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Roll of Honour.

Lieut. SOWTER, 5th Battalion Lincs. Regiment.

Lieut. HUSKINSON, 4th Battalion Royal Inniskilling
Fusiliers.

GODFREY GOODMAN, Lincs. Regiment.

GERALD GOODMAN, Lincs. Yeomanry.

MARTIN CAMPION, ,, ,,

ALLAN WHITE, ,, ,, (offered).

ARTHUR L. PATCHETT, Royal Horse Artillery.

HAROLD OGLESBY, Yorkshire Light Infantry. "Pro Patria Mortuus est," Oct. 18th, 1914.

REGINALD N. SINDERSON, Yorks. Light Infantry.

WILFRED SINDERSON, Royal Navy.

BRYAN E. SPINK, Notts. Hussars.

HENRY L. PARTRIDGE, Lincs. Regiment.

W. P. PAWLEY, Staff Sergeant, 2nd Mounted Brigade,
Field Ambulance, S.A.M.C.

J. W. NIXON, Notts. Hussars.

G. B. DOBSON, Sheffield City Battalion.

LEONARD WELLS, Lincs. Territorials.

EDMUND GREEN, R.A.M.C.

HAROLD WALKER, Netley Hospital.

Second Lieut. VANCE, Worcester Regiment.

ERIC ELLIS, Somerset. Territorials.

SCHOOL NOTES.

LAST term we lost a great many of our senior boys and many members of our 1st XI. The following is the complete list :—

Form VIa. C. V. Grant : Head Prefect, 1913-14.

1911, Camb. Junior (3rd Class Honours).

1912, Camb. Junior (1st Class Honours, Distinguished in French and Mathematics).

1913, Camb. Senior (1st Class Honours), excused London Matriculation.

Lindsey Senior Scholarship to the University.

Form VIb. S. Goates : Captain of Football and Cricket, 1912-14.

1912, Camb. Junior.

1913, Camb. Senior.

1914, Camb. Senior (3rd Class Honours), excused London Matriculation.

Form VIb. A. L. McIntyre : Prefect.

1912, Camb. Junior.

1913, Camb. Senior.

1913-14, 1st XI. Football Colours.

Form VIb. H. F. E. Shrigley :

1912, Camb. Junior.

1913, Camb. Senior.

1913-14, 1st XI. Football.

Sub-Editor of the "*Briggensian*."

1914, Music prize.

Form VIb. H. C. Parry :

1913, Camb. Junior.

1914, Camb. Senior.

1913-14, 1st XI. Football.

Form VIb. J. W. Bryant : Prefect.

1913, Camb. Junior.

1913-14, Vice-Captain of Football.

1914, Cricket Colours.

1914, "Victor Ludorum."

Form VIb. A. W. Glover : 1913, Camb. Junior.

1914, Camb. Junior.

Form V. H. A. Marshall :

1914, Vice-Captain of Cricket.

1913-14, Football Colours.

1913, Donegal Shooting Badge.

Form V. G. R. Allen : 1913-14, 1st XI. Football.

D. A. Henderson.

Form IV. C. W. Drury : 1913-14, Football Colours.

G. H. McIntyre, A. T. Dickinson.

Form III. J. Barker.

Form II. A. S. Collison, T. Kettle.

Form I. J. A. Wall.

The new boys this term are numerous, but are chiefly day-boys. The following is the complete list :—

Form IV. C. A. Glover, N. Barker (returned after a term's absence).

Form III. B. Willford, J. H. T. Naylor, S. Bones, G. Armour, G. E. Surtees, L. P. Clark, C. A. Reed, H. Bones, A. J. Jeffrey, R. W. Leaning, G. Bains, W. W. R. Adair, G. H. Brotherton, E. G. Maden.

Form II. A. Lee, M. Marshall.

Form I. C. W. Dunham.

Last term we lost two of our masters—Mr. B. Heading, who is now an assistant master in the Archbishop Tenison's School, Leicester Square, and Mr. F. J. Huskinson, who is now serving his country with the Inniskilling Fusiliers. This term we welcome Mr. S. Robertson. Mr. Moorhouse, who came here for a month last term, has also returned. We have also lost Mr. Vance, who has received a commission as second lieutenant in the Worcester Regiment. We have now eighteen names on the "Roll of Honour." Moreover, we have held two collections—one for the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund, to which we contributed £3 7s. 8d., and one for Princess Mary's Fund, to which we contributed £1 12s. 5d.

LIBRARY NOTES.

ONLY three new books have been added to the Library this term, but the following popular books, which have been found to be either lost or in a dilapidated condition, are to be renewed :—

Tales of Greyhouse, The Sign of Four, A Study in Scarlet, Dick Vaughan's First Term, Black Beauty, The White Company, Cooee.

The three new books are :—

Lord Kitchener (presented by Mr. Bryant), The Two Run-aways (presented by L. L. de Friedlander), By Right of Sword (presented by L. L. de Friedlander).

Two periodicals, devoted entirely to the war, have been also added, and Mr. Bryant has kindly lent to the Library *The Times History of the War.*

SPEECH DAY, 1914.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES BY THE DEAN OF LINCOLN.

SPEECH DAY was held on November 25th, in the Big Schoolroom. The proceedings were shorter and somewhat simpler than usual, but it was known that the Dean of Lincoln was to attend to distribute the prizes, and there was a large attendance of parents and friends.

The Chairman of the Governors (R. N. Sutton-Nelthorpe, Esq., J.P., D.L.) presided, and was supported on the platform by the Very Reverend the Dean of Lincoln (Dr. Fry), the Headmaster, Mr. F. C. Hett (Clerk to the Governors), and the following Governors :—Messrs. J. Davy, J. K. Broughton, G. V. Eccles, J. T. Kettle, F. Riggall, W. Bramley, G. Spilman, W. K. Waddingham and Dr. F. Goodman.

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The Headmaster's report, which was read by Mr. F. C. Hett, stated that the progress and reputation of past years had been maintained. The School numbered 94 boys, including 34 boarders. Conspicuous successes had been won during the year by W. H. Morris and C. V. Grant. The results of the Cambridge Local Examinations had been satisfactory, seven boys having obtained Honours, while the summer examination of the middle and lower forms by the staff had produced very creditable results, especially in Mathematics and Science. Advanced work was now being taken by three boys.

In games the School Elevens had acquitted themselves well, while the Shooting Club was especially vigorous this term. The Swimming Bath was nearly completed, and £112 had been contributed towards the cost, which would be about

£160. The Old Boys' Association had been strengthened, and the School Magazine was proving useful in keeping Old Boys in touch with the School. He wished specially to commend S. Goates, R. D. Lee and E. F. Mawson for good conduct and good work in school and on the Sports Field. He desired also to acknowledge the loyal co-operation of the Staff in the many activities of the School.

In conclusion, the Headmaster thanked the Governors, on behalf of the Staff and the School, as well as on his own part for the real interest they took in the School and their never-failing help and support.

THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH.

After offering a hearty welcome to the visitors, the Headmaster read the names of the Old Boys who are serving in His Majesty's Forces, and mentioned that Harold Oglesby was the first Old Boy to lay down his life for his country in the present war. Referring to the continued progress of the School, he said that in his opinion the teaching and discipline of a Grammar School produced good soldiers and good officers. He deprecated the slander, which had often been heard, that our nation was decadent. After twenty-five years' experience he could say that he believed English boys had as much pluck and individuality to-day as they ever had. Although boys' individuality sometimes gave trouble to their masters, he was always glad to find it, for if trained into its proper channels it could become a great power for good. Comparing English and German systems of education, he considered our English system superior for two reasons—we definitely taught the Bible and inculcated Christian principles, and we did not suppress freedom of thought. In Germany those in authority insisted on the teachers in schools and universities being avowedly in sympathy with the predominant cult. He hoped that we should remain true to our tradition of freedom, which was one of the principles by which we held our place as a great nation.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

After offering a cordial welcome to the Dean of Lincoln, the Chairman referred to the general progress of the School and the individual successes mentioned in the Headmaster's report. The acquisition of a Swimming Bath was due chiefly to the untiring efforts of the Headmaster. In reference to athletics, he urged the boys not to make a god of their games. They had had an example of this idolatry a few days previously, when an officer back from the front had made an appeal for recruits at a professional football match, and had obtained only one response. It was a fine thing that boys should learn to shoot, and on leaving school they should join the local detachment of the Territorial Force so as to be prepared to bear their part if the need should arise. Introducing the Dean of Lincoln, the Chairman said that Dr. Fry was not afraid of risking his popularity in the cause of patriotism. He was one of our foremost educationists, and there was no more able patriot.

THE DEAN OF LINCOLN'S SPEECH.

After distributing the prizes, Cambridge certificates and the Donegal badge, the Dean expressed his pleasure in accepting the Headmaster's invitation. He was always glad to be among boys, as he had spent most of his life among them and had always found them more interesting than grown-ups. He congratulated the School upon its successful work and upon its growth of numbers, which was a healthy sign as long as it was commensurate with the growth of its internal character. An efficient school of this type should be a great power for good in the district; he did not favour the absorption of small grammar schools by larger institutions. He was also pleased to see the system of scholarships, which enabled clever boys with slender means to obtain the advantage of their brains and promoted unity of feeling among the boys.

In regard to the question of examinations, he was, as they knew, rather a heretic. He preferred the Scottish system, under which certificates were granted largely on the masters' recommendations and the boys' records of past work, to the English system, under which examiners set written papers, designed apparently, in many cases, to illustrate the extent of their own knowledge. The parents had a right to make their opinions felt in these matters. He hoped that they would also bring pressure to bear on the Government to make them increase their grants to small schools; these additional resources should be used to increase the stipends of, and especially to provide pensions for, those who so often rendered long and faithful service for very little remuneration. He urged them to keep their boys at school as long as possible, and to set their faces against their sons being taught only what they would live by. A good education did not prevent a man from being a good farmer.

He was delighted to hear of the shooting. If the Governors thought of going a step farther in that direction, he could assure them that an Officers' Training Corps might be run without incurring heavy expense; or they could have an un-uniformed corps, recognised by the War Office, still more economically. Finally, he hoped that the boys, when they grew up, would insist on the teaching of patriotism. We should teach the meaning of Empire Day, what our Empire was and what it might become, and love and respect for the English flag as the symbol of righteousness and unity.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Dean of Lincoln was proposed by Mr. W. K. Waddingham, seconded by Mr. F. Riggall, and carried unanimously. The Dean briefly acknowledged it.

Mr. G. Spilman voiced the thanks of those present to the Chairman for presiding, and testified to the indebtedness of the School to his interest and unstinted labours on its behalf.

In reply, the Chairman said that he was glad to know that his efforts met with their appreciation. He was always glad to do what he could for the School.

THE PROGRAMME.

The distribution of prizes was preceded and followed by a programme of songs and recitations. The School Choir sang a number of patriotic songs in excellent tone and with careful expression, a pleasing harmony being supplied by a number of bass voices. Burkitt sang "The Dear Little Shamrock" as a solo, the purity and sweetness of his voice being much appreciated; Mawson gave a vigorous and stirring recitation of Henry V.'s speech before Harfleur; P. C. Bryant acquitted himself well in "The Charge of the Light Brigade;" A. Lee recited Begbie's "The Old Man's Share" with exceptional clearness and emphasis; and a very impressive recitation was given by Barlow of a part of Tennyson's magnificent Wellington Ode. The programme concluded with the usual School songs, after which the visitors adjourned to the School House to tea as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant.

PRIZE LIST.

Form Prizes.

FIRST PRIZE. IMPROVEMENT PRIZE.

Form VIa.		C. V. Grant
Form VIb.	V. A. Carpenter	S. Goates
Form V.	B. Carpenter	A. D. Moore
Form IV.	C. E. W. Barlow	J. W. Butt
Form III.	G. W. Moody	
	L. J. Bryant	
Form II.	P. C. Bryant	D. E. Terrace
Form I.	G. L. Dodds	not awarded

Cambridge Local Prizes.

Senior Second Class Honours : V. A. Carpenter.

Senior Third Class Honours : S. Goates, F. N. Brocklesby,
A. L. McIntyre.

Junior Second Class Honours : B. Carpenter.

Junior Third Class Honours : A. D. Moore, A. P. Clark.

Special Prizes.

Music Prize : H. F. E. Shrigley.

Woodwork Prize : R. M. Spring.

Examination Prizes : A. W. Brown, H. Thistleton, W. C.
Robinson, J. A. Carpenter.

House Prize (presented by Mrs. Bryant) : P. H. Campion.

Donegal Shooting Badge : E. F. Mawson.

JUNIORS.

SECOND CLASS HONOURS : B. CARPENTER.

THIRD CLASS HONOURS : A. D. MOORE, A. P. CLARK,
distinguished in Arithmetic, 26th out of 4004 candidates.

PASS : R. D. LEE, W. C. DICKINSON, W. BAINS, A. W.
GLOVER.

**Board of Education Training College
Entrance Examination.**

In University Division : S. Goates.

In Ordinary Division : V. A. Carpenter.

Old Boy's Success.

C. Grant, Intermediate Arts Examination of the University of London.

Cambridge Local Examination, July, 1914.

SENIORS.

SECOND CLASS HONOURS : V. A. CARPENTER, distinguished in Geography (27th place).

THIRD CLASS HONOURS : S. GOATES, F. N. BROCKLESBY, A. L. MCINTYRE.

PASS : E. F. MAWSON, P. H. GREEN, H. C. PARRY, J. K. FISHER.

Excused Matriculation of London University : S. Goates, F. N. Brocklesby, A. L. McIntyre.

Excused Training College Entrance Examination : S. Goates (University Division), V. A. Carpenter (Ordinary Division).

JUNIORS.

SECOND CLASS HONOURS : B. CARPENTER.

THIRD CLASS HONOURS : A. D. MOORE ; A. P. CLARK, distinguished in Arithmetic (26th place).

PASS : R. D. LEE, W. C. DICKINSON, W. BAINS, A. W. GLOVER.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

CONGRATULATIONS to C. Grant on passing the Intermediate Arts Examination of London University.

A. Bellwood is taking a course in agriculture at Kingston.

H. Walker, formerly a member of the Old Boys' Committee, is an orderly at Netley.

C. V. Grant is in residence at Downing College, Cambridge. We expect great things from him in the near future.

Mr. Vance has joined the 2nd Battalion of Worcester Regiment. We congratulate him and wish him the best of luck.

It was arranged to start an Old Boys' Football Team this season, but owing to the war the idea has been abandoned. The Captain (C. G. Goodman) and the Vice-Captain (B. E. Spink) are both in the Regular Forces.

The names of the Old Boys who are serving their King and country have been placed on an illuminated Roll of Honour in the School. Should there be any others, they are requested to communicate with the Secretary of the Association.

Appended is a letter from B. E. Spink :—

Colwick Camp,

Notts., Dec. 1st, 1914.

DEAR MR. BRYANT,

I hope you will excuse this note in pencil, but ink is a thing quite out of the question here. I am writing this on my bed in a small wooden hut with a tin roof and plenty of ventilation—in the wrong place. There are twenty-three of us in this place, and we compose the Maxim Gun Section attached to this regiment. We are very crowded—scarcely room to move. We are to have an inspection by the Colonel this afternoon, and so everyone is brushing and polishing

buttons and boots. We have been digging a trench and positions in which to mount two Maxims, the whole disguised by tufts and brushwood. One part of the trench is covered in to afford shelter and to shield observation from aircraft. This is the reason for the inspection. I was transferred into the Gun Section about a week ago, and I think myself very lucky to get in. We have, at present, the most interesting time of the whole regiment. Whilst the rest have to stay in the Park and do ordinary drill, our section goes out into the woods and surrounding district and has skirmishing practice. Sometimes one party defends a village and the rest attack it. There are twenty-three men in the Gun Section, a sergeant and one officer. There are two guns and four men to each gun. The guns are carried in two trolleys with the ammunition. There are four horses to each trolley, and two men to each set of four horses. I am a driver. No one rides in the trolleys, because we have to take dykes, small streams, mounds, etc., at full gallop, and no one could stick on. The rest of the section are mounted and carry swords and rifles. There are two scouts.

We are fed fairly well. The food is well cooked, but we are often very hungry, and so it doesn't seem to go far. The meat is cooked in joints and brought in. The Orderly Corporal carves. The potatoes come in a large onion net, and the tea in a bucket. It is a case of "Don't be shy and look after yourself well," or you fare badly.

Our beds are quite passable—when you get used to them. You have three planks raised on trestles about 4 inches from the floor, and on this is a palliasse stuffed with straw. Your kit bag serves as a pillow and your top-coat as an extra blanket. We are allowed three blankets.

Hoping this will be of some little interest to you,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

B. E. SPINK.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

WE have derived little glory from this term's football, having lost every match. The reason for this is the weakness of our forward line, which is composed to a great extent of half-backs, and the result of their unavoidable displacement has been almost disastrous. The backs, on the other hand, are quite good, but they cannot always repel the onslaught of opposing forwards. We cannot win because we cannot score. At the same time we must not forget the fact that last September we lost most of the members of last year's eleven. However, there has been marked progress, and we look for better results next term. If every boy will do his duty to his School—and here special appeal is made to those boys who are *in* the School but not *of* it—there is no need to fear for the future. Let us all make up our minds to enter into next term's football with renewed vigour so that our School may once more hold a high position amongst the schools of the county.

RESULTS.

1ST XI. MATCHES.

B.G.S. <i>versus</i>	Old Boys (h)	I	..	6
"	"	Hull Grammar School (h)	..	I	..	6	
"	"	De Aston Grammar School (a)	..	I	..	10	
"	"	Clee Grammar School (a)	..	0	..	5	
"	"	De Aston Grammar School (h)	..	2	..	4	
"	"	Hull Grammar School (a)	..	0	..	8	
"	"	Gainsborough Grammar School (h)	0	..	5		

2ND XI.

B.G.S. <i>versus</i>	De Aston Grammar School (h)	..	I	..	3
"	"	Clee Grammar School (h)	..	4	.. 8
"	"	De Aston Grammar School	..	I	.. 3

School teams :—

1st XI. :—Green (capt.), Lee (vice-capt.), Beulah, Dickinson, Sewell, Dobson, Tong i, Burkitt, Bones, Sumpter i, Sleightholme, Champion, Bains.

2nd XI. :—Mawson (capt.), Shannan, Spring, Barlow, Fisher, Bones ii, Walker, Baker i, Reed, Sumpter ii, Butt, Dent.

BOARDERS' NOTES.

THIS term the following boys are missing from our ever-increasing numbers :—Grant, who is doing great things at Cambridge ; Bryant, the terror of all the rabbits around St. Ives ; Marshall, a leading light at Humberstone ; Drury, who is vieing the soldiers at Grimsby ; Shrigley, Barker ma, Collison and Wall. “ Jelly ” Barker has returned after a term’s absence. We also welcomed Willford, Maden, Marshall and Lee mi. Dunn evidently has been taking good advice, for he became a boarder at half-term. Brotherton came to us from Antwerp at half-term ; also “ Parley ” quickly settled down after his disturbing experiences.

We are very sorry to lose Mr. Vance, who has joined the Worcester Regiment. All of us hope that he will come off well in the war and that everything he attempts will be highly successful.

We have been well represented in both XI.’s this term. Altogether thirteen boys have played at one time or another, four of whom have regularly represented us, although we have generally had six. In the 2nd XI. we had seven of our number, including both Captain and Vice-Captain.

We all congratulate Mawson on his winning the Donegal. Anyone who can score 65 out of 70 is a person to be reckoned with in these warlike times.

Great interest has been aroused by the construction of the Swimming Bath, which is now completed, though as yet has not been filled, owing to a faulty pump.

We all miss the familiar figure of Mr. Huskinson, followed by “ Jim.” “ Jim ” no longer frequent the Master’s Commons Room, and consequently Mr. Knight’s slippers are quite intact,

The Prefect's Room has been decorated, and certainly it looks more homely. Pictures are wanted for the walls, which will have one or two calendars next term.

It is rather a pity that the same room has to serve the duty of Library and Prefect's Room, for it means that the Prefects have to take their belongings to and from the Day Room. One of that illustrious body thought that it would be an excellent idea if Prefects had special caps. Surely this is worthy of consideration, for I am sure all Prefects would be only too pleased to be able to wear one.

A great many patriotic badges have been worn in the buttonholes. Some were respectable, others might have been better. The Dormitories, also, suffered from the patriotic outburst, for, one week-end especially, they reminded one of a country schoolroom decorated for a bazaar. One by one the flags disappeared and the few that remain are quite inconspicuous. Also each Dormitory has a mascot which consists of a grotesque, misproportioned figure, whose neck is formed of a flexible spring and who constantly leers with an expression which no human being has ever yet attained.

After many sleepless nights, after the application of wet towels, after imbibing "Punch" and "London Opinion" for six weeks, after using ten sheets of notepaper, after spoiling a "W.H.S." fountain pen, after reading "Comic Cuts" and "The Rainbow"—after all these, not to mention studying the wonderful apparatus set up in the Lab. by Mawson, Fisher and Green and reading Kirkland's English book—Lee thought out a whole riddle with a respectably sensible answer. Do not be alarmed at this most startling news, though startling it is, for no sooner had you heard it than you saw it; that is, everyone save Franklin, who, it is said, saw it in the middle of "prep" and gave vent to such a fiendish cackle of delight that he received five cubes on the

spot. No ! Franklin is not Scotch. The riddle—oh !—I have forgotten it, but it had something to do with aviators. Hucks and eyes. (N.B. Pronounce Hucks—hooks.)

Do you know that :—

Lee is lee-ving ? (No, Lee is not a Chinaman.)

Mawson, Fisher and Green put up apparatus that would call forth the shades of Regnault and Priestley to do homage?

Swindells and Kirkland play chess ?

Mrs. Besant is a popular heroine ?

Bryant ma. never hurries ?

This term we shall lose Lee. We hope " Reggie " will not forget us when he is at the pictures.

In conclusion, we hope every one will have a very, very Happy Christmas, in spite of the dark war cloud which looms over us, and that Baker mi. will not eat *too* many mince pies.

P.H.G.

SCHOOL LISTS.

PREFECTS : Mawson, Lee, Fisher, Green, Campion, Carpenter ma.

SPORTS COMMITTEE : The Masters, Green (Captain), Lee (Vice-Captain), Bones, Dickinson, Beulah, Sumpter i, Burkitt, Campion.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE : The Masters, Lee (sub-librarian), E. F. Mawson (Form VI.), L. L. de Friedlander (Form V.), L. Bones (Form IV.), W. Hewitt (Form III.).