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SEC.-LIEUT. F. HOTSON, M.C.,
LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT.

Roll of Honour.

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P B Symonds, 2nd Otago Regt.

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D A Henderson, 52nd West Yorks.

Requiescant in Pace!

The following have served in His Majesty's Forces.

The list is still incomplete.

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F Nettleton, East Yorks. Regt.
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E F Mawson, H.A.C.

C V Grant, R.E.
V A Carpenter, M.T.A.S.C.
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Sec-Lieut. A W Glover, R.A.F.
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F W Townend, Lines. Regt.
H A Marshall, Guards M.G.C.
H A Peacock, R.A.F.
A D Moore, Manchester Regt.
C A Glover, Leicester Regt.
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Cadet H C Wells, R.A.F.
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A T E Driskell, 3rd Dragoon Guards
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W C Robinson, Sherwood Foresters
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Cadet H B Herring
Cadet Nigel Baker
Cadet H R Dobson

Cadet J A Carpenter

Cadet H Bones

Cadet G G C R Goodman

Wireless Officer C J F Lawson

OBITUARY NOTICE.

P. B. SYMONDS, son of Barker Symonds, Esq., was born in 1882, and was educated here and at St. David's College, Neath. He was at first a sailor, and was afterwards engaged in business at Brigg until 1907, when he emigrated to New Zealand. On the outbreak of the war he immediately joined the N.Z.A.S.C., and served in Egypt. He afterwards transferred to the 2nd Batt. Otago Regt. in order to be in the fighting in France. He was offered a commission, but declined it. He was killed near Ypres on Dec. 12th, 1917, and is buried at Zillebeke.

Requiescat in Pace!

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Our very hearty congratulations to Sec-Lieut. FREDERICK HORSON, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, on being awarded the Military Cross. The official account in the Gazette of the action for which this distinction was given is as follows: "During the attack on Watincourt, on 8th Oct. 1918, when all the other officers, including the commanding officer of the company, had become casualties, he took command, and led his company forward 4000 yds., though several times held up by machine-gun fire, which he overcame.

His leading set a fine example to all ranks." Just before the armistice Sec-Lieut. Hotson was severely wounded, and we regret to hear that he is still in hospital. He was at the School from May, 1908 to July, 1912. He was a good sportsman and a member of the First Eleven. Before joining the Army he was a chemist. He first joined the R.A.M.C. and was afterwards recommended for a commission in the Lincs. Regiment.

We have had a visit from Sec-Lieut. A E KNIGHT, whom we hope soon to see back again on the staff.

We hear that CYRIL RHODES of the R.A.M.C. is now in Batum.

Sick-berth attendant G. WALKER paid us a visit recently. He was about to sail with Admiral Jellicoe to Australia and the East. He still continues to take a great interest in Art, and spends much of his leisure in painting.

Many of the old boys have been demobilised, including C. W. BARLOW from the Navy, T. N. SUMPTER from the R.A.F., W. C. DICKINSON from the Signalling Section of the R.F.A. and Lieut. A. T. DICKINSON, R.A.F.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We regret to announce the death of two very good friends of the School, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. SKEVINGTON, and we beg to offer our respectful sympathy to the family. Mr. Skevington served for many years as a Governor of the School, and was at all times eager to further its interests.

We gratefully acknowledge one of the General Head Quarters War Maps of Northern France, the gift of Lt-Col. Oliver Sutton Nelthorpe, D.S.O., M.C., of the Rifle Brigade, the son of the Chairman of our Governors, who has been with the B.E.F. ever since the beginning of the War.

The following entries in the Admission List of St. John's College, Cambridge, supplied by the Rev. A. Torry, an Old Boy, to our Chairman, are very interesting, carrying us a long way back in the history of the School: (i) Richard Nelthorp, son of James Nelthorp, Esq., born at Scawby, educated at Brigg Grammar School. Admitted 11 April, 1729, *Æt*: 18. (ii) Griffith Nelthorp, son of James Nelthorp, (gentleman) born at Brigg—educated there. Admitted 20 Oct. 1731, *Æt*: 18.

The editor has been privileged to see a letter from Mrs. Walter, the wife of the Headmaster at that time to her daughter in Dorset. The date of the letter is Aug. 3rd, 1824. He may only quote two or three sentences just now, showing that some things change and others do not. "Your brother Edward has a Cricketing Party this evening, not numerous but select. They consist of P Holgate, Esq., John Hayes, Charles Beatty, Charles Rudkin, Richard Nicholson, Fred Goodwin, and once I believe your father took the bat for a time. We drank tea out of doors, and I believe Edward rather wished to sup in the same place, but he will find himself mistaken, as the cloth is laid in the Parlour." . . . "I saw Mr. Perry on the top of the coach last Wednesday and Mrs. P. was still on foot." . . . "Your welcome letter is just arrived and also one from George who, with his family, was just going on board the Union Schooner for London. He will be at No. 3 Montague St., Portman Square for a fortnight, and then come in Witham Packet to Hull." . . . "Your father shall send you some money."

There is tablet to the husband of this vivacious lady in Wrawby Church.

We have welcomed on our staff this term Capt. G. E. Matthews, B.Sc. (Economics), London University, and Mr. E. E. Piercy, B.A., Birmingham University. Miss Godley

left us at the end of last term to take up work at Tamworth Grammar School.

Our numbers still continue to increase. This term we have 154 boys on the register. The Third Form has had to be divided in consequence of the number of new entries this term.

On Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 18th, we were privileged to have a lecture from Mr. Lough, on Canada. It was given in the Corn Exchange, and was illustrated by about 120 lantern slides, some of which related to the part played by Canada in the Great War. We all very much enjoyed the lecture and the pictures, and we are very grateful to Mr. Lough, and also to Mr. Wilmore for his assistance in operating the lantern.

This was the first of a series of lectures this term, the others being given by members of the Staff, on Bohemia by Mr. A. J. Gregory, on Astronomy by Mr. E. E. Piercy, on Aeroplanes by Mr. G. E. Matthews, and on Dreams by Miss Hinchcliffe.

At Mid-term there was a scratch Concert in the School-room on Saturday evening, when Alexander ii. and Gurnell gave pianoforte solos, Bryant and Hepworth recitations, a glee party two songs "There's a ship that's bound for Blighty" and "Let the great big World keep turning," but perhaps the most enjoyable items of all were two glees by the Choral Society, viz.: "Lord Howard" and "The Folded Flock." Finally there was a reading of a ghost story from *Pickwick Papers*.

At half-term, thanks to Mr. Matthews, we had a most exciting paper chase. Mr. Matthews and Gale were the hares, and there were some forty hounds. The route was as follows: Bigby Road, on the public footpath, over fields and emerging on the road leading into Wrawby. At the junction of the road leading into Wrawby village

and the road leading into Brigg there was some doubt as to the real trail. The hounds who took the wrong trail, viz. : the road leading into Brigg, had the fortune to see the hares on the Brickyard Lane, and thus cut off a good distance. A stern and exciting chase ensued, the hounds rapidly gaining, and when the school was at length reached, the leading hound, Marshall, who ran well all the way, was only 100 yards behind the hares. Everyone arrived out of breath and a little dishevelled, but still happy.

FORM IV.b CONCERT.

Form IV.b gave us an excellent concert during the early part of this term. There were several good songs and recitations, Hill giving a splendid rendering of a poem of his own composition entitled "The Password." The humour of the sketch, "Thor's Hammer," was much appreciated by the audience. Ellis, as the angry Thor, caused much amusement by his stuttering threats of vengeance against the thief of his hammer. With the advice and help of Loki (Burgess), Thor was finally able to get back his hammer from Thrym (Kettle ii.), who had stolen it in the hope of securing the fair goddess Freya (Friedlander) as his bride. Croft i. made a splendid dog and (as far as we can judge from the back view) a very handsome one. With the instincts of a true dog, he kept his nose turned towards the table laden with dainties, though perhaps he had another and less selfish reason for not facing the audience. Our hearty congratulations to IV.b on the great success of their first concert. A collection for the Library Fund realised £1 13s. 1d.

PROGRAMME.

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|----|-----------------|------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1 | Pianoforte Solo | ... | ... | Thompson ii. |
| 2 | Recitation | "Admirals All" | | Bryant i. |
| 3 | Song | "The Mermaid" | | Party |
| 4 | Pianoforte Solo | ... | ... | Croft i. |
| 5 | Song | "Polly Wolly Doodle" | | Party |
| 6 | Recitation | "The Secret of the Machines" | | Lee |
| 7 | Song | "The IV.b—ers" | | Burgess |
| 8 | Recitation | "The Password" | | The Author |
| 9 | Song | "John Brown's Baby" | | Party |
| 10 | Play | "THOR'S HAMMER" | | |
| | Prologue | ... | ... | Hockney |
| | Scene 1 | Asgard—the City of the Gods. | | |
| | Scene 2 | The Home of Thrym. | | |
| | Scene 3 | Asgard—the City of the Gods. | | |
| | Scene 4 | The Home of Thrym. | | |

Dramatis Personæ—

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| Thor | ... | ... | Ellis |
| Sif, his wife | ... | | Patterson |
| Loki | ... | ... | Burgess |
| Thrym | ... | | Kettle ii. |
| His servant | ... | ... | Naylor i. |
| Freya, a Goddess | ... | | Friedlander |
| Gods | Hill, Thompson ii, Pearson | | |
| The Dog | ... | | Croft i. |

THE PASSWORD.

Between the tall straight poplar trees the road stretch'd
white and long,
With carts and wire the barricade was made exceeding
strong,
The gendarmes grouped on either side, prepared to bar the
way,
And a draggled man in khaki paused, and wondered what
to say.
He said he'd lost his billet, and they bade him seek else-
where,
Orders, they said, were orders, and they couldn't pass him
there.
He said he warn't no German spy ! They smiled and quite
agreed ;
But the road, they said, was barred to every type and
breed.

They asked him very pleasantly what fights he'd helped
to win.
"Wot me?", he said, "I fought at Mons, and nearly got
done in.
Lord knows how many fights I've seen, there's la Bassée
and Loos,
But if you've got your orders, why it ain't no bloomin' use."
The soldier turned to move away, the gendarmes whispered
fast,
"At Mons," they said, "he fought at Mons, Diable ! let him
pass !"
So then and there the barricades to right and left they
drew,
And, wreathed in smiles, they called him back, and bowed
the beggar through.

Perhaps on winter evenings, forty years and more from
now,
That draggled man will hobble to the crowded "Horse
and Plough ;"

And when the ancient enters, he will get the corner seat,
" 'Ere be old Mons," the folk will say, "set down and
warm tha feet ! "

Ay, Mons shall be the password still throughout his
honoured years ;

And when he takes his place at length beside his warrior
peers,

When the last great fight is over, and there's no more work
to do,

At the portals of eternity, they'll bow the beggar through.

T. R. HILL.

FORM V. CONCERT.

On the evening of Wednesday, March 19th, Form V. gave a most enjoyable entertainment to the rest of the School. The programme was admirable in length and variety. During the first half, the Trial Scene from "The Merchant of Venice" was acted. Smith iii., as Prologue, summarised the story of the play and introduced the characters. The parts on the whole were well taken, those specially to be commended being the dignified Portia of Smith iv., and the romantic Antonio of Jeffery ii. Considerable musical talent was in evidence ; the pianoforte solos of Smith iv., Jeffery and Pickup, and the songs of Jeffery were much appreciated. We shall not soon forget the heartrending strains of Drinkall's one-string fiddle, nor the sweet music produced so skilfully by Kettle, out of ordinary (?) basins. Solomon Levi and his friends of the same cast of features were the source of much merriment, as were also the "swell" student, the blushing maiden and the cantankerous old couple in "Riding down from Bangor." Other items were recitations, marvellous thought-reading by a celebrated Professor and his medium, amusing

dialogue between "Bubble and Squeak", and conjuring tricks. The proceedings were terminated by a spirited rendering of "John Peel" and "God save the King" by the V. Form Musical Troupe. The collection taken during the interval amounted to £1 2s. 3d.; this was given to the Library.

PROGRAMME.

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| 1 | Introductory Song | "Come, cheer up my lads" | Jeffery ii. |
| 2 | Pianoforte Solo | "Voices of Spring" | Smith iv. |
| 3 | Musical Novelty | | Kettle i. |
| 4 | Recitation | "The Old Superb" | Taylor |
| 5 | Song | "Jack the Sailor" | Jeffery ii. |
| 6 | Pianoforte Solo | "Lucille" | Pickup |
| 7 | Trial Scene from "The Merchant of Venice" | | |

ANTONIO—Jeffery ii.; PORTIA—Smith iv.; SHYLOCK—Tyson; DUKE—Clark iii.; BASSANIO—Wright; GRATIANO—Marshall; NERISSA—Pickup.

Interval.

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| 8 | Pianoforte Solo | "The Old Comedy" | Jeffery ii. |
| 9 | Thought-reading | ... | Fryer & Wilmore |
| 10 | Mandoline Solo | | Kettle i. |
| 11 | Song | "Solomon Levi" | Tyson i. and Party |
| 12 | Recitation | "The Best School of all" | Pickup |
| 13 | One-string Fiddle | "Good King Wenceslaus" | Drinkall |
| 14 | Song | "Riding down from Bangor" | Smith iv. & Party |
| 15 | Il Professore Giacomo | ... | Clark iii. |
| 16 | Bubble and Squeak | ... | Wilmore & Drinkall |
| 17 | The V. Form Musical Troupe "John Peel" | | |

"God save the King."

CADET CORPS.

CADET CAPTAIN :—H. E. BRYANT.

CADET-LIEUT. :—A. E. KNIGHT, (now serving in the Army).

CADET SEC-LIEUT. :—J. HOLLOWAY.

CAPT. :—G. E. MATTHEWS.

The following promotions have been made this term :
Corp. F E Gale to be Sergeant, Cadets Hepworth, Watson, Fox and S B Allinson to be Lance-Corporals.

This term the Corps has made great progress in all their drills under the welcomed instructions of Capt. Matthews, who has just been demobilised from the Army.

We have one long and five short drills a week, but the long drill has been somewhat interfered with by rain and snow.

We are very pleased to see that many younger members of the school have joined the Corps, but are somewhat sorry that some of the older boys do not follow their example.

The Corps has received fourteen carbines from the War Office, which will come in very useful for the younger Cadets.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Librarian :—MISS E. A. HINCHCLIFFE, M.A.

The chief item of interest this term has been the purchase of a new copy of the Children's Encyclopædia. This became possible through the kind assistance of Forms IVb and V., who gave the proceeds of their concert for this purpose.

E. C. FOX, Secretary.

THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

This Society has met on alternate Tuesdays, and we have had lectures from Mr. J. Holloway, B.Sc., on (1) Metabolism of Plant and Animal Life, (2) The Radio-active Theory. Many boys have taken a keen interest in this Society, and one often sees boys carefully examining Mr. Bryant's plants in search of interesting specimens. We are very grateful to Mr. Holloway for his exceedingly interesting lectures.

G. A.

THE FIELD CLUB.

The Field Club was opened by Mr. Holloway on Monday, Feb. 3rd, but since then has met on Tuesday night at 7-45, fortnightly. Dook gave a very interesting lecture on "How to stuff birds." He has promised to tell us more of this subject. Mr. Holloway has told us how to press flowers and set butterflies.

This term the weather has not been favourable for the work of the club, but with the good weather before us, we hope to make good collections. Various boys are collecting Birds' Eggs, Butterflies and Moths, Nature Photographs, Freshwater Shells, Wild Flowers, and Ferns.

T. C. CLARK, } Secretaries.
W. J. SMITH, }

CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Choral Society has proved one of the most pleasant and instructive societies formed this term. At the inaugural meeting, Mr. Piercy was elected president, and a

committee of three, consisting of Armour, Allinson and Watson was chosen.

The attendance has been good nearly all through the term, and many enjoyable evenings have been spent. Part-songs and choruses from the "Cantemus" were practised at the beginning of the term, but towards the end, most of the members evinced a taste for lighter music.

Under the direction of Mr. Piercy, a continued popularity may safely be prophesied for the Choral Society.

H.A.G.H.

IV.b FORM NOTES.

Our Form Magazine has now reached its fifth edition, and its contents are both varied and exciting, especially the serial "One against many," which is drawing to an exciting conclusion.

What we want to know.

Who is the pugilist of the form ?

Who used this expression in his composition ? "Motor-cars, bicycles and other invariable specialities which "clothe the wold and meet the sky !"

Who said "Un coup de grâce" meant "to cut the grass" ?

Has "Thor" found his hammer yet ?

BOARDERS' NOTES.

Things we would like to know.

Who is "Corf" ?

Who is the amateur detective who burnt his fingers on a hot trail?

Who likes the Defaulters' Parade?

Who daren't read "The Hound of the Baskervilles" for fear of nightmares?

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The only match we have been able to play this term, was against the Old Boys. The school team showed a great improvement on last term's play, everyone playing a good game; in spite of this, we were beaten 4—1 after a hard fight. We were pleased to see in the opposing team several Old Boys who have not played against us lately.

We have not had the usual House Matches this term owing to the unequal division of the Houses, one match, however, was played between the Sheffield and Nelthorpe Houses and the Yarborough House, in which the latter won by four goals to one.

The 1st XI. this term was: Baxter, Gale (captain) and Cross, Smith iii., Mr. Matthews and Steggles, Eccles, Bryant, Marshall, Walker and Hall.

F.E.G.

SCHOOL LISTS.

Prefects:—Armour, Allinson, Gale, Hepworth.

Train Prefects:—Fox, Procter, Hewitt.

Sports Committee:—The Headmaster and Staff, Gale, Armour, Cross, Marshall, Bryant, Joell, Alexander ii, and Munro.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE :—

President :—The Headmaster.

Librarian : Miss E. A. Hinchliffe, M.A.,

Secretary : Fox. *Treasurer* : Cross.

Sub-Librarians : Allinson, Proctor, Richardson, Eccles,
Pickup, Walker, Hall, Watson.

Form Representatives : Strickland, Collins, Wiles, Farrar,
Coman.

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