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OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The Editor would welcome news of Old Boys either directly by letter from themselves or indirectly.

G. Armour, who has been temporarily employed as a teacher at Scunthorpe, is to begin his medical course at Glasgow in April.

W. Leslie Baker is to begin a three years' course at Sheffield University shortly. There are already two Old Briggensians there, J. R. Baker and V. A. Carpenter, B.Sc. The latter is taking a special course of Chemistry after being allowed a War degree at London University.

Kenneth Fisher is studying Engineering at University College, London.

Peter H. Green has gone to London for a year's art study.

The Editor had a letter from E. F. Mawson asking for back numbers of *The Briggensian*. We believe he is engaged in a Hull Bank, as is also H. Parry, both having returned to their old profession on being demobilised.

We regret to hear of the death of Harold Stamp, of Kirton Lindsey, who left the School only about a year ago, and we offer our sincere sympathy to his parents in their bereavement.

We congratulate R. M. Spring on becoming Senior Prefect and Captain of the City of London School.

The Editor has heard from Lieut. J. G. T. Eccles, who is very busy in the Transport Service in East Persia.

Mr. Knight has had a letter from C. J. F. Lawson who is engaged as Wireless Operator in a ship sailing the Indian Ocean.

The Treasurers report that the sum promised for the War Memorial Scheme is now £160. The greater part of this is already in the Bank. Further subscriptions are earnestly requested, and should be sent either to Mr. Godfrey Goodman, Bigby Street, Brigg, or to Mr. A. E. Knight, at the School.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The remarkable bee-hive structure, so long a landmark, known as ——'s Palace, and believed to have been built on the model of the abodes of the Ancient Britons, has been gradually disappearing for some years, and has now quite vanished. We do not know what has become of the treasures it was believed to contain. We do know that a very large number of queen wasps were disturbed from their winter quarters.

We are very grateful to Dr. Felton and Mr. J. Ashton for the valuable additions they have sent us for the Library, to Mr. J. Simeon, B.Sc. for an interesting diffraction grating, and to Miss Waddingham for chemical apparatus.

The meetings of the Field Club have been irregular this term. The Dancing Class and the preparation of the School Play took up the usual time. Nevertheless we have had one Club walk, and two or three meetings. Some interesting observations have been made on birds, the migrating wild geese passing over us on the night of the 24th of February. The black-headed gull is now appearing in its nesting plumage.

One of the features this term has been the University Extension Lectures on Astronomy, by Mr. G. P. Bailey, M.A., in the Schoolroom on alternate Fridays. The lectures have been made still more interesting by the aid of the lantern.

The Lent collections this year were given to Lord Treloar's Homes for Crippled Children, the amount raised being £1/13/3.

The School Plays were repeated on Wednesday, March 3rd, at the request of Mr. J. Spring, in aid of the Brigg Reading Society.

Operations have been carried on for several weeks this term on the first and second cricket pitches, and several loads of new turf have been laid.

We hear that the Governors have bought the premises opposite to the School for workshops and other purposes.

In Memoriam.

Harold Stamp, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stamp, of Kirton Lindsey, won a Governors' Scholarship in 1917, and left us in 1919 to become a clerk in the mill at Kirton. An attack of rheumatic fever weakened his constitution, and he died on March 9th in his sixteenth year.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

We are pleased to report that the interest taken in the Literary and Debating Society shows no signs of lessening. The first evening Mr. Gregory spoke to us on "Cycling in Holland," giving us many interesting details of Dutch life and history.

Perhaps the most interesting evening of the session was the Concert. The boarders turned up *en bloc*, and secured the best seats in Form IVc room. Mrs. Gregory received a hearty welcome, and her pianoforte solo was much appreciated. Lott and Taylor both recited in fine style.

Mr. Gregory and Mr. Knight contributed to the success of the evening by their songs, and Hepworth by his readings.

The debate on "Should the Turk be expelled from Constantinople?" was not so well attended. The negative was put by Hall, who was supported by Hepworth. Walker spoke in the affirmative, and his young seconder, Andrews, among other things, suggested that St. Sophia should be taken down and re-erected somewhere in India.

The following week Andrews gave a capital account of the working of the G. C. R.

SPEECH DAY.

This event had necessarily been postponed from last term. The weather was ideal for the occasion, and our accommodation was taxed to its utmost capacity,

Alderman J. Davy, J.P., in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of the Governors, presided, and in introducing the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, told us how much our guest was doing in Lindsey for the cause of education. He also alluded to the great progress of the School.

The Roll of Honour was read by the Headmaster, who afterwards spoke on the aims of the School. This was to give an all-round culture to character, brain and body. This was the true order, character was more highly esteemed among us than intellectual brilliancy, and a well-trained mind than physical prowess, but all were necessary to the perfect man. There was good material in the boys who came from the country villages. The School aimed also at giving an opportunity for developing musical or mechanical or artistic talent, and so providing boys with a life-long pursuit outside their business or profession.

The School Song was sung in public for the first time.

The Report was read by Mr. H. M. Hett, Clerk to the Governors.

Mr. A. E. Knight gave the Report of the War Memorial Committee and made an appeal for general support of the scheme.

The Dean of Lincoln, after presenting the prizes and certificates, gave us one of his characteristic speeches, full of wisdom and humour. He said it was always a delight to him to spend a little time with the young, as it rejuvenated him for his daily work amongst the aged, and he envied the headmaster, who was able to spend the whole of his time amongst boys. He was highly delighted to notice that the School had to refuse boarders, and would like to see the number doubled. He trusted the School would soon have an Advanced Course, and urged parents to allow their sons to stay two years after their First Examination. The Board of Education would then give an extra £400 grant to strengthen the teaching staff.

The fact that the whole of the fourteen Senior Cambridge candidates passed spoke well for the soundness of the teaching.

The Dean referred to the new responsibilities which had lately been assumed by the Lindsey Education Committee, which had now guaranteed the financial needs of the Secondary Schools in its area, and he congratulated Brigg on the success of the Girls' High School which had recently been established.

After a hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mr. H. Stamp, and seconded by Mr. J. T. Kettle, had been carried, the visitors adjourned to tea in the School House.

Then came the Entertainment of which the Editor has received the following appreciation.

No one who witnessed the dramatic entertainment on Speech Day will question the fact that there is a great deal of histrionic talent in both the upper and the lower school.

The wise nonsense of the "Mad Tea Party" was charmingly rendered by the four young actors, Cross ii., Lott, Robinson and Bell. Who could wish for a more charming Alice, a more erratic Hatter, a madder March Hare, or a sleepier Dormouse?

A more ambitious effort was the performance of selections from "Julius Cæsar," but those who took part in it have reason to be proud of their acting and elocution, and especially the four principal characters. We can praise the most highly the impassioned, eloquent rendering of Antony by Hill i., but we do not forget that Smith iv. skilfully played the part of a very fiery Cassius, that Thomas was a dignified and mellow-voiced Cæsar, and Hepworth a calm, impressive Brutus.

A play, however, is dependent for its success on minor characters also, as was shown on this occasion. Bates, the "blunt" Casca, Eccles and Burgess, the hectoring Tribunes, the Conspirators who did well in a difficult piece of acting—the murder—, Wiles, the ominous Soothsayer, Lee, and last (and rather disappointing) but included because they strove (with help from the wings) to represent "the many-headed multitude"—the Citizens—, all should have their word of praise.

A great deal of the success of the play was due also to the scenic effect of the costumes. Not only did these give pleasure to the audience, but they also supplied an opportunity for the display of a little harmless masculine vanity on the part of the performers, and we hear from a most reliable source that many a fold of toga was re-arranged before the noble Roman was satisfied with its appearance!

PROGRAMME.

Scene from "Alice in Wonderland." J. C. Lott, G. A. Robinson, H. Cross, F. W. Bell.

Song by Harrison ii.

Selections from "Julius Cæsar."

Scene I. (a street in Rome). The tribunes harangue the city mob.

Scene II. (a public place in Rome). Cassius incites Brutus to join in the conspiracy against Cæsar.

Scene III. (Senate House). The murder of Cæsar.

Scene IV. (The Roman Forum). The orations of Brutus and Antony over the body of Cæsar.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

Cæsar	...	...	...	H. P. Thomas
Brutus	...	...	...	H. A. G. Hepworth
Antony	...	...	...	T. R. Hill
Cassius	...	...	...	W. J. Smith
Casca	...	...	...	C. D. Bates
Trebonius	...	...	...	R. Taylor
Decius Brutus	...	...	...	C. Tyson
Metellus	...	...	...	J. C. Deebank
Cinna	...	...	...	H. H. Smith
Antony's Servant	...	...	...	R. O. Lee
Tribunes	...	S. V. Eccles,	A. J. W. Jeffery	
Soothsayer	...	...	...	A. D. Wiles
Citizens:—G. B. Gurnell, R. Hall, A. R. Thompson,				
J. P. Hockney, B. Kettle, E. Stephenson,				
C. N. Croft, S. W. Ellis, K. W. Jackson.				

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

TO THE

Governors of Brigg Grammar School.

GENTLEMEN,

In this 250th anniversary of the Founding of the School, I have the honour to present to you my tenth Annual Report. During the year the number of pupils has increased from 150 to 187, and the number of boarders from 54 to 63. For the first time the school has had to refuse a considerable number of boarders. Indeed there were sufficient applications to provide a good complement for a second boarding-house, had it been possible to find a house.

The temporary buildings, consisting of two new classrooms, a large assembly room, and a workshop, are now in use. The Physics Laboratory is not yet complete owing to the delay of the school furnishers in making the benches; but it will be a great asset to the school when it is available.

Mr. A. E. Knight, B.Sc. has been demobilised from hospital. Under his guidance the Cadet Corps has considerably gained in efficiency, though there should be more recruits in so large a school.

The staff has been much strengthened by the return of Mr. Knight, and the addition of Mr. W. Lamb, M.A., Rev. H. Lee, M.A., Mr. T. N. Sumpter, and Miss B. D. Love, B.A. There are now eight members of the Staff in addition to the Headmaster. The whole of the School

has been re-organised, the Forms have been brought back to normal size, and the re-classification of the boys in accordance with the standard they have reached tends to much greater efficiency in teaching.

The general discipline is good, the boys are, for the most part, interested and happy in their work and in their sports, and the tone is satisfactory. The cricket season was one of the best, if not the best, the School has ever had. The Athletic Sports did not quite reach the highest level, but this was partly due to the great interest taken in cricket. A new Junior Challenge Cup has been given to the School by Mr. M. G. Smith, of Grimsby; and Dr. Frith has presented a Challenge Cup for Swimming.

A very satisfactory feature in the School's progress is the increasing number of boys who are pursuing a more advanced course of study after passing the Cambridge Senior Local. There are nine such boys this term. In July, G. Armour, who was Captain of the School, gained a Lindsey Senior Scholarship of the value of £75 per annum for three years.

In the Senior Cambridge Local fourteen candidates were presented. Of these, three gained Second Class Honours, one Third Class Honours, and ten others satisfied the examiners. In the Schedule attached to this report, a detailed account will be found of the performances of the candidates in the various subjects. On the whole a very satisfactory standard was reached, as is shewn by the large number of boys who gained exemption from the whole or part of the Cambridge Previous Examination, and from Matriculation at other universities. There were no Junior candidates this year owing to the veto of the Board of Education.

In accordance with the Scheme under which the School is governed I beg to commend to your notice G. Armour, E. B. Allinson, H. A. G. Hepworth, W. Cross, F. E. Gale for their good work and conduct, and for the service which they have rendered to the School.

In conclusion I should like to acknowledge with gratitude the loyal and hearty co-operation of my colleagues on the Staff, and the great help and support that I always receive from the Chairman and the Governors of the School.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. E. BRYANT.

Nov. 19th, 1919.

HONOURS LIST.

Lindsey Senior Scholarship, July, 1919.

G. ARMOUR.

July, 1919.

Senior Cambridge Local Examination.

Second Class Honours : E. B. ALLINSON, J. R. BAKER,
H. A. G. HEPWORTH.

Third Class Honours : W. CROSS.

Pass : G. L. PROCTOR, J. H. CROMPTON, F. E.
GALE, R. HALL, E. C. WALKER, E. C. FOX
(distinguished in Geography), R. E. RICHARDSON,
A. J. JEFFERY, C. A. PROCTER, W. HEWITT.

Cambridge University Previous Examination.

The following gained complete exemption :

E. B. Allinson, J. R. Baker, W. Cross, R. Hall,
H. A. G. Hepworth, whilst J. H. Crompton, F. E.
Gale, A. J. Jeffery, C. L. Procter, R. E. Richardson
and E. C. Walker were exempted from Part II.

London University Matriculation.

E. B. Allinson and H. A. G. Hepworth gained exemption.

Northern Universities Matriculation.

E. B. Allinson, H. A. G. Hepworth, J. R. Baker, W. Cross,
F. E. Gale gained exemption.

October, 1919.

Glasgow University Matriculation.

G. Armour.

PRIZE LIST.

	<i>Form Prize.</i>	<i>Improvement Prize.</i>
Form VI.	H. A. G. Hepworth.	E. C. Walker.
„ V.	C. Tyson.	S. Fryer.
„ IVA.	T. Wright.	
„ IVB.	G. S. Burgess.	J. P. Hockney.
„ IVc.	W. E. Kirkland.	{ G. H. Fowler, J. A. Swanson.
„ IIIA.	C. Waller.	A. D. Wiles.
„ IIIB.	A. J. Quickfall.	{ K. H. Jarman, L. L. Panton.
„ II.	K. R. Donaldson.	F. Bell.
„ I.	F. Butler.	

Cambridge Senior Local Prizes.

Second Class Honours : E. B. Allinson, J. R. Baker,
H. A. G. Hepworth.

Third Class Honours : W. Cross.

Distinction in Geography : E. C. Fox.

Special Prizes.

Music Prize : A. C. Watson.

Art Prizes : E. L. Collins, G. S. Burgess, T. R. Hill.

Mathematics : J. H. Crompton.

Science : G. Armour.

Swimming Challenge Cup.

(presented by Dr. and Mrs. Frith).

H. A. G. Hepworth.

Governors' Scholarships for one year of value of £5.

W. Cross, C. A. Procter.

Elocution Prize.

T. R. Hill.

HOUSE NOTES.

THE NELTHORPE HOUSE.

This term the House has been increased by several more boys, the total now being 58. The House has flourished, thanks to the presidency of Mr. Lee. We have played two matches against the Sheffield and Yarrowborough Houses. In the former we were totally successful winning on all pitches, but against the latter we were the weaker team and were defeated.

Next term we hope to gain fresh laurels in the field of sport and recover our old prestige.

S. V. ECCLES.

THE YARBOROUGH HOUSE.

Once again this House has proved to be the champion in sport.

We obtained 33 points out of a possible 40. Both first pitch games were won, the scores being 6—2 and 10—0.

Next term we should do more than hold our own against the other Houses in cricket and swimming.

W. CROSS.

THE SHEFFIELD HOUSE.

Our number now totals 58.

We are sorry to announce that the ancient prestige of the Sheffield House is a thing of the past. That the House is rather retrograde is shown by the results of the House matches, both of which have been lost. Still, there is marked talent in the coming generation, so we

hope for more prosperous times in the future under the guidance of Miss Wragg and Mr. Lamb.

R. HALL.

BOARDERS' NOTES.

Last term we lost Patterson and Hodgson i, but by the advent of Stephenson, Parker and Brown our number now totals 63.

The term has been both short and quiet, the only incidents of note being a Table Match, won by the small table, 8—7, and the match, Boarders v. Dayboys, which the Boarders won, 3—1 on the first pitch, though they lost on the second pitch.

The Fifth and Sixth Forms have been privileged on Sundays to use the Assembly Room.

During this term, Speech Day, postponed from last term, has rolled round, and our eagerness to see our parents was almost at fever heat. Everyone, in the throes of excitement, agreed that he had fared most sumptuously.

We are all looking forward to next term's cricket and swimming, so here's to the holidays!

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Who thinks that his Sunday suit is the best substitute for football clothes?

Who feels "hot and cold all mixed"?

Who, after a football match, said, "Bury me between the goal posts"?

Wherefore the enthusiasm in the Gainsborough match?

R. H.

FORM IV.b NOTES.

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Who are the caricaturists of the form?

Why did Julius-sieze-her?

Who makes the "pan shine"?

Who got a pane by putting his hand through a window?

FOOTBALL NOTES.

EASTER TERM.

Once again fair fortune has smiled on our endeavours. The 1st XI. has won five matches out of seven, one being drawn. The 2nd XI. have preserved their unbeaten record.

This success has, to a great extent, been due to the increased enthusiasm shown in the practice games.

We anticipate having an excellent eleven next season, as there is much talent among the younger boys.

W. CROSS, CAPTAIN.

M. MARSHALL, VICE-CAPTAIN.

XMAS TERM, 1919.

The following matches were not recorded in our last issue.

B.G.S. 1st XI. 20 v. Caistor G.S. 0.

B.G.S. 1st XI. 1 v. Brigg Banks 1.

EASTER TERM, 1920.

B.G.S. 1st XI. v. OLD BOYS' XI. At Brigg, Feb. 14th.

Under ideal conditions the School XI. decisively beat the Old Boys for the first time during the last three

seasons. The team displayed a zeal and determination which had been lacking during the previous term. The defence was especially good, and the forwards combined well. The result, however, was in doubt until about mid-way through the second half, when the School scored three goals in quick succession, thus becoming victors by four clear goals. B.G.S. 6 goals, Old Boys 2 goals.

Team:—Hepworth, Baxter, Jarman, Eccles, Jeffery ii, Cross i, Mr. Lamb, Bryant i, Mr. Knight, Marshall, Kirkland.

B.G.S. 1st XI. v. A BRIGG XI. At Brigg, Feb. 21st.

As this was an eleventh hour match, the School was weakly represented, while Richardson and Alexander ii. played for the visitors. Nevertheless, we proved too much for our opponents, and, after a rather scrappy game, finished winners by four goals to two. B.G.S. 4 goals, A Brigg XI. 2 goals.

Team:—Hepworth, Eccles, Baxter, Steggles, Mr. Knight, Drury, Walker, Mr. Lamb, Marshall, Hall, Kirkland.

B.G.S. 1st XI. v. GAINSBOROUGH G.S. At Brigg.
February 28th.

With last term's 6—1 defeat still rankling in our minds, efforts to be avenged for the loss were not wanting. In the first half we were decidedly the superior team, and were two goals up at half-time. In the second half, the Gainsborough forwards strove hard to reduce the lead, but they found the defence at its best. The School goal had several narrow escapes, and our opponents did everything but score. B.G.S. 2 goals, Gainsborough G.S. 1 goal.

Team:—Hepworth, Baxter, Jarman, Drury, Eccles, Cross, Jeffery i, Walker, Marshall, Stott, Kirkland.

B.G.S. 1st XI. v. BRIGG BANK CLERKS. At Brigg.
March 6th.

Kicking against a strong wind, the School backs miss-kicked badly in the first half, and consequently the score at the interval was 2—1 in favour of the visitors. In the second half, however, they warmed to their work, while the School forwards pierced the opposing defence no less than three times. B.G.S. 4 goals, Brigg Bank Clerks 3 goals.

Team :—Hepworth, Baxter, Jarman, Drury, Eccles, Cross, Jeffery i, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Knight, Marshall, Kirkland.

B.G.S. 1st XI. v. CLEE G.S. 1st XI. At Clee.
March 13th.

At Clee, we sustained our first defeat since November. On the whole, the School XI. gave a most unconvincing display, the backs kicking weakly and the forwards missing many easy chances. Kirkland, owing to an injury, was a passenger for the best part of the game, and the ground was very wet and heavy. B.G.S. 1 goal, Glee G.S. 3 goals.

Team :—Hepworth, Baxter, Jarman, Drury, Eccles, Cross, Walker, Bryant i, Marshall, Stott, Kirkland.

B.G.S. 2nd XI. v. GAINSBOROUGH 2nd XI.
At Gainsborough, Feb. 28th.

Brigg, having won the toss, decided to take advantage of the sharp slope and slight wind. During the first quarter-of-an-hour, the Brigg forwards netted the ball twice. After this until half-time, they did not make much progress owing to the slippery state of the ground. During the second half, in spite of the slope and wind, the Brigg forwards scored no less than six goals. The Gainsborough forwards were held well in check by the backs and half-

backs, the goal-keeper being seldom called upon to save. The full time score was 8—0 in Brigg's favour.

Team:—Deebank, S. Smith, Procter, H. H. Smith (Captain), Alexander ii, Lee, Maxted, Clayton, Richardson, Tyson ii, Tyson i.

B.G.S. 2nd XI. v. CLEE G.S. 2nd XI. At Brigg.

March 13th.

This match concluded the programme of the all-conquering 2nd XI. for the season.

A rather disappointing game was witnessed, the home forwards being specially weak in front of goal. In the second half, however, being better supported by the half-backs, they displayed more of the passing game, their efforts only being thwarted by the capability of the visiting defence. The score of 8—1 for the homesters was a fitting result on the run of the play.

Team:—Deebank, Steggles, Procter, Lee, Alexander ii, Pickup, Maxted, Jeffery i, Richardson, Hall i (Captain), Tyson i.

CRITICISMS OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

CROSS (Capt.) Left half. A hard-working half-back who plays a vigorous style of football. His tackling is resolute, and he uses his head to great advantage. His kicking and passing might improve. As captain, he has shown himself efficient and painstaking.

MARSHALL (Vice-Capt.) Has played centre-forward consistently well throughout the season. Shows an excellent knowledge of the game. Is a little handicapped by lack of size and speed, but is very quick to seize an opportunity in front of goal, and shoots with power and accuracy.

BRYANT. Inside right. A clever player with good individual style. His efforts would be more successful were they a little less 'individual,' and were he a little more aggressive when tackled by opposing backs.

HEPWORTH. Goalkeeper. Though during the early weeks of the season his play was somewhat inconsistent, since then his play has been on a uniformly high level. He has a strong kick, a good reach, and clears well. It is good to note that his tendency to play with the ball instead of clearing immediately, is disappearing.

ECCLES. Centre half. A very fast, hard-working half-back, who tackles well. His kicking and passing are inclined to be erratic, and it would be a great advantage if he learned to head the ball.

WALKER. Inside left. A stylish player, who, since a relapse from form in the middle of the season, has much improved. He passes and shoots with accuracy, but without sufficient force. This fault will no doubt be eradicated when he corrects the lack of inches.

JEFFERY I. Outside right. Has a good turn of speed and can centre well, but has not played uniformly, his present form being considerably below his best.

HALL I. Outside left. During the first half of the season played well, and was one of the best forwards. At present he keeps the ball too long and centres only indifferently well. This lapse we believe is only temporary.

JARMAN. Left back. Has a good kick, and can use either foot well, and clears with coolness and accuracy. His tackling should be more vigorous.

BAXTER I. Right back. A robust player who has made great progress this term. His tackling is effective and his kicking strong and accurate. Should make greater efforts to overtake opposing forwards if they have passed him.

KIRKLAND. Outside left. Has improved this term. Centres well but should do so more quickly, instead of doing too much dribbling.