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### THE WAR.

#### BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL ROLL OF HONOUR.

No intelligent Briton will deny that we have reached a momentous crisis in the history of our Empire. That optimism, not to say complacency, which makes us take it for granted that we shall "come out all right in the end," will before long experience a very rude awakening if we fail to realise the fact that sentiment, unless translated into action, will not carry us very far in the struggle with the millions that are arrayed against us. Optimism is all very well so far as it goes, and is naturally a characteristic of a people which, like ourselves, has achieved so many successes in a glorious past, but our leaders have warned us that we must have a new army of a million men, and we are still some two-hundred-thousand short. While not presuming to suggest the means by which this deficit should be made good, we do say that "a patriotism that does nothing is worth nothing," and that there is much virtue in big battalions.

It is with considerable pride, therefore, that we submit to our readers a list of Old Boys who have offered their services to their King and Country.

Though much care has been taken that the details given shall be as reliable as possible we are quite prepared to admit that some mistakes have been made, and that there are many other "Old Boys" whose names do not appear. To all such we offer our apologies beforehand, assuring them that we shall be very grateful for any information they may care to send us :—

Andrew, Harold, Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Alcock, E., Private, 5th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Andrew, J. H., Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Ashworth, E., Captain, 5th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Ashworth, Robert S., Sec.-Lt., 5th (Res.) Batt. Lanc. Fus., Bury.  
 Appleby, W., Lieut., 2nd Batt. Lanc. Fus., (Exp. Force).  
 Barnes Harry, Sec.-Lieut., 5th (Res.) Batt. Lanc. Fus., Bury.  
 Bridge, John K., Lieut., 5th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Blomeley, Cyril, Sec.-Lieut., A.S.C., Welsh Div., Northampton.  
 Bott, J. H., Private, 4th Manchester Regiment.  
 Briggs, A., Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Boardman, A., Private, 4th Devon Regiment.  
 Baxendale, J., Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Blacow, E. M., Private, 2nd City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Barlow, Harold, Lce.-Cpl., Civil Service Rifles, St. Albans.  
 Buxton, Gilbert V., 5th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Butcher, R. W., Lieut., 5th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Brown, Harry, Private, 5th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Bentley, Harold, Private, King's Own Rifles.  
 Boardman, T. H., Major, Kensington Batt., Royal Fusiliers.  
 Cartman, Tom, Private, 1st City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Cain, Frank B., Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Charles, Oscar, Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Cornall, Tom, Trooper, 11th Hussars, Colchester.  
 Crabtree, Harold, Trooper, R.A.M.C., Aldershot.  
 Calrow, James, Corporal, 1st Life Guards.  
 Calrow, Eric, Private, R.A.M.C., 2nd W. Lanc. Field Ambulance.  
 Catterall, Frank, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Clarabut, Reginald B., Private, Civil Service Rifles.  
 Coates, Thomas Gordon, Pte., Pub. Schs.' Batt., Kempton Park.  
 Charles, James, Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Coupe, C. A., Despatch Rider.  
 Downham, Harold, Private, 9th Batt. Lanc. Fusiliers, Cairo.

- Downham, Fred., Trooper, 11th Hussars, Colchester.  
 Douglas, W. R., Captain, R.A.M.C., Manc. Regt. T. F., Cairo.  
 Douglas, T., Corpl., Fort Garry Horse, 1st Canadian Contgt.  
 Dawson, Hubert, Private, 1st City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Dawson, J. A., Private, Royal Horse Guards.  
 Derbyshire, F., Royal Navy.  
 Dutton, Private, 9th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 George, W. R., Qr.-Master-Sergeant, R.A.M.C.  
 Geldard, G., Private, 5th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Gleave, J., Private, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.  
 Hamer, C. O., Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Hall, Norman, Sec.-Lieut., 5th (Res.) Batt. Lanc. Fus., Bury.  
 Hall, George, Sec.-Lieut., 5th (Res.) Batt. Lanc. Fus., Bury.  
 Howorth, F., Bandsman, 5th Batt. Lanc. Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Hayes,  
 Harding, F. S., Private, 2nd City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Howarth, H., Private, 2nd City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Howarth, J., Private, 2nd City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Howarth, E., Private, 3rd City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Halstead, J. F., Private, 4th City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Hilton, Harold, Gunner, R.F.A., Athlone.  
 Hopkinson, J. K., Lance-Corporal, 11th Hussars, Colchester.  
 Hulme, Arthur, Private, R.A.M.C.  
 Howarth, Wright, Private, Middlesex Regiment, Shoreham.  
 Hunter, James, Private, Canadian Contingent.  
 Howlett, A. W., Capt., R.A.M.C., 1st Gloucester Reg., Exp. Force.  
 Howlett, C. G., Capt., I.M.S., X. Ray Dept., Exp. Force.  
 Howlett, L. W., Lieut., R.A.M.C., Colchester.  
 Hill, A. Conrad, Royal Navy.  
 \*Horrocks, Thomas Chadwick, E.R.A., H.M.S. Birmingham.  
 Haslam, B., Trooper, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.  
 Holt, J. N. P., West Lanc. Territorials, R.A.M.C. Transport.  
 Jackson, Frank, Corporal, 4th City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Jackson, F., Private, Horse Guards Blue.  
 Kay, J. F., Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Kay, Frank, Private, A.S.C., 1st London Division, T.F.  
 Lucas, T., Private, Middlesex Regiment.  
 Lucas, W., Private, 11th Fusiliers, Colchester.  
 Lord, E., Private, 18th Hussars.  
 Murgatroyd, James H., Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Mason, George, Private, 5th Batt. Lanc. Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Minton, B. E., Trooper, 11th Hussars, France.  
 Merriman, J., Gunner, R.F.A., Cairo.  
 Meadows, James, Tpr., 11th Cav. Res. (18th Hussars), Tidworth.

\* Mentioned in despatches.

- Nuttall, Frank A., Tpr., Mississanga Horse, Canada, (Vol. Cav.)  
 Newton, J. J., Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Nuttall, A. E., Private, 2nd City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Nuttall, Lance, Private, 5th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Nuttall, Thomas Rupert, Captain, A.S.C., Exp. Force.  
 Olive, Sydney A., Pte., R.E., Canadian. Plymouth, Oct. 15/14.  
 Openshaw, G. N., Sec.-Lt., Loyal North Lanc. Regt. Tidworth.  
 Pickering, Frank, Major, R.E., Capetown.  
 Packman, John Booth, Sec.-Lt., 5th (Res.) Batt. Lanc. Fus., Bury.  
 Peacock, C. I., Trooper, 11th Hussars, Colchester.  
 Peacock, A. H., Captain, 5th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Parkinson, Frank, Lieut., 5th Reserves—  
 Pilling, Tom, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.  
 Rothwell, Arthur, Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Ramsbottom, Reginald, Private, Public Schools' Batt. Epsom.  
 Ramsbottom, S. W., Private, 1st City Batt. Manc. Regiment.  
 Rostron, Clarence T., Gunner, R.F.A., Athlone.  
 Renshaw, J. T., Lieut., 5th Batt. Lanc. Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Redfern, W. D., Private, Middlesex Regiment.  
 Redford, Arthur, Sec.-Lieut.  
 Rogerson, H. S., Private, 2nd Salford Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers.  
 Smith, Alec., L.-Cpl., 12th Cavalry (Res.) Regt., Aldershot.  
     School of Musketry, Hythe.  
 Stott, H., Private, 5th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 Smethurst, Robert, Private, R.E., Despatch Rider.  
 Sleigh, Wm. W., Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Smith, Roger, Private, 1st City Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Sheppard, Arthur C., Tpr., 20th Hussars, 13th Cav. Regt. (Res.)  
 Shaw, T., Private, 4th Batt. Manchester Regiment.  
 Smith, A. W., Private, 1st Canadian Contingent.  
 Simmonds, P. G., Private, 4th King's Liverpool City Batt.  
 Smith, Fred, Engineer employed by French Government.  
 Slack, F., Private, Public Schools' Batt., Epsom.  
 Tothill, William, Private, 6th Loyal North Lanc. Regt.  
 Wearing, Walter, Trooper, 12th Hussars, Aldershot.  
 Wild, Richard N., Pte., Hauraki Regt., New Zealand Contingent.  
 Whittam, John, Private, 4th Seaforth Highlanders, Bedford.  
 Warburton, Rev. Walter, Chaplain 6th Border Regt., Grantham.  
 Woodcock, F., Major, 5th Batt. Lanc. Fusiliers, Cairo.  
 \*Wardleworth, Douglas, Lieut., R.A.M.C., Exp. Force.  
 Yapp, Clarence W., Sec.-Lt., 5th Batt. Lanc. Fusiliers, Cairo.  
     *\*Drowned at Havre, November, 1914.*

## SCHOOL NOTES.

VALETE !—W. D. Arnot, H. Booth, G. Bott, A. H. Croasdale, K. T. Derry, G. Duxbury, A. A. Greenhalgh, G. K. Hall, J. W. Hall, A. Hill, J. T. Horsfall, S. R. Jackson, A. M. Knox, T. M. Knox, W. Morris, L. Nolan, H. A. Nuttall, A. N. Phillips, A. O'Connor, J. G. Pickles, H. Rothwell, H. Round, A. Scholes, G. Singleton, F. Sleigh, F. Stott, V. Taylor, E. Todd, T. H. Wardleworth, J. H. Whittaker, J. B. Wood.

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SALVETE !—O. Almond, F. Bancroft, J. Boddy, C. Bott, W. Bowdell, G. Bowley, F. Braithwaite, J. Bridge, W. Bridge, H. G. Brooks, J. Burnet, T. S. Davidson, S. Furlong, H. Greenhalgh, F. Hamer, J. H. Heap, C. A. Holding, J. Holt, G. W. Hyslop, T. E. McCann, G. S. Mercer, J. Mortimer, J. Newton, J. Robinson, S. D. Suffell, E. W. Thorp, H. Turner, G. U. Whitehead, J. Whittam, R. Whittam.

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### Pueri Auctoritate Graves :—

Captain of the School : J. E. Hartington.

Prefects : J. E. Hartington, J. M. Maddox, R. Morris, W. E. Rigby, B. O. Binns, G. L. Brown, F. F. Marks.

Football Captains : First Eleven, J. E. Hartington ; Second Eleven, J. M. Maddox ; Third Eleven, J. Whittle ; Fourth Eleven, F. Taylor.

Hon. Sec. (Football) : J. M. Maddox ; Assistant : J. Whittle.

Hon. Storekeeper : G. H. Dykes ; Assistant : F. F. Marks.

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### EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

*Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes' Examination in French* (maximum marks, 100).

Advanced.—Class I, G. H. Dykes, 76 marks ; B. O. Binns, G. L. R. Brown, J. C. Jackson, W. E. Rigby, 75 marks each. Class II, A. Scholes, N. Simpkin, 67 marks each ; L. Nolan, 66 ; E. W. Hall, 65 ; G. K. Hall, T. H. Wardleworth, 61 each. T. Silcock, 56.



Intermediate.—Distinction, F. Cooke, 91 ; C. R. Hardman, T. M. Knox, W. Roberts, N. Whitehead, 90 each. Class I, T. H. Isherwood, H. Wild, 88 each ; R. Calrow, J. Whittle, 87 each ; W. A. Calvert, J. Hamer, L. Wild, 86 each ; J. H. Binns, F. Stott, 85 each ; H. Heywood, 84 ; H. Rothwell, 83 ; A. H. Croasdale, 80 ; O. H. Hall, 79 ; G. Singleton, 78 ; F. Jackson, 77 ; A. Howard, 76. Class II, J. Morris, 74 ; T. Pye, 73 ; E. S. Duncan, 69 ; F. F. Marks, 65 ; R. D. Wilkinson, 63 ; R. F. Mottershead, H. A. Nuttall, 62 each.

Elementary.—Pass, R. Haslam, 88 ; H. G. Spencer, 84 ; J. G. Pickles, 82 ; A. A. Greenhalgh, 59 ; E. O. Broome, 58.

Distinctions 5 ; Class I. 21 ; Class II. 14 ; Pass 5 ; total 45.

*Higher Certificate Examination of Oxford and Cambridge.*

B. O. Binns, G. L. R. Brown, G. H. Dykes, E. W. Hall, J. M. Maddox, R. Morris, W. Morris, A. N. Phillips, W. E. Rigby, J. B. Wood.

*L.C.C. Scholarship of £60 a year for three years.*—W. Morris (Fourth on the List).

*Oxford Local (Senior).*—Second Class Honours : L. Nolan, J. W. Crawshaw, N. Simpkin. Third Class Honours : F. Cooke, H. Heywood. Pass : J. H. Binns, F. Stott. Over-age List : A. N. Phillips, T. H. Wardleworth.

*Oxford Local (Junior).*—First Class Honours : J. Hamer (38th on the whole list), N. Whitehead (Distinction in Chemistry, bracketed 9th), L. Wild (Distinction in Scripture, bracketed 6th), T. M. Knox (Distinction in Greek, bracketed 11th), J. Whittle (Distinction in Scripture, bracketed 40th), C. R. Hardman (Distinction in French, bracketed 29th). Second Class Honours : A. H. Croasdale, F. Jackson. Third Class Honours : W. A. Calvert, O. H. Hall, R. Haslam, F. F. Marks. Pass : R. Calrow, T. H. Isherwood, J. Morris, R. F. Mottershead, J. G. Pickles, T. Pye, H. G. Spencer, R. D. Wilkinson. Over-age List : A. Howard.

The following Elementary School Scholarships to Bury Grammar School have been awarded:—Hulme : G. U. Whitehead, St. John's, Bury ; F. Hamer, St. Chad's, Bury ; W. Bowdell, St. John's, Bury. Kay : J. Mortimer, St. Mark's, Bury ; H. Greenhalgh, Peel Brow Council, Ramsbottom ; C. Bott, St. John's, Bury ; J. Boddy, St. John's, Bury ; H. Turner, St. Chad's, Bury ; G. Bowley, Chesham British, Bury.

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A. N. Phillips proceeds to Cambridge with the Archbishop's Scholarship of £50 for Classics and an Exhibition of £10 at Queen's.

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J. Morris has been awarded a L.C.C. Exhibition of £10 a year.

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Founder's Day Service was held in the Parish Church on May 6th, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Green, Canon Residentiary of Manchester. W. Morris, Captain of the School, again read the First Lesson.

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Hulme House retains the "Mellor" Cup for shooting, the final scores being (1) Hulme 579 points, (2) Kay 566, (3) Derby 527.

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We are very grateful for the following presents to the School:—(1) Large photograph of Sir John Holker, O.B., given by Lady Holker ; (2) two photographs of Sir William Hardman, O.B., from Lady Hardman ; (3) two large bench-seats for the playing fields, presented by Oscar Hall, Esq., and (4) an enlarged photograph—"The Scullery Maid"—a parting gift from Mr. S. C. Rowland.



Lieut. J. H. Spivey has been promoted Captain, the promotion being gazetted 19th June.

It is with regret

Masters—Mr. A. J. Nicholas, Mr. S. C. Rowland, and Mr. E. S. Warrilow. Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Warrilow have accepted posts at Dover College and Northampton County School, respectively, while Mr. Rowland is a Classical Master at Mill Hill School under the Headmastership of Sir John D. McClure.

Mr. J. J. Wiles was appointed to succeed Mr. Rowland, but was anxious to accept a Commission, and with the Headmaster's consent resigned his appointment before School re-opened. His post is filled by Mr. G. N. Woodd, late Senior Classical Scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford.

Mr. Nicholas's post as Junior Science Master has been given to Mr. H. A. Hendrie, of Selwyn College, Cambridge, who graduated Part I., Class II. in the Natural Science Tripos, and Part I., Class III. in Mathematics. He also holds the Teaching Diploma of Cambridge University.

Have you noticed the following coincidences?

J O F   F R E		K A I   S E R
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#### SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS.

Senior Relay Race, three in a team, each competitor to swim two lengths.—1, Hulme House; 2, Derby House.

Middle Relay Race, each competitor to swim one length.—1, Kay House; 2, Derby House.

Junior Relay Race, each competitor to swim one length.—1, Kay House; 2, Derby House.

Two lengths Open Race.—1, R. P. Taylor; 2, Marks; 3, Whittle.

Neatest Dive.—1, Pickles; 2, R. P. Taylor.

Two Lengths Handicap.—1, C. E. Hartington; 2, Metcalf; 3, R. P. Taylor. The last had to concede the others 20secs. start.

Collecting Plates.—Twelve plates were distributed over the bottom of the bath, and the competitors had to try they could without coming to the surface. J. M. Maddox collected eleven, and Taylor and Marks tied with seven each. On a second try Taylor collected eight and Marks seven.

Some of the competitors showed much ability in the water, and the diving was very neat.

Kay House retains the "Hutchinson" Cup.

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Congratulations to W. Morris, Public Schools Champion, who gained an easy victory at Stamford Bridge in the quarter-mile, and set up a fresh record of 21ft. 1½ins. in the Long Jump.

Also to J. M. Maddox for his "second" in the mile.

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Mr. Hendrie has been gazetted Second Lieutenant for service with the Bury Grammar School Contingent of the O.T.C. He has also taken over Mr. Rowland's work as Hon. Sec. of the Chess Club.

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Several presentations were made to Mr. Rowland and Mr. Nicholas just before the Summer Holidays.

To the former Kay House presented a silver box for cigarettes; Hulme and Derby Houses, combined, an ornamental clock, and the Masters a silver cigarette case bearing the inscription: "To S. C. Rowland from his colleagues, Bury Grammar School 1902-1914."

Mr. Nicholas received a travelling bag from his Form and a tie pin from the Geology boys in the Upper Sixth.

Arrangements are in hand for performing a like ceremony on behalf of Mr. Warrilow when he returns to Bury at the end of the current term.

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Christmas Holidays—Wednesday, 2 day, 18th January (both inclusive).

## SIR JOHN HOLKER.

Sir John Holker (an enlarged photograph of whom—in the wig and gown I have seen him wear as a “counsellor learned in the law”—was recently presented to Bury Grammar School by Lady Holker) was born on March 24, 1828, at “Starkies,” Manchester Road, Bury, in the house next to the one which is now known as St. Peter’s Vicarage, and he was christened at the Parish Church of St. Mary on September 12 in the same year. He was the younger son of Samuel Holker, a member of the firm of Samuel Holker and Son, woollen merchants and manufacturers, Millgate (now Bolton-street), Bury; and his mother, Sarah, was a daughter of John Brocklehurst, of Colthurst, within Bashall Eaves, near Clitheroe, by his wife Sarah, a daughter of John Craven, of Hollins, near Burnley. After her husband’s death, Sir John Holker’s maternal grandmother, Mrs. Brocklehurst, came to live in Bury, at the Manor House, Redvales (now the home of Mrs. A. C. Bealey). Her sister, Elizabeth Craven, was the wife of Thomas Yates, of Tenters or Irwell House, Bury, brother of Ellen, the mother of the great Sir Robert Peel.

Samuel Holker died when his son John was only six months old, and was interred at Bury Parish Church. His wife survived him forty years; she died on November 6, 1868, aged 64, and was interred in the burial ground attached to St. Cuthbert’s Church, Lytham, in which town the closing years of her long widowhood were spent.

The only school which the subject of this notice attended was the Bury Grammar School (though he is said to have received some instruction privately from the Rev. Franklin Howorth, then minister of Bank Street Unitarian Church, and afterwards founder of Christian Church, Rochdale-road). The School Register, as given in No. 15 of “The Clavian,” May, 1912, states: “John, son of Mrs. S. Holker, widow. Removed from Lower School Octr. 1839. Left 1846.” It is stated that he was at first destined for Holy Orders, but was eventually articled to Mr. Eastham,

solicitor, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland. Some years later he entered as a student at Gray's Inn, and he was called to the Bar there on June 9, 1854, subsequently becoming a bencher and in 1875 treasurer of his Inn. After a short time spent in London, he joined the Northern Circuit and settled in Manchester. In 1868 he obtained the rank of Queen's Counsel. On September 16, 1872, he was elected M.P. for the borough of Preston, where a vacancy had been caused by the death of Sir T. G. Fermor-Hesketh—grandfather of the prospective Conservative candidate for the Heywood Parliamentary Division. In April, 1874, he was appointed Solicitor-General by Mr. Disraeli and the honour of Knighthood was conferred upon him. In the following year he was appointed Attorney-General. He introduced the Criminal Code Bill and the Bankruptcy Bill, and carried the Summary Procedure Act and the Public Prosecution Act in 1879. On the fall of Lord Beaconsfield

resumed private practice. He remained M.P. for Preston until January, 1882, when Mr. Gladstone's Government appointed him a Lord Justice of Appeal; but he only sat on the Bench a few times, failing health leading to his resignation on May 19. He died at his house in Devonshire-street, Portland-place, London, on Wednesday, May 24, 1882. His grave is next to his mother's, at Lytham, where it was his wish to be laid.

Sir John Holker was twice married—(1) At Eccles Parish Church, on September 5, 1861, to Jane, only daughter of James Wilson, of Gilda Brook, Eccles; (2) in 1874, to Mary Lucia, youngest daughter of Patrick Mc Hugh, Cheetham Hill, Manchester. There was no issue of either marriage. In 1894 the widowed Lady Holker married Henry Beaufort Inglefield, eldest son of Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield, K.C.B. Lady Holker, who is now the owner of the Colthurst (or Coulthurst) estate, with her home at Colthurst Hall, has placed a window in St. Helen's Church, Waddington, to the memory of Sir John, and a memorial brass in Lytham Church, part of the inscription on the latter reading :

loving memory of the Right Honble. Lord Justice Holker, of Colthurst, Yorkshire . . . From his wife, Mary Lucia Holker." The Colthurst property passed to Sir John Holker under the will of his maternal uncle, William Brocklehurst, who died in 1847, but Sir John had acquired considerable wealth apart from the Colthurst estate. In the seventies his practice at the Bar had become very great, and his income during two consecutive years is said to have been over £22,000 a year.

In connection with my reporting work, I recollect Sir John Holker as a conspicuous figure at the Manchester Assizes occasionally in the seventies, along with such other notable counsel as Pope, Gully, Russell, Herschell, Higgin, West, Ambrose, Leresche, Jordan, Edwards, Pankhurst, Torr, Aspinall, Cottingham, Charley, Blair and Coventry. In 1876 Sir John was president of the Manchester Law Clerks' Friendly Society. My impression of Sir John is confirmed in a description given of him in an article on barrister-members of the Brasenose Club which appears in the "Manchester City News" of March 8, 1913, over the initials "T. W. H." (Thomas W. Harris, a city solicitor). In that article it is stated :

Holker's progress in his profession had been slow while he localised in Manchester, but his happy chance came at last, and he seized it with both hands, and from that day went straight on without looking back. He was a tall, heavily-built man, dark and florid, with a rather lumbering carriage. Out of court his chief characteristic was a sort of lazy good humour. He took no great part in general conversation, but had the air of a good listener. In court he had a wonderful way with a jury. The transparent candour with which he would admit facts which he knew would be proved against him was most engaging. There were no graces of speech about his addresses, no display of readiness ; above all, not a trace of glibness. The men in the box regarded him as a plain, straightforward, rather dull sort of chap, who was doing his best and not doing it very well, and out of their own superior cleverness they were glad to help him out, and in the end to find for him. It never entered their honest heads that he had worked them up to that point of view. Later on, in the Court of Appeal, where he had a great practice, his shrewd, homely commonsense had as much to do with his success as his sound knowledge of the law.

Returning from a Midlothian tour, on December 8, 1879, Mr. Gladstone, during a short halt at Preston railway station, made a speech in which he paid a tribute to Sir John Holker in these words :

As to your junior member, speaking of him in his personal capacity, as a lawyer and a man, I frankly tell you I respect him. I have sat opposite to him for six years, and look upon him as a man of extreme opinions ; but I have heard him deliver many good legal arguments in the House of Commons, and what he has had to say he has said with the pluck and straightforwardness of an Englishman.

Many "acts of unostentatious kindness to members of his profession" are ascribed to Sir John Holker. In *M.A.P.*, April 15, 1899, there is an autobiographical chapter by Sydney Grundy, barrister and playwright, who tells how on Christmas Eve, 1875, when in London, "with just fourpence in my pocket and, as I thought, without a friend in the world," he was befriended by Sir John. And a day or two after Sir John's death the London correspondent of the *Liverpool Courier* wrote :—

Sir John Holker was one of the kindest of men. At the Liverpool Assizes some years ago he defeated a plaintiff. The plaintiff was a woman, and when the verdict of the jury was announced the learned counsel caught sight of the expression of grief on her face. He was so much touched by its poignancy that he sent his clerk to the woman to inquire as to the effect the verdict would have on her. He learnt that the verdict meant her ruin, and that she would have to sell the furniture of her house in order to comply with the law. Her opposing counsel was so much impressed with her tale of sorrow that he informed her the next morning that if she would not regard it as an impertinence on his part he would allow her £1 a week as long as he lived. She accepted the offer, and for all I know that pound a week was paid even up to last Saturday. This is a story which I know to be authentic, and it is a good illustration of the supreme kindness of Sir John Holker—a kindness which not only made him popular but which made him a man absolutely beloved by all who knew him.

The earliest mention I have found of the Holker family in this district occurs about the beginning of the eighteenth century. Thomas Holker, yeoman, who in 1706 was a Warden of Bury Parish Church, occupied Yew Tree Farm, Top-of-Heap (on the



south side of the old road from Bury to Heywood, between Shaw Gate Farm and Heady Hill and some four hundred yards from the houses known by the latter name), where his wife Esther died on January 4, 1708, in her 37th year. Thomas Holker died at the same place on March 16, 1734, aged 67. They had both sons and daughters. Their son Samuel Holker (*ob.* October 11, 1753) married Esther Baron (*ob.* September 11, 1762), daughter of Peter Baron, of Redvales, and had three sons and four daughters, all born at Yew Tree Farm. The youngest of Samuel Holker's sons, also named Samuel (*ob.* August 6, 1796, aged 47), married Betty Hutchinson (*ob.* June 21, 1795, aged 47), daughter of Thomas Hutchinson, of Bury—ancestor of Colonel John Hutchinson, Major H. O. Hutchinson, and others who have figured prominently in the public and commercial life of Bury. The Samuel Holker who married Betty Hutchinson had a sister, Elizabeth, who in 1776 was married at Bury Parish Church to the Rev. Francis Hodgson (1742-1818), for 49 years headmaster of the Grammar School; and another sister (Esther) was the wife of Samuel Grundy (a son of John Grundy, Mathers, Walmersley), who built Limefield House.

The last-mentioned Samuel Holker (1749-1796) also had a son Samuel (*ob.* April 18, 1848, aged 73), who married Catherine Wilson, of Carlisle (*ob.* June 20, 1845, aged 68). The issue of this marriage included another Samuel Holker (*ob.* September 1, 1828, aged 26), whose wife was the aforementioned Sarah Brocklehurst—the parents of Sir John Holker and Samuel Holker, bleacher and paper-maker, Lumb, near Ewood Bridge. Sir John's brother was also born at "Starkies" and educated at the Bury Grammar School; he married Catherine Harper, sister of William Harper, solicitor, Bury, and of Miss Sarah Harper. One of the sisters of Sir John Holker's grandfather, viz., Betty Holker (married September 29, 1806, died 1863), was the wife of John Grundy, banker, Silver-street (his house was on the site now covered by the Royal Hotel), and one of their grand-daughters is the ex-Mayoress of Bury, Lady Parks.

Sir John Holker had two aunts in Bury, his father's sisters. One of them, Catherine, was the wife of John Walker, Irwell House (brother of Richard Walker, the first M.P. for Bury), and mother of a notable pupil of the Grammar School, John Russell Walker, sometime Archdeacon of Chichester. The other sister is the subject of a memorial in the south aisle of the Parish Church, inscribed: "To the glory of God this window is dedicated in memory of Elizabeth Holker, Born October 3rd, 1800, Died March 6th, 1861. 'Bear ye one another's burdens.'"

WILLIAM HEWITSON.

## THE SPORTS.

Our Annual Sports were held on the Playing Fields on Tuesday, June 23rd. The feature of the afternoon was the excellent work put in by Morris i, who broke his long-jump record at the Public Schools Sports (21ft. 1½in.) by clearing 21ft. 10½in.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Thorne, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded on the motion of the Headmaster, supported by the Rev. W. Wood.

### RESULTS.

High Jump (under 15).—1, Hartington ii, D.; 2, Metcalf, D.; 3, Fletcher, H.

Long Jump (open).—1, Morris i, K.; 2, Dykes, H.; 3, Hartington i, D. 21ft. 10½ins.

100 Yards Scratch (under 15).—1, Hartington ii, D.; 2, Metcalf, D.; 3, Mills, D.

100 Yards Scratch (open).—1, Morris i, K.; 2, Maddox, H., and Hartington i, D., dead heat. Time, 11½secs.

100 Yards Scratch (under 13).—1, Ball, K.; 2, Mercer, D.; 3, Smethurst, K.

High Jump (open).—1, Morris i, K.; 2, Jackson, K.; 3, Brown, K. 4ft. 9½ins.

440 Yards Scratch (under 15).—1, Hartington ii, D.; 2, Metcalf, D.; 3, Mills, D. Time, 1min. 8secs.

440 Yards Scratch (under 13).—1, Ball, K.; 2, Bott iii, K.; 3, Taylor vi, K. Time, 1min. 15½secs.

220 Yards Scratch (open).—1, Morris i, K. ; 2, Maddox, H. ; 3, Hartington, D. Time, 25 $\frac{1}{8}$ secs.

High Jump (under 13).—1, Bott iii, K. ; 2, Bott i, K. ; 3, Bradley, K. 3ft. 7ins.

Half-mile Scratch (under 15).—1, Hartington ii, D. ; 2, Metcalf, D. ; 3, Whittaker, D. Time, 3mins. 27 $\frac{1}{8}$ secs.

Half-mile Scratch (open).—1, Morris ii, K. ; 2, Dykes, H. ; 3, Jackson, K. Time, 2mins. 27 $\frac{1}{8}$ secs.

Obstacle Race.—Heat winners : Broome, D. ; Smoult, K. ; Park, D. ; Taylor, D. ; Pickles, K. ; Whittaker, D. ; Bott i, K. ; Bott ii, H. Final : 1, Pickles ; 2, Bott ii ; 3, Whittaker.

440 Yards Scratch (open).—1, Morris i, K. ; 2, Maddox, H. ; 3, Morris ii, K. Time, 56 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

Potato Race (under 10).—1, Furlong, D. ; 2, Derry, H.

440 Yards Handicap (under 15).—1, Bott iii, K. ; 2, Clark, D. ; 3, Bott i, K.

Relay Race.—1, Kay House ; 2, Hulme House.

220 Yards Hundicap (under 11).—1, Ramsden, H. ; 2, Duxbury, D. ; 3, Melia, D.

Half-mile Handicap (open).—1, Clegg, D. ; 2, Bratt, H. ; 3, Hardman, H.

100 Yards Scratch (under 11).—1, Melia, D. ; 2, Duxbury, D. ; 3, Croasdale, H.

One Mile Scratch (open).—1, Maddox, H. ; 2, Morris ii, K. ; 3, Wild, H. Time, 5mins. 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

One Mile Bicycle Handicap (open).—1, Jackson, H. ; 2, Speier, K. ; 3, Bradley, K.

House Tug.—Kay won.

Old Boys' Race.—1, J. H. Whittaker (Shuttleworth).

Long Jump (under 15), previously decided.—1, Hartington ii, D. ; 2, Metcalf, D. ; 3, Hamer ii, H. 17ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Long Jump (under 13), previously decided.—1, Ball, K., and Taylor, K., tied ; 2, Bott iii, K. ; 3, Hardman, H. 13ft. 3ins.

Senior Champion.—1, Morris i, K., 55 points ; 2, Maddox, H., 37 $\frac{1}{2}$  points.

Junior Champion.—Hartington ii, D., 55 points.

Whitehead Sports Cup presented to Kay House, 227 points.

## CUPHOLDERS.

- The "Blackburne" Challenge Cup (Cricket), 1914.—Derby House.  
Captain, Hartington i.
- The "Wike" Challenge Cup (Football), 1913-14.—Kay House.  
Captain, Morris i.
- The "Whitehead" Challenge Cup (Sports), 1914.—Kay House.
- The "Mellor" Challenge Cup (Shooting), 1913-14.—Hulme House.
- The "Hutchinson" Challenge Cup (Swimming), 1914.—Kay House.
- The School Challenge Cup (Athletics), 1914.—Morris, W.
- The "Haworth" Challenge Cup  
Morris, W.
- The "Bruce" Cup (440 yards, open scratch), 1914.—Morris, W.
- "Old Boys" Challenge Cup (1 mile, open scratch), 1914.—  
Maddox i.
- The "Hugh Taylor" Challenge Cup (House Relay), 1914.—  
House.

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 OLD BOYS' NOTES.

CONGRATULATIONS.—J. Ashworth, R. S. Ashworth, Wilfred A. Ashworth, George Duncan, G. F. Evans, N. Greenhalgh, Fred Hopkinson, K. McFarlane, married; F. L. Buxton, satisfied the examiners in Comparative Religion, Final B.D. (Manchester); H. Cartman, Final L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.); N. Crompton, Final Exam. as a Solicitor; E. Jones, at Cambridge, Mathematical Tripos, Part II., Class II.; T. H. Seaton, A.M. Inst. C.E., has passed the Final Exam. of the Surveyors' K. Simpkin, London Matriculation, First Class; Sec.-Lieut. J. H. Sleigh, of the B.G.S. Contingent of the O.T.C., promoted to be Lieutenant; A. E. Wild, Senior Classical Master at Cowbridge School, S. Wales; H. Wilde, Matric., St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead (Durham University); J. P. Wilkinson, Assistant Valuer under the Government's Land H. Wilkinson, Electrical Engineer for Radcliffe; J. C. Wrigley, The Council of Legal Education's Exam. in Criminal Law and

Procedure ; A. C. Sheppard has passed the final examination with honours, second class, in paper-making, of the London City and Guilds Institute. Since leaving the Bury Grammar School he has received his training at the Ramsbottom Paper Mill. He has been a student at the Bury Technical School, and, for the last two years, at the Manchester School of Technology, and has the distinction of having been the only student last year in the whole school who passed first-class in the first grade examination in paper-making, whilst this year he is the only one who has obtained honours in the final.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Henry Fishwick—22nd September.

Thomas Kay—22nd September.

Thomas Thorp—1st August.

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Col. Henry Fishwick was one of the oldest "old boys" of Bury Grammar School. The record of his entry appeared in No. 19 of "The Clavian"—it runs :

Henry son of H. H. Fishwick, Land Surveyor, Rochdale, ent<sup>d</sup>. 1850.

As Chairman of the Rochdale Education Committee he devoted much time and thought to the interests of Education.

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Mr. Thomas Kay's death robs the School of one of its warmest friends. A bust of Seneca in the Head Master's Room, several framed pictures, painted by himself, and now hanging in the corridors, much of the leather equipment worn by present cadets, and the miniature rifle-range which he built so far back as 1907, are all proofs of the kindly feeling he always entertained for his old School. Indeed, when the leather equipment was introduced into the O.T.C., Mr. Kay bore the initial cost. According to the School Register he entered the Lower School in August, 1852, was removed to the Upper School in February, 1855, at the age of 14, and left at Christmas in the same year.

We cannot find any record of Mr. Thorp in the School Registers, but believe he was at the School somewhere about the year 1873. He was Manager of the Openshaw branch of the Williams Deacon's Bank.

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The following old boys have recently become subscribers to the magazine :—W. Armstrong, Park Cottage, Ramsbottom ; John Barlow, 44, South Cross Street, Bury ; Fred Butterworth, 13, Knowsley Street, Bury ; George Clough, 8, Garden Street, Bury ; William Cornall, 24, Broad Street,

Heywood ; Fred Garnsworthy, 14, Greenhill, Prestwich ; Conrad Hill, H.M.S. "Grafton" ; J. W. Hill, Woodside, Starling, Radcliffe ; Herbert Holt, 168, Tottington Road, Bury ; H. Howarth, West Bank, Walmersley ; Albert Nelson, 6, South Bank Road, Bury ; J. H. H. Nixon, 610, Manchester Road, Bury ; J. H. Peacock, Junr., The Springs, Bury ; J. H. Peel, Fernsholme, Walmersley Road, Bury ; R. Peel, Fair Oaks, Wilmslow, Cheshire ; R. Ramsbottom, Malvern Villas, Bury ; Arthur Redford, 14, Monmouth Avenue, Bury ; F. A. Woodcock, 13, Broad Street, Bury.

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CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Again your curt request for a "Cambridge letter" cut deep into my peaceful soliloquy on the world in general and the joy of finding myself a second-year man in particular. Why do you do these things? Above all, why do you apply to me instead of the veteran E——, who should by now have enough reminiscences to run into six volumes? (Thus do I expose thine inherent laziness, dear E——). But I will comply with your injunction, ill-timed though it is.

Both Smith and Jones did something in their respective examinations. And we will leave it at that.

The May races came and went ; beautiful ladies in the



latest confections (which I cannot describe, though E—— might) disported themselves in punts and other suicidal watercraft; a climax was reached with several college concerts. At these we all wore evening dress and drank lemonade, and pretended we knew the difference between Chopin and Sullivan.

Jones has left us. What he is going to do nobody knows. But he has our best wishes.

Morris and Phillips are now with us. Great things are expected from both.

Why this silence about Phillips? It suggests almost unmentionable obloquy.

We shall have to keep an eye on him.

It is all very sad.

Still not one of us, except E——, is perfect.

Yours, under protest,

CANTAB.

#### Our London Letter.

The burden of the blunders of others lies heavy on our shoulders: owing to a lamentable error of judgment on the part of one of our members which manifested itself in an article appearing in your last issue, O "Clavian," it appears to have been assumed that a similar exploit would be repeated twice yearly or at such more frequent intervals as the editor of "The Clavian" may prescribe. We heard with simulated surprise and dissembled disbelief the editorial story detailed with that pathos which all contributors now know so well: how the issue of "The Clavian" constituted the intellectual beanfeast of the borough of Bury and the appearance of the London letter the choicest morsel of that magnificent banquet: how if that were omitted the howl of thwarted culture and the sob of the wasted fourpences would rise from the throats or hearts or pockets (or whencesoever such utterances could rise) of all your contributors. Desiring to save our native town from the orgy of vengeance which would doubtless ensue on such an occurrence, and to rescue the person of your

editor from the annihilation which would inevitably befall him for having given rise to expectations which he was in no position to justify we propose to tear aside the veil of modesty which has hitherto (since your last issue) covered our peaceful lives.

The chief event which has stirred the placid current has of course been the dinner on the sixth of May, when, after a reconnaissance in force by two members, a small, but determined, body of nine sat down before the festive board, and arose sometime afterwards, triumphantly replete, to end the evening by giving the encouragement of our local patriotism to Miss Horniman's Company. This effort appears to have exhausted our co-operative energies, the main body who live in the lap of comfort at Kew having seen little or nothing of those adventurous souls who have carried the banner of Bury into the sylvan solitudes of Wood Green and Wimbledon, and the howling wildernesses of Barking and Blackheath.

Therefore though we may rest assured that they are all doing good in their way we must content ourselves and your readers with fleeting glimpses of lives nobly spent, while turning the full flood of the limelight on our own ingloriously conspicuous existences.

We understand that Marks having mastered the intricacies of London geography is devoting special attention to the acquisition of a knowledge, street by street, of the cities of Germany, with a view to acting as a general bureau of intelligence for the rest of the old boys.

The last occasion on which we remember seeing Whittam's name was in a report of proceedings in a police court: shrink not, gentle reader, our comrade was the law's stern avenger, not its guilty victim and, if we may judge from the all too brief account which the *Westminster Gazette* could spare for so momentous an occurrence, the oratory of the noble Cicero would doubtless have once more secured the condemnation of the infamous Verres, had he not, unlike his pagan prototype, sought to temper justice with mercy by asking to have the charge withdrawn.

In the early part of the year the chief topic of conversation at our gatherings at Kew was formed by lengthy and irrelevant discussions on the politics of the day, one party being strongly impressed by the idea that an object of considerable utilitarian value could be attained by the use of the D—y M—l for the wrapping up of chipped potatoes, while the other side had hitherto laboured under the delusion that the D—y N—s was published solely as a comic journal and not as a serious contribution to the political life of the day. During the past couple of months the mud-slinging association has whitewashed itself and agreed to postpone its further activities until a more convenient season. We now listen with unaffected interest to the strategical lectures of our military member.

As a relaxation from the wearing activities of our official lives a game of cards has been devised which gives full scope for the exercise of the individualistic feelings of our socialist member; as he admits, he plays the game with complete absence of skill and without any other motive than the gratification of those revengeful feelings for which insufficient outlet is afforded by the plundering of the deceased. But it must not be supposed that Eatough's activities are limited to depredations on the dead and attacks on the living. On the cricket field it has been ascertained by experience that it is unsafe to lay evens that he will score less than eight or, in view of the apparent mania of South London batsmen for being caught at mid-on off full tosses, that he will take less than one wicket. In the home he has developed a partiality for strawberry jam (and, doubtless in consequence, a tendency to talk wistfully of all things sweet and beautiful) which has caused considerable alarm to the other occupants of the house.

Simpkin has already settled down to regard life in London as one of the mere incidents of existence, not calling for any protest but to be accepted in his spirit of habitual contentment. He, if I may use a phrase which, as stolen property, has done yeoman service in the letters of your Cambridge contributor, pursues the noiseless tenour of his way. It is rumoured that his only grievance

lies in the fact that the Insurance Commission do not approve of their staff arriving before 9 a.m. or departing later than 7 p.m.

On the contrary, Wrigley, under the influence of a totally groundless fear lest he should be required to arrive regularly at 9 a.m. and stay regularly till 7 p.m., has poured into our ears the story of how he is—prospectively—overworked. As the Press Bureau so politely states, no credit should be given to such reports. His domestic life has been a little chequered by the necessity of finding fresh rooms twice during the summer and by the awful responsibility of deciding what it is he really likes to eat and, having made a temporary suggestion, of meditating for days on the question as to what there can be which is beef or boiled ham.

Wild, our latest acquisition, has been lauded (?) by a worthier pen than mine in another portion of the magazine (*q.v.*); suffice it to say that we have the pleasure of listening to his manly voice upraised in song while tremulous neighbours, gathered at their gates in mute amazement, ask one another whether they should fetch the police or the doctor. We may add that his intellectual life has been considerably widened and our knowledge of the beauties of our native tongue expanded by his association with the romantic litterateurs who form the staff of the Audit Office. Some day, dear Editor, we may tell those strange, sad stories, but at present the limits of your space, our time, and your readers' patience, all conspire to bring down the curtain.

## LEADING LIGHTS.—VII.

attired in the uniform of the Bury Grammar School O.T.C., and confounding its grim and martial significance with the bluff and cheery geniality of his countenance, is an image stamped indelibly on the minds of all who knew him. And while this is the most characteristic impression of him which remains with us, it must be stated that it was only after a long struggle, during which he

turned his conscience inside out, that the brilliance of the uniform triumphed finally over his pacific principles, and he took the step which entitled him to pass through various stages of military advancement, culminating in the rank of senior sergeant—or colour-sergeant, we are not quite sure which—which he attained long before his time of departure had come.

It is needless to narrate the details of his early life before he came among us. Let it suffice to say that they led up, in due sequence, to his appearance, one fine morning in September, 1907, on the threshold of the School, with a Kay Scholarship in his pocket and the vision of Excelsior in his eyes.

Then for a time he remained hidden behind the veil of friendly obscurity which surrounds the early years of school life, a veil which, however, was lifted effectually at each annual prize distribution, until at last we see him emerge as the Ira Wild who is a familiar of every present member of the School.

To follow his activities throughout is to take a peep into each and every department of school life. He was greatly in requisition as an umpire, and graced the post with that kindly mellow dignity which was characteristic of him. No unsuspecting batsman was ever supplied with "Two Leg" in response to an appeal for "Leg and Middle," while it was ever his habit to inflict the last penalty of the law (of cricket) with an air which soothed all the pain caused by a shattered wicket. His vigorous unorthodoxy when captaining Hulme House gave him fours of a kind rarely obtained in County Cricket.

As captain of the School Football 2nd XI., he operated on the extreme left wing for a season or two. Possessed of a capacity for getting up speed at the shortest notice, he forced corner-kicks (interspersed with goal-kicks) in a manner which clearly evidenced his tenacity of purpose. Later he retired to the position of full-back, and the repeated attacks of whole lines of forwards beat and broke again and again on the unimpressionable defence he set up. We still recall the cheery "Weigh on that youth," with which he encouraged his fellow-defenders; while the spirit of

regretful necessity with which he hurled his opponents to earth easily reconciled them to the inconvenience and discomfort inflicted.

On the school stage he showed himself an actor of versatility. As a cantankerous old shoe-mender he played the part to life ; while his love-making in other rôles pointed at least to long and careful rehearsing.

To pass to the more serious, but none the less necessary side of school-life, we find that Ira Wild has played his full part there also. In common with all the previous "Leading Lights" he has been through the various examinations which mark the progress of the Bury Grammar School boy from the Lower Fifth to the Upper Sixth. The French Examiners of the Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes readily awarded him First Class Certificates in every grade, and the Oxford Junior Local Examiners followed suit. Incidentally the Remove Form Prize fell to him. In the Upper Sixth (a year in the Lower Sixth being quite unnecessary) his abilities found expression in the acquisition of a due number of Higher Certificates and prizes ; and finally he crowned his school career by taking an Intermediate Appointment in the Civil Service at the first time of asking.

As, however, we have already indicated, this article would be but half complete if we omitted to mention our hero's status in the military side of the school. We all know how, with a well-striped coat sleeve, he was wont, at camp and inspection, to do his gallant share towards earning for the corps those laudatory epithets which have been drawn again and again from the lips of Adjutants and Commanding Officers. The science of musketry roused in him the interest of the genuine experimentalist, so much so, indeed, that the rifle range did not provide sufficient scope for his ambition ; his efforts beyond may be accepted as undeniable testimony to his zeal. He was one of the first cadets to pass "Certificate A," but it is only now, when our attention is riveted on the science of war, that the true significance of his attainments is brought home to us. Words and phrases that are but



entering our vocabulary are the merest elementary details of his knowledge. At the annual Public School Camp his learning was given some small opportunity of practice. His tent-commanding was genius ; the *sang froid* which he preserved on one well-remembered occasion, amid the chaos and confusion caused by the wreckage of a fallen tent, was marvellous. It is even said that he called the roll in order to be able to make a report of the killed, wounded and missing, but he denies this as Wellington denied all knowledge of his famous command to the Guards at Waterloo.

Here we will close our brief survey of the wide field of operations covered by Ira Wild during the time he was at school. Now that he has become an Examiner in the Exchequer and Audit Department of the Civil Service we may be sure that not only will his exertions continue to be as wide, but they will earn just as sincere admiration, as the exertions which have been of so much service to our School and to ourselves.

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### AUTUMN.

When waning Summer's faded roses fall  
 And shadows gather earlier o'er the land,  
 Comes Autumn tripping through the corn-stalks tall,  
 Bearing ripe apples in her bounteous hand.  
 No fragile Sylph, no Undine frail is she,  
 No raven-tressed daughter of the air ;  
 A ruddy-cheekèd nymph from trouble free,  
 A hardy, graceful maid who laughs at care.  
 Her glorious auburn tresses flow behind,  
 Red-gold as ever farmer's cornfield grew,  
 Her eyes are bright as sapphires ; and the wind  
 Plays upon cheeks of summer rose-bud's hue.  
 Blithely she steps it through the sunlit fields,  
 And at her coming green-gown'd Summer yields.

B. O. B.

## SOME NOTES ON THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION DINNER.

On Founder's Day, this year, about 140 Old Boys sat down to Dinner in the Town Hall.

The dinner was a very good one, and well served, and everyone present enjoyed it.

Mr. Woodcock made a very good Chairman. He kept the proceedings going without a pause, and there was not a dull moment during the whole evening.

The Hon. Secretaries and the Committee are to be heartily congratulated on another great success.

About 1,500 circulars were sent out to Old Boys. This must mean an immense amount of work for the Hon. Secretaries. They each wore a broad smile of satisfaction when all had safely got to their seats. It is an anxious moment, particularly when more Old Boys turn up than are expected.

It would be very terrible indeed if more than about 50 turned up to the dinner without having sent in their names.

Even then we think our Hon. Secretaries would find some way out of the difficulty.

There must be many Old Boys who, through no fault of the Hon. Secretaries, do not receive a circular. Some of these have been known to grumble. A much more sensible proceeding on their part would be to send post cards to either of the Hon. Secretaries, give their names and addresses, and so become members.

The Hon. Secretaries are wonderful people but they cannot be expected to know by instinct the names and addresses of all the Old Boys.

The Old Boys were divided into groups according to the dates when they left the School. The earliest period was from 1845 to 1870. Mr. Samuel Kay who left the School in 1848, would be the oldest Old Boy present.

An old Master (Mr. William French) known to the Boys of his time as "Chemmy Bill" proposed "The School" and made a very interesting speech. He preached Citizenship and the help Old Boys can, by their conduct, give to their old School.

The Rev. E. J. S. Lamburn responded for the School. The Old Boys greeted their old friend with a very sincere but very noisy welcome. His speech was straight, strong and to the point, full of force and earnestness. He used to play forward for the School in the old Rugby Football days in exactly the same straight, strong, forcible way.

The Rev. W. H. Howlett proposed the toast of "The Chairman," and Mr. Woodcock in responding read a letter from Mr. Roger Walker, referring in praise to Morris and Maddox as athletes.

The Chairman reminded the Old Boys that Mr. Roger Walker was a great athlete himself and a keen sportsman, and so could judge of these boys' performances.

Mr. Woodcock omitted to state that he also was a keen sportsman, and had been in his time one of the best fast bowlers in the County.

The following are the Officers of the Association :—

#### B. G. S. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

<i>President</i>	- - -	The Head Master.
<i>Chairman of Committee</i>	-	Samuel Woodcock, Junr.
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	- - -	Cecil Farr.
<i>Hon. Secretaries</i>	- - -	R. D. G. Denning and Percy S. Howarth

*Committee* :—John Downham (representing the years 1845-1870), H. T. Bull (1871-1880), Frank Metcalf (1881-1883), J. E. Brown (1884-1886), Robert Taylor Monks (1887-1889), F. A. Woodcock (1890-1892), V. H. Nuttall (1893-1895), Harold Whitehead (1896-1898), J. W. Burgoyne (1899-1901), J. H. Sleight (1902-1904), Charles Peacock (1905-1907), William Wood (1907 to date).

The following were present at the Dinner:

1845 to 1870.	1871 to 1880.
Samuel Woodcock .....left in 1855.	S. H. Renshaw.
Robert Kay ..... „ 1850.	H. C. Cass.
Robert Peel ..... „ 1860.	H. Howarth.
John Downham..... „ 1865.	F. S. Edmondson.
Robert Hall ..... „ 1866.	H. Simpkin.
Arthur Bailey (Horwich) „ 1867.	B. Healey.
Benjamin Ormerod ..... „ 1868.	Samuel Redfern.
Mark Rigby ..... „ 1869.	H. T. Bull.
John Hill ..... „ 1870.	E. H. Pilkington.
Thomas Kay..... „ 1856.	
William Cornall..... „ 1865.	
J. T. Bridge ..... „ 1867.	
Samuel Kay ..... „ 1848.	

1881 to 1883.	1887 to 1889.	1890 to 1892.
J. E. Brown.	R. B. Rigby.	J. H. H. Nixon.
T. H. Cornall.	A. E. Murdoch.	Herbert Holt.
F. Metcalf.	E. W. Andrew.	Tom Chantler.
J. Moore.	R. T. Monks.	1893 to 1895.
H. W. Chell.	H. Calderbank.	C. H. Greenhalgh.
E. Rigby.	G. H. Bott.	F. M. Bentley.
R. H. Davy.	Hugh Taylor.	C. H. Bott.
R. Battersby.	W. A. Ashworth.	H. Duckworth.
A. Nelson.	1890 to 1892.	H. Collins.
1884 to 1886.	J. Barrett.	A. H. Gregson.
A. Peel Nuttall.	R. B. Hall.	W. V. Heap.
J. W. Hill.	T. G. Barlow.	P. F. Moorhouse.
S. Woodcock, Junr.	W. A. Barnes.	J. P. Robinson.
J. H. Peel.	E. O. Mosley.	1896 to 1898.
A. Bailey (Bury).	V. H. Nuttall.	H. Whitehead.
E. Alcock.	F. A. Woodcock.	E. Temperley.
A. Coulthurst.	C. A. Hill.	F. Ashworth.
R. W. Wood.	W. Taylor.	W. Armstrong.

1896 to 1898.	1899 to 1901.	1905 to 1907.
Geo. Clough.	R. Ramsbottom.	S. W. Howarth.
J. K. Rigby.	1902 to 1904.	Wright Howarth.
H. Wilkinson.	A. Fitton.	C. Peacock.
P. S. Howarth.	A. W. Blomeley.	F. Cain.
J. E. Whitehead.	F. Garnsworthy.	1908 to date.
E. R. Bardsley.	Herbert Taylor.	J. Wolstenholme.
W. O. Buxton.	T. Moore.	W. W. Sleigh.
C. C. Farr.	J. V. Moorhouse.	W. Wild.
Harold Holt.	J. H. Sleigh.	Whittaker Howarth.
J. H. Peacock, Junr.	R. Mills.	F. Jackson.
F. Whitehead.	D. Burgoyne.	H. T. Farrar.
P. L. Holmes.	E. Coupe.	A. Calderbank.
W. P. Ashworth.	J. W. Crowther.	J. O'Neil.
1899 to 1901.	C. B. Stead.	J. H. Jobling.
W. R. Douglas.	F. Butterworth.	H. Matthew.
J. W. Smith.	1905 to 1907.	W. Wood.
J. R. Crompton.	C. B. Rigby.	W. G. Packman.
R. W. Butcher.	B. Howarth.	P. G. Simmonds.
G. B. Murgatroyd.	H. B. Webb.	H. C. Smith.
J. W. Burgoyne.	R. S. Ashworth.	J. France.
J. Barlow.	H. Stott.	H. H. Hayes.
A. Crompton.	B. Spencer.	G. Howarth.
J. Ashworth, Junr.	C. Blomeley.	

*Masters :*

Rev. W. H. Howlett.	Mr. J. H. Spivey.
„ E. J. S. Lamburn.	„ A. Round.
Mr. J. L. Norton.	„ E. S. Warrilow.
„ John Hignett.	„ R. D. G. Denning.
„ S. C. Rowland.	

C. R. Scholes, *Purser.*

William French, *Former Master.*

*Officials, &c. :*

“Bury Times” and “Bury Guardian” representatives.

Robinson, Cass, Hartley, *School Staff.*

The Committee were elected by the members present at the Dinner to serve for the ensuing 12 months.

There were many Songs and Instrumental Solos, and the evening passed very quickly.

We hope to be present at the next Annual Dinner.

## O. T. C. NOTES.

### THE ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The contingent was inspected in May by Captain Paley of the General Staff, War Office, and he reports as follows :—

“The march past was good. The company drill satisfactory. The extended order drill was well and smartly carried out.

“The time available only permitted inspection in manœuvre being carried out on the school football field. From what I have been able to see, the cadets' N.C.O's. have been well trained in fire direction, control and discipline. Lieut. Spivey explained the scheme and his intentions well and clearly.

“Discipline was satisfactory.

“The turn out was good. Clothing clean and fitted well.

“Arms and equipment in good order and well kept.

“The condition of this contingent is quite satisfactory.

“It is clear that Lieut. Spivey has taken very great trouble with the training of his cadets. He is keen and knows his work. The Head Master is very sympathetic. Several old cadets showed their keenness by turning out and taking part in the inspection.”

The O.C. qualified for Captain's rank in April and was promoted in June.

Second-Lieutenant J. H. Sleight was promoted to rank of Lieutenant in July.

“The Clavian's” congratulations to both !

The Cadet Demonstration of July 4th was quite an innovation. It was thought it would be a good thing to give a “show”



on the playing fields, so that parents and friends could see what the cadets of the O.T.C. could do.

The day was perfect:—no other word describes it. People were happy sitting out in the sunshine, and thus were more easily entertained. The programme which was two hours long commenced with an inspection by Col. Hall, V.D., followed by the march past and ceremonial drill, after which Col. Hall addressed the contingent, pointing out such faults as he had noted and expressing pleasure at being there. The “old boy” cadets then marched away, with Lieut. Sleight, and built a jetty out from the terrace over the field, which for the occasion was regarded as a river, lake or sea. This work occupied about an hour and a quarter, and all or practically all the visitors stood in the river watching the bridging expedients with great interest until they heard the rattle of musketry nearer the Irwell, and many wended their way to see the other cadets forming a firing line and demonstrating how infantry support one another in battle.

Following this was a bayonet fighting competition in which Taylor, V. fought very fiercely, and after slaying all and sundry, reaped the reward of his valour by receiving a flash lamp. May he long enjoy his bloodless triumph !

Another team of cadets showed how to put a tent up in six minutes—more or less. They did it very well, but as this is a noiseless as well as bloodless occupation it did not attract quite as many people. All this time the bridge building was going on and ladies were shooting in the range. Cadets were boat racing on the field. Corporal Morris's team won, and in the boot race, which was very funny, Speier was booted first and won the prize.

The afternoon was a great success. Everybody seemed to find some pleasure. Our thanks are due to Col. Hall for coming down, to Quarter-Master Sergeant Sharp for the instruction in field engineering, and to Miss Bullock for providing an excellent tea for those who wished it.

Shall we have another demonstration and tea ?

## O. T. C. CAMP.

Our camp this year was pitched at Mytchett Farm, scarcely three miles from Farnborough Common, the scene of our military exploits in 1911, that year of heat waves and railway strikes. Aldershot is quite near, and the whole district forms one of England's great army centres where khaki is the fashionable colour. The country was familiar to our veteran eyes, undulating and sandy, with copses of fir trees scattered here and there.

The remarkable thing about camp is the long duration of its effects. To limit them to ten days would be to convey an utterly inadequate estimate ; the joyful anticipation, the pleasant memories which linger long, form no inconsiderable portion of its delights. The period actually spent under canvas represents, so to speak, the climax, the *crème de la crème* of the whole. Coleridge has a happy sentiment on this point :—

“ Ah ! dear delights that o'er the soul  
On Memory's wing like shadows fly ;  
Ah ! flowers that Joy from Eden stole,  
While Innocence stood laughing by.”

What then does “camp” mean to us? Ten days of perfect freedom, freedom from all the crabbed conventions of our so-called modern civilization. Ten days, ten whole long days, days of sixteen hours of hard work and healthy exercise. Far from the festering haunts of men, no longer

“ Confined and pestered in this penfold here,”  
far from books, pens, ink and paper. Ten days of marches and counter-marches, of outpost and piquet, of battles and charges, of bugle and bagpipe ; ten days of shower-baths and iced lemonade, of cricket and leap-frog, of swimming and boating, of walking and talking ; ten days of fresh air and sunshine, of green fields and purple heather, of hill and vale, and spreading plain.

In a beautiful camp we were, shut in by woods on every side, with lordly oaks rising at intervals in our midst. Along one

side you could see, through a fringe of trees, a clear canal ; on another side lay a pretty lake, also screened by trees. The scent of pine pervaded everything.

A peculiar feature of this camp was the daily variation of our area for manœuvres. By this means we rapidly learned to adapt ourselves to every kind of cover. Our battalion was commanded by two very smart and capable officers (belonging to the Grenadier and Irish Guards) who gave us plenty of work to do, and saw that all our duties were thoroughly and systematically performed.

We possessed two bands, a bugle and a bagpipe ; the effect of a good band is almost marvellous. One morning we were returning from a twelve-mile march, and everyone was looking weary and footsore, some scarcely seemed able to drag one foot along after the other. Then the pipers struck up their weird strains and a transformation scene took place. It was as if new life had been instilled into us and we swung into camp in perfect time and order as cheerful as you please. Ours was the only bagpipe band in camp.

Great excitement prevailed as matters in Europe approached the crisis. Newspapers increased 100% in value and were even then sold out immediately. A report was circulated on Sunday night (false, of course), that seven German battleships had been sunk in the North Sea ; this provoked cheers throughout the camp. Various rumours of war were current and we were not surprised when the order came for us to go home two days before our time.

Since the above article was written we have learnt with deep regret that Captain Berners, our Battalion Commander at Mychett Farm, has been killed in action.

His Adjutant, Lieut. the Hon. H. R. Alexander, has been awarded the Cross of a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

## CRICKET.

### FIRST ELEVEN.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
16	6	8	2

This season's play, though the records do not point to such, has been of a good all-round character.

Nolan has displayed distinctive abilities both in bowling and batting, particularly in the latter, for he has passed the half-century no fewer than three times.

In the bowling Horsfall has proved himself to be a good, consistent, untiring bowler, keeping a fair length throughout the innings.

With regard to the fielding, it would be advisable if all the fielders adhered more closely to the advice given by Warner, which runs to this effect: "A fielder no matter in what position he may field should be on the *qui vive*, expecting every ball that leaves the bowlers' hand, when hit, to come in his direction, and not wait until the ball is struck and coming in his direction to run after it, for in this manner of non-expectancy many runs are uselessly thrown away."

This year we avenged our last season's defeat at the hands of King Edward VII.'s School, winning an exciting match at St. Annes by the narrow margin of five runs.

Our two drawn matches were within an ace of being won, in both cases an extra ten minutes' play would have spelt victory for us.

Colours this year have been awarded to Horsfall and Morris ii, R. Nolan heads both the batting and the bowling averages.

J. E. H. (Capt).

### SECOND ELEVEN.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
13	7	6	0

The season has come to a close with the number of wins exceeding the losses by one. Owing to the bad weather three matches had to be cancelled and a fourth, against Manchester

Grammar School Third XI., was abandoned owing to a thunder-storm after our opponents had quitted the field for less than forty.

Although the batting has not been what it might have been the fielding has been remarkably good, notably in the match against Manchester Grammar School at Bury, when it undoubtedly saved the match for the home team.

One or two good catches have been brought off by Bentley, while Merryfield, as wicket keeper, has caused a good number of batsmen to quit the field. Hartington and Hardman have made good scores on more than one occasion, while Lea is certainly a promising player. The brunt of the bowling has been borne by Hartington, Simpkin and Isherwood, the last-named, especially, being worthy of commendation.

N. S.

### THIRD ELEVEN.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
13	8	4	1

Despite the constant demands on our players from the Second Eleven we have been able to bring the season to a fairly successful close. All the matches have been well contested and improvement has been shown in the course of the season. The greatest improvement in the eleven is in fielding. The best contested match of the season was that against Heywood, at Bury, when we won by a very small score (2). The great feature of the team has been the keenness with which every member has played.

CAPTAIN.

### HOUSE MATCHES.

#### First Eleven.

Derby 107, Kay 27 (for 8), drawn.  
 Derby 34 (for 1), Hulme 31, Derby won.  
 Hulme 53, Kay 49, Hulme won.  
 Kay 69, Derby 55 (for 9), drawn.  
 Derby 51 (for 3), Hulme 48, Derby won.  
 Kay 25 (for 1), Hulme 16, Kay won.

#### Second Eleven.

Derby beat Kay.  
 Derby beat Hulme.  
 Hulme beat Kay.  
 Kay beat Derby.  
 Derby beat Hulme.  
 Kay beat Hulme.

Derby won the "Blackburne" Challenge Cup from Kay.