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SCHOOL NOTES.

We were very pleased to see Capt. R. F. W. Rebsch on the platform on Prize Day, and to see him looking so well after being twice wounded. He has since paid us a visit, when we were able to congratulate him on winning the Military Cross and receiving it recently from the King at Buckingham Palace.

Lieut. H. H. Morris, we are glad to hear, is making satisfactory progress, and we hope that little or no permanent effect may remain from his wound. He was severely wounded at the Salonica front by shrapnel in the leg and knee, and only by the most skilled treatment was it possible to save the limb.

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We record the departure from the Staff of Mr. H. G. Payne, who during his time with us showed much interest in out-of-school affairs. Last year's displays in the Boxing Competition were as good and skilful as we have had, a result due to his careful coaching, and he was a vigorous and clever footballer and keen cricketer. He has joined the Royal Engineers Wireless Section, and we wish him both in his military career and in games every success.

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The following are boys who left last Term :—T. W. Crimp, H. Ingleson, C. G. Thomas, E. A. Wood, J. A. Hillman, G. Austin, M. G. Creese, C. F. Howes, H. Ranford, G. L. Stone, V. W. Turner, J. R. Watt, J. W. Holliday, G. E.

Johnson, E. H. Large, R. Williams, F. J. Barry, T. Terry, W. Franklin.

The following are new boys this Term :—J. Jennings, C. R. Frost, L. R. Jennings, T. G. S. Martin, W. J. Le Bon, A. G. Winwood, W. Perry, R. W. Hyett, D. F. Macqueen, F. W. Knight.

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There have been no School matches this Term, but more interest than usual was shown in the results of the Shield Competition, which was won in good style by Temple. School House certainly have never had two more strenuous games in the Competition.

The Games Club Committee is as follows :—

Captain	...	F. W. V. Doody.
Secretary	...	G. W. Morrall.
Committee	...	The Headmaster, Mr. Carter, Mr. Chessall, C. B. Church, A. Thomas, J. A. Sinclair.

THE LATE MR. J. E. R. ALLEN.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. J. E. R. Allen, who had been on the classical staff of the School for the past two years. He passed away in his sleep at his rooms on almost the last day of last Term.

Mr. Allen was an old Manchester Grammar School boy, from which School he went to Pembroke College, Oxford, in 1883, with a classical scholarship. He gained a first class in Classical Moderations and a second class in the Final Honour School of Literae Humaniores in 1887. After two years at Ruthin he went to Ireland, where he spent the greater portion of his active life. He was for two years at Galway, and this was followed by a twenty years mastership at Portora School, Enniskillen. Here he was very successful, and only left as

the result of alterations in the staff consequent on troubles arising out of the Ulster and Home Rule agitation.

He joined the staff of our School in January, 1915, and his kindly and sympathetic nature appealed to the boys, with whom he was deservedly popular. Even up to the time of his death he took an active part in outdoor life. He spent many holidays on his bicycle, and knew Ireland from end to end. He probably knew the country round Worcester even in his short two years here better than most of the staff, and he was a great collector of *Lepidoptera*. With the exception of a sister, who lives at Altrincham, he was the last of his family. His loss is much felt in the School.

OLD BOYS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

(Eighth List).

The list below contains awards, promotions, additions, transfers, etc. :—

**Denotes an ex-member of the O.T.C.*

- *Aldington, G. A. ('08-'15), Corpl., Coldstream Guards (wounded in France).
- Aston, R. H. ('12-'14), R.E. (Wireless Section).
- Benger, H. A. ('10-'13), Sergt., A.S.C.
- Blackford, J. M. ('04-'09), R.F. (P.S.C.) (wounded).
- Brettell, F. H. ('09-'12), O.C.B., Reading.
- Brierley, J. F. ('04-'07), 2nd Lieut., Worcs. Regiment (wounded).
- Cale, R. H. ('04-'07), Capt., Royal West Kent Regt. (awarded Military Cross).
- *Day, G. H. ('09-'15), 2nd Lieut., Royal Berkshire Regt.
- *Dillworth, W. ('10-'13), Gloucestershire Regt.
- *Douglas, A. ('09-'12), London Scottish.
- Farmer, F. S. ('06-'12), O.C.B. (Reading).
- *Harrison, A. W. ('08-'14), O.C.B., R.F.C. (Oxford).
- *Harrison, C. J. L. ('04-'11), 2nd Lieut., Worcs. Regt.

- Hawkins, P. H. ('10-'14), R.E. (Wireless Section).
 *Hemus, C. H. ('06-'16), O.C.B., R.G.A. (Brighton).
 *Jackson, A. ('11-'12), H.A.C.
 *Jackson, V. M. ('14-'15), A.S.C., M.T.
 *Maund, F. O. ('12-'15), R.E. (Wireless Section).
 Morris, F. W. ('00-'08), C.M.R. (wounded).
 *Painter, S. R. ('09-'14), Training Reserve.
 Parker, N. ('01-'08), Sergt., Worcs. Regt. (mentioned in Despatches).
 Parker, F. L. ('96-'07), 2nd Lieut., Worcs. Regt.
 *Pasco, A. ('10-'14), Royal West Kent Regt.
 Price, B. ('04-'10), New Zealand Exp. Force.
 *Sadler, B. W. ('08-'14), Lce.-Cpl., Worcs. Regt. (badly gassed).
 Sadler, F. ('99-'03), Royal West Kent Regt.
 Spicer, A. ('06-'13), R.E. (Wireless Section).
 Stanway, F. ('08-'09), 2nd Lieut., Glos. Regt. (wounded in advance on Kut).
 Stokes, W. J. ('01-'04), 2nd Lieut., Worcs. Regt.
 Stone, N. H. ('00-'07), O.C.B. (Reading).
 Swain, F. H. ('02-'07), R.F. (P.S.C.) (foot amputated).
 Williams, H. ('08-'11), Acting Capt., Worcs. Regt.
 Woodhead, A. W. ('01-'08), Capt., Gurka Regt. (seriously wounded).
 Woodhead, F. C. T. ('01-'08), 2nd Lieut., M.G.C. (Infantry)
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KILLED IN ACTION.

- HISCOCK.—In January, 1917, in Mesopotamia, Capt. E. H. Hiscock ('02-'11), Worcs. Regt., aged 24; eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hiscock, Long Street, Atherstone.
- NICHOLAS.—In February, 1917, in France, 2nd Lieut. T. G. Nicholas ('12-'14), S.W.B., aged 20; son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Nicholas.
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KILLED.

EVANS.—On January 24th, 1917, at Farnborough, 2nd Lieut.

P. E. Evans ('10-'13), R.F.C., aged 21; younger son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Evans, Tunnel Hill, Worcester.

We regret very much that we were misled by a report that Second Lieut. E. W. Venner had been killed in action into including his name in the December list of those killed. It is authoritatively stated that there is no ground for believing him to have been killed, and it is believed that he is missing and a prisoner of war. We are very pleased to be able to give this later information and make the correction.

It is intended to publish in or with the July Magazine as complete a list as possible of Old Boys serving or who have served in His Majesty's Forces, with their rank, regiment, &c., together with lists of those killed and wounded. To this interim Roll of Honour will be added, if possible, news of other Old Boys at home and abroad, so that the information may to some extent take the place of the Annual Report of the Old Elizabethans' Association, most of whose functions have naturally been in abeyance since the outbreak of war.

The Editor hopes that all who know of any Old Boys, or who can obtain information about Old Boys, will help him in bringing the lists up to date, and will make this request as widely known as possible. Information should be sent in as early as possible in the Summer Term.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL. VIII.

12. Statutes for the Free School.

Rules and ordinances to be made for the Free School
by the Rulers, Governors and Supervisors
thereof.

In that School shall first be a High Master; this High Master in doctrine, learning and teaching shall direct all the

School ; this man shall be chosen by the Rulers and Governors of the Free School, a man whole in body, honest and virtuous, and learned in good and clean Latin Literature, a wedded man, a single man, or a priest that hath no benefice with cure nor service that may let his due business in the School.

The Rulers shall assemble together in the School house with such advice and counsel of well literate and learned men as they can get ; they shall choose this Master and give unto him his charge, saying unto him on this wise :

Sir, we have chosen you to be master and teacher of this School, to teach the children of the same not alone good literature but also good manners, certifying you that this is no room of continuance and perpetuity but upon your duty in the School, and every year at Christmas upon Saint Stephen's Day, when we be assembled in the School house, ye shall submit you to your examination, and found doing your duty according ye shall continue, otherwise reasonably warned ye shall content you to depart, and you of your part not warned of us but of your own mind in any season willing to depart ye shall give us warning twelve months before, without we can be shortlier well provided of another.

Also being Master ye shall not absent you but upon licence of us the said Rulers and Governors.

Also if any controversy and strife shall be betwixt you and the usher of the School, ye shall stand at the direction of us the said Rulers and Governors.

Also if the chosen Master will promise this, then admit him and name him to it, and stall him in his seat in the School, and shew him his house and his lodging appointed for him, and to have the implements by an inventory if there be any, and so to deliver them at his departing.

Also his lodging he shall have free without any payment, and in his lodging he shall dwell and keep household to his power.

His wages to be limited by the Rulers before mentioned.

His absence shall be but once in the year and not above xxx days, which he shall take conjunctim or divisim.

If the Master be sick of sickness curable, yet nevertheless he shall have his wages, and in such sickness if he may not

teach let him reward the undermaster for his more labour somewhat according.

If the Master be sick of sickness incurable, or fall into such age that he may not conveniently teach, and that bene (being ?) a man that long and laudably hath taught in the School, then let another be chosen, and by the discreet charity of the rulers let there be assigned to the old master a reasonable living as shall seem to them good, or otherwise as it shall seem convenient, so that the old master after his long labour in no wise be left destitute.

If the undermaster be in literature and in honest life according, then the high master's room vacant, let him be chosen before another.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place in the Perrins' Hall, on Monday, Dec. 4th. Mr. C. W. Dyson Perrins (Chairman of the Governors) presided, being supported by Mr. Michael Tomkinson (Kidderminster), the Mayor of Worcester, the Dean of Worcester, the Rev. G. F. Hooper, Professors Turner and Kirkaldy (of Birmingham University), Messrs. F. A. W. Simes, J. Stallard, R. R. Fairbairn, H. W. Spreckley, and F. G. Hyde. There was a large attendance, both the body of the hall and the balcony being quite full when the Chairman rose. Mr. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., was prevented from attending to distribute the prizes, and Mr. Tomkinson had kindly consented to take his place. In announcing apologies, the Chairman mentioned that Mr. T. G. Hyde was absent for the first time in 54 years.

The Headmaster prefaced his report by welcoming the School's benefactor, Mr. C. W. Dyson Perrins, to the chairmanship. Those who had worked with him during his first year of office had found in him a kindness and a support that minimised those influences which tend to depression; and his acceptance of the chairmanship was a happy augury for the School. The problems which had confronted schoolmasters during the last year had been many, but it was evident that in this School the difficulties had been faced and considerable

success had been achieved. The opening of Baskerville House by Mr. and Mrs. Tandy had contributed in no small measure to the large number of boys in the School. All the four prominent schools in Worcester had increased during the year; and no city was better situated, or by tradition better fitted for becoming the great educational centre of the West of England than Worcester. After the war we should again be called upon to decide whether classical or modern subjects were the best. He himself thought that the answer was a simple one; that line of study was the best for a boy in which his natural ability and instinct could be cultivated furthest. At that School they had always stood for the modern side subjects. Their record was an interesting one. During the last 10 years they had gained at Oxford and Cambridge 14 Scholarships in Mathematics, eight in Natural Science, two in Modern Languages, two in Classics, and one in Modern History; and he supposed that if they took 95 per cent. of the other public schools they would find that order practically reversed or even more than reversed in favour of classics. But he still thought that there was more to be done. There were two more lines on which the School might develop—a practical engineering VIth. Form and a commercial VIth. Form; but the difficulty with regard to both was money. This year the scholarship list for obvious reasons only contained two names—C. H. Hemus, who gained a scholarship for Natural Science at Brasenose College, Oxford, and H. Ingleson a similar exhibition at Jesus College, Oxford. Both scholarships were, of course, held over till after the war. This year's prize list recorded a new development. It had often occurred to him at that meeting that there were many boys in a school like this, who during their school life did very valuable work for the School and yet received no recognition at prize giving. To remedy that omission they had decided to make a beginning this year in offering what they called proficiency prizes. The first of these would, of course, be the Chairman's Prize for public spirit, won almost invariably by the head boy of the School, whose natural ability had gained him this place. This prize fell this year to C. H. Hemus, who from the smallest boy in the School had risen to be head—to be captain of cricket and football, and senior N.C.O. in the O.T.C., and head of School House, a combination of qualities which it would be difficult to beat, and which, together with the scholarship at Brasenose, was a foundation for much future success. The O.T.C. was in a very flourishing condition, having over 120 cadets. During the year a band had been started, and they were now developing it beyond bugles. The Roll of Honour steadily mounted up, and to all parents in this time of sorrow and anxiety they extended sincerest sympathy. Eight boys had received decorations since the beginning of the Great Push, and there were now nearly 500 Old Boys (to use the words of a parent who wrote to explain why his boy could not come) "endeavouring to uphold on the Somme the principles instilled at the

School when a boy there," and they trusted that many of them would be spared to be with them at later prize givings.

The Headmaster concluded with an expression of regret at the enforced absence, for the first time in 54 years, of Mr. Hyde. Of that long period nearly 30 years must have been in the Headmastership of Mr. Eld, and the remaining 24 years under Mr. Perry and himself, and he was sure that the former Headmasters with himself greatly appreciated the tact, wisdom, and ability with which he had conducted the affairs of the School as Clerk to the Governors.

Mr. M. Tomkinson then distributed the prizes. After distributing the prizes, he gave an address to the boys, reminiscent of his own young days. They were, he said, on the threshold of their careers, and everyone had something to teach and something to learn. Education meant the development of a boy's mind and character, the learning of the value of effort, and the sense of difficulty. Lord Bacon's aphorism, "Knowledge is Power," should appeal to all the boys. From the material point of view they would find that to be so. He urged the boys to study Science. The Government had taken action in this direction in the last few days, and research was one of the most important subjects that could be tackled in this generation. Parents should seriously consider this matter, for home influence told more upon a boy than anything else. He also advised the boys to take up the study of Natural History or Botany, in which they would learn a great lesson of the wisdom and beneficence of Providence, and it would give them the habit of careful and accurate observation. It opened the door to a new world. The motto of one of their oldest public schools was "Manners makyth man," and he urged them to act up to this motto. Good manners, gentleness of bearing, deferential treatment of the feelings of others, little courtesies that sweeten intercourse—these were some of the most valuable things in life, and by observing these they would avoid that vulgar disease—swelled head. The love of their School would come to them in after life and they would be proud of its traditions and of the many life-long friendships they made at School. (Applause).

The Dean, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Tomkinson, said he was an example of what commercial education could result in. He, was an ideal business man, diligent and successful, but his tastes were not limited to business, because he was one of the most cultured men (not in the German sense) in the county of Worcester. That morning he (the Dean) had been addressing the workmen at Messrs. Williamson's on the necessity of war savings. They were doing their little part in that School by having inexpensive books and allowing the money to be devoted to War Funds. It had been his business to wander up and down England examining and looking into matters connected with

education, especially the older education under the old School Boards, and he could thoroughly endorse the Headmaster's statement that there was no town of its size in England which had such a good set of Secondary Schools as Worcester.

Mr. Tomkinson, in reply, said that he was amply repaid for his visit by the excellent and interesting address of the Headmaster.

Professor Kirkaldy then gave an address on the connection between modern education and industry. As far as that School was concerned, he made the most eloquent speech on its behalf when he sent his own son to it. A boy's school was a big thing in his life. The three great factors which moulded human character were the home, the school, and the university. Some people thought a school was a place where a boy went to have his brain developed and his intelligence trained. That was a very superficial view, and if carried into effect, would produce a very one-sided man, not pleasant to himself or the community in which he lived. Until the outbreak of war, Germany was considered the home of perfect education, and many people would have had us alter our system and adopt the German. The German system was largely based on scientific training—not real science, but a prostitution of science which had led to the most serious results. The German people had been impressed with the feeling that "Might was Right"; a great mass of force had been brought against the better civilisation, and fortunately the better civilisation was winning. Before we remodelled our system of education we must avoid the mistakes of our enemies. The schools of this country were like the British Constitution—after eight centuries of work they were still up to date. The education which our leaders, our professional, political, and business classes had received, had left them with an elastic temperament, and a mind capable of taking advantage of various developments. Germans had never been taught to "play the game," and could not be gentlemen; Englishmen had been taught to play cricket, and to act in peace and war as gentlemen and sportsmen. He believed that we were on the eve of great things in this country. The secret of our success through History had been that England had not been broken drastically apart; we had had a steady, slow, evolution. It had been the same with education, and if we gave our attention to it we could see the good parts of the system which might be developed. All that we had to be careful about was to see that in all our evolution we did not Germanise.

The Chairman, after expressing appreciation of Professor Kirkaldy's eloquent and arresting words, congratulated the Headmaster on his most interesting report. In his report to the Governors, the Headmaster spoke of the loyalty of his staff, which had smoothed over the difficulties connected with the School during the war to a very large extent: and

the Chairman said that he would like to take that opportunity of expressing the appreciation of the Governors, and of the parents, to the staff. Endorsing the thanks to Mr. Tomkinson, he mentioned that that gentleman's sons were fighting for their country in every region of the globe, on land and on sea, under the sea and in the air.

HONOURS LIST, 1916.

H. Ingleson, Open Natural Science Exhibition of £60 for four years, Jesus College, Oxford; C. H. Hemus, Open Natural Science Scholarship of £80 for four years, Brasenose College, Oxford; A. H. M. Brierley, Jesus College, Oxford, First Class, Final Honour School of Modern Languages, with special mention in Colloquial French (the only First Class awarded in 1916); A. C. Beynon, passed 18th into Sandhurst, first place in French, awarded a Prize Cadetship; J. A. Howfield, passed 119th into Woolwich; O. Gardner, Professional Associateship of the Surveyors' Institution; A. W. Lucy, Headmastership of Sir Joseph Williamson's Grammar School, Rochester.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATION.

SENIOR.—1st Class Honours: R. J. Ranford (distinguished in English History, Mathematics). 2nd Class Honours: W. J. Galloway, H. B. Lamb. 3rd Class Honours: C. T. Hayes, H. P. Park, C. A. Quarterman, J. W. Reid, S. C. Ryder, T. J. Wall, C. W. W. Wheal. Pass: P. E. Ashwell, W. F. Hartin, C. R. Heath, G. W. Morrall, A. D. Parry, F. E. Somer.

JUNIOR.—1st Class Honours: J. A. Sinclair. 3rd Class Honours: J. C. Baldwyn, J. E. Davies, C. R. Everett, G. Freer, A. J. Hobday, W. C. Taylor. Pass: J. T. Bomford, F. J. Chinery, W. B. Collier, W. H. V. Davis, H. J. Evans, H. T. Greenway, F. J. Higgs, W. E. Law, F. E. Leach, E. R. Norman, E. P. S. Phillips, A. Price, E. T. Rose, R. W. D. Stroyan, J. Tibbetts, P. T. A. Whitcombe, E. C. Bott, W. H. Luckin, A. Thomas, C. J. Whitehead.

PRIZE LIST, 1916.

Public Spirit, the Chairman's Prize: C. H. Hemus, H. Ingleson. Goulsborough Mathematical Prizes: Senior—D. W. F. Shilton; Junior—C. G. Attwell, R. J. Ranford. Junior Mathematical Prize: J. A. Sinclair. Lower School Arithmetic Prize: D. S. Collins. Science Prizes: Senior—H. Ingleson, C. H. Hemus, G. W. Morrall; Junior—W. H. Bott. Latin Prizes: Senior—T. A. Owen; Junior—J. A. Hillman, A. Price. Divinity Prizes: Senior (given by Rev. G. F. Hooper)—T. J. Wall; Junior—H. T. Greenway. English Essay Prize: T. W. Crimp. English Literature: Senior—T. A. Owen, H. B. Lamb; Junior—N. L. Clapton, J. Baldwin. History Prizes: Senior (given

by Sir Edward Goulding, Bart., M.P.)—C. K. Lee ; Junior—J. A. Hillman, J. R. Watt. Geography : Senior—H. B. Lamb ; Middle School—H. T. Greenway ; Lower School—A. W. Davis. Modern Language Prize : S. R. B. Smith. French Prizes : Senior—T. W. Crimp, H. B. Lamb ; Junior—S. A. Barwell ; Lower School Oral Work—H. W. F. Baird. Prizes for Art : Middle School—C. M. Hall, R. O. Elt ; Lower School—P. C. Bomford. Writing Prizes : C. R. Heath, C. W. W. Wheal, E. R. Norman. General Knowledge Prizes : Senior—C. G. Attwell ; Middle School—W. H. V. Davis ; Junior—N. L. Clapton. Shorthand : Advanced—J. A. Sinclair ; Elementary—F. J. Chinery. Oxford Local Prizes : Senior Examination—R. J. Ranford ; Junior Examination—J. A. Sinclair.

FORM PRIZES.—Upper V. : 1, R. J. Ranford ; 2, H. P. Park ; 3, H. B. Lamb. Lower V. : 1, J. A. Sinclair ; 2, J. A. Hillman ; 3, C. R. Everett. Upper IV. : 1, H. T. Greenway ; 2, W. E. Law. Lower IV. : 1, J. R. Watt ; 2, S. A. Barwell. Upper III. : 1, N. L. Clapton ; 2, W. B. Bourne. Lower III. : 1, G. E. Martin ; 2, W. Franklin. Lower II. : 1, J. Baldwin ; 2, W. R. Kendrick. Lower I. : 1, D. S. Collins ; 2, S. F. Parry.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.—Upper Division : T. Woodward, J. C. Flay. Lower Division : E. V. Spicer.

PROFICIENCY PRIZES.—Captain of Games : C. H. Hemus. Secretary of Games Club : F. E. Somer. House Captains : School House—C. H. Hemus ; Temple House—G. W. Morrall ; Tudor House—F. E. Somer ; Woolfe House—F. R. Burston. Debating Society Officers : T. W. Crimp, K. H. Perkins. Day-Boy Sub-Prefects : D. W. Tilley J. C. Baldwyn. Officers' Training Corps : Shooting Prize—C. H. Hemus ; Band Prizes—T. P. Ashwell, L. W. Minchen ; Most Efficient N.C.O.'s—D. W. F. Shilton, H. Ingleson, G. W. Morrall.

SPECIAL PRIZES were given by the Chairman of the Governors (C. W. Dyson-Perrins, Esq.), the Mayor of Worcester, Sir Edward Goulding, Bart, M.P., R. V. Berkeley, Esq., R. R. Fairbairn, Esq., G. W. Grosvenor, Esq., Rev. G. F. Hooper, J. Stallard, Esq., F. A. W. Simes, Esq., H. W. Spreckley, Esq.

The Headmaster explained that the prizes were inexpensive books, but each book bore a label, stating that the balance of the money was being given to War Funds. (Applause).

OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY.

The breezy day
 Was glad with May.
 Over the hills and far away.
 Over the hills there faintly comes
 The rattling of the distant drums ;
 Then breaks upon the morning air,
 Fainter yet the bugles' blare.
 Distant far, distant far,
 Distant far, their plaintive play,
 And the echo clearly thrums
 Over the hills, over the hills, over the hills and far away.

Still nearer come
 Bugle and drum—
 Over the hills and far away.
 Over the hills the echoes ring
 And in the budding woods of spring,
 The war-note wakes the sleeping soul
 With clarion call and stirring roll.
 Nearer still, nearer still :
 And the echo sounds alway
 Over the hills, over the hills, over the hills and far away.

Down the road,
 Winding and broad—
 Over the hills and far away.
 Over the hills and down the road
 The khaki stream of soldiers flowed ;
 Along the lane to the smoky town
 A moving line of dusty brown.
 Plaintive, sad, plaintive, sad,
 Plaintive, sad, the bugles play
 Their music echoed as it poured
 Over the hills, over the hills, over the hills and far away.

W.F.H.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD.

In the first round of the Challenge Shield, Temple House was drawn to play Woolfe, and School to play Tudor.

The game between Temple and Woolfe proved to be rather one sided, resulting in a win for Temple by 20 goals to nil.

The Tudor-School match was quite exciting. Tudor won the toss and played against the wind. During the first half the School forwards proved too good for their opponents, scoring three goals to Tudor's one. In the second half the Tudor forwards combined well and succeeded in equalizing the score by time, making it 4 all. An extra ten minutes each way was agreed upon by both sides. Almost at once Tudor obtained a leading goal, which they maintained until the second half, when School scored two goals close on time. This brought the final score to 6-5 for School House. In spite of the greasy and slippery state of the ground, both teams played a hard and determined game.

The final of the Challenge Shield between Temple House and School House proved to be an interesting and exciting game. It was a fine day with little wind. School won the toss and elected to play with their backs to the sun. Shortly after the commencement of the game, after many good attacks, the Temple forwards scored the first goal. This was shortly followed by a goal for School, who only succeeded this once in breaking through Temple's defence. The Temple forwards proved too strong for their opponents' backs, and by half-time the score was 3-1 for Temple.

In the second half both sides pressed hard, Temple succeeding in scoring their fourth goal. Although School made many shots they were unable to find the net, the final score being 4-1 for Temple.

INTER-HOUSE CUP.

This Term the 1st XI. Cup has again been won by School House. The whole of the team played consistently well,

and Parker J. A. M. (Capt.) and Yates deserve special mention; Hendey and Pratt are promising players. The only closely fought game was against Tudor, whom they beat 2—1.

Tudor had a heavy and fast team, but lacked consistency. They won all their matches except those against School House. Wheal was the chief scorer, while Attwell and Matheson were good in defence. The junior members of the team displayed exceptional energy.

Woolfe had a rather weak team, and gained only three points. Lamb, Wyatt and Gillett worked with a perseverance which deserved success. The team should pay more attention to hitting the ball and less to ploughing up the field.

Temple had an inexperienced team; there was too great a tendency on the part of the juniors to rely on the older members.

Baskerville put a team into the field, but after three matches they had to withdraw from the competition.

CHESSE CLUB.

At the first meeting this Term "The Opposition" was explained to those present, and various problems based upon it were worked out. Later, a number of books on the game were circulated. The Club Library has now eight books, of which some are suitable for beginners and others for more advanced players: these have been in circulation for the greater part of the Term.

Owing to adverse circumstances the return match against the College for the Blind was deferred.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

It is gratifying to note that the numbers of the Corps show no signs of falling off. On the other hand, there is plenty of room for recruits, and we should like to see a higher percentage of cadets from the Middle School, most of whom

have attained the requisite age of 13 years. Various causes have made parades somewhat small this Term. The evening work has been mainly confined to practising the new Platoon Drill (a useful preliminary to Company Drill), with occasional Squad Drill. Indoor work has taken the form of fire orders (using landscape targets) and extended order signals. Musketry practice has been continuous.

The bi-weekly N.C.O.'s class has given its attention to elementary topography, in which it has shown much interest. The band has worked most energetically, and has mastered several new marches. The flutes are gaining confidence daily : it is to be hoped that they will soon be able to " walk alone."

The Signalling Class have paraded regularly : much practice, however, is needed to make a really efficient signaller, and to become one, cadets must work hard in their own time.

The field work has been productive of good results. On Wednesday, February 28th, the tactical scheme chosen was " Flank Guards." The main body proceeded along the Tolladine Road, a skeleton enemy being somewhere on each flank. Flank guards were constituted, the left consisting of No. 2 Platoon, under the command of 2nd Lieut. W. A. H. Chessall, and the right, No. 1 Platoon, under Cadet Officer D. W. F. Shilton. The left flank guard opened out and proceeded to investigate Gorse Hill, the right tackled the high ground of the Golf Links. The meeting place was at the first cross roads. An elusive machine gun caused some of the left flank guard much distress ; the remainder, true to their orders, continued on their way, and would probably have walked into the Canal, the waters would have swallowed them up, and we should have heard of them no more, if they had not been stopped in time. Eventually, however, the enemy were rounded up. During the march back, the Corps heard the flutes for the first time and found them a most agreeable interlude.

The principal criticism to be made on the work of the afternoon was that communication was not maintained with the main body, who were thus left in complete ignorance of

what was happening. There is a tendency on the part of the scouts to think they are to do everything, when as a matter of fact they are to observe carefully and to report accurately. They evinced a desire to stand beautifully silhouetted on the sky-line : if there was only such a thing as a harmless ball cartridge !

On Wednesday, March 7th, owing to the bad weather, a route-march only could be undertaken. The route was to Hawford, across to Fernhill Heath, and home by the Droitwich Road. During the march, a quick extension along a flank, and judging distances were practised.

On Wednesday, March 14th, the Corps marched to Bevere, and was there split up under N.C.O.'s for the purpose of writing a reconnaissance report on the road from Bevere to Claines, including the village. Many were the incidents of the afternoon. It was unfortunate that Cadet B—d—g—d was unable to keep his appointment later in the day. One pond was estimated as being capable of "feeding" from 3 to 30 horses at the same time. But then, as somebody remarked, "that depends on the size of the 'oss." The resulting reports were most pleasing, and showed that the work had been done thoroughly. Corporal Attwell's was the best, closely followed by Lce.-Cpl. Wheal (who produced the best map), Corpl. Lee, Sergt. Heath, and Lce.-Cpl. Thomas.

On Wednesday, March 21st, the Corps spent the afternoon on Extended Order Drill, and attack-practise at Gorse Hill.

This Term a team was entered for the "Country Life" O.T.C. Trophy for Miniature Shooting. The competition consists of three tests : Grouping, Rapid-fire, and Landscape targets. The teams were as follows :—

Targets 1 and 2.	Target 3 (Landscape).
C.S.M. Morrall.	Section Leader : Cadet Officer
Sergt. Heath.	Shilton.
Cpl. Attwell.	Cpl. Attwell.
" Church.	L.-Cpl. Wheal.
L.-Cpl. Wheal.	" Dovey.
" Dovey.	" Parker.
" Parker.	Cadet Ashwell.
Cadet Ashwell.	" Whitehead.
" Whitehead.	
" Caudwell.	

We hope to visit the Tiddesley Wood range in the near future, for some full range firing.

Great interest was aroused by the arrival of 50 charger-loading long rifles, which have now been allotted. Two '22 rifles have also been issued for miniature practice.

One more word of criticism—N.C.O.'s must put aside all nervousness and cultivate a good word of command: if not, they will lack authority. And No. 2 Platoon is somewhat ragged in its arm-drill. In this particularly does an inefficient cadet spoil the look of a company.

The following promotions have been made:—

Sergt. Morrall to be Company-Sergt.-Major.

Sergt. Heath to be No. 1 Platoon Sergt.

Lce.-Cpl. Attwell to be Corporal.

„ Wells C. „ „

„ Church „ „

„ Lee „ „

Cadet Dovey „ Lce.-Corpl.

„ Parker „ „ (Musketry).

„ Perkins „ „ (Band).

C. H. Hemus is now in training with an Artillery Officer Cadet unit at Brighton.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At the first meeting of the Society, on February 3rd. Attwell C. G. was elected Secretary and Edwards G. was put on the Committee. A subject was determined by drawing lots. For a discussion on the "Abolition of the Game Laws" only two members volunteered to speak: both were for the motion. The Chairman therefore called on Perkins K. H. and Edwards G. to speak, and afterwards "conscripted" speakers for the opposition. The proposers pleaded on the peculiar circumstances in which the country is placed. Perkins considered the need for economy, and the ravages of game and of fox-hunters, and described the Game Laws as "idiotic."

Edwards pleaded that there was no need to prevent the extinction of certain birds, when "any old sort of bird" will do to shoot at. The Chairman then called on Collier W. B. who deplored the loss to foreigners, who, coming over to see the beautiful scenery of England, would see only country lanes with no beautiful birds or animals. Matheson next spoke with the views of the last speaker. Reid gave us his views and echoed Matheson's sentiments as regards fox-hunting for training. The next speaker, Freer G., had dim recollections of Christmas and turkeys; and his subtle argument was that if pheasants etc. were destroyed there would be no turkeys at Christmas. By this time, when Attwell spoke, the House was galvanised out of its lethargy. His arguments were all utilitarian. The voting was, for the motion 9, against 17.

The Annual Concert of the Society, which had been postponed from the end of last Term, was held on Saturday, February 17th. The programme was as follows :—

" God Save the King."

Piano Solo—"Cavatina"—D. W. F. Shilton.

Recitation—"Tommy's Autograph"—The Hon. Sec.

Song—"Up from Somerset"—The Chairman.

Flute Duet—"La Serenata"—J. C. Baldwin, A. Thomas.

Song—"When you come Home"—F. W. V. Doody.

Piano Solo—"Destiny Valse"—W. B. Collier.

Song—"Until"—J. W. Reid.

Recitation—"Nevermore"—The Poet Laureate.

Violin Trio—"Home Love"—The Chairman, J. C.

Treadwell, E. C. Simpson.

Festival Lay—"Vive la Compagnie"—The Hon. Sec.

Mandoline Solo—"Slumber Song," "Sing me to Sleep"—

Mr. G. V. Arthure.

Piano Duet—"Military Rondo"—K. H. Perkins, G. Edwards.

Song—"Land of Hope and Glory"—M. B. Matheson.

Imitation of Bagpipes—"Bluebells of Scotland"—E. H. D. Routledge.

Trio—"A Little Farm"—F. W. V. Doody, M. B. Matheson, J. W. Reid.

"Auld Lang Syne."

The Committee had worked hard and the Concert was a great success ; as a result, 18/8 was contributed to the School War Funds.

A small but jovial gathering discussed, on March 10th, " That in the opinion of this House, Christmas Boxes, Valentines, Easter Eggs, and such like kickshaws are useless old customs and should be abolished during the War." Reid J. W., in proposing, outlined the history of them all, and opposed the eating of Christmas puddings etc. only at certain periods of the year. Simpson E. C., the opposer, failed to see why old customs should be abolished ; " Why not abolish clothes ? " he asked. He attributed the prosperity of doctors to the vast consumption of those puddings and such-like things. Everett's argument was that pancakes were relics of the days when people used to feast before a fast ; so if the fast were abolished, why should not the feast be abolished ? Harper A. J. " had great pleasure " in pointing out the trade aspect of the question. Edwards also discussed digestion, and Caudwell porridge, pancakes, chocolates, munitions, and tipping. Collier W. B. tried to show that the sale of chocolates and such things helped War Loans. The voting was, for the motion 5, against 18.

HOUSE LETTERS.

TEMPLE HOUSE.

We have come to the conclusion that the time-honoured opening is not quite appropriate for this issue, in fact this Term has been a record one in the history of the House ; we must not, however, allow our natural jubilation to cloak our shortcomings.

In the 1st XI. Inter-house Cup we did not gain many laurels, but the result serves to point out one of our deficiencies. The majority of the House are too ready to let the elder members do the work for them, while they look on with an air of good-natured indifference. If Temple is to be the crack

House of the School in future, this state of things must not continue, every individual member must do his share. Having removed this load from our chest, metaphorically speaking, we will now proceed to THE event of the Term—the winning of the Challenge Shield.

In the 1st round we were drawn against Woolfe House. This did not prove to be a very even game for, with Armstrong G. N. absent, we won 20-0. "

We met School House in the final amidst great excitement. The team were in a very fit condition, chiefly owing to the generosity of Tudor House, who gave us a practice game in their most crowded week. For that, and for the splendid way in which they turned up to shout for us, we extend our best thanks.

Our victory was due to our defence and the really good combination of the forwards, Dovey E. T. and Heath C. R. scoring our 4 goals. This is the first time since the House was originated that we have won the Shield ; to commemorate the occasion, all in the team were awarded their colours and in the following week were photographed.

There were three entries for the Senior Fives, Morrall G. W. having reached the semi-final. In the Junior Fives there were no entries from the House, which again instances the deficiency pointed out in the beginning of our letter.

We are expecting to do well in the Cross-country and Boxing, but the results are reserved for the next issue.

Congratulations to Morrall G. W. and Dovey E. T. on their promotions to Company Sergt.-Major and Lce.-Cpl. respectively, in the Corps.

TEMPLE.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

This Term we have to record the departure of Ingleson, our Head Boy, Wood who was House Captain, and Howes. We wish them every success.

This Term we have had a larger number of boarders

than any previous Term, and we extend a hearty welcome to Jennings H., Jennings L. R., Frost, Brooke, Perry, and Knight.

The chief recreation this Term has again been indoor games, varied occasionally with games of Hockey. Various indoor competitions have provided much interest. Games have not been carried on with as much vigour as usual owing to the weather ; but some enjoyable games of Rugby have been played.

In the first round of the Challenge Shield we played Tudor, and a hard game ensued. Both teams were equal, and after extra time we won by 6 goals to 5. The forwards, led by Church, played a good game, but their shooting was weak. In the final we played Temple and, after a hard game, were defeated by 4 goals to 1.

In the Inter-House Competition our team, ably led by Parker J. A. M., succeeded in winning the first eleven cup. The whole team played well together, and Parker, Yates, Hendey, Davis, Pratt and Rothschild have been awarded their House colours.

During the severe weather we had much enjoyable skating, Spetchley, Bever and Westwood Park being visited.

Once again we have played a prominent part in the O.T.C., being well represented in the Corps and the band. We congratulate Wells C., Church, Parker and Perkins on their promotions.

We wish those candidates who are taking the London Matric. in June every success.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

WOOLFE HOUSE.

The stern demand of the Editor for a House letter compels us to pen this epistle. In former years the letter began with a list of our successes, but this Term the " Wolves " have had very few successes to record, possibly by way of variance.

The Hockey XI. was weak and only gained three points ; but we did not finish bottom. Lamb, Wyatt and Gillett played well throughout the season, but their efforts were

neutralised by the rest of the team. Some of the "hockey" was more like golf, and some of the effects on the turf would have pleased the Food Controller.

In the Challenge Shield we were drawn against Temple House and were beaten 20—0, owing to the superior size and play of our opponents.

We have fared somewhat better in the Fives Competitions, as Sinclair has reached the final of the Junior Competition. We hope that one success may be brought to the House.

We offer our congratulations to Lamb, Wyatt, Gillett and Bomford J. T. on winning their Hockey colours, and also to Temple House on wresting the Challenge Shield from School House.

In conclusion, we hope that the older members of the House will take a livelier interest in the games, and that we shall obtain a good number of points in the Cross-country Races and the Sports.

WOOLFE.

TUDOR HOUSE.

We began this Term with the fixed intention of winning the Hockey Cup and thus crowning our last Term's efforts, but the Fates willed otherwise.

The team has played well on the whole and has only been beaten by School House. The first game was very even and resulted in our defeat by two goals to one; in the second we fared rather worse and lost 5—2. The Captain, Wheal C. W., and Attwell C. G., have played consistently well, while Matheson at back has been very energetic. A pleasing feature of the team is the good work done by the junior members, especially Maund J. E., our goalkeeper, and Wheal G.

In the Challenge Shield we played School House and by drawing with them 4—4 succeeded in repairing our damaged reputation. The game was very even throughout, and it was only after extra time had been played that School House were declared the victors, the final score being 6—5. Wheal C. deserves especial mention for his fine play in this match.

House colours have been awarded to Wheal C., Attwell, Matheson, Stirling, Maund, Wheal G., Griffiths G., Starkey.

In O.T.C. matters we have not been behind-hand, Wheal and Attwell representing us in the "Country Life" Competition and our four N.C.O.'s gaining four out of the first five places for the best reconnaissance report. Congratulations to Lee and Attwell on their promotions to be Corporals.

Attwell and Lee C. K. have reached the semi-final of the Fives Competition, and in the Boxing we look to Wheal C. to regain for us the title we held for so long.

TUDOR.

BASKERVILLE.

Unfortunately measles has prevented us from participating in the School games. At the beginning of the Term we were able to put a Hockey eleven into the field to compete for the Inter-House Cup, but when the mainstays of that team fell victims there was no alternative but to withdraw from the competition, after only three matches had been played.

In the Boxing competitions we have one entry for the heavyweights. We hope he will reach the final, as the House is very badly in need of points.

We are very pleased to see that for the first time a Baskerville boy is "Captain of the Games," and we hope that he will by no means be the last of this House to occupy the coveted position.

BASKERVILLE.

A FABLE

(for those about to write a House Letter).

As chilly August draws to a close, the Editor of "The High Brow," being reminded of winter, decides to get ready for his ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NUMBER (to be published in the autumn). So he calls his leading "liner," Byngers, and says to him, "Byngers, I want you to do me a really good article

on Christmas this year—something snappy and original. I don't want any of the usual rot about Yule logs and family gatherings, stage coaches and long journeys, cheery waits and frosty moonlight, ghosts and clanking chains, and all the rest of the stuff. That's all played out long ago ———."

So Byngers goes home and sits down, and with facile pen (water-cooled, with forced feed) shamelessly dashes off an original article something like this: "Now that the festive season is approaching, when the Yule log roars up the chimney, throwing out its cheery warmth upon the family gathering some of whom have arrived after long journeys, perhaps (or perhaps not) by stage coach, which set down its load a few hours ago at that antient inn 'The Cow and Calipers,' and there can be discerned approaching in the frosty moonlight the cheery waits, destined to interrupt the oft-repeated tale of the pink ghost stalking in the clanking chains ———" and so on, and so forth.

And when he brings it to the Editor——— !!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Saturday, March 31st	...	Spring Term ends.
Thursday, May 3rd	...	Summer Term begins.
Wednesday, May 2nd	...	New Boys.
Sunday, May 27th	...	Whitsunday.
Thursday, May 31st	...	Sports.
Monday, June 11th	...	London University Matriculation Examination begins.
Monday, July 2nd	...	London University Intermediate Examinations begin.
Monday, July 16th	...	Oxford Local Week begins.
Friday, July 27th	...	Summer Term ends.
Saturday, July 28th	...	Matriculation Pass Lists published.
Wednesday, Aug. 1st	...	Intermediate Examinations Pass Lists published.

GAMES' CLUB ACCOUNT.

WINTER TERM, 1916.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash in hand ...	22	18 10	Match Expenses...	6	14 8
Subscriptions ...	46	2 0	Wages ...	8	1 0
Sale of Football			Bills Paid ...	26	10 6
Shirts ...	14	9 0	Sundries ...	10	4
Sale of Fixture			Balance (at Bank)	42	5 4
Cards ...		12 0			
	£84	1 10		£84	1 10

BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Accounts Unpaid	7	9 1	Cash at Bank ...	42	5 4
Balance ...	34	16 3			
	£42	5 4		£42	5 4

Examined and found correct,
R. J. CARTER.

W. A. H. CHESSALL,
Treasurer.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

BALANCE SHEET.

January, 1917.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in Bank			Debit Balance to		
1916 ...	113	1 11	O.C., 1915 ...	2	14 2
Entrance Fees ...			Uniforms, &c. ...	57	12 2
Term Fees ...	80	15 7	Band Instruments	32	2 6
Field Day Fees ...			Bandmaster ...	16	0 6
Property replaced			Musketry Expenses		
(lost equipment)	7	0	and Care of		
Government Grant	37	0 0	Arms, &c. ...	14	18 10
			G.W.R., &c. ...	15	19 7
			W. H. Smith &		
			Sons (Station-		
			ery, &c.) ...	1	11 9
			Petty Cash A/c...	1	6 3
			Cheque Book ...	2	6
				142	8 3
			Balance ...	88	16 3
	£231	4 6		£231	4 6

Examined and found correct,
R. J. CARTER.

H. H. ABBOTT, 2nd Lieut.