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EDITORIAL.

AT such times as these we are aware that the Editorial should be opened by a denunciation of the naughty Germans and all their wicked works, by a defiance of the Kaiser and his moustache, and should be concluded by a general lamentation. But we might mention that we have only just stepped into the editorial shoes and we find them rather large, although no doubt our understandings will grow in the fulness of time. So being as yet young and stupid we refuse to take such a woeful view of the war; of course war is at any time terrible, but as it has broken out we can only hope for its speedy termination, and in the meantime glory in the opportunity that it affords Cuthbertians of gaining honour in the defence of the Empire. And they have responded nobly to the call to arms. At present we know of one hundred old boys serving in the forces, and of these forty have already obtained commissions. whilst many more have applied for

them. In fact, this term we may say that our O.C. news is contained in a list of those old boys in the army. In addition to these the war has claimed two popular masters, whose loss is felt the more keenly on account of the good work which they were doing. Both have commissions, E. Buckley, Esq., in the 3rd Batt. of the Yorks. and Lancs., and H. Rew, Esq., in the Army Service Corps.

But enough of war and things martial for the present, at least. As usual, when we return after the Summer holidays, we search in vain for many familiar faces, and this time our search is more fruitless than ever, for the war has somewhat reduced our numbers. Besides the two masters whom we have mentioned above, we have to regret the loss of B. H. Whitley, Esq., and the Rev. B. M. Maynard. The former's long service to the school was appreciated by everybody, and his loss must be a sore blow to the Cross dormitory.

The departure of E. Buckley, Esq., and B. H. Whitley, Esq., left the Corps without an officer, and it was even deserted by its Sergeant-Instructor. But L. E. Smith, Esq., has taken over the command, and is assisted by M. Butler, Esq., and L. R. Davies, Esq., though as yet the place of the Sergeant-Instructor has not been filled. To the secret joy of the veteran the bayonets and new rifles have been taken for government service, so that now there is very little left to clean. But their loss is deeply regretted by the enthusiastic recruit who had hopes of appearing in full armour before the envious eyes of his friends. However, he is compensated for this disappointment by an additional parade on Mondays, and it is even hinted that the parade is not only for the benefit of the recruit. This term a splendid number of recruits has joined the Corps, and it is an inspiring sight to watch them dropping rifles and losing the step in their efforts to grasp the rudiments of military training.

A route march through the town on October 16th, marked a departure from the usual course of events, and formed a pleasant change from the ordinary Friday parade. It is uncertain whether this was intended for the good of the Corps, or for the benefit of the natives, but the even tenor of the Corps' triumphant progress through the streets was marred by the strong objection evinced by the horses to the band. Personally we are inclined to sympathise with them, but we mention this in the strictest confidence.

No one can fail to notice the wave of patriotism which at this time is sweeping over the school, and we feel that it would be unpardonable to pass it over without mention. One result of this movement is of course the extraordinary number of recruits, but more important than this is the lavish display of flags, behind which the younger members of the school are content to blush unseen. Photos of Kitchener, Jellico, and other heroes adorn the lapels of their coats, whilst the other available portions of their persons are decorated with Union Jacks, Tricolours, and Japanese "Rising Suns." Rumour even reports that certain patriots, inspired no doubt by the example of their late commanding officer, have made strenuous efforts to cultivate moustaches, though, up to the time of going to press, we have discovered no fruits of their labours. Suspicions have existed, but these, like King John's treasures, were lost in the wash.

Football this term has been distinctly successful, although the XI.'s do not seem to be permanently fixed yet. The First XI. has defeated every team which it has encountered up to the present, except the Grimsby "Chums," in which match they were defeated by 4 goals to 1, though it could hardly be dignified by the name of a match, for the ground was so wet that the players spent a large part of their time on the ground, and the match degenerated into an undignified

scuffle. The second XI. has only played two matches, winning one and losing the other, so that no conclusions can be drawn as to their prospects. Dormitory football will be starting shortly, and so we expect to publish thrilling accounts of stirring deeds in our next issue.

Some excellent results were obtained in the examinations last term. In the Higher Certificates, two candidates passed out of four, a better proportion than last year. In the Seniors one second class honour shines like a gem amongst a large number of passes, whilst two third class honours, one with distinctions in History, are also to be noted. The Juniors do not shine quite so brightly, though they are far from being unsuccessful. There are many passes, but only one honour, of the third class. This year's honours list easily excels that of last year, and the successful candidates have our heartiest congratulations.

Of course there will be no Play this term in consequence of the war, but we have already been admirably entertained by Mr. Alfred Capper, an account of whose wonderful performance will be found elsewhere, with the romance that his powers of thought reading brought to light.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

Fulwood.

Played at Worksop, on October 3rd. A strong wind was blowing straight down the field, and as our opponents won the toss we had to face it first half. The defence was very sound, and the visitors only managed to score twice, once through a misunderstanding which left an open goal, and once by a good shot from the inside-left. In the second half, playing with the wind, the ball was only once sent over our

back line, although we had lost one back. The forwards could not control the ball very well, but after Dixon had converted a corner from the left, managed to score again just on time and make the game a draw. The defence was very good all through, and the forwards showed signs of being very effective when they can control the ball.

Team.—Piggford max (goal), Mackrell and Hohenbocken (backs), Stephenson, J. W. Lisset, and Winn (half-backs), Kelk, Rees, J. Barker, Dixon, and Williamson max (forwards).

Retford Grammar School.

Played at Worksop on October 10th. From our side Mackrell was away injured, and so Rogerson came into the team at half, and Stephenson dropped back. The change did not weaken the team, and they gave a promising display. The first half was quite a good fast game, both sides continuing well and going hard for goal whenever they had a chance. The visitors' defence was the weakest part of the team, and could not hold our forwards long. We scored three times in the first half, and led 3—1 at half-time. In the second half the game was not so interesting, as our side was pressing almost continually. We scored twice more to their once, so that the final score was 5—2 in our favour.

Team.—Piggford max (goal), Stephenson and Hohenbocken (backs), Rogerson, Lissett, and Winn (halves), Kelk, Dixon, Barker, Rees, and Williamson max (forwards).

King Edward VII. School, Sheffield.

Played at Worksop, October 17th. The re-arranged forward line showed great improvement on the old one, and gave the visitors' defence considerable trouble. The game went mostly in our favour, and our opponents' goal was frequently in danger. We managed to score three times in the first half and four times in the second without the visitors

replying, although once the ball rolled along the goal line and was only cleared with considerable trouble. The defence was quite sound and successfully accomplished all that it was needed to do.

Team.—Stephenson (goal), Mackrell and Hohenbocken (backs), Rees, Lissett, Winn (halves), Sinkinson, Dixon, J. Barker, Dunne, and Williamson max (forwards).

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

Retford Grammar School.

Played on Saturday, October 10th. A keen and well contested game ended in a victory for the College by three goals to two. Early in the game our forwards showed themselves fast and clever, and at half-time we led 3—1. In the second half, however, the game was more strenuous, and Retford succeeded in reducing our lead.

The feature of the game was the brilliance of Sinkinson, who time and again outwitted his opponents, and was a constant source of danger to their defence. The other forwards too were excellent, Dunne, in particular, shooting with both accuracy and strength. The halves were good, with Wragg perhaps the best, and both backs were very safe. Steemson was very steady. Altogether, the first appearance of the eleven was creditable.

Team.—C. H. Steemson (goal), P. Bridge and G. D. Coates (backs), C. Wragg, G. M. Walton, and H. St. C. L'Amie (half-backs), E. R. Harland, C. A. Hall, A. E. Wallis, A. Dunne, and F. G. Sinkinson (forwards).

King Edward VII. School.

Played on Saturday, October 17th. The College were defeated in this game by five goals to one; but the game was much more even than the score indicates. At the

commencement of the game our opponents found our defence unsettled, and quickly scored three goals, and before the interval they added yet another. In the second half the College had the better share of the game, but the shooting was weak and we only scored once.

Piggford in goal was a little uncertain, for he was handicapped by the slippery state of the goal mouth. Bridge was the better back, and Rogerson was the pick of a steady half-back line. The forwards were very erratic. Johnson was very nervous and should do much better. Kelk, Wallis, and Hall worked very strenuously.

Team.—C. G. Piggford (goal), P. Bridge and W. G. Hohenbocken (backs), C. Wragg, G. C. Rogerson, and G. M. Walton (half-backs), R. S. Johnson, C. A. Hall, C. H. Kelk, A. E. Wallis, and G. M. Matthews (forwards).

O.T.C. NOTES.

Thanks to the rapid march of events since last July, when we were thinking of spending a quiet and instructive week in camp, the Corps has lost all its instructors at one blow.

In any case we should have lost Lieut. Whitley, and now we feel the loss all the more. The Corps will long feel the effects of his enthusiastic work on its behalf, and we are jealous that Denstone should have the benefit of what we need so badly.

Our Sergeant-Instructor, J. H. Ott, has of course answered his country's appeal, and is busy training more important recruits than would be the case here. His loss is very severe on account of the amount of clerical work involved in the O.T.C.

Last and most important, Capt. Buckley, the O.C., has obtained a commission in the York and Lancaster Regiment, and is training at Sunderland. Only those who have been

in the Corps all through can speak effectively of his work for it. It has steadily increased in efficiency each year under his care, and a high standard has been set.

Now, with the loss of these, and of so many of the N.C.O.'s and older Cadets it is "up to" the rest to see that the same standard is maintained. If the writer was a classical scholar he would quote in the original the old saying, "If you want peace, prepare for war." That is the ideal of the Officer's Training Corps all over the country, and it is for us to realise it. There has never been and never will be again such a demand for trained officers and men, and that fact should be borne in mind on every parade. Each one of us has got his small share to do in the war, and we are no less fighting for our country because we are not at the actual front. It is our duty to learn every little detail that we can of military work, and close order drill is the backbone of discipline and efficiency.

We are having two parades a week, and when we have got a grasp of the new company drill, we hope to go on to more advanced and perhaps more interesting work. Still more now will much depend on the N.C.O.'s, and on them mainly rests the efficiency of the Corps as a whole.

There are 34 recruits this term, and their numbers and keenness are very gratifying.

The following promotions have been made: To be Company-Sergeant-Major, J. W. Lissett; to be Sergeants, C. Rogerson, H. L'Amie, C. B. Rees, and C. Piggford; to be Corporals, R. H. Macturk, F. T. Dixon, C. Kelk, and L. S. Winn.

SWIMMING.

The Swimming Sports were held on Thursday, July 23rd, and produced some close contests. The Dormitory Team Race produced the greatest excitement, owing to a magnificent attempt by the Lion, which almost succeeded in giving

them the race. A new race of great practical utility, was the costume race, which consisted of a two lengths' swim in flannels. Some very creditable diving was done by one or two of the smaller fry, Handcock min and quin. The Bean Cup went to the Crown (85 marks), and the Tylden-Wright Cup (Dormitory Team Race, Dormitory Swimming and Diving Competitions carried on during the term) went to the same dormitory. The Water Polo was won by the Fleur-de-Lys after a closely contested match with the Cross. The prizes were kindly given away by Mrs. Evans.

Thanks are due to the following gentlemen for their assistance: Judges: Rev. the Headmaster, D. Ll. Evans, Esq., Dr. G. L. Kemp, Rev. B. M. Maynard, L. E. Smith, Esq. Referee: J. S. Keel, Esq. Starter: B. H. Whitley, Esq. Timekeeper: G. A. O'Meara, Esq. Marker: L. R. Davies, Esq. Swimming Master: H. H. Rew, Esq.

We append a detailed account of the events, winners, etc. Ten Lengths (open), 1 Coates max, 2 Armstrong max; time 3 min. 20 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. Five Lengths (open), 1 Coates, 2 Dixon max; time 1 min. 25 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. Five Lengths (under 15), 1 Cochrane, 2 Handcock; time 1 min. 51 secs. High Dive (open), 1 Handcock min, 2 Ashburner. High Dive (under 15), 1 Proude, 2 Cochrane. Novices' Race (one length), 1 Eastwood, 2 Oxley; time 25 secs. Plunge (open), 1 Coates, 2 Armstrong; distance 38 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Plunge (under 15), 1 Yates, 2 Wood; distance 34 ft. 1 in. Dormitory Team Race, 1 Cross, 2 Lion; time 2 min. 13 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. Running Spring Dive (open), 1 Handcock min, 2 Barker. Two Lengths (open), 1 Armstrong, 2 Coats; time 28 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. Two Lengths (under 15), 1 Revington-Jones, 2 Cochrane; time 33 secs. Costume Race, 1 Cross, 2 Fleur-de-Lys, 3 Lion, time 1 min. 20 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs. Obstacle Race, 1 Mackrell.

Winner of the Polo: Fleur-de-Lys. Dormitory Team Race: Cross. Dormitory Swimming Competition: Crown. Dormitory Diving Competition: Crown.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Sunday, November 8th, the first Debate of the term was held, the Motion before the House being "That the British Working Class is Shirking its Duty in respect to the present War." The proposer, C. H. Steemson, asserted that Kitchener's Army was being drawn chiefly from the Middle Class, and that the Standing Army formed no basis for a reliable calculation of the patriotism of the various classes. C. K. Kelk opposed the Motion. He quoted instances to prove that the Working Class were joining the New Army in large numbers. H. St. Clare L'Amie, seconding the Proposition, showed that owing to the general unpopularity of the Army among the Working Class, and persons didn't join the ranks through any motive of patriotism. The seconder of the Opposition, C. W. Anderson, brought to the aid of his side statistical evidence of the number of Working Class recruits who were volunteering. K. M. White and L. Ll. M. Evans also spoke for the Proposition, and L. R. Davies, Esq., J. C. Cowgill, Esq., N. S. Hawthorne, and C. Anderson for the Opposition. The voting was as follows: for the Motion 6 votes, against it 19 votes.

LECTURES.

On Saturday evening, October 24th, a most interesting Lantern Lecture was given by the Rev. H. Bedford-Pym, the subject being, "Why and Where we are Fighting. The Lecturer dealt briefly with the rise of Brandenburg to a first-class Power. He then explained how it came about that England was interested in the violation by Germany of Belgian neutrality.

The second half of the Lecture concerned that part of France in which our troops are at present engaged. The Lecturer showed several views of the places whose names have so recently become familiar to us, and gave us the

opportunity of learning the character of the country in which our soldiers are fighting. At the conclusion of the Lecture the Headmaster called for three cheers for the Belgian Nation, and for three for the Lecturer; what cheers they were, too!

On Tuesday evening, October 27th, the school was entertained by Mr. Alfred Capper, who gave a clever exhibition of thought reading, etc. He began his performance by showing how the so called "spiritualistic medium" can in a darkened room cause the most mysterious happenings by simply deceiving a person's sense of touch. He showed that there was really nothing wonderful in such things as spirit-tappings, for the medium has, unknown to the client, one hand free. He showed also that the sense of hearing can be easily mistaken. His revelations as regards thought reading were very amusing, and at least one totally unsuspected love affair was tragically revealed. During the short interval, Hancock max at the piano provided some outlet for the energy of the school by striking up "Who's your lady friend?" After the interval, Mr. Capper gave a wonderful display of telepathy. One of the best instances of which was, perhaps, his finding, blindfolded, a pin hidden in some part of the room.

A most enjoyable evening ended with the singing of the National Anthem. We were pleased to welcome many friends from Worksop as guests at the entertainment.

THE D.P.'S CONCERT.

A varied programme, an elaborate setting, and an enthusiastic execution of the pieces, such was the welcome which the school enjoyed, when they accepted the invitation of the Dormitory Prefects to a concert on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. Outside, grim rumour haunted and appalled the credulous; sepulchral tidings, such as that the Germans had landed at Cromer, was passed with a morbid relish from pessimist to

pessimist. Had there been however a Zeppelin in the very act of bombarding the tuckshop, or committing some such other Teutonic atrocity, it would have done little to check the flow of mirth and melody in the big schoolroom, or to diminish the vigorous glee with which the lower school in chorus insisted that it was a formidable distance to a certain town in Ireland.

You, reader, are an O.C. perchance, and have been a participant in many a vivacious occurrence within the walls of S. Cuthbert's, but did you ever in your time, produce a troupe of Pierrots? Above all, did it ever enter your head to have a Pierrette? Ah! so we thought; nevertheless, when the curtain went up at 8 o'clock, there, upon the stage, were the D.P.'s transformed into a semi-circle of joyous Pierrots; with hat and eyeglass and pom-pom, the effect was complete.

The items evoked applause and several encores. Winn sang two songs tunefully. Barker max was successful in his humorous recitation. Hall ma made a very dainty Pierrette, and, with Dixon ma for a partner, the pair executed a neat and taking dance. A humorous sketch occupied the second half of the programme. In this Kelk with a very satisfactory make-up did good work as the stern parent. Hall ma again made a winsome damsel. Barker was excellent as Percy. Dixon infused a great deal of character into his part of the Yorkshireman.

The stage management and making up were in the capable hands of H. M. Butler, Esq., to whose kind supervision and assistance the success was very largely due. The duties of the pianist were efficiently performed by Hancock max. The whole of the concert was greeted with lively gratification from the audience, and concluded with the National Anthem, followed by three cheers for the dormitory prefects and three more for Mr. Butler.

O.C. NEWS.

This is the first list of Old Cuthbertians serving in H.M. Forces. It is necessarily incomplete, and the initials and regiments are not vouched for. The Headmaster would be glad to hear of corrections and of any additional names.

Those with — against their names hold Commissions.

Those underlined are at the Front.

The date is that of arrival at the School.

— Abraham, A. C.	Cornish Yeomanry	1900
— Alcock, R.	9th Sherwood Foresters	1908
— Alcock, V.	H. M. O. J. Suwance	1901
— Allen, W. B.	3rd West Riding R.A.M.C.	1902
Anderson, R. G. B.	6th Lincs.	1906
— Arnold, C.	R. M. Artillery	1902
<u>Bayliss, W. A. S.</u>	Q. O. Oxford Hussars	1899
Bean, C. A. S.	Highland Brigade, Canadian Expedy. Contingent	1897
Bedford, A.	H. A. C.	1898
<u>Beecham, R. J.</u>	Motor Contingent Expedy. Force	1900
Booth, S.	Sherwood Yeomanry	1900
Bott, C. S.	6th Lincs.	1908
Bowman, H. S.	6th Lincs.	1910
Brameld, A.		1896
— Buckley, H. B.	R. F. A.	1902
— Buckley, E.	3rd Lancs. and Yorks.	1902
— Campbell, C.	A. S. C.	1906
Carter, H.	6th Lincs.	1910
Cavie, E.	6th Lincs.	1898
— Chesterman, H.	A. S. C.	1897
Cooper, P. G. B.	E. Yorks.	
— Cotterill, E. W. S.	11th Royal Fusiliers	1900

— Colson, J. B.	5th Lincs.	1904
— Cowgill, J. I. W.	3rd Sherwood Foresters	1906
Cowgill, J. E.	6th Lincs.	1903
Crawley, C. I.	6th Lincs.	1910
— Cuckow, P. E.	10th Sherwood Foresters	1902
Christison, J. T.	6th Lincs.	1906
— <u>Davis, J. W. F. M.</u>	S. Wales Borderers	1904
Davis, S. G.	A. S. C.	1904
Davies, S. M.	City Batt., Sheffield	1902
Dale, A. P.	R. A. M. C.	1896
Dawson, J.	5th Batt. Lincs.	1911
Dawson, L.	9th West Yorks.	1905
Dickens, H. L.	R. H. A.	1908
— Dixon, D. J. G.	7th Border Regt.	1910
— England, R.	K. O. Y. L. Infantry	1907
Feast, F.	13th Kensingtons	1910
— Ferry, C.	6th Lincs.	1904
Fidler, F.	6th Lincs.	1910
Field, C. E.	23rd Regt., Canadian Contin.	1904
— Fisher-Brown, K. C.	7th West Riding Regt.	1900
Furness, E.	Lancs. R. F. A.	1909
Ferguson, —	Yorkshire Dragoons	1910
<u>Godley, J. L.</u>	20th Middlesex	1906
— Gray, E. J. W.	14th Durham L. I.	1910
Griffiths, I.	6th Lincs.	1906
Hall, W. H.	S. Wales Borderers	1907
— Handley, T. H.	7th King's Liverpools	1907
Hare, L. G.	Yorkshire Dragoons	1895
Hartley, J. F.	Hallamshires	1909
Haslam, R. P.	Q. O. Hussars	
Hayward, H. S.	Hants. Yeomanry	1907
Hayward, L. G.	

Hine, T. C.	Public Schools Batt.	1897
— Holloway, S. Y.	6th Lincs.	1903
— Holmes, G. L.	1906
Holt, B. G.	13th Warwickshire	1903
*— <u>Hyndson, J. G. W.</u>	Loyal North Lincs.	1905

* Mentioned in Despatches.

— Inman, E.	6th Lincs.	1903
Inman, N.	6th Lincs.	1906
Jackson, H. L.	13th Royal Fusiliers	
Jacob, G.	Kings Royal Rifles	1904
— Jameson, J. H.	12th Lincs. Fusiliers	1903
Kemp, C. W.	Essex Yeomanry	1902
Kemp, G.	Flying Squadron	1900
— Ker, R. A.	7th Lincs.	1906
— Kirkbride, G.	A. S. C.	1906
Linay, W. C.	3rd London Yeomanry	1899
— <u>Lindsell, E. H.</u>	1st Lincs.	1906
Lishman, F.	2nd Batt., R. F. A.	1906
<u>Marsden, E.</u>	<u>R. Engineers (killed in action)</u>	1900
— <u>Maclagan, P. W.</u>	5th Cumb. Border Regt.	1907
Martin, N.	Coldstream Guards	1904
— Marsh, R. P.	Hallamshires	1898
Milburn, B.	Leeds Rifle Brigade	1899
Milligan, G. K.	6th Lincs.	1910
Minchin, L.	City Battalion, Sheffield	1905
Mullins, A. F.	Canadian Contingent	1899
<u>Neesham, W. O.</u>	7th S. Lincs.	1905
Newton, F.	
Parkes, H. P.	7th Suffolks	1903
— Parkin, F. L.	West Yorks.	1896

Parkin, F. W.	Sherwood Yeomanry	1906
Patrick, C. C.	6th Lincs.	1899
— Patrick, R. V.	H.M. R. N. R.	1899
— Payne, E. H.	3rd. Staffs.	1909
Peacock, W. W.		
Pickard, B. S. F.	6th Manchesters	1901
— Porter, W.	13th Cheshires	1897
— Powell, J. B.		
Probert, N. T.	6th Welsh Regt.	1909
— Robinson, H.	London Rifle Brigade	1910
Robinson, S.	10th Royal Fusiliers.	1909
— Rogerson, S.	3rd West Yorks.	1905
Sowby, C. W.	8th Worcester Yeomanry	1900
Spencer, W. S.		1902
Stone, C. S.	6th Lincs.	1905
Tasker, J.	Yorkshire Dragoons	1899
Thomas, E.	2nd S. W. Brigade, R.A.M.C.	1910
Thomas G. T.	4th Somerset, L. I.	1910
Townend, A. C.	Yorkshire Dragoons	1903
— Walker, W. E. G.	Notts. and Derby (Robin Hoods)	1908
— White, J. M.	4th Hants.	1905
— Whitham, J. S.	8th W. Yorks.	1907
Williamson, G. G. C.	6th Lincs.	1905
Wincott, L. A.	6th Lincs.	1907
Wood, A. N. G.	7th Leeds Rifles	1899
Wood, H. P.	Suffolk Hussars	1910
Wood, W. A.	Suffolk Hussars	1909
Woodburn, G. C.	6th Lincs.	1908
Woodward, K.	6th Lincs.	1905
Wooler, B.	11th West Yorks.	1901
Wooler, J. C.	11th West Yorks.	1896

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Former Masters.

- Rev. B. K. Bond . Chaplain
- E. Buckley (O.C.) . 3rd Lincs. and Yorks.
- H. Chesterman (O.C.) A. S. C.
- B. M. R. Denny . 1st Liverpools (Died of wounds,
October 26th).
- H. G. Mck. Rew . 2nd R. West Surrey
- H. H. Rew . . . A. S. C.
- H. F. Rew . . . R. F. A.

N. S. Griffiths has obtained a cadetship in the Royal Navy, and has been appointed Cadet to H.M.S. "Vivid." He joined Keyham Royal Naval College, Devonport, for preliminary training, on September 1st.

We have received the following letter from the O.C.'s in training at Grimsby :

Dear Sir—As there are about twenty-five O.C.'s here in the 6th. Batt. Lincs. (the "Chums"), perhaps some of your readers will be interested to know who's who and what's what. Some of us are already making our mark. C. Ferry, S. Y. Holloway (universally known as "Pills"), and E. Inman have been made sergeants, and are acting as subalterns. It is our sincere wish that they may obtain commissions, as is generally expected. J. T. Christison and D. Anderson have become corporals, and six others have been made Lance-Corporals.

Besides those who have obtained distinction from a military point of view, Stone, Bott, Christison, and Williamson have represented their company on the football field. Milligan created a great sensation by appearing in a concert, in which he vouchsafed a rendering of "Tipperary" among scenes of great enthusiasm. Indeed he exudes sensations and keeps the whole Battalion on the tiptoe of expectation. He has occasionally been seen on a motor-cycle.

At present we are wearing mufti, and are not sorry to do so, as our uniforms are blue. We are living in lodgings in the town, three or four together, but we are expecting soon to go into barracks at Brocklesby, about twelve miles away. The barracks are still being constructed, but should be ready before November is out.

We shall be very sorry to leave Grimsby for many reasons, although we fully realize that we can never become fully efficient while we remain here. We shall miss the delightful O.C. meetings in the cafés.

It is really delightful to see once again men whom we had completely lost sight of, and we are all burning to do our old school credit.

There are many other things that we could say, but our time and your space will not permit. Sincerely hoping that the old school is going on well, and being constantly mindful of our own pleasant days at Worksop,

We all remain,

Ever true to the School,

The O.C. "Chums" at Grimsby.

It is with feelings of deep sorrow, mixed with pride, that we record the two following losses. The first is recorded in an extract taken from the "High Peak News."

Major C. W. Singer, commanding the 17th Company R.E., writes this message to the father, dated August 29th. "I am more than sorry to have to acquaint you that Corporal Marsden was killed in action on the 25th inst. I am forbidden at present to state the place. It will be a gratification to you to know that he died as he had lived, as a brave soldier and a gentleman. He had just performed a most gallant deed in volunteering to blow up a bridge under a very heavy fire, which he did unscathed; shortly afterwards he was hit on the head by a shrapnel bullet, and expired instantaneously without any pain,

"Will you please accept my most heartfelt sympathy in which all officers of this company join. Personally, I feel I have lost a friend and a gallant comrade."

Corporal Marsden was well-known to many Hathersage friends when a boy. He was educated at Worksop College, and had served with the Royal Engineers seven years, part of the time at the Curragh in Ireland. He was an instructor in bridge building, and invented an improvement in the Wheldon trestle which the War Office accepted.

Following is the narrative of an eye-witness who saw the gallant Corporal's action and death: "If they (the Germans) had only got across that night, I am afraid there would have been very few of the Middlesex left. The only bridge that was left open to them was blown up by a sergeant* of the Engineers, and the very next moment his own head was carried away by a German shell. But the brave fellow saved the position."

The narrative is from a letter of a private in the Middlesex Regiment to his mother. Several Sheffield soldiers have also borne witness to E. Marsden's death. They saw the deed done.

The second is that of Lieut. B. M. R. Denny, late master of this school, of the 1st Batt. King's Liverpool Regt. He joined the Supplementary List of Officers last April, and went out to the front with a draft of reserves, reaching his regiment in September. He passed safely through the battles of the Marne and the Aisne, but met a fatal wound in a bayonet charge on October 24th, and died on October 26th. On behalf of both the above we say, R.I.P.

We are glad to receive a letter from J. H. Jameson, who has been serving for six years with the Eastern Telegraph

* Obviously an error for corporal.

Company in Java, the Cocos-Keeling Islands, and Straits Settlements (Singapore and Penang). After joining the Public Schools' Brigade he received a commission in the Lancashire Fusiliers (12th Batt.), and is encamped at Seaford, Sussex.

V. H. Alcock writes from Harwich, where he is Chief Officer on board H.M.O.T. Suranee, engaged in supplying oil to the Home Fleet.

C. L. M. Brown has taken up his residence at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

B. M. R. Downman was placed in the 3rd Class of the 1st Part of the Previous Examination, Cambridge, and has taken up his residence as a member of Fitzwilliam Hall.

P. W. Ellis has passed the final examination for a Mine Manager's Certificate.

E. G. Sawtell has entered the Union of London and Smith's Bank.

Congratulations to J. Harvey on the birth of a son.

We have received a most interesting letter from Grant, who is working in an oil company at Baku, on the Caspian, though unfortunately we have not anything like space to do more than refer to it. After describing his journey across Europe, he gives us some interesting details of life in Baku, the dust storms, the Mohammedan festivals, and other features of the district. In particular we have a description of a small island in the Caspian, entirely inhabited by snakes and lizards, which feed on the small fish. Bathing in the Sea is bad, owing to the masses of crude petroleum which float on the surface. "If you happen to put your head into one of them, there is no alternative but to have your hair shaved clean off." We append one curious detail, a natural phenomenon called the Eternal Fires. He says: "They

spring from little holes in the ground, and the flames of the largest rise from 2 to 3 feet into the air. You can walk among them, jump over them, and light your cigarette from them. The smallest you can put out by treading on them, and they light again with a pop if you put a match to them."

VALETE.

R. Alcock: 1908. Day Boy and Lion. Captain of School, Captain of Cricket, Boxing. Colours for Football, Shooting. Sergeant in O.T.C. Upper VI.^c

N. S. M. Griffiths (Cross): 1909. Prefect of Chapel, Captain of Gym., Colours for 1st XI. Football, 2nd XI. Cricket, Boxing, Col.-Sergeant in O.T.C., Upper VI.^m

C. L. M. Brown (Lion): 1909. Prefect, Colours for 1st XI. Football, 1st XI. Cricket, Sergeant in O.T.C., Editor of *Cuthbertian*, Upper VI.^c, Scholar of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

P. W. Maclagan (Crown): 1907. Prefect, Sergeant in O.T.C., Upper VI.^c, Scholar of Wadham College, Oxford.

R. A. Ker (Crown): 1906. Prefect, Captain of Shooting, Corporal in O.T.C., Lower VI.^c

D. J. G. Dixon (Fleur-de-Lys): 1910. Dormitory Prefect, Captain of Swimming, Sergeant in O.T.C., Upper VI.^m

F. A. J. Longley (Crown): 1911. Dormitory Prefect, Colours for 2nd XI. Football, 2nd XI. Cricket, Lance-Corpl. in O.T.C., Lower VI.^m

H. G. Wilks (Lion): 1912. Dormitory Prefect, Upper VI.^c

L. W. Kirby (Lion): 1911. Dormitory Prefect, Corpl. in O.T.C., Lower VI.^m

W. J. Armstrong (Cross): 1911. Public Schools Bantam-weight Champion, Colours for Swimming, 2nd XI. Football, Corporal in O.T.C., Lower VI.^m

C. E. Furness (Cross): 1909. Colours for Running, 2nd XI. Football, Cricket.

L. Lissett (Lion): 1907. Colours for 1st XI. Football, 1st XI. Cricket, Gym., Lance-Corpl. in O.T.C., Lower VI.^m

AVETE.

Geipel, Henry Cecil	Fleur-de-Lys
Porteus, Hugh Gordon Cruddas	Preparatory
Wood, James Leslie Miller	Preparatory
Thompson, Edward Marshall	Preparatory
Day, Robert Edwin	Preparatory
Hepplewhite, Lewis Hutton	Cross
Garthwaite, Percival Farnsworth	Preparatory
Garthwaite, John Farnsworth	Preparatory
Cowen, Stephen	Preparatory
Cowen, Philip	Preparatory
Cowen, Selwyn	Preparatory
Dodd, Henry Ryder	Preparatory
Wood, John Alexander	Preparatory
Beswick, Donald McPherson	Fleur-de-Lys
Tipping, Claude Frederick	Fleur-de-Lys
Ely, Thomas Henry	Fleur-de-Lys
Jamieson, Gerald Arthur Cubitt	Preparatory
Catton, William Edward	Cross
Catton, Fred	Preparatory
Parker, Clement George St. Michael	Lion
Nettleton, Alwin Carter	Cross
Banner, Edward	Lion
Daniel, Bernard Percy	Preparatory
Daniel, Edward Frank	Preparatory
Taylor-Jones, George Frederick William	Lion
Dewhirst, Mark Charles	Crown

ANNALS.

L. E. Smith, Esq., has taken charge of the Lion Dormitory this term; G. A. O'Meara, Esq., of the Cross; Ll. Jacob, Esq., of the Preparatory Dormitory and Tuckshop; L. R. Davies, Esq., has charge of the Gymnasium. The O.T.C. is in the temporary charge of L. E. Smith, Esq., assisted by H. M. Butler, Esq., and L. R. Davies, Esq.

The School sustains a great loss this term in Messrs. B. H. Whitley and E. Buckley. Mr. Whitley was for eleven years closely associated with the life of the School. From 1905 he had charge of the Headmaster's house, and though he surrendered the Crown in 1911 he retained the Cross to the last. In the outdoor life of the School he was always ready to lend his help, and did a great work in encouraging the School Running. In 1910 the Corps gained in him an enthusiastic and untiring lieutenant. For many years he had charge of the Tuckshop, which under his management prospered splendidly, and he saw the present building through from the region of fancy to that of hard fact. In the Play he always took one of the leading parts, and was in every direction unsparing of himself wherever the school interests were concerned.

Mr. Buckley came to us in 1908 and quickly took a prominent position in the life of the School. As games-master he did much to foster keenness and enthusiasm, both by precept and example. In 1910 and 1911 he added two new duties, by becoming O.C. of the Corps and Lion Dormitory Master, and will be long remembered for his able and genial conduct of both. Under his guidance the O.T.C. rapidly advanced in *esprit de corps* and all round efficiency. Few can realize the unremitting labours that he bestowed on the O.T.C., but their result is seen in the numbers of

O.C.s figuring as officers and N.C.O.s in the New Army. In the Play he was always to the fore; we still remember his impersonation of "Sweet Bully Bottom." The hopes of all for his success and safety will go out to him in the nobler task that has called him from us, the more so as he is an Old Boy.

J. W. Lissett has been appointed Captain of School and Captain of Football.

C. B. R. Rees, S. Ferry, L. S. Winn, and P. Brookes have been appointed Prefects.

This term we welcome as new masters the Rev. H. Dickinson (Chaplain); T. S. Jones, Esq., B.A., Wadham College, Oxford; J. Hanson, Esq., B.A., St. John's College, Cambridge; and J. O. J. Cowgill, Esq.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries, with apologies for any omissions: *The Ardingly Annals*, *The Brigade*, *The Swan*, *The S. Benedict's Magazine*, *The Olavian*, *The Lancing College Magazine*, *The Pocklingtonian*, *The Bloxhamist*, *The S.S. Quarterly Paper*, *The Zonnebloem College Magazine*, *The Cadet*, *The Hurst Johnian*, *The Alleynian*.

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