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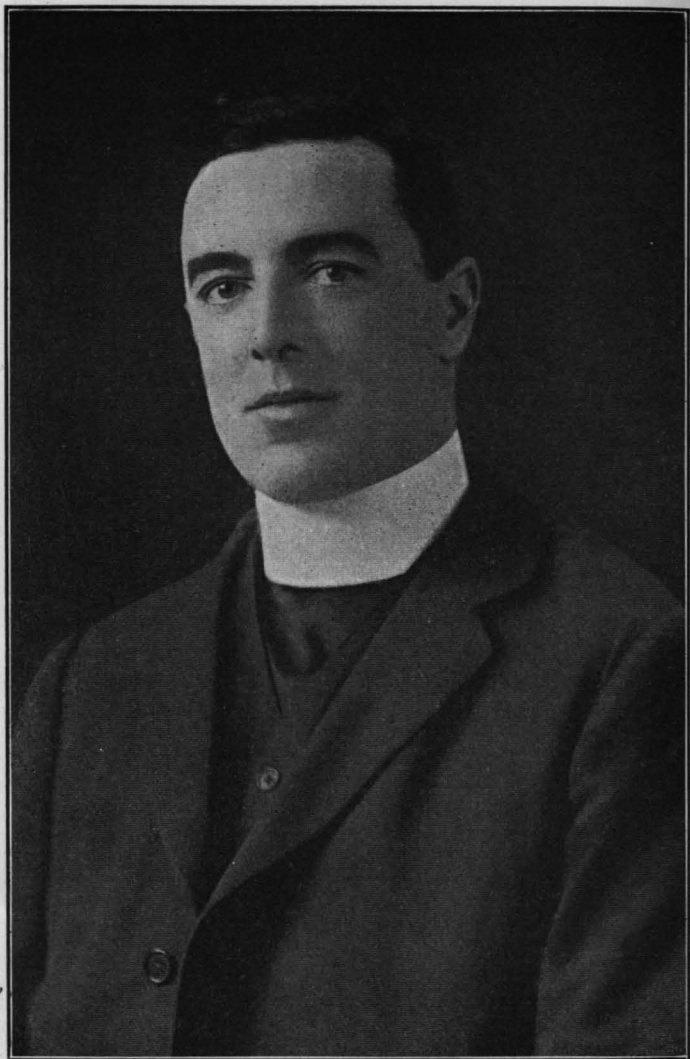
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EDITORIAL.

SOLOMON, we believe, asserted that there was nothing new under the sun. Well, with all due respect to the wisdom of the venerable Hebrew, we beg to disagree with him. We begin the New Year with a new Headmaster and all the attendant alterations and innovations, of which one at least is fully appreciated. We hear that there is a positive rush to learn French, but whether this is the outcome of the *Entente*

Cordiale or not, we cannot say. Amongst the new customs there is one which compels the prefects to seek their nightly repose by the light of one solitary bulb. This is no complaint; rather we hail it with delight, for we cherish hopes that this dim and mystic twilight may awaken and inspire the latent literary genius of some unknown author or poet amongst the prefects. If there be any such, we await his efforts with anxiety, for at present there seems to be a dearth of poems and articles, and our waste paper basket is strangely empty.

Of course there may be excuse for the scarcity of contributions, for this is a singularly busy term. This is the term when, including football, no less than five sports are in full swing. Why, we ask, should not the competitions for the Fives and Gym. Cups take place in the Christmas Term, always a slack term? As it is, this short period of ten weeks, or thereabouts, between the Christmas and Easter holidays is taken up with football, fives, running, boxing and gym. This suggestion is merely that of a foolish scribe and is hardly worth recording, but still we cannot but think of it at times. The extra time that is, and ought to be, given to military training, in view of the present crisis, naturally makes this term busier than ever. Up to the present the Corps has had no field-days,* but continual

company drill is rapidly rendering its members so efficient at forming fours, that there is every ground for depression in Potsdam military circles. No, dear readers, do not be alarmed, we do not intend to start upon the eternal subject of the war; everyone has had a slight surfeit of war-news, though if our readers desire to read highly spiced accounts, not altogether unmingled with truth, we would refer them to our promising little contemporary, the *Daily Mail*.

* Since this was written a Field-Day has taken place.

Football has been quite successful this term, though, owing to the postponement of a match, the XI's have only played one match each so far. Both 1st and 2nd XI.s thoroughly defeated their opponents of Mansfield, and the results of both matches appear to promise good things in store for both teams.

Running, as usual, started with a paper-chase on Shrove Tuesday, though we noticed that, not as usual, there was no half-holiday on Shrove Tuesday. A new system (by which three sets consisting of seniors, middles, and juniors, have been formed) has been started by Mr. C. W. Norman, who has kindly taken charge of Running, and this, we hope, will do much to stimulate the keenness of the School in this sport.

As might be expected at such a time, it is extremely difficult for instructors to be found for gym. and boxing, but nevertheless, it is to be hoped that neither sport will flag for this reason. Naturally, there can be no competitions at Aldershot this term, so now is the opportunity for our boxers to show that they are no mere pot-hunters, and to take up the sport for its own sake. In any case there is the inter-dormitory boxing to look forward to, and to train for. And training is the very keynote of this term. We repeat this is a strenuous term, and boxing and running are two sports which call for the severest training. How fortunate that Lent falls at this time!

We are pleased to be able to record the Rev. Marchant Pearson, B.A., as our new Headmaster. He comes to us with a considerable reputation from Ardingly, to which school he passed from the headmastership of King Alfred's School, Wantage, where he had already made his mark. From Kingswood School, Bath, he proceeded to Wren's, and

there he studied for the I.C.S., and graduated at London University, and subsequently studied science at the University Colleges of Sheffield and Leeds. After holding posts at the Grammar Schools of Rotherham and Bradford, at the latter of which he collaborated in the production of a school text-book on Volumetric Analysis, he obtained the position of second master of Bridlington Grammar School, where he was ordained priest in 1902; this was followed next year by the appointment, already mentioned, to Wantage. To him and to Mrs. Pearson we extend our heartiest welcome.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

Mansfield Grammar School.

Played at Worksop, on February 13th. The match took place in a strong blizzard, which gradually turned to rain. Under the circumstances the football was quite good, and our team showed up excellently. We won the toss and played with the wind first half, and soon opened the scoring. Our men were much quicker on the ball than their opponents, and on a wet ground the man first on the move has every advantage. The score at half-time was 6—0, contributed by Harland, Sinkinson, Rogerson, and Winn. In the second half the opposing centre-forward ran through twice and scored, and we added three more to our total. On such a day it would be unfair to criticise the play, and it was a great tribute to the sportsmanship of our opponents that the match should have taken place.

Team.—Steemson (goal), Rees and Stephenson (backs), Rogerson, Walton ma, and L'Amie (half-backs), Sinkinson, Harland, Winn, Dixon, and Williamson max (forwards).

King Edward VII. School.

Played at Sheffield, on Wednesday, 24th February. The home team soon profited by their superior knowledge of the "hills and valleys" of the ground, and quickly scored four goals, our defence being unable to keep their feet on the slippery ground. At half-time the score was eight goals to two. Upon changing round we had much the better of the game, and though finally beaten by ten goals to eight, were distinctly unlucky to lose.

As the rather absurd score shows, the ground and the conditions were alike against good football. After their early misfortunes, the College worked very hard, Rees and Williamson being particularly noticeable. The goals were scored by Winn, Rees, and Ashburner.

Team.—Steemson (goal), Stephenson max and Faulkner (backs), Rees, Walton ma, and Rogerson (half-backs), Sinkinson, Harland, Winn, Ashburner, and Williamson max (forwards).

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

Mansfield Grammar School.

This match was played at Mansfield in a snow storm. Accurate football was quite impossible, owing to the climatic conditions, but the College lasted better than their opponents, who finished with only seven men. We won by seven goals to none.

King Edward VII. School.

Played at Worksop, February 24th. There was rather a strong wind blowing, but otherwise the day was perfect for football. The visitors attacked first, and owing to several bad mistakes on the part of our left back scored twice, and put on one more from a well-placed corner kick. The score at half-time was 3—0 against us. With the wind in the

second half we very soon scored twice, but could not get through again and save the match. The team did not play well, and was very weak in several places.

Team.—Jardine (goal), Bapty (Capt.) and Longley (backs), Robson, Johnson max, and Matthews (half-backs), Light, Kendall, Catton max, Macnamara, and Johnson (forwards).

A REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

To some, no doubt, a review of the season must sound almost, if not quite, improper. In these unusual times to be correct one should perhaps carry a collapsible Union Jack in a convenient pocket, to wave and cheer when meeting a perfervid patriot, and in another pocket a referee's whistle, and a selection of fives' and golf balls. Seriously we are very thankful that we have been able to carry on with the full school life and maintain "business as usual." In the opinion of one who has tried not to give way to an all too prevalent hysteria, the efficiency of the O.T.C. has not suffered from a preponderance of athletics, nor will our embryo officers fail in pluck and endurance for their efforts on the playing fields. With regard to the actual football the team has done exceedingly well, and has not been beaten except by a team of O.C.'s, who played a most robust game, as a result of training with Kitchener's army, and in our last match with King Edward VII. School, Sheffield. The match against Sheffield University we do not count, as it was played against an obviously superior team to the one arranged. We have beaten all our rival schools except on that one occasion against Sheffield, and in most cases by a large margin. This has been due to a great extent to the dash of the forward line. The hesitation and trickiness of recent years has fortunately disappeared, and this season our forwards have not been afraid to "sling" the ball about and go for goal, and last, but not least, to shoot at every possible

moment. Barker ma, who left us in December, was an excellent example in this respect, and he was a great source of danger to backs and goal-keepers. Williamson max has played some splendid games at outside left, and is about the best the School has ever had. Sinkinson at outside right is good, but wastes many opportunities by shooting rather wildly when he should centre. The inside forward positions have been the weakest part of the line, and several changes have been necessary. The half-back line has been quite good and sound without being brilliant. The various positions during the season have been filled by Lissett, Rees, Rogerson, Winn, and L'Amie, and when Winn was moved to centre-forward, Walton ma took his place. The backs have been Mackrell and Faulkner, and at times Stephenson, when wanted to fill a vacancy. All played good sound games and were improving steadily. Mackrell and Faulkner were very unlucky with injuries last term and this. In goal Stephenson has played some excellent games, and when he has been wanted out of goal, Piggford max last term and Steemson this term took his place.

The Second Eleven have done very well on the whole, only losing to Sheffield on each occasion. The forwards and halves have played well, and been easy to find, but there has been a great scarcity of full-backs. There has, too, been an epidemic of left-footed players, and no desire shown to learn to use both feet. The supply is still smaller this term, as all who played last term have either left or been promoted to the First Eleven. There are quite a lot of promising players amongst the Second Eleven and its reserves, and enough to hold out good promise for next season.

The result of the season is as follows:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn.
First Eleven	10	7	2	1
Second Eleven	5	3	2	0

O.T.C. NOTES.

We started the term with the loss of Comp.-Sergt.-Major Lissett and Platoon-Sergt. Ferry, and two section commanders in Piggford max and Kelk, and we take this opportunity of congratulating Lissett and Ferry on obtaining commissions before Christmas, and also any other O.C.'s of whom we have no news.

We have to welcome 2nd-Lieut. C. W. Norman, fresh from his experiences at Ardingly, who will be of great assistance in maintaining the efficiency of the Corps.

The time will soon come when we shall be able to devote more time and attention to this branch of our work here, and the longer, and, let us hope, warmer days can be usefully employed in field work. Nothing very ambitious has been attempted yet this term, but we have paraded twice, and sometimes three times a week, and have laid in a good stock of steadiness in close-order work. A great deal of keenness has been shown, and it is hoped it will increase with the progress of the training.

The number of recruits this term is 21, so that our numbers of last term are maintained.

An O.C., Capt. Buckley, has been at the front since December, and sends encouraging messages to the Corps.

The list of O.C.'s serving in H.M. forces grows from week to week, and is gaining proportions we ought to be very proud of.

Any additions and corrections will be welcomed by the Acting O.C.

RUNNING.

This term, the Running has been re-organised, the School being divided into three sets—Senior, Middle, and Junior, and the boys graded according to their strength and ability. Normally, the Senior Set will run a distance of about 7 miles, the Middle set 5 miles, the Junior set 3 miles. By this system it is hoped that the smaller and weaker boys will be saved from unnecessary strain. Provision has been made for non-runners—those who have been exempted from all running by medical advice. These will form a walking party when the rest of the School is running.

SHROVE-TUESDAY.—As in former years, the afternoon of Shrove-Tuesday, February 16th, was devoted to running. This year, however, under the new system, there were two paper-chases instead of one, while the Junior Set ran the short Dormitory course, accompanied by Mr. Norman.

For the Senior Set, G. C. Rogerson and C. B. R. Rees went as hares and set a good course of about 7 miles, down the Green Lane, bearing thence to the right through Clumber woods, and making for home by way of Rollitt's Farm. Most of the pack followed the course well. The first man in was Robson; second, Goodreid.

For the Middle Set, A. Smith and H. Clive Smith were the hares. The course was a short and merry one. Starting off by way of Rollitt's Farm we bore away to the right along Clumber Park fence, and on to the Carburton road. After following the road for about half a mile, the course entered the woods on the Welbeck side, and turning round made for the College, crossing the road again by Burton's fields. The run lasted about thirty-five minutes, and the first in was Best.

The date of the cross-country run with King Edward's School, Sheffield, has been fixed for Wednesday, March 17th.

SCOUT NOTES.

As usual, we must have our little grumble! Most of our bigger Scouts have joined the O.T.C. Of course it is quite right that they should, but we feel it is just a bit hard on us. However, we are not going to "croak," but to work to make ourselves efficient, and we are looking forward to some good parades. Already we have been "ambushing" and "stalking," and it was really delightful to capture the Chaplain when he thought he was going to capture one of us! When we have all got our equipment, we shall look really smart, but we must not forget that any ass can "swank." It's not the looks we want, but the true spirit of a Scout as set forth in our Scout Law, and all our games and drills should be done with the desire to carry out our Rules and become first class Scouts.

We have a large number of new Scouts and Wolf Cubs. We hope they will appreciate the honour of being Scouts, and remember that in this, as in all things, our School motto is the best to follow: *Semper ad coelestia*.

CHAPEL NOTES.

Two events stand out prominently this term (i.) the visit of the Provost for the Installation of the Headmaster and the Chaplain (ii.) the admission of the Prefects, D.P.'s, and Hall Monitors.

Before Evensong on the Eve of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Provost installed the Chaplain after the latter had read his Declaration, and gave to him the "charge of the souls in this College." This being concluded, the Chaplain presented the Rev. Marchant Pearson to be installed as Headmaster. After the Declaration had been

read, the Provost installed the new Headmaster, and gave to him, as he had given to the Chaplain, his Blessing. Evensong then proceeded as usual, and the service ended with a Solemn Procession—the Provost wearing the Cope and giving the Blessing.

On the following Saturday, at Evensong, the Headmaster admitted the new Prefects. They were reminded of their high privileges, and of the fact that they had great responsibilities. The Headmaster laid great stress upon the need for a Prefect to be the model of the Christian gentleman, quoting "Sir Galahad" as the example to be aimed at. During the singing of the *Beati mundo corde*, the Prefects signed the Roll. It was an inspiring service, and should bring home both to Prefects and School the "high calling" of their office.

As usual in Lent we are having a daily Celebration, and a Reading after dinner. We are glad to say that the attendance at the Intercessions does not decrease. Will our Readers send us requests for Prayer which we may offer up on Sunday evenings after Compline?

ENTERTAINMENT.

On Thursday, December 17th, the winter term came to a pleasant end with a play and concert. The play chosen was Gilbert's *Pygmalion and Galatea*, and the stage-manager was Mr. Butler, who also took the part of Pygmalion in quite unexceptionable style. J. I. Wood made an excellent Galatea; few would have suspected from his voice and manner that he was but acting the part of a girl, and he threw himself into the situation with great gusto; the last scene, where Galatea retires once more to stone, held us all thrilled. But we were inclined to think that the particular style of wig, and the paleness of face hardly warranted the extravagant

claims of beauty made for the lady in the play. Of the other players S. Ferry made us all quail with his martial accoutrements and bluff soldierly ways; he looked as though fresh from Marathon. Mr. Davis, the art patron, or rather patronizer, thoroughly looked his part, and might have been a real Lancastrian millionaire in Greek attire. W. F. T. Dixon, as his good lady, was vigorous, so much so that if it had not been for her volubility we might have taken her for a Laconian. Barritt and Hall seemed to be handicapped by their parts, of a somewhat dull female order, and spoilt their lines by taking them too fast; but Hall warmed to it better in the "indignation" scene towards the end. Steemson and Haagenson acquitted their small parts with credit. The concert was interspersed between the acts, and perhaps the best items were Mr. Keel's two songs, and the Chaplain's "Toreador," all of which caused great enthusiasm. We were sorry that indisposition prevented Mrs. Grier from giving us possibly her last song here. But perhaps we may have the pleasure of hearing her again. The programme was as follows:

Pygmalion and Galatea, by W. S. Gilbert.

Pygmalion	.	.	.	Mr. Butler
Chrysos	.	.	.	Mr. Davis
Leucippus	.	.	.	S. Ferry
Agesimos	.	.	.	C. H. Steemson
Mimos	.	.	.	F. G. Haagensen
Myrine	.	.	.	E. H. Barritt
Cynisca	.	.	.	C. A. Hall
Daphne	.	.	.	W. F. T. Dixon
Galatea	.	.	.	J. I. Wood

Concert.

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|------------------------|---|----------------|---|-------|
| i. Piano Duet | . | No. 8 Symphony | . | Haydn |
| Mr. Harris and Hancock | | | | |

- ii. Song . "The Little Grey Home in the West"
Mr. Keel
- iii. Piano Duet . No. 6 Symphony . *Haydn*
Mr. Harris and Walton
- iv. Vocal Duet . "Come, for it's June" *Dorothy Foster*
L. S. Winn, J. W. E. Cochrane
- v. Chorus . "The Shepherdesses" . *Pinsuti*
The Choir
- vi. Song . . "Toreador" . . *Bizet*
The Chaplain
- vii. Song . . "Tommy lad"
Mr. Keel

LECTURES.

On Sunday, February 7th, a very interesting lecture was given on "Mont St. Michel," by Mr. Barron, Headmaster of Wantage. The lecturer has travelled throughout the greater part of Brittany, and so was able to give us many interesting details concerning the present state of this famous old French Abbey. He briefly traced the foundation and early history of the structure, pointing out how impregnable must have been the stronghold which was able to resist every attack made upon it by the armies of mediaeval Europe.

He then proceeded to describe the architecture, of which, we are sorry to say, he was unable to give us a very detailed account owing to lack of time. However, he succeeded in giving us some idea of the skill and patience needed for its construction, by which we were greatly impressed. Indeed, to some of us it seemed hardly credible that such huge and

beautiful buildings, clinging as they do to the bare rock, should have been able to withstand for so long a time the forces of Nature.

We are indeed thankful that such an interesting subject was in the hands of so capable a lecturer, for whilst he kept the attention of the younger members of the School by his frequent anecdotes, he aroused the keen interest of the older boys, for whom the lecture was all too short.

However, we are looking forward to some time in the near future when Mr. Barron will, we hope, be able to pay us another visit.

On Wednesday, February 24th, a most instructive lantern lecture was given by the Rev. Bedford Pym, on "Postage Stamps." The Lecturer did not enter into technicalities, but used postage stamps as a thin veil to introduce a very interesting period of European history. He showed, how, properly used, the stamps of a country formed an excellent guide to the history of the last half century; how all important political changes, internal disturbances, and external influence, were reflected in the various issues. He illustrated his lecture with specimens of French, Spanish, and Italian stamps.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

A Debate was held on Sunday, January 31st, when C. H. Steemson rose to propose that "It is the immediate duty of the Government to bring forward a measure enrolling every able-bodied man in His Majesty's Forces." The proposer advocated Compulsory Military Service on the lines of the National Service League scheme; he would train every able-bodied man in the use of arms, with the result that the Expeditionary Force would have a huge reserve on which to draw. The motion was opposed by K. U. White, who was

of the opinion that we could put implicit trust in Lord Kitchener. If there had been any need for Conscription, Kitchener would have had it long ago. He held that there were still more recruits coming in than the War Office could deal with. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion. He spoke of national prejudice as being one of the greatest obstacles in the way of such a scheme, but, he warned the House, if the Englishman was so stupid as not to realize that he must suffer some temporary inconvenience at the hands of the government of his own country, he would soon find that he was the serf of a nation of "Super-men," whose only object was to make him as efficient as possible for the service of the state. The Seconder of the Opposition was H. E. Witham; this speaker dwelt at some length upon the impossibility of such a course at such a crisis. He was convinced that we had neither men nor money to spare upon such an undertaking, at a time when the nation needed its resources, not to meet the economic revolution that would assuredly follow such a course, but for the prosecuting of a war which would strain those resources to the uttermost. Other speakers were: K. Kent and H. P. Lee against the Motion, and Mr. Cowgill for it. The motion was lost by 4 votes to 5 votes.

On Sunday, February 14th, the Motion before the House was "That this House Deplores the Modern System of Compulsion in School Athletics." Proposed by K. U. White, opposed by C. H. Steemson. Lost 3—6.

At a Debate on Sunday, February 21st, C. H. Steemson rose to propose "That this House Deplores the Prevalence of Sports Involving Loss of Life." He argued that such sport had a degrading influence on the manhood of the nation, and fostered a spirit of callousness. If such things as hare-coursing were sport, he expressed the wish not to be called a sportsman. M. R. Hull in an able maiden speech

opposed the motion. He upheld the cause of hunting; and since vermin had to be killed he saw no reason why some amusement should not be got from the killing. K. U. White seconded the proposition. He asked the House to imagine itself in the place of the hunted animal. G. M. Walton, in his maiden speech, assured the House that cruelty was reduced to a minimum, and that if the rabbits were not shot they would destroy acres of crops. H. C. Geipel, also making his maiden speech, asked if the Hon. Proposer would poison foxes. J. I. Wood and Mr. Cowgill then spoke on behalf of the opposition, and upon a division the Motion was declared lost by 4 votes to 3.

O.C. NEWS.

We have received the following additions and corrections to our list of O.C.'s who are serving with H.M. Forces.

— Barker, J.	. . . 11th Worcestershires	. . . 1914
— Bean, H. H. W.	. . . 18th Northumberland Fusiliers	1906
Brown, F. C.	. . . 9th Sherwood Foresters	. . . 1907
Buckley, R.	. . . 31st Batt. 2nd Canadian Contingent	. . . 1904
Christison, J. T.	. . . 10th Lincs.	. . . 1906
— Colson, J. B.	. . . 5th Lincs.	. . . 1904
Danby, F. G.	. . . B. Squad. Yorks. Hussars	. . . 1909
— Denny, T. H.	. . . 6th Devon Terr.	. . .
Downman, H.	. . . Army Pay Office, Preston	. . .
— Ferry, S.	. . . 7th Lincs.	. . . 1904
Hodges, J. C.	. . . 3rd Suffolks	. . . 1910
— Holmes, A. L.	. . . 6th Sherwood Foresters	. . .
— Lissett, J. W.	. . . 7th East Yorks.	. . . 1907
— Thompson, A. M.	. . . 14th Royal Fusiliers	. . . 1908
Wright, S.	. . . 16th West Yorks.	. . .

Those with — against their names hold Commissions.

H. Rew has been appointed A.D.C., with the temporary rank of Major.

E. Marsden, whose gallant death we reported in our November issue, has been mentioned in the despatches.

N. S. Griffiths has been commissioned to H.M.S. War-spire, a sister ship to the Queen Elizabeth.

H. S. Bowman has been gazetted 2nd Lieut. to the 14th Middlesex, and is training with the Oxford O.T.C.

E. Buckley (2nd Lancs. and Yorks.), and J. I. W. Cowgill (2nd Sherwood Foresters), have both gone to the front. The latter has been invalided home again with malaria.

A. L. Wincott and G. C. Woodburn have received commissions. J. V. Cowgill is on his way from F.M.S. to take up a commission.

We regret to record the death of J. W. F. McN. Davis, of the S. Wales Borderers, who was killed in action on January 19th. He joined the School in January, 1904, and left in July, 1912, after having been Captain of the School two years, and represented us at Aldershot in the Public Schools Boxing Championship for the years 1911 and 1912. He was also Captain of Football his last year. He matriculated at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, and twice won the Light Weight item of the Inter-Varsity Boxing Competition. He intended to take a commission in the Army in 1915, but on the outset of the war was at once gazetted to the S. Wales Borderers, and proceeded to the front in November. The O.C.'s sustain a heavy loss in his death.

We are indebted to his family for the following details of his end: "He was out of the trenches instructing his men to repair them, as through the rain they were giving way,

and he got sniped. Before he lost consciousness he said, 'Good old doctor, don't worry: sorry to trouble you,' and the day previous he had been walking with the doctor. He was dead in half an hour, in the village of Givenchy near La Bassée. He had been home for three days, and he got there on the Friday; he was shot early on the Sunday." *Requiescat in pace.*

We are also able to publish the following details of Lieut. Denny's death. "He fell shot through the stomach, and so badly wounded that the doctor thought he would not live till nightfall (the charge was about 5-30 p.m.) and did not attempt to move him, but was enabled to stop any pain. But he was so strong that he lived through the next day, maintained an extraordinary cheerfulness, and they took him to the hospital, probably at Ypres, where he died a few hours after. On every side one hears of the love borne to him by all the Regiment, and how greatly he was valued."

We have received letters from C. R. Goatley (Penang), and E. Buckley, of which we publish the following extracts: "It is splendid to read that so many O.C.'s are doing their share towards the defence of the Empire at this time, and I have no doubt but that the list will be considerably enlarged.

"On the outbreak of the war I was a corporal in the Maxim Section of the Penang Volunteers, but was transferred to the Motor Brigade Section, to which I am still attached.

"We have had a very strenuous time since August 4th. Houses have been loop-holed, trenches and barbed wire entanglements prepared, and the whole island patrolled day and night.

"When the Emden visited us we were powerless, as we had no guns of larger calibre than maxims.

"I was fortunate enough, with two other men, to be able to rescue from drowning, eighty-six Russian sailors from the *Zemtchug*, which was sunk by the *Emden* in the harbour.

"It is very difficult for men to be spared from the colony, and I doubt whether I shall be able to get away, but I may perhaps do so later on."

E. Buckley writes as follows:

"I have had two goes in the trenches and am just off for a third. We do four or five days in and then a short rest in billets. The trenches are very wet and very muddy, and you get plastered from head to foot. I have to crawl into my dug-out and can only lie in it. The trenches are wide—don't believe what they tell you about trenches only 2 ft. 3 in. broad—they have much more respect for shells in the general staff behind than we have in the firing line—with dug-outs and parapets alternating. They are rather against loopholes, and say that head cover stops rapidity of fire. The night is one long work of vigilance, which is only slightly relaxed during the day. Lack of sleep and the cold are the two chief worries and wearies. The Germans are about 150 yards from us here, and we run a listening patrol of two men per platoon out during the night. I do a lot of wiring at night and make clearance in the trench during the day. The first day I was in I had to go across a little open space about 30 yards long—my platoon is isolated with a wood on the left and a gap on the right—to get to our mess. I was nearly bowled over twice by snipers, so we built a little cover from view next day, by way of a parapet! The other night, too, when I was out in front with four men, wiring, our machine gun let out—they thought we were in!—down we had to go in a couple of feet of mud, with the bullets fairly whistling over us as we traversed. Up went the German flares, and of course they

must have seen us on the ground, for the machine guns and rifles started. They killed one of our party on the road but did no damage otherwise. But I was very thankful to get back to the trench.

"They shell us fairly often in trench and billets. They dropped 30 'Black Marias' within 15 yards of my dug-out the other day, and I got more souvenirs by way of bits.

"Feb. 4. Back in the trenches again. We are doing a week this time. We had a real beano yesterday, as there was a tremendous lot of artillery on. All kinds were floating about and making no end of a din, but luckily none dropped very near my trench except one of our own shrapnel. I am getting rather fed up with their machine guns, as they switched one on to a working party I had on a parapet last night. There is nothing more fearsome than the rat-tat-tat of the machine gun and the zyp as the bullets whip over your head. They absolutely enfilade a small part of our trench, and the traverse doesn't save us sometimes. I had rather an extraordinary case the other day, a man in my platoon, quite close to me, showed up above the parapet for a moment and got shot through the head. In at the back and out by his eye. We quite expected him to kick at once, but he had to be kept in the trench all day—we have no communication with the field dressing station—and yet he is doing quite well. It is extraordinary for me to be attending and helping with men shot in that way—as I always have had a horror of that sort of thing—and yet in these extraordinary times I can do it without turning a hair and without any feeling. I am afraid it will make people who get through it very callous.

"They are shelling now. I knew they would as there were crowds of aeroplanes knocking about this morning, but as soon as ours turned out they sheered off. I had a go

at one of them with my platoon this morning as he came over my trench quite low, and we imagine we hit him, but I should think it is doubtful. At any rate he turned and went back to the German lines, which is the main thing. I have rather a rotten position in the trench line, as my platoon is cut off—only by a short distance—from the rest of the company, and I have on my left a main road. The Rifle Brigade have the next trench on the other side of the road, but the road itself is a bit of a problem. However, we have a very strong position and I think would give as good as we got in case of an attack."

ANNALS.

On Thursday, December 17th, at a School meeting, Mr. Keel on behalf of the masters, presented the Headmaster with a silver cigarette box, in token of the many kindnesses shown to the masters during his headmastership, and at the same time handed him a short address expressing feelings of gratitude for what he had done, and regret for his departure. The School's tribute was to have been presented at the same time by J. W. Lissett as Captain of the School, but unfortunately it was not ready in time. It consisted of a silver rose bowl. The Headmaster, who was accompanied by Mrs. Grier and Master Antony Grier, then in a short speech expressed his deep regret at leaving the school, which he had seen grow almost from its earliest infancy: nothing, he said, but the strongest feelings of duty could cause him to leave us, and it caused him a great wrench. He paid a graceful tribute to the support which he had constantly received from the masters, and ended with an expression of his confidence that under the new Headmaster, the school would continue its prosperous career. At the conclusion,

form prizes for the term, and Local Certificates were distributed by Mrs. Grier, and the school gave three cheers for the Headmaster and Mrs. Grier.

We regret to record the departure of Messrs. Hanson, Jones, and J. O. J. Cowgill. Mr. Hanson has secured a post as senior Modern Language Master at Mill Hill School, where he has our heartiest wishes for his success.

We welcome the following new members of the staff: Messrs. C. W. Norman, London University, and C. E. Fisher, Birmingham University, and Miss E. L. Bennell.

Promotions:—G. C. Rogerson to be Captain of School and of Running.

C. B. R. Rees to be Prefect of Chapel, Captain of Football.

H. St. C. L'Amie, A. C. P. Stephenson and W. F. T. Dixon to be Prefects.

R. Richardson to be Captain of Boxing.

The Prefects wish to thank the Rev. the Headmaster for his generous gift of six chairs for the Prefect's Room.

Mr. L. R. Davies has taken charge of the Tuck Shop.

Mr. C. W. Norman is supervising Running.

Hall-Monitors are in future to be termed Sub-Prefects.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. Mason, our Custos, for his present of the works of Dickens in twenty volumes to the Library.

On Friday, February 26th, the O.T.C. went for a route march through the town, and the following day had a Field-Day near Clamcat Farm, an account of which we hope to give in our next number.

The G. P. C. has decided on the following fixtures for the rest of the term: Running Match v. King Edward's School, Sheffield, March 17th; Dormitory Gymnasium and Boxing Competitions, March 25th; Dormitory Run, March 27th; Sports Day, Easter Monday (April 5th).

On March 24th, the Bishop of Southwell is to hold a Confirmation in Chapel. Term ends on April 6th.

VALETE.

J. W. Lissett, 1907; Lion; Captain of School, and of Football; Colours for Rummig, Swinning, 2nd XI. Cricket; Upper VI.; Company-Sergt.-Major in O.T.C.

S. Ferry, 1904; Cross; Prefect; Colours for Gym., 2nd XI Cricket; Lower VI.^c; Platoon Sergt. in O.T.C.

P. Brookes, 1909; Crown; Prefect; Upper VI.

C. K. Kelk, 1908; Fleur-de-Lys; Dormitory Prefect; Colours for 2nd XI. Football; 2nd XI. Cricket; Lower VI.^m; Corpl. in O.T.C.

C. G. Piggford, 1911; Lion; Dormitory Prefect; Lower VI.^m; Sergt. in O.T.C.

G. Barker, 1914; Lion; Dormitory Prefect; Colours for 1st XI. Football, 2nd XI. Cricket; Upper VI.

C. Mackrell, 1913; Fleur-de Lys; Colours for Swimming, 2nd XI. Football; Lower VI.^c

AVETE.

Coutts, Lionel Francis	Cross
Hudson, Lawrence James Dermot	Cross
Oates, Donald Firth	Cross
Palmer, Ernest Ambrose	Preparatory
Powell, Edgar George Bilton	Crown
Pratt, Reginald Painter	Fleur-de-Lys
Shepherd, Ernest William	Lion
Thorpe, John Bernard	Preparatory

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