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THE WANDER-LUST.

Weary it is to rest by quiet waters

Where the green grass is kissed by the soft tide ;
And no wind ever stirs the sleeping woodland

And no storm ever blights the waterside ;

Where ever lies the sun low in the west

And never burns aloft in his high noon,
But ever seems to pause on the hill-crest

Waiting for the rising of the moon ;
Amid the scent of eglantine and balm,
Drinking the mellow wine of sunset's calm,
And never fearing winter nor the cold.

Over the stillness creeps a strange disquiet ;

A far-off murmur throbs across the air ;
The halcyon pauses in his happy diving ;

The scent of balm and roses seems less rare.

The silent lake becomes a stagnant pool ;
 The sunset glory seems to fade away ;
 The heart longs for salt-laden breezes cool
 And towering cliffs drenched in the wave-borne spray ;
 Where the great waters beat on the wide shore,
 And the great wind shakes the hills to their deep core,
 Rushing in might across the free, wide wold.

Ever upon us comes the strange, wild longing
 To feel the free wind stirring in our hair ;
 As old Odysseus on his Grecian island
 Watched the red west and the golden sunset there,
 And longed to feel the shock of the wide deep,
 To see strange islands rise o'er the dim tide,
 To watch the curd-pale moon in glory creep
 Above strange hills, where stranger waters glide,
 To feel the rapture of the wander-lust,
 To shake his feet free of the city dust,
 And face the bold sea with a heart as bold.

B. O. B.

SCHOOL NOTES.

VALETE!—H. Bennett, J. Bentley, J. H. Binnis, G. A. Blanchard, N. H. Brooks, N. G. B. Brooks, R. Calrow, W. A. Calvert, F. Cooke, J. W. Crawshaw, J. S. Davenport, E. S. Duncan, G. H. Dykes, J. Greenhalgh, E. W. Hall, G. K. Hall, J. Hamer (314), J. Hamer (364), C. R. Hardman, A. Howard, J. C. Jackson, S. C. Jackson, A. Kay, G. Lawson, S. Lord, J. M. Maddox, A. Mills, R. F. Mottershead, E. L. F. Mucklow, R. F. O'Neill, F. Park, T. Pye, W. E. Rigby, J. Shaw, C. G. Simpson, W. P. Speier, H. G. Spencer, F. Taylor (329), F. Taylor (306), N. Whitehead.

SALVETE !—S. Ainsworth, J. McK. Arnot, G. Attack, H. Barnes, J. B. Battersby, M. D. Binns, G. A. Blanchard, A. F. Bradley, R. O. Brown, G. F. Calrow, F. Chantler, A. Dawson, D. A. Douglas, W. A. Ellsey, H. K. Greenhalgh, W. D. Hall, A. E. Heys, C. G. Heys, S. Heatley, S. Jackson, J. H. James, H. Jary, W. G. Lever, J. Longworth, J. R. McPherson, H. Parr, G. Parker, R. K. Pierce, J. Preston, K. C. Preston, J. W. Richards, A. Rigby, R. C. Shore, E. Smith, N. Stott, J. C. Sutherst, J. C. Taylor, T. G. Taylor, S. R. Watson, H. J. Watson, R. Whittaker J. Winterburn, James Wood.

Pueri Auctoritate Graves :—

Captain of the School : R. Morris (Sept.—Dec. 1915) ; G. L. R. Brown (Jan. 1916).

Prefects : G. L. R. Brown, B. O. Binns, F. T. M. Marks, N. Simpson, H. Spibey, J. Whittle, L. Wild, T. H. Isherwood.

Football Captains : First Eleven, (1) R. Morris (Sept.—Dec. 1915), (2) F. T. M. Marks (Jan. 1916) ; Second Eleven, L. Wild ; Third Eleven, J. Spencer ; Fourth Eleven, C. W. Bott.

Hon. Sec. (Sports) ; L. Wild ; Assistant Sec. ; V. H. Lea.

Hon. Storekeeper, C. E. Hartington ; Assistant : R. P. Taylor.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes' Examination in French (Maximum 100).

Advanced.—Distinction, W. E. Rigby, 95 ; G. H. Dykes and E. W. Hall, 94 ; H. Spivey (285) 93 ; J. Hamer (314) and J. C. Jackson, 90. Class I, N. Simpkin, 87 ; J. H. Binns and C. R. Hardman, 86 ; H. Heywood, 85 ; L. Wild, 81 ; J. Whittle, 77 ; R. Calrow and T. H. Isherwood, 76. Class II, T. Silcock,

70; N. Whitehead, 68; F. Jackson, 65; W. A. Calvert, 62; O. H. Hall, 53; A. Howard, 50.

Intermediate.—Distinction, R. Haslam, 93; H. L. Slater, 92; J. Morris, 91; A. Mills, 90. Class I, F. T. M. Marks, 87; R. D. Wilkinson, 86; H. Bennett and J. S. Davenport, 83; T. Pye, 82; F. Merryfield, 81; R. F. O'Neill and R. P. Taylor, 76. Class II, E. S. Duncan, R. F. Mottershead and H. G. Spencer, 73; J. H. Heap, 68; J. Hamer (364) 67.

Elementary.—Class I, N. H. Brooks, 87; C. G. Simpson, 83; N. Metcalf, 82; T. S. Davidson, 80; J. Lord and L. Mather, 79. Pass, W. H. Dearden, 73; J. Spencer, 69; J. M. Lord, 63.

The Examiner reported: Advanced—"This group sent in most carefully written work which reflects the highest credit on the teacher; the French Composition was particularly good. . . ." Elementary—"All passed, a high average being obtained."

Higher Certificate Examination of the Joint Board of Oxford and Cambridge.—J. M. Maddox (Distinction in Latin and Roman History), R. Morris, B. O. Binns (Distinction in Scripture), G. L. R. Brown (Distinction in Scripture), G. H. Dykes, W. E. Rigby, H. Spibey (Distinction in English History), E. W. Hall.

Oxford Local (Senior).—First Class Honours: T. Silcock, L. Wild, H. Heywood (Distinction in Physics). Second Class Honours: F. Cook (Distinction in Greek), T. H. Isherwood, N. Whitehead, J. Whittle, R. Haslam. Third Class Honours: R. Calrow, J. H. Binns, J. C. Jackson. Pass: W. A. Calvert, F. Jackson, O. H. Hall, R. D. Wilkinson, A. Howard, F. T. M. Marks, R. F. Mottershead.

Oxford Local (Junior).—Second Class Honours, H. Bennett, F. Merryfield. Third Class Honours: H. L. Slater,

A. Mills. Pass : R. P. Taylor, N. Metcalf, E. C. Bourne, H. G. Spencer, G. Lawton, J. Hamer (364).

The following Elementary School Scholarships to Bury Grammer School have been awarded :—Hulme : J. C. Sutherst and W. Lever, St. John's, Bury. Kay : G. Atack, H. Barnes, S. Heatley, St. John's, Bury ; J. R. McPherson, Chesham British, Bury ; A Dawson, St. John's, Bury ; R. Whittaker, St. Anne's, Tottington.

R. Morris gained last December an open Classical Scholarship of £60, at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Sec.-Lieut. H. A. Hendrie has been transferred to the 26th Batt. Manchester Regiment, for the period of the war, and is at present stationed at Southport.

Mr. A. B. Williams, late of Dorchester Grammar School, has been appointed Temporary Master for Junior Science Work.

The most noticeable feature of a very successful cricket season was the all-round excellence of the team which did not always rely for victory on the efforts of one or two crack batsmen or bowlers. Though weak at first the fielding greatly improved and the bowling throughout the season was above reproach. Perhaps the best performances were the victory against Bowdon College at home and the draw which was nearly a win against Hulme Grammar School, at Manchester. We are much indebted to the groundsman for many very good wickets and the care he took with the practice nets.

Colours have been awarded to Dykes (Vice-Captain), Calrow and Haslam.

HOUSE MATCHES.

First Eleven.

Kay 44 (for two), Hulme 36 ; Kay 35, Derby 102 (for 4) ;
 Hulme 68, Derby 59 ; Derby 51 (for 7), Kay 93 (for 8) ;
 Hulme 45, Kay 26 ; Derby 84, Hulme 7 (for 8).

Hulme won the "Blackburne" Challenge Cup from Derby.

The Debating Society held two meetings during the Christmas term. At the first, on Friday, Nov. 26th, J. Whittle moved that "It was to the interest of Greece to join the Allies." R. Morris opposed and L. Wild and Mr. Woodd spoke third and fourth respectively. Heywood, Taylor and Metcalf having spoken, the house divided and the motion was carried by 7 votes to 3. The second Meeting, held on Monday, Dec. 13th, was a distinct success, twenty-four members being present. The subject discussed was "Invention has done more for the world than exploration." L. Wild was the mover of the motion and was ably supported by H. Heywood. J. Hamer opposed and was seconded by J. Whittle. J. M. Maddox, B. O. Binns and N. Simpkin contributed speeches. The meeting then divided and the motion was carried by 5 votes.

It has been decided that the Fifth Form shall be allowed to take part in the debates.

J. Hamer and F. Merryfield were elected Librarians.

PAPER CHASING IN THE HOLIDAYS.

On Thursday, Dec. 30th, 10 runners set off from Limefield after three 'hares' who laid a trail in the direction of Birtle. After touching on Coates' Farm, the pack followed to Birtle Deane and

then rapidly descending reached Nabb's Wife. From here the trail led them near Ashworth Chapel House and was found soon after to lie across some uneven ground, eventually entering the Dene once more. At this point the hounds were 'on' the hares, one of whom was 'killed' at Deeply Vale; another hid in the old house there, while the remaining one continued his journey. A second paper-chase was held on Monday, January 10th, 21 boys taking part. The hares went past Bentley Brook over Mr. Milnes' Estate to Nangreaves Road, joining it not far from Grants' Tower; near the latter, the pack was for a time baffled by false trails but at length, taking the right one, they climbed on to a moor. Many real hares were seen here and the paper, owing to the high wind prevailing, was difficult to follow. However, the pack went on over streams, walls and fields, and, arriving at the Edenfield Road, they started the journey home through Buckhurst and Deeply Vale and over the golf-links.

SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS.

Senior Relay Race: 1 Derby; 2 Kay.

Middle „ „ 1 Hulme; 2 Kay.

Junior „ „ 1 Kay.

Result—Kay House retained the "Hutchinson" Challenge Cup.
Winning Teams—

Derby Senior—Metcalf, Hartington C. E., Whittle.

Hulme Middle—Brooks, N. G., Maddox, R. M., Turner.

Kay Junior.—Taylor, D. P., Taylor, K. P., Popple, E. V. N.

Two lengths (Open).—1, Taylor, R. P., 2, Marks.

Neat Diving—Turner and Maddox, R. M., equal.

Two Lengths Handicap.—1, Taylor, R. P. (scratch), 2, Metcalf, (10 secs.)

Plate Diving—1, Marks; 2, Hall, E. W.

Congratulations to R. P. Taylor who, in October last, won the Northern Counties Junior Championship for the 100 yards in record time—1 minute 6 3-5 seconds.

MEMORABILIA.

Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes' French Examination,
Monday, 3rd April.

Easter Holidays—Thursday, 20th April, to Friday, 28th
April (both inclusive).

Sports Day—Thursday, 8th June.

Whitsuntide Holidays—Friday, 9th June, to Wednesday,
21st June (both inclusive).

Elementary Schools Scholarship Examination—Saturday,
24th June and Monday 26th June.

O.T.C. Inspection—Saturday, 1st July, (probably).

Oxford Locals—Thursday, 13th July, to Saturday, 22nd
July.

Higher Certificate Examination—Friday, 14th July, to
Saturday, 29th July.

Summer Holidays—Monday, 31st July, to Friday, 15th
September, (both inclusive).

Christmas Holidays—Friday, 22nd December, to Wed-
nesday, 17th January.

**REV. JOHN LOMAX, M.A.,
AND SOME CONNECTIONS.**

The Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, Mr. Arthur Gray, M.A., has kindly sent me an extract from the Register, showing that "Johannes Lomax filius Richardi de Bury" was admitted to Jesus College on May 24, 1665, in his seventeenth year, and that the degree of B.A. was conferred upon him on January 16, 1668-9. A list of clergymen in the Diocese of Chester, recorded at the first Visitation of Bishop Stratford in 1691, shows that John Lomax had obtained the degree of M.A.

At the time he went up from Bury to Cambridge, the same college, the Rev. Thomas Lawton, was headmaster of Bury Grammar School. It is an interesting coincidence that Mr. Lawton was at Jesus College at the same time as the Radcliffe-born Richard Wroe—in later years known as “Silver-tongued Wroe,” the famous Warden of Manchester—who proceeded from Bury Grammar School to Cambridge on June 19, 1658, and who is mentioned in the Register as the tutor under whom John Lomax was admitted.

I find that the aforementioned John Lomax was the younger son of Richard Lomax, of Bury, yeoman, who made his will on December 9, 1675, and requested that his body should be “buried in the church of Bury amongst my ancestors.” Richard Lomax died on the 23rd of the next month and was interred at the Parish Church, where his widow, Ellen, was buried on September 29, 1682. Their son John was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Chester on May 5, 1673, and priest on July 25, 1677. In his will, Richard Lomax mentions having “paid and laid out” £350 for his son John “whilst he was at the University.” An inventory made four months after his death by Edward Radcliffe, gentleman, John Allen, of Redvales, gentleman, John Lomax, of Ainsworth, gentleman, and John Ramsbottom, yeoman, shows that Richard Lomax’s “goods” were “prised” at £2,696 4s. 6d., which would mean a much higher sum to-day. He had provided a marriage portion of £700 for one of his daughters, £250 of which had been received before he made his will.

Probably the greater part of John Lomax’s clerical life was spent within the ancient parish of Bury, at that time of considerable extent; in his later years he was acting as curate of Bury Church (in the rectorate of the Rev. Thomas Gipps). An official list prepared in 1689 mentions him as curate of Bury. But he was certainly officiating somewhere in the parish during earlier years. In a diary kept by Lawrence Rawstorne, J.P., of New

Hall, Edenfield (High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1681-2, and brother of the Colonel Edward Rawstorne who distinguished himself, under the Countess of Derby, in the defence of Lathom House in 1644-5) there is the following entry under date September 7, 1683 :—“At Aidenfield [Edenfield] Chapell. Heard Coz. Lomax.” No doubt the preacher was the Rev. John Lomax. By the way, Mr. Rawstorne was one of the feoffees of the original Bury Grammar School, as was John Lomax's brother Richard. In the Kenyon manuscripts mention is made of a visit paid by John Lomax to Kirk Andrew, Isle of Man, in the summer of 1693. He died on April 12, 1695, and was interred at Bury Parish Church. The Report of the Charity Commissioners respecting local charities, published in 1828, says :—“The table of benefactions [in Bury Parish Church] states that the Rev. John Lomax, by will in 1694, left £10 to the poor of the parish. In the Returns made to Parliament in 1786 this sum is stated to be lost.”

After his father's death, the Rev. John Lomax's mother went to live with her son-in-law and daughter, Samuel Bamford and his wife Susan, at Bamford Hall. Samuel Bamford was a feoffee of the old Bury Grammar School. His mother-in-law met with her death accidentally, an event which the Rev. Oliver Heywood records in his diary thus :—

“Mtris Lomax, wife of Mr Rich. Lomax of Bury, who he being dead, lived with Mr Bamford of Bamford, that married his daughter, after sermons at Heywood chapell, getting on horseback mist footing, slipt down, scarce spake after, died on Tuesday night, fal was Sept. 24, death on Sept. 26, buried 29, 1682, aged 76.”

In the register of Bury Church (where she was interred) the date of Mrs. Lomax's death is given as September 27. Her son-in-law and daughter died—Samuel Bamford on December 30, 1702, and his wife Susan on April 24, 1702, and both were interred at Bury Church.

Samuel Bamford's son William—a nephew of the Rev. John Lomax—was an active magistrate and one of the original

trustees of Bury Grammar School under the Kay foundation, a position he held for many years. He lived to a good old age, and was buried at the church in which he was christened. A brass at the foot of an upper memorial window in Bury Parish Church bears this inscription :—

“† To the Glory of God and in memory of William Bamford of Bamford, Esq., this window is dedicated by his descendant, Robert Bamford Hesketh. He Deceased October 10, 1761, aged 82. †”

It is stated that many years ago there was a “monument” to this old-time trustee and steward of the Grammar School in the same church, and that part of the epitaph was as hereunder :—

“To the memory of their most affectionate father, William Bamford of Bamford, Esquire, this monument was erected by his much afflicted daughters, Ann and Margaret, in testimony of their pious regard and tender affection to the man. His sweetness of manners and goodness of heart endeared him to all that knew him. He was a kind husband, an indulgent parent, an easy master, a cheerful companion, a sincere and generous friend to all. He was a good man; herein exercising himself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward man.”

A flat memorial slab which was probably once in the floor of the church (before the rebuilding), over or near the remains of William Bamford, his wife, and one daughter, is now in the churchyard, on the north side. It is a curious artificial slab, of light colour, and nearly all the inscription is worn away.

WILLIAM HEWITSON.

LEADING LIGHTS.—IX.

Somewhat unexpectedly has fallen to my lot the task I have long coveted—to write the biography of William Morris; yet lest the reader of these paragraphs search in vain for that which they do not contain, I will begin by stating what this article purports to be and also what it is not. Those who desire a catalogue of achievements, athletic or intellectual, must look elsewhere for them; are they not written in the Honours boards, the

Year Books and the *Clavians* of the past eight years, blazoned on the walls and graven on the plate of the School which reared him? No, his deeds need not my pen to describe them; their records are in the hands of each one of you, and they speak for themselves. That, however, which is not thus accessible, but must be now set forth for the first time, I will try all inadequately to trace with my unworthy pen—a brief and unfinished sketch of William Morris the man as I have known and loved him. Others may speak of him with greater skill than I, but it is my proud boast that none can claim longer or more intimate knowledge of him.

He arrived in our midst at the close of the summer of '07, a graceful and unassuming youngster of twelve, and I well remember the day of our first meeting, though at the time neither of us guessed what the years held in store for us. We passed up the school together with an ever-deepening intimacy, though he even at that early period showed unmistakable evidences of the promise he in later years so amply fulfilled. From the first he was marked out for a position far above his years in every branch of athletic and intellectual effort. In work and in play, chess, running, jumping, swimming, football, in each and every field to which he turned, he appropriated at once a pre-eminent position. And so the years passed, adding ever fresh notches to his record, fresh laurels to his brow, until the day came when he departed in a final blaze of glory for what we all hoped was to be but an apotheosis of his school career. Yet it was not to be, and that day is postponed by his own sublime self-sacrifice. It were invidious at the present day to speak of patriotism and unselfishness, when so many have given up all for the service of their country: this much I *may* say, that for few indeed has the decision meant the sacrifice of such a future, few have made their choice so unhesitatingly.

All through the School he was ever characterized by the quietness—almost shyness—with which he bore himself. Tasks committed to his care he carried out in his own unobtrusive way, yet it was seldom indeed that he failed to perform them in a

manner that challenged criticism. To all but a narrow circle he displayed a calm and immovable reserve, but no small boy who desired advice or assistance looked in vain for his kindly sympathy or failed to find his ready aid forthcoming. To his more intimate friends his stolid exterior covered a sparkling *joie de vivre* and a keen love for anything in the nature of a problem, dialectics or philosophy. His memory was phenomenal, while the extent of his reading continually surprised even those who best knew him ; authors ancient or modern, famous or obscure, rarely were their names or works raised in conversation but that he could at once supply accurate and abundant information on them. Arguments he often continued day after day with persevering energy until a satisfactory conclusion was reached. He was ever marked by a freshness of intellect, by no means typical of our race, which allowed him to examine without prejudice any fresh idea and to adopt or discard it after thorough trial and investigation. His judgment in a crisis was of the coolest, while his genial adaptability cloaked a very considerable will power and determination. The interests of a friend he would take up and push with an energy and dash that he never showed in his own, while he had definite and highly practicable views on all internal questions concerning the school, and never lacked the courage of his convictions. His strong natural modesty carried him unscathed through triumphs and the resultant flattery and inevitable "spoiling" of obsequious admirers, such as have ruined many a less successful man. In the eight and a half years that I have known him I do not remember an angry word passing between us ; his was ever the same loyal and unexacting friendship, ever willing to pardon the offences and overlook the failings of another : neither have I ever heard an impure or even "strong" word fall from his lips, nor noted a dishonest or dishonourable action on his part during all the time I have known him, in school and out, on playing-field and running-track, camp and parade-ground. His recent year as an officer of our forces has left no stain upon his honour, but has only developed and strengthened the character he forged for himself at

school, and now that the warning has come for him to hold himself in readiness for the "front," we know that we send him forth one who will bring no blot upon the character of Englishman, but bear himself in all things an officer and a gentleman.

And now I have come to the end of this brief and insufficient impression of him whom we are proud to have known, whom we have for the moment lost, whom our prayers and good wishes speed on his dangerous errand. It but remains to crave your indulgence for the imperfections of the biographer; I can only claim that they are the honest effort of "a plain blunt man that love my friend," yet at least I know that my testimony is true, and those who have shared his fellowship will witness if I lie.

J. B. W.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Since the last issue of the "Clavian" the School Roll of Honour has been printed in the "Year Book," to which our readers are referred. We append a supplementary list:—

Lieut. J. K. Bridge, Adjutant of the Prisoners of War Camp at Ras-eltin, Alexandria.

2nd Lieut. S. A. Buxton, 4/5th Lancashire Fusiliers.

Pte. Thomas Hope Floyd, 21st Batt. Royal Fusiliers.

Pte. Fred Garnsworthy, M.T., A.S.C.

Sergt. James Grindrod, 22nd Batt. Manchester Regt.

Pte. S. C. C. Jones, R.A.M.C.

2nd Lieut. John Mortimer Maddox, 3rd Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers.

2nd Lieut. Benjamin Holt Mills, 3/5th Batt. Manchester Regt.

Pte. John H. Nuttall, R.A.M.C., Barge 190, Ambulance Flotilla, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Pte. John V. Pennington, S.S.A., H.M.S. "Undaunted."

2nd Lieut. William C. Whittaker, R.G.A., S.R.

Lieut. Bert Whittam, Veterinary Corps.

Pte. Bert Taylor, Infantry Works Co., Kinmell Camp.

2nd Lieuts. Fred Murgatroyd, of the 10th Batt. S. Lancashire Regt., and William Nuttall, 17th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, have been promoted Lieutenants.

Pte. John Whittam, Seaforth Highlanders, and Corpl. Herbert Hartley, M.T., A.S.C., are officially reported "missing," the latter as a result of the loss of the S.S. "Citta di Palermo."

IN MEMORIAM.

Corpl. Harold Barlow, killed in action in France, 17th May, 1915.

Midshipman William Brown, went down with the "Clan Macnaughton."

Pte. Gilbert V. Buxton, killed in action—Dardanelles—6th June, 1915.

2nd Lieut. Cyril Crompton, killed in an accident, 16th September, 1915.

Pte. J. Austin Greenwood, killed in action—France—16th January, 1916.

Corpl. Philip Lawton Holmes, killed in action—France—26th November, 1915.

Trooper Frank Jackson, died at Calais of wounds received in action—2nd February, 1916.

Rifleman William D. Lauria, killed in action in France.

L.-Corpl. George Mason, killed in action—Dardanelles—7th August, 1915.

Pte. Harry Ratcliffe, killed in action—France—11th May, 1915.

Pte. Harry Crompton Smith, died in hospital, Aldershot—28th January, 1916.

Lieut. Douglas Wardleworth, R.A.M.C., drowned at Havre, November, 1914.

Pte. Richard N. Wild, killed in action—Dardanelles—10th May, 1915.

2nd Lieut. Clarence W. Yapp, killed in action—Dardanelles—7th August, 1915.

CONGRATULATIONS.—C. G. Ainsworth, Downing College, M.B. H. Ashton, Caius College, Officier de L'Instruction Publique; Professor of French at Birmingham University, 1914; Professor of Modern Languages at the University of British Columbia (Point Grey, Vancouver), 1915. **Capt. Edmund Ashworth, Mentioned in Despatches, (1915).** Robert Battersby, Town Clerk of Hereford **Lieut. R. W. Butcher, Awarded Military Cross.** G. L. Burton, Medical Superintendent, Colonial Sugar Co., of all Hospitals in the Fiji Islands. J. Charles, Final Exam. Incorporated Society of Chartered Accountants. Arthur Collins, (Deputy City Treasurer of Birmingham Corporation); Finance Staff of Ministry of Munitions. F. Cooke, Fitzwilliam Hall, Bury Corporation Scholarship, £50; Clothworkers' Guild, £30; Kay Exhibition, £20. Cyril Crompton, £10 Scholarship of Pharmaceutical Society. Rev. C. E. Diggle, M.A., Curate at Coley. J. Gow, Assistant Surgical Officer, Manchester Royal Infirmary. J. W. Hall, Inland Revenue, Somerset House; £10 Scholarship of Lancashire and Cheshire Institute for greatest intelligence. T. W. Hardman, London Matric. Clifford Holden, Manager of Palatine Bank, Heywood. W. Howarth, Intermediate—Incorporated Accountants' Society. G. H. I. Lees, Manchester University, Dauntsey Medical, £45. E. L. F. Mucklow, Scholarship, £30, at Radley College. W. Nuttall, Preliminary, Chartered Accountants. Sir John Parks, Chairman of Bury Corporation Health Committee for the 30th year in succession. J. C. Sharp, Intermediate, I. C. A. J. Y. Smith, Peterhouse, Historical Tripos, Part I, Class III. I. Wild, London Matriculation. W. Wild, Final, I. C. A. **Major Fred A. Woodcock, Lieut-Colonel (Temporary); Commanding Officer, 1st/5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers (T.F.) at the Dardanelles.**

C. G. Ainsworth, J. W. Burgoyne, Frank Crawshaw, T. C. Crawshaw, T. V. Hardman, S. M. Hopkinson, married.

S. V. Brown has been promoted to Second Lieutenant in the Liverpool Institute O.T.C.

IN MEMORIAM.

12th November, 1915.	Robert Woolfenden, æt. 72.
25th May, 1915.	Fred. Fletcher, æt. 42.
24th May, 1915.	Ernest Stanley Hayes, æt. 35.

The Bury "Times" and "Guardian" of the 26th January contained an interesting account of a gathering of Hadfield war workers held on the 15th January at the Hyde Town Hall. These workers were employes of the Greenfield Mill Company, Limited, an important Derbyshire firm engaged in the manufacture of munitions. They had met together to make a couple of interesting presentations to their Manager, Mr. Tom Taylor, who, besides having the direction of what is likely soon to become one of the largest factories of its kind in the world, has been "the instructor of the hundreds of people now earning good wages in the important national work in which they are engaged."

Mr. Tom Taylor is a Bury man, an "old boy" of the Bury Grammar School, and late manager of Messrs. Olive Brothers' paper-mill, Woolfold.

OXFORD.

Dear Mr. Editor,

You have called on me once more for an Oxford letter; there is, however, little occurring in the University for me to tell you. Our numbers are now reduced to a few hundreds, practically all Americans, foreigners or "crocks." Everything is at a stand-still except the military training; of the O.T.C. only about one hundred still remain, most of them pending gazette. No fresh recruits have been admitted since last October, and when the present batch has been dispersed throughout the Forces, the corps will come to an end. My own college will probably muster under

half a score next term, of whom one is an Oriental, one a West Indian, and the rest physically defective. Other colleges are in a similar state. Only one had forty men up last term, and the rest averaged about half that number. Our numbers are now so low that I doubt if compulsion rigorously applied could much further reduce them. The question of the continuance of the terms has been raised more than once, but the Vice-Chancellor considers it a duty to maintain the life as long as it is at all possible, with a view to having at least a few prepared to meet the great shortage of University men which will inevitably arise after the conclusion of the war. There is nothing else to report, so I must of necessity bring this somewhat gloomy catalogue to a not untimely end.

Yours sincerely,

OXON.

We reprint from the Bury Times, two notes which will doubtless interest our readers:—

In his recently-published little work entitled "A Historical Sketch of the ancient Ewood Hall in Rossendale: Its Tenants and Times (15th to 20th Century)," Alderman Samuel Compston, of Crawshawbooth, an ex-Mayor of Rawtenstall, has filled a gap left in both Newbigging's "History of Rossendale" and Baines's county history. Alderman Compston's researches and writings during a series of years entitle him to be regarded as an author of not inferior value to any of the others who have dealt with the history of the valley. He tells most interestingly the story "the estate and mansion of Ewood Hall," which "after all its antiquity and association with notable men and the classics, became at last the ground and office of a sewage farm," the property of the Haslingden, Rawtenstall and Bacup Outfall Sewerage Board. The old hall is kept in good condition, as the illustrations accompanying the letterpress show. Not the least interesting fact mentioned by Alderman Compston is the former connection of Bury Grammar School with the Ewood Hall Estate. The hall and the lands appurtenant thereto were two centuries ago the property of the re-founder of the Grammar School, the Rev. Roger Kay, and the income of the estate was utilised for the School under the Kay endowment scheme.—Dec. 24, 1915.

A few days ago, in a leading London auction room, the sum of £110 5s. was given for "an unusually fine Staffordshire Toby-Fillpot jug, modelled as a seated figure of a man, with a coat of arms at the back." Toby-Fillpot jugs came into popularity as the result of a song written Bury Grammar School "old boy," Francis Fawkes, a native of Yorkshire, who was born in 1720 and died in 1777. It is stated that this song, entitled "The Brown Jug" (giving a humorous description of the jug as having been "once Toby Fillpot, a thirsty old soul") attained an extraordinary popularity; that it was first introduced by John O'Keefe in his comic opera "The Poor Soldier," at Covent Garden Theatre, and that later it was one of the favourite pieces of Charles Incledon, described as "the best English singer that ever stepped between trap and lamp."

In
the medical service in Egypt, Major Chapple, R.A.M.C., M.P. for Stirlingshire, remarks—we quote the "Manchester Guardian"—
"At the Cairo Hospital, Captain Douglas, the young Manchester specialist, is doing distinguished work, and the fact that he has already performed over seven hundred operations gives some idea of the pressure at which he is working."

Those of our readers who knew the late Corporal Harold Barlow will be interested in the following extracts taken from his last letter home—a letter written three days before his death, found in his pocket, and forwarded to his parents by his platoon officer:—

"14/5/15. Friday."

"I have forgotten when it was that I wrote you my last letter, but when I tell you what we have been through since this time last week you'll not wonder.

"We went up near the firing line again from our 'nest' about ten days ago, hanging about billets that have been in use by all sorts of troops for the last three months or more, and most of our spare time is

taken up with cleaning up the accumulation of straw, tins, biscuits and other rubbish that they have left behind.

"On Sunday morning we were just in front of the big guns that touched up the 'Allymands' so nicely. It was 'some' bombardment, and appealed to me in a very funny way—it began just like a fugue with the "Dead March in Saul" as *motif*, in slow time.

"One or two German shells came our way, but did not do any damage, though there were several narrow escapes.

"On Monday night we went up into the firing line. As the ground is so low, trenches cannot be dug in this part of the line as one gets to water about 2 ft. down. We occupied breast-works of sandbags, which are better than trenches, as you get a view of the country to the rear, and can walk about to stretch your legs without turning to the right or left every 3 yards or so.

"There's not much sleep to be got at nights in the firing line especially when dawn comes so early that one has to "stand to arms" at 2-30 a.m. And there wasn't much chance of making up for it in the day-time for us, as these trenches wanted improving in several respects. The second night we had a hurried "stand to" with respirators, as our German admirers had presented us with one or two shell bouquets—luckily we were prepared for them so they did not do any harm, though we were cross at being disturbed, as you can guess.

"We had a few shells over that afternoon, some noise and no damage. I think our Company must have a special guardian angel of its own or something, as we have had a lucky time all through. Our one and only casualty was a man slightly wounded, hand, ear and head. He was just about to fire when Fritz spoke first, and put death within half an inch of him and no nearer.

"Another Company had three killed I believe. They would be buried in one of the little grave-yards so painfully common out here. You come across them in all sorts of places, by the roadside, in gardens, fields and farmyards, just a few white

wooden crosses with the name and regiment, and R. I. P. worked into the ground in cartridge cases. Often quite a lot of trouble is spent on them and they look quite pretty with flowers and plants, and frequently with statuettes taken from some ruined roadside shrine (these are very common round here).

"We came back into reserve on Wednesday, and have enjoyed a much needed rest since. Yesterday we collected three kitchen coppers and some tubs and managed to give every man in the platoon a bath with water as hot as he wanted. It was really great—and rather wonderful—hot baths within 1200 yards of the firing line!

"We are in a ruined house about 250 yards in front of the batteries which have been steadily bombarding the Germans these last two days. They are kicking up a deuce of a row all the time so I don't know what this letter will seem like to read. As usual, the war is my excuse.

"By the way, the address is now changed to (name of Corps) 140th Infantry Brigade, 47th Division, B.E.F. Will you please tell as many of my correspondents as possible, so as to save me writing?

"I am not allowed to give you as much news as I should like—indeed I cannot mention the name of any corps or of any place. I know this is irksome, but it is "orders." The Censorship in other corps cannot be as strict as in ours, to judge from the newspapers, but we try to *set* the example, not receive it.

"Thank you for the papers I received yesterday. This Lusitania affair ought to wake people up. I agree with Dad that the question is not "What will America do?" but "What will you do?"

"Must close now. Am pretty fit and cheerful.

Best love,

HAROLD."

SCHOOL REGISTER (*Continued*).

- James Henry, son of James Openshaw, Cotton Manuf^r of Chesham Bank, æt. 15. Rem^d fr. Lower Sch. Feb. 1859. Left Mids. 1859.
- Alfred, son of Thomas Barker, Registrar of Bury, æt. 13. Rem^d from Lower Sch. Aug^t 1859. Left Mids. 1860.
- George Edward, son of George Freeman, Cotton Manuf^r of Unsworth, æt. 12. Rem^d from Lower Sch. Aug^t 1859.
- William, son of John Walker, Innkeeper, of Radcliffe. Rem^d from Lower Sch. Feb. 1859, æt. 13. Left Xmas 1860.
- John, son of Samuel O. Bullivant, Chemist and Druggist, Bury, æt. 13. Rem^d from Low: Sch. Aug^t 1859.
- Charles Grimes, son of Jonathan Pollit, Brewer, of Radcliffe, æt. 14. Rem^d from Low: Sch. Aug^t 1859. Left Xmas 1859.
- Charles, son of Thomas Bott, Surgeon, of Bury, æt. 14. Rem^d from Low: Sch. Aug^t 1859. Left Mids. 1860.
- Frederick Bland, son of Joseph Jameson, Cotton Man^r of Hopwood, N^t Bury, æt. 12. Rem^d from Lower Sch. Aug. 1859. Left March 1861.
- Albert, son of John Barrett, Manager, of Bury, æt. 13. Rem^d from Lower Sch. Aug^t 1859.
- James, son of Samuel O. Bullivant, Chemist and Druggist, Bury, æt. 11. Rem^d from Low. Sch. Aug. 1859.
- James, son of James Street, Corn-dealer, of Limefield, æt. 12. Rem^d from Lower Sch. Aug. 1859. Left Xmas 1860.
- Joseph, son of Thomas Ramsbottom, Cotton Manuf^r of Birtle, æt. 12. Rem^d from Low. Sch. Aug. 1859. Left Xmas 1860.
- Edward Chadwick, son of William Handley, Ale and Porter Dealer, of Bury, æt. 12. R^d fr. L. S. Feb. 1860.
- Horatio Nelson, son of Samuel Houghton, Manager at Daisy Field, Bury. æt. 11. R^d fr. L. S. Feb. 1860.
- James, son of John Carruthers, Draper, of Bury, æt. 12. R^d fr. L. S. Feb. 1860.
- William Henry, son of Thomas Carruthers, Draper, of Bury, æt. 12. R^d fr. L. S. Feb. 1860.
- George Henry, son of the late Thomas Greenhalgh, of Bury, æt. 12. R^d fr. L. S. Feb. 1860.

LEADING LIGHTS.—X.

It is with a feeling of utter helplessness that I take up the pen to continue this series of famous personages of Bury Grammar School. Let me say at the beginning what the words of this short article may perhaps fail to express. Among the many illustrious scholars who have risen to the heights of eminence in the School, and to whom, in no small part, the School owes its own high position to-day, there has been no more thorough worker and sportsman, no greater favourite with masters and boys alike, than John Hartington.

This remarkable celebrity was born in Mexico some nineteen years ago, but in spite of his foreign birthplace, he had all the fine characteristics of the true Englishman. He was as brave as schoolboys require their heroes to be—in other words, he knew no fear; he loved every form of sport; he was full of fun, slow to anger, yet could be stern and resolute of will when necessity demanded; and, what was perhaps the outstanding feature in a personality altogether great, he possessed an unlimited amount of common-sense, energy, and determination.

After spending his early youth in that country of ceaseless treachery and bloodshed, Hartington came, or rather was brought, to reside in England, and entered Bury Grammar School more than six years ago. Of all his triumphs there it would take too long to tell: but while the School has produced very many good "all-rounders," Hartington was a brilliant "all-rounder." When he left in December, 1915, he was Captain of the School, Captain of Football, and Captain of Cricket. He was, besides, a strong swimmer and represented his House for several years. He was a dogged, powerful athlete, and represented the School in the Public Schools' Sports at Stamford Bridge. He held Certificate A and the rank of platoon-sergeant in the Officers' Training Corps; he was an excellent shot, and his record of camps and inspections extended over many years. He did not allow his military training to stop there, for shortly after the outbreak of war he received a

commission in the 2/5 Lancashire Fusiliers, and went straight from School to a military career. Soon he was "doing his bit" in the trenches in France, and we may rest assured that, if anything, his "bit" will be a bit bigger than the average.

There we must leave him for the present. It is no exaggeration to say that every master and boy who knew him hopes and believes that his grit will bring him safely through the trials of this stern contest, as it did through the lesser struggles of the playing-fields. In devotion to duty and noble self-sacrifice he provides an example for rising generations of Bury boys to follow.

"OUI."

FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN.

				Goals.	
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
13	11	0	2	70	19

It is with a feeling of deep satisfaction that we review the football of the Christmas term. Not a match has been lost, and only twice have we had to content ourselves with a draw, thus establishing a new record. Many were inclined to think, before the season commenced, that we should lack weight. This fear, far from being justified, has been proved quite ungrounded. If we have experienced a slight disappointment it has been in encountering opponents who have been much too weak for us.

Our best victories have been against Blackburn G.S. and Manchester G.S., both matches away from home. A full account of the Manchester match will be found elsewhere, and it is enough to say here that the finely-contested game amply repaid the small band of followers for their kindness in going along to encourage the School Eleven.

The strongest part of the team has been the defence, as the forwards have relied too much on personal skill to carry them

through, and have often neglected the wings, thereby cramping the game into the centre. Merryfield has proved a worthy successor of Calrow, and has upheld the traditions of the School for good goal-keeping. At first he was weak in picking up the ball, but as confidence came he greatly improved. Brown and Isherwood have been a reliable pair of backs, though their understanding has not been always perfect. Times without number Brown has prevented what appeared certain goals and has been of inestimable service to the team. Isherwood uses his right foot to great advantage, but should practice kicking with his left, and, a fault common to most of the team, his headwork is open to criticism. The half-backs have proved brilliant in breaking up attacks, but might have given the forward line more assistance, remembering that a forward pass which reaches the opponents' defence is rarely of use to the attacking forwards. Marks has come on wonderfully, and his well-judged passes to the wings have been conspicuous. The centre-half position, which is of course the most important position in the team, could not possibly have been filled with greater success. Simpkin has consistently played well, and he surpassed himself in the Manchester match. He is however inclined to pass the ball too frequently to the centre of the field, neglecting his wing forward. Heap has been the greatest surprise of the team. His play has been distinguished by a skill which has reminded many of us of Dykes, who filled his position last year. He should not neglect to practise his right foot. The forwards have been more than a match for any defence they have met, and would have been even stronger if the combination had equalled the individual skill. Metcalf gives promise of developing into a very fine outside right, though he is at present a trifle slow. His corner-kicks are very good. Hartington, though naturally a half-back, has been a very successful centre-forward. His speed is very useful and he is a very good shot, though he sometimes attempts long shots where a pass to the wing would be much more useful. Whittle is very tricky, and often combines well with his outside man. He has scored several

very fine goals, but should check the tendency to retain the ball too long. Bridge is quite one of the best left-outside the School has had, and with a little more speed and weight should materially assist the team in future years.

Colours have been awarded to Hartington and Isherwood.

R. M.

Nov. 6th.—School 1st v. Manchester Grammar School 1st.

The team which made the journey to the Cliff to oppose Manchester Grammar School's premier eleven was determined to repeat the victory of February last, and, by a curious coincidence, attained its object by the same margin, viz., 2—1.

From the kick-off the ball was carried into the Manchester half, but after a brief spell of attacking the home forwards took up the running. They were provided with several opportunities which they failed to turn to account, owing to hesitancy and weak shooting. After the first quarter of an hour our defence became more consolidated, and the forwards were enabled to develop their attack. Hartington and Metcalf made fine efforts without, however, effecting a score. Both sets of forwards found a difficulty in maintaining a footing on the soft ground, and for the remainder of the first half play was confined to midfield, neither goalkeeper being seriously troubled. The interval arrived without either team having scored.

After the resumption, play was still very even until Manchester gained two free kicks on our penalty line. Merryfield, however, kept his charge intact, and our forwards several times broke away, only to lose the ball. Better luck now attended the efforts of Morris and Whittle, who took the ball between the opposing backs for the last-named to draw out the goalkeeper and open the scoring with a hard low shot. After this goal both elevens infused more dash and vim into their play, and Manchester attacked hotly, being kept out of striking distance by our

brilliant defence, in which Brown was most conspicuous. Nevertheless, our opponents were rewarded when, within five minutes of the close, their centre-forward equalised the scores with a first-time shot. Each side now strove for the deciding goal, and the School halves and forwards adopted a more open game. Hartington, receiving the sphere from a long pass, placed us in front. Before the game could be restarted, the whistle sounded with the School triumphant by two goals to one.

H. S.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Goals.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
17	9	6	2	52	40

It is evident from the above results that the Second-Eleven has maintained, during the first half of the season, the records of former years. The whole team has played well together with the exception of the first game of the season at Stand. With Taylor, R. P., at centre, Wilkinson and Hall as the inside forwards, and Mills and Slater on the wings, there has been a clever forward line.

Slater, whose first season this is in school football, soon showed himself worthy of his place. Taylor, who is tricky and forceful, is developing into a good forward; Wilkinson is a fair shot and passes well, while Hall has untiring energy and proves very valuable in attack. Anyone might take pleasure in watching the skilful footwork of Mills, who, together with Davenport, has now left school.

The halves have been a steady, hard-working trio. Davenport's sure kicking and the perseverance of J. Morris and Cornall have been factors not to be passed over in the triumphs the eleven has gained.

Undoubtedly the full backs, Hamer, the vice-captain, and Haslam, supplied that sense of confidence which is needed between forwards and defence. They both played exceedingly

well against Manchester Grammar School 2nd XI and Bolton Secondary School 1st XI—the hardest games the team had to play. The forwards need more skill in shooting, the halves more cleverness with the ball, and the drawback of the whole team is a want of smartness and finish.

It remains now to commend Davidson, the goaler, who has shown excellent form throughout, especially at Waterfoot, when every player's best was wanted in order to repulse the constant attacks of the opposing side, and to add a word of praise for Lee and Turner, who have always played well when included in the side.

Colours have been awarded to Haslam, Taylor, R. P., Hamer, J., and Wild, L.

L. W.

THIRD ELEVEN.

Goals.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
12	3	7	2	24	51

With so many older boys leaving the School to take up commissions in H.M. Forces, their places have had to be filled by those who would otherwise have played for junior teams, and in consequence we have had a much smaller team than usual, and an almost complete absence of reserves. Under these circumstances we are satisfied to have upheld the honour of the school by keeping our engagements and by putting up a good fight, although we have known that victory was often out of the question. Our men, with a little more experience, will all make good players, and should do useful work in future, so that if we avoid further loss of players we can hope to do quite well by the end of the season. We have plenty of pluck, if not much weight, and science is coming.

Captain, Spencer ; vice-captain, Suffell. Colours : Speier, Watson, Fletcher. All these have played well, and we also note Hardman as a promising forward.

FOURTH ELEVEN.

				Goals.	
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
8	4	4	0	24	28

Up to the present time we have had a very fair season. We have played 8 matches having won 4 and lost 4. We have scored 24 goals and had 28 scored against us. Our worst defeat was against Nicholl's Hospital 1st Eleven, but in this case we were up against a much bigger team. We were also handicapped through our goalkeeper, G. Bradley, being unable to play. Our most delightful win was against Manchester Grammar School 4th Eleven, who have always been our greatest rivals. We beat them 3—1 on our own ground, Bradley, G. excelling himself on that day. Our forward line has been excellent and combined well together, Smethurst at centre having a large number of goals to his credit. The half-backs have also played well together, Roberts, at centre being the pick. We have had to keep changing our full-backs through Haworth, J. being called upon to play for the 3rd on several occasions. Bradley, G. at goal has been all that can be desired.

C.W.B.

HOUSE MATCHES.

First Eleven.

Kay v. Hulme, 9—1.

Hulme v. Derby, 3—2.

Kay v. Derby, 2—1.

Kay v. Hulme, 2—1.

Kay wins the "Wike" Challenge Cup from Derby.

Second Eleven.

Kay v. Hulme, 10—0.

Kay v. Hulme, 2—0.

O. T. C. NOTES.

The annual inspection of the corps took place on July 3rd, and was conducted by Col. Robinson, commanding the Bury Depôt. The day was not all that could be desired, being one of

those which could not decide whether to laugh or cry. Still, the inspection was a success. For the first time, the band took part, and played very well indeed for the march past. The report was satisfactory, and is reprinted below :—

“Drill: Good. Manœuvre: Good. Discipline: The Officer Commanding reports that discipline is good in every way. Turn-out: Good. Arms and equipment: In good condition. General remarks: The general appearance of the cadets and their work was quite satisfactory, and they appeared to be keen about their work.”

The inspection and report are quite gratifying.

There was no camp last year owing to the continuance of the war, and notice has been received that no Public Schools camp will be held this year. The War Office, however, recommend schools to run private camps. We had begun to make arrangements for this before the suggestion came officially, and we hope that, in combination with other contingents, we may be able to run a successful camp at the beginning of August. More of this later.

The War Office have asked for the co-operation of O.T.C.s in the initial training of so-called Derby recruits whose groups have not yet been called up. They are practically asking contingents all over the country to do what we have been doing for eighteen months. We can look back with considerable satisfaction on this work, for although we have not half a dozen still with us of those who first joined in August, 1914, a great number of those who left us to join the ranks, quickly became N.C.O.s, while some accepted commissions; and others have been promoted to commissioned rank subsequently. It is a great pity that O.T.C.s have not been made more useful in this respect during the whole period of the war. There must have been thousands of men who

intended joining the forces as soon as arrangements could be made for them to be relieved from their work, and who would have been glad of an opportunity to do some training beforehand. The type of men who would assemble for training with O.T.C.s would be just those who would make satisfactory instructors. Our own corps has provided many such for the new armies. We hear that many of them are doing very well indeed, and it is to be hoped that the contingents throughout the country will continue in the good work. We can receive a few more Derby recruits whose groups are not called up—either married or single men. The War Department will provide ammunition for them free of cost. Any old boys or their friends may therefore come down on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock.

In the Autumn we took part in two Patriotic Demonstrations, one at Rochdale and the other at Bury. Councillor Davidson, of Rochdale, invited us on behalf of the Rochdale Committee. We turned out in good numbers and after a march through the principal thoroughfares of that town, we formed up in the Town Hall Square, where three mass meetings were held. After this, Mrs. Davidson entertained the cadets to tea at the Church Institute, and when the time of departure arrived, they were engaged in an impromptu concert in the big room of the Institute. Evidently the concert was a success as was to be expected considering the versatility of the pianist, Isherwood. The day was most enjoyable, and the thanks of the corps were given to the Councillor and Mrs. Davidson in the time-honoured fashion. The following week we took part in the Bury Demonstration a full account of which was given in the local press.

More and more of our cadets keep going. The number of past members who have taken commissions now amounts to more than forty, apart from those who were members of the old

cadet corps. This is really very creditable, especially when we consider that nearly all have joined regiments outside the local ones. It is of course only another illustration of the old statement about a prophet in his own country. There is however, great satisfaction in the knowledge that Bury Grammar School Boys are appreciated outside their native town.

The thanks of the corps are heartily given to Mr. Holding for the bugle which he presented to us some time ago, but which we have not been able to acknowledge previously.

On the last Saturday of January we went to Saley Brows, Radcliffe. This was the first field day of the year. Two old boys, 2nd Lieut. H. Hamer, and 2nd Lieut. G. H. Dykes, took a platoon each in extended order work. The day was fine and proved quite a success.

In spite of the fact that we have lost practically all members of military age, the corps keeps up to strength. It is more popular than ever. We hope it may remain so.

ODE TO THE WIND.

I am buried in woods beside the sea,
And the wind is sighing for rain,
Of this dampish stuff we've had quite enough
So let all this sighing be vain.

Go ripple the waves that the sunshine may dance
And the pebbles make songs from the shore,
While I a free lance in spirit may prance
And be merry in thoughts of yore.

OLD BOY.