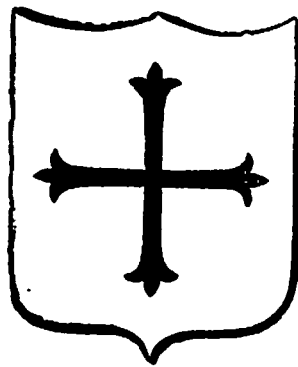


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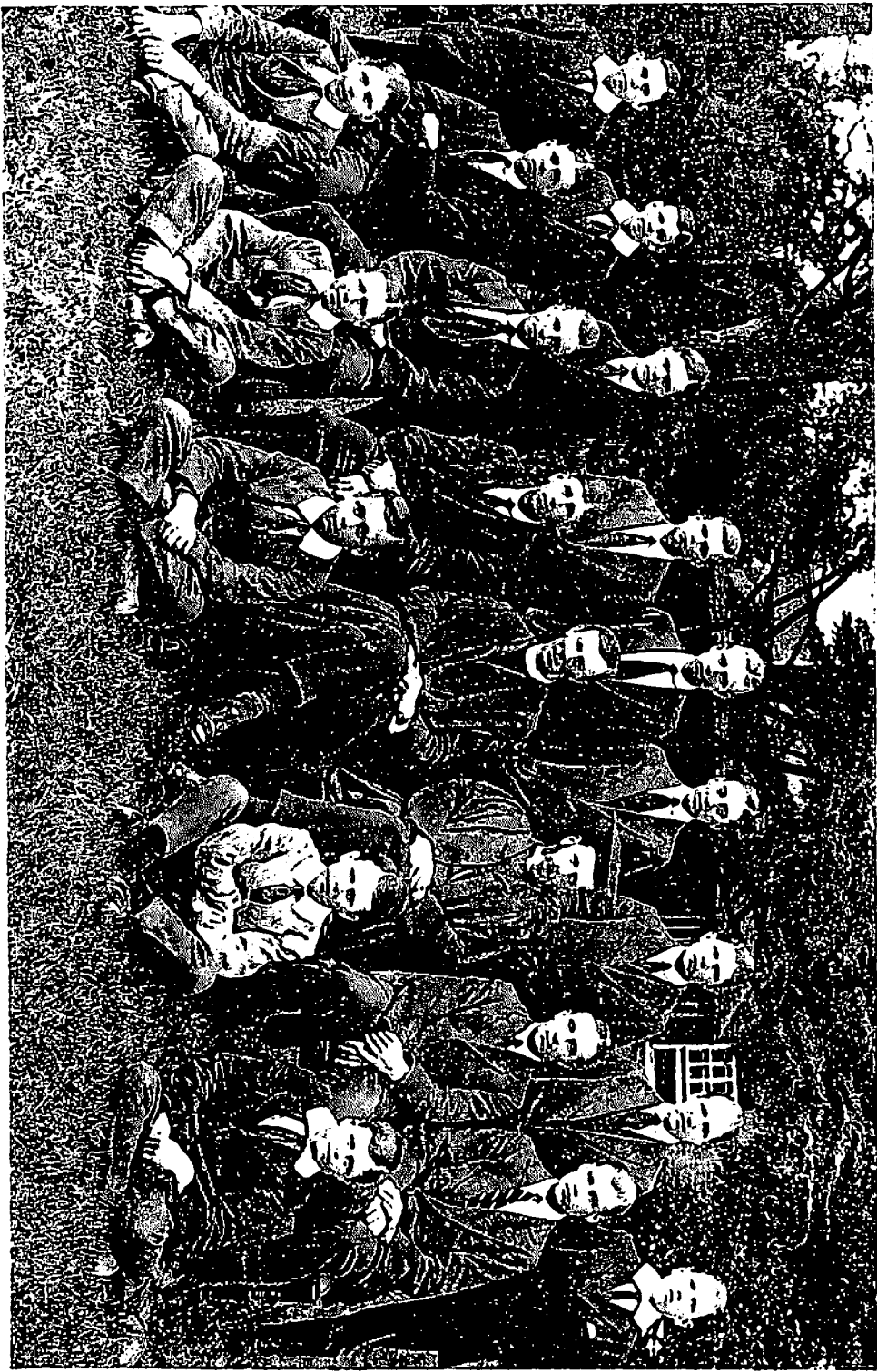
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BEECH HOUSE. GROUP SUMMER 1918.



BEECH HOUSE. FRONT VIEW.

EDITORIAL.

It is with somewhat mixed feelings that we find ourselves once more occupying the editorial chair owing to our predecessor having relinquished it for the sterner duties of warfare. We feel that it is a great honour to edit the School Magazine, but that, at the same time there is a grave responsibility attached which is not lightly to be refused in these days of great stress.

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We should first of all like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of Mr. Pestle's work in connection with the Ellesmerian. For some years he has filled the position of Honorary Treasurer and been responsible largely for the production of the Magazine. The School Roll of Honour which was published two years ago was the result of his untiring efforts while many other improvements are due to his enthusiastic labours. At the same time we should like to express our obligations to D. D. Parnell who has edited the Magazine for the last two years.

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The chief event of the term has been the opening of Beech House as an extension of the Reds Dormitories. Increasing numbers rendered it imperative that something should be done and so this house was fitted out for twenty-five boarders with Mr. Cosens and Mr. Palgrave in charge. We wish the new House every success and hope it is the forerunner to further extensions in the near future. We now number over 250 boys and still have more applications for entrance than can be entertained.

SCHOOL NOTES.

School Officials.

Captain of School : H. S. Shingler.

Prefect of Hall : H. P. Cooper.

Prefect of Chapel : W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson.

Prefects : E. G. Girling, H. J. Clee, E. Garnett, B. H. Cathrick, R. Bowyer, C. E. V. Ryan, L. P. E. Whitfield.

Captain of Cricket : E. Garnett.

Captain of Tennis : H. J. Clee.

Games Committee : E. Garnett, R. Bowyer, E. G. Girling, W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson, (Secretary), D. W. Jones, H. C. Shingler, W. J. Keeley.

O.T.C.

Company Sergeant Major : E. Garnett.

Sergeants : R. Bowyer, E. G. Girling, H. J. Clee.

Corporal : W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson.

Lance-Corporals : W. J. Keeley, D. W. Jones, H. C. Shingler, C. E. V. Ryan, H. P. Cooper, B. H. Cathrick.

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We regret we have to record the loss of Miss Turner, who after being with us two years as Modern Languages Mistress, has taken up a similar post at Sutton Valance School. We wish her every success and happiness in her new sphere of work. At the same time we extend a hearty welcome to Miss Atkins, who has taken up the duties vacated by Miss Turner.

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We also regret the departure of Mr. Pestle, who has taken up a commission in the Shropshire Light Infantry, and is at present stationed at Fermoy in the south of Ireland. Mr. Pestle was with us for four years, and during the last two and a half of them was the Violets' Dormitory Master. On his departure he was presented by the School with a silver cigarette case and by the Woodard Dormitory with a box of cigars.

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Mr. Pestle's work in the school during the last month has been ably taken by

Mr. Fox, who we regret to say will not be able to return next turn. We trust that he will be happy in his new post and that he will have as many pleasant memories of the school, as the school has of him.

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We congratulate Mr. Cope on his ordination at Lichfield Cathedral on Trinity Sunday, and on his appointment as Assistant Chaplain to the School.

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We offer our best wishes to Mr. Cosens, on his succession to the command of the Corps, and also to Mr. Cope who has been gazetted 2nd Lieut.

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We were very glad to welcome Mr. Browett back amongst us this term, and to see that he had quite recovered from his illness.

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Congratulations are due to H. C. Shingler, on his promotion to Captain of School, also to E. Garnett, B. H. Cathrick, R. Bowyer, E. C. V. Ryan, and L. P. E. Whitfield on their promotion to Prefects, and also to W. J. Keeley and V. T. Payton, who are now Dormitory Prefects.

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The Annual Inspection of the O.T.C. took place on June 13th. The War Office report will be found in the O.T.C. notes.

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The annual Confirmation was on Friday, May 19th. We were very glad the Bishop of Lichfield was able to come in person, and trust that the School appreciated the two excellent addresses he gave us.

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Ascension Day, Whit-Monday, and Half-Term, were, as usual, whole holidays; for a wonder they were all fine. Four extra half-holidays were also granted by the Head Master.

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W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson has been

appointed Sacristan on the resignation of H. P. Cooper.

VALETE.

R. W. Price (K. Alfred). Entered Jan. 1916; Dormitory Prefect, Sept. 1916; Prefect May 1917; Captain of School Jan. 1918; 2nd XI. Hockey 1916; 1st XI. Cricket 1916-17; 1st XV. 1916-17; 1st XI. Hockey 1917; Captain of Hockey 1918; Victor Ludorum 1918; Games Secretary 1917; Sergeant O.T.C.

Address: 12 Calthorpe Rd., Birmingham.

D. D. Parnell (K. Arthur). Entered Sept. 1915; Dormitory Prefect Sept. 1916; Prefect Sept. 1916; Prefect of Hall Sept. 1917; 2nd XV. 1917; 2nd XI. Hockey 1918; Assistant Librarian; Editor of *The Ellesmerian*.

Address: 91 Bedford Street, Liverpool.

B. Howard (Gordon); Entered Sept. 1912; Dormitory Prefect Sept. 1916; 2nd XV. 1917; 2nd XI. Hockey 1918; Sergeant O.T.C.

Address: c/o Mrs. Adams, May Farm, Hathern, Loughboro'

C. G. Skinner (K. Arthur). Entered Jan. 1913; Dormitory Prefect Oct. 1917; 2nd XI. Hockey 1918;

Address: The Rectory, Callander, Perthshire.

D. Bradburn (K. Arthur). Entered May 1912; Sub-Editor of *The Ellesmerian*.

Address:

L. J. Barrett (K. Alfred). Entered May 1917; 1st XV. 1917; 2nd XI. Cricket 1917.

Address: 318 Birchfield Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham.

C. W. Savage (K. Alfred). Entered March 1917. 1st XV. 1917; 2nd XI. Cricket 1917.

Address: 88 Heathfield Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

H. Charles (K. Edwards). Entered Sept. 1916.

Address : 38 Queen Street, Burslem, Staffs.

C. H. Everall (Gordon). Entered Jan. 1917.

Address : 108 Lady Margaret Road, Tufnell Park Inn, London.

J. S. Foster (Heywood and K. Alfred). Entered Jan. 1914.

Address : 31 Margwain's Gardens, Baron's Court, London, W.

C. W. Jones (K. Edward). Entered Sept. 1916.

Address : 129 Bank's Road, West Kirby, Cheshire.

J. H. Jones (Heywood). Entered Sept. 1917.

Address : Moss Farm, Haughton, Tarporley, Cheshire.

G. S. Morgan (Woodard). Entered Sept. 1916.

Address : Cwmffrwd, Nr. Caermarthen.

H. R. Oldham (Heywood). Entered Jan. 1914.

Address : Annerley, Gogarth Road, Llandudno.

A. B. Over (K. Alfred). Entered April 1915.

Address : 67 Albert Street, Rugby.

J. G. F. Pavillard (Conqueror). Entered Sept. 1915.

Address : The Temple, Dale Street, Liverpool.

E. V. S. Pavillard (Conqueror), Entered Sept. 1915.

Address : The Temple, Dale Street, Liverpool.

A. Rice (K. Edward). Entered Sept. 1916.

Address : 19 Hepscott Terrace, South Shields.

G. A. Richards (Day boy). Entered Jan. 1913.

Address : Glascoed, Llansilin, Oswestry.

F. W. Russell (K. Edward). Entered Sept. 1914.

Address : 7 Taton Road, Southport.

J. Taylor (K. Harold). Entered May 1914.

Address : Ninian Rd., Roath Park, Cardiff.

A. E. Wardle (Woodard). Entered Sept. 1916.

Address : Legayre, High Town, near Liverpool.

SALVETE.

C. W. Anderson (K. Edward).

T. B. Brown (iv) (Little K. Alfred).

T. E. Buckley (K. Alfred).

S. G. Burrows (K. Harold).

A. L. Collier (Little K. Alfred).

J. M. Coppack (K. Harold).

B. M. B. Coneter (K. Alfred).

J. D. Dixon (K. Alfred).

A. N. Gwynne (Little K. Alfred).

G. W. Harper (ii) (K. Edward).

G. E. Heselton (K. Alfred).

J. F. Hesketh (K. Alfred).

R. A. Jones (viii.) (K. Harold).

J. L. Jones (ix.) (K. Harold).

G. J. Kidd (K. Arthur).

N. L. Latham (i.) (K. Harold).

G. L. Latham (ii) (K. Harold).

B. A. Law (Little K. Alfred).

E. G. Lightfoot (K. Alfred).

J. B. McKiever (K. Harold).

G. P. Moss (K. Harold).

H. P. Powell (ii) (Woodard).

J. C. Reid (K. Alfred).

P. S. Rowlands (ii) (K. Harold).

A. F. Saunder (i.) (K. Alfred).

C. G. Saunders (ii.) (K. Arthur).

T. Stafford (K. Harold).

H. Stocker (K. Edward).

F. O. Tickell (K. Harold).

L. R. Vanderbilt (K. Alfred).

H. L. Wade (K. Harold).

L. E. Ward (ii.) (K. Alfred).

H. G. Warren (ii.) (Little King Alfred).

H. S. Watkins (ii.) (K. Harold).
 F. J. Whalley (Conqueror).
 R. W. Wicks (K. Harold).
 A. H. Wild (K. Harold).
 G. E. Williams (iv.) (K. Alfred).
 F. B. Woods-Johnson (Conqueror).

IN MEMORIAM.

William Harrison Lomas (ii.) (Woodard, Sept. 1910—Dec. 1912), Pte. 2nd South Lancs., originally 2nd Cheshire Yeomanry. Died at the 2nd Canadian C.C.S. at Popeëinghe, 27th Aug. 1917, from pneumonia resulting from gassing and subsequent exposure.

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Joseph Leyland Allison (Harold). Flight Sub-Lieutenant, H.M.S. No. 3 Naval Squadron, attached 10th wing R.F.C. Reported missing after an offensive patrol; killed on the same date according to German newspapers.

His Fight Commander wrote of him :—
 Your son was missing from our Squadron on March 18th. He left with his flight on an offensive patrol at 10 a.m. with four other pilots and about 11 a.m. the flight encountered some enemy fighting scouts and a fierce fight resulted, in which our boys shot down two enemy machines. This occurred some distance behind the lines and owing to the excitement of the combat each was so interested in the attack, that they were unable, naturally, to watch each other. When they finally assembled only four of our fellows were together and it was then noticed that your son was missing. Nothing more is known by the boys who were with him. I think that it is quite likely that he may have had gun trouble, and went away to the eastward until he had cleared the jams, and then owing to a lack of local knowledge of the immediate surrounding country, as he

had only recently flown over this locality and had previously flown up on the northern front near the sea—as you probably heard our squadron just came down back to the war after a rest of some months (I am so sorry your son did not remain with us for I am positive he would have made a wonderful flier) after clearing his guns he possibly became lost and I think probably mistook his whereabouts and landed on the German side of the lines: so we are all hoping to hear about his good fortune in landing safely and well. I was awfully proud to have your son in my squadron and was delighted when I managed to have him transferred from No. 4 to No. 3 Squadron, for I knew he would be good. All the boys in the squadron wish me to send their regrets that your son did not return from the patrol and they all hope you will soon have good news of his safety. He had proved himself to be a very brave and efficient war pilot during the enemy offensive in the Somme battle, March 1918.

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Sydney Louis Revett (ii.) (Woodard, June 1900—July 1901), 28th Battalion Australian Imperial Force. Killed in action at Morlancourt, near Albert, June 14th, 1918.

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Thomas Robins, killed in action on Oct. 6th, 1916, at the battle of the Somme. Joined the Shropshire Yeomanry in October 1914, just after he was eighteen and in Sept. 1916 he was sent to France and transferred to the 6th Battalion K.S.I.I. He was at once sent up to the line and was killed by a shell only a fortnight after he landed in France. His officers always spoke of him in the highest terms. (The Editor regrets no news had previously reached him).

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John Huntington (K. Arthur, Sept.

1911—Dec. 1915). Lieut. Border Regiment, serving with the Intelligence Department. Killed in action early on Aug. 1918. He had been awarded the Military Cross about a year ago. No further news about his death has yet been received. He had previously been wounded at Villers Bretonneux in the early part of the summer, but had gone back to France immediately after his recovery. A fuller notice, with his photograph, will be published in our next issue.

PRISONER OF WAR.

Robert Leonard Skinner. (*K. Arthur*, May 1911—July 1914). Lieut. R.A.F. Taken prisoner May 3rd, 1918.

Out first in France with the Camerons he was in the trenches for five months and afterwards received a commission in the Black Watch. He was then commissioned to the R.A.F. and soon obtained his wings. He went out to France again on Easter Eve 1918, and after five weeks flying was reported missing on May 3rd. On the 31st news was received that he was in a prisoner camp in Germany, but where has not yet been ascertained. He had been out over the German lines with five others on the Belgian frontier and was last seen entering a cloud. His Flight-commander wrote of him:—"Although he had been with us such a short time, he had endeared himself to us all and had proved himself a very brave boy, who was always there when he was wanted."

WOUNDED.

A. E. Gandolfo (*Woodard*), Lieut., Border Regiment. Served in Gallipoli, Egypt, France and Belgium. Badly wounded on March 21st, 1918, at Longuecourt, near Bapaume, in a counter-attack during the great German offensive. Was

in the Prince of Wales' Hospital for two months. Is now at Crosby, in shipping with his father. Has been round the world since leaving school in 1904.

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A. F. Ross (*Conqueror*, Sept. 1908—July 1915). Now convalescing in England.

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H. A. Somerville (*K. Alfred*.)

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C. E. B. Girling (*K. Harold*).

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N. P. Vanderbilt (*K. Alfred*).

O.E. NEWS.

T. Olphert (*Woodard*, Sept. 1911—) Lieutenant commanding a Labour Company on road work in France. Has been out since 1915.

C. L. T. Barclay (*K. Arthur*, May 1911—July 1914), Lieut. D.L.I., on base work in Italy. Recently home on leave.

P. J. Edwards (*K. Arthur*, May 1913—Dec. 1915, School Captain 1915). Lieut. R.A.F., now gazetted to a regular commission after seeing considerable service in France. We congratulate him on his recent engagement to be married and wish him every happiness in the future.

F. G. S. Barclay (*K. Arthur*, Jan. 1913—July 1916). Training with the Artists' Rifles near Romford.

G. L. Ross (*Conqueror*, Sept. 1908—). Gazetted 2nd Lieut. R.A.F.

N. M. Greeves (School Captain 1914-15) has been discharged from the Army owing to medical unfitness and is intending to resume his medical course at Trinity College, Dublin. We were very glad to see him looking so much better when he visited us in July.

C. Ellis (*K. Arthur*, May 1912—April 1917). Pte., 4th Dorset Res. Battalion, Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry.

D. D. Parnell (K. Arthur, Sept. 1915—June 1918). 2nd Lieut. in Cavalry Regiment; at present stationed in Co. Kildare.

F. B. Topham (K. Alfred, left July 1916). Has just passed high out of the R.M.A. Woolwich, and been commissioned to the Royal Engineers.

E. D. Greeves (K. Alfred, left July 1914). Embarkation Officer in the South of Ireland.

F. A. Ninis, Acting Adjutant at Salonica.

K. J. Slater (K. Arthur—left March, 1917), has been accepted as Cadet in R.A.F.

F. R. Law (left Dec. 1915), has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

Conrad B. Browne (Home Address: The Vicarage, Marton-cum-Grafton, York). Eastern Telegraph Co. at Buenos Ayres. Since being drafted abroad he has served at Madeira where he had a rude reception on his first Sunday by the shelling of the island by a U boat. He was then transferred to Monte Video and spent some fifteen months there before being sent to Buenos Ayres. He came out strong in cricket at Monte Video and, besides being given a place in the Company's first team, he was asked on several occasions to play for the City Club, chiefly for his left-hand bowling, though he also did well as a batsman.

Basil Browne, training in London for the same service as his brother, has just passed his six months examination and so his name goes on the pay list. He is likely to follow in his brother's footsteps.

W. B. Daman, Lieut. 123 Field Coy. R.E. Has been out in France for over three years.

G. Watson (Woodard, May 1892—April 1896). Has been Assistant Secretary to Threlfall's Brewery, Liverpool, since leaving school. One of the few boys who have been confirmed at school while on a sick-bed.

A. B. Worrall (May 1900—July 1901). Sergeant A.S.C. since May 1915.

R. J. Everall (Gordon, left April 1916). London Station of the Eastern Telegraph Service; going on foreign service in a few months.

Ascough (i.) London Station Eastern Telegraph Service.

Johnson (left in 1908). London Station Eastern Telegraph Service.

E. L. Coney (K. Edward, left July 1916) was killed by a flash of lightning on the Cricket Field of Cleobury Mortimer Grammar School. A master and eleven others were struck.

W. H. Pilkington (K. Harold, left July 1917) School Captain 1916-17, Artists' Rifles.

J. Long (Heywood, left 1916). Artists' Rifles.

R. F. Taylor (K. Harold, left Dec. 1916). Artists' Rifles.

R. W. Price (K. Alfred, Jan. 1916—April 1918, School Captain 1918). Won Open Steeplechase of 4 miles at O.C.B. Wareham, Dorsetshire by 2½ mins. Now stationed 34th O.C.B. Winchester.

E. E. Sworn (K. Arthur). Gazetted 2nd Lieut. R.A.F.

A. Prodger (Heywood, left Dec. 1916). Won the 100 yds. Open at his O.C.B.

— *Benstead* and *R. G. Toms*, Commissions in the Indian Army.

G. A. Hitchmough (K. Edward, left July 1916). Lance-Corporal, now in training at Aisnez Barracks, Blackburn.

G. T. Cattell (K. Alfred, May 1915—Dec. 1917). Officers' Cadet Battalion, Lichfield.

M. Myers. Private in Cheshires.

J. L. W. Johnstone (K. Alfred, left Feb. 1918). Officers' Cadet Battalion, Cambridge.

B. Howard (Gordon, left Dec. 1917). School of Engineering, Loughborough.

H. Griffith (K. Edward, left Dec. 1917). In munitions at Treorchy, S. Wales.

E. A. Vanderbilt (K. Alfred, left Dec. 1917). 34th O.C.B. Winchester.

H. N. Feltham (Conqueror, left Dec. 1916). Cadet in R.A.F.

A. F. Ross (Conqueror, Sept. 1908—July 1915). 3rd Northants Regt., Minster, Isle of Sheppey.

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We were very pleased to see the following O.E.'s. at the School during term-time: N. M. Greeves, J. P. Edwards, J. Huntington, F. R. Law, P. G. Sworn, — Whitehead, L. A. Heath, F. Spillsbury, J. S. M. Shingler, C. Skinner, W. H. Pilkington, H. W. Garforth.

A. E. Gandolfo, A. B. Worrall, G. Watson also visited the school after the holidays had commenced.

Mr. Baker, who was on the Staff in 1917 also paid us a visit during term-time.

We congratulate Mr. H. A. Smith, an old master of the School, on the birth of a son and heir. Mr. Smith is at present a master at Bloxham School.

We also congratulate Mr. J. Poole, who left us in Dec. 1914 after being on the Staff for five years, on his appointment as a Science Master to the Staffordshire County Council.

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The Editor apologises for any omissions or mistakes that may have occurred in the above O.E. news.

Will all Old Ellesmerians who desire to become subscribers to the *Ellesmerian* please forward their subscriptions to the Hon. Treas. The number of subscribers has doubled since the issue of the last number, but is yet far below what it should be.

Any items of news about O.E.'s will be gladly received by the Head Master or Hon. Treasurer, and will be inserted in the *Ellesmerian*. We ought to have many interesting doings to chronicle, especially

in these days, and hope we shall have more still for the next issue in December.

O.T.C.

The annual inspection of the Corps was carried out on June 13th, by Lt.-Col. F. Burnell-Nugent, D.S.O., Rifle Brigade, and was recorded as efficient.

The drill on the whole was well done, though lack of practice was shown in the extended order drill, especially by the younger cadets.

The contingent was very well handled in a small manoeuvre by the Cadet C.S.M.

Some very good physical training was seen. The musketry instruction was satisfactory, but some cadets appear to want more practice in handling their rifles.

Practically all the instruction seen was well taken by cadet N.C.O.'s and this seems to be the right system.

At half-term the Corps lost the services of Mr. Pestle who has been O.C. since Feb. 1915. He accepted a commission in the K.S.L.I. and at present is stationed at Fermoy in the south of Ireland. We are deeply indebted to him for his indefatigable labours while with us, and for the keenness he displayed in bringing the Corps to a higher pitch of perfection. We wish him every success in the discharge of his new duties.

Though Mr. Pestle has left us, we are glad to say the Corps has still two Officers, as the Rev. G. E. Cope was gazetted to a commission on July 10th.

Tenders are being invited for the erection of a covering point for the miniature range, and it is hoped that it will be ready by the time next term commences.

The cancelling of the O.T.C. Camp at Welbeck was a great disappointment to us, as we were sending a contingent of 62

cadets and we were expecting to give a very good account of ourselves.

Lance-Corporals Shingler, Ryan (2), Cathrick and Keeley are attending at Altcar during the early part of the holidays for a ten days Musketry Instruction Course

Sergeant Garnett has been promoted to Company Sergeant Major.

CHAPEL NOTES.

The Bishop of Lichfield came to us to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 31st. There were 55 boys presented and also one soldier from a neighbouring camp. The Service was as in former years, the choir assembling in the Ante-hall at 11.30 and proceeding to Chapel with the Bishop vested in Cope and Mitre attended by two acolytes.

The First Communion was given on the following Sunday at 8 a.m. when there were 110 communicants, almost every Confirmed boy in the school making his Communion; at 10-30 we had a sung Eucharist as our Thanksgiving, and at night we sang the Te Deum as the final thanksgiving. The Candidates had been preparing for their Confirmation and First Communion for some eight months, and it is now for them to show by their daily lives the great power of the Gifts which they have received.

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The Rogation procession was carried out as usual on Wednesday, May 8th, at 11-30, the weather allowing us to make the open air stations, the first in the middle of the Quadrangle, the second outside the Founder's Gate, and the Procession starting and ending before the Altar in Chapel. There is nothing so dignified as a Procession well carried out, and nothing so ridiculous as one badly done. The Servers and Choir did their part exceedingly well, but the School did not follow quite so well, a fact we must remember next year.

At the end of the First Evensong of Whitsunday, the Veni Creator was sung kneeling, and on Whitsunday Holy Communion was given at 8-0 a.m. and the Eucharist afterwards sung at 10-30 with the whole school present.

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On the Eve of Corpus Christi, instead of Evensong, a Litany of the Blessed Sacrament was sung, and afterwards an address on Holy Communion was given to all the Communicants by the Chaplain. The next morning the Eucharist was sung at 7-0.

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On June 11th the Headmaster gave a half holiday in honour of the Festival of S. Barnabas.

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On the Fourth Sunday after Trinity Mr. Palgrave preached in Chapel upon S. John the Baptist; he gave us a delightful picture of the Baptist, showing us how little he cared for convention, ease or luxury, but was a lover of the blunt truth. We are very grateful to him for the sermon.

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S. Alban's Day, June 17th, was kept as a special day for the Soldiers. During the day we collected over three pounds for the Church Army Huts, the school being asked to put 250 pence in the box and in this way some 270 were collected. At the Eucharist at 6-30 before the school Mattins there were 64 boys present and at the short Intercession Service immediately after dinner some 84 people were present.

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W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson has become Sacristan, Cooper having resigned: we are very grateful to Cooper for his long services. During this term we have added to our servers Jones i., Thomas, Brabyn, Esplin, Irwin, Rowlands, Riseley i. and Hall.

We must not forget to thank Nurse for all her labours in Chapel, especially for all the decorating; the large Crucifix has always been delightfully surrounded by flowers at all the important Festivals.

A DAY'S WORK!

A leaf from the diary of a boy who was not very keen.

The first bell rings; how snug I am in bed!

"I'll up and dress when sounds the second bell,

And yet be down at chapel not too late."

Thus works the youthful mind and so he stays,

But stays so long that there is scarce the time

To throw on clothes, to hurry down, without

A wash, with hair unkempt, and clothing all

Awry. Once in the passage there's no sound;

So fast and faster fly the feet until

The door is reached; the organ sounds; but still

The Chaplain's not begun. "No lines this time,

They cannot say I'm late." So starts the day.

Then morning school—"A frightful bore," quoth he,

"I'm sleepy, hungry, can't think if I would:

Seldom I try, but now I would not dream

The attempt to make, for nine o'clock's the time

For growing youths their sleepy couch to leave."

"Attention you don't pay—three drills you'll have;

The penalty next time another form

Will take," and so the erring one is roused

For one or two brief moments to put on

An interested air the master to beguile.

At breakfast time he grouses without pause,

As schoolboys do wherever them you meet, For they are thoughtless things in every way.

Then rolling comes, at which a martyr's air

Is donned, for this is tyranny he deems, But none the less dare not rebel.

Loud clangs the bell that summons all to school:

With haste the boots are laced and books are sought

Though they are never found where they should be.

But troubled not at all, he lays his hand On those that anywhere lie near to him—

His maxim is, "What's thine is mine, better

That you the master's wrath should meet than I."

How long the morning seems! Three weary hours

Must be endured before some freedom come "What use to me," he sighs, "are circles,

lines, Triangles and the like? No thought of them

Will I allow my mind, when school I leave. Latin my soul abhors; no person sane

Desires to keep within his worried head Declensions, verbs, or times when Caesar

lived. Enough and more to me the present is

Since I can't do the things that please me most."

Lacking is concentration and all zeal For study that would greatly strengthen

mind And fit his mind for life's hard task to come.

Hard, too, the master's task, as long he tries

A little keenness to impart to youths Who sorely try his patience. Now and

then A gleam of intellect is seen, and hope

Is roused within the master's heart, but
 quenched
 So soon as it is roused, as down again
 That youthful mind once more in slumber
 sinks.
 When dinner's o'er and drills are done,
 then games
 Are played—to some the salt of life while
 now
 Their energies increase and statures grow—
 And faster go the hours as nearer draws
 Two and a half more hours of school, in
 which
 Things wonderful are done and said.
 Greater
 The lack of will to think than hitherto :
 And now his answers are most wonderful—
 “ Arma virumque cano—for the dog
 Poison and arms,” translates our youth,
 careless
 Of syntax and of sense ; while “ circles are
 The loci of points all equidistant
 From each other.” Vituperation loud
 And strong on his benighted head is
 poured,
 But little recks he—no more than does the
 duck
 When on his back the rain comes pelting
 down—
 And slumbers sweet again his senses woo,
 Soon as the master turns to other luckless
 wight.
 Then comes the hour, when lessons to
 prepare
 The school-room sees him sitting at his ease
 Careless of master, prefect, or aught else
 If but this leisure hour he can enjoy.
 But what is that ? It is the sound of bell
 Calling to chapel, where he ponders o'er
 All that the day has brought him, good or
 bad.
 Then dormitory time, where he can talk
 And play without restriction great, unless
 Perchance the prefect's ire is stirred, and
 then
 Again he gets three hundred lines or drills,

Which on the morrow he perforce must do.
 Last scene of all—with head on pillow sunk
 Our gentle youth, quite worn out with his
 day
 Of interrupted ease, with satisfaction
 dreams
 The holidays had come, quite certain that
 Nothing attempted, nothing done,
 Had earned a night's repose.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The conditions during the latter half of March and the early part of April for the preliminary events were about as perfect as they could possibly be ; beautiful weather, no wind and a good track all contributing to some very praiseworthy performances. Under these circumstances we were justified in expecting a great day on Easter Monday when the Finals were decided, but we did not take into account the perversity of the weather. The morning broke gloomy and threatening and the afternoon was nearly as atrocious as possible. Heavy rain fell most of the time and rendered the track so treacherous that good performances could not be expected. It was very regrettable as, given favourable conditions, several school records might have been broken, *e.g.* the mile, the quarter and the hundred yards.

Under the adverse circumstances the performances of Price i. in the mile and the quarter, and those of Shingler in the hundred yards and the long jump were excellent, and it is greatly to be regretted they could not have had the opportunity of proving their worth on a dry ground.

The Dormitory Challenge Shield was easily won by the K. Alfred, but there were some very creditable performances by members of the Conqueror.

Steeplechase. Open Handicap. (3 miles).—

1, R. W. Price ; 2, J. Pavillard.

Best time—R.W. Price, 19 mins. 45 secs.

Steeplechase, Under 15. Handicap (2 miles)

1, D. Keatinge ; 2, A. G. Cattell.

Best time—D. Keatinge, 14 mins. 13 secs

Three Miles (Open).

1, R. W. Price ; 2, J. Pavillard ; 3, J. W. H. Bruxby ; 4, E. Pavillard ; 5, V. T. Payton.

17 mins. 46 secs.

High Jump (Open).

1, R. W. Price and B. H. Cathrick.

4 ft. 8½ ins.

High Jump (Under 15).

1, F. Garnett iv. ; 2, E. Pilkington iii.

4 ft. 4 ins.

100 Yards (Under 12).

1, T. Greenwood ii. ; 2, W. E. Bowyer ii.

14 secs.

100 Yards (Under 15).

1, G. A. Collis i. ; 2, D. M. Langford i.

12½ secs.

100 Yards (Open).

1, H. C. Shingler ; 2, R. Bowyer i.

11½ secs.

120 Yards Hurdle Race (Under 15).

1, J. J. Steele . 2, E. Pilkington iii.

22½ secs.

Quarter-Mile (Under 12).

1, T. J. Greenwood ii. ; 2, Lawton ii.

81 secs.

Quarter-Mile (Under 15).

1, G. A. Collis i. ; 2, D. Keatinge ii.

68 secs.

Quarter-Mile (Open).

1, R. W. Price i. ; 2, H. C. Shingler ; 3, D. D. Parnell.

61½ secs.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15).

1, E. Pilkington iii. ; 2, D. H. Brown ii.

56 yds. 2 ft. 1½ ins.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open).

1, R. W. Price i. ; 2, H. C. Shingler.

71 yds. 3 ins.

Half-Mile (Under 15).

1, A. G. Cattell ; 2, A. B. Over ; 3, R. Tench.

2 min. 41 secs.

Dormitory Relay Race, Half-Mile (Final).

K. Alfred beat Conqueror.

1 min. 56 secs.

Long Jump (Open).

1, H. C. Shingler ; 2, R. W. Price.

18 ft.

Long Jump (Under 15).

1, W. B. Curran and J. J. Steele.

13 ft. 9 ins.

One Mile (Open).

1, R. W. Price ; 2, J. Pavillard ; 3, J. W. H. Bruxby i.

5 mins. 15 secs.

220 Yards (Under 12).

1, T. J. Greenwood ii. ; 2, E. J. Riseley iii.

38 secs.

220 Yards Handicap (Under 15).

1, F. C. Ling (16 yds.) ; 2, C. C. Blackwell (26 yds.)

220 Yards Handicap (Over 15).

1, H. C. Shingler (Scr.) ; 2, A. B. Milton (16 yds.)

Half-Mile Handicap (Open).

1, E. Pavillard ii. (12 yds.) ; D. Keatinge ii. (20 yds.)

Tug-of-War (Final).

King Harold beat Gordon 2—0.

Victor Ludorum

1, R. W. Price, 53 points.

2, H. C. Shingler, 25 points.

Armstrong Cup—(K. Arthur Dormitory).

D. D. Parnell, 4 points.

Dormitory Challenge Shield

1, K. Alfred, 83 points.

2, Conqueror, 47 points.

Mrs. Hanna kindly gave away the prizes in the Ante-Hall at the conclusion of the Sports.

BOXING COMPETITION.

This annual competition was held, as usual, about the middle of March, but the number of entries was not quite up to the average, and we must say we think the

quality of the Boxing was not either. The most creditable displays were given by Ryan ii., Ryan iii., Bradburn, Watkins and Everall, while the brothers Williams showed considerable promise. Of the bouts, the best was the final between the brothers Ryan which necessitated a fourth round before the elder won by a very slight margin of points. The best contested of the other finals was the one between Bradburn and Watkins who had also met the previous year in the final of a lower weight. This year Watkins gave a much better display and was perhaps the most improved boxer in the school.

Corporal Smith from Bettisfield Camp kindly refereed.

RESULTS.

Under 6st.

Williams ii. (K. Arthur) beat Arnold ii. (Heywood).

Final, Williams ii. beat Williams i. (K. Arthur.)

Under 7st.

Harris (K. Edward) beat Chorlton (K. Edwards).

Final, Everall (Gordon) beat Harris.

Under 8st.

Watkins (Gordon) beat Lawton i. (Gordon)
Bradburn (K. Arthur) beat Riseley ii. (Gordon).

Watkins beat Garnett v. (Woodard)

Final, Bradburn beat Watkins.

Under 9st.

Ryan iii (Woodard) beat Fraser (K. Edward).

Ryan ii. (Woodard) beat MacCormack (Conqueror).

Final, Ryan ii. beat Ryan iii. (after an extra round).

Over 10st.

Keeley (Gordon) beat Bowyer i. (K. Harold)

THE CRICKET SEASON.

At the commencement of the term the outlook, from a cricket point of view, was not very promising, as we had only two of last year's colours to rely upon. With a little net practice, however, we discovered some very useful batting material which improved considerably as the season advanced. Unfortunately the bowling remained weak throughout: we had four or five who were very useful as change bowlers, but we sadly missed two reliable ones to open the attack. The fielding, as in past years, was quite good—Jones at cover point, Whitfield behind the wicket, and Bowyer at third man being especially so—very few catches being dropped, while the ground fielding was of a uniform excellency.

Owing to the term being overcrowded and the examinations coming early, the team suffered somewhat from lack of practice, but in spite of that the season on the whole may be considered satisfactory.

In the first match against Oswestry Grammar School we played an 'A' team which secured a fairly easy victory, and the match enabled us to fill up the vacant places in the first XI.

Our most creditable performance was against the A.S.C. at Prees Heath Camp, but in the return match at Ellesmere they proved far too good for us, our batsmen being completely at sea with our opponents' fast bowling.

The St. Lawrence College match at Chester was left drawn owing to lack of time, but, in all probability, we should have won easily, if it had been played to a finish.

The Masters' Match resulted in an easy victory for the School.

E. GARNETT,
Captain of Cricket.

S.O.S. v. ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE,
at Chester.

This was the only 1st XI. School match of the season, as the return unfortunately had to be scratched owing to a slight epidemic in our opponents ranks. After the exciting game of last year, when we won by two runs, the match was looked forward to with great interest. We batted first, but on a very slow wicket found runs hard to get, only 70 runs being scored in an hour and a half. Whitfield played an invaluable innings for us, going in first and being the last out. Of the others, only F. Garnett and Jones met the bowling with any confidence, the former playing a very steady innings and the latter making some good hits.

Owing to shortness of time, due to a bad train service, we declared when eight wickets were down, leaving St. Lawrence about fifty minutes in which to obtain the runs. They started as if they meant to hit them off, but some good bowling by C. Ryan, backed up by excellent fielding caused the fall of 6 wickets for 13 runs, and only good play by Swinburne, who scored 19, saved them.

S.O.S.

H. J. Clee c Walker, b Swinburne.....	5
L. P. E. Whitfield b Morphew.....	18
R. Bowyer c Harrison b Vinson.....	3
E. Garnett b Vinson.....	3
C. E. V. Ryan b Smith.....	0
F. Garnett, c Harrison b Morphew.....	12
C. J. Ryan b Morphew.....	2
D. W. Jones not out.....	8
B. H. Cathrick b Morphew.....	6
N. C. Harper.....	Did not bat.
W. J. Keeley.....	

Extras..... 13

Total for 8 wickets (innings declared). 70

ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE : 38 for 8 wickets.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average
C. E. V. Ryan....	5	7	4	1.75
N. C. Harper....	7	16	1	16
W. J. Keeley....	3	10	—	—
E. Garnett.....	1	2	1	2

S.O.S. v. A.S.C. (PREES HEATH).

Past experience in Camp matches has caused us to look forward to them with a certain amount of doubt, as it not unfrequently happens that really good players are found in their ranks. This time we came across nothing terrible and a very exciting game ensued, which left us at the finish with 12 runs to win, but only 1 wicket to fall.

S.O.S.

H. J. Clee b Marshall.....	0
L. P. E. Whitfield b Marshall.....	8
R. Bowyer c Morgan b Marshall.....	7
E. Garnett c Marshall b Leggett.....	7
C. E. V. Ryan c Leggett b Chalk.....	4
F. Garnett c Holmes b Leggett.....	5
D. W. Jones run out.....	2
B. H. Cathrick c and b Chalk.....	2
G. J. Ryan b Holmes.....	2
J. C. MacFall not out.....	0
N. C. Harper not out.....	2
Extras.....	10

Total for 9 wickets..... 50

A.S.C.....61.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Run	Wkts.	Average.
C. E. V. Ryan....	7	11	—	—
N. C. Harper.....	3	12	1	12
E. Garnett.....	12	28	3	9.33
R. Bowyer.....	10	5	6	83

S.O.S. v. A.S.C. (PREES HEATH).

For this return match our opponents brought a much stronger team to Ellesmere than had played against us at Prees Heath, and the result was disastrous to us, the only batsmen to offer any resistance to the fast bowling being Girling and Cathrick, who were both, however, favoured with some luck. Our score of 44 was very poor, as the wicket was quite good. A rather better show was made in the second innings, Bowyer batting excellently, but the A.S.C. did not put on their best bowlers.

S.O.S. 1ST INNINGS.

L. P. E. Whitfield b Marshall.....	1
H. J. Clee c Grace b Prior.....	1
R. Bowyer b Prior.....	0
C. E. V. Ryan c Grace b Prior.....	0
F. Garnett run out.....	8
D. W. Jones b Prior.....	0
G. J. Ryan st — b Prior.....	3
B. H. Cathrick c & b Prior.....	10
E. G. Girling st — b. Marshall.....	14
N. C. Harper b Marshall.....	0
J. C. MacFall not out.....	2
Extras.....	5
Total....	44

A.S.C.: 151 for 6 wickets (innings declared).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av'ge.
C. E. V. Ryan	15	50	2	25
N. C. Harper	12	43	—	—
J. C. MacFall.....	7	23	2	11.5
R. Bowyer.....	13	21	1	21
G. J. Ryan.....	2	5	1	5

S.O.S. 2ND INNINGS.

L. P. E. Whitfield c & b Grace.....	3
H. J. Clee b Colpass.....	4
R. Bowyer not out.....	33
C. E. V. Ryan run out.....	3
F. Garnett b Grace.....	0
D. W. Jones b Colpass.....	3
G. J. Ryan c Grace b Colpass.....	0
B. H. Cathrick b Colpass.....	0
E. G. Girling b Colpass.....	0
N. C. Harper b Colpass.....	5
J. C. MacFall b Colpass.....	5
Extras.....	12
Total....	68

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S.O.S. v. THE MASTERS.

S.O.S.

L. P. E. Whitfield b The Headmaster.....	3
H. J. Clee c The Headmaster b The Chaplain	7
R. Bowyer c Mr. Evans b The Headmaster..	32
C. E. V. Ryan b The Chaplain.....	8
D. W. Jones c Mr. Cope b The Headmaster..	12
F. Garnett not out.....	23
G. J. Ryan not out.....	23
B. H. Cathrick	} Did not bat.
E. G. Girling	
N. C. Harper.....	
J. C. MacFall.....	
Extras.....	13
Total for 5 wickets.....	121

THE MASTERS.

The Headmaster c C. Ryan b Bowyer.....	37
The Rev. G. E. Cope lbw Harper.....	6
The Rev. the Chaplain b Ryan.....	3
Mr. Evans c Bowyer b Ryan.....	1
Mr. Righton c Bowyer b Ryan.....	0
The Rev. W. R. H. Cosens b Ryan	0
Mr. Beresford b Harper.....	0
Mr. Acheson st Whitfield b Ryan.....	1
Mr. Browett run out.....	0
Mr. Fox c MacFall b Ryan.....	2
Mr. Dixon not out.....	0
Extras.....	4
Total....	54

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

S.O.S.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av'ge.
C. E. V. Ryan	15	31	6	5.16
N. C. Harper.....	9	13	2	6.5
R. Bowyer.....	6	9	1	9

MASTERS.

The Headmaster..	15	24	3	8
Mr. Evans	8	31	—	—
The Rev. The Chaplain	10	39	2	19.5
Mr. Righton	3	15	—	—
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S.O.S. ('A' TEAM) v. OSWESTRY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

S.O.S.

H. J. Clee run out.....	2
B. H. Cathrick b Finchett.....	0
L. P. E. Whitfield b Sutcliffe.....	17
C. E. V. Ryan b Sutcliffe.....	14
F. Garnett lbw b Sutcliffe.....	5
D. W. Jones c Keen b Finchett.....	6
G. J. Ryan not out.....	6
W. J. Keeley b Finchett.....	9
N. C. Harper	} Did not bat.
E. Pilkington	
E. G. Girling	
Extras.....	2

Total for 6 wickets (innings declared).. 61

Oswestry G.S..... 44

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average
C. E. V. Ryan	9	13	2	6.5
W. J. Keeley.....	8	9	3	3.
N. C. Harper.....	9	15	4	3.75
D. W. Jones	2	2	—	—

BATTING AVERAGES, 1st XI.

	Inns.	Not Out.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
R. Bowyer.....	5	1	75	33*	18.75
F. Garnett.....	5	1	48	23*	12
G. J. Ryan.....	5	1	30	23*	7.5
L. P. E. Whitfield	5	0	33	18	6.6
D. W. Jones ...	5	1	12	25	6.25
B. H. Cathrick	4	0	18	10	4.5
H. J. Clee.....	5	0	17	7	3.4
C. E. V. Ryan ..	5	0	15	8	3.

Also batted :—E. Garnett, N. C. Harper, E. G. Girling, J. C. MacFall.

BOWLING AVERAGES, 1st XI.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Averages
R. Bowyer.....	28	35	8	4.37
E. Garnett.....	13	30	4	7.5
C. E. V. Ryan	44	104	12	8.75
J. C. MacFall.....	8	23	1	23.
N. C. Harper	31	90	3	30.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI.

****E. GARNETT (Capt.)** A good all-round cricketer. Excellent field, good bat, especially on the on-side, and a steady bowler, though rather inclined to try to get work on the ball at the expense of length. Captained the side well, displaying judgment in the placing of the field and in changing his bowling.

****R. Bowyer (Vice-Captain).** The best batsman on the side, who scores well all round the wicket. A good change bowler and excellent in the field.

***H. J. Clee.** A good batsman when set, with a variety of strokes. Nervous in starting. Rather slow in the field, but a sure catch.

***L. P. E. Whitfield.** A left-hand batsman with good strokes to the on, but weak on the off. Started well, but struck a bad patch. An excellent wicket-keeper who stands up well to the bowling.

***C. E. V. Ryan.** A good fast bowler, but soon tires. Should do very well next year. A moderate batsman and a very fair field.

***F. Garnett.** A batsman of considerable promise—plays a straight bat and never gets reckless. He is the youngest member of the team and should make a very good bat in the future. Slow in the field.

***D. W. Jones.** With more defence would make a very fair bat, as he possesses some good strokes. At cover-point has sometimes been quite brilliant. A fair change bowler.

†G. J. Ryan. A batsman with a sound defence, but rather lacking in variety of strokes. Rather slow in the field, but a safe catch.

†B. H. Cathrick. As a batsman has a very good off-drive, but is weak on the leg side. Too fond of trying to drive a short-pitched ball. Good in the field.

†E. G. Girling. Rather lacking in defence, but hits well on the leg side. Improved considerably towards the close of the season. Has occasionally kept wicket very successfully.

†N. C. Harper. A fair batsman and a good field. Has been disappointing as a bowler, seldom succeeding in finding a good length.

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

*** 1st XI. Colours 1918.**

† 2nd XI. Colours.

DORMITORY MATCHES.

Though the K. Harold were certain winners of the shield from the very start of the competition, the matches were just as keenly contested as ever and some of the results were very close. The match between the K. Arthur and K. Alfred, in particular, produced about the closest contest ever seen on the School ground and necessitated two games, the first resulting in a tie and the second in a win for th K. Alfred by a single run. The excitement on each occasion was tremendous. Next

to the K. Harold, the Woodard and Gordon had the best dormitory teams, but they ought both to have done much better against the K. Harold.

Outside those who obtained 1st and 2nd XI. Colours some very promising material exists.

As batsmen the most conspicuous were: *K. Harold*, E. Pilkington, R. Davis; *K. Alfred*, J. W. H. Bruxby, A. G. Cattell, G. E. Heselton; *K. Arthur*, A. B. B. Cartlidge, N. Wilson, R. Irwin; *K. Edward*, R. E. Brabyn, H. Betteridge; *Heywood*, G. Sturgess; *Conqueror*, F. J. Whalley.

The most successful bowlers were:—*K. Alfred*, T. E. Buckley, J. W. H. Bruxby; *K. Arthur*, R. Irwin, C. G. Williams; *K. Edward*, H. Betteridge; *Gordon*, O. F. J. Watkins.

In the field very great keenness was shown by many members of the various dormitories.

1st Round.

1. K. ARTHUR 63 (N. Wilson 15 not out, L. P. E. Whitfield 12, A. B. B. Cartlidge 11, R. Irwin 9, C. G. Williams 4 wickets for 6).

beat

2. GORDON 57 for 1 wicket. (B. H. Cathrick 31 not out, W. J. Keeley 22 not out, W. J. Keeley 7 wickets for 18, O. F. J. Watkins 3 wickets for 9).

beat

3. K. HAROLD 142 for 6 (R. Bowyer 70 not out, E. G. Girling 43, D. W. Jones 14. E. G. Garnett 4 wickets for 11, R. Bowyer 5 wickets for 25).

beat

4. K. ALFRED 31 for 1. (A. G. Cattell 18, J. W. H. Bruxby 9 not out. T. E. Buckley 7 wickets for 6, A. G. Cattell 1 wicket for 0).

beat

- CONQUEROR 28. (D. L. Farrar 7, F. J. Whalley 5).

Semi-Finals.

1. K. HAROLD 34 for 2 (E. Garnett 17 not out, R. Bowyer 6, D. W. Jones 6 not out; E. Garnett 3 wickets for 3, R. Bowyer 7 wickets for 18).

beat

2. K. ALFRED beat K. ARTHUR, after a tie.

1st Game.

- K. ALFRED 74 (J. W. H. Bruxby 43, E. G. Heselton 9, S. H. O'Connell 8, H. P. Cooper 7. J. W. H. Bruxby 6 wickets for 42, T. E. Buckley 4 wickets for 22).

- K. ARTHUR 74 (L. P. E. Whitfield 41, R. Irwin 11, A. B. B. Cartlidge 6, J. R. Harmer 5. R. Irwin 6 wickets for 32).

Replay.

- K. ALFRED 52 (J. W. H. Bruxby 21, G. E. Heselton 12, J. W. H. Bruxby 4 wickets for 19, T. E. Buckley 5 wickets for 30).

- K. ARTHUR 51 (L. P. E. Whitfield 16, N. Wilson 13, R. Irwin 5, C. A. C-Wilkinson 2 wickets for 11, R. Irwin 3 wickets for 28, J. R. Harmer 2 wickets for 0).

Final.

- K. HAROLD 102 for 3 wickets beat K. ALFRED, 42, 29.

K. HAROLD.

R. Bowyer c E. Bruxby b J. W. H. Bruxby.	20
E. Garnett not out.....	50
F. Garnett run out.....	8
D. W. Jones b A. G. Cattell.....	8
E. G. Girling not out.....	15
D. D. Collier.....	} Did not bat.
G. M. Jones.....	
T. Stafford.....	
R. Davis.....	
L. Jones.....	
E. G. Thomas.....	

Extra..... 1

Total for 3 wickets (innings declared) 102

K. ALFRED, 1ST INNINGS.

J. W. H. Bruxby b E. Garnett.....	7
T. E. Buckley c & b Bowyer.....	1
H. P. Cooper c E. Garnett b Bowyer.....	0
S. H. O'Connell lbw b E. Garnett.....	5
A. G. Cattell c G. M. Jones, C. E. Garnett...	13
E. W. Barrett not out.....	4
G. E. Heselton c & b Bowyer.....	5
E. Bruxby b E. Garnett.....	2
T. Hope c Collier b E. Garnett.....	0
P. A. Dick c R. Davis b E. Garnett.....	2

F. Jones run out.....	0
Extras.....	3
Total.....	42

K. ALFRED 2ND INNINGS.

J. W. H. Bruxby b Bowyer.....	3
H. P. Cooper c Stafford b E. Garnett.....	0
T. E. Buckley c Bowyer b E. Garnett.....	1
S. H. O'Connell c Bowyer b E. Garnett.....	0
A. G. Cattell c Stafford b E. Garnett.....	6
E. W. Barrett c & b Bowyer.....	0
G. E. Heselton c Stafford b E. Garnett.....	5
E. Bruxby c L. Jones b Bowyer.....	3
T. Hope not out.....	3
P. A. Dick c F. Garnett b Bowyer.....	1
F. Jones b Bowyer.....	0
Extras.....	7
Total....	29

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

E. Garnett, 6 wickets for 24 and 5 wickets for 7.
R. Bowyer 3 wickets for 15 and 5 wickets for 15.

In addition to all those who received their 1st and 2nd XI. Colours, the following were awarded Dormitory Cricket Colours.

K. Alfred—H. P. Cooper, T. E. Buckley, A. G. Cattell.

K. Harold—E. Pilkington, T. Stafford, R. Davis, L. Jones, G. M. Jones.

Conqueror—H. C. Shingler, F. J. Whalley.

K. Arthur—W. A. Chaplin-Wilkinson, N. A. Wilson, R. Irwin, A. B. B. Cartlidge.

Gordon—G. M. Whiteway.

Heywood—G. Sturgess.

Woodard—J. J. Steele.

K. Edward—H. Betteridge, R. E. Brabyn.

TENNIS.

Favoured with excellent weather during the greater part of the term, the tennis court was in great demand throughout the season though the average standard of play was not so high as in previous years. The dormitory matches produced some

very keen contests, but the final result was never in doubt, Girling and Garnett being by far the best pair. Of the younger members, Heselton, Cartlidge and Curran show great promise.

1st Round.

King Harold beat Heywood : 6—1 ; 6—1.

King Alfred beat Gordon : 2-6 ; 8-6 ; 7-5.

King Arthur beat King Edward 6-4 ; 6-2.

Woodard beat Conqueror : 6-2 ; 6-0.

Semi-Finals.

Woodard beat King Alfred : 6-4 ; 6-4.

King Harold beat King Arthur : 6-4 ; 6-2.

Final.

K. Harold beat Woodard 6-1 ; 6-0.

The various dormitories were represented by the following :—

King Alfred : H. P. Cooper and G. E. Heselton.

King Harold : E. G. Girling and E. Garnett.

Conqueror : H. C. Shingler and J. C. McFall.

King Arthur : L. P. E. Whitfield and A. B. B. Cartlidge.

Gordon : B. H. Cathrick and W. J. Keeley.

Heywood : L. H. Bradley and T. Andrews.

King Edward : G. Foulkes-Jones and O. K. Arnold.

Woodard : H. J. Clee and W. B. Curran.

DORMITORY SHOOTING CUP.

After a rather close contest, the *Woodard* succeeded in retaining the cup, beating the *K. Harold* by only 3 points. The shooting itself, thanks to Sergeant Smith's instruction, showed a marked improvement on previous competitions.

The practices consisted of :—

(i.) 5 rounds deliberate at Bull's-eye Target.

(ii.) 5 rounds deliberate at 200 yds. Figure Target.

The scores were as follows:—

			Total.
King Alfred.....	40	34	74
King Harold.....	65	73	138
Conqueror	45	55	100
King Arthur.....	61	53	114
Heywood.....	58	54	112
Gordon	62	60	122
King Edward	59	48	107
Woodard	70	71	141

WOLF CLUB SPOORS.

A Field Day was held on Tuesday, June 11th, when thirty-one Cubs paraded. After a short halt on the way we reached Welshampton in good time and were met there by the Hanmer Troop of Scouts under Scoutmaster the Rev. C. Chambers, Vicar of Hanmer. After partaking of light refreshments the combined St. Oswald's and Hanmer Scouts marched to Lyneal Lodge where Lieut.-Col. Dickin had kindly put a field at our disposal. Here the Hanmer Troop gave a display of Semaphore Signalling, and our Pack demonstrated 'The Grand Howl.' Mr. Dixon joined us, and his arrival was welcomed by all. We then resumed our march to Colemere, and for the last couple of miles or so each Patrol Leader took independent charge of his Patrol, and each Sixer of his Six. Two Colemere Farmers had generously given us permission to use their fields bordering on the Mere for Field Practice. On arrival there all were dismissed for a time, some to rest, and the more vigorous to amuse themselves as they felt disposed. The Hanmer Troop seized the opportunity to bathe in the Mere and we to investigate the attractions of the woods in the vicinity.

The first organised competition was a relay verbal message race, which was won by St. Oswald's as also was a second, and similar race,

We then gave a demonstration of the 'Staff Run,' which was followed by a competitive staff run between the Hanmer Scouts and ourselves, resulting in a win for us.

Mr. Chambers then explained to us the mysteries of the Scout game of 'Flag Raiding,' which we forthwith put into practice, we defending and the Hanmer Scouts attacking. Unfortunately we had not sufficient time to finish this competition as we had a longish march back to Welshampton to tea. We reached there punctually at 4 o'clock, the time arranged for this welcome event. An excellent 'sit down' tea was provided by Mrs. Simpson, and, needless to say, full justice was done it. After a stroll round the village we adjourned to a neighbouring field, where, under Mr. Dixon's direction, sundry games used in the Army in the course of Physical Training were indulged in with great gusto by all.

This was followed by an open race in two heats between the two parties of Scouts, we proving the winners. First, second and third prizes for this race were kindly given by Mr. Rees, a visitor in the village. Then the Hanmer Scouts had a race of two heats 'on their own,' we providing the prizes.

We next adjourned to the house where we had an informal 'sing-song.' Some delightful humorous songs were sung by Mr. Chambers, while Mr. Rees, the well-known Welsh Baritone contributed the sentimental element. Madge Simpson sang a patriotic song, Powell played and Mottershead sang. After the National Anthem we fell in for the return march, and when we had had the usual speeches and complimentary cheers we parted from our brother Scouts from Hanmer and 'made tracks' for home which we reached in good time, after a halt by the way.

The day was voted by all to be the most

enjoyable we had spent since the Pack was formed.

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Our numbers keep up well, and this term a new Six, the second Blacks, has been added to the Pack. The present strength is 38.

Recruits this term are Irving ii., McFall ii., Moss, Pilkington iv. Wild and Wise. Hincks iii. and Simpson have rejoined.

The Pack was invited to parade on the occasion of the Annual Inspection of the

O.T.C.—After being inspected by Lt.-Col. F. Burnell-Nugent, D.S.O., the Greys under acting-Sixer Bate, took a verbal relay message from their Sixer to the Sixer of the Whites (Greenwood ii.), who sent back the answer in the same way through his Six, and it was correctly given to the Major.

We hope to have plenty of recruits next term, meanwhile Cubs are industriously working for their Proficiency Stars, the Seniors for their second and the Juniors for their first.

W. R. W. DRAWBRIDGE,
W.C.M.

TUCK SHOP ACCOUNT FOR 1917.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Lent Term	116	13	1
Trinity Term	145	19	3
Michaelmas Term	148	9	3
	£411	1	7

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Barker & Dobson, Sweets ..	47	6	4
J. H. Birch, Chocolate ..	3	6	4
Cadbury Bros, Chocolate ..	55	17	2
W. Carter, Mineral Water ..	20	13	6

	£	s.	d.
Jos. Jones, Confectionery ..	133	14	4
Peck, Frean & Co., Biscuits ..	25	8	11
Fruit and Potted Meat ..	7	2	10
Imposition and Note Paper ..	4	4	0
Parcels and Postage	0	3	6
Working Expenses	16	19	9
	£314	16	8
Net Profit to Gymnasium ..	96	4	11
	£411	1	7

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GAMES ACCOUNT FOR 1917.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1916	13	8	8
Boys' Subscriptions:			
Lent Term	25	8	3
Trinity Term	25	0	4
Michaelmas Term	27	11	0
Sales:—			
Hockey Material	23	6	4
Cricket Material	15	15	0
Football Material	1	10	0
Fixture Cards	1	0	8
Net Subscriptions	1	8	0
Tennis do.	1	17	6
	£136	5	9

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Material for Hockey	26	17	0
Cricket	27	2	3
Tennis	0	11	0
Football	5	8	6
Repairing Machines and Imple-			
ments	3	8	3
Groundsman	33	6	7
„ assistant	5	0	3
Postage, Telegrams, & Parcels	0	17	7

	£	s.	d.
Slag	2	18	6
Fixture Cards	0	16	6
Sundries	2	4	8
Balance in hand	27	14	8
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	£136	5	9

D. R. EVANS, *Hon. Treas.*

THINGS WE DO AND DO NOT WANT TO KNOW.

Some things the Editor would like to know:—

When he is going to get suitable contributions for *The Ellesmerian* from members of the school?

Why those who do send contributions try to write poetry?

When the number of subscribers to *The Ellesmerian* is going to reach two hundred?

Why so many Old Ellesmerians are too shy to send an account of their experiences at the front for publication in *The Ellesmerian*.

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Some things the School would like to know:—

Why the Debating Society fell so flat last session and whether it is going to do the same when it next meets?

When some members of the school—upper, middle and lower—are going to do something to justify their existence?

When some other Colour is going to muster up sufficient energy to take a Shield from the Reds?

(One solitary member). Why the war does not stop so that he can get plenty of sweets at the Tuck-Shop?

Why the Oxford Local Authorities were so idiotic as to start the Locals nearly three weeks before the end of term?

When the boot-boy is going to clean boots properly and put them back in the right lockers?

Why a certain boy was so foolish as to develop chicken-pox just before the holidays and have to stay behind the rest.

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Things which none of us want to know:—

Why fifteen weeks holiday a year is too much for a school?

Why we play "Rugger" with an oval ball and not cricket?

When chocolates will be threepence each?

When examinations are going to be made more difficult?

What are the ingredients of war bread?

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF *The Ellesmerian*.
SIR,

It has come to my ears that many schools in the kingdom have contributed largely towards the paying off of the National Debt by buying War Savings Certificates. Now what about St. Oswald's? Are we going to be left behind in the patriotic race? I feel confident that every boy in the school would be perfectly willing to give half of what he spends in the Tuck Shop towards helping to defeat the Germans and furthering the National Credit, if only someone would give a start. No one loses anything by the investment, but at the end of 5 years receives all his money back with high interest. A little gentle pressure exerted at home, too, might induce the paternal authority to add an extra certificate for everyone each boy bought with his own savings.

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

"ONE WHO WANTS TO SAVE."

TO THE EDITOR OF *The Ellesmerian*.
SIR,

I should like to voice the wishes of a large number who are anxious to play a better game at *Rugger*, than they do at present. Cannot some members of the 1st XV. who only play on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons turn out sometimes on other days to coach the lower Clubs and so cause to develop the large amount of talent which is lying latent in them? Incidentally it would immensely improve the strength of the 1st XV. in future years.

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

A. KEEN RUGGERITE.

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Contributions should be written legibly and neatly on foolscap paper, whenever possible, and in ink.

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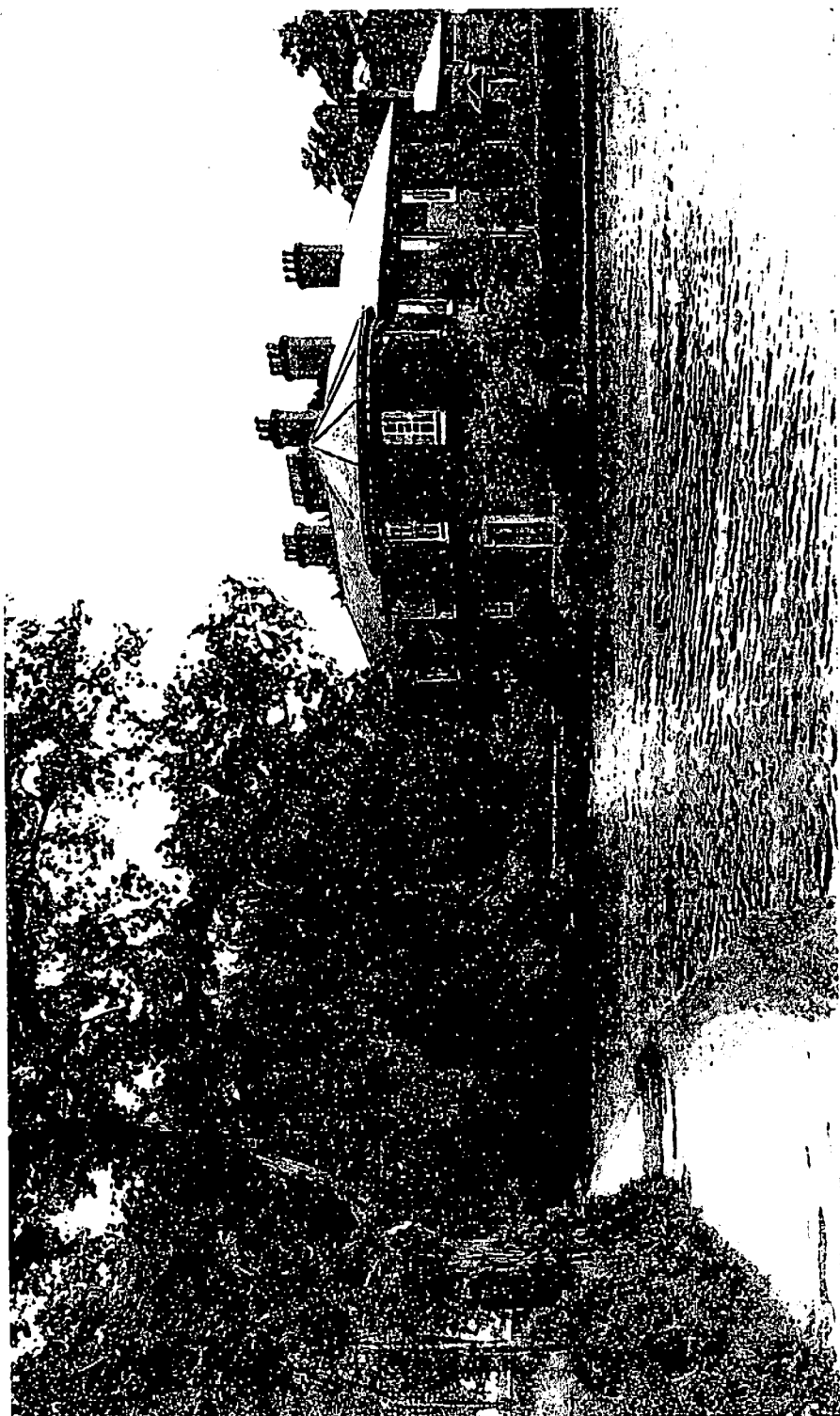
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