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EDITORIAL.

Jam satis terris nivis atque dirae Grandinis misit Pater

Another sadly curtailed Term—What with influenza, frost, snow, hail, and rain, our activities, intellectual and bodily, have been wofully cut down. However, the experiment of closing for a clear fortnight has been justified, as we all appear to have returned greatly freshened and invigorated, and ready to endeavour to make up for lost time.

It had been hoped to produce something in the nature of an entertainment at the end of this Easter Term; but, though there are rumours of rehearsals still taking place, it is feared that the dramatic part, at any rate, will have to be deferred, possibly until the summer.

May we remind the School that now that unrest appears to prevail all over the world, it rests with the level-headed among us not to take our colour from the multitude but to make especial efforts to keep all our School energies alive and in fullest working trim. A tendency has perhaps been noticed on the part of some boys to slacken, for example, in their attendance and interest in football, of others to absent themselves from parades of the Corps, or even to pursuade their parents to agree with them when they say they "have lost interest in things military." All this reacts on the work and general tone of the School, and it is but a slight step from that frame of mind to a loss of interest in work altogether!

DE OMNIBUS REBUS.

Owing to the prevalence of the influenza epidemic the School had to be closed down from March 1st to March 17th. At one time four members of the staff, and one hundred and twenty of the school were absent.

On February 8th the Headmaster gave a fascinating lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on "Pre-Hellenic Greece—the Romance of the spade." This lecture was afterwards given to, and appreciated by, the Wakefield Mechanics' Institute.

The extraordinarily bad weather has prevented even the small amount of football usually possible in the Easter term. The state of the ground varied between extremes of hardness and muddiness. The same obstacle has prevented the Cadet Corps from holding its customary Field Day and Route Marches.

We congratulate H. Hill on having been awarded the "Edgar Allen" Scholarship for classics to Sheffield University.

With the return of peace we hope to start various school activities once more. The Debating Society, under the auspices of Mr. Waters, and a new Choral Society, with the kind help of Messrs. Hoskins and MacBurney, are already in a flourishing condition

We have received, with the greatest pleasure, letters from Old Savilians now resident at the Universities.

We were interested to note that A. M. Angus has been picked to play for Yorkshire. We congratulate him on an honour which has not often fallen to boys of this School.

The prospective date fixed for the Annual Athletic Sports is Wednesday, June 4th. It is hoped to run the Sports on a larger scale this year than has been possible during the War.

We acknowledge, with thanks, apologising for any omissions, the receipt of the following contemporaries: Leodiensian, Grovian, Leys School Magazine.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

PREFECTS.

R. E. L. Wellington, Captain of School, Captain of Savile's House, Cadet Officer in Corps, Editor of the "Savilian."

E. G. Parry, Captain of Freeston's House, Cadet Officer in Corps, School Librarian.

P. B. Broadbent, Captain of Bentley's House.

W. M. Atkinson.

A. J. R. Mahon, Captain of Football.

W. Crowther.

C. H. Cox.

C. Staynes, Company Sergeant-Major, Hon. Sec. to Debating Society.

OTHER OFFICIALS.

- F. G. Waterhouse, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, Hon. Sec. to Sports Committee.
- C. C. Holdsworth, Captain of Cave's House.
- E. Druce, Hon. Sec. to Scientific Society.
- D. Blackmore, Hon. Sec. to Choral Society.

DEBATING SOCIETY NOTES.

At a General Meeting held on January 27th, the following officials were elected.

President: The Headmaster. Vice-Presidents: Members of the Staff. Chairman: S. H. Waters, Esq. Secretary: C. Staynes.

The following were elected to the Committee-Water-

house, Atkinson, Wolfenden, Holmes, Bradley.

The first debate was held on February 5th, when the attendance of boys, chiefly Juniors, was very encouraging. The motion: "That in the opinion of this House a League of Nations should immediately be formed." The wording of the Motion provided ample means for both sides. C. W. Parris and E. G. Parry proposed: R. E. L. Wellington and C. Staynes opposed. The motion was lost by 16 votes to 8.

The inter-debates with Bradford and Leeds Schools

unfortunately did not take place this year.

The motion at our second debate was "That in the opinion of this House long holidays are an unmixed evil." The motion

was lost.

The two literary evenings were very interesting. On February 13th, the Head Master gave a reading of "Ralph Roister Doister" and Drinkwater's "x=o," and on March 20th, parodies on "Hiawatha," "The Lord of Burleigh," "Locksley Hall," "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," "The Hind and the Panther" and "Ode on Eton College" were greatly appreciated by a record attendance.

With such an able Chairman, whose untiring efforts have contributed so largely to the success of the Society, the outlook

for the Debating Society is greatly improved.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY NOTES.

October 4th. Several models were brought including:-

A model Aeroplane, by Hall. A small Dynamo, by Creswell.

A Tangent Galvanometer, by Glover, and another by and a Shocking Coil, Lawe.

Mr. Welch showed a Fleuss Air Pump in Action.

December 6th. Mr. Welch shewed an alternating Magnet, which worked successfully. Hall brought an Arc, a Water Motor, and an Electric Motor. An Electric Motor was also brought by Croswell

also brought by Creswell.

January 24th. Lecture by C. W. Parris on "Coal Gas: Its manufacture and bye-products." The making of gas was explained first, and some experiments done. Bye-products were then discussed, and the lecturer closed with a few facts as to the economics effected by the manufacturer.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Gibling, and

carried unanimously.

March 21st. Prize Competition. Eight models were entered.

Model Aeroplane. Haigh.

Submarine Chasers. Glover and Ramsden.

Destroyers. Lawe and Hall.

Water Motors. Glover and Hall (who had also

an Arc Lamp and Electric Motor on show.)

The Prizes were awarded as follows:-

1st Haigh. 2nd Ramsden. 3rd Glover.

CADET CORPS NOTES.

Owing to the prevalence of influenza throughout the school this term, the attendance at Parades has been small. Despite this fact one is able to see that the Corps is becoming very much more efficient as well as experienced. Six new recruits have joined this term, but yet the strength of the corps is below a hundred. It is hoped that many more will "enlist" next term, when there will, we hope, be more favourable weather.

This term has witnessed the introduction of two Cadet Officers. As a result an Orderly Room has been instituted, which is held on Mondays under the charge of the Orderly Officer. Classes have been held once a week throughout the term for N.C.O's. These have proved very useful, and the N.C.O's have derived great assistance from them. Mapreading lectures have also been given by Mr. Sewell, which were both interesting and instructive.

The following promotions and appointments are an-

nounced :-

To be Cadet Officers :-

No. 1. Platoon—R. E. L. Wellington.

No. 2. Platoon—E. G. Parry.

To be Company Sergeant-Major:

C. Staynes.

To be Platoon Sergiants: -

No. 1.-P. B. Broadbent.

No. 2—J. F. Walker.

To be Company Q. M.S.:-

Corporal F. G. Waterhouse,

To be Sergeants:

Corporals D. G. Blackmore.

C. M. Peel.

To be Corporals:

Lance-Corporals C. C. Holdsworth. R. Bell. To be Sergeant-Bugler:—

Corporal-Bugler J. L. Hayley.

To be Corporal-Drummer:

Cadet C. Burke.

To be Lance-Corporal Bugler:—

Cadet R. Breakwell.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XV.

RAMSDEN, F. K. (Full back). A promising player who, owing to ill-health, has unfortunately not been able to play much this season; his kicking and fielding are excellent, but his tackling needs improvement.

*CALVERT, E. L. (wing three-quarter). A very useful player; his attack is strong and direct and his tackling and fielding are excellent, but he should

practice kicking.

WALKER, J. F. (Centre three-quarter). A clever three-quarter who knows how to make openings for his wing; his kicking is good but he must pay more attention to his tackling, which should be lower and stronger.

BLACKMORE, D. M. (Centre three-quarter). A new player, who suffers from lack of experience; he is strong and fast in the attack, but he must improve

his tackling.

*MAHON, A. J. R. (Wing three-quarter). A very fast and sound three-quarter, with a habit of resolute and deadly tackling. Might use a great deal more guile in his play, however; and in his capacity of Captain one would welcome more initiative in him. Perhaps this will come next year, if the team is fortunate enough to have him still.

*Burgess, R. (Half-back) Vice-Captain. A clever half back who thoroughly deserves his success; his tackling is excellent and he knows how to make

openings for his three-quarters. His kicking is good.

HINSLEY, C. (Half-back). A young and keen player who has shown considerable improvement. He now gets the ball out quicker, and his tackling is

stronger, but he must learn not to pass in his own '25.

*HOLDSWORTH, C. C. (Forward). An excellent player, who has proved most useful in the pack. He is strong and revels in hard work, but is apt to hold on to the ball too long. His tackling is good, and he takes the ball well at the line out,

*Crowther, W. (Forward). A new, keen player. Follows up hard, and his dribbling is excellent. He gets down quickly in the scrum, but is inclined

to pick up the ball in the scrum, and hold on to it too long.

BROADBENT, P. B. (Forward). A keen player who has shown considerable improvement. He is fast in the loose, and his tackling and packing are good. He should prove a very useful forward when he grows heavier.

CONOLLY, H. (Forward). An energetic forward who follows up the ball keenly. His tackling and play in the loose are good. He gets down quickly and packs well, but his kicking needs attention. (Left at Christmas).

STEEPLES. F. L. (Forward). A fast forward, who is good at opening out the game. He follows up keenly and his kicking is good. Tackling weak. (Left at Christmas.)

*England H. (Forward). A good, hardworking forward. He plays very keenly, and his tackling and play in the loose are excellent. Uses his weight well in the scrum.

ATKINSON, W. M. (Forward). A useful forward in the scrum. He gets down quickly. Following-up good, but his tackling might be improved.

PARRY, J. N. T. (Forward). Useful in the scrum in getting the ball back.

His play in the loose is good, but his tackling is weak. (Left at Christmas).

GUEST, W. and Bell, R. also played. The former filled Ramsden's place during his absence. Though small he tackles very well, and with experience should do well. The latter is a useful forward. His tackling is good, but he should follow up with more energy.

The following are extracts, which may interest our readers, from a letter received from Pte. G. Glover, who has been a prisoner in Germany. He was wounded in the thigh, and captured by the enemy on September 10th, 1918, and got back

to England on January 10th, of this year.

"The German food allowance consisted of vegetable soups, which in England would certainly not be called food at all, they were simply unwashed vegetables . . . boiled in dirty water. There was also an allowance of "Black Jack," or bread amounting to the of a kilogram loaf per head per diem. Sawdust could be scraped from the crust."

"There were no nurses, and patients able to hobble about had to help the others. One German Doctor spent about one

hour a day with the sixty-odd patients."

"Another curious sight in Germany was that of an ox and a doukey pulling a plough. There were many combinations of animal power, and only about half the vehicles were pulled by horses. I never saw a motor behind the line and its environments."

LECTURE.

As we go to press we received the following account of a lecture given on April 2nd by Dr. Alister Mackenzie, a distinguished Old Savilian: -Dr. Mackenzie has devoted his attention during the war to the improvement of camouflage, and has held a most important position as Instructor in Camouflage to the various big Army schools. He gave us a most absorbing lecture on the "Camouflage of Trenches." He said that to take the enemy by surprise was the only way of winning a big success in modern warfare; and he pointed out the intense importance of camouflage—which he designated as "bluff"-in two ways: (1) In concealing activity in the section where the attack is going to be delivered; and (2) The creation of false activity in a totally different section. The cunning methods by which concealment, and often invisibility, was obtained were a revelation to the uninitiated. Unfortunately the lantern went wrong and prevented us from seeing the extremely interesting slides Dr. Mackenzie had brought. We feel that we should very much like to see those slides and hear more on the subject if Dr Mackenzie can spare the time at some future date.

OLD SAVILIANS' MATCH,

On Saturday, March 29th, the School XV. played a very strong team of Old Savilians. The School was outweighed and outpaced by a team consisting of men who had played for

the Wakefield Amateur Rugby Club, for some University Colleges, or for some Army teams. However the School XV. put up a plucky fight, and was by no means disgraced. The Old Savilians gave us a splendid example of fast, open Rugby football as it should be played.

We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the following players on being awarded their colours during the season:—A. J. R. Mahon, R. Burgess, C. C. Holdsworth, E. G. Parry, E. L. Calvert, W. Crowther, C. Staynes and H. England.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES.

The Spring Term has seemed very short, owing to the break of over a fortnight in the middle, and this fact, coupled with the inclement weather, has considerably handicapped progress in the football field. Very few of us escaped a cold of some sort, and all will be relieved to see some real spring weather.

Our best welcome is given to Miss Orme, who has come to teach the f. Lower, which now occupies the quondam Nature Room.

On the 22nd and 25th February we gave our "Third Annual Pantomime" in the Senior Hall, and despite bad weather and much prevalent sickness, there were quite satisfactory audiences on both occasions, a sum of £16 19s. 7d. being the total raised on behalf of the King's Fund for disabled Soldiers.

The play was called "Merry Sherwood," and certainly the actors (especially Friar Tuck and the Sheriff's henchmen) seemed to impress the audience with the huge capacity for merriment which they always show on these occasions.

The performance might be described as a jumble of the Robin Hood ballads, but as the famous outlaw dwells more in the realms of fancy than those of fact, no apology need be

made for this licence.

Act I. represented a purely imaginary aspect of Nottingham Market Place, to which came Robin Hood and his outlaws, transparently disguised as butchers and hawkers, rescued the captive Littlejohn under the Sheriff's very nose, put the latter in the stocks, and made off singing their chorus of "Down in the Green Wood" with mocking hilarity.

In Act II. we saw them taking refuge in the Castle of Sir Richard of the Lea, entertaining Richard Cœur de Lion unawares, and standing a formidable siege of about ten minutes against the Sheriff and his minions; finally leaving the tower disguised as the King and his train. F. Senior's impersonation of King Richard, and the pompous voice he assumed for the

purpose were much appreciated by the audience.

In Act III. (Sherwood Forest) Robin again assumed his disguise for the Sheriff's undoing, drugged his wine at a wayside pic-nic, robbed him and stowed him away in Tuck's cell. The good friar's masterly capture of the absurd henchmen produced many comic unrehearsed effects.

As a finale, the King reappeared in his palmer's dress, fought a duel with the gallant outlaw, wounded him, and finally pardoned him his misdeeds and made him "Earl of

Sherwood."

Several songs and interludes enlivened the proceedings, and we would like to thank Mr. Hoskins and A. D. Dixon most heartily for their help in this department.

Miss Robinson kindly gave valuable assistance with the

stage management.

A fixture has been made to repeat the performance for the Park Lane Soldiers.

OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

A paragraph of subtle comparison between Oxford before and after the War would make a suitable opening for this letter, but it would require a keener eye than mine to perceive any marked difference, and a more facile pen than mine to draw any such conclusions. The Hebdomadal Council have, I am sorry to say, lost much of their renowned business capacity through their dealings with the War Office. The younger element of the College officials, scouts, butlers, etc. now affect the conventional garb of the Undergraduate, even to the shoes turned over at the heel. These are the only noteworthy changes effected by the World War. As for the undergrad himself, he has quietly slipped back into the old ways, and, as of yore, still finds his chief distraction in pointing out the utter stupidity of the last speaker.

The dinner we gave at the end of the term was really epic. Two past head-masters of the School were present, and the conversation was brilliant. Did I say that Buol's excelled

themselves?

Yours,

O.S. Oxon.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Your O.S. Cantab takes up again with a heavy heart the pen that has lain idle for over four years, for fate, which has guided him safely through the battles for civilization, has struck at his friends with a cruel hand. Appleyard and Senior have both been killed; and of our happy little 1914 band only your correspondent is yet back. Mr. Booth, our Don, is making aeroplanes at Farnborough, V.S. Smith is in Mespot; Greenwood, I believe, is in France; of Scutt and Aspinwall I have no news; Shackleton and Womack are also in France—or probably Germany. But O.S. Cantab is ready to welcome them when they return next term or in October.

Quite a 'pre-warrish' (shade of Dr. Johnson, forgive me;) rag took place the other night, Mr. Proggins and his Bull dogs quite enjoyed the brisk revival in their trade. But there are so many men trying to do two year's work in two terms that the general wish seems to be for that peace and quiet after the

storm which is the sole desire of

Your lonely correspondent,

O.S. CANTAB.

OLD SAVILIAN NOTES.

NEW MEMBERS :-

Mr. F. W. Skinner, 35, Bradley Mills Road, Dalton Gardens, Huddersfield.

Mr. H. G. Estcourt, Greystoke, Wotton, Glos.

Mr. Harold Slack, Oxford House, Oxford Road, Wakefield. Mr. Victor Slack, Oxford House, Oxford Road, Wakefield.

Mr. W. J. R. Pickles, Marlborough House, Blenheim Road, Wakefield.

Mr. G. F. Hutchinson, New Villa, Church Lane, Normanton.

Mr. C. W. Hutchinson, New Villa, Church Lane, Normanton. Mr. C. E. Hagenbach, Stonebridge House, Benton Hill, Horbury, Yorks.

Mr. B. C. Allibone, Chevet Lane, Sandal, Wakefield.

Mr. G. C. Miles, Queen's College, Oxford; home address— Stoneleigh Terrace, Doncaster Road, Wakefield.

Mr. H. E. Wilding, University College, Oxford.

Mr. Rufus Ramsden, Moss Grove Villa, East Ardsley. near Wakefield.

Mr. H. R. Haigh, Youngwoods. Alverthorpe, Wakefield.

ALTERED ADDRESSES.—

Mr. A. M. Angus, Ashwood Villas, Eastmoor Road, Wakefield. Mr. T. Harold Baines, 5, The Avenue, Dewsbury Road, Wakefield.

Mr. H. Noble, 5, Birklands Terrace, Shipley, Yorks.

Mr. G. W. Perkin, Westfield House, Wakefield.

Mr. C. L. R. Thomas, 3, Clarence Road, Kew Gardens, Surrey.

Mr. P. R. Reynolds, St. John's Terrace, Wakefield.

MARRIAGES.

SANDERSON—SPRINT. On December 26th, 1918, Mr. Edwin Sanderson, of Bradford (late of Wakefield) to Miss Florence Sprint, Little Horton, Bradford.

ASHMORE—DRANSFIELD. On February 6th, 1919, Edwin James Caldwell Ashmore, D.S.O., M.C., Captain 10th Gurkha Rifles, to Dulcie Margaret Dransfield, of Longsight House, Darton.

It is hoped to publish shortly a record of War Service by Old Savilians. Photographs of those of our number who have fallen for us and our country, official notices of War Distinctions, and as full a list as possible of all those who have served in any branch of the Forces, will be included. Mr. Head has undertaken the work and will be more than grateful for information.

All Old Savilians will be genuinely sorry to hear of the breakdown in health of Mr. G. E. Webster, who for over 20 years has been one of the Secretaries of the Club. He has been ordered complete rest for a time, and we all sincerely hope that he will be perfectly restored to his accustomed vigorous and energetic life. His place would be indeed hard to fill. For the time all Old Savilians communications should be addressed to Mr. Head.

During the course of this year the Old Savilians Club will celebrate its coming-of-age, and it is proposed to commemorate the occasion by a number of re-unions and thanksgivings. At present the Old Boys' Cricket Match and Luncheon is fixed for July 30th next, and it is probable that a Tennis Tournament and Fête will be run simultaneously. Suggestions and assistance will be heartily welcomed and the Committee consider that, so far as we are concerned, no better way could be found of celebrating the signing of Peace, and of welcoming our old comrades from all parts of the world.

WAKEFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL. \$2,000 REQUIRED.

OBJECTS:—1 The setting up of a column in a prominent part of the School Grounds, bearing the names of all those who fall in the war.

2 The fixing in the School Hall of a permanent record of all those

who have served in any theatre of the war.

3 The investing in the hands of Trustees, of any balance of the money collected, to form the nucleus of a Fund for helping Sons of Old Savilians in their Education, either at the Wakefield Grammar School or when proceeding to a College or other Training School.

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C. H. HEAD, St. John's North, Wakefield or G. E. WEBSTER, 14, Westfield Grove, Wakefield.

Mar. 24, 1919.

NOTE.—The Treasurer will be glad to receive all the outstanding promises as soon as possible.