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**LORD KITCHENER.**  

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HARK! the solemn sound of the passing bell!  
What hero's death brings sorrow in the land?  
What life is stayed by Death's remorseless hand?  
Why do we hear the sound of the funeral knell?  
Kitchener is dead. The man in whom  
We put our utmost trust has passed away.  
Over his corpse the waves roar sad and gray,  
And a mighty nation mourneth o'er his tomb.  
A soldier and a statesman, he has tried  
To serve his country well; and when the tide  
Of history rolls on, his glorious name,  
Written for ever in the book of Fame,  
Will be remembered as the name of one  
Who did his duty, till life's course was run.

A. P. CLARK.

## **Roll of Honour.**

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*The following names have been added since our last issue.*

WILLIAM HAROLD BAINS, Killed in action on  
Aug. 8th, 1917.

SEC-LIEUT. FRANCIS INGLE SOWTER, Killed in  
action on Aug. 9th, 1917.

SEC-LIEUT. REGINALD H. WESTOBY, Killed in  
action on Oct. 4th, 1917.

A. T. DICKINSON, R.F.C.

G. WALKER, Australian Navy.

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## **Obituary Notices.**

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WILLIAM HAROLD BAINS, the son of Mr. William Bains of Brigg, left the School in December, 1912, after passing the Cambridge Junior Local Examination. He became a chemist in one of the Iron Works at Scunthorpe, and was rapidly rising in his profession when the War broke out. He showed his eagerness to do something for his country by joining the Sea Scouts and rendering valuable service on the coast patrol. When old enough he joined the Sherwood Foresters. He gave his life for his country on August 8th, 1917, in France.

SEC-LIEUT. FRANCIS INGLE SOWTER, son of Mr. G. S. Sowter, Brigg, was a member of the School from April, 1907 till Dec., 1909. He afterwards went to the Priory School, Ealing, established by the Downside English Benedictine Order. He entered the Union of London Bank at Brigg in 1914, and on several occasions played with the Old Boys Football XI. against the School. In Sept., 1915, he joined the Inns of Court O.T.C., and was gazetted Sec-Lieutenant to the 4th Buffs in Nov., 1916. In Jan., 1917 he went to France and saw a great deal of hard-fighting in the first battle of Arras. He showed such resource and courage in an attack, in which a machine gun and several prisoners were taken, that his battalion hoped he would get the M.C. On the 9th of August he was killed at the head of the leading platoon of his battalion by a shell, just as he turned to steady and cheer on his men, his last words being "Steady my lads! Steady on the right!"

Col. Smelzer, the Commanding Officer, wrote that "All the Regiment felt his loss very much, as he has endeared himself to them in a remarkable fashion. He was one of the bravest of the brave". Capt. Hamilton wrote that he "was his best subaltern and a very gallant fellow, who did not know what fear was", and stated that "if he had returned, he would have been recommended for the M.C., as it was the universal opinion that he had bad luck in not getting it before".

The Chaplain spoke of his manly, modest, simple, upright and innocent character, and of his devotion to his religion—a testimony to which all who knew him will subscribe.

SEC-LIEUT. REGINALD H. WESTOBY was a member of the School from Jan., 1907 to July, 1913. He was a prominent member of both Cricket and Football Elevens, and many

will recall his fine performances on the running track at the Athletic Sports, as well as his inexhaustible energy as centre-half on the Football Field. After leaving us he was a year at Queen's College, Taunton, where he was Captain of his House. He was articled to Messrs. Mason, Sons & Kelk, at Louth, a well-known firm of Auctioneers and Valuers; but at the age of 17 $\frac{1}{4}$  he joined the King's Royal Rifles. He saw much service, and was raised to the rank of sergeant. He was in the first battle of the Tanks at Flers in Sept., 1916, in which he was commended for bravery. His name was mentioned by his colonel for a commission, and during his short leave he played football against the School. After training in the Officers Cadet Battalion at Cambridge he was given a commission in the 3rd Lincs. In May, 1917, he went with his battalion to France, was in the great push of September, and on the 4th of October was killed in action whilst leading his men. After being shot he was seen still to urge on his men by beckoning with his arms, displaying the same dauntless courage and determination that he shewed on the Games Field at School.

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### **OLD BOYS' NOTES.**

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We congratulate C. C. Ivens, A. T. Dickinson, C. Grant, and C. F. Groves on receiving commissions, the first two mentioned in the R.F.C., and the others in the York and Lancaster Regt. and the Manchester Regt. respectively.

We were sorry to hear that H. Ashton had been wounded a second time. He is now, however, back in his battalion.

We regret to learn that F. W. Maxted is in hospital.

V. A. Carpenter is driving a motor lorry in France for the A.S.C.

G. Walker has joined the Australian Navy.

Cadet Nigel Barker has been torpedoed a second time, but as on the former occasion the ship managed to reach port.

The School has been visited by Cadets Dobson, Bones, and J. A. Carpenter, who have made voyages to the Eastern Seas, and also by Sec-Lieut. C. Grant, Sergt. W. H. Morris, Dent, W. C. Dickinson, Sec-Lieut. A. T. Dickinson, and others.

The Old Boys played the Staniwells Airmen on the School Field on Dec. 8th, and were defeated by 6 goals to 5.

### **SCHOOL NOTES.**

The accounts for the POTATO PLOT, which measured 2'34 roods, are as follows: *Receipts*:—4 ton 12 cwt. 5½ st. of ware potatoes £27 - 16 - 3, 18 cwt. 1 st. of pig potatoes £1 - 7 - 3, sale of seed left over 17s. 6d. Total £30 - 1 - 0  
*Expenditure*:—J. Sumpter, once ploughing top-end, and moving hut 12s. 6d., Artificial manure £1 - 7 - 5, Bags 7s. 6d., Repairs to tools 7s. 4d., Seed potatoes per County Council £7 - 5 - 3, Wages £1 - 16 - 9, Wire-netting 15s. 6d., Total £12 - 12 - 4. This leaves a profit of £17 - 8 - 8, of which £15 has been divided equally between the Red Cross and the Cadet Corps. We have 9 cwt of good seed, and two or three hundredweight of potatoes have been gathered by a second digging, the diggers taking the proceeds of their sale.

The boys who gave their labour so willingly to produce food are to be cordially congratulated on these results.

At mid-term, on Friday evening, the school, staff, and friends were favoured with a concert given by members of the Vth Form under the auspices of Miss Godley and Miss Hinchliffe. No stage had been erected, but screens were moved by two "unseen stage-hands". The first item, as we found from the neatly-written programme, was a French play, entitled "*La poudre fulminante*". The acting and pronounciation were quite good, and Maden (a doctor's servant who had tasted a powder), caused much amusement by his death-rattle. Watson i. then played a pianoforte solo, and directly after this Baker ii. and Hewitt reproduced a scene from *David Copperfield*. A diversion was caused by Adair ii, a stage-hand, who dropped a screen and then fell on it. Howard sang a song entitled "*The Maple Leaf*", and was followed by Bryant i. who recited "*Vitae Lampada*" and "*England my England*". Maden told us the story of Mr. Hoffenstein's Bugle, and as an encore "*The Mighty 6th*". The concluding items were "*Tableaux Vivants*" and "*A Scene in a Railway Carriage*".

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The Speech Day, which was announced for November 20th, had to be postponed owing to the indisposition of the Headmaster. The Certificates and Prizes were distributed on Dec. 8th.

**HONOURS LIST.**

**Lindsey Senior Scholarship, July, 1917.**

**A. P. CLARK.**

**Cambridge Local Examinations.**

**CHRISTMAS, 1916.**

*Senior Pass:* J. A. CARPENTER, T. N. SUMPTER,  
G. WALKER (distinguished in Drawing).

J. A. Carpenter gained exemption from London University Matriculation.

**JULY, 1917.**

**SENIORS.**

*Second Class Honours:* A. W. BROWN.

*Third Class Honours:* H. H. THISTLETON (distinguished in History), J. W. BUTT (distinguished in French), G. WALKER (distinguished in Drawing).

*Pass:* T. N. SUMPTER, G. W. MOODY, J. R. BAKER.

A. W. Brown, J. W. Butt, G. W. Moody, H. H. Thistleton, were excused Part II. and the additional subjects of the Previous Examination of the University of Cambridge, T. N. Sumpter was excused Part II.

A. W. Brown, H. H. Thistleton, G. W. Moody gained exemption from London University Matriculation.

**JUNIORS.**

*Third Class Honours:* H. A. G. HEPWORTH (passed in Spoken French), G. E. SURTEES (passed in Spoken French), G. BAINS, G. ARMOUR.

*Pass:* E. B. ALLINSON, R. W. LEANING, H. BONES, F. E. GALE, L. P. CLARK (distinguished in Arithmetic), J. H. CROMPTON, E. C. FOX, A. J. JEFFERY.

**Training College Entrance Examination.**

T. N. SUMPTER, G. WALKER.



## PRIZE LIST.

### Form Prizes.

	<i>First Prize.</i>	<i>Improvement Prize.</i>
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Form VIb.	A. W. Brown.	H. H. Thistleton.
Form V.	H. A. G. Hepworth.	G. E. Surtees.
Form IV.	W. Cross.	R. Hall, E. C. Walker.
		R. E. Richardson.
Form IIIa.	C. Tyson.	G. F. Maw.
Form IIIb.	H. M. Watson.	J. C. Smith.
Form II. & I.	G. Spilman.	N. Gregory.

### Extra Prizes.

*Mathematics:* A. P. Clark.

*Drawing:* G. Walker.

*Military Drill:* T. N. Sumpter (presented by Headmaster).

### Cambridge Local Prizes.

These were awarded to those who gained Honours or Distinctions.

**FOURTH FORM ESSAYS IN POETRY.**

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**THE LAST GUN.**

WITH grim determined faces,  
All resolute they stand  
While a shower of hostile bullets  
Pours in from every hand,  
Around—the dead and wounded  
And batter'd guns, unmanned!  
From the right, from the left, from the centre,  
Come messengers of Death;  
The three still do their duty  
With quick-drawn, bated breath,  
A hundred dead men round them,  
At every moment—Death!  
Four German guns are silenced,  
Their latest cartridge spent,  
A noise is heard behind them,  
The air by cheers is rent,  
“Khaki soldiers to the rescue!”  
A British regiment!  
They charge the fleeing foemen  
As only Britons may.  
The hostile troops are scattered  
And gone by break of day.  
The victors, in returning  
Come where our heroes lay.  
They raise a cheer like thunder  
For the true and valiant three,  
Then bow their heads in silence  
For the dead men on the lea,  
Then bear the heroes slowly  
To the hospital at Nery.

C. TYSON.

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THE SNOWSTORM.

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A FIERCE wind whistles through the trees,  
The clouds are dark and low,  
The little birds are left to freeze  
In cold and drifting snow.

With sheets of purest crystals rare  
The snowflakes beautify the scene,  
And countless diamonds glitter there  
As in a silver screen.

Like winged creatures in the air  
The pretty snowflakes fly,  
Fulfilling in the wintry blast  
Their mission from the sky.

The ground is robed in fleecy white  
The snow falls thick and fast.  
Now—there is stillness in the night  
The storm has ceased at last.

T. C. CLARK.

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**FOOTBALL NOTES.**

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Oct. 13th. B.G.S. v. ELSHAM AERODROME.

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The game was very fast and numerous attacks were made by both sets of forwards. After about quarter of an hour our opponents succeeded in scoring. Our forwards now got possession of the ball, and after two or three attacks Layne succeeded in scoring. Armour put his finger out of joint as the result of a fall, and for the remainder of the game we had to play with ten men. Two more goals were scored by Elsham.

Half-time score: Brigg 1. Elsham 3.

In the second half Mr. Slater played centre-forward, and Surtees centre half. The forwards now attacked better, and Mr. Slater scored with a fine long shot. During the second half most of the play was confined to the Elsham quarters. The opposing forwards, however, got away a few times and added two more goals to their score. On the whole our team played a good game.

Final score: Brigg 2. Elsham 5.

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Oct. 27th. OLD BOYS *v.* B.G.S.

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The Old Boys were out for a dashing game, and they succeeded in scoring two goals before our forwards got properly going. This seemed to stimulate the School forwards, and they scored two goals in less than five minutes, thus equalising. Play was then transferred to midfield. Layne got away, and put in a good centre from which Willford scored. At half-time the Old Boys made some changes in their positions. Early in the second half we scored two more goals. We continued to attack our opponents' goal, and Surtees added yet another goal. Towards the end our men slackened off, and the Old Boys added three more goals to their score.

Result: Old Boys 5, B.G.S. 6.

Team: Adair, Armour, Mr. Slater, Baker, Surtees, Leaning, Gale, Willford, Mumby, Bell, Layne.

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Dec. 1st. B.G.S. *v.* OLD BOYS.

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The visiting team won the toss, and decided to kick with the wind at their back. Owing to the bad condition of the ground, our team was further handicapped. The first half was fairly fast, and play was transferred

from one end to the other, both goalkeepers having many shots to deal with. From a scuffle in our goal-mouth the Old Boys succeeded in scoring. Our forwards then scored two goals in rapid succession. After half-time the game was fairly even. The Old Boys soon scored another goal and equalised. About five minutes from time we scored another goal.

Result: Old Boys 2, B.G.S. 3.

Team: Hepworth, Armour, Surtees, Baker, Willford, Leaning, Gale, Bryant ii., Mumby, Bell, Layne.

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### HOUSE MATCHES.

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Well-contested games resulted as follows: Nelthorpe House drew with Yarborough House, Yarborough House beat the Sheffield House, Sheffield House beat the Nelthorpe House. The Captains of the Houses are E. S. B Adair, H. Mumby, J. R. Baker.

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### **BOARDERS' NOTES.**

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We now number 43. Last term we lost Butt, Johnston and Campion. This made a sorry gap in this term's sports. We welcome Green, Mylne, Lee, Thompson, Dook and Kirby. We congratulate Bird on being made a prefect, and Maden on being promoted to the Sixth.

This term, contrary to custom, we were attacked by influenza, which generally waits till the Easter Term. Mrs. Bryant had a busy time attending to the patients.

A little before half-term great excitement was caused by the Zepp raid, and most of us were not sorry to leave Latin and French, and join in a sing-song in the

dayroom instead. Green favoured us with many songs, and so we whiled away the time until we went to bed.

At half-term Mr. Bryant took most of the boarders by train to Barnetby, and then they walked to the School via Bigby. The evening was enlivened by a ping-pong tournament.

The boarders have helped a great deal on the potato plot, and the harvest fully repaid everybody who worked there.

What we should like to know :

Why M turned out to Football on Nov. 16th?

Whether our budding poet is going to have his poems published?

Who nearly got butted into a river by a goat?

Who lost his "stand-up" one Sunday and had to wear an "Eton"?

Who wanted to know why, if a right turn makes a right-angle, a left turn does not make a left-angle?

Who swopped a bike bell for a donkey?

Who were the amateur cooks?