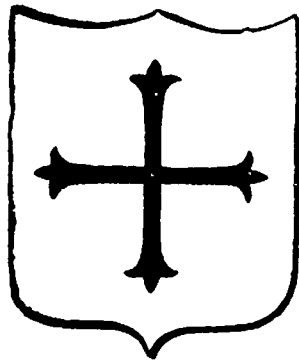


THE ELLESMERIAN

THE MAGAZINE OF S. OSWALD'S COLLEGE
ELLESMERE



Pro-patria dimicans.

DECEMBER, 1918.

VOL. XXXII.

No. 183.



CAPT. S. M. SHINGLER, M.C.
4th Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Killed September, 1918.



LIEUT. R. L. SKINNER, R.A.F.,
Killed May, 1918.



LIEUT. J. HUNTINGTON. M.C.
Border Regiment. Killed April, 1918.

His creatures is scarcer than ever amongst mankind.

Churches, more beautiful by far than any wherein I worshipped, adorn my land but few frequent them, and, of those who do, I fear me many worship only with their lips, while their hearts are far away.

But this large edifice before me? Never before hath mine eye beheld it. What is it, and wherefore was it built? Canst any tell me?"

"Yea, my lord King," replied one clad in episcopal robes, "I can inform thee of it. It is a place founded by one of saintly character and noble ideas, for the purpose of imparting a sound education to youths of your realm, but more especially with the intent to send them forth into the outer world to become God-fearing men, who should by their speech and the example of their lives, help to win the populace of this land to God."

"A noble object indeed," quoth the King, "and my heart groweth lighter within me to think that a man should have given so much of his possessions for the glory of God. Tell me somewhat of it."

"Here in this dwelling, named after your majesty, reside some two and a half hundred youths of varying ages who have been entrusted to the charge of those in authority therein. Here they pass some of the most precious years of their lives and are instructed in such secular matters as the language and literature of our own realm and in those of other nations of the day, in Latin and Greek, in the Mathematics, and in what was unknown in our day, the Sciences which the enquiring minds of men have dragged from the secrets of nature."

To him the King replied: "How times have changed since we, as men, lived here on earth! In our day little or no education was furnished for our youth. Even had we possessed the means, life was

so uncertain that such an institution could not long have existed. How different otherwise would my kingdom have been! And yet it seemeth to me that a man who hath but learning is but a poor kind of creature. God hath bestowed upon him a body to care for as well as a mind and though the former hath greater importance in His eyes, nevertheless He desireth a goodly frame in His creatures. Hath such been thought of and due provision made for it in the daily lives of these youths?"

"In truth, sire, much care is taken to improve their bodies as their minds, and they daily divert themselves with games which seem most wonderful to us, but nevertheless cause them to develop into strong and fearless men. At this moment you see them on this green nigh unto us, disporting themselves in the weirdest of manners. One hurleth a leather ball hard at another who energetically trieth to dispatch it to a far corner of the field, and if he succeedeth, frantic running ensueth between the two sets of three sticks each, set up some twenty yards apart. Should one of these sticks by chance be disturbed by him that throweth, plaudits arise from the watchers around, and another taketh up his position before the sticks. And when this game is done, most will disport themselves eagerly in the cool water of that pond which lieth on yon small mound.

Their winter pastimes, too, are equally strange as their summer ones: they may be seen frantically chasing pieces of leather on these green swards and eagerly striving to direct them betwixt tall posts they set up in various parts; or they knock about a white ball with sticks of shape passing wonderful. Careless of knocks and falls are they, and their courage increaseth as their bodies grow in stature. One disadvantage, however, at-

round them. On the other hand, worn round the ankles they would keep off the rain, and provide an excuse for wearing short trousers.

Payton feared that wearing wrist-watches round the ankles would mean discarding boots.

Griffiths pointed out that *ankle-watches* could supply the place of garters which had been mislaid as chapel bell began to ring.

Curran asked to be shown the two watches the Honorary Proposer had claimed to possess and was told he was very welcome to see them in private.

Wilkinson also spoke.

The motion was lost by 9 votes to 2.

VALETE.

E. Garnett. Entered Sept. 1912; Dormitory Prefect 1915; Prefect May 1918; 2nd XI. Cricket Colours 1915; 1st XI. Cricket Colours 1916-17; Captain of Cricket 1918; 1st XV. Rugby 1915-16-17; 1st XI. Hockey 1916-17-18; Shooting VIII. 1916-17; Captain of Shooting 1918; Company Sergeant-Major O.T.C.; Games Committee. VIA. Form, *King Harold* (Beech House).

R. W. Bowyer. Entered Sept. 1912. Dormitory Prefect Sept. 1916; Prefect June 1918; 2nd XI. Cricket Colours 1915; 1st XI. Hockey 1916-17-18; 2nd XV. 1916-17; 1st XI. Cricket 1916-17-18; Member of Games Committee; Sergeant O.T.C.; Shooting VIII 1918. VIth Form. *K. Harold* (Beech House).

G. M. W. Whiteway. Entered Dormitory Prefect 1918; 2nd XI. Hockey Colours 1918; O.T.C.; Debating Society; VIth Form (*Gordon*).

D. W. Jones. Entered Jan. 1916; 1st XI. Cricket Colours 1918; 2nd XV.

Rugby 1917; 2nd XI. Hockey 1916; 1st XI. Hockey 1917-18; Provost's Belt 1916; Games Committee; Lce.-Corporal O.T.C. VIA. Form; *King Harold* (Beech House).

J. G. Ryan. Entered Jan. 1916; 2nd XI. Cricket Colours 1918; 2nd XI. 1918; VIth Form. O.T.C. (*Woodard*).

G. R. K. Hey. Entered Sept. 1915; 2nd XI. Hockey Colours 1918. IVth Form; O.T.C. (*Woodard*).

The following also left:—T. Andrews, L. Annesley, E. W. Ashfield, H. Betteridge i., J. W. H. Bruxby i., H. E. Chadwick, G. T. Davies ii., W. M. Davies iii., J. H. Davies ix., G. S. Ffoulkes, Jones, H. W. Fraser, H. Greenway, F. B. Greenwood i., G. W. Harper ii., J. Hesketh, L. King, F. W. Morgan iii., G. P. Moss, G. E. Preece, G. W. Rice i., H. C. Ryan i., C. P. White-way ii., G. E. W. B. Williams iv.

SALVETE.

K. Alfred:—H. Dobbie, R. T. Dukes, L. Duncan, T. Hope iii., E. Mangnall, A. Perry, G. E. Whitfield iii.

K. Harold:—A. E. Bevan, A. W. Cawsey, G. Davidson, R. Gambier, R. M. Leon ii., D. V. Moore ii., A. N. Shakeshaft, N. S. Wilson iii.

Conqueror:—N. R. J. Holloway.

K. Arthur:—B. Barton, R. B. Harris, G. C. Patterson.

Heywood:—R. A. Clark, A. P. Littler, T. B. Tibbetts.

Gordon:—O. Fowle, R. H. Howarth, W. B. Lattin, E. Thompson ii., T. E. Tocque i., J. N. S. Tocque ii., R. Whiteway.

K. Edward:—J. C. Copeland, W. Furnivall, T. C. Gee, N. Griffith, R. N. H. Hill i., W. G. B. Hill ii., C. E. Shoobridge.

Woodard:—I. B. Barter, D. H. Coombs, J. F. Ellinger, R. B. Hornby, H. S. Longdin, T. K. Matthias.

Little K. Alfred (Lower) ;—R. Baker ii., F. Dawson, R. Featherstone ii., H. Featherstone iii., C. H. Parker, D. N. Revett.

EXPERIENCES AT A MUSKETRY COURSE.

Thinking that perhaps some readers of *The Ellesmerian* would like to have some idea of what a musketry course is like, I have ventured for once, to pen an article.

We were met at Altcar station by a couple of Sergeants, whom we accompanied, not without a little trepidation, to our sleeping quarters, where we had a welcome wash and brush-up after the long and tiring journey. After a refreshing tea we turned our steps to the Quarter-Master's Stores, and there were condescendingly supplied with plates, etc. and blankets, but no palliasses. Dismal forebodings of sleepless nights on hard floors filled our hearts, till by chance we caught sight of some other cadets carrying the coveted palliasses. Eagerly questioning them, we learnt they were to be obtained at the stores in what is known as the Old Camp. After ten minutes walking and some waiting we obtained what we wanted and were just about to march off with our prizes when up comes the Battalion Sergeant-Major. Anxious not to lose so good an opportunity, he delivered us a long lecture of about 20 minutes duration, from which we departed, feeling much smaller than we had previously done. The next morning, at 6-30, we were roused by the Orderly Sergeant, quickly turned out of bed, and packed off to the parade ground with a great coat over our pyjamas. How we longed for those extra turns-over and those forty winks we got at school between first and second bells! Parade over, three-quarters of an hour were allowed us to get ready for breakfast—quite a need-

less delay, for we were ready by the time we had reached the parade-ground,—which was signalled by the shrill blowing of a whistle. Following the direction of the sound, we arrived at the breakfast-room, where we partook of porridge and bacon in company with the regulars, as during our whole stay. Both were good and appetising and both were very hot, but our zest for them was rather spoilt on the first morning, through our having failed to secure two plates each when they were doled out to us.

Breakfast over, at nine o'clock we fell in with the Regulars in full military style, and were treated to lectures on the parts of a rifle and on the care of arms.

At 11-0 was a break for a quarter of an hour, during which we went off to the canteen, where we had tea and biscuits, and where we also found—quite unrationed if you liked to pay for it—plenty of chocolate.

Another parade till dinner at 1-0, after which, before it had had time to digest, we paraded again at 2-0. This time it lasted till 4-30, and we had by then begun to wonder whether it was going on all night. We were graciously permitted to refresh ourselves at 4-45 with tea, but afterwards there was still no rest for us, till we had visited the recreation room and written out all our notes on the day's work. Then at length came rest for our jaded bodies and minds and we went to bed with a feeling that we had done a really good day's work.

Such was the programme for the first few days, after which we were taken to the range and put through a course of firing.

In addition to Cadets from various O.T.C.'s. the course was attended by N.C.O.'s. from different Volunteer Corps. On all of us was deeply impressed the fact that the rifle was the 'soldier's best friend,' and even in the dining-hall were

Dec. 2nd. As we had been rather badly beaten at Liverpool, and were two short of the previous team, the outlook was not very promising, but, as events turned out, the game was a rattling good one from start to finish. It resulted in a victory for Liverpool by 2 tries to nothing, owing to the superiority of their three-quarters who played a fine game throughout, running strongly and combining well, while their finding of touch was very good. We played against the wind in the first half and did so well that our opponents only scored one try—by their right wing three-quarter. Such play filled us with confidence when we had the wind at our backs, and excitement ran high as scrum followed scrum on the Liverpool line, relief being obtained again and again by a good kick from one of the backs. Our forwards played with great spirit and did their utmost to force the ball over, but the defence prevailed, while from a break-away the left wing three scored another good try for Liverpool, ten minutes from the close. Nothing daunted the forwards continued the pressure and Girling tried hard to make his way over, but our own threes sadly failed to make use of the opportunities they received, hesitancy, not running straight and inability to make use of the wind in their kicking, all contributing to our downfall. Much improvement, however, was shown in tackling, and Harper once brought off one of the finest tackles ever seen on the field, literally flinging himself at the man's legs after he was clean through.

The forwards throughout played a hard game, Pilkington, Keeley, Wilkinson and Harmer perhaps being the pick, though all were good. Girling was the best half on the field and Williamson at back was reliable in his tackling and kicking, and never hesitating to drop on the ball when the need arose. Harper's tackling was

above reproach.

For two-thirds of the game we were without Garnett at half, owing to a sprained ankle, but in all probability the result would have been the same. It was the most exciting game seen on the field for some years and both sides are to be congratulated on the spirit in which it was played, while none of us begrudge Liverpool their hard-earned victory.

S.O.C.: S. P. Williamson ; H. C. Shingler, N. C. Harper, G. F. Brown, G. M. Jones ; E. G. Girling (Capt.), F. Garnett ; W. J. Keeley, W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson, E. Pilkington, C. G. Thomas, H. J. Clee, J. R. Harmer, S. H. O'Connell, C. E. V. Ryan.

CHARACTERS OF THE XV.

****E. G. Girling* (captain, scrum half). On the small side, but very nippy, and the mainstay of the attack. Uses the touch line excellently. As captain he inspired the team with the same keenness he possessed himself, and was most successful both in matches and practices.

***W. J. Keeley*. A heavy and hard working forward who uses his weight well at all times. Most useful in a 'hunch,' but rather inclined to attempt running through at the front of the line too much. He developed into quite a good leader of the pack towards the end of the season.

***W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson*. A fast forward who always worked hard and collared well when occasion required. He dribbled very well in the loose at times and heeled well in the scrum.

**E. Pilkington*. An excellent forward who was always where most needed. He dribbled, pushed, and heeled equally well, and by next year, when

he is bigger, should be a most useful forward indeed.

- ***E. G. Thomas*. A forward who works hard but very seldom shows. Very useful in the scrum but should learn to take the ball himself in the 'loose' without waiting for the help of the other forwards.
- **H. C. Shingler*. A fast right wing three-quarter, who with a better combining line might have developed into an excellent wing player. He was rather slow at picking up the ball but kicked touch very well, and sometimes too often instead of using his pace. Tackled well towards the end of the season.
- **H. J. Clee*. A hard-working forward who was very useful in the line out. Played excellently in club sides, but did not seem to do quite so well in matches.
- **N. C. Harper* (right centre three-quarter). A player who always made ground with the ball. He was the most useful tackler in the team, and was very plucky in dropping on the ball to stop a forward rush.
- **S. P. Williamson* (full-back). A remarkable good back, who combined good kicking and good tackling. Very plucky in dropping on the ball, but when catching it should try and get it before bouncing.
- **J. R. Harmer*. A forward who found out rather late in the season that his brain as well as his weight were needed for the game. However, he developed into a useful forward who 'followed up' well and played a strenuous game.
- †*F. Garnett* (stand-off half). A very plucky player at all times but rather slow for his position. He was useful on the defensive, and kicked well

with both feet but when attacking was inclined to forget the three-quarters.

†*S. H. O'Connell*. A forward who was better on the defensive than the attack. He played a hard game at the beginning of the season but seemed to fall off a little towards the end.

†*C. E. V. Ryan*. A small but hard working member of the pack, who always followed up well. He tackled excellently when needed.

†*G. F. Brown* (left wing three-quarter). Good at kicking touch, but weak at combination. Should learn to run harder and not hesitate.

†*I. Barter* (left centre three-quarter), who showed promise at the beginning of the season, but unluckily made a slow recovery after the 'flu' and was unfit for a long time. He had a useful kick and was fairly fast but rather inclined to keep the ball too long.

***1st XI. Colours, 1916-17-18.

**1st XI. Colours, 1917-18.

*1st XI. Colours, 1918.

†2nd XI. Colours, 1918.

H. P. Cooper, B. H. Cathrick, and G. M. Jones also received their 2nd XV. Colours.

DORMITORY MATCHES

1st Round.

CONQUEROR v. KING ARTHUR.

On Monday, November 18th.

King Arthur won the toss and played up the field. Straight from the kick-off the Conqueror rushed down and a scrum was formed near the Arthur twenty-five, from which Shingler broke away and scored behind the posts. The kick failed.

This sudden disaster woke up the Arthur forwards who, well led by Harmer, held their own till the interval, though

left wing three-quarter, who ran down his wing and scored. The game resulted in a win for the *Harold* by 15 pts. —0. For the losers Keeley, Robinson i. and Lattin worked hard in the scrum, while outside Harper, Watkins and Younger were worthy of note. For the *Harold* forwards Pilkington played excellently and was ably backed up by Thomas, Robinson ii. and Causey. Davies i. at half and Watkins ii. at three-quarter also played well. Teams:—

K. Harold: W. Langford; R. Walsh, J. Perrot, G. M. Jones, S. Watkins; E. G. Girling (capt.), I. R. Davies; E. Pilkington, E. G. Thomas, S. H. Robinson, R. Lane, A. Causey, J. Allison, A. Jones, O. Tickell.

Gordon: O. F. Watkins; A. B. Milton, N. C. Harper, J. Greenwood, O. Fowle; H. Younger, B. Everall; W. J. Keeley (capt.), J. W. Robinson, J. M. Rowlands, D. Lattin, R. Wheway, E. Toeque, P. Mottershead, T. J. Nevett.

Semi-Final.

CONQUEROR v. WOODWARD.

An easy win for the *Woodard* by 20 points to 5, but the *Conqueror* were handicapped by the absence of MacFall and Whalley, and by the fact that Shingler was suffering from a strained thigh and consequently unable to run as usual. With full strength an interesting match was expected. The *Woodard* pressed for the greater part of the game, being considerably the bigger side, and scored six times, only one of which were converted. The *Conqueror* try was obtained by Williamson, who dribbled magnificently from his own twenty-five.

The most useful players were Curran, Brown i., Barter, Clee, Ryan and Ling for the *Woodard*, and Shingler, Williamson and Payton on the *Conqueror* side.

Woodard: L. A. Corah; A. H. Lewis, W. B. Curran, G. F. Brown i., Barter; J. J. Steele, F. I. Creese; H. J. Clee (Capt.), C. E. V. Ryan, F. C. Ling, H. D. Brown ii., J. F. Ellinger, C. W. Leon, E. L. Bland, D. H. Coombs.

Conqueror: S. P. Williamson; sub., C. Deane, H. C. Shingler (Capt.), T. C. Lee; V. T. Payton; E. Hincks (ii); J. M. Roberts, sub., W. L. Farrar, W. W. MacCormack, J. Irwin, J. W. G. Hoyle, B. W. Johnson, H. L. Haycraft.

Final.

K. HAROLD v. WOODARD.

An even match was expected, as the *Harold* were four short of those that played in the 1st Round. Anticipations, however, were not realized, as the result was never in doubt from the kick-off. The *Harold* forwards were masters of the situation throughout and at times pushed the *Woodard* scrum for yards, while they got possession in the scrum much more frequently. Of the five tries scored by the *Harold* three were from the line-out, owing to forwards being unmarked and Girling seizing the opportunity to throw it to them. The *Woodard* threes were faster than those of the *Harold*, but failed to make much ground, owing to running across the field instead of going straight. Barter scored one good try for them towards the finish. *K. Harold*, 17 points; *Woodard*, 3 points.

The *Harold* halves literally overwhelmed the other pair and the secret of the easy win chiefly lay in that fact.

Pilkington played a great game forward for the *Harold* and was ably backed up by Thomas, Robinson and Causey. On the *Woodard* side Clee, Ryan, Barter and Ling showed the best form.

Teams as in the semi-finals.

[We should like to point out to our rowing enthusiast that the profits of the Tuck Shop are devoted to objects which have as their concern the welfare of the many and not of the few. Also with the numerous claims on the time of the members of the School which Cricket, Tennis, Shooting and Swimming Competitions make there would be no time for rowing practice and races. Incidentally we might mention that it would be rather a difficult matter to seat an eight in a rowing skiff.—Ed.]

* * *

TO THE EDITOR OF *The Ellesmerian*.

SIR,

It is with the greatest satisfaction that I note that the excellent idea put forward by "Keen Ruggerite," in your last issue, is being followed up with inevitable good results. It is to be hoped the scheme will not be limited to Rugby, but will be extended next term to Hockey, and in the Summer Term to Cricket.

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

A HOCKEYITE.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries, and beg to apologise for any omissions:—The Hurst Johnian, The C. & R. Chronicle, The King Edward's School Chronicle, The Chronicles of Ermystead, The Cuthberthian, The Ardingly Annuals, The Oswestrian, The Laurentian, The Novocastrian, The Birkonian.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

Editors of "The Ellesmerian" : L. P. E. Whitfield, C. W. Leon.

Hon. Treasurer : The Rev. G. E. Cope.

The Editors will always be glad to consider M.S.S. submitted to them for publication, and also letters from Old Boys, describing their experiences at the Front, or elsewhere. All correspondence must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication.

* * *

DORMITORY CORRESPONDENTS:—*King Alfred* : H. P. Cooper ; *King Harold* : E. G. Girling ; *Conqueror* : V. T. Payton ; *King Arthur* : N. Wilson ; *Gordon* : W. T. Keeley ; *Heywood* : T. W. Nankivell ; *Woodard* : C. E. V. Ryan ; *King Edward* : R. E. Brabyn.

* * *

The Ellesmerian is published thrice annually in March, July, and December. Subscriptions may be sent at any time to the Hon. Treasurer. Subscribers are requested to inform the Hon. Treasurer immediately of any change of address. The annual subscription is 3/10 post paid.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE ELLESMERIAN.

G. H. Adams, Esq.	Major T. S. Louch
H. K. Allison, Esq.	F. R. Minshall, Esq.
Miss Andrews	Rev. T. Olphert
R. T. P. Bell, Esq.	A. Prodger, Esq.
C. B. Browne, Esq.	R. P. Powell, Esq.
W. B. Daman, Esq.	— Roberts, Esq.
J. P. Edwards, Esq.	A. F. Ross, Esq.
C. Ellis, Esq.	G. Rosseloty, Esq.
W. A. Evans, Esq.	Capt. L. Rowlands
R. J. Everall, Esq.	Mrs. Skinner
Rev. O. Fielden	Rev. Provost Talbot
Rev. B. Hibbert!	F. B. Topham, Esq.
Dr. Greeves	S. M. Tyrer, Esq.
N. M. Greeves, Esq.	Sir Offley Wakeman,
W. Huntington, Esq.	Bart.
W. P. B. Jones, Esq.	Mrs. Woodhall
Rev. D. W. Lec	

Dormitory Colours were awarded to the following in addition to those who obtained their 1st or 2nd XV. Colours:—

K. Alfred: Whitfield ii.

K. Harold: Davies i., Robinson ii., Lane, Coller, Causey, Watkins ii.

Conqueror: Payton.

K. Arthur: Whitfield i., Wilson ii., Irwin, Cartlidge.

Gordon: Watkins i., Robinson i., Milton, Lattin.

Heywood: Keatinge ii., Osborne, Bradley, Nankivell.

Woodard: Ling, Curran, Steele.

K. Edward: Brabyn, Arnold i.

?

1. A man wrote to me the other day to say that, when ploughing in his field, he had turned up two coins, one dated B.C. 35, and the other marked Charles I. How do I know he was not telling me the truth in either case?
2. If the Earth were a perfect sphere with a smooth surface, and a girdle of steel were placed round the Equator so that it touched at every point. Then if six yards were added to the length of the girdle, what would be the distance between the girdle and the Earth, supposing the distance to be equal all round?
3. Can there be any difference between a field a mile square and a field of area one square mile?
4. 'Twas last Bank Holiday, so I've been told,
Some cyclists rode abroad in glorious weather.
Resting at noon within a tavern old,
They all agreed to have a feast together.
"Put it all in one bill, mine host," they said,
"For every man an equal share will pay."
The bill was promptly on the table laid,

And four pounds was the reckoning that day.

But, sad to state, when they prepared to square,

'Twas found that two had sneaked outside and fled.

So, for two shillings more than his due share

Each honest man who had remained was bled.

They settled later with those rogues no doubt.

How many were they when they first set out?

5. Some years ago a man told me he spent one hundred English silver coins in Christmas-boxes, giving each person exactly the same amount, and it cost him exactly £1 10s. 1d. How many persons received the present and how could he have managed the distribution?

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF *The Ellesmerian*.

SIR,

Having heard so much about the grandeur and beauty of the meres, when I came to Ellesmere, I naturally expected to see some magnificent lakes and in this I was not disappointed. Imagine, however, my disgust on finding that no attempt was made by the School, to take advantage of these large sheets of water, for the encouragement of that most healthy sport—rowing. Surely it would be possible to devote some of Tuck shop profits to the purchasing of two or three skiffs. With these in our possession it would be quite possible to establish a school eight, and arrange inter-dormitory competitions.

I am, Sir, Yours,

AN OARSMAN.