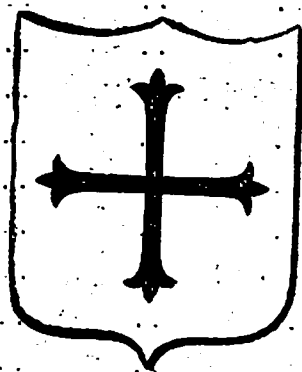


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SEC. LIEUT. JAMES CLIFFORD LEE.

The Royal Berkshire Regiment, Killed in action in Flanders, on August 1st, 1917.

(Conqueror, June 1909—Dec. 1913).

EDITORIAL.

*"The time has come the Walrus said
To talk of many things."*

In the writing of Editorials there is much to be considered ; in the reading of them much consideration must be shown. Of course you all know what an Editorial is. Well, as a matter of fact, it isn't—at least, not unless it can't help it. It's a way they've got. They're like the polite little boy's question to the singer with the voice several sizes too small for her throat : " Please, may I ask you if you must."

So far so good—more or less. If more far, if less good—very good. So far we quite agree with what we say. The difficulty is to get other people on our side. There are some people who *will* have opinions of their own. They don't really mean anything by it either. You can remonstrate with them but what's the use ? The worst of arguing with these people is that they *will* argue too. It's quite a drawback when one comes to think of it. As a matter of fact, you should never argue unless your conscience tells you you are acting rightly and you know you can win. That is a well-known axiom. However, this is not the place to talk sense, is it ? People never expect an Editorial to be sense—it is perhaps unwise to create a precedent—and they grumble if it is nonsense. The fact of the matter is that people don't know how to read Editorials. They read them as if they were ordinary, intelligent articles. Now different diseases need different treatment. Most people get hold of the Editorial and before they've read it they say, " This is nonsense." Then they read it and of course they're not disappointed—because their minds are prejudiced for one reason. If you really want to enjoy an Editorial, you should

first say to yourself " This is sensible. I can enjoy it." Then you may read the Editorial and unless you're a liar you'll find you're right. Simplicity itself ! However, this unseemly prattle goes not well with a fountain pen nor with one that keeps the paper clean for that matter. There are three things without which an Editor is not complete—a grievance to work on, a Sub-Editor to work with, a fountain pen to work without. Our particular pen is patent—of course it has been called other names, but this is official. It is patent ; that is to say, a genius or a lunatic having invented it, only to discover that it writes, is so struck by the novelty of the situation that he pays a royalty to have the secret kept, and to keep other firms from cribbing the idea. The pen itself is a marvel. You can write with it for hours and you won't find a mark to spoil the paper. For a whole year it has been ever in our pocket filling itself in a flash, demonstrating its incapacity to leak, and going through its repertoire of clever little tricks (strictly according to programme). But we have digressed, as the old lady said when she found herself talking on the point. The truth is, we are out of our sphere. Editorials and French forms usually confine themselves to a few guarded observations on the weather. As a matter of fact it has been no worse than usual—except on half-term day. But one expects that. It rains three " half-terms " out of every four, the reason that it doesn't rain on the fourth being that every fourth " half-term " is reserved for a deluge.

Now that we have led up to the weather let us leave it. There was once a Scotchman whose wife was to be buried. As the men carried the coffin along a passage, they stumbled and the coffin came into violent contact with the corner. The lid flew off and the wife sat up and rubbed her

eyes. She had been in a trance. Twenty years later the wife died again. The men were carrying the coffin along the same passage, when the Scotchman rushed forward. "Canny, lads," he cried, "canny wi' yon corner."

To get back to the weather and the Editorial—oh! bother them both. Let's give them a rest this time. Shall us? Let's.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects.

- A. Ericson* : Captain of School ; Captain of Football ; Captain of Shooting ; Sergeant-at-Arms, Debating Society.
H. P. Cooper : Prefect of Chapel ; Sacristan ; Member of Debating Society Committee.
D. D. Parnell : Prefect of Hall ; Editor of *The Ellesmerian* ; Member of Debating Society Committee ; Assistant Librarian.
W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson : Secretary of Debating Society ; Member of Games' Committee.
H. W. Garforth : Member of Games' Committee.
R. W. Price : Secretary of Games' Committee ; Member of Debating Society Committee.
H. C. Shingler :
E. G. Girling : Member of Games' Committee.
H. J. Clee : Member of Games' Committee.

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We congratulate the Rev. C. Whitworth, S.S.M., on being appointed Chaplain in succession to the Rev. A. W. G. Murphy this term. Mr. Murphy leaves us in order to resume his work in connection with the Society of the Sacred Mission (Kelham). We are very sorry to lose him, for during the two years which he has spent here, he has done splendid work for the school in every way. We can only say how truly

grateful we are for his work here and that we wish him every success in the future.

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Mr. Whitworth was by no means a stranger to us when he was installed as Chaplain, for he held a mission here from Oct. 6th to Oct. 13th, in conjunction with Mr. Wyllie. The mission was a very great success and did an enormous amount of good to the school. Both Mr. Whitworth and Mr. Wyllie must be congratulated on the success of their work. We extend a hearty welcome to the new Chaplain, and wish him good luck.

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Two masters left us last term : Mr. T. E. Williams (Drawing Master and Dormitory Master of the Juniors) ; and Mr. B. Hoole, who was a Second-Lieutenant in the O.T.C.

We extend a most hearty welcome to the Rev. W. R. H. Cosens, who comes to us as Art Master for this term.

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The Rev. D. C. E. Craigie is Dormitory Master of the Juniors.

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We offer our congratulations to A. Ericson on becoming Captain of School ; to H. P. Cooper on being made Prefect of Chapel, and D. D. Parnell, Prefect of Hall. We also congratulate H. C. Shingler, E. G. Girling and H. J. Clee on being made Prefects this term.

G. T. Cattell, C. G. Skinner and H. Griffith are Dormitory Prefects.

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A. Ericson is Captain of Football, R. W. Price Secretary of the Games' Committee, and H. W. Garforth and H. J. Clee are the new members of the Games' Committee this term.

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We congratulate the following on gaining Third-Class Honours in the Oxford Local Examinations last term :—

S. L. B. Smith (Senior), H. C. Shingler (Senior), G. M. Whiteway (Junior), and F. G. Wintle (Preliminary).

J. L. W. Johnstone gained distinction in History in the Oxford Seniors. In order to celebrate his success the School was given a half-holiday on October 18th.

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We offer our congratulations to the Rev. W. R. H. Cosens on being gazetted to a Commission as Second-Lieutenant in the O.T.C.

Sergeant Bloxham left us this term, and has been succeeded by Sergeant A. Smith (R.W.F.)

A Field-day and route-march to Whittington took place on November 12th, and was very enjoyable. The attack on Frankton with which the day commenced was over about one o'clock, and after a short rest we marched on to Whittington, where we had tea at the Pioneer Café. We returned via Ellesmere, getting back to school just after 7 o'clock.

Lieut.-Col. F. H. Nugent-Burnell, D.S.O. of the Western Command, Chester, inspected the O.T.C. on November 14th in the afternoon. He was especially pleased with the Physical Training and the way in which the class was instructed.

We congratulate Sgt. Price on passing a Musketry Course for N.C.O.'s at the Western Command School of Musketry, Altcar.

We also congratulate him on his recent promotion from Corporal to Sergeant.

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An O.T.C. camp was held from July 31st to August 9th last at Thoresby Park, near Worksop. We sent a fairly large contingent and there were contingents from six other Officers' Training Corps there. The camp was in charge of Lt.-Col. Stubbs, D.S.O., and we were inspected on August 7th by General Sir John Maxwell. We feel sure that all who went will agree

that we had a very enjoyable time in spite of the atrocious weather.

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We congratulate the following on gaining their 1st XI. Cricket Colours last term:—E. Garnett (regained), R. Bowyer (regained), W. H. Pilkington (regained), R. W. Price (regained), G. T. Cattell and S. L. B. Smith.

The following gained 2nd XI. Colours:—H. J. Clee (regained), H. W. Garforth, W. J. Keeley and L. J. Barrett.

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The bat presented by Mr. Ifor P. Davies for all-round proficiency on the cricket field has been awarded to A. Ericson. We tender him our heartiest congratulations.

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Mr. H. P. Pestle has been elected President of the Debating Society in place of Mr. Murphy, who has resigned.

H. P. Cooper and R. W. Price are the new members of the Debating Society Committee this term.

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The Shooting Eight this term is as follows:—

Sergeant A. Ericson (Captain).

Sergeant E. Garnett.

Sergeant R. Bowyer.

Corporal H. J. Clee.

Corporal B. Howard.

Cadet B. H. Cathrick.

Cadet J. H. C. Ryan.

Cadet E. H. Fenton.

The Shooting VIII. fired against the Ellesmere V.T.C. VIII. on November 16th, at the Volunteers' Armoury. In spite of the fact that our team had never fired in artificial light, we made a score of 194 against our opponents' 128. Our VIII. is heartily to be congratulated on its victory.

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A pack of Wolf Cubs has been formed this term for boys under 12 years of age, Dr. Drawbridge being Cubmaster, and

Mr. Browett Assistant Cubmaster. It is a very excellent thing for the boys who are too young to become members of the O.T.C. to have such an institution as this, and we wish the movement and its originators every possible success.

The Wolf Cubs had a Route March to Overton on November 15th, leaving school at 10-30 a.m., and returning for tea.

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Half-term Day was held on All Saints' Day, November 1st, and the school breaks up on Tuesday, December 18th.

An extra half-holiday was given on November 15th to celebrate the Inspection of the Corps by Lt.-Col. Nugent-Burnell. The Prefects' half was on Friday, November 30th.

OXFORD LOCALS.

JULY, 1917.

Senior.

3rd Class Honours : S. L. B. Smith, H. C. Shingler.

Passed : J. L. W. Johnstone (*with distinction in History*), H. P. Cooper, E. G. Girling, S. H. O'Connell.

Junior.

3rd Class Honours : G. M. Whiteway.

Passed : C. M. Amor, D. C. B. Bradburn, C. R. Nevett, V. T. Payton, G. A. Richards, J. W. Robinson, G. J. Ryan.

Preliminary.

3rd Class Honours, with distinction in French : F. G. Wintle.

Passed : F. E. Betteridge, C. St. C. Blackwell, L. H. Bradley, F. A. Hall, T. Hope, D. La C. Keatinge, W. L. Langford, H. R. Oldham, H. Schofield, A. A. P. Warren, W. D. L. Aherin, R. E. Brabyn, G. F. Brown, G. A. B. Collis, L. A. Corah, J. R. R. Davies, G. J. Davies, N. H. Fletcher, G. G. C. Green, L. Irwin, G. S. Morgan,

L. A. Price, W. H. Taylor, A. E. Wardle, R. N. Wilson, N. Wilson, W. A. Wright.

MIDLAND WOODARD SCHOOLS' WAR MEMORIAL.

The one great crying need of Ellesmere has always been that of a Chapel, and we are not a little pleased that the 'Chapter' has decided to make the building of the permanent Chapel at Ellesmere the War Memorial of the Midland Woodard Schools. As the Provost says in his circular letter : "There must be many who have lost (or had preserved), a son or a brother, who will be willing to help the Shropshire Woodard School to its much needed Chapel. To them I make my appeal, as well as to them who know and recognise the work of the School for God, the Church and the Country."

To provide the necessary funds to further this good work, the Headmaster has decided to appeal to parents of past and present Ellesmerians, and all interested in the school, to subscribe towards the £15,000 which will be required for the completed and furnished Chapel. We are very grateful to those whose gifts (promised or received) are mentioned here.

	£	s.
Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart. . .	5000	0
The Provost & Mrs. Talbot (in 5 years)	1000	0
The Provost and Fellows of Denstone (in 5 years)	1000	0
The Headmaster of Ellesmere . .	100	0
Mrs. M. Johnson, Liverpool . .	1	0
Capt. T. S. Louch (O.E.)	5	5
W. H. Langford, Esq., Chirbury Hall	1	1
T. Hope, Esq., Handforth (1st donation)	10	0
J. G. Cameron (O.E.), Cardiff . .	1	0

	£	s.
Dr. J. T. Shirlaw, M.D. Upholland	5	0
E. A. Parry, Esq. (O.E.), South- port	1	10
Rev. C. W. Chaplin-Wilkinson (1st donation)	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. T. G. Lee, Handley ..	3	0
Mrs. M. Tindall, Cardiff	2	2
W. H. Taylor, Esq., Bradstow, Cardiff	5	5
J. J. Broughton, Esq., Wigan ..	2	2
Mrs. Green, Bidford-on-Avon ..	1	0
A. B. Balfour, Esq., Consulat de Belgique	2	0
A. Burgess, (O.E.), Stalybridge ..	2	2
W. Philip, Esq., Astley	25	0
Mrs. Lloyd Davies, Wolverhamp- ton	1	0
Mrs. Nevett, Alsager	1	1
Mrs. Griffith, Treorchy	5	0
Rev. D. W. Lee (O.E.), Spring Vale	10	0
T. Hope, Esq., Handforth (2nd donation)	10	0

CHAPEL NOTES.

THE MISSION.

Ever since the Bishop's Messenger in the National Mission was prevented from coming to Ellesmere through ill health it had been intended to give the school at some subsequent date an opportunity for the deepening of the spiritual life. For some time it was difficult to secure Missioners and in the end, military chaplaincies having swallowed up the priests most specially qualified, it was found impossible to provide a separate Missioner for the Staff. The Mission began on October 6th and lasted till the 14th. It was conducted by two of the Clergy from Kelham,—for the elder boys by Fr. Cyril Whitworth, and for the younger boys, by Fr. Robert Francis Wyllie. The latter was only able

to come at all owing to the fact that the Government was for the time being holding back all passports even for Central Africa where he was promised to U.M.C.A., which is badly in need of men. His work here was a great help. Let us remember his future ministry in our prayers. The School entered very happily and unitedly into the Mission. It would not be very easy or desirable to try to measure its influence. That is a secret between God and individual souls. But there must be many who can look back upon it with thanksgiving, and only our own individual failure can ever turn that into regret. It is a matter of perseverance, if need be of renewing what we then purposed and resolved. As a memorial of the Mission a large Crucifix, of which the figure is about two feet in length, has been presented to the Chapel.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE CHAPLAIN. Directly after the Mission the Provost visited the School and installed the Rev Cyril Whitworth as Chaplain. The Installation took place just before Compline on October 15th.

SUMMARY OF CHAPEL ACCOUNTS.

FEB. 3RD, 1916—OCT. 15TH, 1917.

Offertories and Donations.

1916	£	s.	d.
Bal. recd. of Rev. T. H. Hennessy	15	5	
Offertories, Lent Term	3	18	0
Donation (C.A.)		2	6
Offertories, Sum. Term	7	5	6
Offertories, Mich. Term	7	5	2
Donation (G.E.C.)		10	0
	£19	16	7

1917.			
Balance from 1916 ..	8	12	11½
Offertories, Lent Term ..	6	9	10
Offertories, Sum. Term ..	8	4	7
Donation (Provost) ..	5	0	0
Offertories, Mich. Term (to Oct. 15th) ..	4	0	6
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	£32	7	10½

Expenditure.

1916			
Altar Breads (and post) ..		14	4
Candles ..	2	9	7
Music, Hymn cards, Organ and Vestry Hangings ..	6	7	8½
Crucifix (small) ..		2	6
Alarm Clock ..		5	0
Cut flowers ..	1	0	9
Carriage on goods ..		3	9
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	11	3	7½
Balance ..	8	12	11½
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	£19	16	7

1917.			
Altar Breads (and post) ..	13	2	
Insurance ..	5	0	
Altar Wine ..	1	13	0
Compline Cards (240) ..	19	9	
Cassocks (8) ..	6	0	0
Candles ..	1	13	0
Polishing materials ..		2	6
Black veiling (G. Friday) ..		7	8
Surplices (per Matron) ..	1	0	3½
Printing Service Lists ..	2	0	0
Cut flowers ..		16	6
Music ..	1	16	5
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	17	7	3½
Balance (handed to Rev. C. C. A.W.) ..	15	0	7
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	£32	7	10½

CHAPEL ALMS BOXES.

	£	s.	d.
Improvement Fund Box, cleared 5 times ..	17	3½	
Handed to Rev. C. C. A. W. ..	17	3½	
Chapel Building Box, cleared 4 times ..	2	14	1½
Handed to Headmaster ..	2	14	1½
Additions and receipts checked and found correct.			

D. R. EVANS.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

(From Our Parliamentary Correspondent).

A Meeting of the Society was held in the Boys' Library on Sunday, September 16th, 1917, at 6-35 p.m.

The President the Rev. A. W. G. *Murphy*) formally declared his desire to resign the Presidency of the Society.

Mr. H. P. Pestle, pro. Cooper, sec. Parnell, was unanimously elected President.

The following were proposed as Members of the Committee:—

H. P. Cooper, pro. Wilkinson, sec. Parnell.

R. W. Price, pro. Garnett iii., sec. Girling.

H. W. Garforth, pro. Price i., sec. Cooper. *Cooper* and *Price i.* were elected.

The following were proposed and seconded as members of the Society:—

Savage, Betteridge, Whitfield, Oldham, Barrett, Martyn, Payton, Fenton, Price ii, Ryan i, Ryan ii, Ryan iii, Woodward, Hey, Pilkington iii, Williamson, Garnett iv, Fraser, Ffoulkes-Jones.

The meeting then adjourned.

A Meeting was held on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at 6-45 p.m.

The following were elected members of the Society :—

C. W. Savage, pro. Cooper, sec. Skinner.
H. Betteridge, pro. Garforth, sec. Girling
L. P. E. Whitfield, pro. Garnett iii. sec. Cooper.

H. R. Oldham, pro. Price i, sec. C.-Wilkinson.

E. H. Fenton, pro. Bradburn, sec. Garforth.

L. J. Barrett, pro. Bowyer, sec. Price i.

V. T. Payton, pro. Parnell, sec. C.-Wilkinson.

G. K. Hey, pro. Brown i, sec. Griffith.

G. J. Ryan, pro. Girling, sec. Garforth.

J. H. C. Ryan, pro. Brown i, sec. Girling.

E. H. Woodward, pro. Skinner, sec. Bradburn.

L. A. Price, pro. Brown i, sec. Price i.

G. Martyn, pro. Garforth, sec. Skinner.

E. Pilkington, pro. Price i, sec. Parnell.

C. E. V. Ryan, pro. Bowyer, sec. Garforth.

P. Williamson, pro. Garforth, sec. Bowyer.

The Debate was impromptu.

- (1) "That, in the opinion of this House, England will have become a Republic before the end of the war."

Proposer : *H. L. Griffith.*

Opposer : *D. C. B. Bradburn.*

The motion was lost by seven votes to three.

- (2) "That a miser is a better character than a spendthrift."

Proposer : *R. Bowyer.*

Opposer : *R. W. Price.*

The House then adjourned.

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Sunday, September 30th.

The meeting opened by the members elected at the previous meeting signing the Roll of the Society.

Johnstone I. proposed, and *Bradburn* seconded, that the Society should be remodelled with a boy as President. [The decision of this proposal was postponed.]

Cooper proposed, and *Parnell* seconded, that each member of the Society should have to speak at least six times a session. [This proposition was lost by a large majority.]

The motion before the House was :—
"That in the opinion of this House, women have earned their vote in the present War."

D. D. Parnell in bringing forward the motion, pointed out the splendid work that women had done as nurses and in all kinds of war-work.

J. L. W. Johnstone, in opposing, said that the Suffragettes had alienated public opinion against votes for women, and that we did not wish to see Mrs. Pankhurst as Prime Minister.

D. C. B. Bradburn seconded the Proposer of the motion.

G. F. Brown spoke as Second Opposer.

Mr. Browett, *Miss Turner* and *Miss Scott* then spoke in favour of the motion, pointing out that injustice of women not being allowed to share in the government.

On the vote being taken, the motion was carried by 14 votes to 3.

The House then adjourned.

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Sunday, October 14th.

A Meeting of the Society was held in the Boys' Library at 6-35 p.m.

Owing to the fact that members had not had time to prepare speeches for a debate, certain members of the Society were asked to make impromptu speeches of three minutes in length on various subjects selected beforehand.

The best speeches were those made by Mr. Pestle, Mr. Whitworth, Mr. Murphy, D. D. Parnell, and W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson.

Sunday, October 28th.

The House discussed the following Motion :—"That in the opinion of this House, the Army, and not the Navy, should be the senior service."

R. W. Price in proposing, pointed out what glorious work the Army had done during the present war, and said that it would be a splendid way of re-organizing its services, by regarding it as the Senior Service.

E. G. Girling (opposer) said that the Navy had always been senior and ought to remain so, and also that without it the Army would be practically useless.

H. L. Griffith said that it was natural to fight on land and not in water like fishes. (Laughter.)

D. C. B. Bradburn, in seconding the Opposer pointed out that the Navy was started very early in our history.

Mr. Murphy said that he did not take "senior service" to imply superiority and that one of the two—Army or Navy—had to take precedence over the other.

Mr. Pestle spoke in favour of the motion.

After several other speeches had been made, the House adjourned.

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[The reports of the remaining debates of the term will be published in the next number of *The Ellesmerian*.]

O.T.C.

The strength of the Contingent this term is 142. The following are the new recruits :—*T. Andrews*, *O. K. Arnold*, *P. G. Brooke*, *C. A. B. Baker*, *R. H. B. Bourne*, *W. J. Brown* (iii), *G. A. B. Collis* (i), *D. Coller*, *J. P. C. Chorlton*, *W. B. Curran*, *J. H. Davies* (x), *W. M. Davies* (viii), *G. S. Ffoulkes-Jones*, *G. G. C. Green*, *H. G. Greenway*, *C. E. Haswell*, *G. W. J. Hoyle*, *H. H. Haycraft*, *J. I. Irving* (i), *J. F. S. Jones* (v), *G. M. Jones*

(ii), *A. Knight*, *R. Lane*, *C. W. Leon*, *G. E. Preece*, *R. H. Williams* (iii), *A. R. Woolley*, *W. W. MacCormack*.

Parades have been held throughout the term at 12-15 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. In addition, organised Physical Training parades have been started, at the only available time, viz., between 5 and 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We are fortunate in having the services of Staff-Sergt. Walker, who comes out from Prees Heath Camp as instructor for this work. The Army authorities are at present laying great stress on physical training as a part of the soldier's work, and a special course has been arranged for Officers and N.C.O's. in the Western Command in physical and bayonet training at Chester during the forthcoming holidays. It will begin on December 31st and last for 10 days. Four vacancies have been allotted to us.

The Rev. W. R. H. Cosens was gazetted on November 2nd to a commission as Sec. Lieutenant for service with the contingent. Sergeant A. Smith has been posted to us from the R.W.F. Depot,, Wrexham, as Sergeant-Instructor, to take the place of Sergeant Bloxham, who has rejoined his battalion.

Promotions this term have been as follows :—Cadet *G. T. Cattell* (i) to be Lce-Corporal, and Corp. *R. W. Price* to be Sergeant. The latter attended an O.T.C. Course in Musketry during the summer holidays at the Command School at Altcar, and obtained a satisfactory certificate.

The chief event since last term was the annual camp, the first the Contingent has attended since the outbreak of the war. It was held at Thoresby Park, near Worksop, from July 31st to August 9th and was as complete a success as was possible in weather which broke all records in "frightfulness." The following con-

tingents also attended :—Bury Grammar School, Worksop College, Nottingham High School, Hymers College, Hull, Manchester Gram. School, and St. Lawrence College, Chester. Col. G. C. Stubbs, D.S.O. was commandant, and Capt. G. F. Hood, O.C. of Nottingham High School contingent acted as adjutant. Much valuable work was done in musketry, bayonet-fighting, bombing, and physical training, the day's routine being just the same as that carried out by the training units of the new armies. The camp was organised as a battalion of four companies, and three inspections were held, by Brigadier-General Fortesque, commanding the 208th brigade to which we were attached, Lieut.-Gen. Kelly, commanding the division, and Gen. Sir John Maxwell, G.O.C.-in-C. of the Northern Command. The success of the Camp was due largely to the work done by the Commandant and Brig.-Gen. Fortescue, both of whom made every effort to make the training interesting and instructive. Our contingent numbered 51, and many more would no doubt have gone were it not for the fact that the camp began a week after the end of our summer term.

On November 14th, we were inspected by Lt.-Col. F. H. Nugent-Burnell, D.S.O., from Command Headquarters, Chester, who commented favourably on the work especially the physical training instruction, which he said was better than any he had seen in a school corps.

The Wood Lane Range has been brought into use again this term, and a number of cadets have started their course on it. The mild weather has also enabled us to use the miniature range. The shed over the firing-point, which the inspecting officer last June recommended in his report, is being constructed and will probably be ready for next term. Ordnance have supplied us recently with six

additional rifles of the " 1914 " pattern.

Much progress has been made in bayonet fighting this term. Gallows and sacks have been put up for practice in the later stages.

One field-day has been held, on November 12th. An attack and defence scheme was carried out on Frankton Brow, after which we marched to Whittington, had tea, and came back along the main road, reaching the school at 7 p.m. We were lucky in hitting upon an exceptionally fine day.

The following cadets have been recommended and accepted for admission to officer cadet units on reaching the age of eighteen :—

Sgt. A. Ericson.....R.G.A.
L/C. Johnstone.....Infantry.
L/C. CattellInfantry.
Sgt. R. W. Price.....Tank Corps.
L/C. Vanderbilt.....R.N.A.S.

SHOOTING.

The Shooting Eight is the same this term as last year. Only one match has been held, against the Ellesmere Volunteers on their miniature range in Ellesmere, on Nov. 16th. Each man fired two practices, 5 shots on a bull's-eye target, and 3 shots on a figure target. The School team proved to be much too strong for the volunteers, who were badly beaten by a large margin of points.

THE WOLF-CUBS.

(Restricted to boys too young for the O.T.C.)

A pack of wolf-cubs (a branch of the Boy Scouts) was formed at the commencement of this term and has done some very useful work under the capable guidance of Dr. Drawbridge, who is in command.

The pack has mastered some simple drill and the "sixers" are on the whole carrying out their respective duties in a highly creditable manner.

As a variation to drill scout games have been played by the cubs with much enjoyment.

In the middle of November a route march was made to Overton via Penley. "Fall-in" was at ten-thirty and soon to the inspiring sound of the drum and bugles the pack was under weigh.

At Penley the pack was met by the Penley troop of scouts under command of Scoutmaster Williams and under his orders the combined troops proceeded to Overton and were drawn up in front of the Temperance Hotel at 1-30.

After games and the "grand howl" in the recreation ground, a good tea was served in the Temperance Hall. The departure from Overton was made at 4 p.m. and after a march of two and three-quarter hours (very good time for such youngsters), the pack arrived at the school tired out but happy, after a very enjoyable day.

The pack numbers 34. Mr. Browett is assistant-Scoutmaster. The "sixers" are Tench, Roberts, Bruxby ii, Bradshaw, Langford ii, and Greenwood ii. The "seconds" are Cristall ii, Barrows, Dodd, Bate, Fox-Russell iii, and Jenkins.

The District Commissioner, Gen. Montgomery, has kindly given permission for the formation of a Local Association at the School, consisting of the Headmaster (President), Mr. G. E. Cope (Secretary), and Mr. W. G. Acheson (Treasurer), a Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster (ex-officio).

Major Nugent-Burnell, who inspected the O.T.C. on Nov. 14th, expressed a wish to see the pack. In the course of an informal talk with the cubs, he said that he was interested in the Boy Scouts because he had been given the Swastika badge of

thanks presented for his service at the King's Rally at Windsor in 1912, when he was in charge of some thousands.

T.W.B.

ELLESMERE WOLF CUBS— "GREETING."

Surely, never in the history of our Empire has there been a time when from the eldest to the youngest you feel you must be doing "your bit" for the common cause. Not one of you, unless he be the meanest slacker going, can dare shirk that great responsibility, and therefore I send you my heartiest good wishes. A scout of the true type learns to use every power in him to the best advantage, not for his own benefit but for his fellow creatures. In my mind, you are not a mere troop of Scouts, but the future men of our wonderful new Empire. An Empire, Scouts, and it is a very solemn thought, arising out of the splendid self-sacrifice and "Passing on" of our Empire's Sons. Hardly one of you but must have some relative among that glorious Band. Are you going to let their sacrifice be in vain because you are too slack—too selfish to grasp the fact that to each one of you comes this call—a call to put your whole heart and mind into making yourselves fitter, using to the utmost every talent you have been entrusted with, brains, muscles, voice, inventive powers, etc., during the next few years. Then, when the time comes you may go forth men, clean, strong, true, to take up the opportunities that await you. None of you know now what those opportunities God has in store for you are. The present only concerns you. Carry the keen spirit into Form, not drop it with the Scouts' uniform, train yourselves in prompt obedience, straight dealing, kindness and courtesy between yourselves,

everything that will best fit you to serve your God, your King, and your Empire. Not to all of you will the great opportunities of life be given, but all of you have the Little Things, the Nuts and Screws on which the whole machinery of Life depends to daily "carry on" with; so count no effort too great to make yourselves by God's help "Fit men and True."

MONICA.

FOOTBALL.

This season has been the most successful the 1st XV. has experienced for a long time, and our team has been excellent in every way. We have not lost a single match this term, and our victory of 21—0 over Liverpool College on October 10th is a fine tribute to our XV., for our opponents were a far heavier team, and were therefore at an advantage in the scrums.

Owing to the War, our fixture list has unfortunately been very small, and the two matches arranged with H.M.S. "Conway" had to be cancelled.

We wish all good luck to the Captain and the XV., and congratulate them on their very successful season.

The fixtures are as follows:—

- Oct. 10 Liverpool College (Home).
- Oct. 27 Willaston School (Away).
- Nov. 3 Ruthin Grammar School (Away)
- Nov. 24 Willaston School (Home).
- Dec. 5 Ruthin Gram. School (Home).
- Dec. 15 Liverpool College (Away).

An account of these matches will be found in our next issue.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

These were resumed on July 9th, and 11th, and concluded on the 12th. The Junior Plunge was won by Allison with a very fine effort which actually beat the Senior by three or four inches. And, as

the winner of this event appeared certain to win the Junior One Length, he seemed at this stage to be the probable winner of the Provost's Belt since the holder Jones i. was not allowed to take it a second year, and no other boy appeared able to equal Allison's probable points of eleven. In the event however the Junior One Length was won by Garnett iv. since Allison was disqualified for swimming across all three other competitors in the final; he nearly lost the semi-final for the same reason, *i.e.* not keeping straight, but previous to this "in the heats" he had kept perfectly straight and his failure was the more to be regretted since he really had plenty in hand to look up for a moment in order to see that he was steering a straight course. The Senior Four Lengths Final:—Clee, Girling, Jones i, Irwin i.—was a good race. Jones was first, Irwin second. In the Senior One Length Final, Garnett iii, was a surprisingly close second to Jones i.

The School is certainly entitled to congratulate itself on the keenness and sporting spirit displayed both by competitors and spectators, and on the orderly manner in which the Sports were carried out. In the press of things at the end of term it is next to impossible so to arrange matters that no one has to compete in more than one or even two events on the same day, but generally speaking boys were always ready *when* they were wanted to do *what* they were wanted to do, and so far as one could hear there was a complete and most refreshing absence of "grouching."

The full results are as follows:—

- Senior One Length—(1) Jones i; (2) Garnett iii.
- Senior Four Lengths—(1) Jones i; (2) Irwin i.
- Junior One Length—(1), Garnett iv.; (2) Pilkington iii.
- Junior Four Lengths—(1) Garnett iv.; (2) Pilkington iii.

Minimi One Length—(1) Harris ; (2) Greenwood ii.

Senior High Dive—(1) Jones i. ; (2) Bradburn.

Junior High Dive—(1) Wintle ; (2) Bruxby ii.

Senior Running Header—(1) Jones i. ; (2) Bradburn.

Junior Running Header—(1) Steele ; (2) Cattell ii.

Senior Plunge—(1) Martyn ; (2) Jones i.

Junior Plunge—(1) Allison ; (2) Whitfield i.

Minimi Plunge—(1) Steele ; (2) Harris.

Flying Squadron—King Harold.

Team :—Jones i, Garnett iii, Girling, Garnett iv.

The Shield and Cup go to the Harold with 82 points which must be almost, if not quite, a record.

Garnett iv. wins the Provost's Belt with 12½ points. Jones i. gained 38½, Bradburn 9, Steele 9, Martyn 8, Pilkington iii. 6, Allison and Wintle 5½ each, Irwin i. 5.

LIFE-SAVING COMPETITION.

The competition for the Silver Medal annually presented by the Royal Humane Society took place on the afternoon of Monday, July the 23rd. A rather large number of those who had entered "scratched" at the last moment—a most undesirable practice. But Greenwood i, Irwin i, Bradburn, Jones i and Allison were left in.

In the first trial, that of bringing the floating dummy to land, there was not a very great deal to choose between any of these, but Jones i. and Bradburn were the best.

The second trial consists of bringing a weighted dummy which is sunk in a known spot to land. Ryan ii. failed even to get below the surface since he had not

taken the precaution of wetting his flannels before entering the water and he consequently floated round rather like a half-inflated balloon.

Greenwood i. gained a distinct lead in this trial and it now seemed that Bradburn and Irwin i. were his only serious competitors for the Medal. In the third trial he had extraordinary luck in finding the dummy, (sunk this time in a spot not indicated) almost immediately and bringing it to land in good time. Several of the others, particularly Jones i., Bradburn and Irwin i., exhibited considerable powers of endurance and systematic methods of search, but from the display that Greenwood gave it seems quite likely that even if he had not been so lucky as to "find" directly, he might have easily equalled or excelled them in these respects.

The final points were :—Greenwood 52½, Irwin i. 36½, Bradburn 33, Jones i. 29, Allison 12.

The Headmaster who very kindly acted as judge, arranged on the bank a demonstration of restoring breathing to the apparently drowned, and in his remarks to the school especially emphasised the importance of *sending for a doctor* before commencing operations.

SWIMMING.

Lengths swum Summer Term, 1917.

6⁰ lengths = 1 mile.

Over	Ryan ii.
Wilks	Brooks
Whiteway i.	

3½ lengths = ½ mile.

Ryan iii.	Keatinge i.
Pavillard i.	Hinton
Betteridge i.	Whitfield i.
Cooper	Garforth
Woodward	Garnett iv.
Wilson ii.	Coller
Mac Fall i.	

17 lengths = $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

Bradley	Ling
Harper	Kemp
Collis	Russell
Jones v.	Jones iii.
Garnett v.	Aherin
Perrot	Irwin i.
Wintle	Riseley i.
Creese	Brown i.
Riseley ii.	Morgan i.
Wardle	

5 lengths.

Nevett i.	Hoyle
Brabyn	Wilson iv.
Knight	Farmer
Bowyer i.	Philip
Heppel	Blackwell
Berry	Taylor
Bruxby i.	Davies i.
Ryan i.	

17 lengths in flannels.

Wilks

5 lengths in flannels.

Riseley i.
Riseley ii.

1 length—learners.

Knight	Dare
Clayton	Hope i.
Farmer	Wilson iv.
Steele	Johnson i.
Jones iv.	Thomas
Robinson ii.	Griffith
Farrar	Smith i.

All learners could swim except Barker who only started at half term and Riseley iv.

CRICKET SEASON.

On the whole the season was rather disappointing, for though we won three of the five matches played and only lost one, the performances of the team should have been better. In three of the five matches our opponents were very weak, and of the other two we lost one and just managed to win the other by a couple of runs. No less than seven of the previous year's eleven were left to us, and the team should have

been quite a good one, but somehow it never realised expectations. In the first match against the First Hereford's Reserve Battalion we got our opponents out for the small score of 61, and though 17 was up when the first wicket fell, we only scored the meagre total of 49, most of the School XI. being unnerved by a fast bowler. Good though he was, we ought to have scored more.

Against St. Lawrence College we lost two wickets in the first over for no runs, then 4 for 2, and 6 for 12, mostly due to trying to play balls wide on the off which should have been left alone. The later part of the team came to the rescue, however, Bowyer playing a very good patient innings of 10, and Smith a dashing one of 32 not out, with the result that we ultimately reached a total of 71; far more than at one time ever seemed possible. The batting of St. Lawrence was also weak, and we eventually got them out for 69, after their last wicket had put on about a dozen runs. In the other three matches, two against Willaston School, and one against Oswestry Grammar School, our opponents were considerably below our strength, but Willaston managed to draw on our ground their last wicket staying for about 50 minutes and playing out time. Perhaps if four fastest bowlers had been put on, we should have won the match, as the opposition was only moderate.

The highest individual scores of the season were Ericson's 68 against Willaston, and Bowyer's 66 against Oswestry Grammar School, but the most valuable score was Smith's 32 against St. Lawrence, made at a time when everything was going against us. It was a highly creditable performance.

The mainstays of the bowling were Ericson, Price i., and Cattell i., with the first-named perhaps the most reliable.

The fielding of the side on the whole was

good, especially the ground fielding, some catches being missed which ought to have been held.

The most improved members of the side during the season were Garnett, Bowyer, and Smith.

1st XI. AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	Highest score	Total Runs.	Aver- age.
R. Bowyer.	6	2	65*	111	27.75
A. Ericson	6	0	68	119	19.83
R. W. Price . .	6	1	58*	71	14.2
S. L. B. Smith..	6	2	32*	54	13.5
E. Garnett.....	6	0	41	64	10.6
W. H. Pilkington	5	1	22	42	10.5
C. W. Savage... 4	2	5*	15	7.5	
L. P. E. Whitfield	4	1	13	21	7.
W. J. Keeley ...	3	0	9	18	6
G. T. Cattell ...	6	0	13	28	4.6
H. W. Griffith..	3	0	1	1	.3

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average
A. Ericson .	50	7	115	21	5.43
G. T. Cattell ...	42	7	88	16	5.5
R. W. Price....	54	14	89	16	5.56

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

A. Ericson (Capt.)—A very useful all-round cricketer. Rather too keen on making runs quickly and occasionally got out to an off-ball which should have been left alone. Quite a good bowler who kept an excellent length and might have bowled more frequently than he did. Quite a good Captain on the whole, but was sometimes rather late in changing his bowling.

**E. Garnett*.—Has improved immensely as a batsman. He has a good stand and a very strong "leg" stroke, but on the "off" is inclined to nibble at high balls. A very good fielder and catch.

**R. Bowyer*.—A scoring batsman with very little style. He has a very good "off drive" but should learn to stand his ground and not run away from balls pitched on the leg. He is often too eager to score and hits wildly at balls pitched off the wicket. A very good fielder and a safe catch.

**W. H. Pilkington*.—A good batsman with plenty of hitting power. His poor scores are mostly due to his nervousness. A good fielder and safe catch.

**R. W. Price*.—A good batsman who has improved considerably since last year, but cannot yet be regarded as safe. He is a good bowler with plenty of pluck but at times is apt to become irritated and impatient. A very good fielder and catch.

**G. T. Cattell*.—A very good batsman with a variety of good strokes which he seems to be afraid to use in matches. He is a patient bowler with a good length and pace. Fields and catches well in the "slips."

**S. L. B. Smith*.—A batsman who came on wonderfully during the season. Has a variety of strokes at his command but never uses them. Should learn to get rid of the flourish before each stroke. An excellent fielder and catch.

†*H. J. Clee*.—Was out of form during the early part of the season, but worked his way up in the team. He bats well, is a good catch and a fair fielder. A keen member of the team.

†*H. W. Garforth*.—A fairly good batsman but is rather lacking in strokes. Is too inclined to nibble when he should hit. He improved as a wicket keeper but is still a little slow.

†*W. J. Keeley*.—A fair batsman with a weak defence who took pains to improve his cricket. A good fielder and fair catch. Did some good bowling in the Dormitory Matches.

†L. J. Barrett.—A very persistent batsman who scores slowly but is useful in tiring the opposing bowlers. A very good fielder and a fair catch.

* signifies 1st XI. Colours.

„ 2nd XI. „

CRICKET MATCHES.

S.O.S. v. MASTERS.

The boys batted first, Garnett iii bringing the score up considerably by making 41 runs, and after 107 runs had been made for 7 wickets, the innings were declared closed. The Masters then went in, but owing to lack of time they were unable to complete their innings also, and the match was a draw.

S.O.S.

E. Garnett b The Headmaster.....	41
G. T. Cattell b Mr. Evans.....	1
H. W. Garforth c Mr. Pestle b Mr. Evans...	0
A. Ericson b Mr. Williams.....	11
R. W. Price hit wkt. b Mr. Cope.....	14
R. Bowyer c and b Mr. Williams.....	0
S. L. B. Smith c and b Mr. Williams.....	7
L. P. E. Whitfield not out.....	8
C. W. Savage not out.....	5
W. J. Keeley did not bat.....	
B. H. Cathrick did not bat.....	
Extras.....	20

Total (for 7)..... 107

MASTERS' XI.

Mr. Cope c Savage b Cattell.....	1
Mr. Hoole c and b Price i.....	7
Rev. E. Hanna b Ericson.....	13
Mr. Pestle c and b Price i.....	2
Rev. Fr. Murphy c Smith b Ericson.....	0
Mr. Williams b Price i.....	2
Mr. Righton not out.....	1
Mr. Evans.....	
The Headmaster.... } did not bat.	
Mr. Beresford.....	
L. R. Keatinge b Ericson.....	0
Extras.....	6

Total (for 7)..... 32

S.O.S. v. 1ST (R.) BT. HEREFORDSHIRE RGT.

Played on June 23rd, on our ground. The visiting team batted first and made 60 runs. We went in next, but only succeeded in scoring 41, thus losing the match by 19 runs. Cattell i. made top score for our team, and Ericson bowled the best.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE XI.

Cpl. Lightfoot b Ericson.....	9
Pte. James b Ericson.....	4
Capt. Ragg b Price.....	1
Pte. Keene b Ericson.....	4
Cpl. Young c Cattell b Ericson.....	5
2nd Lieut. Welbourne run out.....	3
Cpl. Roberts b Cattell.....	11
Sergt. Bennett c Pilkington b Cattell.....	15
L/Cpl. Porter c Bowyer b Cattell.....	0
Cpl. Mountain not out.....	2
Pte. Barber b Pilkington.....	3
Extras.....	3
Total....	60

S.O.S. XI.

E. Garnett b James.....	5
G. T. Cattell b Ragg.....	13
A. Ericson lbw b James.....	0
R. W. Price c Barber b James.....	4
W. H. Pilkington lbw b Ragg.....	1
R. Bowyer b James.....	10
W. J. Keeley b James.....	3
L. P. E. Whitfield b James.....	0
S. L. B. Smith lbw b Ragg.....	1
H. W. Garforth c Roberts b James.....	1
C. W. Savage not out.....	0
Extras.....	3
Total....	41

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S.O.S. v. ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE.

Played on July 4th at Ellesmere, this match was very exciting indeed. Our team batted first and made 71 runs, Smith iii (32, not out) making top score. Our opponents then batted and had practically caught us up; when Price i. bowled their last man, leaving us victors by two runs.

S.O.S. XI.

E. Garnett c Morphey b Parker.....	0
G. T. Cattell b Vallack.....	2
A. Ericson c Morphey b Parker.....	0
R. W. Price c Scott b Parker.....	0
W. H. Pilkington b Vallack.....	6
L. P. E. Whitfield b Vallack.....	0
R. Bowyer c Vallack b Parker.....	12
S. L. B. Smith not out.....	32
H. J. Clee c Goodwin b Vallack.....	0
W. J. Keeley c Goodwin b Smith.....	6
C. W. Savage b Vallack.....	5
Extras.....	8
Total....	71

ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE.

Morphey b Ericson.....	3
Scott b Cattell.....	12
Vallack b Price.....	1
Parker b Price.....	9
Michelson b Price.....	12
Davis c and b Ericson.....	13
Lyons b Cattell.....	0
Devereux c Clee b Cattell.....	5
Tremayne b Cattell.....	0
Smith b Price.....	0
Goodwin not out.....	10
Extras.....	4
Total....	69

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S.O.S. v. WILLASTON SCHOOL.

This match was played here on July 7th. Our Eleven batted first, Ericson bringing up our score enormously by making 68—the record score of the season. After we had made 131 for 6 wickets, the innings were declared closed owing to lack of time, for the visiting team had to leave at five o'clock. Willaston XI. then went in, and made 63 runs for nine wickets. Time was again unfavourable to us and we were robbed of an almost certain victory.

S.O.S. XI.

E. Garnett c Homer b Hibbert.....	1
G. T. Cattell c Homer b Hibbert.....	3
A. Ericson c Homer b Hibbert.....	68
R. W. Price b Swift.....	1
W. H. Pilkington b E. Blackwell.....	22
L. P. E. Whitfield b Hibbert.....	13
R. Bowyer not out.....	10
S. L. B. Smith not out.....	7

H. J. Clee.....	} did not bat.	
W. J. Keeley.....		
C. W. Savage.....		
Extras.....		6
Total (for 6)....		131

WILLASTON SCHOOL XI.

E. J. Teale b Ericson.....	18
G. B. Swift b Price.....	0
S. K. Ruck c Clee b Price.....	0
P. K. Homer run out.....	2
O. R. Hibbert b Ericson.....	6
C. W. Richardson b Cattell.....	1
D. Blackwell b Cattell.....	0
E. Blackwell c Pilkington, b Ericson.....	16
A. S. Parker not out.....	8
E. F. George b Cattell.....	3
H. M. Wilson not out.....	0
Extras.....	8
Total (for 9)....	63

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S.O.S. v. WILLASTON SCHOOL.

This match was played away on July 11th, the Willaston team batting first, and making a total score of 84. Ericson's bowling was very good, and he took altogether eight wickets, whilst D. Blackwell batted well for our opponents, but was caught by Bowyer after making 28 runs. Our team then batted, and the issue seemed rather doubtful until Price i. went in and made 38 (not out). Ericson and Garnett also made good scores, and we succeeded in winning by 23 runs.

WILLASTON SCHOOL XI.

E. J. Teale b Ericson.....	9
D. Blackwell c Bowyer b Ericson.....	28
S. K. Ruck c Savage b Ericson.....	16
P. K. Homer c Garnett b Ericson.....	14
O. R. Hibbert b Ericson.....	14
G. B. Swift b Ericson.....	0
C. W. Richardson b Ericson.....	0
E. Blackwell b Ericson.....	0
H. M. Wilson c Garforth b Cattell.....	0
A. S. Parkes c Savage b Cattell.....	0
E. F. George not out.....	3
Extras.....	11
Total....	84

S.O.S. XI.

R. Bowyer b Swift.....	14
S. L. B. Smith c Richardson b Swift.....	1
E. Garnett lbw.....	17
G. T. Cattell c and b Hibbert.....	3
A. Ericson b Swift.....	17
W. J. Keeley b Hibbert.....	9
W. H. Pilkington c Homer b Hibbert.....	1
R. W. Price not out.....	38
H. W. Garforth c and b Swift.....	0
H. J. Clee c Teale b Hibbert.....	0
C. W. Savage c Teale b Hibbert.....	5
Extras.....	2
Total....	107

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S.O.S. v. OSWESTRY GRAMMAR SCHOOL XI.

This match was played on July 21st, at Ellesmere, the visitors batting first, but only succeeding in making 21 runs. Our Eleven then went in, and by the fall of the third wicket we had beaten our opponents' score by 12 runs. Bowyer's score of 65 (not out) was a very useful one, and our innings closed with 130 runs for 5 wickets.

OSWESTRY GRAMMAR SCHOOL XI.

Moses b Price i.....	0
Finchett b Ericson.....	0
Wynn-Jones c Pilkington b Price i.....	11
Gregory i. c Ericson b Price i.....	1
Warburton c Bowyer b Cattell i.....	6
Williamson c Bowyer b Cattell i.....	1
Chalk not out.....	1
Keen c and b Price i.....	1
Gregory ii. c Pilkington b Price i.....	0
Sutcliffe c Pilkington b Price i.....	0
Charles b Cattell.....	0
Total....	21

S.O.S. XI.

R. Bowyer not out.....	65
S. L. B. Smith b Wynn-Jones.....	6
E. Garnett b Sutcliffe.....	0
R. W. Price c Warburton b Sutcliffe.....	14
A. Ericson c Warburton b Sutcliffe.....	23
G. T. Cattell c Gregory b Warburton.....	6
W. H. Pilkington not out.....	12
L. J. Barrett.....	} did not bat.
C. R. Nevett.....	
H. W. Garforth.....	
W. J. Keeley.....	
Extras.....	4
Total (for 5) ..	130

FINAL DORMITORY MATCH.

K. ALFRED v. GORDON.

This match was played on July 14th, and from the first it was certain who would win. The *Gordon* won the toss and elected to field first. The *King Alfred* made a total score of 95, to which Smith iii. contributed 22 and Bruxby i. 21, (not out). The *Gordon* then went in, but owing to the bowling of Price i. and Ericson, and the good fielding of the majority of the *King Alfred* team, they were dismissed for a total score of 31 runs. The *Gordon* were then given a second innings, which yielded 35 runs, to which score Nevett i. contributed 17. The *K. Alfred* did not have a second innings, thus remaining victors by 29 runs and an innings.

For the *K. Alfred* Ericson, Price i, and Cattell i. bowled well, while for the losers Keeley was undoubtedly the best.

First Innings.

K. ALFRED XI.

G. T. Cattell b Harper.....	1
S. L. B. Smith b Keeley.....	22
A. Ericson (capt.) run out.....	8
R. W. Price c Cathrick b Keeley.....	12
C. W. Savage b Keeley.....	6
L. J. Barrett c and b Keeley.....	5
J. W. H. Bruxby not out.....	21
L. A. Price run out.....	9
A. G. Cattell c Watkins b Keeley.....	3
S. H. O'Connell b Keeley.....	0
G. T. Grandvoinet b Keeley.....	4
Extras.....	4
Total....	95

GORDON XI.

C. R. Nevett b Ericson.....	3
O. F. J. Watkins c O'Connell b Price i.....	0
B. H. Cathrick b Price i.....	0
W. J. Keeley c O'Connell b Price i.....	11
B. Howard c Price i. b Ericson.....	3
N. C. Harper c Price ii, b Price i.....	0
W. D. L. Aherin b Ericson.....	2
G. M. Whiteway lbw b Price i.....	1
A. B. Milton b Price i.....	0
R. W. Overall run out.....	1

J. M. Rowlands not out.....	3
Extras.....	7
Total....	31

Second Innings.

GORDON XI.

C. R. Nevett c O'Connell b Ericson.....	17
B. Howard b Cattell i.....	1
B. H. Cathrick c Cattell ii, b Price i.....	0
W. J. Keeley b Price i.....	0
O. F. J. Watkins c Bruxby i, b Price i.....	0
N. C. Harper b Price i.....	0
W. D. L. Aherin b Cattell i.....	1
G. M. Whiteway b Cattell i.....	2
A. B. Milton c Savage b Ericson.....	4
R. W. Everall c Bruxby b Price i.....	0
J. M. Rowlands not out.....	0
Extras.....	10
Total....	35

A CRICKET MATCH.

I.

It was at the beginning of a fine summer's day
 A cricket team came to us, from not very far away.
 Another school it was—its games known far and wide.
 But still our own eleven hoped to defeat that side.
 Our Captain won the toss ; our side went out to bat,
 But, oh ! the opposing bowlers dashed our expectations flat.
 Two wickets down for nothing, at the beginning of the game !
 Both couldn't leave off balls alone ; will others do the same ?
 Alas ! they do ; spectators groan ; but still the wickets fall.
 Six down for twelve ! Oh, shade of Grace ! this will not do at all.
 Four more to fall ; the question goes—will twenty runs be scored ?
 Our hearts beat very quickly, ere we see them on the board.

Two batsmen in ; no nerves at all ; they hold their bats quite straight ;
 Ten runs one slowly scored ; then played a ball too late.
 The other, batting nobly, then scored both fast and free,
 While others three, their ends kept up, with that bit of willow tree.
 Thirty and two that batsman made, and, not out at the end,
 He returned to the pavilion 'mid applause of foe and friend.
 Seventy and one the total reached—it really was not great ;
 But after such débâcle, worse still had seemed our fate.!

II.

The luncheon o'er, the teams returned to that mimic battle field,
 Determined each to win the match and not an inch to yield.
 Of the bowlers, who began for us, one bowled quite fast and strong ;
 The second, rather lacking length, was taken off ere long.
 Each batsman some time stayed, and the score it slowly mounted ;
 "Forty for four," the scorer cried, more than half the runs were counted.
 Down died our hopes, the game seemed lost ; so few runs now to get,
 Six men to come, six men to go, and one man firmly set.
 Then came a change,—great was our joy—the batsman seemed to shrink ;
 The wickets fell so quickly, we had not time to think.
 Fifty and nine the score-board shows, and nine of them are out !
 Now shall we win this glorious game without the slightest doubt.
 But then suspense, our hearts scarce beat, the score it slowly rises ;
 One here, two there—the batsmen calm—the game is at its crisis.

"Such game as this, I ne'er have seen,"
 the Head cries in excitement;
 "Win they the match, a half they'll have,
 to give them more incitement."
 Sixty and nine! the captain bowls—a full
 toss down he sends;
 The batsman hits—a caught and bowled
 has caused the match to end.
 Suspense has gone; rejoice we all and
 make the welkin ring:
 For friend and foe, than game like this,
 there is no finer thing.

IN MEMORIAM.

C. W. KEMP

(Vith Form. *King Harold*.)

It is with feelings of the greatest sorrow that we record the sudden and unexpected death of Claude William Kemp. He came to us in September 1916, his generous disposition and genial temper soon making him a favourite with his companions. Though never remarkable for his athletic prowess, nevertheless he usually managed to find a place in the dormitory team and he was developing into a good forward when he met with the accident, which necessitated the operation from which he never recovered. Removed to the sick-room, he set an example of cheerfulness and plucky endurance under the greatest pain, which was remarked upon by all. His sudden death at Oswestry on Sunday, Nov. 18th, came as a great shock to all. It was indeed hard to believe that he whom we had known so recently had passed from us so suddenly. We tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents.

R. I. P.

PRO PATRIA.

2ND LIEUT. W. LL. GRIFFITH.

We are sure that all who knew Llewelyn Griffith will be grieved to hear that he is among those who have fallen recently in France, and that we shall never see his genial face again. Though he was only with us from Sept. 1911 to July 1912, he endeared himself to everyone. He was born on February 16th, 1895, and, prior to enlisting in the Royal Fusiliers (Public School Battn.) shortly after the outbreak of war, was undergoing a training course at the Glannor Engineering Works, Llanelly. He saw active service in France from Oct. 1915, to May, 1916. Having been recommended for a commission, he returned home for training, and later left for France. In December, 1916, he was attached to the Welsh Regt., and was wounded on the 20th, and died in Hospital at Loere (Belgium); His Colonel writes:—"He pushed right through with his men to the final objective under heavy machine gun fire, and, whilst consolidating, was sniped, the bullet passing through his lungs. He was one of my best officers and I had hoped soon to give him a Company."

His commanding officer writes:—"He joined my Company this year and was with me until his death. During this time I learned to know him well. From his first tour in the trenches, I found I had an officer of outstanding ability. He handled his men in a masterly way and yet was always kind to them. He displayed on all occasions under fire the utmost coolness and bravery and I had the pleasure of bringing to the notice of the Commanding Officer on several occasions his sterling worth. In the recent battle, he led his men with great dash and gallantry. I cannot say how sorry I am that he has been lost to us. He was always a cheerful, good hearted and happy boy. His death is to me a great personal loss, because not

only have I lost a valuable officer, but also a very dear companion and friend."

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CHARLES HOWARD RAMSELL.

A promising career has been cut short by the death in action on Aug. 24th, 1917, of Lance-Corporal C. H. Ramsell, 17th Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He was the only son of Mrs. Ramsell of Wellington, Salop. He was born Sept. 28th, 1897, and was educated at Ellesmere, from Sept. 1910 to July 1912. After enlisting in the Montgomeryshire Yeomanry, Oct. 3rd, 1914, he was transferred to the R.W. Fusiliers in Nov., 1916, and went to France, where he was true and loyal to his school motto. He was laid to rest at Dozingham, Belgium in his 20th year. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Ramsell in her great loss.

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W. L. B. RICHARDS.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Richards, of Whitchurch, Salop, have received the sad news of the death of their second son, Pte. W. L. B. Richards, who was killed in action early on Sunday morning, Aug. 25th, 1917, in a captured German dug-out. He was born, in 1897, and was at Ellesmere from April 1915, to Dec., 1915. He joined the Welsh Regiment, who were in training at Kinmel Park, and was afterwards transferred to the Machine Gun Corps at Clipstone Camp before going to France. Quiet and unobtrusive, his integrity won him many friends in the King Alfred dormitory, who will deeply lament his loss. The Officer Commanding writes:—"He was killed, probably without knowing any pain. I was with him at the time; he had just done a spell of duty manfully under most trying circumstances, and was on his way to get a day's rest. He had proved his value as a soldier, and as a comrade, even in the short time he had been with us. We

hardly know what we have lost; except it was good. . . ."

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2ND LIEUT. J. C. LEE.

It is with much regret that we record the death in action of James Clifford Lee (ii), who died of wounds on Aug. 1st, 1917, aged 19 years. He came to Ellesmere in June 1908, and after reaching the Sixth Form, left in December 1913 to join his uncle in the Bermudas. At the outbreak of War he at once returned home with a view to joining the Army. He passed into the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in August, 1915, and while there became under-officer of "F" Company. He was gazetted to the Second Battalion of the Royal Berkshire regiment in March, 1916, at the age of 18. After a year's training at various places in England he went to France on April 5th, 1917. Whilst in France he was appointed signal officer to his battalion, and, just before his death, wrote that he was temporarily on the Staff and was doing important work in connection with a unit which was larger than a battalion. He was wounded on July 31st, in the recent great advance, and died in hospital the following day. It was strange that he should meet, and live with at Headquarters, St. J. B. Groser—an old King Arthur boy, who entered Ellesmere in Sept. 1905, and left in July 1908, to go to Mirfield. Groser was then acting Chaplain to the 2nd Royal Berks. Clifford Lee possessed a cheerfulness that made him ever popular in the School; but with all his gaiety and geniality there was any amount of earnestness and efficiency. He was a prefect for only a short time, but had he remained at school he would undoubtedly have followed in his brother's footsteps and been raised to the responsible position of Captain of School. His Commanding Officer writes of him:—"I have been

closely associated with him for nearly two months and know him to be fearless and ever strongly devoted to duty."

One who knew him intimately writes : " Those who knew him loved him for his purity of character, and his entire devotion to what he chose as his life's work. His was truly a dedicated life—*Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.*"

O.E. NEWS.

The following O.E.'s have recently visited us :—M. M. Myers (Alfred, Nov. 1911—Dec. 1913), S. S. Jones (Heywood, Sept. 1903—July 1905), N. M. Greeves (Alfred May 1906—July 1915).

M. M. Myers is a private in the Cheshire Regt., and had many interesting and remarkable stories to relate of his 15 months' active service in France.

Capt. S. S. Jones, Middlesex Regt., is now attached to a Training Battalion and stationed at Drayton, near Norwich. He has been home on sick leave for the last twelve months, owing to trench fever, but expects to return to France very shortly.

Sec.-Lieut. N. M. Greeves we are sorry to hear has been compelled to resign his commission on account of ill-health, although he has made an excellent and speedy recovery from his wounds.

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J. M. Grant (Harold, 1910—1915) who is now a pioneer in the R.E. Signals, writes : " Just a line to say goodbye to the old school and the King Harold dormitory in particular. I am leaving for France in about a week or less, but shall never forget my five happy years at S. Oswald's."

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P. T. Kingston, we hear, now drives a tank in France.

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J. P. Edwards, a former capt. of school,

has obtained a commission in the R.F.C., and is now in France.

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We congratulate Dr. A. H. Norris, O.E. (May 1888—July '91) upon being appointed to the post of Chief Inspector of Reformatory and Industrial Schools by the Secretary of State.

Dr. Norris, who had previously been associated with the late Chief Inspector, Mr. C. E. B. Russell, in his work amongst boys, was appointed to be Medical Inspector in May 1914, but a few months later, on the outbreak of War, he took up military duties as a Captain in the Royal Medical Corps. He served with distinction in Gallipoli, Egypt, and France, and in November 1916, was awarded the Military Cross for " great courage and determination," and " for very fine work throughout the campaign."

On the death of Mr. Russell arrangements were made for the release of Dr. Norris from military service, and since June, 1917, he has been carrying on the duties of Medical Inspector.

VALETE.

W. H. Pilkington : Came, September 1913; Dormitory Prefect, October 1915; Prefect, December 1915; Prefect of Hall, January, 1916; Captain of School, September 1916; 1st XV. Colours, 1914-1915; Captain of Football 1916; 2nd XI. Hockey Colours, 1916; Captain of Hockey 1917; 1st XI. Cricket Colours 1916-1917; Captain of Tennis, 1917; Victor Ludorum, 1917; Games Committee; Sergeant-at-Arms, Debating Society; Sergeant, O.T.C.; VIth Form; *King Harold*.

S. L. B. Smith : Came, January 1913; Prefect, January 1916; Prefect of Chapel, September 1916; 2nd XV.

Colours, 1915-1916; 1st XI. Cricket Colours, 1917; Secretary, Games' Committee, 1916-1917; Member of Committee, Debating Society; Corporal, O.T.C.; VIth Form; *King Alfred*.

L. R. Keatinge: Came, January 1913; Dormitory Prefect, May 1917; 2nd XV. Colours, 1916; Debating Society; O.T.C.; Vth Form; *Heywood*.

The following also left last term:—C. M. Amor, E. B. Balfour, J. G. Brooks, L. England, T. G. Garner, G. T. Grandvoinet, H. M. Grover, H. P. Hurford, L. Irwin (i), C. A. Johnson (i), M. Jones (iii), E. K. King (ii), F. E. McKeever (i), T. H. W. McKeever (ii) and F. G. Wintle.

SALVETE.

The following new boys entered this term:—O. K. Arnold, C. A. Baker, G. E. Barrows, G. Black, C. A. Boulton, R. H. Bourne, H. Borman, P. G. Brooke, G. P. Chorlton, D. G. Collis (ii), W. B. Curran, W. M. Davies (iii), C. J. N. Davies (ix), J. H. Davies (x), P. A. Dick, F. Featherstone, G. S. Ffoulkes-Jones, H. Greenway, C. E. Haswall, H. L. Haycraft, S. Hope (ii), E. D. Hull (ii), C. L. Huxley, J. Irving (i), C. L. Irving (ii), G. M. Jones (iii), J. H. Jones (vi), H. W. Kearsley, R. W. R. Lane, C. W. Leon, W. W. MacCormack, B. J. D. Multon, A. Pratt, G. E. Preece, B. A. Rice (iii), A. Schofield (ii), R. H. Williams (iii), A. R. Woolley, and H. Younger.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(TO THE EDITOR OF "*The Ellesmerian*.")
SIR,

It has always seemed very extraordinary to me that people who are asked to write articles for *The Ellesmerian* should think that it is absolutely essential for their

article to be humorous. A great many members of the school seem to think that if they cannot write something supremely ridiculous it is no use their attempting to contribute to the Magazine. Why should *The Ellesmerian* be turned into a glorified *Comic Cuts*?

Trusting that this matter will receive the attention and consideration of your readers,

I remain,

Yours, etc.,

A. B. C.

[We should like to add that the same thought has often struck us. We, personally, have frequently asked members of the school to write articles, only to be informed "It's really no use asking me. I can't write anything funny to save my life." If people could only see the "drivel"—no other word expresses it—which is handed in to the Editor every term for publication as a humorous article, perhaps they would be more chary of writing such stuff. If you can be funny, do so by all means; if not, don't attempt it—it's fatal—and in any case a humorous article should not consist of an absurdly ridiculous and, often enough, spiteful attack upon such institutions as the O.T.C. We assure our would-be contributors that there is no objection to a serious article.—ED., *Ellesmerian*.]

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