, 1914, and showed consistent zeal and efficiency as a soldier during the whole time he was with it. After we came abroad he was selected as a runner on account of his intelligence and keenness. During the first month of the Battle of the Somme he distinguished himself particularly in the fearless way he took messages through the barrage and his devotion to duty, especially towards the end, when he was becoming absolutely exhausted.

" Never once did he fail to take or deliver information given to him either verbally or in writing. These men, I assure you, are hard to find and precious to keep. As his comrade-in-arms let me tell you that we mourn his loss with you, but with you we are very proud of him, for he died for his Country and his friends, and a greater thing than this no man can do. He is dead—but his example lives, as does that of many another brave soldier, to help us all daily to do our duty as it should be done. This spirit of devotion to duty can never die, and is the mainstay of the race.

" He was buried by a chaplain in a cemetery near here, and a large number of his friends were able to be present at the funeral. A carved oak cross has been put up over his grave, made by a comrade."



R. F. BOLTON (1907-10) was a private in the 8th Canadian Infantry. He went to France in March and was killed about a fortnight later. He was attached temporarily to an entrenching battalion, the officer of which wrote that when working on railway construction behind Vimy Ridge a stray shell killed him. His body is buried at Villers-aux-Bois.



C. R. M. MORRIS (1905-12), whose death we have heard of just as we go to press, was a private in the 9th Royal Fusiliers. He was hit by a shell and killed instantaneously shortly after midnight on July 4th. In short letters to his mother, his platoon and section commanders both speak very highly of him. He was wounded a few months ago, and had not long returned to the front. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his parents and elder brother.

WAR MEMORIAL.

The following donations have been received since our last list was published in March:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
A. B. Williams	0	10	0	F. W. Berringer	0	1	0
G. C. Andrew	1	1	0	E. V. Read	0	1	0
V. Mackreth	0	15	0	W. V. F. Ruston	0	1	0
R. H. Russel	0	10	6	A. R. Holness	0	1	0
L. West	0	1	0	R. A. Rogers	0	1	0
C. G. Martin	0	2	6	R. B. Coombes	0	1	0
F. Mallett	0	1	0	J. H. Salmon	0	1	0
S. T. Smith	0	1	0	C. H. S. Egerton	0	1	0
L. C. H. Watkins	0	3	0	D. F. Sutton	0	1	0
J. B. Hall	0	1	0	D. K. Evans	0	1	0
R. E. Watkins	0	1	0	E. E. P. B. Williams	0	1	0
J. G. Shorland	0	2	6	A. F. Headland	0	1	0
J. N. Allnutt	0	1	0	J. S. Clark	0	1	0
E. Chapman	0	1	0	F. S. Chapman	0	1	0
C. Agar	0	1	0	B. M. R. Gale	0	1	0
H. C. Saunderson	0	1	0	P. B. Smithett	0	1	0
M. F. H. Webb	0	1	0	J. C. M. Parsons	0	1	0
A. Tilbury	0	1	0	G. Watson	0	1	0
T. V. Hordern	0	1	0	C. L. Burne	0	1	0
S. Watson	0	1	0	J. S. Sambidge	0	1	0
A. L. Christopher	0	1	6	A. H. Collyer	0	1	0
L. M. Bowden	0	1	0	C. J. Harman	0	1	0
J. H. Butler	0	1	0	J. E. Bowler	0	1	0
J. H. Wroughton	0	1	0	L. A. Trendell	0	0	6
A. W. Morgan	0	1	0	G. E. Holtom	0	1	0

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
C. Bowler	0	1	0	In mem. H. R. S.	0	5	0
R. Day	0	1	0	L. C. Vaughan	1	1	0
M. West	0	0	6	Rev. F. A. Minty	1	1	0
J. S. Chapman	0	1	0	D. G. Potter (in mem.			
C. W. Arkell	0	1	0	R. F. P.)	5		
R. E. Read	0	1	0	C. A. Bernays	1	1	0
P. Mier	0	1	0	R. L. Harris	0	10	6
J. E. Hobley	0	1	0	W. G. Page	1	1	0
A. J. Bolus	0	1	0	C. A. M. Roberts	0	10	0
T. H. L. Brown	0	0	6	A. C. Mutter (in mem.			
D. R. F. Bertram	0	0	6	A. H. H.)	1	1	0
A. Franks	0	1	0	F. E. Grimes	3	3	0
R. S. Payne	0	0	6	L. C. Henderson	1	1	0
N. Moojen	0	1	0	H. W. Reynolds	1	1	0
J. E. B. Gee	0	1	0	R. R. Powell	0	5	0
A. E. Salmon	0	0	6	E. W. Powell	0	8	0
E. J. Salmon	0	0	6	Rev. E. J. Crombie	1	1	0
W. E. Wroughton	0	1	0	R. Reynolds	1	1	0
F. M. Eve	0	2	0	E. J. Harvey	1	1	0
J. T. Taylor	0	0	6	Major A. Child	2	0	0
T. A. Good	0	1	0	Lieut.-Col. F. Checketts	2	2	0
G. P. Cooper	0	0	3	Mrs. Harvey	1	J	0
D. A. Neale	0	0	6	R. D. Bolton	1	0	0
C. T. Foster	0	0	6	A. H. Burbidge	0	10	0
H. J. S. Walkley	0	1	0	E. L. Roberts	0	10	6
T. M. Parsons	0	0	6	Mrs. Bolton (in mem. R.F.B.)	0	10	6
N. G. Benjafield	0	1	0	E. G. S. Champneys	0	2	6
E. R. Keating	0	1	0	J. A. L. Champneys	0	2	6
W. J. Kirkby	0	1	0	H. G. S. Courtney	1	1	0
C. J. Taylor	0	1	0	J. N. N. Bonner	1	1	0
G. Gray	0	1	0	C. A. Farebrother	0	10	6
E. F. Wykeham-Martin	0	0	6	G. Read	1	0	0
H. J. Thomas	0	0	6	C. F. Elliott	1	1	0
F. V. Wickham	0	0	6	F. R. H. Darke	1	0	0
E. K. Harrison	0	0	3	C. G. Holtom	0	5	0
W. E. S. Taylor	0	1	0	J. B. Leadley-Brown	1	0	0
C. G. Plumbly	0	1	0	H. R. Greatwood	0	5	0
A. E. Lewis	0	0	6	Rev. H. C. C. Lewis	1	u	0
S. A. R. Kidman	0	0	3	E. P. Turner (in mem.			
C. W. B. Cherry	0	1	0	T. A. T.)	2	2	0
J. W. Hiatt	0	0	3	L. A. Boulton	1	1	0
Anon	0	0	0	Mrs. Morris (in mem.			
Rev. H. R. Willimott	1	1	0	C.R.M.M.)	0	10	0
L. Law	0	1	0	A. G. H. Lendrum	0	10	6
R. V. Lyle	0	2	6	C. T. Keble	0	10	0
W. Robinson (in mem. H.R.)	5	0	0	Previously acknowledged	38	0	4
H. G. Browning	1	1	0				
G. Melville Smith	0	10	6	Total to July 14th, 1917	95	1	10
Lieut.-Col. H. A. R. May	1	0	0				

MILEHAM, 10, LEIGHAM COURT ROAD, STREATHAM, S.W.,

July 2, 1917.

DEAR SIR,

To the Editor of THE BLOXHAMIST.

WAR MEMORIAL.

I have received, in common with other O.B.'s I presume, a circular letter inviting subscriptions to a fund for providing a processional cross for use in the School Chapel as a memorial to those of our number who have fallen in the war. May I say that, excellent as is the intention of this proposal, it is

not one that has been considered by either the School Committee or by the O.B. Society, and I have reason to know that it does not commend itself to some of us as the most suitable memorial for the purpose.

Some time ago the Chapter of the St. Nicolas' Corporation resolved to erect in each of their schools a fitting memorial, when the right time comes, and the form of memorial would of course depend upon the amount raised in each case by the respective Old Boys' Associations. With us at Bloxham I fully hope that we shall be induced to raise a sufficiently large sum to erect a memorial that shall be a witness for all time to our gallant dead, and at the same time be of some service to the future of the School of which we have now more reason than ever to be proud. At the last meeting of the School Committee tentative plans for a scheme of reconstruction and development were placed before it, which I am sure will give satisfaction to all who have the future of the School at heart, some section of which might well supply what we seek in the way of a memorial.

I fear that it is out of the question to call a meeting of the O.B. Society together at this time, but if anyone cares to write to me on the subject, as the O.B. representative on the School Committee, as I hope he will, I shall be very pleased to hear from him, and to consider any suggestion that may be made.

Yours very truly,

F. B. PALMER.

As the inaugurator of the scheme referred to by Mr. F. B. Palmer in his letter printed above, I should like to add a few words by way of explanation. In March, 1916, I wrote a letter, which was printed in THE BLOXHAMIST, suggesting that a War Memorial Fund should be started and proposing a processional cross as a fitting memorial. I also invited Old Bloxhamists to make suggestions as to the form the memorial should take. Not one word of disapproval reached me from any quarter and no alternative proposal was made by anyone. Therefore, with the consent and approval of the Headmaster, in July, 1916, I issued a circular with THE BLOXHAMIST, containing a picture of the proposed cross and inviting subscriptions, which have been arriving at intervals ever since the War Memorial was first suggested. The circular letter, to which Mr. Palmer alludes, was issued about two months ago, when more than half the money required for the cross had been subscribed; but it contained a further suggestion, to which Mr. Palmer makes no allusion, namely:—"It is not intended, however, that this should be the only form of memorial. It has been suggested that the fund might be sufficiently large to defray the cost of the education at Bloxham of the son of some Old Bloxhamist who has been killed or suffered loss in the war. Later on the matter can be decided when it is known what funds are at our disposal." Mr. Palmer seems to imply that the processional cross is the only object in view, whereas it is merely intended to be a visible memorial indicating "victory through suffering."

The amount required for the cross has now been subscribed, but the proposal to raise a scholarship fund seems to meet with little support. Perhaps Mr. Palmer's suggestion with regard to "a scheme of reconstruction and development . . . some section of which might well supply what we seek in the way of a memorial" will commend itself to Old Bloxhamists, who must be fully aware of the School's need in that respect. Whatever scheme is adopted to commemorate our brave heroes, it will, I hope, be supported by all who love the School.

H. R. WILLIMOTT.

THE WAR.

WE have heard of the following Old Bloxhamists as having been wounded :—W. E. McKenzie Hill (1910-15), A. German (1912-13), D. V. Hill (1908-12), J. H. Baring-Gould (1902-8), T. Fortescue (1900-2), J. S. Vesey-Brown (1908-14), C. G. M. Morris (1903-10), C. R. M. Morris (1905-12).

F. H. Woolliams (1910-13), who obtained a commission in the Royal Flying Corps a few months ago, was recently reported missing. It has now been ascertained that he is a prisoner in Germany. He may be wounded, but of that no definite news has been received.

D. W. T. Cain (1910-16), C. S. L. Coulson (1913-16), and M. G. Stewart (1913-16), have all joined the Royal Flying Corps. Cain has been commissioned and will shortly proceed to France.

J. H. Baring-Gould (1902-8), who is also in the R.F.C., performed a brilliant feat. Though badly wounded and his machine damaged, he returned 'at a low altitude through a shower of bullets from machine guns over the German lines and landed in the British lines.

No news of A. W. Gepp (1908-11) has yet arrived. He has been missing since November.

H. N. Cain (1910-13) who was at the front for a longtime and came home for a commission, has again gone out. He is 2nd-Lieut. in the Royal Field Artillery.

B. F. Friend (1900-3) has been awarded the Military Cross.

R. Hill (1904-9), whose death we announced in March, was recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal. The medal was presented to his father by the King at the investiture held in Hyde Park, on June 2nd. To quote from the *London Gazette*, it was awarded "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out dangerous reconnaissances; on one occasion, accompanied by another man, he penetrated the enemy's position and captured an outpost, obtaining most valuable information, which enabled a successful attack to be made."

Capt. T. G. Bowler (1906-11) is now Adjutant of No. 2 Balloon School, Lydd.

Major A. Child (M. 1910-15) is, we are sorry to hear, again in hospital, suffering from knee trouble. He was laid up for a long time some months ago, and hoped to be able to go to the front before long.

We have heard from several Old Bloxhamists recently; among them R. W. Pearse (1913-15), who is stationed at Archangel, and W. G. Rowland (1913-15) who is in hospital at Salonika.

The following extract from a letter from C. T. Keble (1909-11) may be of interest to some :—"I had rather an interesting experience the other day. I was up in the machine just at sunset, at 5,000 feet, and saw a mirage. It was most uncanny; you may have read about them. It put the breeze up me at first, as it looked exactly as if it was another machine coming straight for us; as it came close it got much plainer, a perfect reproduction of our machine in colour, with rainbow circles round it. When we hit it, it dropped back to the next piece of cloud. You can only see these if you get the clouds and sun in the right position, and as you enter the cloud it disappears. I have always longed to see one, and am awfully bucked about it, as they are very rare."

We reprint the following from a certain Parish Magazine, and commend it to the careful attention of our readers :—

WE shall soon be reaching the third anniversary of the beginning of the war, and before it comes, I should like to impress one or two thoughts on those who take the trouble to read these lines. The first thought is the need of continued prayer by those of us who believe in God. If we remember that the object of prayer is not to get God to do what we want, but to get ourselves to want what God wants, we shall not go far wrong. By praying earnestly, especially for a long period such as a year or years, we gradually come to desire only what God desires; our wants cease being self-willed and become what God wills; instead of having any ideas and will of our own (as distinguished from what God wills), God's mind and God's will become our own. One thing we know for certain that God wants is that all people should come to the knowledge of the truth, act upon it, and be saved. The more we pray, sincerely and perseveringly, the more we shall want this, both for ourselves, our neighbours, and all people; and at a time of stress and anxiety, such as is ours now on account of the war, is just such a time when those of us who have eyes to see do see that we need very badly to put ourselves on the side of God and to learn more and more to want what He wants, and only what He wants.

"The second thought is one that seems to be overlooked by most people in these days. We think the loss of life in the war is a most terrible thing. It is, but as one of the greatest authorities on such matters said last month, 'The needless deaths of peace far exceed those of the most disastrous wars.' More people died of plague in India in two years than have been killed altogether in the present war. In 1915, for every *nine soldiers* who died for our country, *twelve babies* died in our country—at least one in every six of them from venereal disease, derived from parent or grandparent. It may be said that these lives are not equal in value to the lives of the soldiers and sailors, but if the loss of the one result in the saving of the others, and the doing

away once and for all of those evils for which we are all more or less responsible, then in years to come people will have good cause to be thankful that the sacrifice of the lives of so many hundreds of thousands has resulted in the saving of the lives of so many hundreds of millions. We, as a nation, deserve very severe punishment for allowing sweating, bad housing, preventable disease, slavery conditions of employment, and all the other horrors that are part and parcel of the mad race for worldly wealth, in which most of us are engaged, and if one of the results of the war—and it is seen already to be one of the results—is to alter this state of things, then God be praised! We must have sufficient faith to see things in their right perspective; and we who believe in our Lord ought to be no strangers to the truth that it is only through suffering and sacrifice that the world can be purged and a better world be born. We must hope and we must strive."

THE SPORTS.

THE Steeplechases were run on Saturday, March 31st, and the weather was quite good, though the ground was inclined to be wet in places. The Seniors had a slightly longer course than last year, going down the grass lane past the Hospital then turning round to the right, across the stream, and back up the valley, through the wood to the field behind the churchyard. From there the track bent to the left, out on to the road, and passed through the top of the village as far as the station bridge. Just beyond the railway it turned to the right and followed the line as far as the "Pest House"; then to the right again, across the stream, and made a "bee-line" for the top of Hob Hill, and from there ran straight home to the cricket field. Christopher, apparently, led the whole way, and running very strongly finished at least 100 yards in front of Wright, who in turn had been second nearly all the way. Watkins, L., after being close-up third, lost ground and was beaten by Lewis, and, just on the post, by Chapman, J., as well. The rest kept their places almost unchanged all through and finished in the following order:—Clark, Smith, Payne, Tilbury, Watkins, R., Harman, Ruston, and Laker, E.

A large field turned out for the Juniors and Under 13. The course was the same as last year—down the valley and across the brook and home through the wood and past the hospital. Hall led the way for the first half, followed by Campbell and Watson, G. These three occupied the first three places all through, and Campbell managed to beat Watson by about five yards, with Hall third. Walkley and Taylor, J., finished fourth and fifth, and were the first two of the Under 13 to finish. The others finished in the following order:—Allnutt, Parsons, J., Brown, T., Collyer, Denton, Smithett, Mullins, R., Jones, Burne, Evans, Pratt, Benjafield, Taylor, C, Rogers.

We are grateful to the following for kindly permitting us to cross their fields and so make a more "sporting" course:—Mr. Cherry, Mr. Hambidge, Mr. Haddon, Mr. Heath, and Mrs. Robinson

The Sports were held on Easter Monday, April 9th, and the weather could not possibly have been worse. There was a strong cold wind, which had to be faced in the sprint races, and heavy showers of sleet and snow at frequent intervals. As a result of the conditions we could not hope for any records to be beaten, and the times on the whole were good. The House Championship was very exciting and the total marks were very close. The most encouraging feature of the Running Term was the large number of boys keen enough to turn out before breakfast and do some training, in spite of the weather. This was most cheering and augurs well for future keenness and proficiency. It was regrettable that several of the keenest to train fell victims to measles and could not take their part in the sports,

THE EVENTS.

Open Steeplechase (about 3¹ miles), run on Saturday, March 31st—
1st Christopher, 2nd Wright, 3rd Lewis, 4th Chapman, J.
Time, 24 mins. 33 sees.

Junior Steeplechase (about 1½ miles)—
1st Campbell, 2nd Watson, G., 3rd Hall

Steeplechase (under 13)—
1st Walkley, 2nd Taylor, J.
(An account of these appears elsewhere).

Mile, open, run on Saturday, April 9th—
Challenge Cup presented by Rev. F. Churchill,
1st Christopher, 2nd Chapman, J., 3rd Wright, 4th Watkins, L.
Time, 5 mins. 13½ sees.

The first two laps were very slow and the field kept together, but in the last lap Christopher came away on his own and won easily by 200 yards. Chapman finished about 30 yards in front of the third and fourth.

100 Yards, open—
Prize presented by Rev. and Mrs. Grier.
1st Wright, 2nd Christopher. Time, 12½ sees.

The race had to be run twice owing to a false start, but Wright managed to win each time by about a yard.

100 Yards, Junior—
Prize presented by the Rev. the Chaplain,
1st Campbell, 2nd Stanbra. Time, 13 sees.

Campbell won comfortably by about three yards; a close finish for second and third place.

100 Yards, under 17—

1st Taylor, J., 2nd Parsons, J. Time, 14-j sees.

Throwing- the Cricket Ball, open—

1st Viner, E., 2nd Clark. Distance, 80 yards.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Junior—

1st Stanbra, 2nd Pratt. Distance, 65 yds. 2 ft.

Quarter Mile, open—

Prize presented by the Ladies of Bloxham.

Challenge Cup presented by Rev. A. E. Riddle.

1st Christopher, 2nd Watkins, L., 3rd Clark. Time, 624; sees.

Christopher ran a splendid race and won easily by fifteen yards; Watkins, L., also ran well and finished very strongly.

Quarter Mile, Junior—

Prize presented by the Ladies of Bloxham.

1st Campbell, 2nd Stanbra. Time, 6y-| sees.

Campbell won comfortably by about eight yards. The time was good for Juniors in such weather.

220 Yards, handicap, under 13—

1st Benjafield 2nd Taylor, J.

Benjafield managed to retain his rather long start and won easily.

High Jump, open —

1st Wright, 2nd Watkins, L., and Lewis. Height, 4 ft. 3 in.

A very poor event, which suffered from lack of practice, it being impossible to train for it owing to the wet ground.

High Jump, Junior—

1st Evans, 2nd Campbell. Height, 4 ft. 1 in.

High Jump, under 13—

1st Parsons, J., 2nd Agar. Height, 3 ft. 11 ins.

A new event on the programme and the performance was distinctly promising.

Long Jump, open—

1st Watkins, L., 2nd Clark. Distance, 15 ft. 11 ins.

A satisfactory jump considering the impossibility of practising and so "keeping step."

Long Jump, Junior—

1st Taylor, C, 2nd Standbra. Distance, 13 ft. 2 ins.

" House " Relay Race, 1 Mile. Teams, 6 aside—•

Challenge Cup presented by Lad}' Cartwright. 1st Crake.

A very good race as the Heads' House started their best men first and Crake followed just the reverse order. Consequently the Head's House gained a lead of nearly 100 yards, which was gradually cut down until Christopher "wiped off" all that remained and gave the Crake an easy win.

120 Yards, handicap (1 foot per month of age)—

1st Clark, 2nd Campbell.

A very close finish, in which the first four were not separated by more than a foot.

Half Mile, handicap, under 13—

1st Harrison, 2nd Jones, 3rd Parsons, J.

Harrison managed to retain his large start and won easily. Jones ran well and thoroughly deserved his place.

Half Mile, open—

1st Christopher, 2nd Watkins, L., and Chapman, J.

Time, 2 mins. 364, sees. Christopher won easily, but the time was not good owing to the bad conditions; a dead heat for second place after Chapman, J., had gained some distance on Watkins.

House Tug-of-War—Won by Wilberforce.

Wilberforce easily pulled over both opponents in the first two tugs.

The 'Jicnior Consolation Prize was awarded to Hall, and the Senior to Smith.

The competition for the *House Championship* was very keen, and lent additional interest to the Sports. It was hard to predict the winning house and the totals show how close was the struggle. Marks :—" Crake " House, 145. " Wilberforce " House, 125^.
Headmaster's House, 107^.

The *Senior Championship* was won by Christopher, of Crake House, who gained marks for victories in the open steeplechase, mile (open), cricket ball, quarter mile (open), half mile (open), and for second place in the 100 yards (open). The leading places were: Christopher, 80 marks; Wright, 50; and Watkins, L., 32^.
Chapman, J., and Clark, 25 each.

Campbell won the *Junior Championship* with victories in the steeplechase, 100 yards, quarter mile, and second place in the 120 yards handicap (open) and the junior high jump. His marks amounted to 50, and his nearest oponent was Standbra with 25.

Tea was provided in the Hall for the visitors, and we were pleased to welcome so many on such a bad day. After tea was over the Headmaster introduced Lady Cartwright, alluding to her kindness to the School, and to the Scouts in particular, and

requested her to present the prizes. Lady Cartwright very kindly presented a challenge cup which was awarded to the House Team Race, and in future we hope to see established, in addition, a House Run in which the whole house may contribute its share to the cup.

We are grateful to the following ladies and gentlemen for kindly sending prizes and subscriptions towards the Sports Fund : The Headmaster and Mrs. Grier, the Rev. the Chaplain, — Dickinson, Esq., Mr. Gray, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Hinde, Mr. and Mrs. Collyer, Capt. Paul, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sutton, Rev. and Mrs. Verey, Mr. and Mrs. Arkell, Mr. Burne, Mrs. Watson, Rev. A. E. Riddle, Rev. W. Bradford, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Laws, Mr. and Mrs. Holtom, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Dr. Boissier, Mr. and Mrs. Denton, Rev. and Mrs. Morgan, Rev. Boniface, Mrs. Moxon, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Howard Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Franks.

The following ladies also very kindly subscribed to the two prizes which were given for the Senior and Junior Quarter Mile : Miss Prophett, Miss Priestman, Mrs. Ayling, Mrs. Laker, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Aplin, Miss Sutton, Mrs. Ridley Thompson, Mrs. Tustian, Mrs. Hopkinson, Mrs. Horley, Mrs. Ben Heath, Mrs. Philippi, Mrs. Deans, Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. Merrifield, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Ommaney, Miss Chipperfield.

Our thanks are also due to the officials, the starter, time keeper, referee, and judges, who carried out their duties so efficiently under such awful conditions.

THE GYMNASIUM.

THE House Gym. Competition was held at the end of last term. Mr. Smith and Mr. Stembridge acted as judges. The event was specially interesting, as it was the first held under the " House " system, and also the winning team this year was the first to gain the magnificent challenge shield presented by Mr. Cain. The exercises were well done and the standard attained was much higher than that of last year, in spite of the fact that there were so many people in the hospital. The captains of the teams are to be congratulated on the smart work done by their squads. The Headmaster's House and Crake had a close fight for the first place. The result was as follows :—

Maximum	210
Crake	184
Headmaster's	182
Wilberforce	169

The following were the teams :—

Crake : Christopher (captain), Clark, Hordern, Evans,
Bowden, Gee, Tilbury, Da Fonseca.

Headmaster's: Eve (captain), Wright, Smith, Hall, L. Watkins, R. Watkins, King, E. Butler, E. Eastwood.

Wilberforce : Martin (acting captain for L. Thomas), Foster, J. Chapman, Lewis, Harman, Payne, Campbell, Smithett, J. Parsons.

Gym. Colours have been awarded as follows : *Senior*—Eve (1915-16), Wright (1915-16), Clark (1916), Martin (1916), L. Thomas (1916), Christopher (1916), Chapman (1916), Smith. *Junior*—Evans. Note.—The numbers in brackets denote the years in which colours were obtained previous to this year.

Owing to lack of time there will not be a display of Swedish Drill and Gym. this year on Founder's Day. Both the O.T.C. and the Scouts leave early on the evening of that day and therefore last year's programme has had to be somewhat curtailed.

Most of the new boys this term have been placed in either C or D squads. Hordern, Hobley and Mier have been promoted from Squad B to Squad A.

CRICKET.

BLOXHAM V. ABINGDON SCHOOL.

PLAYED at Abingdon, May 19th. This match proved an unfortunate start for the season, being played early before the team had time to settle down. Our opponents batted first and scored very freely off some weak bowling. The second wicket put on 100 runs, and at the total of 173 for 6 wickets they declared. Our innings was a poor display, perhaps through lack of practice, and we were all out for 55. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

Foster, c and b Mackinnon	1
Tilbury, b Morley	6
Littleboy, c Humphrey, b Morley	12
Mier, c and b Morley	7
Wright, run out	12
Bowden, b Mackinnon	5
Lewis, c Morland, b Mackinnon	0
Martin, not out	5
Clark, b Mackinnon	0
Hall, b Mackinnon	0
Christopher, c Humphrey, b Mackinnon	2
Extras	5
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Total	55

ABINGDON.

Morley, c and b Littleboy.....	55
Humphrey, c Hall, b Tilbury.....	6
Mackinnon, c and b Hall.....	62
Morland, run out.....	0
Lupton, not out.....	30
Saunders, c Clark, b Hall.....	5
Devenish, b Hall.....	0
Miles "J"	
Eason	
Lloyd f Did not bat.	
Davidge J	
Extras.....	15
Total.....	173

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. BLOXHAM C.C.

This match was played as usual on Whit Monday and resulted in a very close finish. The School made 56 and 59 in their two innings, and the Village 50 and 06, thus winning by 1 run. The fielding was not very good on the whole, though the bowling showed some improvement.

BLOXHAM V. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, OXFORD.

Played at Oxford on June 9th. The wicket was hard and fast, well suited for fast scoring. Magdalen won the toss and batted first. Our weakness in bowling soon showed itself and runs came very fast. After the first three wickets had fallen, the rest of the batsmen did not stay long and all were out for 204, made in just over two hours. Our side mostly got themselves out by weak strokes, and were in too much of a hurry to score. Littleboy played a splendid innings, but was unfortunately caught on the boundary. Our fielding was quite good on the whole, Martin and Gee making good catches, and the greatest weakness was in the bowling and an inability to hit leg balls. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

Tilbury, b Davies.....	5
Foster, c Massan, b Ahmed.....	4
Littleboy, c Myrtle, b Davies.....	30
Wright, c Scott, b Ahmed.....	1
Mier, c Massan, b Ahmed.....	1
Hall, b Ahmed.....	2
Christopher, c and b Davies.....	27
Clark, c Fletcher, b Ahmed.....	0
Martin, c Myrtle, b Davies.....	13
Gee, b Massan.....	4
Harman, not out.....	3
Extras.....	7
Total.....	97

MAGDALEN SCHOOL, OXFORD.

Davies, c Foster, b Tilbury.....	64
Searby, b Littleboy.....	40
Scott, c Gee, b Tilbury.....	3
Myrtle, c Foster, b Martin.....	49
Ahmed, c Mier, b Hall.....	5
Allan, c Martin, b Hall.....	0
Massan, b Hall.....	7
Fletcher, b Martin.....	10
Alden, b Hall.....	0
Bushell, lbw b Hall.....	3
Gale, not o.it.....	12
Extras.....	11
Total.....	204

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Hall	12.1	48	5
Tilbury	3	7	2
Martin	4	29	2

BLOXHAM V. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY.

Played at Bloxham, June 16th. We won the toss and batted first, but three wickets fell very rapidly owing to misjudgment of "swervers." Tilbury and Harman batted well, and Lewis kept his end up manfully for over half-an-hour. We managed to make 149 before being all out. Brackley did not stay long, and were all out for 42. Hall and Littleboy bowled well and shared the wickets. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

Foster, b Sturges.....	5
Tilbury, run out.....	29
Littleboy, b Sturges.....	5
Wright, b Sturges.....	0
Lewis, b Brown.....	10
L. E. Smith, Esq., c Crane, b Sturges.....	31
Mier, run out.....	4
Hall, lbw b Brown.....	8
Clark, b Green.....	16
Harman, not out.....	20
Christopher, b Green.....	6
Martin, b Sturges.....	1
Extras.....	14
Total.....	149

BRACKLEY.

Brown, c and b Littleboy.....	6
Clark, b Hall.....	2
J. E. Kite, Esq., c and b Hall.....	1
Sturges, run out.....	8
Green, c Martin, b Hall.....	10
Stokes, not out.....	8
Law, b Hall.....	0
Lasham, c Harman, b Littleboy.....	2
Humphries, c and b Littleboy.....	4
Gee, c L. E. Smith, b Littleboy.....	0
Fontaine, b Littleboy.....	0
Crane, b Hall.....	0
Extras.....	1
Total.....	42

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Hall.....	11.5	19	5
Littleboy.....	11	22	5

BLOXHAM V. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY.

Played at Brackley, June 27th. We won the toss and chose to bat first, but the innings was most disastrous. Three men were out l.b.w. in trying to play straight balls to leg, and Littleboy was run out before playing a single ball. We only managed to make 31, but as it happened it was enough. Hall and Littleboy bowled very well and the fielding was quite good. No runs were given away and we managed to get them out for 23. In the second innings we did much better, and Littleboy put in some lusty hitting. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Lewis, b Green.....	2	b Green.....	4
Harman, b Sturges.....	2	b Sturges.....	0
Tilbury, lbw b Sturges.....	3	b Green.....	1
Littleboy, run out.....	0	not out.....	40
Bowden, b Green.....	3	b Brown.....	8
Hall, c Lasham, b Green.....	5	b Green.....	3
Foster, lbw b Green.....	4	b Green.....	0
Clark, not out.....	5		
Christopher, c and b Sturges.....	1		
Mier, b Sturges.....	0		
Martin, lbw b Sturges.....	2		
Extras.....	4	Extras.....	6
Total.....	31	Total (6 wks.)...	62

BRACKLEY.

Brown, b Hall.....	2
Clark, b Littleboy.....	0
Green, lbw b Littleboy.....	2
Sturges, c Lewis, b Littleboy.....	2
Lasham, b Littleboy.....	0
Stokes, b Hall.....	0
J. E. Kite, Esq., b Hall.....	10
Humphries, c Clark, b Littleboy.....	4
Kitchener, c Mier, b Littleboy.....	0
Crane, b Hall.....	0
Stent, not out.....	0
Extras.....	3
Total.....	23

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Hall.....	8	9	4
Littleboy.....	7.2	11	6

BLOXHAM V. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, OXFORD.

Played at Worksop, June 30th. The pitch was very wet and slow, and high scoring could not be expected. We batted first and made a poor show. Each man in turn batted well for a few minutes, and then, either attempting to score too quickly or making a poor stroke, threw their wickets away. The bowling was not nearly so dangerous as it was made to look, and lots of runs were wasted by misjudgment. When our opponents went in, three wickets fell rapidly for 10 runs ; but our total of 32 was passed before the fourth wicket fell. The bowling was not handled with any skill, and the fielding was weak in places. Oxford made 80 in their first innings, and got us out again for 63 at the next attempt. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Lewis, c Massan, b Ahmed.....	8	b Fletcher.....	3
Harman, b Ahmed.....	0	c Ahmed, b Fletcher.....	0
Wright, lbw b Davies.....	1	c Massan, b Ahmed.....	4
Littleboy, c Myrtle, b Davies.....	4	c and b Fletcher.....	3
Tilbury, c Bushell, b Ahmed.....	0	b Myrtle.....	17
Hall, run out.....	2	b Ahmed.....	0
Bowden, c Gale, b Davies.....	0	not out.....	0
Christopher, b Ahmed.....	0	b Ahmed.....	1
Clarke, run out.....	1	lbw b Myrtle.....	2
Foster, not out.....	4	c Gale, b Ahmed.....	17
Mier, lbw b Davies.....	8	c Myrtle, b Ahmed.....	7
Extras.....	4	Extras.....	9
Total.....	32	Total.....	63

MAGDALEN SCHOOL, OXFORD.

Davies, b Littleboy.....	6
Searby, c Mier, b Littleboy.....	19
Myrtle, b Littleboy.....	1
Scott, c Wright, b Hall.....	3
Allan, c Harman, b Littleboy.....	17
Ahmed, c and b Hall.....	6
Massan, run out.....	8
Gale, b Christopher.....	0
Alden, c Christopher, b Tilbury.....	6
Fletcher, c Littleboy, b Harman.....	12
Bushell, not out.....	2
Extras.....	1
Total.....	80

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Hall.....	9	33	1
Littleboy.....	8	21	4
Christopher.....	4	10	1

BLOXHAM V. ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Played at Bloxham, July 7th. Bloxham batted first and four wickets fell for 40 runs. Then Hall and Mier made an excellent stand, and treated some rather loose bowling very severely. The fifth wicket put on 60 runs before Mier was bowled. The total should have been a good one, but the rest did not stay long, and we were all out for 130. Abingdon quickly lost two dangerous batsmen for ten runs, and the third wicket made a stand, putting on 33 runs before Harman managed to separate them. The rest of the batsmen did not stay long, and all were out for 68 runs in about an hour-and-a-quarter. The fielding was quite good and the bowling fairly steady considering the strong wind blowing. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

Lewis, b Mackinnon.....	6
Tilbury, c Robinson, b Morley.....	6
Hall, b Lupton.....	3
Littleboy, c Lowe, b Morley.....	7
Wright, b Mackinnon.....	1
Mier, b Mackinnon.....	4
Harman, not out.....	7
Foster, run out.....	5
Clark, c Morley, b Mackinnon.....	1
Christopher, b Lupton.....	6
Martin, c Lupton, b Devenish.....	1
Extras.....	16
Total.....	130

ABINGDON.

Morley, b Harman.....	16
Humphreys, b Littleboy.....	0
Mackinnon, lbw b Hall.....	7
Lupton, c Lewis, b Harman.....	20
Saunders, c and b Christopher.....	0
Devenish, b Hall.....	6
Miles, b Hall.....	10
Lowe, c Clark, b Hall.....	4
Davidge, b Littleboy.....	0
Eason, not out.....	1
Robinson, run out.....	1
Extras.....	3
Total.....	68

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Littleboy.....	14	16	2
Hall.....	9	15	4
Harman.....	4	7	2
Christopher.....	4	12	1

BLOXHAM V. WARWICK SCHOOL.

Played at Bloxham, July nth. A very disappointing game was seen, as almost the whole of our team seem to have struck a bad patch. The batting was feeble and lifeless, and, apart from Hall, no one showed the slightest enterprise or determination. Hall made 16 out of 20 while he was in, and was given out l.b.w. trying to pull a short one. The rest were out to very poor strokes. Warwick put on 76 for one wicket, and here again our fielding was poor. The Warwick captain, who made 56, was missed at least three times, and the ground fielding was not good. Too much use was made of the feet, and the bowling lacked all sting. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

Lewis, c Love, J., b Love, G.....	2
Tilbury, c Love, J., b Pemberton.....	4
Hall, lbw b Love, G.....	16
Littleboy, b Pemberton.....	1
Wright, lbw b Love, G.....	1
Mier, b Love, G.....	2
Foster, b Pemberton.....	0
Harman, c Love, J., b Pemberton.....	6
Clark, b Pemberton.....	0
Martin, not out.....	4
Christopher, b Pemberton.....	0
Extras.....	6
Total.....	42

WARWICK SCHOOL.

Hocking, lbw b Hall.....	9
Pemberton, b Littleboy.....	26
Love, G., run out.....	56
Love, J., c Martin, b Hall.....	17
Burford, c Littleboy, b Foster.....	0
Canack, lbw b Foster.....	5
Hadcock, run out.....	1
Lewis, b Tilbury.....	0
Latham, hit wicket, b Foster.....	2
Wether, b Tilbury.....	6
Mackenzie, not out.....	0
Extras.....	8
Total.....	130

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Littleboy.....	9	25	1
Hall.....	19	48	2
Foster.....	6	10	3

2nd XI. Matches:—

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

Played at Bloxham on May 19th. This fixture was unfortunately played at rather an early date in the term, and the team had not had time to get settled down, while most of them were entirely lacking in experience. We should have won, even with our low score, but for one unfortunate over which produced nine runs when our opponents had five wickets down for 15 runs. This just gave the rest sufficient confidence to pull the game out of the fire. It is impossible to criticise the play on such an early and unfortunate start of the season. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

Franks, b Stacey.....	7
Harman, c Hills, b Stacey.....	6
Smith, c Taine, b Lowe.....	0
Thomas, L., b Stacey.....	1
Hordern, b Lowe.....	1
Gee, b Robinson.....	8
Chapman, J., b Stacey.....	1
Evans, c Taine, b Stacey.....	0
Payne, not out.....	1
Day, b Stacey.....	1
Hobley, c and b Stacey.....	1
Extras.....	3
Total.....	30

ABINGDON.

Taine, lbw b Franks.....	1
Robinson, lbw b Franks.....	12
Leach, c and b Franks.....	0
Josey, c Hordern, b Day.....	1
Crook, b Harman.....	18
Crossland, c Franks, b Hordern.....	1
Lowe, c Harman, b Gee.....	11
Hills, c Chapman, b Thomas.....	2
Stacey, b Hordern.....	4
Howard, c Payne, b Hordern.....	2
Grimswood, not out.....	0
Extras.....	0
Total.....	52

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Franks.....	7	16	3
Hordern.....	8.1	13	3

BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

2ND XI., BRACKLEY.

Played at Bloxham, June 27th. We batted first and did not show any great enterprise, being all out for 47. Brackley could; only manage to make 33 against the bowling of Evans and Keating. In the second innings we did better, making 106 for four—Eve, Smith, and Keating doing some great hitting. Brackley fared even worse in their second innings, being all out for 11. Score :—

BLOXHAM

FIRST INNINGS.

Smith, b Fountaine.....	1
Chapman, J., b Law.....	0
Arkell, b Law.....	1
Eve, b Fountaine.....	6
Hordern, c Bartlett, b Law.....	6
Evans, b Fountaine.....	0
Bei tram, b Law.....	1
Payne, b Law.....	5
Watson, G., run out.....	11
Govving, not out.....	3
Keating, c Fountaine, b Law.....	8
Extras.....	5
Total.....	47

SECOND INNINGS.

not out.....	21
run out.....	2
c Painter, b Fountaine.....	33
c Bartlett, b Law.....	10
b Law.....	31
Extras.....	9
Total (for 4 wkts.)	106

BRACKLEY

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Shilson, b Evans	0	runout	i
Painter, c Watson, b Evans	6	c and b Evans	0
Law, c Eve, b Watson	7	c Smith, b Evans	4
Andrews, c Smith, b Keating	4	c Hordern, b Keating	0
Fountaine, c Chapman, b Evans	6	b Keating	0
Cowper, c Hordern, b Keating	2	c Eve, b Keating	i
Bartlett, b Keating	i	c Hordern, b Keating	0
Green, b Keating	0	b Evans	i
Wilkes, b Keating	2	b Evans	i
Walton, c Bertram, b Evans	5	c Watson, b Keating	0
Walker, not out	0	not out	i
Extras	0	Extras	2
Total	33	Total	11

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Runs	Wickets
Evans....	13	16	8
Keating.....	9.4	6	10

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

Played at Abingdon, July 7th. Abingdon batted first and made 50 against some fair bowling, but our side broke down completely and gave a very feeble exhibition, being all out for 18. In the second innings Abingdon were disposed of more easily for 35, leaving us 68 to get to win. We made 30 of these for 1 wicket, and might have won with more time. The bowling was quite good all through and the fielding fair. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Chapman, J., b Stacey	0	not out	'3
Franks, c Josey, b Crook	2	c Hills, b Stacey	
Smith, b Stacey	7	not out	
Eve, b Crook	8	} Did not bat.	
Keating, b Stacey	1		
Bowden, b Stacey	4		
Evans, b Crook	0		
Gee, b Crook	0		
Day, b Crook	0		
Watson, G., not out	0		
Bertram, b Stacey	2		
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	18	Total (1 wkt.)	3°

ABINGDON.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Lloyd, b Franks	15	c Bowden, b Day	3
Josey, b Day	0	b Day	1
Leach, b Day	1	c Evans, b Day	0
Tame, b Keating	2	c Keating, b Day	0
Howard, b Franks	14	b Day	11
Crook, c Chapman, b Day	6	b Day	0
Crossland, b Day	4	c Bowden, b Franks	1
Stacey, b Day	0	c Keating, b Day	16
Hills, c Eve, b Franks	2	b Franks	0
Morland, not out	2	not out	2
Hodgson, b Day	0	b Franks	1
Extras	4	Extras	0
Total	50	Total	35

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets.
Day	15	41	3
Keating	4	8	1
Franks	10	32	6

BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2ND XI. WARWICK SCHOOL 2ND XI.

Played at Warwick, July 11th. Warwick batted first and made 88. Our bowling was fairly steady with the exception of a good many leg balls, and judging by the number of catches held, the fielding was quite good on the whole. We just failed to reach our opponents' score, though Gee made quite a good attempt to save the game. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

Chapman, J., c Crostie, b Lancaster	4
Franks, c Nicholson, b Lancaster	9
Keating, b Cooke	3
Eve, b Lancaster	1
Smith, lbw b Cooke	0
Payne, b Cooke	10
Evans, c Bailey, b Cooke	7
Gee, not out	26
Bertram, b Cooke	3
Watson, G., c Hunt, b Bailey	4
Gowing, c Burn, b Cooke	0
Extras	2
Total	69

WARWICK.

Cavey, c Franks, b Evans	10
Cooke, b Frank	6
Nicholson, b Evans	6
Hunt, c Smith, b Evans	15
Cannock, c Gowing, b Evans	0
Lancaster, c Chapman, b Franks	8
Crostie, c Eve, b Franks	9
Bailey, c and b Gee	1
Taylor, c Evans, b Franks	2
Burn, c Smith, b Franks	6
Hocking, not out	1
Extras	4

Total.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Runs	Wickets.
Franks	16.5	37	8
Evans	8	14	4
Gee	8	12	1

House Matches:—

HEADMASTER'S V. WILBERFORCE.

Wilberforce had the stronger side and batted first, after winning the toss. Lewis and Harman played very steady but quite good cricket, and were in together for over an hour. They laid the foundations of a big score, but Hall bowled very well, in spite of being on so long, and the rest did not stay long. They were all out for 134, of which the first pair made nearly half. Day batted well for his runs. The Head's House fared badly and were all out for 51, while in their second innings they could only raise 19. Hall bowled 39 overs in the course of the Wilberforce innings and bowled exceedingly well all through, while Watson kept a good length and always kept the batsmen playing. Hall took 7 wickets for 60, and Watson 3 for 42. In the first innings of the Head's House, Martin, 3 for 18, Foster 2 for 21, Lewis, 1 for 3, and Day, 4 for 2, shared the wickets; in the second innings Day, 5 wickets for 9, and Harman, 4 for 1 run, were most successful. Score:—

WILBERFORCE.

Lewis, c Eve, b Watson	44
Harman, lbw b Watson	10
Foster, b Hall	7
Mier, c Butler, J., b Watson	12
Martin, b Hall	18
Chapman, J., b Hall	4
Thomas, L., b Hall	10
Day, b Hall	10
Viner, E., b Hall	7
Keating, b Hall	2
Payne, not out	0
Extras	17

Total.....134

HEADMASTER'S.

FIRST INNINGS.

Moojen, c Harman, b Foster	5
Smith, c and b Day	15
Hall, b Martin	0
Eve, c Mier, b Foster	2
Arkell, b Martin	12
Watson, G., c Foster, b Martin	8
Watkins, R., not out	1
Butler, J., c Harman, b Day	0
Watkins, L., b Day	2
Holness, c Payne, b Day	0
Collyer, st Mier, b Lewis	3
Extras	3

Total.....51

SECOND INNINGS.

b Day	6
b Foster	0
c Payne, b Day	2
c Mier, b Day	4
c Lewis, b Harman	0
c Chapman, b Day	0
c Chapman, b Day	0
c Foster, b Harman	1
not out	4
c Foster, b Harman	0
c and b Harman	1
Extras	3

Total.....21

HEADMASTER'S V. CRAKE.

The Headmaster's House were again much the weaker side, but put up quite a good fight. They batted first, but no one could manage to stay long against the bowling of Christopher and Tilbury. They were all out for 30; Tilbury taking five wickets for 13, and Christopher four for 13. When Crake went in, Tilbury and Bowden were soon out, but Franks and Littleboy batted well and put on 60 runs for the third wicket. When they were out the rest soon followed and the total only reached 90. Hall again bowled well and in the course of 14 overs took six wickets for 25, while Smith in less than three overs took four wickets for 8. The second innings of the Headmaster's House was again a procession as no one showed any signs of staying in. Littleboy and Franks shared the bowling, the former taking seven wickets for 7, and the latter three wickets for 12 runs. Score:—

HEADMASTER'S.

FIRST INNINGS.

Moojen, c and b Tilbury	0
Smith, b Tilbury	0
Hall, c Gee, b Christopher	4
Eve, c Wright, b Christopher	2
Watson, G., b Christopher	0
Arkell, b Christopher	8
Watkins, R., b Tilbury	5
Butler, J., c Christopher, b Tilbury	9
Holness, c Clark, b Tilbury	0
Watkins, L., b Littleboy	0
Collyer, not out	0
Extras	2

Total.....30

SECOND INNINGS.

c Christopher, b Franks	1
b Littleboy	2
c Gee, b Littleboy	5
c Christopher, b Littleboy	2
c Gee, b Littleboy	2
c Christopher, b Littleboy	0
c Christopher, b Franks	0
b Franks	2
b Littleboy	0
not out	5
c and b Littleboy	0
Extras	0

Total.....19

CRAKE.

Franks, c Watkins, L., b Smith.....	36
Tilbury, c Watson, b Hall.....	0
Bowden, c Smith, b Hall.....	4
Littleboy, c Eve, b Hall.....	39
Wright, c Watson, b Smith.....	6
Christopher, b Hall.....	0
Clark, lbw b Hall.....	0
Gee, not out.....	1
Hordern, b Smith.....	0
Bertram, c Watkins, R., b Hall.....	3
Gowing, b Smith.....	0
Extras.....	1
Total.....	90

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

IT seems rather out of place discussing a Cricket season in war time, but it must be realised how vitally important games are even at such a crisis, and their moral and physical training must convince the most hardened aesthete of their utility. The season, starting as it did without a single colour nor hardly any players of the least experience, has been quite successful on the whole. We have put in all the time possible at the nets and there has been a great all-round improvement. In fact the team playing now would not be recognised as the same team of the middle of May. The one point really noticeable in the practice has been slackness in bowling at the nets. It is easier to learn to bowl than to bat and bad bowling at the nets cuts both ways. It means bad bowling and leg balls in matches and at the same time prevents the batsman from getting any direct practice during his innings at the nets. That and a lack of "guts" has been our chief weakness. There has been no one capable of going for the bowling and spoiling his length or even of scoring freely off bad balls.

One match against Warwick still remains to be played ; but of the seven School matches played we have won three and lost four. The results—win or lose—show an improvement as the team settled down, and we need not be disappointed in the season despite the counter claims of O.T.C., etc.

We have started to award Second XI. colours, a thing which has been badly wanted for years, and hope they will add to the keenness. The Second XI. has done fairly well and have had some valuable experiences. We have tried to break fresh ground

and found several promising players who, we hope, will be available for several seasons yet. It has been very difficult to fill the last few places in both elevens and this shows great evenness either in ability or lack of it. The House Matches have been almost finished at the time of writing. The Headmaster's House is not so strong as the other two and the final match, Crake v. Wilberforce, is now in its last stages. Wilberforce have about 90 to make to win with only four wickets to fall, so that Crake should win the cup.

The matches have produced great keenness, but again it must be emphasised that "house" matches are of no importance compared with School matches, and much greater interest on the part of the "rank and file" of the School must be shown in matches. It should be a most unpardonable sin not to watch a match unless actually gated, and the School games will never take their right place until the tone is altered.

O.T.C. NOTES.

THIS term has been mostly occupied in preparing for the inspection with a large proportion of close order drill. The inspection took place on June 13th, by Colonel Stenning, of the 4th Officer Cadet Battalion, stationed at Oxford. It was a very severe test, and dealt mainly with turn out, a point in which we are necessarily deficient, owing to the war. The drill, in which we thought we were entitled to some credit, seems to have escaped notice, and great importance was attached to military demeanour

The shooting on the miniature range has been practically completed, but exact figures cannot be given before the term ends. So far about forty cadets have passed the elementary test, and about eight the classification, while we have managed to get a chance on the open range at Crouch Hill. There are 14 cadets to fire Table A, and it is hoped to complete the list either this term or the beginning of next. Lieut. Jacob has made great efforts to promote the efficiency of the corps in shooting, and the results are most encouraging. We have a House Shooting Cup for which to compete before the end of term, when the time can be fitted in.

A field day was held, as usual, on Ascension Day, of which an account will be found elsewhere.

FIELD DAY.

As Thursday, May 17th, Ascension Day, was wet, the usual field day was held on the Friday. It was too threatening to carry out the original intention of fighting before lunch, so the parade took place at 11.0, and we marched straight to Holy Well and had

an early lunch. After lunch, Section I., under Sergt. Mier and Corpl. Clark, with two machine-guns, set out to hold the farm buildings behind Fern Hill, and the other three sections, under Platoon-Sergt. Eve attacked them from the railway bridge just outside Milcombe. The commander of the defence posted both his machine-guns on his left flank, and entrusted the defence of the right to two sentry groups. The attack was composed of a small party under Corpl. Wright on the right flank, a line of skirmishers in the centre, and the main attack on the extreme left. By a bold dash, aided by carelessness on the part of the outpost, a machine-gun was captured at once, and Corpl. Wright's party with the skirmishers kept the whole of the defence busy while the main attack developed. When it arrived, the defence waited too long before returning to the fort, and were practically wiped out before giving way. A final rush on the right flank overwhelmed the survivors in spite of the amazing activities and immunity of the machine-gun, and carried the day. After a rest and an early tea a move was made for home via Hob Hill. Section 2, under Lance-Sergt. Martin, was told off to hold a series of lines of outposts, gradually falling back to the end of the ridge opposite the school. The attackers, in two parties, under Lance-Corpl. Neale and Corpl. Wright, advanced on each side of the ridge, but failed to keep touch, and Section 3 were wiped out by a machine-gun before getting to grips and realising the situation. Section 2, under Corpl. Wright, could not get into position before the outposts retired, and only arrived in time for the "cease fire." The work was very keenly carried out on the whole, and should have been instructive and useful. We are very grateful to the Chaplain once again for his assistance and help with the lunch, and to Mr. Colegrave for the use of the land.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP.

SCOUT NOTES.

BADGES GAINED THIS TERM.

First Class : Patrol Leader Agar
 Second Class : Scouts Egerton and Morgan
 Tenderfoot : Scouts Benjafield, Lee, Milner Morgan and S. Whitehead
 Marksmen : Patrol Leaders Coombes and Agar
 Naturalists : Patrol Leader Coombes, Scouts Gale and Viner
 Missioners : Scouts Gale, Gray and Egerton
 Interpreters : Scout Mead
 Cyclists : Scout Viner
 Carpenters : Patrol Leaders Coombes and Agar

PROMOTIONS (June 1st, 1917).

Second Agar to be Patrol Leader
 Second Kidman to be Patrol Leader
 Scout Jones to be Second
 Scout Burne to be Second
 Scout Gray to be Second

The following boys have joined the Troop this term :—Brooks, Aylmer, Chapman, Green, Hawkes, Lee, Matthews, Milner, Pugh, Sambidge, Smith, E. Truscott, M. West, Yates, Heathfield and Stanbra.

The Scout Challenge Trophy was won last term by Second Agar.

We have been able to have most of our parades out of doors this term and on the whole there has been a fair amount of work done. On Ascension Day we had a whole day's scouting. The Troop was divided into two portions. The one party took the trek cart, and were in charge of the Scoutmaster, and the other side were under the command of the Assistant Scoutmaster. The first body had to try and convey the trek cart to Holywell without being caught whilst the remainder defended it. Most of the attacking side were caught a short distance from the well. We then joined the O.T.C. at lunch which they kindly provided. Our best thanks are due to the O.C., officers and cadets for the very welcome repast which they gave us. The arrangements for the lunch were made by the Chaplain and much of its success was due to his efforts in this direction.

We had an inspection of the Troop on Sunday, July 15th, by the District Commissioner for Banbury. This was to have been held on July 8th, but was postponed on account of the bad weather. The report will be published later.

The Troop goes into camp at Aynhoe on July 23rd for six days. If the weather is good we ought to have a most enjoyable time.

We much regret to say that our Chaplain and Assistant Scoutmaster are leaving us this term. We shall all miss them both very much. We hope that the former may find time to start a scout troop in his new parish. Mr. Alexander is joining the Army. All the members of the troop are most grateful to him for all the work he has done whilst he has acted as its Assistant Scoutmaster.

Our signallers have made great progress this term under the able tuition of Q.M S. Martin. Our best thanks are due to him for all the trouble he has taken.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries :—
The Framlinghamian, *The Pauline* (2), *The Lily* (2), *The Lancing College Magazine* (3),
The Hurst Johnian (2), *The St. Edwards School Chronicle*, *The Denstonian*, *The Ardingly*
Annals, *S. S. M. Quarterly*.

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EDITORIAL.

AN editorial is usually little more than a contents bill, which affords a target for the criticism of future editors. A young-editor is told to eschew such subjects as the weather, infectious diseases, and Latin quotations. But there is one point to which all cling', and that is to notice in the first number of the School year the changes which have taken place. We feel that we cannot do less in this number, especially as amongst the other changes **THE BLOXHAMIST** has suffered the loss of an able and experienced editor. We record our gratitude for his unwearying labour and care, and especially for the manner in which he associated us with the Old Bloxhamist Society. In doing so he made us not only a recorder of School news, but also a link between the present and the past, and between the Old Boys themselves.

The latter is an important function, and if we are to do our duty in this respect, we would ask Old Bloxhamists to help us to their utmost in this matter. There is a possible danger of the Past neglecting the Present when they know that such a prominent and well-known figure as the late Chaplain has left us. They may feel that those that remain know little or take little interest in their doings. But let us assure them that the tradition which they laid down, that the past and present at Bloxham are undivided, will only be broken by their neglect ; and the fact that C. J. Wilson is still here will assure every Old Bloxhamist of a hearty and interested welcome.

In connection with the Old Bloxhamists, we hope that soon steps will be taken to put in hand a suitable scheme for a memorial to those who have fallen in the war. As will be seen from the chapel notes, a memorial has already been given, but we feel that perhaps another kind would meet with a wider support. A letter to this effect appeared in the last issue, and already one or two subscriptions have been received. But little real support can be expected for a scheme the details of which are unknown.

To the Past, perhaps, more than the Present the news that the School is quite full will be gratifying, for the latter realise it more fully. However, the imposing sight of a full parade of the O.T.C. and the crowded state of the Football field easily make up

for those trifling inconveniences, which Rumour says are temporary. Indeed, the sight of workmen making a new passage with care and deliberation embolden us to dream of greater schemes.

So far of the past, whilst of the present and its multifarious ways, we leave our pages to tell the story. We have tried not to advertise its contents for, "as a good wine needs no bush," so we are sure that topics of real interest need no headlines, and this despite the modern press and ultra-modern magazine.

THE REV. H. R. WILLIMOTT; AN APPRECIATION

ILOXHAM without Mr. Willimott !" to those who have been **B**' there at any time between 1904 and 1917 it sounds as impossible as did "Bloxham without Mr. Crake" or "Bloxham without Mr. Egerton" to bygone generations. It is difficult to remember that a great School is so much greater than even the greatest of names connected with it. Boys and masters come and go, like leaves on the trees in summer, but the School goes on, not weaker for its loss, but richer and fuller and stronger in its life for all that it has derived from them; and Bloxham has grown in many ways during those thirteen years through which Mr. Willimott has devoted himself so fully and faithfully to her welfare. It would be easy to make a list of some of the chief directions in which his energy most made itself felt and many of the fruits of his labours are there for everyone to see, but great as they are, they alone no more form the true measure of his work than clothes form the measure of a man. Some will remember his splendid organisation of the Jubilee, which won such well-deserved admiration from the visitors from our other schools; others will always think first of the decoration of the Sanctuary in memory of the Founder, the watchful care with which he saw to every detail of the work and the lavish generosity with which he himself supported it; from this minds will pass naturally to the steady improvement in the Chapel services, the daily Celebration of the Holy Communion and the Choral Eucharist each Sunday, so dear to his heart as the most powerful of all instruments for strengthening and blessing the life of the School. Old Bloxhamists will always be grateful for the wonderful vitality infused into the O.B. Society, raising it, phoenix-like, from little more than the ashes of the past. The library, the bank, the kalendar, the garden, **THE BLOXHAMIST** have each in their turn profited by a gift for orderly and methodical effort amounting almost to genius. Through all he did shone George Herbert's maxim:—

"When thou hast purposed aught within thy power,
Be sure to do it though it be but small;
Constancy knits the bones."

But all of these together, important as they are, formed little more than the channels by which he brought his real influence to bear

upon the general life of the School. A Chaplain's influence depends, in the long run, not upon what he says but upon what he is. Boys have not as a rule long memories for sermons. "That which you are you will teach, not voluntarily but involuntarily. Don't *say* things. What you *are* stands over you the while and thunders so that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary," is wise advice that all may take to heart. Whatever else Mr. Willimott said, he himself stood to all for the one word "Duty"; duty to God and duty to man. "Can you do what you ought, when you ought, whether you want to do it or not?" is, according to Herbert Spencer, the test of a properly-educated man. If that is so, Mr. Willimott played no little part in the education of past and present Bloxhamists, for, whether he knew it or not, his example taught that lesson, in season and out of season, to all and sundry. It will be long before it fades from the memory of those who knew him and loved him at Bloxham.

This is not the time or place to speak of his more private and personal influence over those brought most closely under his spiritual direction. Those who have experienced that privilege will not quickly forget it, and they would be the last to wish that any attempt should be made here to put their gratitude into words. They will always think of him as a faithful priest ever following in the steps of Him

"Who gave Himself most earnestly away,
Not thinking of the grandeur of the deed
But of the souls dying for need of Him."

and their prayers will ever be with him for God's continued blessing on his work in any wider field in which he may in the future be called to labour for our Lord and His Church.

WAR NEWS.

OBITUARY.

J. C. NUTHALL, B.A. (M. 1912-14), Lieut. Motor Machine-Gun Corps, was killed July 23, 1917. While here Mr. Nuthall was Editor of **THE BLOXHAMIST** and in charge of the Games, filling both positions in an altogether admirable way. His own powers as a cricketer and footballer were considerable, and to these he united an unfailing courtesy and tact which endeared him to everyone. He will be remembered not only as a pains-taking and capable sportsman and schoolmaster but also as a lovable man and a typical English gentleman. He was educated at Clifton College and Durham University. He left here to be married and took a post in a preparatory school near East Grinstead. In 1916 he joined the Inns of Court O.T.C., and was gazetted from there. R.I.P.

MAJOR C. E. BORTON (1890-93), Indian Army, Malay States Guides. Shot through the head by a stray bullet, August 2, 1917. After leaving here he went to Felsted and then to Selwyn, Cambridge. Gazetted to the Worcestershire Regiment, 1899, he went to South Africa for the Boer War, August 15th, 1900, and gained the Queen's Medal with three clasps. Joined Indian Army, 129th D.C.O. Baluchis, and served at Karachi, Hong Kong and Ferozepore. Seconded to the Malay States Guides, going to the Malay Peninsula; in command at Penang when the *Emden* visited that port in 1914. Sent to Aden 1915, and there shot by a stray bullet when in command of raid and about 100 yards from the enemy, August 2nd, 1917, aged 37. R. I. P. His Colonel wrote:—"I cannot tell you what his loss means to the regiment, and to me personally. He was one of the finest soldiers that I have ever met, with a fund of energy that I never got to the end of, and he was just my right hand as regards this regiment; to me he is irreplaceable. He was also my one pal here, and my opinion of him professionally was as great as my affection for him personally. I never heard him say, I never saw him do, a mean or unworthy thing; he was a clean living, clean minded, thorough English gentleman, with all that that term implies, and we all mourn his loss very deeply indeed."

MAJOR DERRICK LE POER TRENCH (1893-98), M.C., D.S.O., R.F.A., was killed August 27th, by the same shell as his superior officer Brigadier-General Malcolm Peake, C.M.G. He entered the R.M.A. Woolwich, 1899; gazetted to the R.F.A. 1900, promoted Lieutenant 1903, Captain 1913, Major 1915. He went to the front with the first Expeditionary Force in August, 1914, and served there throughout the war. He has been Adjutant to a Brigade, Brigade-Major to Divisional Artillery, and last spring was appointed D.A.A.G. He was four times mentioned in despatches, was awarded the M.C. in 1915 and the D.S.O. this year. Aged 35. R.I.P.

JOHN NEWBERV, known when here as J. N. Boschetti (1894-97—Cricket XI. 1896,97), Second-Lieutenant 3rd Regiment 1st Brigade South African Infantry; killed in Flanders September 20th, 1917. After leaving school he went out to South Africa. He was a trooper in the F squad 2nd Imperial Light Horse, and went through the German South-West Campaign. He then joined the Overseas Infantry and went to Egypt with the South Africans, and afterwards to France. He won his commission on the 29th April, 1917, for services on the field, for the way he led and handled his platoon when there was no officer to lead them, at Arras. He was wounded in the Delville Wood engagement. Aged 38. R.I.P.

THE REV. F. S. BOISSIER and **MRS. BOISSIER** have our deepest sympathy in the loss of their youngest son, Lieutenant

W. A. M. Boissier, R.M.A., who was accidentally drowned in France, July 27th. It was he who was in command of the party which rescued the few survivors of the ill-fated *Hampshire* when Lord Kitchener and our Brigadier-General W. Ellershaw were lost.

F. W. BLYTHE (1882-83), J.P.- Perth, Australia, enlisted in October, 1914, and was joined to the 4th Australian Field Ambulance. Was gassed October 22nd, 1917, and is now at the Red Cross Hospital, Chelmsford, recovering. Two of his sons have joined up and one is training.

H. E. WINCH (1908-11) is now in the R.F.A. and is in Salonica.

L. A. WINCH (1909-13), Second-Lieutenant R.F.A., has been gassed, but not severely. He was one of three left out of his trench mortar battery, the other 23 succumbed.

WALTER W. WARD (1905-06), promoted to captain, has been gassed.

W. E. MCKENZIE HILL (1910-15) Second-Lieutenant 3rd Seaforths, wounded in both legs in the battle of Arras, has now left St. Thomas's Hospital, after being four months there, and is assistant bombing officer at Cromarty, N.B.

H. W. EGERTON (1886-92), Inspector of Mechanical Transport, is now in Salonica, and has been promoted to captain.

V. H. S. DAVENPORT (1889-92), Reg. Sergt.-Major 3rd Border Regiment, who by August, 1915, had gained the D.S.M. and a bar, and had been mentioned in four despatches, has had a very severe attack of pleurisy, and is now stationed at Crosby, near Liverpool.

S. YORSTON (1905-09), Second-Lieutenant 6th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, has been wounded in France while acting as Battalion Intelligence Officer. After leaving hospital, he was married to Miss Kathleen Sellon, and we wish them every blessing.

W. E. BURY (1892-00) on leaving School went out to Canada. He came over with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and has been twice wounded, but is again "doing his bit," as is also **SECOND-LIEUT. G. V. JONES** (1900-06), Welsh Regiment, who has been wounded.

THE REV. H. R. PEEL (1896-98) has gone out as Chaplain to the Forces.

CAPTAIN D. G. KENNARD (1881-86), R.A.M.C., has been wounded.

E. A. BARLOW (1906-10), R.F.A., has been promoted to Lieutenant and has been wounded.

R. S. CAMPBELL (1901-06), who on leaving School went out into the Chinese customs, returned to England when war was

declared and obtained a commission in the 3rd Battalion " Black Watch." He was wounded last year and invalided out of the Army.

VISCOUNT HAWARDEN (E. W. MAUDE—1889-94), * * * before the war was attached to the Egyptian Army, has now joined his old regiment, the Queen's Royal West Surrey, as major.

ENGINEER-COMMANDER W. C. STEVENS (1877-80), R.N. Coll., Osborne, has been promoted to captain.

F. C. BOWLER (1911-15) has now joined the R.F.C.

F. H. H. GRAHAM (1907-10) has obtained a commission in the Lancashire Fusiliers.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT C. G. M. MORRIS (1903-10), Royal Berkshire Regiment, has been promoted to lieutenant.

C. BROWN (1909-11), who was a trooper in the Q.O.O.H., has been wounded. Since his recovery he has joined the R.F.C.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT A. L. B. SPROULE (1908-13), 1st Reserve London Regiment R.F., has recovered and joined his unit.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT F. E. STANFORD (1909-10) has left the A.S.C. and is now a lieutenant of the R.G.A.

F. G. GEPP (1910-13), 4th Queen's R. W. Kent Regt, was wounded at Ypres and is at present in the Sheffield Infirmary.

J. R. EGERTON (1884-91), is a voluntary driver B.R.C.S. in France. Before that he had to supervise the motor-tractor ploughs in East Suffolk. By hard work against adverse conditions, much of the work done was due to his initiative and personal example. At present, like all workers for the Red Cross, his hours each day are numberless, but the utility of it helps to balance the sadness and weariness.

D. W. T. CAIN (1910-16), has met with a bad accident in France. He quickly proved his resource and daring in the R.F.C. With others he was sent to attack the German aeroplanes behind their lines. After a fight in which he disposed of two of the enemy he was attacked by four others. As his machine was badly riddled, he made for home. Before he could land, his machine broke 1000 feet above the ground. Cain fell upon a hangar but escaped miraculously with his life. His own pluck prevented the doctors giving him up. He is seriously injured, but he writes very cheerily. This time last year he was Senior Prefect.

W. R. Wright (1913-17) and **S. R. BOLTON** (1915-16), are cadets in the R.F.C. at St. Leonards.

C. A. FAREBROTHER (1915-16), who has been with No. 6 O.C.B. at Oxford, has just finished his course.

J. S. ALEXANDER (Science Master) is on active service with the 16th I.R. Battalion.

J. S. Boissier (1904-1908), has been severely wounded during the recent offensive.

WAR MEMORIAL CROSS.

Subscriptions received since the last list was published at the end of July :—

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	95	1	10
O. Lindgren	1	0	0
G. Langmore	1	0	0
Mrs. Bidlake (in mem. K.B.)	0	5	0
Rev. R. M. Grier.	5	0	0
T. C. Bigwood (in mem. A.C.V.B.)	0	10	6
Rev. A. E. Riddle (in mem. F.E.L.B.)	1	1	0
Brig.-Gen. W. H. Beach	1	1	0
Viscount Hawarden	1	1	0
Rev. A. R. South-Phillips	1	1	0
F. T. Green ...	1	1	0
C. J. Wilson.	1	1	0
G. Walford	1	0	0
£110	3	4	

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Keith & Co.	105	0	0
Photographs and Frames...	3	3	3
Printing and Postage	2	11	9
Car to and from Banbury...	0	8	0
2 Selvyts	0	2	2
£111	5	2	

The above statement of receipts and expenditure shows a small deficit of £1 1 10.

A "Requiem" was sung on Saturday, July 21st, for the souls of the Old Bloxhamists who have been killed, and on Monday, July 23rd, which was observed this year as Founder's Day, the new processional cross was blessed immediately after the usual commemoration of the Founder, and before the Sung'fEu-charist.

ROUTE MARCH.

ON Monday, July 23rd, the greater part of the O.T.C. started on a route march through the district south-west of Bloxham. With the exception of one heavy rain-storm, which occurred on Wednesday, the weather was all that could be desired. Altogether we covered between sixty and seventy miles of road by easy stages.

After a substantial meal late on Monday afternoon, we set out along the road towards Chipping Norton, accompanied by a van containing provisions and other impedimenta. The first night was spent in farm buildings at Pomfret Castle, about half-way to Chipping Norton. By the time preparations had been made and overcoats distributed, it was time to turn in. But first a light supper was served and prayers read by our late Chaplain, who accompanied us in the double capacity of Chaplain and head of the commissariat department.

On Tuesday "reveille" was sounded at 6 a.m., and after prayers and breakfast we moved on towards Chipping Norton. There a short halt was made and sundry provisions picked up. Incidentally repairs to the harness of a somewhat restive steed were performed. We marched on in the heat, which was now becoming intense, to Kingham Station, via Churchill, and eventually took refuge in a field near the river Evenlode, in which the majority of the contingent enjoyed a refreshing bathe. Then came a welcome luncheon and a glorious slack until it was time to complete the day's march up the long hill to Idbury, a small village lying on the edge of the Cotswold country. There we were made welcome by a gentleman who was most hospitable and placed his premises, containing a magnificent barn with plenty of straw, at our disposal.

By this time some of the party had begun to suffer from blistered feet and other small ailments and had to be doctored before turning in for the night. The following day being the Feast of St. James, the Chaplain celebrated the Holy Eucharist at 6.30 in the little village church close by. After breakfast we marched through Fifield with band playing en route for Shipton-under-Wychwood, where Mrs. Hinde awaited us in her beautiful garden at the old Prebendal House. We were somewhat late in arriving owing to the great heat, but the weariness of the way was amply made up for by the kind reception we received and the refreshments which Mrs. Hinde provided. The van meanwhile had gone on to Burford by a shorter route to make preparations for the mid-day meal, which we were destined not to have! After Mrs. Hinde had distributed certain prizes to members of the corps for shooting, the journey was resumed, but before we reached Burford we were caught in a heavy storm and were soon soaked to the skin. Therefore, instead of halting we pressed on to Filkins, where we were to spend that night, and by the time we arrived our clothes were quite dry again and we did greater justice to a very ample meal which had been ransacked out of a shop at Burford and brought along in the van. At Filkins Mr. Hoddinott provided us with excellent accommodation in one of his barns, and our presence excited no small amount of curiosity among the inhabitants of this remote village. They simply crowded to see us, and the members of the band turned out to

play to them. This was much appreciated, as was also the march through the village on the following morning, when we pursued our way in the direction of Witney. That Thursday's march was the longest day's march we did. We arrived at Witney about one o'clock and at once repaired to a magnificent bathing place to remove the dust and gain external refreshment before partaking of internal ditto in a neighbouring field belonging to one of the famous blanket factories. Thence we proceeded in the cool of the evening to Long Hanborough. Much doctoring of feet was necessary there, and it was quite dark before the medical corps, represented by the Chaplain, retired to rest.

On Friday we were up earlier than usual and on the strength supplied by a cup of cocoa marched right through Blenheim Park, past the Palace, to Woodstock, where we arrived punctually at 8.30 and sat down to a sumptuous breakfast at the Marlborough Arms. About ten o'clock we started again and took the short cut to Sturdy's Castle on the high road from Oxford to Banbury. Excellent headway was made and we arrived on the outskirts of Deddington well in advance of scheduled time. So before making our formal entry into the village we had a few hours' relaxation on the banks of a stream. Then about five o'clock we marched up the hill to Deddington, being greeted by almost the whole population of the place. An excellent high-tea was ready for us at the Unicorn, and the rest of the evening was spent in roaming about the village, several members of the party resorting to the barber's shop to be made presentable for the last day's journey home.

On Saturday morning we made a very early start in order to reach Bloxham in time for breakfast at 6.30. Then the contingent was dismissed, after giving cheers for the officers, and the whole party dispersed in civilian garb for the summer holidays.

Thus ended the first route march our corps has done, and it was agreed on all hands that it had been a most successful undertaking.

EXTRACTS from the DIARY of "EYE - WITNESS LAST JULY.

[SCENE.—A country road in Oxfordshire, much dust and heat and a platoon of cadets nearing the end of a long day's march.]

First Weary One: "How far have we come since lunch?"

Second ditto: "About eight miles."

First W.O.: "We must be nearly there. Anybody know how far we are from the blooming barn?"

Second W.O.: "About two miles."

First W.O. : " Who said so ? "

Second W.O. " Old———"

First W.O. : " Go on ; I don't believe you."

Second W.O. : " Ask him, then."

[A short silence and deep breathing- in the rear, symptomatic of a great effort; then a voice asks—]

" Please, sir, how far are we from the barn ? "

"About five miles." [groans from the leading files]—but you can see the roof just in front of you."

[A triumphant snort is heard from the direction of the unbeliever, and he shouts, " Suck it, my boy ! suck it ! "]

[SCENE.—A large stackyard and barn ; a commissariat wagon ; numerous N.C.O.'s breaking camp; a heated transport officer trying to pack the waggon. A sudden deadlock ensues, and overcoats, blankets, etc., fly from the waggon in showers. "It's no use ; everything must be properly packed. The haversacks must go at the bottom."

The waggon is carefully re-packed with the aid of several earnest helpers.

It is half-packed, and a smile is beginning to replace the frowns of care on heated faces, when in a moment all is changed. The sun no longer shines, the sky grows black, birds no longer sing and chirp, and cows cease their cries of joy. Once more the avalanche precipitates itself from the back of the waggon. "Where is haversack L ? " "Who is the fool who cannot count up to fourteen?" Loud shrieks for———a heard ; the luckless cadet is accused of losing the haversack. Long and persistent search is made. The officers hold their reeling brows, N.C.O.'s glower and shriek. Every corner is searched and the straw sifted. The unhappy cadet, loudly protesting, is being led off to be shot. Then, after deep and sinister consultation, the Q.M.S. announces that all is well; only thirteen haversacks were brought. The cloud lifts, birds sing again, the platoon falls wearily in one-and-a-half hours late ; and a small but penetrating voice again exclaims, " Suck it, my boy ! suck it ! "]

[SCENE.—Same old road ; same old dust; same old sun.]

" Wonder where I shall be marching in six months'time? France, I expect."

" Never mind, old sport, you'll be jolly useful there."

" What do you mean ? Trying to be funny? "

" Keep your hair on, T——y ; you'll only have to grin at them over the parapet."

" Funny joke ! You won't even need to grin."

" Say, what's gone wrong with the step ; are they all asleep in front?"

" I don't know. Let's have a song. Who's in the choir ? "

[Chorus of " Come along, B——n." For the next half-hour an indescribable mixture of songs is heard :—" We're here because we're here," " If I was the only girl in the world," " Keep the home fires burning," " It's a long way to Tipperary" to the tune of " The

Church's one Foundation," " ' Move to the right in fours,' said the sergeant." When all these have been duly murdered, local inspiration comes to the rescue with various parodies on " John Brown's body," such as—

" Sergeant, Sergeant, Sergeant, get your hair cut,"
" H——g, H——g, H——g, pull your skirts up,"
" T——y, T——y, T——y, cover your teeth up,"
" J——n, J——n, J——n, brace your knees up,"
" H——n, H——n, H——n, open your Prayer-book. "]

O.T.C. NOTES.

ONLY a few weeks of actual School life have passed since the last notes were written, but we have entered upon a new generation of Corps life and everything seems different.

Great events marked the end of last term in our year's work. As soon as the inspection was over, greater attention and more time could be given to shooting and field work, and the event unique in our history, the Route March, took place.

For the first time in three years, we had the opportunity of using the open range at Crouch Hill, and we made the most of it. There was at once shown the great value of the steady work done in the miniature range. Two officers and fifteen cadets fired Table A in both parts—Instructional and Standard Test—and all qualified. In many cases the shooting reached a high standard, as will be seen from the scores appended :—

	INSTRUCTIONAL.								STANDARD TEST.				
	Practice Maxima	1st 25	2nd 20	3rd 20	4th 20	5th 20	6th 20	Total 125	7th 25	8th 20	9th 20	10th 20	Total 85
Captain L. E. Smith	15	20	8	20	11	13	87	15	11	11	12	49	Q
Lt. L. Jacob	15	12	16	20	16	19	98	15	19	20	16	70	Q
Pl.-Sergt. Eve	20	16	17	16	5	7	81	15	11	16	9	51	Q
Sergt. Mier	10	13	14	15	7	8	67	20	9	19	7	55	Q
L.-Sergt. Martin	0	18	12	12	2	11	55	10	15	15	9	49	Q
Corp. Clark	15	18	16	18	11	7	85	10	16	18	18	62	Q
Corp. Wright	10	11	2	8	3	13	47	10	16	17	16	59	Q
Cadet Bowden	20	10	16	19	11	15	91	15	9	10	17	51	Q
Cadet Kirkby	0	16	10	19	7	16	68	10	11	18	10	49	Q
Cadet Littleboy	15	11	11	16	14	16	83	10	15	15	12	52	Q
Cadet Hobley	0	8	16	19	15	17	75	15	12	17	14	58	Q
Cadet Saunderson...	20	11	10	9	12	6	68	15	11	16	12	54	Q
Cadet Tilbury	15	19	17	13	8	11	83	20	8	17	10	55	Q
Cadet Lewis	20	15	10	10	8	16	79	10	17	17	14	58	Q
Cadet Smith	20	15	10	15	16	11	87	15	15	18	17	65	Q
Cadet J. Chapman...	10	15	11	16	9	0	61	15	14	16	16	61	Q
Cadet Pratt	20	13	8	19	6	10	76	15	11	9	15	50	Q

In addition to this 20 cadets fired the classification on the miniature range with the following results :—

Cadet Pratt	91 pts.	1st Class	Cadet Hordern	3rd Class
" Smith	90	"	" Salmon, J.	"
" Watkins, L. ...	86	"	" Christopher ...	"
" Powell	83	"	" Franks, A. ...	"

Cadet Chapman, J...	76 pts.	2nd Class	Cadet Watson, G. ...	3rd class
Foster	68	"	"	Campbell
Thomas, L. ...	65	"	"	Law
Neale	63	"	"	Watkins, R. ...
Hall	61	"	"	Corp. Wright.
Lewis	60	"	"	
Payne	60	"	"	

Besides, 41 cadets succeeded in passing the elementary test on the miniature, and there were only 8 failures.

These results promise well for the future shooting of the School, and are an excellent record of Lieutenant Jacob's untiring efforts towards reaching a high standard of efficiency.

THE HOUSE CUP, a new venture, was also shot for at the end of the term, and added to the keenness in shooting. Teams of five represented each House, and each team fired three practices on the miniature range. The highest score obtained on the open range in the Standard Test was also added in. The result was as follows :—

CRAKE.

	Grouping.	Disap.	Fig.	Applien.
Clark	20	20		43
Bowden	18	15		31
Hobley	5	5		26
Law	5	5		21
Thomas, R. ...	0	0		13
Totals.	55	45		134

Open Range—Clark 62

Grand Total 296

WILBERFORCE.

Chapman, J.	15	15	21
Mier	0	0	29
Praff	0	5	17
Lewis	15	0	22
Thomas, L.	10	10	33
Totals	40	30	122

Open Range—Chapman 61

Grand Total 253

HEADMASTER'S.

Eve	5	10	3°
Smith	5	15	16
Kirkby	0	5	13
Saunderson	0	0	16
Read, E. ...	0	0	10
Totals.	30	3°	95

Open Range—Smith 65

Grand Total 220

ON the last afternoon of term, before starting for the Route March, two teams of five fired for the Empire Cadet Cup, open to all recognised O.T.C.'s in England and the Colonies. Unfortunately our two private rifles had given way under the strain, and we had to use a heavy service rifle, bored to 22, and one of the V.T.C. rifles, which we borrowed. Our first team finished thirty-second with a score of 326. The winners scored 376 points. With our own rifles we could surely have put on another 30 or 40 points and finished quite high up.

ON Saturday, July 21st, we filled up a spare half-holiday with a field-day. One section, under Sergt. Mier, held a line of outposts in the field behind the church and was attacked from the village end by the other three sections. After a brief rally in the field the defenders retreated through the wood and after holding up the attack again fell back and took up a position on the other side of the stream, defending the bridge. A gallant charge took the attackers across the bridge in face of galling fire from a machine-gun, and the defence was overpowered after a hot struggle.

THIS term we have lost Lance-Sergeant Martin and Corporal Wright among our N.C.O.s, and feel their loss considerably, as they always showed a good example of keenness and did valuable work. Other cadets have left, but we have 24 recruits this term and our numbers are higher than ever, now amounting to 83. That figure is double the total number of cadets two years ago, and the increase is very gratifying.

The following promotions have been made :—

Corpl. Clark to be...	L.-Sergt. and Acting Q.M.S. ...	Sept. 26th
Cadet Watkins, L.	Lance-Corpl. i/c Band	"
" Harman ...	Lance-Corpl.	Sept. 25th
" Littleboy ...	"	Nov. 3rd

THE FOOTBALL SEASON.

THE season opened with great promise, but soon failed us. We had a better team than last year, inasmuch as it was a team and not a one-man side. Unfortunately the demands of the O.T.C. caused us to give up one of our practice days to physical training, and later in the term an epidemic caused School matches to be abandoned. We started well by beating Brackley easily at home, and only lost to Magdalen College School, Oxford, by 3—2, after leading up to within ten minutes of time. It is extremely doubtful if there will be any more matches this season, so we can hardly say that the team has been really tested. Mier has made an excellent captain and set a splendid example. His only fault is a tendency to try and do too much. Of the other forwards the outsidest spoil their efforts by not trying to centre more frequently. The halves—Smith, Harman and Eve—have been very

good all through and played some fine games. Orford has been good at attack, though inclined to be a bit slow. He kicks excellently when not flurried. Goal has been a difficult position to fill, Webb and Hordern being almost equally efficient and deficient.

The other games have been played keenly on the whole, but there have been cases of deliberate slacking, a thing which is to be deplored. Our thanks are due to the Chaplain for the kind way in which he was always willing to turn out and referee and help in many ways.

A match was played with the Aynhoe Munion Workers on October 6th, and three masters played on our side. The soldiers were too strong for us and won easily 9—1.

On November 17th we played a team from Hook Norton and managed to draw 3—3 after an exciting game. Meir scored two goals and Evans one, and with a little more luck we might have won.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY.

Played at Bloxham, October 13th. The home side was considerably the stronger, and we had matters pretty much our own way all through. Mier ran through and scored in the first minute and Evans converted a centre a few minutes later. We were pressing most of the game and goals were put on until the score was 12—0. In the last ten minutes the defence slacked off a little, and our opponents nearly scored once or twice.

Team.—Goal, Webb; backs, A. Laker and Orford; halves, Eve, Harman, Smith; forwards, Clark, Evans, Mier, Keating and Christopher.

HOUSE MATCHES.

CRACK V. WILBERFORCE.

This match, which was really the deciding match for the House Cup, was played on November 1st. Crake had the better side on paper and a very close game was anticipated. It turned out to be just as was expected. Both sides played up their hardest, and, while Crake had the stronger forward line, Mier was always dangerous for the Wilberforce. Payne scored first for the Wilberforce in the first half, but Christopher equalised in the second half, so that extra time had to be played. In the first extra ten minutes Mier managed to score again for the Wilberforce, and though the Crake forwards pressed hard and were always dangerous, they could not manage to score again, leaving Wilberforce winners with the score 2—1.

Teams : Wilberforce.—Goal, Campbell; backs, Foster and Prescott; halves, Pratt, Harman and Keating; forwards, Day, J. Parsons, Mier (captain), Payne and W. Truscott.

Crake.—Goal, Webb; backs, Orford and Littleboy; halves, Franks, Bateman and Gee; forwards, Clark, Tilbury Evans, Christopher (captain), and W. Wills.

HEADMASTER'S V. WILBERFORCE.

Played November 3rd. The Head's House were the weaker team, but played a very plucky game and kept the scoring down to unexpected limits. On several occasions they went further and almost succeeded in scoring. Wilberforce managed to get seven goals at intervals, for most of which Mier was responsible; though the Head's House never gave in and kept it up to the very end. At half Smith and Eve played a great game, while at back L. and R. Watkins were most energetic. It was especially pleasing to notice the great promise shown by some of the smaller members of the teams, such as W. Truscott and J. Taylor.

Teams : Wilberforce.—Same as against Crake, with E. Chapman for J. Parsons.

Headmaster's House.—Goal, Arkell; backs, L. and R. Watkins; halves, Trendell, Eve (captain) and Smith; forwards, Collyer, J. Butler, E. Butler, Hall, and J. Taylor.

THE SCOUT CAMP.

THE annual camp was held at the end of the Summer term, at Aynhoe. Mr. Hawkes kindly lent us one of his fields. The site was an excellent one. On one side of the ground ran the River Cherwell and the other was bounded by the Oxford and Birmingham Canal. The village of Clifton was about a quarter-of-a-mile away and Aynhoe was somewhat over a mile distant. The bathing was very good and many of the Scouts spent most of their time either bathing or fishing. During the latter half of the camp we were, owing to the kindness of the Headmaster, able to hire a boat. Needless to say this was in great demand.

The tents were pitched in a semi-circle with the mess-tent in the centre. Opposite to this was the flag-staff. The kitchen and canteen were situated quite close to the river.

The advance party, under the charge of the Scoutmaster, left the School on Friday, July 20th, and the camp was quite ready when the main body of the Troop arrived on the following day. The Rev. T. Cartwright was good enough to conduct a camp service for us on Sunday afternoon. Earlier in the day we had a visit from some of the Bodicote scouts and their assistant scoutmaster. The Headmaster and Miss Reely visited us on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes invited the troop to tea on Wednesday, and we spent a most enjoyable time. The majority of the Scouts left on Thursday, though about ten remained for another week.

The cooking- was under the charge of the Scoutmaster and the patrol leaders. The troop did full justice to the various dishes, and it should perhaps be added that all the meals were served up to time.

Patrol-Leader Agar managed the canteen in a most efficient manner. It was a veritable general stores where one could obtain not only all sorts of things to eat and drink, but also such articles as fishing-rods and lines and stamps and papers, etc. After the bank had been opened a long queue was generally to be seen waiting to be served at the canteen.

Mr. Wightman very kindly provided us with wood and also lent us a cart. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes provided us with vegetables. Our thanks are also due to the Bodicote Scout Troop for the loan of two tents.

The following was the daily routine :-

7 a.m.	Turn out, air bedding-, etc.
7.15 a.m.	Stow tents and wash
7.45 a.m.	Prayers
8 a.m.	Breakfast, consisting- of porridge, bread and butter, and either bacon, fish or eggs
9 a.m.	Fatigue duties (tidy camp, etc.)
9.15 a.m.	Kit and tent inspection
9.45 a.m.	Bank opens
10. a.m.	Physical Drill
10.45 a.m.	Biscuits and milk
11.15 a.m.	Scouting games, bathing, etc.
1 p.m.	Dinner (meat, vegetables, sweets or bread and cheese)
2 p.m.	An hour's compulsory rest. No moving or talking allowed in camp
3.10 p.m.	Scouting games in neighbourhood, or bathing
5 P.-	Tea (bread and butter and jam or cake)
5.30 p.m.	Recreation and free time
7.45 p.m.	Evening rations (cocoa and biscuits or soup and bread)
8.10 p.m.	Prayers
8.30 p.m.	Boys under twelve go to bed
8.35 p.m.	Camp fire
9.30 p.m.	Turn in
9.45 p.m.	Lights out

Cooking: The Scoutmaster and Patrol Leaders.

Bank: The Scoutmaster.

Canteen: Patrol-Leader Agar.

Scout Mullins.

Second Burne.

Camp-kitchen and Fires: Scout Parsons.

SCOUT NOTES.

THE following boys joined the Troop this term :-J. Cooper (Cuckoo Patrol), D. Gale, L. White, Jupp, Collyer, (Fox Patrol), McClure, G. Caine, Robinson (Kangaroo Patrol), Yardley, H. Eve (Otter Patrol), L. Caine, Bury, Matthews (Tiger Patrol), Good

THE SCOUT CHALLENGE TROPHY was won at the end of last term by Patrol-Leader Agar, K. S.

SECOND Jones and Scout Holtom are to be congratulated on gaining their War Service (twenty-eight days) Badge. Jones worked at the Red Cross Headquarters in Edinburgh and Holtom did some work near his own home. We hope that some more members of the Troop will follow their example during the Christmas holidays.

PATROL-LEADER AGAR, K.S., has been appointed Senior Patrol-Leader. Second Taylor and Second Gale have been given charge of the Tiger and Fox patrols. No new patrol-leaders are, however, to be appointed until they have gained their King's Scout badge.

THE PATROL COMPETITIONS up to date have resulted as follows :-*Inter-Patrol Football.*—1, Beaver-Cuckoo ; 2, Kangaroo-Fox. *Fire Lighting.*—1, Beaver; 2, Kangaroo. *Signalling.*—1, Beaver-Cuckoo ; 2, Otter-Tiger. *Swedish Drill.*—1, Kangaroo-Fox ; 2, Otter-Tiger. *Relay Race.*—1, Beaver; 2, Otter. The Chaplain kindly acted as judge for the Swedish Drill competition.

OLD BLOXHAMIST NEWS.

G. E. FOXWELL (1906-09), F.C.S.Assoc., M.I.Min.E., who is the chief chemist to the Koppers Coke-Oven Bye-Product Co., Sheffield, has kindly sent us a copy of a paper he read before the Yorkshire Section of the Society of Chemical Industry. In his paper he brings forward some of the problems at present awaiting solution in connection with the coking of coal and indicates some lines on which research might with advantage be undertaken. In the discussion which ensued his suggestions were well received by the different speakers, and it is hoped that these suggestions may lead to something tangible, and an improvement in the mode of making coke.

FLIGHT-LIEUT. F. J. LINNELL (1906-08), R.N. Flying Corps, was married during his leave in August. We wish him and Mrs. Linnell every blessing. On leaving School he took up wireless telegraphy.

VISITORS.—Capt. H. G. Massy Miles (1900-03), R. A. M. C, and his wife; Captain J. S. Boissier (1904-08), 6th Batt. Oxford and Bucks. L.I.; H. M. Bennett (1909-13); 2nd-Lieut. C. H. Boissier (1898-03); Capt. T. G. Bowler (1906-11), R.F.C. Wing Adjutant kite balloon; N.W. Bradshaw (1905-08), TrooperCJueen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars; F. C. Bowler (1911-15); J. R. Cherry (1882-85); D. A. Neale (1911-17); A. H. D. Collyer (1886-91) and his wife; W. H. Page (1880-85), Lieutenant National Reserve 4th Northamptonshire Regt., afterwards merged into Royal Defence Corps.

CAPT. A. GRANVILLE (1889-91), R.A.M.C., C.M.G., has now resigned the post of Director of the Alexandria Municipality and is Chairman of the Quarantine Board. We hear he has a very fine collection of valuable curios, and also that he speaks most fluently French, Italian and Arabic, besides his English and several other languages.

THE REV. P. P. GOLDINGHAM (1873-75), Rector of Witney, has been presented by the Bishop of Oxford Rector of East Hendred, Steventon.

WE congratulate G. Leadley Brown (1890-94) on the birth of a son.

OBITUARY.—We regret to record the death of Leonard Walter Edward Bicknell (1871-74). He was clerk of the Mercers' Company, in which guild he had risen to the rank of House Warden. For a time he was a member of the School Committee. R.I.P.

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

THE Patronal Festival was spent quietly, yet happily. There were few visitors, and few were expected. The Old Bloxhamists, with whom the day is more especially associated, were all following a more insistent call than even that of their old School, but that they were with us in spirit and in thought we know by the letters and telegrams which came from many fronts and many quarters. At the All Saints' Day of Peace year, we shall hope to welcome the largest gathering the School has seen. Still that is in the future, and in these days of war we at Bloxham try to carry on their tradition to progress so that we may have something to show when they do come home to Bloxham.

The Chaplain celebrated at the Choral Eucharist, which was really well sung, and in which the School joined heartily. The new Vicar of Bloxham preached an able and stirring sermon. Speaking of the Saints who had served God, he instanced three types, the scientists and artists who devoted their talents to His service; the soldiers, men of action who had offered a bodily sacrifice for His cause; and those healers of souls who sought by their own self-sacrifice to bring the broken in mind and body to the healing touch of His love. He put before his listeners the necessity of considering whether amongst the other calls to the service of God for mankind they had seriously thought of the priesthood. He urged that it was a matter which called for patience and which necessitated advice, thought and reading. But the preacher was convinced that the desire to serve God in this manner lay in the hearts of many. He begged them to weigh the matter well.

In the afternoon a hard House Match was played. Neither the state of the ground nor the conditions of the weather seemed to lessen the great enthusiasm. A detailed account of the match is given elsewhere, so we need say nothing more than that it was an excellent game, keenly contested. Evensong was sung at five o'clock. At eight an entertainment was given by Mr. Humphrey Griffiths and Miss Davis. During the interval Mrs. Cameron kindly distributed the Prizes and Locals Certificates.

PRIZE LIST, 1917.

The "Old Bloxhamist" Divinity Prizes.—VI., F. M. Eve; V., C. J. Harman; IV, T. Good; III, Holness and A. Laker; II, J. Taylor; 7., C. S. Egerton.

The "Wilson" Classical Prizes.—VI, F. M. Eve; V, C. J. Harman, J. N. Allnutt and T. V. Hordern; IV, A. Tilbury; III, J. Wroughton.

The "Wilson" Mathematical Prizes.—VI, F. M. Eve; V, C. J. Harman; IV, C. Taylor; III, C. W. Arkell, G. Watson and A. H. Collyer; II, J. Taylor; K. Harrison.

Science Prizes.—VI, A. D. Neale; V, E. V. Read; IV, H. J. S. Walkley; III, G. Cooper.

French Prizes.—VI, F. M. Eve; V, R. S. Payne; IV, G. White; III, G. J. Mead.

English Prizes.—VI, A. D. Neale and S. T. Smith; V, C. J. Harman; IV, J. B. Hall; III, R. Kidman; 77., G. J. Mead; I, H. V. Pitt-Kethley.

Oxford Locals Certificates.—Senior:—F. M. Eve (2nd Class Honours) and S. J. Smith. Juniors:—J. N. Allnutt (2nd Class Honours and a Distinction in Latin), J. S. Clark, R. Day, C. T. Foster, A. Franks, G. S. Pratt, E. V. Read, C. J. Harman, T. V. Hordern, W. J. Kirkby, A. E. Lewis, R. S. Payne. Preliminaries:—C. W. Arkell, F. W. Berringer, C. L. Burne, V. J. Campbell, E. C. G. Chapman, C. W. Cherry, A. L. Christopher, A. H. Collyer, R. B. Coombes, R. M. Denton, C. G. Gowing, J. B. Hall, J. G. Shorland, P. B. Smithett, C. J. Taylor, A. Tilbury, H. J. S. Walkley, G. Watson and F. V. Wickham.

LETTERS OR WIRES, for which they have our hearty thanks, were received from Mrs. Hinde, Rev. H. R. Willimott (1904-17), Mr. Blacker (1862-73), L. B. Ostrehan (1904-08), in Egypt, J. D. Lound (1909-13), J. R. Egerton (1884-91), in France, Mr. Paget, Mrs. Ward, R.N. Flight-Lieut. F. J. Linnell (1906-08), on the North Sea, 2nd-Lt. W. E. McKenzie Hill (1910-15), Mr. Ashworth, Second-Lieut. V. Mackreth (1911-14), R. J. G. Read (1866-70), C. A. M. Roberts (1904-12), A. C. Plummer (1891-95), J. T. Champion

(1864-68), H. G. Browning (1889-93), *ev. S. Boulter (1865-69), Rev. A. C. H. Ostrehan (1902-04), Rev. L. Riley (M. 1904-10), Rev. J. F. Turner (M. 1892-1909), Mr. Goodwin (M. 1888-98), Rev. F. S. Boissier (1865-71—M. 1879-98), E. J. Harvey (1906-13), P. E. Read (1910-12), R. R. Powell (1913-16), W. Hodgson (1860-62), Second-Lieutenant D. V. Hill (1908-12), in France, Mr. Bridger (M. 1869-71 and 1881-94), *- G. Rawlings (1880-83), Mr. Attwood (M. 1902-11), Rev. G. H. Ward (H.M. 1899-1914).

Mrs. Mallett kindly gave flowers and Mr. Ashworth kindly contributed to the flower fund.

SCHOOL NEWS.

WE have to record that at the end of last term not only did we lose the Chaplain, but also the Rev. F. J. Shaw and Mr. T. G. Alexander. Mr. Shaw for the second time joined the staff in January, 1915. We regret his loss in many ways, but especially the loss of his musical genius. No concert was complete without his wonderful pianoforte solos, which were always the chief feature of the programme. Mr. Alexander's departure for the Army deprived us of a very keen and capable personality. The Photograph Society, the Natural History Society, the Scouts, have all to deplore the absence of that zeal and thoroughness which he put into all his work.

THE REV. T. G. BLOFELD, A.K.C., has been appointed Chaplain by the Provost. After many years as priest-in-charge of the Choir School of All Saints' Margaret Street, Mr. Blofeld comes to us with a great reputation for work amongst boys. Already he has made for himself a position in the School. He has taken over the onerous duties of the Bank and Library. Mr. B. Hoole, B.A., of Queens' College, Cambridge, Mr. H. A. Smith, B.Sc., London, and Mr. R. F. Graham, M.A., Dublin, have also joined the staff. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

AMONGST THOSE WHO LEFT LAST TERM were :—W. R. Wright, VI. (Crake), Prefect, Captain of Football, Running Colours, Gymnastic Colours, Cricket XI. ; G. C. Martin, VI. (Wilberforce), Prefect, Captain of Fives, 1st XI. Cricket and Football ; L. M. Bowden, VI, 2nd XI. Cricket.

OBITUARY.—During the last week of the summer holidays, Cyril Hampden and John Edward Bowler passed to their rest. They were drowned whilst bathing near Deddington. We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Bowler in their great loss ; we too feel the absence of two bright, promising boys. Their brothers, who were also here, have done so well, and these bid fair to follow in their footsteps. R.I.P.

THE FOLLOWING NEW BOYS CAME THIS TERM.—Bateman, Reginald Eustace ; Bell, George William Herbert ; Black, Malcolm Cuthbert Fraser (Prep.) ; Botting, Douglas (H.M.H.) ; Bury, Percival Thomas (Prep.) ; Butler, Philip George (Prep.) ; Caine, George William Robert (Prep.) ; Caine, Lionel Charles (Prep.) ; Christmas, John ; Collyer, **Geoffrey** Mahon ; Cooper, Jack Hoare ; Eve, Anthony Denys (H.M.H.) ; Eve, Hugh Brian (H.M.H.) ; Francis, Douglas Glen ; Franks, Basil (Prep.) ; Gale, Denys Jerrard Pickmore (Prep.) ; Gaudin, Edward Campbell (H.M.H.) ; Good, Michael Saxty (Prep.) ; Jupp, Noel Bertram Gurney (Prep.) ; McClure, John Evelyn ; Orford, Arthur Neale ; Pettifer, John Bariel Ross (H.M.H.) ; Picton-Warlow, Harold Arthur (Prep.) ; Prescott, Edgar ; Smith, Norman Thirkall ; White, Leslie William Osborn ; Wills, Leslie Howard Drake ; Woods, Eric Charles (H. M. H.) ; Yardley, Samuel William (H.M.H.) ; Robinson, Harold James Churchill.

A. D. NEALE has passed the London Matriculation Examination.

G. E. HOLTOM has passed the Trinity College Preparatory Examination for the Violin.

ON the last Sunday of the Summer term a presentation was made to the Rev. H. R. Willimott by the Masters and Boys as a token of their appreciation of his work for the School. The Headmaster spoke for the School and Mr. C. J. Wilson for the Old Boys, who offered as a token of their regard a gold watch, suitably inscribed.

WE have to thank the following donors for their gifts, which enabled the usual prize-giving to take place :—Mr. W. Woodard, the Custos, Mr. G. E. Baker, the Bursar. Mr. G. H. Ashworth, Mr. A. E. Fordham, O.B., and the Old Bloxhamist Society.

C. J. HARMAN and P. MIER have been promoted to be prefects.

P. MIER has been elected Captain of Football, J. S. Clark Captain of Gymnastics and S. J. Smith Captain of Fives.

THE following Colours have been awarded :—*Senior Gymnastic* : C. J. Harman, P. Mier and L. Watkins. *Football, First XL* : S. J. Harman, C. J. Harman, D. K. Evans, A. L. Christopher, J. S. Clark. *Second XL* : S. E. Bateman, C. R. Keating, W. Wilks, J. E. B. Gee, J. B. Hall, M. E. H. Webb.

A FIVES COMPETITION was held in November. J. B. Hall won the Senior and R. Day the Junior event.

MR. CLIFTON KELWAY repeated his lecture on "The Church Revival." The slides were better even than at his first lecture. The lecture itself was most interesting and instructive.

MR. B. HOOLE has given a most interesting course of lectures on the war. They have been well attended, and we thank him for the trouble and care which he has taken over them.

MR. J. WELLS, the Warden of Wadham, has been co-opted to the School Committee.

THE PROVOST paid us a short welcome visit during the term.

WE regret to announce the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Verey from the Vicarage at Bloxham. They had shown the School many kindnesses and we hope that every blessing will attend them at Painswick. The Rev. W. Fothergill Robinson has been appointed as the new vicar. He has been kind enough to offer two prizes for Music. It is hoped that this will be a great incentive to those who study this subject

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries :—*The Framlinghamian*, *The Pauline* (x), *The Lily*, *The Lancing*; *College Magazine* (3), *The Hurst Johnian* (2), *The St. Edwards School Chronicle*, *The Denstonian*, *The Ardingly Annals*, *S. S. M. Quarterly*.

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