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MAGAZINE EDITOR

Mr. E. S. Wood

FUNERAL OF MR. J. A. L. GUILMANT.

On the afternoon of December 5th the School attended at Trinity Church to pay their last tribute to one who for so many years had been so good a guide and friend to the School. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. W. Howard, the Vicar, himself an "Old Boy," who feelingly recalled some of the many things Mr. Guilmant had done for boys of both past and present generations. At the end of the first part of the service, which was choral, the choir being provided by the School, under the direction of Mr. Sadler, the cortege slowly made its way to Chesterfield Cemetery accompanied by the masters and the boys in the upper half of the school and also by a large number of old boys who, with some of the Governors had come to show their respect to the memory of their late master. At the cemetery the final part of the service was soon concluded, and there we sadly left him, the grave surroinded by a great number of wreaths, testifying to the esteem and affection which he had inspired among those who knew him and his work at the school for the past 38 years.

EDITORIAL

Having survived the initial difficulties of launching our first number, we approach the task of our second with more equanimity. It may interest our readers to know that with the last number we reached our record circulation of 525 copies and could have disposed of more had they been available. In connection with this we would ask intending subscribers to notify us in good time of their desire to take the magazine, as we do not like to refuse copies to anyone, but, of course, it is necessary to order the number of copies some time before publication, and once these are struck off no more can be obtained, as the type is then broken up.

In this number we are introducing a new feature, which we hope will become a permanent part of the magazine. We refer to "House Notes," for which we have to thank the Prefects of the different houses, and we confidently expect that each prefect when his time comes to leave will hand over to his successor as one of his duties that of contributing each term some interesting news of the doings of his house or of its constituent individuals.

We thank many Old Boys for their generous contributions to the Magazine Funds and would ask those who have not yet sent in their subscriptions to do so at their earliest convenience, as it lightens our work as treasurer very considerably, when subscriptions are paid in good time, while on the literary side we are always pleased to receive articles for publication in our pages.

As the present term has been a very short one we have hardly so much as usual to chronicle, but such news as we have we now place before our readers.

THE EDITOR.

SCHOOL NOTES

The most important event of the term has been the visit of His Majesty's Inspectors, who descended on the school in great force on Wednesday, February 25th, and stayed with us till the 27th, in the meantime inspecting all departments of the school with great thoroughness. We have not yet heard their opinions, but have every reason to expect that they were satisfied with what they saw. We benefited by their visit -to the extent of an additional holiday on the morning of Saturday, 28th February.

The merit holidays this term were on February 14th, and March 13th, and were appreciated as always.

We say good-bye at the end of this term to Mr. Beverley, who leaves us for Long Eaton. Mr. Beverley first came to us in September, 1914, and then, after a period of war service, returned again in January, 1919. While he has been with us Mr. Beverley has taken a keen interest in the games of the school and has been indefatigable in his efforts to improve the standard of the games and in arranging matches for us as Sports Secretary, a post which he has held all the time he

has been here, while on most half-holidays during the football season Mr. Beverley could have been seen on the field either refereeing or else on the look out for likely talent to include in the school teams.

We offer a cordial welcome to Mr. E. Pauli, who came in January to take charge of the French, and hope he will find us apt and willing pupils and that he will find this part of the world congenial to himself.

On February 4th a Rugby Football enthusiast persuaded sufficient of us to make up two sides to make our first essay at this fine game. Previously we had received a little instruction in the rules, though it must be admitted we were inclined to forget some of them in the heat of the fray, but we manage to enjoy a game in which vigour was rather more conspicuous than skill, though certain members of both sides showed distinct promise.

There has been a great revival of Chess enthusiasm this term, chiefly among the Lower Sixth, who have produced several players of considerable ability, and have carried through several competitions both among themselves and with the masters.

G. F. Houston, the School Captain, has just been awarded an Open Scholarship of £80 a year for Mathematics at Magdalen College, Oxford. We offer him our heartiest congratulations on this fine achievement and wish him every success in his University career, which we shall follow with interest.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

The principal event was the Old Boys' Dinner and Re-union on January 14th, when a very pleasant evening was spent by over 100 Old Boys, who had gathered together for the occasion. For the account which follows we are indebted to "The Derbyshire Times" :-

A dinner and re-union of old boys of the Ohesterfield Grammar School took place on Wednesday, presided over by the Mayor Coun. W. Hawksley Edmunds, when advantage was taken of the opportunity to **inaugurate an Old Cestrefeldian Society**. A welcome was also extended to the old boys who had returned after having served their country on active service, while a movement was set on foot to perpetuate the memory of those old boys who had laid down their lives in the war.

It was pointed out by Mr. J. Mansell, the present headmaster of the Grammar School, that though the list was as yet incomplete, it was estimated that upwards of 600 or 700 old boys had joined the various Services during the war. Amongst the distinctions gained 14 were mentioned in despatches, one was awarded the Companionship of St. Michael and St. George, one D.S.O., one O.B.E., 27 Military Crosses, and one a bar to the Military Cross, one D.S.C., two D.F.C. and one a bar to D.F.C., one D.S.M., six Military Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals and three Croix de Guerre. In all 60 honours.

The number of old boys who paid the supreme sacrifice was 84, many of whom had promising careers cut short. Two, it may be mentioned, had gained valuable scholarships - one at Oxford and the other at Cambridge. For some time it has been felt that a worthy memorial to perpetuate the memory of these 84 old boys should be founded. Preliminary suggestions have been obtained from several Cestrefeldians, and from amongst these three stand out prominently. These are :

- (1) That all the boys of those brave fellows who have fallen should have free education;
- (2) That a scholarship should be provided out of a fund to be raised; and
- (3) That a lasting memorial in the way of a public school hall should be erected at the school, and that in it should be placed a memorial fitting of the occasion.

In order to carry out the initial work of the formation of the Old Cestrefeldian Society and the scheme of the memorial to the fallen, it was agreed that the committee which had carried through the arrangements for the re-union should be adopted. This consists of the following: The Mayor (Coun. Edmunds), Ald. G. A. Eastwood, Couns. J. E. Clayton and A. Glossop, Capt. G. J. Edmunds, Capt. A. Tankard, Messrs. H. H. Berresford, E. Drabble, D.Sc., S. C. Greaves, T. E. Haslam, A. E. Heath, W. Hill, G. S. Hunt, P. M. Robinson, J. H. Rooth, L. Sampson, Dr. V. Townrow, Messrs H. J. Watson, C. A. Westlake, with Mr. H. Hyde as honorary secretary.

At the outset Ald. Eastwood, referring to the Chairman (Coun. W. Hawksley Edmunds), heartily congratulated the school upon having an old boy as the present chief magistrate of the borough of Chesterfield.

TRADITIONS OF THE OLD SGHOOL.

Upwards of a hundred old boys were present at dinner in the Trinity Institute. The Mayor (Coun. Edmunds) presided, and amongst those supporting were Ald. G. A. Eastwood, Canon F. L. Shaw, Mr. J. Mansell, Dr. Flavell Edmunds, Captain G. J. Edmunds, Councillors A. Glossop and A. E. Barker, Messrs. XV. Jacques, A. Westlake, H. Ryde (hon. secretary), S. C. Greaves, W. Hill, Harold Smith, T. E. Haslam, H. J. Watson, J. H. Booth, W. H. Shijrt, J. D. White, R. B. Green, E. L. Wilkes, T. H. and A. H. Bradley, Major A. J. Hopkins, Capt. A. J. Tankard, Capt. J. L. Percival, M.C., Capt. B. Rawlins, Messrs. A. G. Longson, W. T. G. Ward, J. K. Swallow, M.C., W. E. B. Short, G. H. Sadler, B. W. Proctor, junr., G. W. Proctor, Edgar Eyre, O. J. W. Kerr, P. Robinson, E. H. M. Wildt, C. V. Drabble, S. T. Rodgers, W. Johnson, F. W. Tinley, C. Eyre, A. Eyre, H. B. Saxton, E. Toplis, C. H. Wagstaff, Dr. P. Ward, Messrs. M. R. Malson, W. H. Turner, F. R. Turner, J. S. Warner, W. P. Warner, J. A. Colledge, H. T. Brown, E. S. Wood, E. D. Spencer, C. W. Allsopp, G. F., J. H., B. F. and C. B. Wagstaff, L. B. Phillips, C. Cooper, A. L. Britt, F. S. Atkinson, S. Richardson, E. W. Jephson, F. Roberts, F. B. Carter, C. Furness, Capt. O. Furness, Messrs. B. Furness, W. F. Mason, W. E. St. J. Jennings, G. M. McMinn, and W. F. Mason.

Apologies for absence and wishing the new society success were read by the Secretary from Lieut.-Col. Clayton, Coun. J. E. Clayton, the Rev. C. Howard, and others.

Ald. Eastwood, who proposed the toast of "The School," explaining why he had been asked to fulfil such a position, humorously remarked that the only reason he could find was that he was one of the survivors of a pre-historic age. (Laughter) The old school had traditions that went far back into the history of Chesterfield, and while they were all immensely proud of these, it behoved those of the present day to try and surpass them. (Hear, hear.) He was anxious that the old school, while maintaining its grand traditions should keep abreast with the times and be the leading school of the county.

On rising to reply, Mr. Mansell met with a rousing reception from the old boys. His references to the war services of old boys are given at the head of this column. In his remarks he paid special reference to the growth of the school during the 25 years he has held the headmaster-ship, and paid a special tribute to the 84 old boys who had laid down their lives for their country. These had all been at the school during his headmaster-ship, he having admitted them all with the exception of three, and he could well remember many of their little peculiarities and good qualities. He mentioned that he had admitted 1,503 boys, and when he came there were 76 old boys, so that during his period 1,579 had passed through, for whose education he had some responsibility. One of the first boys to welcome him to the school and offer to show him over the place was Jack Marsden (the late Capt. J. Marsden, M.G.), whom he described as one of the best and with whom he had a friendship lasting until his death.

"If the war has done anything," asserted the Headmaster, "it has put to confusion the idea that the English schoolboy is degenerate. He is not. No greater evidence of this could have been given than during the war. They realised the state of things, they were put on their honour, and I am prepared to say that in no other time of the history of the school was discipline better than when mistresses and elderly male teachers were put in the school to carry on." (Applause). There were at present 320 boys in the school, consequently the accomodation was very much overburdened, but they were nowadays knocking at the door for education. People were realising that there was something in the education of an old endowed school like Chesterfield, and it was felt that the boys must be taken in at the possibility of a little inconvenience.

While they had achieved many successes at the Universities, there were also other types required in the scientific and commercial sides of industry, both of which were turned out from the school. He acknowledged the debt he owed to his colleagues for the assistance and loyal support they had always given, and made special reference to the great work of the late Mr. Guilmant. He spoke of his fine character and his firmness, and said it would be impossible for him to pass out of their lives and memories without some memorial to his life's work. (Applause). He thought that would be one of the first duties of the Cestrefeldians Society to decide in what fitting way his memory could be perpetrated.

SCHOOL'S SHARE IN THE WAR.

The toast of the Old Boys who had been on active service was then proposed by Mr. T. E. Haslam. He alluded to hardships and difficulties which they had undergone, and said that the old school had borne its full share in providing men of quality to help forward the success of British arms in various parts of the world. It was now their duty to work to consolidate the peace and help by every means in their power to forward the great ideals of the League of Nations.

In the absence of Colonel Ward, D.S.O., Lieut. P. Ward, as representing the Senior Service, was the first to respond. He remarked that the old boys had entered the war in the spirit of the game, and thanked the elder Cestrefeldians, who had so heartily welcomed them back.

Major A. E. Hopkins said they felt determined to do what they had all been taught at the old school, which was to fight cleanly and win.

Capt. G. J. Edmunds considered that the great success which had been achieved by the old boys during the war had been due to the excellent training they received and good discipline that had been instilled into them. Old Oestrefeldians had fought in every part of the world where fighting was going on. They had honoured those who had returned, but he hoped they would not forget those who had not come back, and with the Chairman's permission he asked them to stand and drink to absent comrades.

The question of inauguration of the Old Cestrefeldian Society was introduced by Mr. Wilfred Hill, who considered that the meeting was sufficient proof that the idea only needed putting into practice to become an instantaneous success. A formal resolution was then put proposing the formation of the society; that the proposed committee should have power to draw up rules, elect officers, and make preliminary arrangements.

This was seconded by Mr. S. C. Greaves in a humorous speech, full of interesting reminiscences, and unanimously passed.

The proposition that the committee consist of the present Re-union Committee, with power to add to its number, was then moved by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Capt. Tankard, and carried.

Coun. Glossop, speaking on the subject of the memorial to old boys who fell in the war, mentioned that at the present time with donations and promises they had a sum of £400 towards the object. He hoped they would be able to put on a fourth figure, as it was felt that nothing short of a most worthy memorial should be founded.

Coun. A. Barker, who supported Coun. Glossop, said the memorial should be something that could be readily seen by the succeeding generations and call to mind what had been done by those whose memory it perpetuated.

Coun. Shaw moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, alluded to Coun. Edmund's position as chief magistrate, and went on to say that though he had only occupied the position for two months, the votes of the Councillors on his election had been fully justified.

The Mayor, in reply, said he felt it a real pleasure to be asked to preside on that occasion when the Old Cestrefeldian Society had been inaugurated. He appealed to all old Cestrefeldians to come forward to help in the public work of the town and county, because they wanted men who had been brought up under the old public school ideals such as prevailed at Chesterfield Grammar School. Any of the success which he himself had been able to attain was due in a large measure to the training he received at the old school.

The toast of "The Headmaster" was given by Mr. H. J. Watson, who expressed the hope that though Mr. Mansell had referred to impending resignation, he would not resign for many years to come.

A musical programme, under the direction of Mr. G. H. Sadler, was given during the evening, those contributing songs being Messrs. E. S. Wood and Saxton. Mr. H. Ryde gave a musical monologue.

Mr. C. W. Everest catered satisfactorily for dinner.

J. A. L. GUILMANT.

It is no easy task that I have set myself, to do justice to the memory of our beloved Mr. Guilmant, and I must crave the indulgence of all Cestrefeldians in this my attempt to picture the man as he showed himself to me during the ten short years that I knew him. Ten years! It is but a small fraction of the period during which he laboured with generation after generation of boys whose privilege it was to have their characters moulded by his kindly influence.

During my period of service at Chesterfield Grammar School, it frequently occurred to me that the fathers of some of those boys who sat before me in the classroom, had, in days gone by, sat in that very room and been taught by Mr. Guilmant. Whenever this thought came into my mind, I was filled with a wonderful respect and with a solemn reverence that amounted almost to worship. What boy who revered his father, could fail to be touched as he sat at the feet of the man who had had so large a share in moulding that father's character?

Now that he is no longer with us I begin the better to understand my real feelings towards him. Only now do I fully realise how I loved the man. Whilst he was with us, we, masters and boys alike, did not seem to make any attempt to analyse our feelings towards him, any more than we should try to reduce to plain terms those complex feelings of love, reverence, pride and delight with which we think of the Old School itself and its traditions. To us, "Gillie," as we all loved to call him - the name which I have thought it no disrespect to refer to him by in this appreciation, for it was ever a term of endearment - to us, I say, "Gillie" was the school. Amongst Cestrefeldians his name was a household word, a name that, as much as the name of the old school itself, acted on all like a spell, a charm. Many and many O.C.'s have I talked to, singly and in groups, and whenever the name of "Gillie" was mentioned, a look would appear in the faces that seemed to suggest, all in one, confidence, love, respect, pleasant memories and a sense that all was well.

I would say but little here of his ability as a Schoolmaster. It seems almost too undignified to give details of his powers as a teacher. Rather do I want to praise the man. What appealed to me, far more than his powers as a teacher, wonderful as they were, was his simple, calm, dignified bearing. The whole atmosphere of the man could not but make him a success as a teacher - a model for all. His very simplicity of manner along with his thorough ingenuousness, made him far more conspicuous, far more remarkable, than would have any number of dazzling attainments or wonderful prowess.

He led a strenuous life and got through a tremendous amount of work. But you never saw "Gillie" in a hurry. Always calm, always dignified, splendidly methodical, punctuality itself. Never would you see him "pottering" in an aimless sort of way. Everything he did he did in earnest and as though with a purpose. He seemed to have realised the true value of time: he never wasted a moment willingly, and ever fretted when any little untoward circumstances forced him to spend an idle period. Many a time have I envied this calm methodical man.

A model of straight-forwardness himself, he hated all attempts at deceit, and all pretence in others. Any boy who made an honest attempt, got on well enough with "Gillie," but shirkers had a bad time with him, until they had learned better. There was something radically wrong with the boy who failed, after a short period at the school, to be on friendly terms with "Gillie."

Mr. Guilmant always looked back with pride on his schooldays at Repton, and many a jolly tale of his boyhood there used he to tell us. He was proud, I say, of being a public-schoolboy, and if "Gillie" was a type of the men our great public-schools can produce, they justly deserve their high reputation.

I fear these are rambling remarks. 'I have tried to write of my friend as I knew him. We saw but little of each other in private life, but I think we understood each other thoroughly well, and I shall always feel proud of having been reckoned as one of his friends and shall always be thankful for having met him and come under his influence for those ten years of my life.

To me his death seemed particularly pathetic. "He died in harness as he would have wished," seems to me a remark particularly inappropriate in his case. He had earned for himself a well-deserved period of retirement and rest, and I believe he was eagerly looking forward to it. He was cut off when almost on the point of entering that period. I feel sure he would have spent such a period in a truly unselfish manner.

In earlier pages of the "Cestrefeldian" you may read many a little appreciation of Cestrefeldians who fell in the Great War, and, to me, it seems pathetically appropriate that I should be striving to express my appreciation of one, who, perhaps more than any other, helped every one of those dear boys to acquire those characteristics that called forth our ungrudging praise. He lived to see his efforts richly rewarded, but died ere he was able to rest on his laurels.

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MAGAZINE EDITOR

Mr. E. S. Wood

EDITORIAL.

Again we must face the task of writing an Editorial for "The Cestrefeldian," but on this occasion we have a definite notice to issue to our readers. Our readers will have realised that up till now there has been no increase in the price of "The Cestrefeldian" although the expenses have been rising steadily; the cost of paper has risen enormously, printing charges have increased, while postage and envelopes have also helped to swell the bill. Last year for the first time for several years "The Cestrefeldian" failed to pay its way. This year, unfortunately, it has fallen further behind, so that nothing remains but to increase the price for the volume to two shillings and sixpence as a minimum subscription, and even then we shall be dependent, as in the past, on the generous donations which many Old Boys make to our funds. We would also ask that subscriptions should be paid more promptly, as it greatly increases our work to write for overdue subscriptions, besides increasing our expenses for postage.

In this number we have an article on "Coal," contributed by one of our Old Boys. We are always pleased to receive articles on any subject of interest and we feel that many Old Boys could supply us with essays on subjects with which they have become acquainted in their professions.

We have now come to the end of the School Year and with it the last number of Volume XII, so we wish here to thank all those who have helped us in the preparation of these numbers, in their distribution, and lastly, by their monetary support.

THE EDITOR.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We welcome Mr. J. Gomerton, B.A. who has come here to take charge of the Physics Department.

We have enjoyed the usual Merit Holidays this term on 22nd May, 5th June, and 3rd July. The first of these was continued till the 26th as it occurred at Whitsuntide, making a welcome break in a long term.

At the time of writing we are in the throes of examinations and we hope in our next number to be able to announce a long list of successes, both in the Major Scholarships and Matriculation Examinations.

We are looking forward to the Athletic Sports to be held on July 21st, and hope for fine weather and close contests.

At the end of this term we lose many of the Sixth formers who for the past few years have taken the lead in all departments of school activities. In particular G. F. Houston, who has been School Captain for two years and also captain of the cricket and football elevens, leaves us for Oxford, while most of the members of the teams will also be taking their parts in wider spheres, so we look to those who will fill their places to see to it that the prestige of the School is worthily maintained. As far as the intellectual side is concerned we do not think there is much danger of any lapse, but we wish that more of the bigger boys were also keenly interested in the athletic life of the School.

We have not had as successful a cricket season as we ought, the virtues of a straight bat being unknown to several members of the eleven, while others invariably choose the wrong ball to "have a go" at. This is largely due to the lack of coaching when younger, and members of the XI who have learnt a little of the art of batting should give some of their time to coaching promising juniors from whom our teams must be drawn in the future.

We still have to deplore the small attendance of spectators at School matches, though it must be admitted that the weather has scarcely been cricket weather on many occasions.

We have just learnt with great pleasure of the success of W. E. Crookes, who has been awarded a Cooper Scholarship of £30 per annum in Science at University College, Nottingham, and we offer him our heartiest congratulations and good wishes for his future.

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EDITORIAL.

Since the issue of the last number of "The Cestrefeldian" another School year has come to an end and it seems fitting that we should look back on it and see what it has brought us. The very sudden death of Mr. Guilmant a year ago is the first event to which we must allude, and as far as the present generation is concerned the memory of his thirty-eight years devoted service to the School will be kept fresh by the enlarged photograph which now hangs in the School Hall, and also by a memorial tablet which will be placed there very soon. Among the older generation there is no need of these material reminders, as is testified by the words and letters of many Old Boys.

Turning to the scholastic part of the School, we have enjoyed a year of splendid success, including an open Mathematical Scholarship at Oxford, two County Major Scholarships, two successes in the Intermediate Examination in Science of London University, together with many other evidences of the good work which is being done in the class rooms.

In the Athletic World, also, we had a very satisfactory year, our Football Team being of more than average standard, while the Cricket Team, after a poor start, settled down and by careful practice and hard work developed as the season advanced into a very fair school eleven.

In the social life of the School, the Chess Club was revived and had a very successful season, the standard of play being wonderfully good among the leaders, and a large number of boys making their first steps in the game. The Debating Society also had well-attended meetings in which the standard of the debates reached a high level, and many promising essayists and even poets, were discovered on the "Magazine Evenings."

Looking back, then, the School has every reason to feel satisfied with itself during the past year, nor need it be troubled for the future if those who now are its members see to it that they strive in every way to maintain or increase its honour in all things.

SCHOOL NOTES.

C. A. Bradley and E. Crooks were awarded County Major Scholarships as the result of the examinations held in the summer. Crooks is now at University College, Nottingham, while Bradley is spending another year at the School before proceeding to a University.

J. S. Calcutt obtained a first-class in Physics in the Intermediate Examination in Science of London University, and W. E. Crooks also passed at the same examination. To have achieved such results while still at school is a feat of which both they and the School may well feel proud.

J. S. Calcutt also succeeded in winning an open Exhibition at Westminster Hospital of the value of £30, and was awarded a School-Leaving Exhibition of £40 per annum and the Archdeacon Hill Exhibition of £18 per annum, while W. E. Crooks was awarded a School-Leaving Exhibition of the value of £80 per annum. To all of the above the School offers its heartiest congratulations.

As the result of the voting for the Duke of Devonshire's School Patriotism Cup, this was awarded to C. S. Tuxford. It is common knowledge what a leading part Tuxford took in the athletic side of the School life, but he was equally active in other branches as well, and it will probably be news to many that he contributed many articles to the Magazine. He was, besides, the leading spirit in the Cadet Corps and a shining light in the Debating Society. He is now in British North Borneo where he is having some practical training prior to obtaining a Government appointment in those parts.

We have heard from him on his way out, the letters being sent from Marseilles and Colombo. His brother, E. B. Tuxford, is also in North Borneo but travelled there by the Cape route instead of the Mediterranean one, as they could not both obtain passages in the same boat.

On 20th July, N. V. Ryder was presented with a cricket bat as a result of scoring 50 not out against the Central Secondary School, Sheffield, in the match played at the School a little earlier in the term. Three days later T. McCall was also given a bat for his consistent good work in the team. On more than one occasion he only missed the coveted fifty by a few runs and was top of the batting averages while, with Ryder, he was the mainstay of the bowling. Both of them will be much missed next season. This is the first time for a few years that bats have been won, but it is hoped that it will be a more common occurrence in future.

An Army hut has been erected in the School grounds and will shortly be occupied by the Junior School. It provides two good classrooms and a cloakroom and will considerably relieve the congestion in the main building due to our large numbers.

We came back this term to find that during our holidays the School had been re-decorated and wore an almost festive appearance in its fresh paint and whitewash, while in the science department we were almost overwhelmed by the lavish profusion of new apparatus there displayed.

We extend a cordial welcome to Miss V. Kelly, B.A., of University College, Dublin, who has joined the staff to assist with the English and French work.

C. A. Bradley has been appointed School Captain and Prefect of Lingard, the other appointments being Clarke, H. Nicholson, Foljambe, G. W. Farmer, Heathcote, T. Eaglesfield, and Large A. C. Bottomley.

In the Northern Universities' School-Leaving Certificate Examination held last July, the School did extremely well, no fewer than twenty-three candidates being successful in gaining certificates, eight passing sufficiently well to obtain exemption from the Matriculation Examinations of the Northern Universities. The names of the successful boys are:- Bacon, A., Barnes, J. C., Bottomley, A. G., Bradley G., Eaglesfield, T., Farmer, G. W., Fretwell, F. E., Hunt, G. E., Lowe, G. E., McCrea, W. H., Moorhouse, A., Moorhouse, J. W., Nelson, H. J., Nicholson, H., O'Farrell, R. I., Potts, J. H., Raynes, A. E., Reason, K. W., Rich, E. E., Roberts, G. N., Ryder, N. V., Tuxford, G. S., Walters, F.

As usual at the end of a School year there were great changes in the personnel in the School, and we said farewell to the following:

VI. - Calcutt, J. S., Clarke, N. F., Crooks, W. E., Doxey, A., Houston, G. F., McCall, T., Hodkin, J. H., Woods H., Shadwick.

VI. Lower - Clayton, W. S., Fretwell, F. E., Lowe, G. E., Moorhouse, A., Moorhouse, J. W., Pepperdine, R. L., Potts, J. H., Rawlings, H. H., Haynes, A. E., Reason, K. W., Ryder, N. V., Slator, H., Tuxford, G. S.

Va. - Gascoigne, H., Kelly, T. B., Mills, R., Smith, J., Tuxford, E. B.

Vb. - Barratt, H., Crabtree, A. F., Robinson, H.

IVa. Hawkins, L. A. W., Lowe, H., Sueddon, R. H., Stopard, F. R.

IIIc. - Gregory, J. ., Wood, F.

Remove. - Marsden, W. A.

II. - Kirk, G. M., Sueddon, J. G., Sutherland, I. I., Woodhead, R. C.

We extend a welcome to seventy-seven new boys who entered the School this term, and we hope they will take full advantage of the many privileges to which they have been admitted.

A collection taken this term throughout the School for the Old Boys' War Memorial Fund, realised the sum of £12 11s. 9d.

OLD CESTREFELDIANS' SOCIETY.

The Committee of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society met at the Headmaster's house on Friday, 22nd October. The Headmaster presided, and there were present besides Messrs. G. J. Edmunds, A. G. Glossop, W. Hill, H. Hyde (Hon. Sec.), A. Tankard, H. J. Watson and E. S. Wood.

A discussion took place with reference to the objects, activities and rules of the Society, and it was resolved that the Headmaster and Secretary draw up a set of model rules for discussion by the Committee, and that in connection therewith it be borne in mind the questions of the amount of the annual subscription, the election of life members and a life subscription.

It was also resolved that the annual dinner be held on January 12th, 1921, be marked as a provisional date.

A suggestion that a Cricket Match and Luncheon be arranged in the summer (to afford an opportunity for Old Boys to meet the present boys), was warmly received.

Re the Memorial to the Old Boys fallen in the war, Coun. Glossop suggested a whip round for subscriptions and that a list of subscribers be published shortly. It was resolved:-

1st - That a bronze be placed in the School in memory of the Old Boys fallen in the war.

After - Scholarships to be founded to places of Higher Education and to be definitely connected with the Boys who have fallen.

Further - A Memorial Hall if the funds should prove sufficient.

That whatever is decided upon all the subscribers shall be consulted thereupon.

In connection with the Memorial to the late Mr. J. A. L. Guilmant that a memorial tablet shall be affixed within the School, and that the matter of the tomb be taken in hand as desired by Mrs. Guilmant. Councillor Glossop undertook to act as treasurer and Mr. Ryde as secretary. (Mr. Glossop is asking for a few donations to head a preliminary circular letter.)

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EDITORIAL.

It is said that "happy is the nation that has no history," though it must be admitted that it would add to the difficulties of anyone who had to write that history. We feel ourselves in a somewhat similar case, as since our last number, the School has pursued the even tenor of its way, and left us little to say.

We must, however, refer to the forthcoming retirement of the Headmaster, which will take place at the end of next term. We shall have more to say in our next number; meanwhile, we await with interest the appointment of his successor.

In another place we acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a Magazine from Agricultural College, South Australia, and we have sent a copy of the Cestrefeldian there. This is the first time, we believe, that we have exchanged Magazines with a College overseas but we hope it will not be the last, and we would commend this example in the hope that O.C.'s who leave us for other places of learning either at home or abroad will follow it.

Finally, we would draw attention to the fact that the Old Cestrefeldian Society is now in being, and it is hoped that all Old Boys will join it as soon as possible, and that all those at present in statu pupilarii will join it on emergence from that state. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. G. H. Ryde, 97, Newbold Road, Chesterfield, to whom application should be made for the necessary forms of admission.

THE EDITOR.

SCHOOL NOTES.

At the end of December we were surprised to learn that the Headmaster, who has ruled the School for a generation, would retire at the end of the summer term.

We congratulate Dr. MacDermot, Mr. Pauli and Mr. Smith on the success which has at last crowned their house-hunting efforts, and we understand that Mr. Smith is taking up intensive horticulture.

We also congratulate Mr. Wood on the birth of a daughter on March 3rd.

Great interest has been aroused by the Chronicles of Annales, who has favoured us with another few sheets of papyrus which we have duly transcribed and present for the benefit of our readers, while it will scarcely be credited, but in the Sixth, the charms of the differential calculus pale before the interest excited by speculations as to the identity of Annales.

We were pleased to resume friendly hostilities this term with the Netherthorpe Grammar School, Staveley, in the way of a closely contested chess match, in which we eventually were successful by the narrow margin of one point.

House matches have been taking place this term, and have evoked the usual enthusiasm. We should also like some of this to be displayed in the cause of the School, who could usually do with more encouragement in their matches with other teams.

The Junior School is now in possession of the Army hut erected last term, with the result that the congestion in the main building is much reduced, as is also the noise, while the personally conducted tours in search of vacant class-room are now things of the past.

We take the following from the "Rochdale Observer" of March 5th, 1921 - At a parade of troops held in Manchester on Sunday last, Lieut. Russell Varley, 2nd Battalion the King's Own Royal Regiment, was decorated with the Military Cross by General Shoubridge, who is in command of the 42nd Division. The award was made for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The official account of his action says: "Lieut. Varley worked continuously every night prior to the attack of September 18th, 1918, often under shell and trench mortar fire organising and cutting gaps through the wire. Three nights running he took patrols along Doiran Road to Patty Ravine and reconnoitred the line of deployment. He took over command of the Company which advanced to Hill 940 in support of the Greeks in the attack of 19th September 1918." Lieut. Varley has also been awarded the Greek Military Cross.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

We offer our congratulations to C. I. Eyre on the birth of a daughter on October 23rd, 1920, at Westwick, Newbold.

Also to E. A. Eastwood on passing the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and to J. H. Hodkin on passing the London Matriculation Examination.

We have heard from C. Shadwick, who is now at the University of Leeds, and who regrets there are no other O.C.'s there.

W. S. Clayton is now a student on a farm, and expects later to go to Kingston Agricultural College.

N. V. Ryder is now learning motor engineering at Sheffield being an apprentice at Messrs. Laycocks, and attending classes also at Sheffield University.

We have heard from G. S. Tuxford, who is now something of a Nabob in British North Borneo, while E. B. Tuxford is watching rubber trees grow there.

H. Waring is serving on H.M.S. "Benbow" and is looking forward to returning to this country next July, after serving for two years on the Mediterranean Station. He has not had a monotonous time as he has been in the Black Sea keeping Bolsheviks under control, visited Sevastopol, been engaged against the Turkish revolutionaries under Kemal Pasha, while his letter was sent from Constantinople.

The Old Cestrefeldians had their second Annual Dinner on Wednesday, January 12th. At the dinner, the Old Cestrefeldians' Society was inaugurated, and it is hoped that all boys on leaving the School will make a point of joining. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. G. H. Ryde, 97, Newbold Road, Chesterfield, from whom all particulars can be obtained. For the following account of the dinner we are indebted to the Derbyshire Times: -

Interesting reminiscences of school life were revived at the second annual dinner and re-union of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society, held in Chesterfield Police Institute, on Wednesday, the Mayor (Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds) presiding. The company included Mr. J. Mansell, Headmaster of the Grammar School, Mr. H. Ryde, secretary of the Old Cestrefeldians, Coun. A. Glossop, Coun. A. E. Barker, Mr. W. Jacques. Mr. T. E. Haslam, Messrs. Edgar Eyre, Wildt, G. Ward, L. B. Philipps, W. H. Turner, S. C. Greaves, G. F. Houston, F. R. Carter, Scott Holland, Capt. G. J. Edmunds, W. T. Britt, A. S. Britt, C. W. Allsop, S. T. Rodgers, Capt. E. S. Wood, W. Glossop, Major A. J. Hopkins, J. D. White, J. S. Calcutt, A. Adams, C. I. Eyre, Allan Eyre, O. J. W. Kerr, J. B. Reay, W. E. St. J. Jennings, R. F. Henson (Ilkeston), G. H. Sadler, F.R.C.O., C. B. Wagstaff, G. I. Wagstaff, H. H. Berresford, W. P. Warner, J. Lee Warner, C. A. Clarke, Major Turner and J. Comerton.

Proposing the toast of "The School," the Mayor said he was uttering no mere platitude when he expressed the pleasure it gave him to preside once more at the dinner of the Cestrefeldians. The pride was a double one - firstly, pride as the civic head of the town, which regarded the Grammar School as one of its most treasured possessions; and, secondly, pride as an old boy, who was able in his own person to bridge that period which connected the school of that day with the school of 75 years ago. Mr. Mansell was on the eve of laying down the burden of headmastership, which he had borne so well and worthily. He (the Mayor), entered the School when the Rev. F. Calder resigned in 1878, after being headmaster for 32 years. During his period at school, the Rev. F. B. Allison was in charge, and Mr. A. E. P. Voules took command when he finished his term at the school. He had been a Governor during a large part of Mr. Mansell's headmastership. Therefore he could speak to them as one of them in possession of that spring of action and school patriotism, which stirred their hearts and enthusiasm, and which they knew so well as school esprit de corps. He cared not whether a boy had made his mark in the world and attained the high pinnacle of political, commercial or social fame, or whether he was only one of those who performed the common task, if he was an Old Cestrefeldian there was planted in his breast an indissoluble attachment to his old school, which caused his heart to glow at the remembrances of the past.

It was that feeling which had drawn them together, and to that common bond he appealed in submitting the toast of "The School." As Cestrefeldians they had a glorious heritage. The foundation of the old school dated back to Queen Elizabeth's reign, when, in 1594, the "Mayor, aldermen, brothers and burgesses" of the "Free Borough" - free from the

time of King John's charter in 1204 - were charged with the government of the school. The school had passed through many changes of fortune and survived many storms which threatened to engulf it. It was re-built in 1710 and again in 1814, which building was the nucleus of the present buildings they knew so well. The first school was on the site of the present playground, near to the old holy well of St. Helen's and adjacent to the present garden of the headmaster. The first endowment was £13 6s. 8d. per year, and the first headmaster received £15 per annum. Today the school's income was over £7,000, and the headmaster received, well - a little over £15 per annum. (Laughter.) There had been many famous headmasters at the school, including the Rev. Wm Burrow, a famous Greek scholar of his day; the Rev. F. Calder, 17th Wrangler in 1840 and scholar of St. John's, Cambridge; the Rev. F. B. Allison, Mr. A. E. P. Voules, and Mr. J. Mansell, all of whom had kept up the high reputation of the school. Amongst the famous scholars trained at the school were numbered Dr. Erasmus Darwin, Dr. Hallifax, Bishop of Gloucester and St. Asaph; Dr. Pegg, antiquary; Dr.

Jebb, physician; Dr. Kaye, Dean of Lincoln.; the Rev. Ralph Heath, Prebendary of Southwell; Dr. Pearson, Colonial Bishop; Dr. Chavasse, Bishop of Liverpool; Dr. F. Arnold, who wrote the "Life of Macaulay," and others. Such was their heritage, and it was for them to pass it on. Nothing could more pleasantly cheer the heart of their retiring headmaster than to know that his work, like that of his predecessors, was bearing fruit in the character and conduct of those who had been under his instruction and that they were worthily bearing their share in the affairs of their country. He could not do better than quote from Dr. Pearson, who, in an exhortation to the old boys in 1878, on the retirement of the Rev. F. Calder, said:

"It is not given to all to reach lofty heights of scientific attainments. Science is for the few; duty is universal." Science will adorn and delight some leisure hours, but duty is about us at every step. Dr. Pearson concluded with Wordsworth's fine lines:

"The primal duties shine aloft like stars;
The charities that soothe and heal and bless
Are scattered at the feet of men like flowers."

In conclusion the Mayor remarked that their old school had brought out those qualities in each of them which helped to make them what they were. Let the memory of their old school stimulate them further, and as they shared in the credit of the past, so it was their duty to help forward the present school by example and precept and pass on the heritage in which they gloried.

Mr. Mansell, Headmaster, in replying, said he could not pretend to any philosophical indifference to praise when it was praise connected with the old school, and he would be more than human if he were not moved by such words as the Chairman had addressed to them. Since they met in January they had passed through a year of more or less successful re-construction. They were not yet fully mobilised, but they hoped to be in a very short time. The number of boys was still on the increase, and he had large numbers of names on the files for admission next September. If he wanted any warning of the approaching years upon him, he was forcibly reminded of the fact by old boys of his own time bringing their own sons to the school in order that they might emulate the greatness of their fathers in classrooms and fields. The success of the school in external examination had been very marked. In the examination of the Northern Universities' Joint Board, 23 of their boys were successful out of 27 candidates. Boys now passed examinations which hitherto had been regarded as University examinations, and passed them with distinct credit. In the intermediate examination for the University of London last July one old boy obtained first-class honours in physics. Open scholarships at the Nottingham University, a London Hospital and two County Major scholarships had been won by boys of the school. There were more old boys at the Universities than there had ever been before. It was interesting to that society to know that they had a flourishing daughter at Cambridge, and it was a great pleasure to him when the Cestrefeldians there elected him as president of the society. Of the old boys abroad one was now assistant district inspector in British North Borneo and another earned a science scholarship at one of the Australian Universities last year. The school was in a distinctly flourishing condition, and he felt great satisfaction in knowing that now the time had come for him to lay down his office, the school was a very fine proposition for any succeeding headmaster to take over. When appointed headmaster of the Chesterfield Grammar School 27 years ago he was a young and enthusiastic schoolmaster seeking a career for himself and he was thankful to the governing body for giving him an opportunity on that occasion. From the governing

body he had always had cordial support and generous help and consideration. In his work he had been assisted by able, willing and loyal colleagues. Further than that he had always felt that he could regard his old boys as his warmest friends.

The "Old Cestrefeldians' Society" was given by Mr. S. C. Greaves, who entertained the company by indulging in interesting and humorous reminiscences of his various experiences and descriptions of former masters and boys.

Mr. H. Hyde replied, and made allusion to the proposed war memorial to the fallen Cestrefeldians and also to the Guilmant memorial.

Proposing "The Staff" in a humorous speech, Mr. Berresford said he considered that the teaching staff had a very serious and onerous task before them in these days. The mere acquisition of knowledge did not always result in wisdom. He thought the schools ought to concentrate more on character forming.

Messrs. E. S. Wood and J. Comerton replied.

A Famous Archbishop.

"O.C.'s at the Universities was proposed by Mr. W. Jacques, who said the old school had scholars at the Universities as far back as 150 years ago. In a book published throughout Great Britain in 1762 there was a statement that the writer visited Chesterfield, where the free school is recorded as the most considerable in the North of England and sent large numbers to the Universities, particularly to Cambridge. In that respect history had repeated itself, because at the present time they had more old boys at the Universities than they had ever known before. Altogether there were 40 students attending the Universities. Cambridge, though not quite at the head of the list, was second. Sheffield, their near neighbour, as might have been expected, was at the top with 15 students, and Cambridge came next with 12. There were 39 at the English Universities, which included London, Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, and Nottingham, and the 40th was an old boy at one of the Australian Universities. In his exhaustive list of old boys the Mayor had omitted an even more distinguished Grammar School boy who became Archbishop of Canterbury. He referred to Archbishop Seeker, who lived in the corner of New Square, and was a candidate for the pulpit of the Congregational Church at Bolsover. For some reason or other he was rejected, and ultimately entered the Church, where his promotion was very rapid. That old Grammar School boy had the distinction of christening George III, confirming him, marrying him to his bride, and ultimately placing the crown upon the monarchs head in Westminster Abbey.

Mr. J. Lee Warner and Mr. J. B. Reay replied.

The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by Mr. T. E. Haslam, who remarked that they were greatly honoured by the attendance of the chief Magistrate of the borough. They knew that he had many duties to perform as Chairman connected with the Corporation, the affairs of which body he had conducted with conspicuous ability. When he consented once more to accept the Mayoralty they were all delighted. It was a great task in those days, and not only meant a great deal of time and careful thought, but also a great deal of discretion and tact in order that the business of the town might be conducted in a proper manner. They were now entering upon a period of very great difficulty in trade, and the question of unemployment would inevitably react upon the Town Council, especially under its present constitution. In discharging his duties there, they hoped the Mayor would have the full support of the Corporation, to which he was entitled. The name of Edmunds and the Chesterfield Grammar School seemed to be synonymous, for the family had been associated with it, to the great honour and credit of the school, for a very considerable period.

Acknowledging the toast, the Mayor said that in connection with matters relating to the government of the town, it encouraged the members of the Council to know that their efforts had the hearty approval of their old fellow colleagues in the school. Once more he appealed to the old boys to come forward to a larger extent in public matters in the town and take their share in the government and administration of its affairs. (Hear, hear.) There were a number of old boys in the Council, and he was pleased to have Councillor Barker with him. They could congratulate Coun. Barker on being chosen to take control of perhaps the most important committee, the Finance Committee, and he was sure that Mr. Barker would not only be a credit to the Council, but also to the old school of which he was so proud.

Councillor A. Glossop proposed the "Absent Cestrefeldians," and tribute was also paid to the 83 members who had been killed in the war.

On the suggestion of Mr. T. E. Haslam, the members present promised a minimum subscription of 5s. each to the Guilman memorial, and the promised and received in the room amounted to £30 17s.

The minutes of the meeting held in December were approved. The officials elected were: Ald. G. A. Eastwood, president; Col. Clayton, Mr. W. Jacques, Ald. W. H. Edmunds, Coun. A. Glossop, Ald. Johnson Pearson, Dr. George Booth, Coun. J. E. Clayton, and Mr. J. R. Johnson, vice-presidents; Mr. H. Ryde, secretary; Messrs W. Hill, T. E. Haslam, William Glossop, Capt. G. J. Edmunds, H. J. Watson, S. C. Greaves, Major Hopkins, A. Westlake, Major Turner, G. Wood, J. Eyre, and J. Lee Warner, committee.

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OBITUARY.

E. W. BROWN.

We very much regret to have to record the death of Mr. E. W. Brown, which took place on Sunday, 3rd April. Mr. Brown had apparently been ill for some time, but had not mentioned the fact to anyone till too late. He went to the hospital on the previous Thursday to undergo an operation, but it was found to be too late, and he passed away on the Sunday.

The funeral, which was attended by the School, took place on Wednesday, 6th April, at Christ Church, Stonegravels, and the Prefects acted as bearers. Mr. Brown had been Art Master at the School for nearly twenty-one years, and had endeared himself to his long succession of pupils by his constant gentleness and untiring patience, and his death leaves a big gap in the School Staff of which he had for so long a time been a member.

EDITORIAL.

Again we have reached the end of the School year, but the present occasion is much more than this for it is the end of a School epoch, as with the end of this term we lost our Headmaster. Mr. Mansell has ruled the School for twenty-seven years, having been appointed Headmaster in 1894, when the School had only 78 pupils, so that during his tenure of office, he has seen it grow to over four times its size.

We are very sorry to lose him, but our regret is lightened by the thought that his retirement is not due to any failing powers, but simply to the inexorable march of time, and we trust that he will retain his health and strength for many years to enjoy his leisure after his strenuous years here. In the name of the School we wish him Good-bye.

During the past year the School has well maintained its old traditions and has achieved many successes in both work and games. Its numbers have increased beyond all previous figures, and the buildings have been extended to accommodate them.

The School Institutions have had successful seasons, and we even hope that the Magazine will have lightened the load of debt upon it, and it has at least progressed in one important direction as members of the School have been induced to write for it.

Lastly, we wish all a good holiday, and trust that those who return to the School will come back with renewed vigour to carry the School on to further success in the future.

THE EDITOR.

SCHOOL NOTES.

C. A. Bradley, who last year won a County Major Scholarship, has followed up this success by winning the "John Henry Beckwith" Scholarship of £40 per annum for three years at Manchester University, and also the Hulme Hall Scholarship of £20 per annum for three years, also tenable at Manchester University.

We are pleased to note the photo of the Mayor (Alderman W. H. Hawksley Edmunds, O.B.E.) which is now in place in the Hall among those of other Old Cestrefeldians who have occupied the Mayoral Chair of the Borough.

The Headmaster, who has for nearly forty years taken a keen interest in Freemasonry, has this year been appointed Provincial Grand Junior Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire.

We hope that before these lines appear in print that the War Memorial Tablet will have been unveiled, this being the first part of the Mermorial, and will remind all future generations of what their predecessors in the School did in the time of their country's trial. It is also hoped that there may be enough money to found scholarships or exhibitions, particularly for sons of fallen Old Cestrefeldians.

On April 22nd, the Governors selected Mr. A. G. Bescoby, M.A. (Cantab), B.Sc. (Lond.), out of 78 candidates to succeed Mr. Mansell as Headmaster. We think that the following details of Mr. Bescoby's career will be of interest to both past

and present boys. Mr. Bescoby was a scholar of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he took first class honours in the Natural Science Tripos, and he also took the London B.Sc. with honours. After taking his Degree, he was Demonstrator in the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, and Examiner in Science and English to the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examining Board. He has had teaching experience at Hastings Grammar School, and then was for five years Senior Science Master, Elizabeth College, Guernsey. He was on active service in France from 1916 to 1919, and on demobilisation was appointed Senior Physics Master at Uppingham School, from which he comes to us as Headmaster. On the athletic side, Mr. Bescoby was a member of his College Association XI, and has played cricket for several well-known clubs, while he was Sports Master at Elizabeth College, and also in command of the O.T.C. there, so we can look forward with every confidence to the continued success of the School on both the academic and athletic sides.

C. A. Bradley, the School Captain, was elected the winner of the School Patriotism Cup. In addition to being head boy and gaining many successes in scholarship examinations, he has captained both the football and cricket teams during the past year, and has also done the secretarial work in connection with them, and so has well earned this latest honour.

It is expected that with the retirement of Mr. Mansell, the Headmaster's house will be incorporated with the School; this will provide us with some much-needed extra accommodation when the necessary alterations have been carried out.

On Tuesday, June 28th, J. L. Hart was presented with a bat which he had won by scoring 67 not out in the match v. Nottingham University Second XI a few weeks previously. Hart has been the most successful performer with both bat and ball for the School this season.

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EDITORIAL.

Once more the time has come when we place the first number of a new volume before our readers

In looking over the past year we can certainly say that it has been in many respects a memorable one. Firstly it has brought us a change of headmasters, and we take this opportunity of offering a cordial welcome to our new headmaster, Mr. A. C. Bescoby. It has also seen a change in the buildings of the School, as an Army hut has been erected at one end of the upper field and the school house has been incorporated with the school itself. Inside, there is the notable addition of the Memorial Bronze to the Old Cestrefeldians who fell in the War.

As far as the work and games of the School are concerned, they have progressed steadily, and the Cricket XI is especially worthy of honourable mention, being the best the school has had for some years. While mentioning the games, we should like to impress on the school the duty of supporting their representatives by coming to encourage them in the school matches, and in particular in those against other schools.

Finally, we offer a welcome to the fifty-seven new boys, and hope they will use their opportunities here and become worthy successors to the many able men whom the School has produced in the past.

THE EDITOR.

SCHOOL NOTES.

On the last day of the Summer term presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Mansell by the boys and staff. C. A. Bradley, the School Captain, supported by the Prefects, presented the boys' gift, a silver Queen Anne coffee service. Mrs. Mansell thanked the boys for their very handsome present and said that though she and Mr. Mansell were looking forward to their leisure after their busy years at the school, they would always be deeply interested in the welfare of the school and in the individual boys and old boys. Mr. Mansell also thanked the school shortly, and said how pleased he would be to help any boys in any way that lay in his power. Later on the staff presented Mr. Mansell with a mahogany bureau, and Mr. Mansell, in his reply, thanking them, said how grateful he was for their loyal support and assistance, to which the good standing of the school was largely due.

The School had but just adapted itself to the new regime when the new headmaster fell a victim to illness and had to leave the school for five or six weeks. We offer our condolences on his misfortune, but we are pleased to have him back with us again now quite restored to health.

We also have to regret the absence of Mr. E. H. Smith for most of the term through ill-health, and we trust that next term he will return to us after making a complete recovery.

We extend a cordial welcome to the Rev. D. Stephens, who has taken over the history work of the school during Mr. Smith's absence, and the school was also pleased to renew its acquaintance with the Rev. H. V. Nicoll Griffith, who has assisted us in our difficulties this term.

We offer our hearty congratulations to C. A. Bradley on his brilliant success in the Higher Certificate Examinations, when he gained distinction in each of his main subjects. He was recommended for a National Scholarship, but as he had already won scholarships and exhibitions of considerable value, this was not awarded to him.

In the school leaving certificate examinations we did not reach the standard of last year, but still achieved the very creditable record of eighteen certificates out of twenty-six candidates.

This term a Choral Society has been inaugurated, and though the attendance has diminished considerably since the initial meeting, there is every hope that the survivors will form a very creditable choir after some further practice.

On October 10th the Headmaster presented C. A. Bradley with the School Patriotism Cup which he had been awarded last term. In a short speech he emphasised the fact that the cup was awarded to the boy who had done most for the school, and that it should be the first thought of every boy to see in what manner he could best promote and advance the best interests of the school.

Among the other changes which this term has brought, one of the most noticeable is that the old School House is no longer the Headmaster's residence, but has already been partially adapted to school uses. So far the rooms have been put into use as the Headmaster's study, a form-room for the Upper VI., masters' and mistresses' common rooms, and a bookstore, while further rooms will provide a library and more formrooms when the necessary structural alterations have been made. The old boys' dining-room has been restored to its former use as the school dinner, which lapsed through the difficulties which arose during the war, has been restored, and it is gratifying to know that over fifty train boys take advantage of it.

At the beginning of the Term the number of names on the School Roll had reached the record total of 341, and for the first time on record a number of applications had to be refused owing to lack of accommodation.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

We congratulate J. S. Calcutt, who left in 1920, on his success at Sheffield University, where, on the result of his first year's examinations, he was awarded the Bronze Medal of the University. We understand that he was specially commended for Physics, in which he had already gained first class honours in the London Intermediate Examination previous to leaving the School.

In the recent Town Council elections we were pleased to note that Mr. T. E. Haslam and Mr. H. J. Watson, both well-known Old Cestrefeldians, were successful in gaining seats on the Council. This is the first time they have been Councillors, though Mr. Watson has had considerable experience in Council work in an official position. We offer our congratulations.

Following on the unveiling of the Old Boys' War Memorial, the account of which appears in another part of this issue, the summer re-union of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society was held. A strong team of Old Boys played the School XI. and beat them after a good match, and some fifty Old Boys sat down to luncheon, while a good number who were unable to be present at the lunch came down in the afternoon to see the match.

MR. MANSELL.

The end of last term brought to a close the headmastership of Mr. Mansell, who has directed the affairs of the School so ably for twenty-seven years.

Mr. Mansell was appointed headmaster in September, 1894, and he at once applied himself to the task of re-organising the School and to adapt it to the needs of the time. The difficulties in the way of converting the old classical school into a modern scientific one were many, and they were not easy to overcome, but this was accomplished successfully. The breaking away from old traditions and associations, and the creation of a new order, were in harmony with modern requirements without loss of affection or in any way injuring its best traditions, is an accomplishment of which anyone might well be proud.

At the beginning of his leadership seventy-eight boys were attending the School, while at the end of his time the numbers had risen to 320, thus increasing fourfold during his tenure of office. To meet the increasing numbers, more accommodation had to be provided, and it must have been a great source of gratification to him when the School was enlarged by the new wing in 1899, while in his last year he obtained an Army Hut for the Junior School to meet the ever-increasing pressure of numbers.

Under Mr. Mansell's direction the School was made a centre for the Oxford Local Examinations, and later on for the Northern Universities' Certificate Examinations, and the long list of successes in these and in open competitive examinations, show the sound organising ability which was directing the studies of the School. The war brought him his full share of difficulties; one by one his staff vanished, until only a few of the older assistant masters remained, but his remarkable adaptability stood him in good stead and he kept the School going in a splendid manner, and with the return of the armies he was able to get together again a full staff in a very short time.

Mr. Mansell was a strict disciplinarian, showing great firmness when required, but he was no martinet, being very human and with an excellent knowledge of boy nature.

He thoroughly believed in the value of games and took an active interest in all that tended to develop true sportsmanship, and in his younger days took part in the School games personally, while all through, whether in work or play, he inculcated the spirit of manliness and honour.

Much of Mr. Mansell's work was done behind the scenes, and only a few know of the help, financial and otherwise, that has been given to boys who were deserving of it, and he has always been prepared to use every effort on behalf of those who were doing their best.

Now, after twenty-seven years of hard work as Headmaster, he has retired with the satisfaction that he enjoys the respect and esteem of those of us for whom he has done so much to form our characters and fit us for our lives' work, leaving behind a school which is a testimony to his many abilities.

Past and present boys bid farewell to one whose interest, time and gifts, were at the service of all, and they trust that he may live long to enjoy his well-earned rest.

OLD CESTREFELDIAN.

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED TO OLD CESTREFELDIANS WHO FELL IN THE WAR.

In the presence of a good number of Cestrefeldians the Memorial Tablet erected in the School Hall at the Chesterfield Grammar School, in memory of the 85 Cestrefeldians who fell in the war, was unveiled by Lieut.-Colonel J. Morton Clayton, V.D. (Chairman of the Governing Body), on Wednesday. Many parents and relatives of the old Grammar School boys who are numbered amongst the fallen and whose names appear on the tablet also attended the unveiling ceremony.

The handsome tablet consists of a large brass, mounted on oak, and at the head appears the School crest. The names of the fallen, inscribed in plain clear lettering, are: - Wm. Beaumont Alliban, Fredk. V. Ashcroft, Benj. M. Badcock, Tom Benj. Bamford, Edmund Barnes, Reginald Beardsley, Fredk. Noel Bond, Robert Walter Burr, Robert Capps, Francis Cyril Clare, Harry Covey Clarke, Robert Bowes Cockburn, Wm. Arthur Cockett, Frank Cooper, Arthur Edward Connor, Thos. Coote Cummins, Leonard Edwin Cutts, Alfred Parks Dale, Herbert Colin Ditcher, Norman S. Bryan Donkin, Chas. Fredk. Drabble, Geo. Exford, Arthur Noel Eyre, Percy Donald Forrett, Clement B. Furniston, John Wm. Godber, Donald K. Hall, John Vernon Hall, Frank Hancock, Harold Hardy, Fredk. Victor Hicks, Gilbert Horner, Wm. Bamford Houston, Ronald Howe, Wm. Husband, Wm. Ernest. Ind, Wm. Gladstone Jacques, Arnold Jephson, Fredk. Chas. Jephson, Brian Edmund Kelly, Adam Kerr, Fredk. Christian King, Herbert Lack, Wm. Henry Lockett, Wm. Herbert Lucas, John H. Marsden, John Mellor, Geo. Wm. Moore, Chas. Neil Newcombe, Albert Edward Nuttall, John Joseph R. Oldham, Alfred O'Neill, John Fredk. Organ, Harry Grenfell Peach, Arthur Reginald Pearson, Woodville Phillips, Arthur Louis Pogson, Frank Woodhead Pogson, Frank Renshaw, Vernon Renshaw, Frank Leslie Reynolds, Geo. Hubbard Reynolds, Cecil Rhodes, Robert Cecil Riggott, Stanley Ar. Rogers, William Haldane Round, Tom Victor Scattergood, Herbert Simpson, Albert Henry Smith, Ar. Duncan Swale, Sydney Cecil Syddall, Charles Tatlow, Derrick Wm. K. Taylor, Geo. Stuart Taylor, Harry Troth, Julius Adrian Verner, Richard Henry Verner, Henry Percy Weber, Douglas H. Wells, Richard C. Wildgoose, John Joseph D. Wilson, Robert Taylor Wright, Thos. Wm. Yates, Masters Percy James Eldridge and Arthur Hallam Petty. The names are cut on either side of the tablet, in the centre of which is the following inscription: -

MCMXIV - MCMXIX.

They whom this scroll commemorates were numbered among those who, at the call of King and country left all that was dear to them, endured hardship, faced danger and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom.

Let those who come after see to it that their names be not forgotten.

In affectionate remembrance of the loyal and faithful old Cestrefeldians who died in the Great War.

"In sacred sleep they lie, Say not that the brave die."

The suggestion of erecting a memorial was first made in 1916, when, at the annual athletic sports, the money which is usually given for prizes, was handed over to a committee formed to deal with the memorial. A total of £4.75 has been raised up to the present, and the surplus left over after paying for the tablet, together with any further amounts received, will be devoted to founding scholarships and other useful objects.

The members of the governing body present were Col. J. M. Clayton (Chairman), Dr. Geo. Booth, the Mayor (Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds), Coun. A. Glossop, Coun. J. E. Clayton and Mr. W. Jacques, whilst the following members of the staff were in attendance: - The Headmaster (Mr. Mansell), Mr. E. S. Wood (second master), Dr. McDermott, Messrs. H. Ingham, J. Comerton, R. Varley, E. H. Smith, E. H. Slack, G. H. Looker, E. Pauli, J. Grant, Miss Kelly, and the Misses Kyle.

There were many old boys present who had fought in the war and had happily returned, and all were deeply moved by the simple yet touching service which will long be remembered by all who took part in it. Mr. G. H. Sadler, F.R.C.O., officiated as organist, and the hymns were very sweetly sung by the boys. After the opening hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," the Rev. C. W. Howard recited passages from Scripture, and the "Lord's Prayer" was said. Psalm 71, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills," was sung, and the Headmaster read the lesson from Wisdom 3, 1 - 9. Then the fine old Psalm 90, "Lord thou has been our refuge," was chanted, and prayer offered "that we maybe worthy of the sacrifices that have been made."

After Col. Clayton unveiled the memorial, which was covered with the Union Jack, surmounted by a wreath of laurels tied with the School colours, with a bouquet of red roses immediately underneath the tablet, the names of the fallen were read out by the Headmaster.

GREAT TRADITIONS.

In a brief address subsequently, Col. Clayton remarked that they had met to honour the memory of the Cestrefeldians who fell in the war. The Chesterfield Grammar School, where those men were trained, had a great tradition. Many men in the past had left memories dear to them for the work which they had done, but the tradition of the School would be richer by the sacrifice which the Cestrefeldians had made in the war. The School had a reputation of turning out good scholars, and what was more important, good men. When the war broke out the men whose names were on the scroll recognised their duty at once and joined the Colours. They had reason to be thankful for what those men did. Whilst he sympathised with the parents, relatives and friends in their loss, rather than grieve he liked to think of the idea of the old Romans, and some of the boys would probably remember the old Latin quotation, "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori." They would always hold the memory of those men dear, and in future the memory of their deeds would never be forgotten, and the incentive which they had given them to do their duty in life would be a remembrance and a gift to the School for ever.

The two hymns had been finely chosen, and the final one, "The Supreme Sacrifice," by John S. Arkwright, deeply impressed all who heard it for the first time. It was a fitting finale to a simple yet moving service.

Proudly you gathered rank on rank to war,

As who had heard God's message from afar;

All you had hoped for, all you had you gave,

To save mankind - yourselves you scorned to save.

One's mind went back instinctively to those early days of great enthusiasm and eagerness to join the Colours in 1914, and the dark days that followed. Those glorious fellows would never return, yet proudly the bereaved parents thought of their boys whose names were inscribed on that scroll of fame for evermore, and took comfort in the closing lines of the hymn: -

"In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land

Commits her children to Thy gracious hand."

The Benediction concluded the service, and as those present slowly separated, it seemed to us that no more fitting final public ceremony could have been taken part in by the Headmaster (Mr. James Mansell) to close his long and successful career at the Chesterfield Grammar School than to see perpetuated the memory of the lads who had acquitted themselves like men, most of whom had received their early training under his charge.

[With acknowledgments to The Derbyshire Times.]

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SCHOOL NOTES.

At the end of last term the Literary and Debating Society gave a Concert and Dramatic Performance, and the School was found to possess some performers of remarkable talent. Unfortunately, the performance involved unexpectedly heavy expenses, and the School is much indebted to the Headmaster and the Staff for defraying the cost.

A Reading Competition was held on Friday, March 10th, the competition being divided into two sections, a senior and a junior. The Revd. Canon Shaw and the Rev. H. Pelham Forman kindly acted as judges. The candidates had to read a selection of both prose and poetry and also a piece of their own choosing, and at the end Canon Shaw announced that Charlesworth ma, J. L., had gained the prize in the Senior section, and Bethell, C., that in the Junior. The standard of the reading was very good and there was keen competition to appear in the final competition. The competitors had practised assiduously in their spare time, and the competition will tend to improve the standard of spoken English throughout the School.

At half term we took into use a new hymn book; those who knew the old one will not need to be told that the present one is a great improvement.

A portion of the playing field has just been re-laid to form a practice wicket. It is hoped that good use will be made of it, and that the great improvement in the standard of the cricket, which was such a feature of last summer, will be fully maintained.

The attendance at School matches still leaves much to be desired, and it is hoped that next term there will be a good number of boys present at the cricket matches.

The prefects are now distinguished from the remainder of the School by a metal cap badge with the School arms on it in place of the woven one worn by the others.

We were pleased to see Mr. Smith back again at the end of last term after his long illness, and hope that before this he has made a complete recovery.

OLD CESTREFELDIANS.

Annual Dinner and Re-union.

The annual dinner and re-union of the Old Cestrefeldian Society was held at Messrs. Blackshaw's Dining Rooms, Chesterfield, on Wednesday. The President, Ald. G. A. Eastwood, J.P., was in the chair, and he was supported by the Headmaster of the Grammar School, Mr. A. C. Bescoby, Mr. James Mansell (late headmaster), Ald. W. H. Edmunds, J.P., Coun. A. Glossop (treasurer), Coun. Barker, Mr. G. H. Ryde (hon. secretary), and over 40 members of the society. After an excellent dinner served in the new dining rooms, the toasts of "The King" and "Absent Old Cestrefeldians who gave their lives for the King" were honoured.

At the general meeting Mr. Jas. Mansell was elected president for the ensuing year in succession to Ald. Eastwood, and Mr. S. C. Greaves was elected hon. secretary in the place of Mr. G. H. Ryde, who resigned owing to pressure of other duties. Mr. Ryde, who had carried on all the inaugural work in connection with the foundation of the society, was heartily thanked for his services.

Ald. G. A. Eastwood proposed the toast of "The School," and offered a hearty welcome to the new headmaster, Mr. Bescoby, who, he was sure, would carry on and uphold the best traditions of the old school.

Mr. Bescoby, in reply, alluded to the Future of the school, and said he hoped that the Chesterfield Grammar School in time would take its place with King Edward's School, Sheffield, and Nottingham High School. He referred to the need for larger playing fields, and said that for those who did not manage to get into the school elevens, they hoped to form a swimming club and develop other sports. He also hoped that some kind friend would come forward with the necessary funds to build five courts, which could be done without very great expense.

Major A. J. Hopkins in felicitous terms proposed "The Old Cestrefeldian Society," and in responding, Mr. James Mansell referred to what had been accomplished since the society was formed. A handsome memorial to the old boys who fell in the war had been placed in the school, and all of those who were present would remember the impressive and beautiful service at the unveiling. That memorial was worthy of the occasion, and he could tell them that it had been a source of great pride and solace to many who had lost sons and relatives in the war. He had been personally told this by several parents. A handsome tombstone had been erected over the grave of the late Mr. Guilmant, for so many years a valued master and friend to all who knew him, and it was proposed to spend the balance of the fund on a brass to his memory which he hoped the headmaster would consent to have placed near the war memorial.

Capt. G. J. Edmunds proposed the health of the Chairman, and Ald. Eastwood replied.

During the evening songs were given by Mr. Saxton, and Mr. G. H. Sadler presided at the piano. Mr. Margereson, an old Cestrefeldian, who has made his home in Australia and is over on a visit, amused the members with racy anecdotes. Alluding to the first meeting and dinner of the society, Mr. Margereson said he was very interested in reading this in Australia when he received his copy of "The Derbyshire Times," which was sent out to him there. He referred to a speech made by Mr. Jacques, who told of a famous old Cestrefeldian named Seeker, who became an Archbishop. He was struck by this, because he had some neighbours of the same name, and he handed his paper to them. The mother of the family, an old lady of 80, informed him that she had been told by her parents that they were descended from an Archbishop, and he had no doubt that his friends were the descendants of this famous Old Cestrefeldian.

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EDITORIAL.

When issuing the July Number of the Magazine we are always reminded of the changes which the end of the Summer Term brings. Occasionally members of the staff leave the School for other spheres of labour, and always a number of boys arrive at the end of their school life. The reminder comes with greater force this year, as Mr. E. S. Wood brings his period as Editor to a close, and the pressure of other duties compels him to hand over the responsibilities of editing to others.

The problems of publishing the Magazine during the last few years have not been easy, especially the financial question. It was found necessary to take the unpopular step of raising the rate of subscription, but in spite of this the circulation has been maintained, and Mr. Wood leaves the Magazine finances in a sound position.

To the boys who are leaving us we wish success in their various careers. We can assure them of a welcome whenever they visit us in the future, and we shall be delighted to learn of their progress and successes.

We hope to see them at the various School concerts, sports, etc. May we commend to them the O.C.'s Society as a means of keeping in touch with the School.

We are very desirous of making the Magazine not merely a record of the School activities, but a link between the Old Boys and the School, and we appeal to the past students for their support to this end. We would in particular welcome articles on subjects of interest to both sections.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Varley upon his marriage, which took place at Whitworth, Lancs., on April 20th. Mr. Varley has earned the esteem of his colleagues and the boys of the School, and this was expressed in gifts of a timepiece from the Headmaster and staff and of a barometer from the School. We give a very cordial invitation to Mrs. Varley to join us in our School games and social activities.

Miss Kelly left us at the end of last term to take up a teaching appointment in Paris.

We welcome Mr. L. G. Brooks, B.A. (Hons. in History), of Dulwich and Jesus College, Cambridge. Mr. Brooks is keenly interested in games, and he is exerting a stimulating influence upon this side of the School life.

At the end of this term we bid farewell to Mr. E. S. Wood as a member of the staff. Mr. Wood came to us in 1913 and, with the exception of the War period, has had charge of the Mathematics of the School, and has acted as Second Master since 1919. He has been appointed Headmaster of the Witney Grammar School, and takes up his duties next term. We congratulate Mr. Wood upon his promotion, and trust that he will have a very successful career in his new school.

We note with great pleasure that Dr. R. Robinson, F.R.S., who was in the School from January, 1895, to July, 1899, has been appointed Professor of Organic Chemistry at Manchester University.

A Tablet has been placed in the School Hall by the O.C. Society, bearing the following inscription :—

This Tablet is erected to the memory
of
JOSEPH ANDRE LABAT GUILMANT.
Second Master in this School, 1881 - 1919,
by his colleagues and by those who came under
his influence in the Chesterfield Grammar
School, as a mark of their esteem and regard
for one who for thirty-eight years served
the old foundation faithfully and Well.
Integer Vitae Scelerisque Purus.

A new -School blazer has been adopted this term, and the large number at present being worn bears witness to its popularity. The addition of amber piping, with a large badge on the breast, serves to distinguish members of the 1st XI.'s from the rest of the School.

We have, this term, been fortunate in securing the use of the Central School Swimming Bath for one hour each Thursday afternoon. Many of us have greatly enjoyed these cooling dips during the hot weather, and many former non-swimmers are making rapid progress in the art under the tuition of Mr. Brooks.

The School Choral Society is now quite a flourishing institution. There is usually a fairly large muster at the Tuesday afternoon practices, and several pieces are being prepared for the School Concert, at which the Society will make its debut in public.

One or two School outings arranged this term proved very popular. The Electrical Works and Bolsover Castle have been visited, and further expeditions in the near future are contemplated.

The loud sounds of hammering which have been heard proceeding from the interior of the School House seem to indicate that the work of alteration is rapidly going on, and that the additional rooms will be ready for use after the vacation.

Two rooms have been allocated as common rooms for the use of the Masters. The cost of furnishing has been met by a grant from the Governors, and the Staff take this opportunity of expressing their thanks and appreciation to the Governors for their consideration and generosity.

VALETE.

Godber, C. - Came 1918. School Certificate 1921. Left 1922.

Thomsen, A. E. - Came 1918, left 1922.

Staton, F. C. - Came 1920, left 1922.

Barnes, J. C. - Came 1916. School Certificate 1920. Left 1922.

Spray, A. - Came 1921, left 1922.

Wilson, G. A. - Came 1916, left 1922.

Blockley, H. H - Came 1919, left 1922.

OLD CESTREFELDIAN SOCIETY

Mr. J. Mansell, for 27 years headmaster of Chesterfield Grammar School, was on Friday last week the recipient of a sterling silver candelabra from the Old Cestrefeldians' Society. The members also handed to Mr. Mansell a sterling silver rose bowl for Mrs. Mansell as "a token of their appreciation of her kindness and interest in their welfare." The ceremony took place upon the occasion of the first smoking concert organised by the Old Cestrefeldians' Society, formed some three years ago. Coun. A. Glossop occupied the chair, and supporting were Mr. Mansell, Mr. A. C. Bescoby (the present headmaster), Coun. T. E. Haslam, and Coun. H. J. Watson. Ald. G. A. Eastwood, who was President of the Society last year and should have made the presentation, was unavoidably not able to attend.

Coun. GLOSSOP alluded to the fact of his having met Mr. Mansell shortly after the latter came to Chesterfield. They struck up an acquaintance which had ripened into warm friendship, which he hoped would continue to the end. Mr. Mansell had seen the Grammar School grow considerably, and had done yeoman service during the 27 years he had been headmaster. He had always had the welfare of the school at heart, and as long as they lived, the old boys would always have a kind feeling towards him. Mrs. Mansell, too, had done everything she could for the comfort of the boys who came under her care and they would never forget the kindnesses they received.

REMEMBRANCE OF HAPPY DAYS.

Turning to Mr. Mansell, on the right, Councillor Glossop handed to him the candelabra, and added: "I have great pleasure in presenting to you this candelabra. It is one I am sure that you will cherish, and when you look upon it, you will always remember the happy days you spent with the boys of the school." (Applause.) On the base of the candelabra was the following inscription :- "Presented to James Mansell, Esq., B.A., Headmaster of the Chesterfield Grammar School 1894 - 1921, by the members of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society as a mark of esteem and regard."

In handing to Mr. Mansell the rose bowl for Mrs. Mansell, Coun. Glossop continued: "This gift is for Mrs. Mansell. I trust that you will convey to her the warm regard we have for her, and our appreciation of the kindnesses she has always shown to all the boys who passed through the school." (Applause.) An inscription on the bowl read :- "Presented to Mrs. James Mansell by members of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society as a token of appreciation of her kindness and interest in our welfare."

The singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," mingled with cries of "Good Old Jimmy!" followed, and when Mr. MANSELL rose to speak he expressed his difficulty in replying. "I do express my deep thanks to you for this very handsome token of regard for your old headmaster," he proceeded, "but I am glad that it occurred to you that my wife might be made a sharer in this pleasure. I shall not fail to convey to her your kind expression of regard, which she herself does reciprocate. She has always had the welfare of the boys at heart, and did whatever she could to further the interests of the school."

AN OFT PUT QUESTION.

From the time when he took over the headmastership of the school, Mr. Mansell said he had always received nothing but consideration and indulgence from the Governing Body, which had changed in personnel during the period. From the inhabitants of Chesterfield he had met with nothing but kindness, and from the boys every consideration - for although at times it was necessary for the latters' souls' health that he and they should have an interview - (laughter) - he had in return received unbounded kindness.

"I am asked now by some people: 'What do you find to do?'" proceeded Mr. Mansell. He reminded the gathering of the recent address of Sir James Barrie to a body of university students, in which he used the quotation: "God gives us memory in order that we might have roses in December." "That will partly answer the question 'What do I do with my time?' " he continued.

"I can sit in my chair, and while indulging with my Lady Nicotine, I can see long rows of boys going past - battalions of them. I can see boys of every characteristic, development and tendency. Boys who were mentioned in the school for their work, boys who did well on the cricket field, boys whose exuberance of spirits allowed them to wander into the paths of mischief. I can see many of them who have gone beyond. I can see many of them occupying positions of eminence in the professions and in the industrial life. I can see them taking their part in the municipal life of their town. All these things bring to me a living pleasure."

Concluding, Mr. Mansell expressed pride at being allowed to retain some connection with the school in being elected president of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society. Such an association could be of the utmost value to the school, and he felt assured that all old boys would continue to take an interest in its welfare.

Mr. BESCOBY, who spoke upon the great value of old boys' associations, stated that when the Governing Body invited him to take up the headmastership of the Grammar School, the fact that there was in existence an old boys' association made him accept, because he felt that when such a body was present there was nothing wrong with the school. Referring to some of the boys of the present day and their personal regard for headmasters compared with older boys, he considered that they were not so keen - they seemed diffident. "There is a tendency to leave without saying 'Good-bye,' or without giving notice," he declared. "Last term, however, three boys did come and say 'Good-bye.' "An old boys' association could help a school very much - it could be a strong influence, help to settle the policy of the school, do good propaganda work and many other things.

There was also a tendency nowadays for the school-leaving age to be 15 years, continued Mr. Bescoby. To take a boy away from the school before he was 16 years was detrimental to the boy's welfare, a waste of money to the parents and

a waste of money to the taxpayers as well. In this respect the old boys' associations could do a great deal. There was also a little lacking in the social spirit of the modern school, which they needed to help, and for which there was nothing finer than an old boy's association. He referred to compilation of records of all old boys, which was kept up to date as far as possible, and expressed the hope that old boys would send in any information which came into their possession.

Mr. S. C. GREAVES, secretary of the Society, said he had heard of "old boys" who had not joined the society, or attended its functions, because they had not been asked personally. Apart from the difficulty of tracing them, it would be a big task for the secretary to write every past scholar, and he would be glad if those present would pass the word round, that all "old boys" are gladly welcomed as members of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society. He looked forward to the time when every boy on leaving the school, would join the O.C.S. as a matter of course.

Colours for the Old Cestrefeldians' Society were decided upon, and it was agreed to have those of black and amber with a white stripe, the general arrangements being left in the hands of Mr. Bescoby. Mr. Alan Eyre was elected secretary of the cricket team.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, accorded on the proposition of Coun. HASLAM, seconded by Coun. WATSON, concluded the proceedings.

(With acknowledgment and thanks to the "D.T.")

All boys who wish to become members of the Society on leaving the School are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. C. Greaves, 35, Market Place. Payment of the first annual subscription of 2/6, or of the Life Composition fee of £1/1/-, will entitle the member to wear the O.C. colours, to receive notice of the annual dinner and other social functions of the Society, and to join the O.C. Football and Cricket Clubs. It is the chief method by which the School keeps in touch with the Old Boys, and it is hoped that every boy who leaves the School will join the O.C. Association as a matter of course.

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EDITORIAL.

The present School year began with an expanded School, and there was not long to wait till a wonderful photograph was taken, as a result of which we are able to contemplate ourselves both collectively and individually. This is very satisfactory, for not only may we secretly admire ourselves, if we so desire, but openly get inspiration for aiming high - we always recommend baiting with whales - and making ourselves worthy of the great tradition we represent and the great future which we hope to make.

With reference to the Magazine itself we feel that there is lacking the right proportion of literary contributions. The editorial staff has waited with much expectancy for the arrival of articles of this nature, but it has waited, we regret to say, for the most part in vain. We trust that the knowledge that the editorial heart is aching for literary contributions will encourage that army of authors whose reserve has hitherto been so great as to prevent them from sending in a selection of the papers they have written, and then have stored up in some safe place where the light of day cannot enter.

During this season of "mists and mellow fruitfulness," with which this term coincides, School activities have made considerable progress. The Choral Society has been at work; chess has absorbed the efforts of quite a number of ardent minds; there have been lectures and debates. And now there is the Magazine. School games have indeed gone forward, but not with that universal energy which is bound to come.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. E. S. Wood left us at the end of last term to take up the headmastership of Witney Grammar School. He received from the School, as a token of esteem, an oval mirror and a Wedgewood jar. The Staff gave him a handsome chiming clock.

We welcome this term three new members of the Staff: Mr. T. Bradbury, B.A. (Cambridge), Senior Maths. Master; Mr. E. Benson, B.A. (London), Senior French Master; and Mr. J. W. Skinner, Manual Instructor.

There are in the School at present 398 boys.

There has been a re-arrangement of the Upper Forms of the School. A long felt want has been gratified by the introduction of a Modern VIth, in addition to the Maths. and Science Form. Both these Forms, at one period during the term, had the doubtful pleasure of meeting those awe-inspiring gentlemen, the inspectors. The ordeal, however, passed off quite satisfactorily and we were left in peace once more with our studies.

Information has been received that the Board of Education has "recognised" the new Advanced Course in Modern Studies. Boys who pass their first School Examination in the Upper Fifth have now the alternatives, Science and Mathematical Sixth, or Modern Sixth. The curriculum in the latter is intended to provide preparation either for the Universities or for business.

Our Hall has been brightened by the addition of three handsome new Honours Boards, inscribed up to date. One records recent Scholarship and Examination successes; another the winners of the House Football Championship for the last few years. The third is reserved for the All Ages House Cricket Championship, which was held for the first time last season.

On Thursday, Nov. 2, the Rev. B. T. Rosson visited us to give an interesting Lantern Lecture upon the work done by the Church among the poor children of our country.

Two Forms have now taken up their abode in the old School House, and the Library, considerably extended and improved, has been installed in its palatial new residence and re-opened.

We were very pleased to receive a letter from Mr. E. S. Wood a few weeks ago. He writes:

"This place is too small to have a magazine, as for the first time in the history of the School the numbers are just over 150.

“The country about here is very different from the Chesterfield district; here everything is agricultural and it is a very good fruit district. I have a large garden and have had quantities of apples and a good many pears from it. The scenery is quite pleasant, but it hasn't the grandeur of the Derbyshire moorlands.”

Mr. Wood wishes to be remembered to all his friends.

Mr. Brooks, this term, has succeeded in introducing into the School what is, to him, the one and only form of football. The Chesterfield and District Rugby Football Club has kindly allowed the School to use its ground, and many of us are rapidly becoming expert, although scrums still occur practically every other minute. The oval ball is fast gaining new enthusiasts.

The action of the Chesterfield Rugby Club has allowed us to cater for more boys in one form of healthy sport or another. On one day we had as many as 104 boys playing football. Our previous best had been 44.

A “call-over” by House has been arranged on fixed dates when the 1st XI. is playing at home. It is pleasing to record that only two or three in each house have failed to appear on these occasions; and much credit is due to “train boys” for supporting the School at personal inconvenience to themselves.

On one unhappy day during the term, the whole School was paraded to meet the camera. Even the joy of missing almost half a period of work could scarcely compensate for the ordeal through which we went. What a terrible experience, to sit perfectly motionless, waiting for the “evil eye” of the instrument to focus itself upon one! However, the result (nearly 3 yards long) was quite worth it.

We heartily congratulate the following Old Boys upon their successes :--C. E. Drabble, 3rd Class Hons. Classics, Oriel College, Oxford; W. E. Crooks, 2nd Class Hons. Chemistry, London University; A. J. Bradley, M.Sc. (Chemistry), Manchester University; M. Holmes, B.A., Manchester University; R. P. Brady, B.Sc., Manchester University; C. A. Bradley, awarded Trevithick Scholarship on result of first year's work; J. Hodkin, Inter. Examination of Law Society; and also J. M. Bishop, Common Entrance Examination to Public Schools, admitted to Sedburgh.

VALETE.

Rich, E. E. - Came 1919. School Certificate 1920 (Distinction in English, History and Physics); Prefect and Captain of Clarke House, 1921; Hon. Secretary Literary and Debating Society, 1921-2; Higher Certificate, 1922.

Greaves, A. W. - Came 1917. School Certificate, 1921.

Barker, F. A. - Came 1914; School Certificate, 1921.

Hodgkinson, A. - Came 1918; School Certificate, 1921; 1st XI. Association Football, 1921-2.

Dolphin, C. - Came 1918.

Clayton, S. - Came 1920.

Welby, P. - Came 1918.

Staten, C. H. - Came 1917.

Kettleborough, F. R. - Came 1918.

Broomhead, T. S. - Came 1916.

Walsham, A. - Came 1920.

Botham, T. A. - Came 1916.

Bladon, C. - Came 1919.

Smith, B. V. - Came 1920.

SPEECH DAY.

“Speech Day” for Chesterfield Grammar School boys was resuscitated on Friday, July 28th, after a lapse of several years. The feeling of the gathering assembled in the Central Hall of the Girls' High School was one of enthusiasm. In addition to some three hundred students, there was a good muster of parents and friends, while here and there old Cestrefeldians helped to swell the numbers.

The company was honoured by the presence of Dr. P. Giles, the Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, 1919 - 1921 who distributed the prizes. Lieut.-Col. J. M. Clayton, T.D., chairman of the Board of Governors, presided, and supporting were Dr. G. Booth, vice-chairman of the Governors, and Mr. A. C. Bescoby, the headmaster. The following members of the Governing Body were also present: Ald. Eastwood, Ald. Edmunds, Coun. Clayton, Mr. C. J. Howson, Mr. W. Jacques, Mr. Day, and the Mayor (Ald. Rhodes).

At the outset of his remarks on the school work and its varied activities, the Headmaster referred to the parents. He had been told that "Speech Day" in China lasted a week, and always began with prayers, the first of which ran "O Lord, make all parents reasonable." (Laughter.) But so far as the parents of the boys of the Chesterfield Grammar School were concerned, there was no need for this, because they had been most reasonable and most kind.

There were 344 boys that term, and the numbers had been constant about that figure for the past year. A matter for congratulation was that Form VI. had risen from one in 1920 to probably 32 next term. (Applause) The quality and quantity of School work had improved, and it seemed as though boys were beginning to realise that competition in these days was keen and that the world had no use for an indifferent person.

Recounting the progress in games, the Headmaster preferred to say nothing about football, beyond the remark that they hoped to do better next season. There had been quite good quality in cricket – which had been very bright all the time – and most matches had been won. Tennis – which they put second to cricket – had been played with some vigour, while a beginning had been made that term with swimming. The members of the junior school were exceedingly enthusiastic in sport.

The additional accommodation that it had been possible to provide for the school was most welcome, and as a result they did not anticipate having to turn away any likely boys this year or next. The health of the School generally had been good, but the attendances had not been quite so good, and the frequent applications for releases from lessons tended to lead to disorganisation of forms.

Dealing with the School library, the Headmaster stated that they wished to continue their crusade against the cheap novel, but it was no use unless they had something to put in its place. He alluded to the provision of the School dinner in respect of which he had heard no complaints – pointing out it was more beneficial to boys to have a proper dinner under the right supervision. He thought the boy was not born who could resist spending 1/6 on three ices in place of his mid-day meal. (Laughter.)

Emphasising the great importance of boys staying at school until they were, at least, 16 years of age, he wished employers would realise the harm they did by taking boys away at an early age. The parents of all boys had to undertake not to take their sons away from the Grammar School (unless they sent them to some other school) until they were 16, and they could only remove them before that age by breaking their agreement, which was not a good way of starting a boy in life. The endeavour of the School was to turn out a better boy, and they would certainly not teach their sons to be ashamed of honest work, whether manual or brain, for they had no use for the slacker.

He made a reference to Mr. E. S. Wood, who was leaving them that term to take up the headmastership of Witney Grammar School, Oxfordshire, adding that it was their loss and Witney's gain. It was an honour to Mr. Wood and the School, and they hoped very much that it was but one of several headmasterships which that staff would gain in the future. (Applause)

The Headmaster thanked everyone who had supported the School in various ways. He also thanked the Governors of the Girls' High School and Miss Munro for the use of the School Hall on that occasion. He spoke of his indebtedness to the Governing Body, whose difficulty was to provide a "Roll-Royce" education at the cost of a "Ford"; and referred to the help he had at all times received from the Staff, and to the sensible and friendly behaviour of the boys.

Dr. GILES first congratulated those present upon being the proud possessors of a fine old school with a long tradition. It made a good deal of difference to a School if it had been in existence a long time and doing good work. He was glad every boy could think of the history going back over 300 years, because it was something to look upon, as well as something to live up to.

Speaking upon parents' position at the present day, he said it was one of anxiety and difficulty, but it was generally so at the end of a great war. Without anyone telling them, they had realised the great importance of education, and at no other period in his experience had the schools and universities of this country been so full. While he maintained that they could not have too much education, he was not saying that every boy ought to be sent for advanced education or university training, because every boy was not built that way.

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It was quite clear that Britishers must be a better educated nation than before the war, and he hoped that the fact of so many boys coming to the universities was a sign that parents were realising that we must be a better educated people than in the past. Idleness would not do; they had got to work hard to maintain their place in the world - he did not think that anyone was the worse for hard work.

There were three sides to a boy's life at School. There were his books. Then there was play. Through games he learned how to be kind and how to play – not for himself, but for his side. He also learned to win without boasting, and to lose without grumbling – a very important lesson. The other side was that he had got to live in the world with his fellow-men - he had to learn how to live with other men, to be of good temper, and to be ready to give and take. (Applause.)

Thanks were accorded to Dr. Giles on the proposition of Lieut. Col. CLAYTON, seconded by Dr. BOOTH, who both took the opportunity of emphasising upon parents the importance of boys staying at School until they were 16 years of age. If they did not do this, it was not fair to the School, nor fair to the boys themselves, for it was essential that they should remain until that age. Lieut. Col. Clayton considered that Chesterfield Grammar School ought to be the premier school in the county, and he was looking forward to it being so.

During the proceedings the School Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. G. H. Sadler, the music master, gave selections from well-known composers. These included:- Part song, "The Comrades' Song of Hope" (A. Adam); part song, "A Hymn of the Homeland" (Arthur Sullivan); unison song, "Let the Bright Seraphim" (Handel); "The Land we'll not Forget" (Forrester); and "Good-night, Beloved" (Pinsuti).

THE PRIZE LIST.

A great ovation was accorded each boy as he received his prize at the hands of Dr. Giles, particularly H. Middleton, who was awarded the Cup for School Patriotism, given by the vote of the School. The winners were as follows:-

Form Prizes: - Upper VI. - Lower VI. – McCrea, A. N. Va. - Wastnage, J. Vb. - Gray, K. M. IVa. - Pountain, A. E. IVb. Cox, R. IVc. - Bridges, A. W. IIIa. - Bowden. B. V. IIIb. - Looker, J. IIIc. - McPherson, C. A. II. - Stokes, R. F. I. Ellis, F.

Science Prizes: Chemistry - Bottomley, A. C. Physics - Rich, E. E.

Mathematical Prizes: Upper and Middle School – McCrea, W. H. Lower School – Taylor, E. W.

English Prizes: Upper and Middle School - Wheeldon, J. C. Lower School - Hall, C. H.

French Prizes: Upper and Middle School – Swain, T. E. Lower School – Hosey, J. H.

History Prize: Simrnons, E. H.

Geography Prize: Entwistle

Latin Prizes: Middle School – McCrea, A. N. Lower School - Hickling, A. H.

Woodwork: Hoyland, F.

Art: Husband, W.

Captain of Choir: Nelson, H. I.

Headmaster's Reading Prizes: Over 15 - Charlesworth, J. L. Under 15. - Bethell, C.

Head of the School: Farmer, G. W.

Neil Newcombe Prize: Nelson, H. I.

G. S. Tuxford Prize: Rich, E. E.

Cup for Best Batting Average: Taylor, H. L.

Cup for House Relay Race (Swimming): Clarke House.

Cups for Tennis Tournament: Senior - Charlesworth, J. L., and Little, R. J. Junior - Shat, F. M., Stokes.

Cup for All Ages Inter-house Cricket: Heathcote House.

Cup for School Patriotism: Middleton, H.

Winners of School Certificates (First School Examination, 1921): Barker, F. A., Charlesworth, J. L., Godber, C. , Gray, J. D., Greaves, A. W., Hays, S., Hill J. W. S., Lowe, C. B., Merifield, F. B., Middleton, H., O'Farrell. R. J., Paintin, E. D., Parsons, J. R., Pilkington, D., Rich, E. E., Short, H. R., Swain, T. E., Wheatcroft, W. H., Wilbourn, J. H.

Winner of Higher Certificate (Second School Examination): Bradley, C. A., Distinction in Physics, Pure and Applied Mathematics.

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THE DISTANT IS NEAR.

During the present term our little community, this outpost of education, has been brought into touch with the great outside world by means of that already very popular application of science to purposes of daily life, wireless telephony. This home of learning is now within the area of temptation of broadcasted concerts and meteorological reports; we wonder if any modern Rousseau has predicted the downfall of a community that allowed the introduction of theatrical performances, even though the impression is conveyed by such marvellous means. The results may at first be alarming, for although we may thus learn the contents of a morning's newspaper on the previous evening, yet no one should let his imagination get so much out of control as to expect to receive by wireless the solutions to the questions in his Mathematics home-work, or to find thus easily dictated a model version of his French compositions. There is wireless and wireless.

Another link with the distant world has been made through the exchange of letters with French schoolboys. Boys in this school are now corresponding with boys in several French schools, the most distant of which is on the shores of the Lake of Geneva.

Another new world - an almost purely intellectual one - has also become available recently to boys in the School. This is the world of French Literature, to study which the only travel necessary (not travail which obtains in all study), is a walk into the School Library. In this way any French speaking boy can commune with the great French minds of all ages. Similar excursions can, of course, be made with the same facility, into the literatures of Germany and England.

The study of life-problems by the Natural Science Society has provided another route into distance. The science of life itself takes us back into the remotest epochs of history, and thus links us up with events immeasurably far back in the past.

When we cannot travel ourselves it is good to see pictures of other lands and to hear the account of one who has himself visited the country in question. This is how we made a tour in Egypt during the term.

Altogether this term (which is now rapidly closing) we have visited many lands and travelled great distances without putting one foot outside our energetic town. Chesterfield itself has, as every schoolboy knows, kept up its giddy flight through space as have done all the spots on the surface of the earth, which, we are taught, bounds along in the circumambient ether in its annual giant tour round the sun.

The world is getting ever smaller; distance is being overcome. There are still people who study the infinite.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The present School year was saddened by the death of Mr. Bradbury, who, although he had been here rather less than a term, had impressed the School both as a teacher and as a man. The present number contains a formal record in his memory.

We were very fortunate in getting the temporary help of Mr. F. B. MacCowan, M.A., in Mr. Bradbury's place during the latter's illness. Mr. MacCowan made many friends during the few weeks of his stay. He took part in a playlet and showed us how skilled an actor he is. We were sorry to lose him, but glad to learn that he was likely to become an Inspector of Secondary Schools in the Colonies.

This term we have welcomed two new Masters, namely, Mr. H. B. Hodgson, B.A. (Brasenose College, Oxford), who has come from King's College, Taunton, and Mr. S. V. Yorke, B.Sc. (London).

Progress has been made towards fitting up a wireless installation. The aerial is in position, and the other apparatus is accumulated, but the licence of the Postmaster-General has not yet been received.

The Library has been expanded very considerably this term, especially as a good sum has been spent on books in connection with the Advanced Course in Modern Studies. The French and German Sections form now a worthy collection of books most useful for those doing advanced work. Many English books also have been added.

In order to give the middle and upper forms a closer interest in the Magazine, a scheme has been put into practice whereby each of these forms elects a representative to act as a link between the Editors and the forms themselves. It is hoped that thereby the Magazine will be able to print original contributions from boys. In this way the Magazine, would become more interesting, and less merely a register of events.

We are glad to print the essay by J. O. Davies on the influence of the Industrial Revolution on Chesterfield, a subject on which he contributed a paper in connection with the work the VIth Modern is doing in History.

W. H. McCrea received very hearty congratulations on his obtaining an Open Mathematical Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge. He has added a very distinguished honour to the School's record.

At the end of last term the School was delightfully entertained by two plays, excellently done by members of the Staff and boys of the School. Mr. MacCowan and Miss Kyle acted very successfully in a little play called "First Aid to the Wounded." In "Ici on parle Francais" there was much excellent playing. Evans ma. (IVb.) added greatly to the success of this amusing piece; he proved how great is his natural capacity for acting. The School was very grateful to all who took part in, and to all who helped at such an enjoyable entertainment.

Each section of the Natural Science Society has met during the term, and both Junior and Senior meetings have been well attended. Mr. Bescoby gave a lecture to the Juniors, on "The Life Story of the Hydra," with microscopical demonstrations. Thanks are due to McCrea ma., and Ford ma., for the loan of microscopes. A Lantern lecture, on "Radioactivity," was given to the Seniors by Mr. Ingham. A visit to the Gas Works has been paid by members of the Senior section, when a very instructive demonstration of the manufacture of and purification of coal gas and water gas was given by Mr. Davies. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Davies for his interesting explanations of the various processes. We are looking forward to a visit to the Tube Works before the end of the term.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

BY "OLD CESTREFELDIAN."

When Mr. Voules was Headmaster, Chesterfield was a small town and the School was a small school. The boys all wore "mortarboards" with black tassels, the prefects had black and yellow tassels, and many of the boys wore Eton suits. Latin was the most important subject, with French a good second; Mathematics was recognised as fairly useful, and Chemistry was a "wash out." We were also taught German, Shorthand, Drawing, Singing, History, Geography, Scripture, and English Grammar. Invariably the boys who did best at Mathematics (we never called it "Maths.") were those who had been to an Elementary School ("Board" Schools we called them) till the age of 12 or 13.

Sports held an important place in the curriculum. We had a "pro." as coach and groundsman for cricket, and had a good team that went as far afield as Buxton (by waggonette!) to play matches.

In football there was the keenest rivalry with Staveley G.S., one of the matches being celebrated in punning verse by G. F. Shaw, the school poet, and published in "The Derbyshire Times."

Another annual match that always attracted a big gate was against Clay Cross Tradesmen, many of whom were "Old Boys." Still another annual event was on Shrove Tuesday, when we played the "Chemists' Apprentices." It may surprise you to know there were enough Chemist's apprentices in the town to form a team, but those were the days when boys were attracted by the idea of making fortunes out of selling coloured water. Later on came a craze for being Bank Clerks, because they worked only from 10 to 4, and wore high collars. Afterwards it was Electricity and Analytical Chemistry

that seemed the most attractive callings, and now I suppose almost every boy wants to be a Wireless expert or a Motor engineer.

It was in Mr. Voules's time that the playing field was made in two levels, and we boys laid the turf. The bigger boys wheeled the barrows and the prefects superintended the actual laying, which was done by small boys. On the lower level, where the annual sports are held now, we had a cinder track, and bicycle races on solid tyres!

We used to have "Six-aside" football matches, twenty minutes, I think it was, each way. Very fast and furious games they were, too. Eight teams were picked, and played by rounds, Cup-tie fashion, in the early summer evenings, and they were a source of great excitement. One year (perhaps 1890) there was an outbreak of typhoid, and the School drains had to be overhauled, so we had school in the Market Hall, and the Queen's Park was our playground.

There were frequent fights, but very little bullying, and we were taught to uphold our School inside and out. The prefects had a good deal of power and responsibility, and part of their duty was to put down bullying and to see that boys "played the game." Other duties were to call the roll, read the "lessons" at morning prayers, and stand by during a "caning."

In choosing prefects, Mr. Voules seemed to attach more importance to "esprit de corps" and good manners than to scholastic ability, but it quite often happened then, and probably does to-day, that a boy combined all these virtues.

The investiture of a new prefect was an occasion for very solemn ceremonial, and I have no doubt that the ceremony, and the way Mr. Voules conducted it, had a great influence in making us respect the boy who wore a black and yellow tassel on his "mortar-board."

VALETE.

[Only boys whose education continues until the age of sixteen are recorded.]

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| MIDDLETON, H. | Came 1917. School Certificate, 1921; County Intermediate Exhibition, 1921; Preliminary Examination for Chartered Accountants, 1922; School Prefect (Captain of Lingard House), 1921; Captain of Football, 1921-2; Captain of Cricket, 1922. |
| BRADLEY, G. | Came 1917. School Certificate, 1920; County Intermediate Exhibition, 1920; School Prefect (Captain of Clarke House) 1922. |
| ROBERTS, G. N. | Came 1916. School Certificate, 1920; Distinction in Chemistry. |
| RICHARDS, C. E. | Came 1913. School Certificate, 1922. |
| GRAYSON, G. T. | Came 1917. |
| HAWKINS, S. H. | Came 1914. |
| HIND. | Came 1917. |
| BISHOP, J. | Came 1917; Public School Common Entrance Nov., 1922. |
| WARNER. | Came 1919. Captain Junior Rugby Football, 1922. |

MR. T. BRADBURY, BA.

It is with very great regret that we record the death of Mr. T. Bradbury, who came to the School in Sept., 1922, and died on 16th Dec. following. Mr. Bradbury, who was Senior Mathematics Master and Form Master of the Science and Maths. Vith, was an exceptionally well qualified teacher. Having gone to Cambridge, Sidney Sussex College, with an Open

Scholarship, he took the Mathematical Tripos, Part I., in 1917, when he was placed in Class I.; the second part he took in 1919 and in this also he gained a First. In 1920 he took the Natural Science Tripos, Part II., and gained a Second. He was a man of exemplary character; his quietness and integrity impressed us all. His loss was deplorable. The whole School felt deep sorrow at the untimely death of one so gifted and so much liked.

THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN DERBYSHIRE,

With Special Reference to Chesterfield and its Environs.

During the eighteenth century the famous “revolutions” in both industry and agriculture took place. These “revolutions” so completely changed all the existing methods that a new start in these two spheres of life was made. By the substitution of machine-power for hand or human-power in many industries, production became both quicker and greater. The economic advantages of this were enormous. In this complete change, sufficient reason is found by historians to name it the Industrial Revolution.

Such a revolution could not fail to have an effect on Derbyshire. Before the Industrial Revolution Derbyshire was almost wholly an agricultural county, but this agriculture consisted almost entirely of sheep and cattle farming. The extensive breeding of sheep and cattle led to a number of inclosures of pasture land. The advantages of separate pasture were obvious. It was most probably better in quality, it saved labour and - a very important consideration - it was some protection against the infectious diseases from which the animals suffered severely. From the end of the sixteenth century till the eighteenth, inclosures were taking place continually in Derbyshire; but they caused very little real hardship, for the rights of the freeholders were carefully respected.

Early last century Mr. W. B. Thomas, of Chesterfield, interested himself in introducing the Merino breed of sheep into the county. He had a farm at Boythorpe, one at Brampton, and another at Baslow, and Farey tells us that in order to excite attention to the advantages of breeding Merino sheep, Mr. Thomas invited the agriculturists of the district to be present annually at his sheep-shearing when he exhibited the wool of the animals, their mutton, and the cloth manufactured from the wool. In 1819 the Scarsdale and High Peak Agricultural Society was formed, and in 1860 the Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society, which carries on much of the work of the older society.

The industrial growth of Derbyshire in the eighteenth century was accompanied by a very great improvement in the means of communication throughout the country. During the eighteenth century intercourse with London was frequent. A post had been established between London and Derby shortly after the Restoration. The journey between the places occupied three days, and there were two posts a week. The first turnpike road was from the bridge over the Trent at Shardlow, through Derby to Brassington, and was called the Kedleston Road. During the nineteenth century many excellent turnpike roads were made connecting Derby by various routes with Manchester and Sheffield. A number of canals were constructed for goods traffic. The Chesterfield Canal was projected by Brindley, and the Act of Parliament authorising its construction was obtained in 1770, and the canal was finished seven years later. The Erewash Canal was also constructed about the same time.

As Chesterfield was on one of the main coach routes from London to Leeds, it is not surprising to find that when railway construction began, an important line was laid out to pass through the town. It was the first link of the North Midland Railway, which was intended at first to connect Derby and Leeds. It is interesting to note that the very earliest use, above ground, of iron rails, flanged to keep the wheel on the track was at the Wingerworth ironstone pits about 1788.

The growth of population in Derbyshire was remarkable during the nineteenth century. The midland shire added 450,000 to its population in one hundred years. Chesterfield, too, greatly increased in population. In 1801, the parish of Chesterfield contained 1,048 houses, with a population of 4,267; in 1861 it contained 1,985 houses with a population of 9,886; whilst at the last census Chesterfield had a population of 61,000.

Towards the end of the seventeenth century framework knitting was introduced into Derbyshire. This spread rapidly into Derby, Heanor and Ilkeston. At the beginning of the next century silk growing was begun, and the first silk mill in England was erected at Derby. Several other silk mills were erected in various parts of the county, one of which was in South Place, Chesterfield, where for several years the industry was carried on. The silk was used for hosiery purposes, and this caused Derbyshire to become the chief centre of the silk hosiery trade in the Midland counties.

A few years ago the Duke of Portland tried to revive flax growing. In 1829 there were flax spinning mills at Kelstedge, Darley, Matlock, etc., and the linen threads, or yarn, were woven into sheeting at Chesterfield and New Whittington.

In 1803, Chesterfield became a depot for French prisoners captured in the long struggle with Napoleon, and they introduced a new industry into the town - glove-making - but a few years after their departure it died out. Farey enumerates in detail the manufactures of Chesterfield at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and from his lists it appears that Chesterfield was the only place in which carpet weaving was carried on. Hat making was another industry which has disappeared, and Beaver Place (now covered by the Great Central Market Place Station) indicates where the once popular beaver hats were made. There were also in Chesterfield several lace manufacturers; two in Lordsmill Street, one in Wheeldon Lane, and one or two at Brampton. Other industries which were carried on were flax spinning at Brampton and Holymoorside, the manufacture of bridle bits and buckles of cast iron at Brampton, and of steel at Bolsover. There were also cutlery works both at Brampton and Chesterfield.

By the end of the eighteenth century the coal trade was in a flourishing condition. Although the number of the mines in the county was large, the mines themselves were small. The coal mining industry round Chesterfield really dates from the making of the Clay Cross tunnel, when a number of excellent seams of coal were found. Consequently the Clay Cross Company was formed. In the neighbourhood of Brampton some seams of coal were worked continually by boys, but as a rule boys were not employed as hewers.

On account of the application of coal to industrial purposes, the growth of the iron industry was immense. In 1806 the total output of pig iron in Derbyshire was 9,000 tons, of which 2,400 tons were produced in Chesterfield and 3,000 in Hasland, Wingerworth, Staveley and Duckmanton. The largest firm in Derbyshire was that of Messrs. Ebenezer Smith and Co., who owned the extensive "Griffin Works" in Chesterfield, and the "Adelphi Works," on Duckmanton Common. The "Cannon Mill" of Messrs. Robinson and Co., which stands upon the site of the old "Griffin Works," recalls the manufacture of cannons for the Napoleonic Wars.

Such was the effect of the Industrial Revolution on Derbyshire. It stimulated agriculture, opened up the country by the introduction of railways, and last, but not least, greatly increased the coal and iron industry. Derbyshire now presents the spectacle of a county adapted naturally to many industries; it can hardly be said, however, that it has developed its resources to the full in any one direction. Before the Industrial Revolution, Derbyshire was a county which was noted only for the beauty of its scenery; after the Industrial Revolution, Derbyshire took its place amongst the principal industrial counties.

J. O. DAVIES (VI. Mod).

THE O.C. ANNUAL DINNER.

On Friday, Jan. 12th, the Old Cestrefeldians held their annual dinner and re-union at the Station Hotel. Mr. A. E. P. Voules, who retired from the headmastership in 1894, supported the President, Mr. J. Mansell.

After the honouring of the toasts of "The King" and "Absent O.C.'s who gave their lives for their King," the President rose to give "The School." Mr. Mansell, after expressing a fear that the presence of three headmasters might mar the pleasure of the proceedings, passed on to speak of the present state of the School. With the numbers of their pupils ever increasing, the old endowed schools were finding it somewhat difficult to carry on. The speaker suggested that what was required was a number of pious benefactors or refounders. He did not know of any more certain way of gaining the

undying gratitude of future generations - if he might say so - than by giving help in this direction. The memory of the names of Foljambe, Clarke, Heathcote, Large and Lingard, immortalised in the old School song, had remained ever green.

Mr. Bescoby, replying, said that they were trying hard to maintain the high standard set in the past. The School was now one of the few that were State-aided but not maintained, and it was their desire not to become a burden to the rates. Their numbers were now about 400; the number of examination successes was about the average for the country.

In the absence of Mr. Gerald Edmunds, Mr. O. J. W. Kerr proposed the toast of "Our Guest." He extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Voules, and recalled many happy (and sorrowful) memories of the days of long ago, when the toasted guest was the headmaster of many of the Old Boys present.

Mr. Voules first thanked the company for the honour which they had paid him in asking him to be present. He had firmly resolved, come what might, to be present at the dinner that evening. He had now completed 50 years' service in the teaching profession, and was much in the position of a critic, watching other men at work. When he first arrived at the School in Easter, 1885, there were only 28 boys, four of whom were under notice to leave. Mr. Voules said that it had always been his aim to cultivate the esprit de corps - a genuine love of the old school. The flourishing state of the Old Certrefeldian Society showed him clearly that his work had not been entirely in vain. The first Old Boys' Association had its birth in a Musical Society formed by Alfred Glossop, Wilfrid Hill, and others. The practices were held in a room next to his own - a fact which he well remembered!

In conclusion, Mr. Voules referred to the loss sustained by the School in the death of Mr. J. A. L. Guilmant, who had been ever, he said, a true and trusted friend both of boys and masters.

Mr. H. H. Berresford created some amusement by recalling one of his own interviews with Mr. Voules, when great sorrow to his person resulted. He proposed "The Old Cestrefeldian Society," and stated that the aim of the Society was to continue to uphold the honourable traditions of the old School, when its members had left their school life behind.

Mr. Wilfrid Hill replied, in the absence of Mr. S. C. Greaves, who, through a recent bereavement, was unable to attend. Mr. Hill announced that messages had been received from Old Boys from far and near, who were not able to be present at the dinner.

The toast of "The Chairman" was given by Coun. A. Glossop, and later in the evening some business was transacted, several Society elections being made, namely: President, Coun. A. Glossop; treasurer, Mr. E. Toplis; Mr. S. C. Greaves re-elected as secretary.

[A full report will be found in "The Derbyshire Times" of 20th January, 1923.]

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EDITORIAL.

According to the calendar, Midsummer Day has been and gone. In reality, fickle Summer is only just beginning to put in a tardy appearance, and yet the Summer Term is now drawing to a close. Winter came; Spring came; we waited and waited in vain. Then arose the fearful doubt, "Are we going to have any Summer?" For weeks things looked decidedly black, in more senses than one: a few optimistic tennis enthusiasts turned out in flannels and overcoats, but the biting wind was too much for them, and they perished! At the time of writing, however, the outlook is rather better. Old Sol has once more decided to unveil his face, and Nature is reviving rapidly under his kindly attention.

A correspondent in one of our leading newspapers points out that Summer cannot altogether be blamed for her belated arrival. Our so-called "Midsummer Day" - June 21st - has really nothing at all to do with the middle of Summer, being merely a convenient day fixed for the payment of rent during the summer quarter. In point of fact, the real "Midsummer Day" is August 9th. Thus we ought not to grumble if Summer fails to appear in her full glory before the end of June.

But there is a decidedly brighter aspect to the situation. The Weather has provided a splendid topic of conversation - in fact, one is inclined to believe that, had the Clerk of the Weather carried out his duties in a reasonably sane manner, all the springs of conversation would have been dried up at their source. An Englishman needs something to grumble about, and the English climate is admirably calculated to satisfy this want. Everyone has his own pet explanation of the meteorological phenomena, and will argue for hours upon the subject. One person attributes the cloudy weather to volcanic disturbances; another-puts it down to the abnormal amount of electricity in the atmosphere. One man, shivering violently, avers that the Gulf Stream has altered its course; another attributes the cold to the presence of icebergs near our shores.

And yet, in spite of all these plausible theories, no one ever succeeds in doing anything to remedy climatic conditions. We are compelled just to grin and bear bad weather. Some day, perhaps, this state of affairs may be altered. To-day, it is possible to ring up the Telephone Exchange and learn what the morrow has in store - clouds or sunshine. It is not inconceivable that at some period in the distant future, John Bull will be able to ring up and ORDER his own weather. Why not? Why not?

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Editor of "John o' London's Weekly" has kindly allowed us to use the block for the portrait of 'Dr; Bradley, which appeared recently in that paper, and we have been able to have as frontispiece a portrait of our most distinguished Old Boy. Dr. Bradley died during the Term. An account of his life and work will be found in the present number of the Magazine.

We congratulate A. C. Bottomley on winning both the James Gaskell Scholarship and a Hulme Hall Scholarship at Manchester University. It is a most creditable finish to a successful School career.

A very interesting set of pictures and models has reached the School on loan from South Kensington. Besides being very useful as illustrations of architecture, they add to the decoration of the School. We are very fortunate in having such fine photographs and original drawings.

We are glad to publish the sonnet written by G. R. Colliss, of IV.a. It is hoped to include more of such literary efforts in future numbers of the Magazine.

During the Term most Forms attended an exhibition of lantern slides showing features of daily life in Paris. Illustrations were shown of trams, 'buses and trains, policemen and railway porters, women costers and bread deliverers, 'bus drivers and conductors. A number of un-English characteristics were noticed, for instance, the "octroi," the shape of the bread loaves, a snail-shop - "à l'Escargot d'or" - the policeman's sword.

In June there died Pierre Loti, the French novelist and sailor, who wrote so many novels the stories of which are set in many different countries and climates. Perhaps his most famous novel, at any rate among schoolboys, is the one

describing the hard work and the risks of the adventurous Breton fishermen who sail as far as Iceland in their fishing expeditions which keep them from home for long and anxious periods of time. His prose is a splendid example of the French love of accuracy of word and expression, of the infinite care exerted - the search for the very word that perfectly expresses the author's thought.

The Sports, an account of which is given separately, took place with much success in spite of the cold weather. Most of the Term, indeed, has been accompanied by cheerless weather.

Boys entered for the School Certificate examination have had the experience of undergoing the optional oral examination conducted by a Frenchman.

This Term the representatives of the various Forms are as follows :

VI. - Science and Maths. - Hays.

Up.V.a. - Peters.

Up.V.b. - Padbury.

Lr.V.a. - Sims.

Lr.V.b. - Borman.

IV.a. - Martin.

IV.b. - Covill.

IV.c.- Lansdown.

We are indebted to a number of them for the interest they have shown in the Magazine and the help they have given towards getting original contributions.

We are glad to note this Term a marked keenness in cricket.

The School wireless is now in order, and receives from the usual stations, including London. The actual construction of the apparatus has been carried out by J. D. Gray (Science and Maths., VI.). The intricate mass of wires and black boxes, from which valves seem to sprout over-night, is somewhat puzzling to the uninitiated. It is, however, actually possible to hear things in the receivers when some initiated magician kindly condescends to manipulate certain knobs. The programme is very varied. Listeners-in have picked up all sorts of things out of the ether, not the least interesting of which were some lectures on Domestic Science. Anyway, the people at the other end certainly do try hard, especially the lady singers!

OLD BOYS' DAY.

Old Boys' Day this year will be on Wednesday, July 25th. There will be the usual cricket match (School v. Old Boys) in the afternoon, and a concert in the Drill Hall in the evening.

All Old Boys will be heartily welcomed, and we hope that many will re-visit their old School on that day.

HENRY BRADLEY.

On the 23rd May, 1923, there died Dr. Henry Bradley, the most famous "old boy" of Chesterfield Grammar School. By his own very remarkable native gifts and effort he rose from the position of an unknown clerk in a commercial office to that of one of England's greatest philologists, a man whose name will always be known in this branch of learning.

Henry Bradley was born in Manchester in 1845, and was educated at this School, which he entered in 1854. On leaving, he did not go to a university, as one would have expected from the great position he achieved in the world of scholarship, but worked for a time at the anomalous profession of teaching. He soon, however, entered as foreign correspondent the office of a cutlery firm in Sheffield.

During this time his real interest was in the study of language and literature. When, in 1884, he went to London he worked with ever greater activity in this study, and contributed to the leading literary papers of the day.

It is notable that Henry Bradley, who became so skilled in his own branch of learning, received no formal education beyond that which he received at Chesterfield. He became President of the Philological Society, which post he held time and again for several years in succession. In 1891 Oxford gave him the honorary degree of M.A. He published a number of books dealing with English language and literature. But it was when Professor York Powell introduced Dr. Bradley to Sir James Murray, the editor of the "New English Dictionary," which is now known as the "Oxford Dictionary," that Dr. Bradley was given the work for which he was most fitted, a work requiring immense labour and the highest powers of mind, imagination and memory. It was only natural that he succeeded Dr. Murray as senior editor. He occupied this post when he died. Dr. Bradley was, it may be added, a contributor to the Dictionary of National Biography.

It was not till 1914 that he received the honorary degree of D.Lit. at Oxford, but in 1916 in this University a great honour, extraordinary in the case of a man without college training, was conferred on him when he was made a Fellow of Magdalen College. He was also a Fellow of the British Academy.

In a leading article entitled "The Scholar," published in "The Times," an appreciation of Dr. Bradley is made. The writer said with regard to scholars: "There are two kinds of scholar - the narrow and the broad, the small and the large. . . . The small is the scholar by exclusion and he prides himself on knowing something thoroughly; but he achieves this thoroughness by knowing nothing else. He is called a learned man, the word being curiously used only of certain kinds of knowledge; but outside that he is proudly and obstinately ignorant." The great scholar, like Bradley, is free from the disease of pride that infects the "small scholar." He was not brought up to regard himself as a learned man. "It was interest in his subject that made him a scholar, and it did not exclude interest in other subjects. He is compared with Gibbon for the large range and great depth of his knowledge."

In conclusion, quotation may be made of an American tribute, which appeared in a letter addressed to the Editor of "The Times": "He was a prince of philology in its broadest sense, a lover of learning and humanity, an artist in letters resting upon the application of the science of linguistics."

THOMAS JAMES THORBURN.

Dr. Thorburn, who was a master here some years ago, has died recently. He was born in 1858, and was educated at Christ College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. degree (Natural Science Tripos) in 1879. He became a schoolmaster, and was second master at Chesterfield Grammar School from 1882 - 1885. Then he became Senior Science Master at King Edward VII.'s School, Sheffield, which he left to become Headmaster of Caistor School. In 1897 he was appointed Headmaster of Odiham.

In 1895 Mr. Thorburn received the degree of LLD., Dublin, while in 1910 Cambridge made him a Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Thorburn was the author of a number of books, the last of which, "The Mythological Interpretation of the Gospels," brought him substantial reward, for with it he gained a valuable prize offered in an open competition by one of the American universities.

VALETE.

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| Farmer, G. W. | Came 1918. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate, July, 1920. London Matriculation, January, 1923. Prefect of Foljambe House 1921. Head of School 1921-3. 1 st XI. Cricket 1922. |
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| Charlesworth, J. L. | Came 1915. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate, July, 1921. School Prefect 1922. Prefect of Lingard House 1922. 1 st XI. Cricket 1922-3. Cricket Secretary 1922. Captain of Tennis 1923. |
| Davies, J. O. | Came 1917. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate and Matriculation (Distinction in History) 1922. |
| O'Farrell, S. J. | Came 1913. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate 1922. School Prefect 1922. 1st XI. Football 1921-2, 1922-3. |
| Wallis, A. S. | Came 1919. |
| Davies, T. S. | Came 1920. |
| Proctor, A. B. | Came 1918. |

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EDITORIAL.

Throughout the whole of the Winter Term one common thought buoys up everyone's spirits - Christmas will soon be here. Up to Half-Term, the time to December 25th is reckoned broadly by weeks, or even by months. Soon after Half-Term even the individual days are counted, and zealously ticked off one by one as they fly past. For fly they do, when there is something to look forward to at the end of them.

We are afraid that the old Santa Claus myth has been allowed, of late, to fall into disrepute. The brain of the modern infant matures so quickly that it would be almost an insult to his credulity to ask him to put faith in the existence of a benevolent old gentleman, traversing the ether in a reindeer sledge, and descending every chimney to place gifts in the stockings of the deserving. In these days of gas fires, central heating and wireless aerials, the thing is manifestly impossible. Yet it is a pity that twentieth century children should be robbed of the simple pleasure which former generations have taken in allowing themselves to be deceived by the time-honoured legend. It is the tendency of this age of hustle and bustle to regard with contempt anything savouring of the romantic and imaginative.

But Christmas still retains much of its old power, and even the hardest hearts soften at the festive season, and join in the general cheerfulness. Mince-pies and puddings, holly and mistletoe, still have some of their old magic. The true, old-fashioned Christmas feeling, even more so than the modern Kruschen feeling, is a capital thing to get, and it is to be hoped that as long as England exists, the festival will be allowed to lose nothing of its traditional joyousness. Meanwhile, we can only express a sincere wish that each of our readers may have as happy a Christmas as that which we devoutly hope will fall to the Editorial lot.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Shortly after half-term we suffered the loss of Charles Edward Sharinan, who died after a very brief illness. The Headmaster, together with representatives of his Form, attended the funeral, and wreaths were sent by his class-mates and travelling companions. Always a great favourite with both boys and masters, he will be much missed; our deepest sympathy goes out to his parents.

We were very pleased to have Dr. MacDermot back again, and we hope that he has entirely recovered from the effects of his illness. During his absence, the Rev. D. Stephens, for the second time, kindly joined the staff.

We welcome this term three new masters – or rather, let us say, one new one, for two of them were previously known to many of us as pupils. They are -

Mr. T. P. HADDOCK, B.A. (Cantab.), (2nd Class Hon. Nat. Sci. Tripos);

Mr. D. W. LAMBERT, B.A. (Cantab.), (2nd Class Hon. Hist. and Eng. Tripos);

Mr. C. O. DRABBLE, B.A. (Oxon), (Lit. Hum.).

On Monday, November 26th, at the invitation of Miss Munro, the two VIth Forms and Upper V.B. visited the High School to hear a Shakespearean reading by Professor Moore-Smith of Sheffield University. The lecture was intended to mark the anniversary of the publication, in 1623, of Heminge and Condell's First Folio of Shakespeare's works. Professor Moore-Smith outlined the characters of Henry V., Hotspur and Falstaff, as presented in the two parts of "King Henry IV." and "King Henry V.," and several of the charming songs from the plays were sung. We are indebted to Miss Munroe for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Our late Headmaster, Mr. J. Mansell, offered himself as a candidate in the recent Municipal Elections, and was returned unopposed. We tender to him our heartiest congratulations upon his entry into municipal life and local government. It could hardly be expected of one so active as Mr. Mansell that he should remain altogether idle in his retirement.

Since the publication of our last number there has taken place the death of the Rev. F. B. Allison, M.A., who followed the Rev. F. Calder as Headmaster of this School. Mr. Allison held the post before Mr. A. E. P. Voules.

The present number contains an account of this year's Speech Day. We are thinking of adding to our Editorial Staff a fashions specialist, one who can in tasteful language discuss the beauty and harmony of the colours of the robes that appeared on the platform. The spectators' eyes had ample choice of hue on which to rest - crimsons of various kinds, blues, and sombre and beneficent blacks.

This term has seen a successful revival of the Cadet Corps. Military uniforms have appeared in School, but so far we have not come across any instance of fiery martial ardour, nor, it is needless to say, do we anticipate any such thing. The serious work of the Corps was soon begun, and members are no doubt looking forward to the summer camp.

One of the best attended meetings of the School during this term was the one held in an impromptu manner one morning outside the main entrance when a certain master arrived at School on four wheels instead of on his feet, as he had been wont to do. By this time, we believe, both fear and admiration have ceased to possess our spectators.

The sight of the very large number of people who came to the last Prize Distribution made us wish more than ever that we possessed a large fine hall, as beautiful as that in the Girls' School, but larger.

The Form representatives this term are as follows:

VI. Sci. and Maths: Hays.

VI. Mod.: Nelson, Bond (Assistant Editors).

U.V.b.: Hodkin.

U.V.b.: Gray.

L.V.a.: Martin.

L.V.b.: Urton.

L.V.c.: Unwin.

IV.a.: Cuff.

IV.b.: Stokes.

IV.b.: Boocock

The School numbers having increased, we now have a Form Lower V.c. Do the members of this Form realise that nothing like them (in this respect) has existed before?

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

This great annual event took place in the hall of the Girls' High School on the 27th July last, when H. Bompas Smith, Esq., Professor of Education in the University of Manchester, presented the prizes. The presence of Professor Smith marked a renewal of his experience of the School, for he had attended it for a short period as a pupil.

On the platform were Lieut.-Col. J. M. Clayton, Chairman of the Governors, who presided, the Mayor of Chesterfield, Alderman G. Clark, the Headmaster, Dr. G. Booth, Councillor A. Glossop, Mr. W. Jacques, Dr. MacDermot, and, of course, Professor Smith.

In his speech, Mr. Bescoby drew attention to the successes gained during the year, the most important being those of W. H. McCrea and A. C. Bottomley at Cambridge and Manchester respectively. He spoke about the School's success in games and in School work, and emphasised the need for the removal of the cramping conditions caused by the use of the Grammar School buildings by the Evening Technical School. He concluded by saying: "Our one aim is to turn out well-informed, trustworthy, honest and well-mannered citizens."

Prof. Smith gave a very interesting account of his school days at Chesterfield. In reference to current educational topics he showed the extent of the improvement that had taken place during recent years, although he inclined to think that somewhat too much importance was allowed the administrative side. The schools, he declared, should be the outposts in the nation's advance.

After the Chairman had congratulated the Head Master and the staff on the results of the year's work, the Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to Professor Smith. Mr. Jacques, in seconding, made a hopeful announcement in regard to the Technical School when he said that Alderman Eastwood had given £25,000 towards the cost of the erection of the Technical School buildings.

During the evening the School choir sang a number of songs. The ceremony ended with the usual cheers.

(Details of prize winners followed – Ed.)

VALETE.

- Bottomley, A. C. (679). Came Sept., 1916. Northern University School Certificate and Matriculation, July, 1920, four distinctions. Higher Certificate, July, 1922, Distinction in Pure Mathematics. County Intermediate Scholarship, 1920. County Major Scholarship, 1922. Jaines Gaskell Scholarship, Manchester University, June, 1923. Hulme Hall Scholarship, 1923. Captain, Large House, 1921.
- McCrea, W. H. (702). Came Sept., 1916. School Certificate and Matriculation, July, 1920, four distinctions. London Inter. B.Sc., 1921. Higher Certificate, July, 1922, Distinctions in Pure and Applied Mathematics. County Intermediate Scholarship, July, 1920, Open Mathematics. Scholarship, Trinity College, Cambridge, Dec., 1922. County Major Scholarship (1st on list), 1922. School Prefect, 1922.
- Merifield, F. B. (784). Came Sept., 1917. School Certificate, July, 1921. Intermediate Schol., 1922. Higher Certificate, 1923. 1st XI. Cricket, 1922. 1st XI. (Association), 1923. School Prefect, 1923. Cricket Captain, 1923.
- Charlesworth, J. L. (604). Came Sept., 1915. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate, July, 1921. Preliminary Examination Chartered Accountants, June, 1923. School Prefect, 1922. 1st XI. Cricket, 1922 and 1923. Cricket Secretary, 1922. Tennis Captain, 1922.
- Gray, J. D. (620). Came Sept., 1915. School Certificate, July, 1921. Higher Certificate, July, 1923. Captain of Clarke House, 1922.
- Paintin, E. D. (792). Came Sept. 1917. School Certificate, 1921.
- Pilkington, D. (797). Came Sept., 1917. School Certificate, July, 1921. 1st XI. Football (Association), 1922. 1st XI. Cricket, 1922 and 1923.
- Walters, F. (730). Came Sept., 1916. School Certificate and Matriculation, July, 1920, Distinction in French and Mathematics. Higher Certificate, July, 1923, Distinction in Pure Mathematics.
- Bonser, E. S. (757). Came Sept., 1917. School Certificate, July, 1922, Distinction in Mathematics. London Matriculation, 1923.
- Peppitt, J. (796). Came Sept., 1917. School Certificate and Matriculation, July, 1922.
- Bavin, H. (830). Came Sept., 1918. School Certificate, 1922.
- Lowe, C. B. (868). Came Sept., 1918. School Certificate, 1922, Distinction in History and Drawing. 1st XI. (Association), 1921-2. Football Captain, 1922-3. 1st XI. Cricket, 1922 and 1923.
- Walker, F. W. S. (896). Came Sept., 1918. School Certificate, 1923.
- Green, J. R. (941). Came Sept., 1919. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1922. School Certificate, 1923. 1st XI. Association Football, 1923.
- Higginbottom, G. A. (948). Came Sept., 1919. Foundation School, 1922. School Certificate, July, 1923.
- Lawrence, W. E. (958). Came Sept., 1919. School Certificate, July, 1923.
- Pountain, E. (883). Came Sept., 1918. County Intermediate Schol., 1921. School Certificate, July, 1923. 1st XI. Association Football, 1923.
- Platts, J. W. (882). Came Sept., 1918. County Intermediate Schol., 1921. School Certificate, July, 1923.
- Simmons, E. H. (888). Came Sept., 1918. County Intermediate Schol., 1921. School Certificate, July, 1923.

Stephens, L. N. (801). Came Sept., 1917. School Certificate, July, 1923.
 Taylor, A. (979). Came Sept., 1919.
 Ackroyd, L. E. (593). Came April, 1915.
 Bennett, J. (753). Came Sept., 1917. 1st XI. (Association), 1921-2-3. Junior Championship Cup (Athletics), 1920.
 Carr, W. H. C. (1009). Came Sept., 1920.
 Farnsworth, G. W. H. (84.7). Came Sept., 1918. 1st XI. (Association), 1921-2.
 Harris, C. (856). Came Sept., 1918. Intermediate Schol., 1922. School Certificate, July, 1923.
 Holmes, F. (860). Came Sept., 1918.
 Little, R. J. (633). Came Sept., 1915. Tennis Secretary, 1923.
 Oatey, R. (878). Came Sept., 1918.
 Padbury, L. (791). Came Sept., 1917. 1st XI. Cricket, 1923.
 Swindell, E. W. (804). Came 1917. School Certificate, July, 1923.
 Charles, A. (837). Came Sept., 1918. School Certificate and Matriculation, July, 1928. 1st XI. Cricket 1921 and 1923. 1st XI. Association Football, 1921 and 1923.
 Howes-Smith, C. A. (952). Came Sept., 1919.
 Dentith, J. A. (932). Came Sept., 1922.
 Bridges, K. A. L. (993). Came May, 1920.
 Ford, L. A. G. (765). Came Sept., 1917.
 Lawman, C. W. (1123). Came Sept., 1921.
 Watson, H. L. (1141). Came Sept., 1921.

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EDITORIAL.

The Schoolboy is undoubtedly the most important living thing in creation. This statement, we sincerely hope, none of our readers will desire to contradict. As Wordsworth so neatly expresses it: "The child is father of the man"; the schoolboy of to-day is the citizen of to-morrow. But it is not our intention merely to re-echo these time-worn phrases. It is our desire to air a little grievance to our sympathetic readers. During the first five or six hundred years of our literary history, the Schoolboy was rarely, if ever, mentioned in literature.

We hardly venture to think that this critical discovery of ours will seriously affect the literary reputations of England's greatest authors, from Chaucer down to Scott. But we wish to register a grave suggestion that a literature which pretended to deal with life - the whole of life - and which missed out all mention of so important a being as the Schoolboy, was a literature open to serious criticism.

We find the Schoolboy mentioned in jolly old Chaucer; he was not too proud to admit a "lyttel childe" into his considerations. He tells us of the poor little Christian schoolboy who was murdered by Jews; after his death his corpse still continued to chant "Alma Redemptoris Mater" - a song he had learned on his way to school.

Shakespeare, though so marvellous a recorder of human character, always seems to have depicted his schoolboys in tears. He refers to "the whining schoolboy, with his satchel," and then again likens a man in tears to a weeping schoolboy "that hath lost his A.B.C."

John Evelyn, in his Diary, mentions schoolboys only to chide them, after giving a little grudging praise, for their "odd pronouncing of Latine, so that out of England none were able to understand or endure it." There was little sympathy with the Schoolboy's feelings and tastes.

Of course, in the nineteenth century matters improved; authors began to realise the importance of the Schoolboy; he gained his rightful share of notice, long withheld. Nowadays we have books and plays - accorded a place, too, in first-class literature - whose heroes and heroines are schoolboys and schoolgirls. The Schoolboy has come into his own.

SCHOOL NOTES.

During the War a new article was added to the Englishman's Creed of Grumbles. Besides the Weather, he came to include High Prices in his daily catalogue of woes. Since the War prices have shown little tendency to drop. It is thus with a glow of patriotic fervour that we announce a fall in the price of the "Cestrefeldian" to boys in the School. It has given us real pleasure to hand out sixpence change to subscribers who tendered us the customary half-crown.

At the beginning of this term we welcomed Mr. F. W. Woods, B.A., who combines the teaching of history and the management of the Cadet Corps.

We regret to record the death of Frederick Reginald Carpenter, of South Wingfield, an old boy of our School. He came here from Clay Cross Secondary School, and afterwards proceeded to Sheffield University, where he took the Intermediate B.Sc. examination. During the War he served in the Navy.

On March 27th there is to be held for the first time a Parents' Evening, when parents will be able to meet masters. There will also be various exhibitions of school-work and of hobbies. Other distractions will consist of choral singing and a lantern lecture.

December of last year seems a long time ago now, but we regard that as no reason why we should not print at this, the first available opportunity, an account of the performance of the play that was produced at the end of last term. Seeing that these plays are a regular feature of the Christmas term, just as the concert is of the Summer term, it might be well for a Play Society to be formed in order to undertake this work. Such a society, already more or less existing, but in a very disconnected way, might meet from time to time, and prepare, with the additional zeal that comes from membership of a corporate body, plays of real literary value, perhaps some modern light comedies.

Those boys whose handiwork at the moment these words are being penned is on exhibition at Derby, will be glad to read the following message from them, which, through the medium of the Master who saw them at Derby on their arrival, we are enabled to give: "At first we confess we thought we were going to have a poor journey, for not only was the weather bad when we set off in the small car that was provided for us, so fragile and so bulky, but we were packed with such seeming insecurity. Things looked a little brighter, however, when we reached the neighbouring girls' school, where some of your sisters' work joined us. Then, through rain and sleet we went ahead, feeling more and more gloomy, for but little care had been taken to make us comfortable. Suddenly we turned up what must literally be the worst paved street in Europe. We stopped in front of a house into which our guardian rushed, leaving most of us in the car. We do not know, but we believe that during this interval he had his lunch. Soon, he came out again, and, to our unbounded joy, re-packed us, covering those of us who were exposed to the weather, with a waterproof sheet. He also very carefully tied us securely with ropes and string. Then we set off. At a good pace and in brighter weather away we went along the high road, via Ambergate and Dufield to Derby, where at the County Education Offices we were received with open arms."

On Thursday, Feb. 28th, Mr. Petch, of the Classical Society, lectured to the School on "The Romans in South Britain." Mr. Petch dealt with the civil occupation of Britain by the Romans, which extended over the southern half of the island, the remaining territory, with Wales, being held by armed force. The interesting slides indicated how much history lessons might be improved by the use of a magic lantern.

Through the kindness of the Chesterfield High School Old Girls' Dramatic Society, a small party of Shakespearian enthusiasts attended the performance of "As You Like It," given at the High School on Feb. 28th. The acting was of a very high standard; we were touched by the infirmity of Adam, convulsed by the sallies of Touchstone, and thrilled by the sweetness of the fair Rosalind.

As a result of a free distribution to upper forms during the first few weeks of the term, of copies of the Home and Classroom Section of the Times Educational Supplement, seven-eight boys are taking the section weekly.

On Monday, March 3rd, through the kindness of Miss Munro, we were again invited to visit the High School, to hear a lecture on "Roman Ghosts." The lecturer regaled his audience with numerous weird stories. We must confess that upon hearing of a fearful female spectre, one hundred yards in height, we concluded that he must be "stretching it" a little. Other cheerful tales of murder, spirits and sudden death, provided splendid material for a sleepless night.

We have been asked to refer to the Tancred Studentships in Divinity, Physic, and Law, tenable at Cambridge and Lincoln's Inn. Candidates must be natives of Great Britain, of the religion of the Church of England, and must declare that they are unable to obtain this education without the aid of a Tancred Studentship or pecuniary assistance of a similar nature. Examinations (which are not entirely competitive) are held at Cambridge in the Easter terms preceding the times of election. The next examinations will be held at Easter this year for electing one student in Divinity and one in Law. The next expected vacancy in Physic will be in 1925.

In June next, a party of over sixty will visit London and the Wembley Exhibition. Mr. Smith will lead the expedition, which hopes to see, besides the British Empire Exhibition, such famous places as St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and the Houses of Parliament.

We hear rumours that the Dancing Class has extended its sphere of operations. Certain seniors now learn to tread "the quaint mazes in the wanton green," or rather, we should say, "wanton gym.," every Thursday afternoon. We commend their ardour; the terpsichorean art is a social grace with which all ought to be familiar.

From an interview with a high authority, we learn that the Cadet Corps feels its exclusiveness. Cadets are cut off from their fellows by dress, by a proper feeling that the rest of the world is disorderly and undisciplined, and by a knowledge of the mysteries of drill, especially by numbers. Occasionally, it must be admitted, Cadets give thanks that they are not as other men are, but that only makes them all the more eager to make other men like themselves, and the Corps hopes next term to be able to take more recruits. Only the best, however, are wanted; and the Corps gives notice to the best,

who, of course, will easily recognise themselves, to prepare themselves for joining next term. The Corps hopes next term to get more time to itself and to widen its activities. So get ready - but only the best.

We are very fortunate in being able to give, besides the official record, not only the above interview, but also the following account, written by a member of the Corps. "Under the firm hand of Mr. Woods, the Corps is gradually being moulded into an efficient fighting force. It may not be exactly fun to trudge up and down a muddy field, with blue fingers and a red nose, but one doesn't join the army for fun. The preliminary grinding at elementary drills is decidedly unpleasant, but absolutely necessary. A perceptible improvement in general efficiency is already noticeable; there are now seldom more than a dozen different little detached units after the squad has received the command "Halt!" On the command "Quick March," arms and legs fly off in splendid style. The Sergeant's chest has already expanded appreciably, with disastrous results to one button of his tunic. The Squad now occasionally remembers the procedure in regard to a blank file. We are getting better and better every Friday!"

We heartily congratulate H. I. Nelson on gaining an Open Scholarship in Modern Languages at Downing College, Cambridge.

OLD BOYS' REUNION.

Cestrefeldians' Fifth Annual Dinner.

Eighty members of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society attended the fifth annual dinner and reunion held at the Station Hotel, Chesterfield, on Friday, Feb. 8th, Coun. A. Glossop (President) was in the chair, and amongst the company were Mr. A. Westlake (President-elect), Mr. A. C. Bescoby (Headmaster of the Chesterfield Grammar School), Mr. J. Mansell (retired headmaster), Mr. F. J. Fuller, Saltaire (a former Science-master), Couns. E. A. Barker, W. R. Short, H. P. Short and T. E. Haslam, Mr. G. J. Edmunds, Mr. H. H. Berresford, and Mr. S. C. Greaves (hon. secretary), and Mr. Toplis (treasurer).

Following the loyal toast and that of absent Old Cestrefeldians who gave their lives for their country, Coun. GLOSSOP proposed the toast of "The School." That convivial gathering, said Mr. Glossop, revived happy memories of his school days, and he recalled the headmasters at the school from the Rev. F. Calder, who was in charge when he first went there, and mentioned his successors in that position, the Rev. F. B. Allison, Mr. A. E. P. Voules, Mr. J. Mansell, and the present head, Mr. A. C. Bescoby. He regretted to say that Mr. Voules, who had presented the Society with some old photographs of the school, was unable to be present this year owing to illness. Introducing a personal note, Mr. Glossop said that it was Mr. Fuller who coached him for his first examination. Since his early days there had been great progress at the school, and Mr. Bescoby was ably upholding its high traditions. They were all highly pleased that Coun. Barker had been made a Governor of the school, and hoped that many more old boys would become governors, because they always took the keenest interest in the welfare of the school. The society was formed four years ago in order to keep together the old Cestrefeldians as they passed through the school. When boys were about to leave the school, the society could render great assistance in helping to place them in suitable occupations.

Mr. BESCOBY, responding, observed that one of the most pleasant features of the society was the readiness with which boys now leaving school sought to be admitted to membership. During the year no fewer than three scholars sat for the open scholarships at Cambridge. One reached sizarship standard, but the income test applied, and although he did not succeed it was deserving of mention. Another boy, who went in for the best scholarships, got within 40 marks, so that with a further 10 per cent all round next year he should be as "safe as a house." With regard to the school war memorial, they had a very nice brass tablet in the hall, but he suggested that this was not altogether worthy of the school, and wondered whether the old boys would not think that the time was now ripe for proceeding a little further in the matter. Since Mr. Mansell had left the boarding side had lapsed, which was rather a drawback. They ought not to lose this characteristic as a boarding school, and it was a matter which would receive attention in the future. If the society could do anything in the way of helping him to place into positions boys who left school at 16 years he would be deeply grateful.

Proposing the toast of “Our Guests,” coupled with the name of Mr. Fuller, Mr. H. H. BERRESFORD, in a witty and clever after dinner speech, said he remembered their esteemed guest as a man of singleness of purpose, who believed in the old adage, “If a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well.” Mr. Fuller upheld the traditions of the school and tried to make men of them, as far as they would allow him. The most prominent feature he recollected during Mr. Fuller’s association with the school was his high-minded integrity. He was absolutely steadfast to his own principles, although they were not always the principles of the majority. Mr. Fuller was one of the painstaking masters who piloted him through his matriculation and that spoke volumes for his abilities as a master. (Laughter)

In reply, Mr. FULLER said that although he could not claim to be an old Chesterfield boy, he had a pleasant memory of the seven happy years he spent in Chesterfield as a master. It was a tribute to the Chesterfield School that when the governors of St. Titus Salt’s School, Saltaire - his present school - wanted a headmaster they found they could not do better out of 150 applicants than come to Chesterfield Grammar School to fill the vacancy. Looking back on their school days they recalled that the irksome tasks they had to do, and the punishments inflicted upon them at times aroused feelings of bitter vindictiveness. Yet when they passed out of the school gates at the end of their term these feelings disappeared, and as they grew in the odour of sanctity their memories became shrouded with halo.

Coun. H. P. SHORT submitted the toast of the Society, and Mr. S. C. GREAVES replied, telling a number of humorous stories of his school days. He paid a tribute to the assistance he had received from the treasurer, Mr. Toplis.

Replying to the toast of “The President,” proposed by Coun. BARKER, the PRESIDENT alluded to the beneficial work which a society of that character could perform on behalf of boys leaving school, and introduced Mr. Westlake, the President-elect, who promised to do his utmost to help forward the objects of the Society.

The SECRETARY read a letter from Mr. Vowles, who regretted his inability to attend the gathering owing to indisposition, and added: “I eagerly looked forward to a repetition of the pleasure which I experienced last year of meeting my old pupils and in the evidence that they were equally glad to shake hands once again with their old master. Please convey to those assembled my regrets and also my best wishes for them individually and for their families. Likewise my good wishes for the school, the headmaster, and the boys. To many of the latter I feel a sort of grandfather.

Musical selections were played during the dinner by Mr. E. Slack’s orchestra, and songs and quartettes were given by the Chesterfield Glee Singers. (With acknowledgments to the “D.T.”)

VALETE.

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| Ward, H. P. (582). | Came 1914. 1st XI. Assoc. Football 1921-2-3. 1st XI. Cricket, 1921-2-3. Prefect (Foljambe House), 1922. School Patriotism Cup, 1923. Quartermaster-Sergeant Cadet Corps. |
| Wilbourn, L. (821). | Came 1918. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate, July, 1923. |
| Jordan, H. (865). | Came 1908. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate, July, 1923. Cadet Corps. |
| Short, S. H. (719). | Came 1916. 1st XI. Assoc. Football, 1923. 1st XI. Cricket, 1922-23. Cadet Corps. |
| Bowker, F. W. (922). | Came 1919. |
| Timms, J. M. (981). | Came 1919. |
| Clay, J. (929). | Came 1919. |
| Hay, L. J. P. (1035). | Came 1920. Rugby Football XV., 1922-3. Transferred to King Alfred’s School, Wantage. |
| Leaman, J. B. (1208). | Came 1922. Transferred to Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Mansfield. |
| Charles, G. (1181) | Came 1922. |

Yeomans, J. B. (1239). Came 1922. Transferred to Bristol Grammar School.

Ramsay, D. B. (1256). Came 1923.

Windle, S. (1237). Came 1922.

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EDITORIAL.

Eight years may seem only a brief period of time, but a school-life of eight years is longer than the average. Standing on the threshold, taking “one longing, ling’ring look behind,” crowds of memories, happy and unhappy, grave and gay, surge up out of the bygone years. Thus looking back, the eight years seem an age, a whole century, in the history of that busy little world, the School.

Eight years ago, the C.G.S. boy was an entirely different creature in outward appearance. Whereas to-day his head is surmounted by two rings, he then wore a star; he has exchanged the star for the halo.

The school of those days was much smaller; the junior school did not then interpose itself to obstruct our view of distant delights. The Headmaster’s house had not then, of course, been appropriated for the accommodation of the ever-growing number of pupils -but even the youngest are familiar with these changes.

Those were the days of the War, when our Old Boys joined the Colours in great numbers, and the boys of the School did their bit by serving in the Corps. That, by the way, was the time when the rifle range behind the “Tin Tab.” was excavated by willing young patriots.

On certain days the Headmaster would read over the Roll of Honour, and the names of many, who, it seemed, were but yesterday with us at school, were coupled with those of O.C.’s whose school days were far behind. The tablet in the Hall keeps their memory ever fresh.

During these years came one great change – a change of government. Mr. Mansell, loved and respected by hosts of Cestrefeldians, laid aside his headmastership to take a well-earned rest. Mr. Bescoby reigned in his stead, and under his aegis the old School still goes on from success to success.

Another link with the past was broken by the death of Mr. Guilmant, for so many years a good friend to the boys of the School.

Whether it is a fact or not, we remember often to have heard the remark “that fellows in the old days were much bigger than the chaps of to-day.” And the speaker drove home his contention with: “Do you remember X-- or Y—?” We suspect that this is not the case; the truth is that to the eyes of juniors of all times, sixth-formers seem equally large and aweinspiring. It is the point of view which makes the difference.

But eight years are an infinitesimal fraction of the three hundred and thirty years through which the School has stood. Generations of boys and masters come and go; the School goes on for ever. - Floreat in aeternum.

SCHOOL NOTES.

In March renewed efforts were made to photograph the School. Finally each form was photographed by itself.

H. L. Taylor and S. Hays, both of VI. Science and Mathematics, are to be congratulated on obtaining Hulme Scholarships at Manchester University.

We congratulate R. J. Cole, of Form IIIb., on gaining a first prize for violin playing at the Buxton Musical Festival.

We admire the ingenuity of the boy who decided, after some research, that *hors d’oeuvre* was the French for unemployed.

Among the School Magazines received this term was the first number of The Brunnian, issued by the Bourne Secondary School. Those responsible are to be congratulated on so very good a beginning. The School was founded in September, 1920. We hope that the Magazine will have a very flourishing existence.

On Alexandra Rose Day, morning “break” was extended in order to allow boys to purchase roses from the vendors who took up their station on the top field. Trade appeared to be very brisk, and we are glad that the appeal of the Hospital met with such a warm response.

On May 31st, the Sketching Club made an expedition to Wingfield Manor. Mr. G. S. Wood and his enthusiastic band of artists brought back many fine reproductions of objects and scenes discovered on the trip.

We print separately an account of the School expeditions to Wembley and Staveley Works.

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EDITORIAL.

This number begins our Seventeenth Volume, and already the “growing up” anniversary is not far ahead. From the days when the Houses were first made, and when Newcombe was here, the Magazine has held its place, and has served an invaluable purpose as a register of events which the Old Cestrefeldian looks up with delight.

A new school year has dawned, bringing many fresh faces to swell the ranks, but it is with regret that we think of those who are no longer with us, for they have begun the battle of life in real earnest. We wish them luck!

Just as it is a large part of the business of education to hand on to a new generation the essence of the store of wisdom and learning accumulated by previous generations, so we hope that those who have risen in status this Term have also risen to a correspondingly greater height of responsibility. There being now over 450 boys in the School, those near the top have to realise what a huge number of little brothers they have gazing at them with trusting innocence, regarding them as models, accepting them as examples of everyday perfection.

It is the business of those who have just entered to seize with no uncertain grip the ideals of their new school; they should eagerly make sure of what is best, so as to be able to make it better as they progress through the School, finally to become themselves the leaders of future small entrants, who in their turn will look up to the senior boys for examples of thought and deed.

The Autumn Term is regularly one of great effort, but it is the spirit in which we strive that counts more than anything else. As soon as the September opening has taken place we are off as in a great race. Very soon now we shall have a good rest, after which we shall dash forward again. How many feel the exhilaration?

We wish our many readers, far and near, a very happy Christmas and New Year.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The whole school heartily congratulates Mr. Bescoby on his engagement with Miss A. E. Boone. The marriage is to take place during the Christmas holiday. We wish Mr. Bescoby and his bride every happiness.

The inspection of the Cadet Corps was one of the important events of last Term. It was witnessed by the rest of the School, which admired the excellent display given by the Corps, which was under the command of Mr. F. U. Woods. An extract from the official report is given elsewhere.

It is understood that the question of additional accommodation may soon come before the Governors. An attempt will be made to reduce the size of Forms from 30 to 25. The Sixth Form now numbers 45, and the possibility of a Commercial Sixth has been discussed. As the value of the two years of Post-Matriculation work becomes more and more recognised the need will become imperative.

Last Term the Upper V.'s and VI.'s experienced the School and Higher Certificate examinations respectively. The results, which we publish separately, speak for themselves.

The School Concert and the Prize Distribution were very successful. Perhaps the latter will be the longer remembered, seeing that Dr. Seward secured for the School an additional holiday.

A second set of exhibits from South Kensington now adorns the walls of the Art Room.

This Term we have had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. C. W. Kearsey, B.A., Scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge (Natural Science Tripos, Parts I. and II.), and Mr. F. S. Marston, B.A., Exhibitioner of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge (History Tripos, Parts I. and II.).

The Dining Hall is quickly becoming quite a photograph gallery of various groups, masters, cricket and football elevens. This Term a considerable number of very old photographs have been discovered and framed; they are of great interest.

Notable is one of the School before the 1846 extension; another of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Robinson, who have recently left a bequest to the School; and another of a football eleven with trousers to the calf and shin guards much resembling cricket pads! Most of the photographs are the gift of a former Headmaster, Mr; A. E. Vowles, and the cost of framing has been borne by the Old Cestrefeldian Association.

The old Prefects' Room, familiarly known as the Tin-Tab, has been re-decorated, and this Term has become once more the private sanctum of the Prefects.

We are sorry to hear that our late Headmaster, Mr. Mansell, has left the town, having taken up residence near Cheltenham.

The usual gathering was held in the School Hall on Armistice Day, when a short service and the Two Minutes Silence gave the School an opportunity to pay silent homage to our illustrious Old Cestrefeldians and relatives who remain "over there."

The School football eleven and Mr. Ingham had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Lambert, who left us last Term to take up a post at Cliff College. We were pleased to see him looking so well and to hear that he was enjoying his new life.

VALETE.

Tomlinson, F. (982). Came Sept., 1919.

Ongley, H. W. (709). Came Sept., 1916.

Dakin, W. G. (1190). Came Sept., 1922. Transferred to Municipal Secondary School, Derby.

Waring, M. (669). Came April, 1916.

Bridge, J. C. (1277). Came Sept., 1923. Transferred to Gainsborough Grammar School.

Hays, S. (772). Came Sept., 1917. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate and Matriculation, July, 1921. County Intermediate Scholarship, 1921. Higher Certificate, 1923 and 1924. County Major Scholarship, 1924. Kirkaldy Scholarship (Birmingham University), 1924 - (also Tate Scholarship, Liverpool University, and Hulme Hall Scholarship, Manchester University).

Wilbourn, J. H. (808). Came Sept., 1917. Northern Universities School Certificate, July, 1921. Higher Certificate, 1923 and 1924. Archdeacon Hill Exhibition, 1924. Prefect and Captain of Large House, 1923. Rugby Football XV.

Holmes, G. (861). Came Sept., 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1922. Distinction in Mathematics. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1922. Higher Certificate, July, 1924 (qualified for County Major Scholarship). 1st XI. Association Football, 1921-22-23-24.

Husband, W. (863). Came Sept., 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, 1922 (Distinction in Mathematics and Additional Mathematics). Higher Certificate, 1924.

Newman, G. J. (877). Came Sept., 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1923. 1st XI. Cricket, 1924.

Miller, H. N. (874). Came Sept., 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1922. Prefect, 1924. Captain of Foljambe House, 1924.

Nelson, H. I. (706). Came Sept., 1916. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, 1920. Distinction in History and French. County Intermediate Scholarship, 1921. Higher Certificate, July, 1924 - Distinction in French. County Major Scholarship, 1924. Open Modern Languages Scholarship, Downing College, Cambridge, March, 1924. Prefect and Captain of Heathcote

House, 1921. Head of School, 1923-4. Hon. Sec., Debating Society, 1922-23; Vice-President, 1923-24. Neil Newcombe Prize, 1923. Tuxford Prize, 1924. School Patriotism Cup, 1924.

Swain, T. E. (803). Came Sept., 1917. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1921. Matriculation, 1922. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1922. Higher Certificate, 1924. Governors' Leaving Exhibition, 1924.

Sykes, E. (891). Came Sept., 1918. County Intermediate Scholarship, 1921. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1923. School Prefect, 1923-4. 1st XI. Cricket, 1922-3-4; Cricket Captain, 1923-4. 1st XI. Association Football, 1922-3-4; Football Captain, 1923-4.

Todd, A. (894). Came Sept., 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1923. 1st XI. Association Football, 1923-4.

Coombe, F. S. (1240). Came Sept., 1922. from Oswestry Grammar School. Northern Universities School Certificate, July, 1924.

Godber, J. C. (940). Came Sept., 1919. Junior Bursar, 1923.

Hosey, J. (950). Came Sept., 1919. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate and Matriculation, July, 1924.

Camm, H. H. (835). Came Sept., 1918.

Holmes, C. (1037). Came Sept., 1920.

Kettleborough, P. (867). Came Sept., 1918.

Oxley, J. L. (963). Came Sept., 1919. 1st XI. Cricket, 1924.

Stock, R. (977). Came Sept., 1919.

Wolstenholme, E. A. B. (655). Came Sept., 1915

Froggatt, L. (1027). Came Sept., 1920.

Kay, L. (1039). Came Sept., 1920.

Lambert, I. W. (1040). Came Sept., 1920.

Page, G. V. (105-4). Came Sept., 1920.

Utridge, L. W. (106'7). Came Sept., 1920.

Ward, G. (985). Came Sept., 1919.

Hill, S. S. (775). Came Sept., 1917.

Walker, S. (1068). Came Sept., 1920. Transferred to Wyggeston School, Leicester. 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1923-4.

Ascombe, R. W. (822). Came April, 1918.

Boldry, I. S. (755). Came Sept., 1917.

Brakes, H. S. (1007). Came Sept., 1920. Transferred to Municipal Secondary School, Derby.

Muirhead, R. (875). Came Sept., 1918.

Widdowson, G. (1351). Came Sept, 1923. Transferred to Hymers College, Hull.

Wastnage, J. (898). Came Sept., 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1923.

Boyce, H. (1006). Came Sept., 1920.

A HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The recent appearance in the Dining Hall of two photographs illustrating the development of the School buildings prompts one to enquire further into the history of the School premises.

We first hear of the School itself in the reign of Henry III., when Henry, priest of Ashbourne, was appointed schoolmaster of Chesterfield. From then until 1594 we hear very little of the School, but it is probable that it was carried on in a quiet and unpretentious way by one of the chantries of the town, until its dissolution in 1548. From this time it is improbable that there was any body or institution of the town to take any interest in education. Geoffrey Foljambe, seeing this, in 1594 left £13 6s. 8d., a large sum for those days, for the finding of a schoolmaster. Three charters were granted in the reign of Elizabeth to the burgesses of Chesterfield. Two confirmed previous charters, whilst the third in 1597 conferred powers upon the Mayor and Corporation, authorising the establishment of the "Free Grammar School of Chesterfield."

In the School boundary wall, facing Sheffield Road, one may see a tablet marking the "site of the Chapel of St. Helen." It is most probable that the Chapel of St. Helen was a chantry which was suppressed in 1548. The buildings fell into disuse, but in 1594 they were appropriated for the use of the new School. The Chapel was undoubtedly turned into a schoolroom, and other buildings for masters added.

In 1710 it was found necessary to rebuild the School, although three years previously it had housed such a remarkable personage as Thomas Secker, who was to become Archbishop of Canterbury. By 1839 the buildings had again fallen into a deplorable condition, and a rebuilding of the School took place in 1846. One of the photographs in the Dining Hall illustrates the School at this period. It shows the old Headmaster's house and the present School buildings as far as the tower and main door with its Latin inscription. After being wholly rebuilt twice there is little wonder that no Elizabethan work remains above ground, although the vaulted cellars of the Headmaster's house appear to belong to a past age.

In 1870 the increased size of the School necessitated the addition of two more Form rooms, which are now used by Forms Upper V.a. and IV.c. The second photograph in the Dining Hall was taken after this addition but before the next. In 1899 the old classical tradition of the School was broken and the new wing was added which contains the science laboratories, gymnasium, art rooms, and Form rooms of Lower V.a., Lower V.b., IV.a. and IV.b. On the side of the School which overlooks the playing fields one may see a record of the extension cut in the stone.

The School continues to progress, and in 1918 the woodwork shop was turned into a Form room for III.c., whilst woodwork was transferred to one of the "tin-tabs," formerly used by the Technical School. In 1920 a further influx of boys necessitated the provision of an army hut in order to house the Junior School, whilst the next year saw the Common room turned into a Form room (Lower V.c.), and the changing of the Headmaster's house into Form rooms, library, Headmaster's study, dining hall, and Masters' common rooms.

The good name of the School is evident from the continual extensions which have taken place during the last 80 years, and it must be the aim of every Cestrefeldian, past, present and future, to maintain this good name. A.C. (VI. Mod.).

"SPEECH DAY."

Our annual "Speech Day and Prize Distribution" took place on Tuesday, July 29th, in the Central Hall of the Girls' High School. On the platform were: Lieut.-Col. J. M. Clayton, T.D. (Chairman of the Board of Governors), Dr. A. C. Seward, M.A., F.R.S. (Master of Downing College, Cambridge), Mr. Bescoby, Dr. G. Booth (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Jacques, and

Mr. H. W. Day. By reason of the event coinciding with a meeting of the Town Council, Governors who also belong to the Corporation were unable to attend.

Proceedings began with the Headmaster's report, in which he outlined the progress of the School in the past year. The School, he said, would now have two representatives at Downing College, as H. I. Nelson had been awarded a scholarship for modern languages. In addition, H. L. Taylor and D. Hays had been awarded open Hulme Hall Scholarships at Manchester University. Though these successes had been gained, there was a type of boy, he said, who probably would never take his School Certificate because he was not built that way. It was for this type of boy he felt something ought to be done, and plans were being made accordingly. Though the tendency last year was for a drop in attendances at secondary schools throughout England, Chesterfield Grammar School reported an excess of entrants over leavers of 30. Mention was made of the Scott-Robinson prize. A Senior Classical prize had also been given by Dr. G. Booth, whilst there had been numerous gifts to the School library. The Headmaster thanked everyone who had supported the School in various ways. He also thanked the Governors of the Girls' High School and Miss Munro for the use of the Hall on that occasion. A very comprehensive speech closed with a résumé of the sports side of the School and the excellent work carried on by the Cadet Corps.

Dr. Seward, in the course of his speech, gave numerous anecdotes, and illustrated some of his points by humorous stories. He exploded an old-time theory by saying it was a mistake to think that school days were the best days, as he said "life is worth living, every grain of it, from the foundation to the last edge of the corner stone." The spirit of comradeship and endeavour created the right atmosphere in a school. They need not be ashamed of not knowing but of not wanting to know, and to everybody in whatever sphere of life they might be, the possession of education ought to be something which made them better and more efficient human beings.

Lieut.-Colonel Clayton then proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Seward, and congratulated Mr. Bescoby and his staff on excellent work done during the year.

Mr. W. Jacques, who seconded the motion spoke of the legacy left in memory of Mr. Scott-Robinson, and remarked that for some time that gentleman had conducted a column in the "Derbyshire Courier" for children under the name of "Captain Crusoe."

The proceedings included some excellent singing by the School choir, under the conductorship of Mr. G. H. Sadler, F.R.C.O.

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EDITORIAL.

GRIT.

In these days there are many people before whom a word cannot be placed without their counting the number of letters in it, and imagining each letter as the occupant of a small square in a scheme of squares, some black, others blank. This is indeed a warped attitude; and yet such people are usually those who have the grit to face one of these cross-word puzzles, to strive and struggle, turn over the pages of dictionaries and atlases, rack their brains (and other people's), never ceasing the mental strife till every vacant space is fittingly occupied by a representative of the alphabet.

Grit, we understand, is of very great value to both fowls and men. In the one case it is taken in through the mouth, goes right past the vocal apparatus, and ultimately increases the owner's profits from the sale of those objects that cannot be said to have more than one external side, which side is nothing but marvellously adjusted curves infinite in number. To define accurately the shape of an egg must be a prodigious feat. However, to return to our starting-point, grit in man is not - except, perchance, on a windy day as he walks along a dry and dusty road - something taken in from without, but, on the contrary, a power developed within. Having the dictionary open at the appropriate page in front of us as we write we have no hesitation in saying emphatically that this little word has come to be used of so important a quality of human character because of its meaning in connection with the grain or texture of stone. It is akin to "pluck," a word expressive of courage.

Lest the introduction of this second word to express endurance may act like a piece of grit that has got by misfortune into a section of fine machinery - for cannot the workings of the human brain be appropriately so compared? - we return forthwith to our true subject, to the completion of our brief essay.

According to the dictates of tradition, ex-kings and ex-emperors spend their energy in felling trees and chopping them up into blocks of wood. Grit is not to be cultivated by similarly spending energy in examining the surfaces of blocks of stone and in observing their textures. The way to acquire "grit" is to practise the powers of endurance, with a faithful image ever before the mind. This is the way of all learning.

SCHOOL NOTES.

At the end of last Term presentations were made to the Head Master on the occasion of his marriage. In wishing Mr. Bescoby and his bride every happiness, the School gave him a time-piece of Jacobean design; the Junior School, a Wedgewood vase; and the Masters, a silver dish. We can here but reiterate the good wishes that accompanied these gifts.

G. K. Bond is to be congratulated on gaining an Exhibition at Sydney Sussex College, Cambridge.

Our frontispiece this Term is a reproduction of a photograph of the School in 1887 (*See Group Photographs - Ed*). We wonder how many Old Boys can recognise themselves. Our Dining Hall contains a very interesting collection of photographs of the School, both personnel and buildings, taken at various times. It is one of these that is reproduced in the present number.

During this Term there has been given at the Girls' High School an interesting series of Extension Lectures by Mr. L. U. Wilkinson on some modern authors.

The programme for this year's Parents' Day is as follows :-

The parents of boys in the Junior School and the Third Forms are invited for the afternoon, when there will be a performance of scenes from "Alice in Wonderland" by junior schoolboys, and an address by the Head Master. In the Assembly Hall and the Dining Room there will be collections of art work and of hobbies.

In the evening the parents of boys in Forms IV., V. and VI. are expected. They will be entertained by a performance of the Trial Scene from "The Merchant of Venice," and by singing by the School choir.

Parents will have the opportunity of meeting Form Masters during the day.

The Old Boys of Staveley Netherthorpe Grammar School have revived their Association, which lapsed owing to the war.

EXTRACTS FROM THE HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL.

In view of the preference which present day Cestrefeldians have for Cambridge it is interesting to note that as far back as 1631 the register of St. John's College contains entries of boys admitted to the College from this School. Among these in 1746 was the Hon. George Cavendish, second son of William, Duke of Devonshire. Indeed the School had a great reputation during this period. Ford and Hall's "History of Chesterfield" says: "There was scarcely an individual of any noble or genteel family in the Midland or Northern Counties during the last (i.e., the eighteenth) century who was not educated in this School." Also another standard work tells us: "The Free-School of this town is reckoned the most considerable of any in the North of England, and sends great numbers of students to the universities, particularly to Cambridge."

After 1773 the School gradually dwindled away owing to the bad health of the headmaster, until in 1827 there were only five boys in the School and the attendance of the master never exceeded 1½ or at most 2 hours in the day, and even such attendance was likely to be interrupted by his duties as Curate of Great Barlow and Brimington.

After the death in 1832 the School was shut up and remained so until 1848, when a scheme of the Court of Chancery divided the School into two sections, the upper a classical and commercial section, and the lower studying reading, writing, accounts and English grammar. The School, which had been rebuilt in 1713, was again rebuilt in 1846, a tribute to the success of the new scheme. In 1879 a scheme made under the Endowed Schools Acts, approved by Queen Victoria in Council, restored the ancient title of Grammar School, and merged the classical and commercial schools into one. A.C. (VI. Mod.).

VALETE.

Sisson, S. A. (1059). Came 1920.

Clarke, R. A. (1280). Came 1923. Transferred to Southend-on-Sea Secondary School.

Lawrence, A. (1042). Came 1920. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924.

Richards, P. (714-). Came 1916. Cadet Corps.

Urton, W. I-I. L. (806). Came 1917. Cadet Corps. Lst XV. Rugby Football, 1923-4.

Else, G. W. (1020). Came 1920.

Wilcockson, E. K. (1071). Came 1920. All Ages Sports Champion, 1924.

Allsop, L. A. (998). Came 1920.

Calway, G. J. (1102). Came 1921. 1st XI. Association Football, 1923-4.

Daykin, K. (1192). Transferred to Ashbourne Grammar School.

Gladwin, R. J. (1110). Came 1921.

Jackson, I. (953). Came 1919. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924. 1st XI. Cricket, 1924.

Waddell, W. W. (1262). Came 1923. Transferred to Rossall Preparatory School.

Oldham, K. C. (1053). Came 1920.

Metcalf, E. (785). Came 1917.

Tallents, D. (1339). Came 1923. Transferred to Hull Grammar School.

O.C.'S ANNUAL REUNION.

The sixth Annual Reunion of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society was held on January 2nd, and a striking feature was the large number of young "Old Boys" present. This is encouraging, because it shows that the younger members are beginning to realise that the Society belongs to them just as much as it belongs to the "old stagers." The half-hour in the reception room before dinner was by no means the least enjoyable part of the evening, as it provided an opportunity for hearty handshakes and cheery greetings between old schoolfellows who were glad to meet once again on the old footing of school pals.

The President (Mr. Arthur Westlake) was in the chair, and amongst those supporting him were three School.Governors, namely, Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds, Coun. Alfred Glossop and Coun. E. A. Barker, Mr. S. C. Greaves (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Ernest Toplis (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. Voules.

An impressive scene marked the earlier part of the proceedings when, following upon the honouring of the loyal toast, the company, numbering between 60 and 70, drank in silence to "Absent Old Cestrefeldians who gave their lives for the King."

The President, proposing the toast of "The School," first referred to the presence of Mr. Voules, whom, he said, they were all glad to see. He was a friend, not only of the "old stagers," but of the present-day boys as well, because it was largely his influence that had helped the School to become what it was to-day. Reminding the gathering of the value of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society, Mr. Westlake, after pointing out that it was 36 years since he had left the School, said that with the exception of the few remaining in Chesterfield, the subsequent history of the then boys was unknown to him. Mr. Voules had, however, told him a lot about some of those attending School at the time, and this experience had made him hope that the Old Cestrefeldians' Society would be the means of the present-day boys keeping much better in touch with their old School.

Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds responded to the toast. Looking around the large number of young Old Boys, compared with what he termed the Old Boys, he thought they might have found someone far more in touch with the present-day School to reply. But he took it that one reason why he had been selected to respond was that he happened to be in the dual position of an Old Boy and also a Governor of the old School. He considered that it was a great pity that a society such as the Old Cestrefeldians' Society was not founded many years before, because as the President had already remarked, Old Boys were otherwise apt to lose touch with each other. It would have been very nice years ago for Old Boys of those days to have been members of such a society and to have met and talked of the old School days. Although the School had largely increased in membership, it could be said that the old spirit still existed - it was the spirit that was there even before the days of Mr. Calder, which could be traced right to the foundation of the School in the time of Queen Elizabeth: that esprit de corps. That love for the School was still there, and he hoped would continue to be from generation to generation. Referring to the School's record, Ald Edmunds said they were proud to see the present-day boys were upholding the records of the past. They had one or two boys there who had distinguished themselves, while one boy had just won an exhibition at the Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, open to the secondary and public schools of the country. He believed that there were other successes looming in the future, and felt assured that with the boys attending the School at the present day, they would be able to maintain the excellent record. He appealed to every member of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society to rally round the old School and to support not only the Governing Body, but the headmaster in the work that was before him. They wanted to see that the record of the School went on undiminished, and as proud as it was at the present day.

The toast of the "Old Cestrefeldians' Society" was given by Mr. H. I. Nelson in an eloquent speech that was a perfect model of what an after-dinner speech should be. He was brief; not a word was wasted; he stuck to his subject and drove

home his final point, which was to the effect that no matter what success or new interests claimed his attention, an Old Cestrefeldian should always remember that the School had been his stepping-stone.

Mr. Mansell, as founder of the Society, should have responded to the toast, but he was unable to be present, and sent his kindest wishes to all Old Cestrefeldians.

Mr. Greaves took the opportunity to propose the health of his old Schoolmaster, Mr. Voules, who on replying, was given a very hearty reception. He expressed the real pleasure it was for him to be amongst them once again, declaring that any effort on his part had been amply rewarded. He had found that there were boys who not only belonged to his own "brigade," but even to Mr. Calder's time, and it was nice to have such a Society as a connecting link. He had heard a good many speeches made by "big pots" at school functions and so on, but he had never heard one so much to the point, conveying so much information and showing how thoroughly the heart of the speaker was in the School, as that of Ald. Edmunds. "We have heard a good deal about castigation," declared Mr. Voules. "When I became headmaster of the School, I found an old cane which lasted me 10 years - a second-hand cane to start with, so I do not think the castigations were very severe. I gave it when it was wanted, and I was always better friends with the boy after thrashing than before. I have letters from boys telling me that the administering of the rod at the particular time was the turning point in their lives. It should never be a question of reprisals, but as a deterrent, and that was always the principle upon which I administered that castigation." He then recalled the days when he took over the School with 32 boys, four of whom were under notice to leave, how they reached the hundredth boy and subsequently got 110 or 115. Now there were 500 boys, and he was glad to hear of the continued successes in the School. Mr. H. H. Berresford gave the toast of "The President," which was accorded musical honours, and Mr. Westlake briefly replied.

During the serving of dinner musical selections were played by Mr. Unwin's band. In the intervals between the speeches songs were given by Mr. J. G. Richardson and Mr. F. Foxon, and a ventriloquial sketch by Mr. F. Hill. Mr. Unwin was the accompanist.

Mr. Voules held a reception after the dinner and made many new friends amongst the younger generation of "Old Boys."

Altogether it was a most enjoyable affair, and the only criticism we can make is that the band forgot to bring any chorus music. It is recognised that singing is good for the digestion, and we are sure that a few soul-stirring choruses like "Horsey keep your tail up!" would have been grateful and comforting. This must be seen to next year. Also the Secretary will be glad to hear of the next budding orator to propose the toast of the Society. Harry Nelson has set an example that must be followed if possible.

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EDITORIAL.

“I say, can you remember A-----?”

“Not half; when the catapult misfired and he smashed the big lamp in the Art Room! Didn't he get it!”

Reminiscences. How School clings all through life and what an influence it may have. Forty, fifty - nay sixty and more years on, and the Old Cestrefeldian need only meet one of his numerous and ever-increasing clan to be immediately plunged afresh into those jolly days of the past - for they always seem jolly after an interval in which detentions (and even acquaintance with more drastic or painful means of admonishment!) pale into insignificance beside the glorious and heroic rags which fully merited them! But if there is nothing so startling to look back upon, a meeting with an old contemporary of School, inevitably results in the recalling of a hundred pleasant little incidents or many a quaint or extraordinary school-fellow - perhaps a craze for the “scoring” (with the inevitable indignant denial!) of too deep a shade of down on the upper lip (“Walrus”) or on the youthful cheek (“beaver!” - Game and -!); perhaps some amusing member of an opposing School's cricket or football team. And then Masters - what an inexhaustible store of pleasant (and otherwise!) reminiscences they invariably afford! Who ever heard of a Master called by his real name? No sooner does a new member of the Staff appear than either his stature, his little unconscious mannerisms, or an unfortunate arrangement of initials, is pounced upon by the wits of the day and the name imperishably adopted by public opinion. Delicacy prevents any examples being supplied - the Old Cestrefeldian may do that for himself!

And so even to the fellow who is most indifferent to his House, to Clubs or Societies, or to Games, there must be a beneficial influence through having been once upon a time at a good School.

And such a School - to which Old Cestrefeldians who read this have at one time “crept” with “shining morning face” - a School with a list of names - brilliant names many of them (as this Magazine constantly records) - and a host of traditions, which mysteriously fasten on the somewhat timid new boy, and seem to urge him on to do even greater deeds at play or at work.

A long time ago seems that stage - the “new boy” feeling appears something of the dim past, to the Old Cestrefeldian or the fellow who is about to become one of that body, as he gazes back and ponders. . . . “New boys nowadays seem such cheeky little imps, with not an ounce of respect for the towering sixth former! Why in my time we shouldn't have dared ---!” - how often does one hear an Old Boy speak like that. Don't you believe him.

The end of a School year invariably brings with it a tinge of sadness for someone - those who have been very fond of their School, especially those who have perhaps spent longer in it than is usual. And sometimes, too, there are more of these fellows than in the ordinary way, and towards the last days they gather round with rather blank faces and wonder where on earth the footballers and cricketers will come from, and who on earth can possibly be Captain of this, or Secretary of that -. Yet, in some uncanny way they do suddenly appear from somewhere, and the teams even dare to win one or two matches when all the “stars” have faded and gone!

Even some precocious little fellow (they always seem “precocious” and “little”) comes along and writes an Editorial for his School Magazine, without half the hair-tearing and perspiration which one has always considered essential for its production.

And so we lay down the Sub-Editorial pen with a sigh - what of? Relief ? - well, perhaps it sometimes has been for Magazines of the past, but the last time there is regret, too, for the “beastly fag” in some queer manner becomes a cause of regret when at length, after perhaps many terms, there is no prospect of its again being taken up, and schoolboy days are over.

But Time waits for no man. Here we are again at the end of yet another School year. Volume 18 of the “Cestrefeldian” is already looming large. Now, all you “little” boys, all you new boys - the School is in your hands.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We have to record a change or two in the staff. Mr. J. Comerton left us at the end of last term. Mr. S. A. Walker, B.Sc. (Manchester) has spent the present term here.

The second Parents' Day (25th March) was very successful. This year parents of boys in Forms III., II. and I., came in the afternoon, and those of boys in the rest of the School in the evening. In the afternoon boys of the Junior School played a scene from "Alice in Wonderland." The characters were taken as follows :-

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| Alice | J. B. TOPP |
| The Cook | E. PEPPITT |
| The Cat | J. JOLLEY |
| The Duchess | C. E. FURNESS |
| The March Hare | J. JOLLEY |
| The Mad Hatter | W. M. HEWITT |
| The Dormouse | M. GARTON |

In the evening the scene from "The Merchant of Venice," played by Upper School boys, was successfully repeated.

There were the usual exhibitions of work and objects collected by various people.

This term is notable for the number of expeditions that have been made. Parties of boys have been away to sketch, others to visit Lincoln, others to Immingham, to get an impression of docks and ships, others to Staveley Works, and Mappin and Webb's works.

Especially during the first half of the XVIIIth Century, our School was very flourishing. Under the Headmastership of Mr. Burrow, a great number of University successes was gained, particularly at Cambridge. We are able to publish in the present number a very interesting chronicle of successes at Cambridge during the years 1559-1761.

Our readers will be interested, some in being reminded, others on learning it for the first time, to know that both Dr. Chapman, Headmaster of the Ernest Bailey Secondary School at Matlock, and Mr. Wilks, an assistant master there, have both been connected with Chesterfield Grammar School. Mr. Wilks was educated here, and Dr. Chapman was on the staff for a time.

H. L. Taylor is to be congratulated on winning at Manchester University the Derby Mathematical Scholarship and a Hulme Hall Scholarship.

The School Patriotism Cup this year has been won by G. K. Bond, who succeeds H. I. Nelson to this valuable prize.

Congratulations to E. Sykes, our last year's Cricket Captain, on making 50 on the occasion of his initial appearance for the County against Gloucester. He also appeared against Worcester at Chesterfield, and has been invited to play against Glamorgan. He is the first Cestrefeldian to play for Derbyshire since C. N. Newcombe.

A foreign invasion took place during the term in the guise of the Almanach Payot, which has proved to be very popular. More than 130 copies have been bought. One result has been a craze for Masters' autographs. Each Master feels that he has given his signature a hundred thousand times during the term, for requests have come, not only from purchasers of diaries, but also from the owners of native pocket books and autograph albums.

VALETE.

Hodkin, E. (949). Came Sept., 1919. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, Dist. in Physics and Chemistry, 1924. 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1923-4, 1924-5.

Machin, W. I. (1043). Came Sept, 1920. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924. 1st XI. Cricket, 1924.

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| Unwin, R. (1066). | Came Sept., 1920. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924. 1st XI. Cricket, 1924. |
| Ducker, E. N. (550). | Came Sept., 1914. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1923. Previous Examination Cambridge University, 1925. |
| Entwisle, R. B. (1021). | Came Sept., 1920. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, 1924, Distinction in Chemistry. Transferred to County Sec. School, West Bridgeford. |
| Henstock, M. G. (857). | Came Sept., 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, 1924, Distinction in Mathematics. |
| Norris, J. (1052). | Came Sept., 1920. 1st XI. Association Football, 1924-5. |
| Faulkner, G. (1023). | Came Sept., 1920. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924. |
| Cox, R. (1012). | Came Sept., 1920. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924, Distinction in Chemistry. |
| Bennett, J. E. (831). | Came Sept., 1918. 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1924-5. |
| Lansdown, R. G. (781). | Came Sept., 1917. 1st XI. Association Football, 1924-5. 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1924-5. |
| Haslam, G. B. (1116). | Came Sept., 1921. |
| Marshall, B. P. (1045). | Came Sept., 1920. |
| Eyre, E. M. (1291). | |
| Shentall, E. A. (1155). | |
| Thompson, E. E. (1136). | |

OLD BOYS AND THE UNIVERSITIES.

For the following list of 115 boys from Chesterfield or from Chesterfield School admitted to Cambridge University during the years 1559-1761, we are indebted to Professor E. C. Moore Smith, of Sheffield University.

When it is considered that very few colleges give records of the Schools from which their members came, the number from the Chesterfield School, especially during Mr. Burrow's time (about 1725-50) is remarkable.

The date given is that of entry. Where no school is given, attendance at the Chesterfield School of that period is very probable.

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| 1559. Blythe, Hugh. | Eton and King's, Cambridge. Fellow of College, 1562-71. Headmaster of Eton c. 1579. Archdeacon of Leicester, 1589-91. Died 1610. |
| 1572. Foljambe, Godfrey. | Fellow Commoner of Jesus College, Camb. Sheriff of Derby, 1589. |
| 1602 Allen, Peter. | Sidney Sussex College, Camb. Fellow of Magdalene, 1615. |
| 1631 Latham, Edward. | Chesterfield School (Headmaster, Mr. Gibson) for 7 years. St. John's College, Cambridge. |
| 1637 Cart, John. | Chesterfield School. Sizar, St. John's, Camb. Rector of Handsworth, 1644-62. |
| 1639. Loe (Lowe), Francis. | Chesterfield School. Christ's College, Cambridge. |

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| 1642 Outram, William. | B.A., Trinity Coll., Camb., c. 1645. M.A., Christ's, 1649. Fellow of Christ's, 1648. Author of De Sacrifices, 1677. |
| 1642 Webster, James. | Educated at Chesterfield under Mr. Wilby for 2 years. Scholar of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. |
| 1648 More, Samuel. | St. John's College, Cambridge. B.A. c. 1651. Perhaps afterwards Rector of Green's Norton, Northants. |
| Wainwright, Samuel. | Sizar, St. John's Coll., Cambridge. |
| 1649 Charles, Samuel. | Sizar, Corpus Christi Coll., Camb. M.M., 1657. Vicar of Mickleover, Derbyshire, 1655-1662. |
| 1651 Heathcote, Ralph. | Magdalene Coll., Camb. Rector of Staveley, 1661-1716. |
| Forth, Thomas, son of Thomas Forth, alderman. | Chesterfield School. Magdalene Coll., Camb. B.A. 1654. |
| Wood, John. | Chesterfield School. St. John's Coll., Cambridge. |
| 1652. Trickett, Samuel. | Chesterfield School (Headmaster, Mr. Stone). Sizar, Christ's Coll., Camb. |
| 1656. Hewet, George. | Chesterfield School. Sizar, Magdalene Coll., Camb. B.A. 1659. Son of James Hewit, Rector of Whittington. |
| Boote, James. | Chesterfield School. Sizar, Magdalene Coll., Camb. B.A. c. 1659. Ordained 1662. |
| 1659. Clay, John. | St. John's Coll., Camb. Ramsay Fellow of Peterhouse. 1661. B.A. 1662. |
| Smithson, Charles. | Born at Bolsover. Chesterfield School (Mr. Stokes? Stone). Christ's Coll., Camb., 1659. Fellow of Christ's, 1667. |
| Cowley, Leonard. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Stone) for 2 years. Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1660. Watkinson, Godfrey. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Stone) for 7 years. St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1663 Carver, Charles. | Chesterfield School. Sizar of Christ's Coll., Camb. Rector of Eyam, 1682. |
| Alsopp, John. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Stone), 4 years. St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1667 Fern, Francis. | Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. Fellow 1672. Prebendary of Ely, 1690-1713. |
| 1668 Thorp, George. | Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1681 Jenkinson, Paul. | Schools, Brampton and Dronfield (Mr. Mason). Fellow-Commoner of Sidney Sussex Coll., Camb. Baronet, 1685. |
| 1693 Flint, Luke. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Browne). Sizar, Christ's Coll., Camb. Rector of Somershall Herbert, Derby, 1705-1721. |
| 1694 Chadwicke, Richard. | Chesterfield School. Sizar of Peterhouse, Camb. B.A. c. 1697. |
| 1695 Bourne. Samuel. | Born Ashover, Chesterfield School. Christ's Coll., Camb. Fellow, 1705. Rector of Ashover, 1710. |

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| 1696 Fowler, Gervase. | Stonegravels, Chesterfield School (Mr. Browne). Sizar, Christ's Coll., Camb. Usher of Chesterfield School. Rector of Langwith, 1719. |
| 1697 Jenkinson, Paul. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Browne). Trinity College, Camb. M.A., 1704. Rector of Weston, Yorks., 1704. |
| 1702 Bourne, Obadiah. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Browne). Christ's College, Camb., Rector, Ashover, 1719. |
| 1709 Dudson, William. | Chesterfield School. Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. Master Repton School. |
| 1712 Allen, Thomas. | Born at Staveley. Chesterfield School (Mr. Browne). Sizar, Christ's Coll., Camb. |
| 1722 Stubbinge, John. | Whittington, Chesterfield. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). St. John's College, Camb. |
| Pegge, Samuel. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). St. John's Coll., Camb. Author of History of Beauchief Abbey. |
| 1723 Fidler, Thomas. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. Rector of Shirland, Derby, 1754-92. |
| Horn, George. | Chesterfield School. Sizar of Peterhouse, Cambridge. B.A., c. 1729. |
| 1724. Bagshaw, Richard. | Chesterfield School. Fellow Commoner at St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Bower, Francis. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1725 Balguy, Charles. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). St. John's Coll., Camb. Translator of Boccaccio's "Decameron." |
| 1726 Markland, Matthew. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Key, John. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Clarke, William. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1727. Chadwick, Antony. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Hurt, Lowe. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1728 Guest, William. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. Rector of Collyweston, Northants, 1751-82. |
| Eaton, Edward. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. B.A., c. 1732. |
| Burrow, William. | Chesterfield School. Son of Headmaster. Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Fellow of College, c. 1735. |
| Bright, Thomas. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Vicar of Ecclesfield, 1746-68. |
| Mower, Edmund. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Born at Newark. |
| Ward, Marmaduke. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1730. Farneworth, Ellis. | Born Ashbourne. Schools, Chesterfield and Eton. Sizar, Jesus Coll., Camb. |

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| Evans, Edmund. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. Vicar of Mayfield, Staffs, 1736-91. |
| Smith, Eyre Foster. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1731 Barker, William. | Born Edensor. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Bagshaw, William. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Fellow Commoner St. John's Coll., Camb. Bencher of Inner Temple, 1775. |
| Mottershaw, Thomas. | Born Clay Cross, Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1732 Simpson, John. | Chesterfield School. Sizar, Christ's Coll., Camb. |
| 1733 Lambert, John. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. Ordained deacon, 1737. Priest, 1738. |
| Bunting, John. | Born Youlgreave. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Gladwin, Lemuel. | Born at Tupton. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Laughton, Mainwaring. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Wright, Thomas. | Schools, Chesterfield and Westminster. St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Harrison, Joseph. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Griffith, Middlemore. | Son of John Griffith, Rector of Eckington. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Rector of Treeton, 1753-63. |
| Ellis, Seth. | Born Brampton. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Curate of Great Hale, Lincs. 1765-1791. |
| Wright, William. | Born at Beeley. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1735 Bourne, William. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. Died in College, 1736. |
| Swift, John. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Griffin, John. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Rector of Hansworth 1752-84, and of Eckington 1765-84. |
| 1736 Greatorex, John. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Burrow, Benjamin. | Chesterfield School. Second son of Headmaster. Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Hatfield, George. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Vicar of Doncaster, 1762-85. |
| Jackson, Cyril. | Chesterfield School. Magdalene Coll., Camb. M.D., 1769. Practised at Stamford, Lincs. Father of Dean of Christ Church. |
| Charlesworth, Robert. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Hallows, Brabazon. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |

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| 1737 Morewood, John. | Born at Alfreton. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Fellow Commoner Christ's Coll., Camb. |
| Wright, Henry. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1738 Abson, Samuel. | Schools, Southwell and Chesterfield (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Allen, George. | Born Mansfield. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Hall, Francis. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Rector of Tankersley, 1771-82. |
| Hallows, Chaworth. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Ley, John. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, Trinity Coll., Camb. B.A. c. 1742. M.A., 1746. |
| 1739 Jebb, Samuel. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, Trinity Coll., Camb. Scholar of College. |
| 1740. Farrington, William. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Fellow Commoner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1741. Heathcote. Ralph. | Son of Ralph Heathcote, Vicar of Sileby, Leics., 1730-65. Chesterfield School. Sizar, Jesus Coll., Camb. M.A., 1748. D.D., 1760. |
| Wood, John. | Born at Swanwick. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Staeye, John. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner. St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1742. Hinckesman, Thomas. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, Trinity Coll., Camb. B.A., c. 1745. |
| Bourne, John. | Born at Ashover. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Wright, John. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1743. Darwin, Robert Waring. | Born Elston (Notts). Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Author of Principia Botanica. |
| Clarke, William. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1746. Heathcote, Edward. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. Father, Vicar of Sileby. |
| Richmond, Richard. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Horsefal, Henry. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Parker, Robert. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Fellow Commoner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1747. Walton, Bannister. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Fellow Commoner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Fielde, Thomas. | Born Wingfield. St. John's Coll., Camb. (Pensioner). |
| Hallowes, John. | Born Glapwell. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |

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| 1748. Law, William. | Born Southwell. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, Trinity Coll., Camb. Scholar, 1749. B.A., 1752. M.A., 1759. |
| 1749. Bowm, John. | "From the public school of Chesterfield." Sizar, Peterhouse, Camb. Note in Admission Register says, "Doubtless 2 nd son of Harry Bowm, M.D., of Spittal, near Chesterfield." |
| 1750. Bralesford, Humphrey. | "From the public school of Chesterfield." Pensioner of Peterhouse, Camb. B.A., 1755. |
| Mason, John. | "From the public school of Chesterfield." Pensioner, Peterhouse, Camb. B.A., 1754. Ordained 1754. |
| Green, William. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, Trinity Coll., Camb. |
| Darwin, John. | Born Elston, near Newark. Chesterfield School. Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Father, Robert Darwin (Consilarii). |
| Darwin, Erasmus. | "Cum fratre praedicto in casteris omnibus concordat." Chesterfield School, F.H.S. Author of "The Botanic Garden," etc. |
| Pegge, Samuel. | Born Godmersham, Kent. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Author of Curialia, Anecdotes of the English Language, etc. |
| 1750-1. Sale, William. | Born Retford. Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1753. Webster, William. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Burrow and Mr. Saunders). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1754. Barker, Robert. | Born Bakewell. Chesterfield School (Mr. Saunders). Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. Admitted to Queen's Coll., 1756. Became Fellow and Tutor of that College. |
| Jebb, John. | "From the public school of Chesterfield" and University of Dublin. Pensioner of Peterhouse, Camb. Fellow, 1761. F.R.S., 1779. |
| 1760. Boot, Walkingham. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Saunders). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| Lord, William. | Born Normanton. Chesterfield School. Pensioner, St. John's Coll., Camb. |
| 1761. Mason, Edward. | Chesterfield School (Mr. Saunders). Sizar, St. John's Coll., Camb. |

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EDITORIAL.

SHARPNESS.

The connection between razors and brains, obvious on the faces of some members of the Upper Sixth, is more apparent than real. Though the sharpness of the former is as transitory as the sprouting hopes of the whiskers they constantly blight, while that of the latter remains and often improves year by year, this is by no means an unmixed blessing. "Sharpness" is a word with many parts to play. There is the sharpness of the chronic fault-finder; the wearying acuteness of the bright pupil who constantly airs his knowledge - and obstructs the lesson - with irrelevant remarks to the master; and what Sixth-former has not undergone the diabolical criticism of his too penetrating juniors? Who would not prefer to see the brains of such people thrown away after a few weeks like worn-out razor blades, rather than see them for ever widen their powers? Let us, however, admit in fairness that this kind of sharpness has its uses; for though like a cut from a new razor it stings for a time, it chills conceit even as loss of blood from a half-shaven jaw may cool the heated brain. But we must not linger over these quibbles. Our unfortunate word has still more disreputable associations. "Sharp practice" is a crooked art, leading to dismay.

Enough of these baser connections. Let us quit the lower regions and consider nobler sharpness. Keen brains have an acuteness to which the greatest triumphs of mankind are due. Man's razor is the type of all that divides him from the grizzly bear. Intellect has raised monuments to itself all over the world in the form of schools and Universities. Let these not be hastily compared with the factories where razor blades are fashioned. These mighty chips of steel owe all their power to the tools that made them, but a keen mind can leave on its school an impression as great as it receives. Nor need the brain be of the sharpest kind. Each one of us is helping to form the character of the whole School. A blunt brain well used may leave a fine impression where a blunt razor would leave only a rough surface.

The impression can be made as readily and as usefully on the football field as in the classroom. This should be obvious to all those misguided critics who compare a rugger field to a bear garden. For in all games the brain shows yet another form of sharpness. We will not attempt to explain why the mind that is quick enough to see the chance of an intercepted pass is not equally ready to grasp the possibilities of a mathematical problem. But on the rugger field we see more clearly than anywhere else that the difference between keenness and sharp practice depends on the will to "play the game."

SCHOOL NOTES.

We give elsewhere a detailed account of the Prize Distribution of July last. Another important event belonging to the Summer term is the Old Boys' Match, followed by the School Concert. A version of "The Mikado" was produced before a large audience.

We have been very glad to be able to examine a copy of the Rockhampton Grammar School Magazine, of which School the late Mr. J. Wheatcroft, an old boy, was headmaster. The magazine includes some tributes to Mr. Wheatcroft, both as a man and as a schoolmaster. It also gives an interesting diary of the chief events in the history of the School. Photographs are reproduced of the buildings as they were in 1881 and as they are to-day.

C. H. Hall (Modern VI.) gained the Scott-Robinson Prize, which was awarded for the first time in July last. A précis of the winning essay has appeared in "The Derbyshire Times."

We were interested last term to note that Form IV a. had produced a magazine of their own. It was a very pleasing number, and included besides a crossword puzzle, some poems and a good article entitled "Our Alphabet!"

On the 20th July, the Cadet Corps was inspected.

Twenty new subscribers to L'Echo de France have enabled the School to gain a very useful picture of French town life, given free by the publishers, Messrs. Evans Bros. '.

The almanach Payot has again proved very popular. More than 100 copies of the 1926 Diary have been purchased.

A boy in Modern VI. has this term made a howler of sufficient quality to have it inserted in "Punch" – a creditable addition to the School's list of successes.

Even Masters' howlers have not passed without public notice this term, for a sample collection from our School has appeared in one widely-read morning paper.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION, 1925.

The great event in the School year took place on 29th July in the hall of the Girls' High School. Dr. Booth presided.

In his review of the year, the Headmaster enumerated the School's activities, discussed the numbers of incoming and outgoing pupils, the leaving age, and the successes of the year.

Professor Black, of Sheffield University, chose as his theme, "Traditions." He spoke of the polish provided by English education, and laid stress on the value of a long established tradition.

The Vicar of Chesterfield proposed the vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. Jacques.

During the evening, as usual, the choir, under the direction of Mr. Sadler, sang a number of songs.

The prize list followed.

VALETE.

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| Wheeldon, J. C. (902). | Came September, 1918. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate and Matriculation, 1922 (Distinction in Geography and Drawing); Northern Universities Joint Board Higher Certificate, 1924 (Distinction in French) and 1925. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1923. County Major Scholarship, 1925 (Emmanuel College, Cambridge). Prefect (Clarke House), 1923. Head of the School, 1924. 1st XV. Rugby, 1924-5. |
| Taylor, H. L. (892). | Came September, 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1922. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1922. Northern Universities Higher Certificate, 1924 and 1925 (Distinction in Pure Mathematics and Physics). Hulme Hall, Scholarship, Manchester University. Derby Open Mathematical Scholarship, Manchester University, 1925. County Major Scholarship, 1925. 1st XI. Cricket, 1922-23-24-25. 1st XI. Association Football, 1923-24, 1924-25. Cricket Secretary, 1924-25. Football Captain, 1924. School Prefect, 1925. All-ages Sports Champion, 1925. |
| Bond, G. K. (756). | Came 1917. Northern Universities Joint Board School Certificate, 1922 (Distinction in English History). Open Exhibition (History) Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, 1924. Northern Universities Higher Certificate, 1924 and 1925. County Major Scholarship, 1925. 1st XI. Association Football, 1922-23, 1923-24, 1924-25. Football Secretary, 1924. School Prefect, 1923. Captain of Choir, 1924. Prefect (Heathcote House), 1925. 1st XI. Cricket, 1924. |
| Clark, A. (839). | Came September, 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1922. Higher Certificate, 1925. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1922. Prefect (Large House), 1924. 1st XV. Rugby, 1924-25. |
| Godber, H.R. (852). | Came September, 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, 1923 (Distinction in History and Geography). Higher Certificate, 1925. 1st XI. Association Football, 1923-24 and 1924-25. School Prefect, 1924. 1st XI. Cricket, 1925. |

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| Banner, R. H. (828). | Came September, 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, July, 1923. Higher Certificate, 1925. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1922. |
| Foster, C. (1026). | Came September, 1920 (from Herbert Strutt School, Belper). Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1923. |
| Needham, A. (962). | Came September, 1919. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1923. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, 1924. 1st XI. Association Football, 1924-25. 1st XI. Cricket, 1925. |
| Bridges, A. W. (1008). | Came September, 1920. County Intermediate Scholarship, 1923. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924. |
| Randall, B. (885). | Came September, 1918. Northern Universities School Certificate, July, 1923. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1922. 1st XI. Association Football, 1923-24, 1924-25. 1st XI. Cricket, 1924-25. |
| Hickinbotham S. A. (947). | Came September, 1919. County Intermediate Exhibition, 1923. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924. |
| Hughes, R. A. (1038). | Came September, 1920. County Intermediate Scholarship, 1923. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, 1924. |
| Staton, H. C. (97 6). | Came September, 1919. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924. County Bursarship, 1924. 1st XI. Association Football, 1923-24, 1924-25. 1st XI. Cricket, 1925. |
| Fieldsend, N. (1025). | Came September, 1920. County Junior Bursar, 1923. Senior Bursar, 1924. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, 1925. Distinction in Mathematics. |
| Austin, F. G. (1091). | Came September, 1921. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, 1925. |
| Haigh, F. J. (1199). | Came September, 1922. Transferred to Peter Symonds School, Winchester. |
| Bennett, A. (1095). | Came September, 1921. |
| Stanton, P. N. (1062). | Came September, 1920. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1925. 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1925. |
| Foster, J. R. (1028). | Came September, 1920. |
| Hadfield, G. P. (1113). | Came September, 1921. |
| Nicholson, A. K. (790). | Came September, 1917. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1925. |
| Stock, A. (1063). | Came September, 1920. |
| Unwin, R. E. (1230). | Came September 1922. |
| Yeomans, E. H. (989). | Came September, 1919. |
| Hammond, G. E. (1114). | Came September, 1921. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1925. |
| Birkin, H. A. (1097). | Came September, 1921. |
| Mellors, E. (1047). | Came September, 1920. |

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| Atrill, N. W. (749). | Came September, 1917. 1st XI. Association Football, 1924, 1924-.25. 1st XV. Rugby, 1922-23. |
| Saxby, T. (1130). | Came September, 1921. |
| Wildgoose, R. (1167). | Came September, 1922 (Herbert Strutt School, Belper). |
| Hibbert, W. (825). | Came September, 1918. |
| Kirk, G. M. (779). | Came September, 1917. |
| Battersby, J. (1159). | Came May, 1922. Transferred to Worksop College. |
| Evans, I. W. G. (1391). | Came September, 1924. Transferred to Nevill Holt Preparatory School. |
| McPherson, C. A. (909). | Came September, 1919. Transferred to Worksop College. |

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EDITORIAL.

Quotations from Shakespeare are used so promiscuously to support so many different theories, that the poet himself, if he returned to earth, would no doubt be surprised by the variety of opinions attributed to him. We feel sure that he would violently disagree with many of the people who so fervently agree with him. For one thing, he seems to have had a very poor opinion of schoolmasters.

Holofernes, the schoolmaster, in "Love's Labours Lost," is a pedantic, self-centred ineffectual figure, and a butt for the ridicule of nearly all the other characters. In "As you like it," Jacques' picture of the schoolboy "creeping unwillingly to school" seems to imply that the typical Elizabethan schoolmaster was not a man likely to inspire any great affection in his pupils. Nor when we come to later ages are references to pedagogues any more flattering. Fielding's "Thwackum" and Dickens' "Squeers and Doctor Blimber" are frankly odious, though in the latter case we should remember that, when Dickens attacked schoolmasters, he was writing to condemn one particular type of school.

An explanation of these famous authors' dislike of schoolmasters may be that they had bitter recollections of their own schooldays. The comedies cited above are some of Shakespeare's earliest productions, and in penning them their writer may have been moved by lively reminiscences of his experiences at the Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar School of his day. The use of the term "Grammar" School reminds us of another possible explanation. Schools in Shakespeare's day and for long after taught little else but Latin and Greek, and in an uninteresting way. No wonder the old-fashioned schoolmaster was unpopular; he is to be pitied rather than condemned.

This thought suggests that the modern widening of the curriculum is responsible for the greatly improved relations that now prevail between masters and boys. No present day schoolboy has any excuse for developing into an author who introduces odious schoolmasters into his works. Teachers no longer, thank goodness, act in accordance with the old precept -

"Ram it in, bang it in!
Children's heads are hollow.
Slam it in, ram it in,
Still there's more to follow!"

SCHOOL NOTES.

We are very fortunate in being able to reproduce the sketches of the players in "As You Like It," made by Mr. E. A. Middleton, whose work has been very much admired.

Other illustrations are from photographs taken by Mr. Warner.

(These are included with other photographs of the period – Ed.)

A participator writes :- "A small party of French students went to Sheffield on Thursday, March 11th, to hear a lecture by Professor Baldensperger, of the Sorbonne, on Alfred de Vigny. Although even the Chairman spoke in French, the members of the party understood most of what was said. The room was wanted immediately the lecture was over, and the lecturer hurried in order to end in time. Although this made the latter half of the lecture rather difficult to follow, we dutifully smiled whenever the lecturer appeared to make a joke. The professor succeeded in showing that French is a real and live language, not a peculiar jargon made to be mispronounced in schoolrooms."

H. T. Yeomans (VI. Modern) is to be congratulated on having gained an open History Scholarship at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

OLD CESTREFELDIANS' DINNER.

Though there was an attendance of only about 40, the seventh annual dinner and re-union of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society, held at the Station Hotel, Chesterfield, on January 8th, proved as enjoyable as ever to those who were present. The older generation were more strongly represented than usual, and under the mellowing influence of an excellent dinner many an old schooldays incident or adventure was recalled with added zest.

The reason for the small attendance is the fact that the dinner took place so soon after the New Year festivities. This was purposely arranged in order that "Old Boys" on vacation from the Universities could attend, but there were so few of these present at the dinner, that it is suggested that next year the dinner be held in February, when there are fewer social functions, and also that it be held on a Wednesday or some other night than a Friday, which is a very inconvenient night from the point of view of many members of the old Cestrefeldians' Society.

Mr. G. H. Ryde, the retiring President, occupied the chair, and those present were Messrs. Richardson, H. Nelson, Acroyd, Craggs, J. A. Colledge, J. D. White, J. W. Kerr, Wheeldon, E. Toplis, A. Glossop, H. Wright, W. Hill, H. Berresford, M. C. Cook, H. Wagstaff, C. Wagstaff, Parker, W. Charlesworth, E. Mitchell, G. Ward, T. Brayshaw, C. W. Short, A. Eyre, C. R. Eyre, J. Bradley (Clay Cross), Ongley, Bennett, Roberts, Allsop, T. W. Furness, Woodger, and Dr. J. B. McKay, together with the Headmaster (Mr. A. C. Bescoby), the Mayor (Ald. H. Cropper), and Dr. J. F. Staton. Mr S. C. Greaves, who is co-secretary with Mr. E. Mitchell, was absent through indisposition.

After the usual loyal toast and that to "Absent Cestrefeldians," a reverent silent tribute to those members who fell in the Great War had been duly honoured, Mr. Berresford proposed the health of the visitors, coupling with the toast the names of the Mayor and Dr. Staton. In the course of a racily humorous speech, Mr. Berresford wished the Mayor success in the world of sport, and pointed out that his activities in local Government and particularly as Chairman of the Education Committee, rendered him specially fitted to be their guest that evening. In Dr. Staton they had a pro-duct of their local rivals, Staveley, and him also they could welcome on educational grounds because no one had done more to establish music on a broad basis in Chesterfield than had the various Societies he had the honour to direct with such distinction. His ecclesiastical musical work, and his latest achievement, the founding of a musical festival, showed the scope of his musical activities in the town. And that a musician could produce such a unanimous good feeling as Dr. Staton always carried with him, was a special tribute, for on the whole they were a "crotchety" lot. That Society, Mr. Berresford added, did not have to go miles afield to find distinguished visitors. Both their guests were near enough to them to be described as Chesterfield men, bred and born. And both of them started out with only the natural asset of brains, and they had by merit attained the success they now enjoyed. (Applause.)

Responding, the Mayor said that his Secondary School was the streets of Chesterfield, and though he had missed the opportunity of reading the Classics, etc., yet those who missed such undoubted advantages learned in the hard university of life things which stood them in very good stead. The things for which one had to fight were always the more valued; and that, he thought, was one reason why so many young men who had had the advantage of higher education did not place their talents so widely at the service of the community - because the acquiring of this knowledge had not cost them much sacrifice. This was greatly to be deplored. In the conditions existing since the war, which were likely to become more intense as the years went by, the need was for men with knowledge - a trained mind and a calm outlook, to place all their talents at the disposal of their fellow men, in order to attack the problems which awaited solution to-day. If men like himself sometimes made a blunder in the conduct of public affairs, he asked the public to remember that they were doing their very level best to make Chesterfield a better place than it was in the days of their fathers. After commenting on the parable of the talents, the Mayor said the future prosperity of the country would depend ultimately, not on the super-people, but upon the multitudes of people who possessed only one talent. If they chose to use it in the service of the community, then the condition of things in this country would be vastly different.

In his reply, Dr. Staton remarked that, though not a Cestrefeldian, he was no stranger to the School, and he wished to say that the musical side of the School's work had improved. In Mr. Bescoby, they had an enthusiast who was encouraging music very greatly at the School, and much progress was being made under Mr. G. H. Sadler, the music master. In inviting him to that dinner, they had, he took it, honoured not only himself, but also the profession to which he belonged.

In submitting "The School," Mr. Hyde recalled that it was 40 years since he left, and instanced as evidence of the progress made that the School now numbered 466, which was 420 more than 40 years ago. The School was the oldest educational body in Chesterfield, and it was one of which they were all very proud.

The Headmaster (Mr. A. C. Bescoby) responding, said that no one connected with the School could suffer from pessimism, and he sometimes wondered if the boys quite realised what they taught the masters; it was by no means all on one side. Extensions they had, and could see, coming, but their heart was set on a hall. How long that would be

maturing it was difficult to say. He would like to point out to the gathering of old boys one little factor which might become of importance during the coming year. In this country there were two kinds of Secondary School - the old type of Grammar School of very ancient date, managed by a Board of Governors, and the modern Secondary School, administered by the local Education Authority. For some time there had been a tendency on the part of the Government to try to force the older Schools under the Local Authorities. The Government played some time ago a card which might result in a School such as theirs finding itself faced with something of a problem. The question would be whether it should be administered under the Local Education Authority or continue as now, semi-independent and under its own government. He ventured to think that the majority of the old boys would be with him in disagreeing with anything that would curtail the power of the Governors. They had a card which they could play if it was necessary, but probably the situation would only need just watching. After referring to the satisfactory examination results last year, Mr. Bescoby mentioned that in December another open scholarship in mathematics at Cambridge was gained, this being the fourth in four years. In conclusion, he mentioned that they had struggled for years at the School to build up a top, and now they had a Sixth Form of 40 odd, which he hoped to see still further expanded.

The toast of "The President" was heartily honoured on the submission of Councillor A. Glossop, who paid a high tribute to Mr. Ryde's many activities, particularly on the social side, in Chesterfield.

After returning thanks, Mr. Ryde announced the installation of his successor, and duly handed over to Mr. Wilfrid Hill the chairmanship of the meeting.

Expressing pleasure and pride at his election to the office as President, Mr. Hill said he hoped to see the Society continue to do what it was formed for - to bind together in a social way the old boys of the School, and to be a tower of strength, morally, educationally, and as far as possible, financially, to the School. The School had turned out real "white" men, in sport, in education and in civic and in social life of the town, and its tone had always been splendid.

Mr. J. C. Wheeldon proposed "The Old Cestrefeldians' Society," which, he said, kept alive the old traditions and formed an effective link between the School and those who had left; and Mr. E. Toplis replied.

Mr. Claude Woodger, a former master at the School, also addressed the gathering.

The speeches were interspersed with songs by Mr. R. Goucher and Mr. H. Mason.

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EDITORIAL.

The proverb about rolling stones and moss, like many others, is by no means calculated to meet with universal approval. Consider its application to the conduct of boys leaving School. Particularly cautious youths will interpret it as an admonition to seek a safe berth and stick to it; they will regard all who dispute this view as champions of idleness and vagrancy. But then that word moss is so provocative. It is open to more enterprising people to retort that moss is no use anyway, and that they would rather be without that encumbrance, which, like ivy and bushy whiskers, is a picturesque but parasitic and useless form of vegetation. Though this view is rather violently opposed to the spirit of the proverb, it cannot be denied that the rolling stones of this world, from Abraham to Amundsen, have often done important work. There is little doubt that in days gone by our own School, in common with many others, has sent out rolling stones that have finally come to rest very usefully in the foundations of the British Empire. After all, to grow moss is to vegetate, an act which is usually taken as the type of utterly unenterprising laziness.

The act of leaving school itself is one of the inevitable changes that come from time to time all through life. Even if we wish to vegetate, we cannot help being uprooted occasionally. School is a safe, sheltered place where boys are privileged to stay gathering moss in the form of knowledge, like pebbles on a sunny beach. Every year necessity and personal inclination combine like the wind and tide in a great storm to carry away a certain number, never to return. But here the whole comparison between pebbles and pupils breaks down. Although some people are content to spend their life in the passive tranquillity of a mossy stone, and others give themselves up recklessly to the control of outside forces, like stones bounding down a mountain side, the most useful section of mankind belongs to neither of these classes. A stone, rolling or otherwise, is, to say the least, rather lacking in ambition.

Will more than anything else is required to bring about success. It is the great creative force with which we conquer our surroundings by first adding new powers to ourselves. Every athlete knows that he can only acquire the qualities that make for success by dint of ceaseless concentration and practice. By these means his will creates new muscular properties and even new muscles that enable him to excel in running, jumping, kicking, batting or bowling. When the time of the actual contest arrives another strong effort of will is required - the will to win. The longer the struggle, the more strenuous the exertion of will needed to overcome the great enemy - discouragement.

Life is the longest struggle of all, and it is in school that the greater part of the first creative effort of will-power takes place. A modern school offers wonderful opportunities to all who have the will to acquire powers that will be of use in after life. Of the many who go out from this School every year, few, if any, fail to equip themselves with abilities that will count for something wherever they go. In wishing happiness and success to all who are leaving us this term we may rest assured that if any of them become rolling stones, they will roll to some purpose.

SCHOOL NOTES.

One eye versus nine hundred eyes! Yet the one looked each of the nine hundred perfectly directly, missing none, and not blinking once. As it turned, having begun at one end, it stared with complete unconcern, on its journey to the other end of the assembled hundreds that faced it. In other words, another of those long photographs has been taken of the School.

Owing to the disorganisation of transport due to the industrial trouble that has prevailed during all this term, the expedition to Stratford-on-Avon was abandoned. Arrangements were made, however, for a party to visit York, a city full of interesting historical monuments and beautiful buildings.

H. T. Yeomans is to be congratulated on his Open History Scholarship at Selwyn College, Cambridge. This makes the fifth open scholarship at Cambridge in four years.

T. A. Adams and C. H. Hall have obtained Hulme Hall Exhibitions at the Victoria University, at Manchester.

The visit of the Australian Cricket Team drew many people to Queen's Park. The first day's rain was almost expected. The School had a holiday on the second day to watch.

Masters and boys have met at both cricket and tennis this term.

The Choral Society is this term tackling an operetta. The programme also includes songs. This year the concert will take place at the Victoria Picture House.

The Fives Courts are now completed. They represent the latest activity on the sports side. The School is grateful to the Governors for providing them.

Bicycle sheds have also been erected, and are in use.

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| Digges, R. R. J. (1264). | Came May, 1923. Northern Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation, 1925. |
| Dauncey, C. (1013). | Came September, 1920. Entered Kingston-upon-Soar Agricultural College. |
| Calow, G. A. (927). | Came September, 1919. Northern Univ. School Certificate, July, 1924. 1st XI. Association Football 1923-1925. 1st XI. Cricket 1925. |
| Mather, P. E. G. (1254). | Came January, 1923. Northern Univ. School Certificate, July, 1925. Preliminary Examination Law Society, 1926. 1st XV. Rugby Football 1925-26. |
| Jolley, J. B. (1413). | Came September, 1924. Transferred to private school at Sheringham, Norfolk. |
| Geeson, H. (1295). | Came September, 1923. Transferred to County School, Windsor. |
| Geeson, A. L. ((1250). | Came September, 1923. Transferred to County School, Windsor. |
| Turton, R. (1065). | Came September, 1920. |
| Lewis, L. G. (1244). | Came October, 1922. |
| Rhodes, W. W. (1257). | Came January, 1923. |
| Cooke, D. H. (1011). | Came September, 1920. 1st XI. Association Football 1925-26. |
| Ellis, G. (994). | Came May, 1920. 1st XV. Rugby Football 1923-26. |
| Nadin, F. O. (1080). | Came January, 1921. |
| Wilcockson, J. D. (1072). | Came 1920. |
| Glassbrook, A. J. (1152). | Came January, 1922. |
| Olive, S. C. (1081). | Came January, 1921. |
| Looker, J. (1124). | Came September, 1921. Qualifying Examination Pharmaceutical Society. |
| Thompson, C. G. (8.26). | Came September, 1919. 1st XV. Rugby Football 1925-26. |
| Hall, C. E. (945). | Came September, 1919. |
| Curzon, R. (1284). | Came September, 1923. Transferred to Sheffield. |
| Elliott, F. H. (1249). | Came January, 1928. |

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| Field, S. H. (1024). | Came September, 1920. |
| W alford, J. D. (1455). | Came September, 1924. |
| Fidler, L. (1488). | Came September, 1925. Transferred to King's School, Chester. |
| Adams, F. W. (1468). | Came September, 1925. Transferred to Skegness. |
| Thornley, T. H. (1448). | Came September, 1924. Transferred to Grammar School, Retford. |

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Apparently the days of perfect examination are approaching. A recent newspaper report seems to indicate that the problem has at last been solved. A Manchester doctor, it is announced, has declared that observations conducted over a long period show that the cleverest boys are those who float most easily in the swimming-baths! We commend this epoch-making discovery to the notice of masters who are at their wits' end to know if so-and-so really has any brains or not. All they will have to do is to march their Form up to the swimming-baths and determine to three decimal places the specific gravity of each boy.

The idea has its advantages from the pupil's point of view. Instead of poring over tedious scientific experiments that always go wrong, boys will see their masters carry out the experiments, while they themselves take a merely passive part. They will have, too, the satisfaction of knowing that the system, depending on rigid scientific laws, is perfectly fair. Every boy, as soon as he sees how he floats, will know exactly where he is.

All this might follow if the doctor's theory were true. But although we know that density and dullness are much the same thing, we detect a distinct element of fatalism in the notion that is not at all reassuring. How it would discourage a boy to tell him that, his specific gravity being so abnormally high, he has no possible chance of getting on in life! Could anyone be so hard-hearted? Surely not. Schools have always existed on the assumption that the vast majority of boys can be much improved by being submitted to their influence. No Old Cestrefeldian, we are sure, would deny this. This Term we welcome a host of new boys on equal terms in the hope that they will all be able to do something for the School which will do so much for them.

SCHOOL NOTES.

In July last, Mr. F. U. Woods left to take up an appointment on the staff of the County School, Holloway. The School was sorry to lose him.

This Term we have welcomed Mr. W. Bolton, Mr. A. Hadfield, and Mr. J. B. Owen. Two additional Masters were much needed to keep pace with the increasing numbers of the pupils. We are rapidly approaching 500.

This term a third Matriculation Form (Upper Vc.) has come into being. The experiment of dropping Latin for German, extra French and extra Science in this Form is being tried. The Form has no classroom of its own, but the building of a new wing is expected shortly.

Plans for the new extension have been approved by the Governors.

The two Sixth Forms have been divided into Upper and Lower Sixths. A third Sixth is contemplated for next year. We shall then have Science and Mathematical Sixth, Classical and Modern Sixth (the existing Modern Sixth), and a new Modern Sixth, with a different curriculum and aim.

The lighting of the School has been overhauled and lights re-distributed during the summer holidays.

Mr. Calow and Mr. Ridley, of the Sheffield University Training Department, have been helping at the School this term.

The School was sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Kearsey and Mr. Yorke. During the latter's absence from School, Mr. E. Barker, of Sheffield University, who was with us for his training last year, deputised.

In the July Examinations the following obtained the Northern Universities Higher Certificate :-

Science VI.: Adams, T. A., Cox, P. B., Dean, F., Haddock, H. M., Hickling, A., McCrea, A. N., Peters, S. S., Pountain, A. E., Taylor, E. W. None failed.

Modern VI. : Sims, C., Smith, M. C. F., Turner, H., Wildin, K., Yeomans, H. T. Four failed.

McCrea obtained distinction in Pure and Applied Mathematics, and Peters in Physics.

County Major Scholarships were awarded to S. S. Peters and M. C. F. Smith.

A. N. McCrea was awarded a State Scholarship. It was the first this School has obtained since they were instituted in 1920, but they were not awarded in 1922 and 1923 - years in which we had very good candidates.

The value of a County Major Scholarship may be up to £155 a year, and of a State Scholarship up to £170 a year, according to need.

H. T. Yeomans and G. Sims were awarded School Leaving Exhibitions.

The following passed the first School Examination.

Where an "m" is added the Matriculation Certificate of the Northern Universities was gained:-

Upper Va.: Allen, L., Barnes, I. H., Botham, S., Broughton, R. (m), Cayton, J. A. (m), Coggins, A. F. G. (m), Covill, R. W., Cuff, H. (m), Davenport, A. K. (m), Gilling, H., Holmes, J. C., Howis, C. C. (m), Middleton, C. (m), Nash, C. J. (m), Rogers, J. (m), Severn, L., Short, F. J. D. (m), Smeeton, C., Stokes, R. F. (m), Taylor, F. G. W. (m), Trantham, H., Walters, H., Wheeldon, J. W. (m),

Upper Vb.: Botham, H. D., Coxall, N. E., Durrant, F. A. W., Gilthorpe, C. C., Singleton, T. E. (m), Stewart, F. A., White, M. W. (m).

There were nine distinctions in Mathematics, six in Chemistry, and one in Geography.

E. N. Ducker and H. T. Yeomans have been awarded Skinners' Company Scholarships.

O.C.'s at Cambridge now include W. H. McCrea, H. I. Nelson, G. K. Bond, J. C. Wheeldon, E. N. Ducker, A. N. McCrea and H. T. Yeomans. At Oxford we have G. Sims and W. V. Brelsford.

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| Adams, T. A. (915). | Came September, 1919. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matriculation, 1924; County Intermediate Exhibition, 1923; Northern Univ. Higher Certif., 1926; Cadet Corps; Prefect (Heathcote), 1925-; Dramatic Society. |
| Cox. P. B. (930). | Came September, 1919. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1924; Northern Univ. Higher Certif., 1926; 1 st XV Rugby Football, 1924-5-6; 1 st XI Cricket 1926. |
| Haddock, H. M. (943). | Came September, 1919. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1924; Northern Univ. Higher Certif., 1926; 1 st XV Rugby Football, 1923-4-5-6; 1 st XI Cricket 1925-26; (Capt. 1926). |
| McCrea, A. N. (873). | Came September, 1918. Northern Univ. Joint Board School Certificate and Matriculation, 1922; Dist in Geography, Chemistry, Drawing; Northern Univ. Higher Certif., 1925; Dist Pure Maths, Applied Maths., and obtained the mark "Good" in Higher Mathematics; London Univ. Intermediate B.Sc., 1924; County Intermediate Exhibition, 1923; County Major Scholarship, 1925; State Scholarship, 1926; Open Scholarship, Clare College, Cambridge, 1925; Prefect of Lingard, 1923-26; Head of School, 1925; 1 st XV Rugby Football, 1924-5-6; Cup for School Patriotism, 1926; Cadet Corps. |
| Aubrey, J. (1370). | Came September, 1924. From Grammar School, Huntingdon; 1 st XV Rugby Football, 1925-26. |
| Austin, C. B. (1090). | Came September, 1921. County Intermediate Scholarship, 1924; Northern Univ. School Certif., 1926; Dramatic Society; Cadet Corps. |

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| Coxall C. J. (1083). | Came May, 1921. From Ilkeston Secondary School; County Intermediate Scholarship, 1924; Northern Univ. School Certif., 1925; Distinction in Mathematics and Chemistry; 1 st XI Association Football, 1925-26; 1 st XI Cricket 1926; Cadet Corps; Dramatic Society. |
| Brelsford, W. V. (926). | Came September, 1919. Northern Univ. School Certif., 1924; Oxford University, 1926; Cadet Corps (Sergt.); Certif. "A"; 1 st XV Rugby Football, 1924-5-6; Boxing; Dramatic Society; Prefect (Large House), 1925. |
| Peters, S. S. (886). | Came September, 1918. Northern Univ. Joint Board School Certificate, 1923; County Intermediate Scholarship, 1923; Northern Univ. Higher Certif., 1925; Northern Univ. Higher Certif., 1926; Distinction in Physics; County Major Scholarship, 1926; Prefect of Foljambe, 1924-5-6; 1 st XI Cricket 1924-5-6; (Capt. 1925); 1 st XI Association Football, 1924-5-6 (Capt. 1925-26); Cadet Corps; |
| Gray, K. M. (809). | Came September, 1917. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1925; County Intermediate Scholarship, 1922; 1 st XV Rugby Football, 1923-4-5-6; Cadet Corps Certificate "A" (Practical), 1926. |
| Hall, C. H. (1032). | Came September, 1920. County Intermediate Scholarship, 1924; Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924; Scott-Robinson Prize, 1925; Dramatic Society; Cadet Corps Certificate "A" (Practical), 1926, L/Cpl. 1926.. |
| Slms, G. (973). | Came September, 1919. County Council Junior Bursar, 1923; Bursar, 1925; Northern Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., July, 1924; Northern Univ. Higher Certif., 1926; Oxford University, 1926; Cadet Corps. |
| Yeomans, H. T. (990). | Came September, 1919. County Intermediate Scholarship, 1922; Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1923; Northern Univ. Higher Certif., 1926; Open Scholarship (History), Selwyn College, Cambridge, 1926; Prefect (Lingard House), 1924-5-6; Cadet Corps. |
| Dunks, A. G. (1108). | Came September, 1921. Northern Univ. School Certificate, 1925; 1 st XI Cricket 1926; Dramatic Society; Cadet Corps. |
| Moseley, C. W. (961). | Came September, 1919. Northern Univ. School Certificate, 1925; Dramatic Society. |
| Covill, R. W. (1146). | Came October, 1921. Northern Univ. School Certificate, 1926. |
| Critchlow, C. (1187). | Came September, 1922. |
| Smeeton, G. (1223). | Came September, 1922. Northern Univ. Joint Board School Certificate, 1926; 1 st XI Association Football, 1925-26; 1 st XI Cricket 1925-26. |
| Mason, R. E. O. (1046). | Came September, 1920. Dramatic Society. |
| Powell, J. (1217). | Came September, 1922. |
| Boocock, G. T. H. (1173). | Came September, 1922. |
| Harrison, B. (1200). | Came September, 1922. |
| Brown, E. (1177). | Came September, 1922. |
| Dodd, C. (1193). | Came September, 1922. |
| Dunks, J. C. (1018). | Came September, 1920. |

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| Mason, A. V. (908). | Came January, 1919. |
| Winterbottom, E. J. (903). | Came September, 1918. |
| Ainsworth, H. (1158). | Came February, 1922. |
| Durham, E. (1150). | Came January, 1922. |
| Sears, C. S. (1131). | Came September, 1921. Transferred to Wellingborough Grammar School. |
| Wildgoose, H .B. (1235). | Came September, 1922. |

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EDITORIAL.

Spring has come.

Of course, this happens once a year with most amazing regularity. But still, despite this platitudinous remark, it is pleasant to lie in the somewhat premature sun and contemplate. There is not yet that summery heat-haze hanging everywhere, and all around one can see the verdant beauty of our Derbyshire hills. A few miles to the south of me a double valley runs fork-wise into the heart of the hills. A mist is seen rising out of this valley to remind us that we are not so very far away from winter. The lark, a speck in the cream-spotted azure of the sky, pours out far above me its melodious thanksgiving for the sun, the sky, and the earth; beside the rippling brooklet the wagtail chatters in a confidential chirrup; two robins are holding a musical conversation from an oak and an elm far apart; a gaudy red butterfly, tempted by the early sun, flits dazzling here and there. And I think; and I think.

My thoughts run somewhat on these lines. "Now that cottage I shall have sometime in the rosy future, will be yes, white. For in Summer it will look cool; and in Spring it will catch and hold the sun's warming rays. In Winter a thick thatch, the finest, cosiest, that ever thatcher yet shaped, shall keep the rain from my bare head. A garden will I have, full of holly-hock, bush-like lavender, thyme sweet-smelling, and blooming bells of yellow and blue; and it shall be covered with a smooth, green sward. Apples, and pears, gooseberries, and currants, will feed me in Autumn. Potatoes will lie at the back of my cote in a garden wherein all the pot-herbs known to man shall grow. I shall cook all my own food, for no man's aid will I have. I'll be a lonely hermit! A dog for a friend, and a homely cat for cheer, shall be my company,"

And again I muse.

"What if every man were to have the same ideals? No man would give another his assistance. In illness there would be no doctor. In death one's body would simply lie and rot. If my crop failed, where could I turn for food?"

And then I moralise.

"We must have an organised society. A mere number of individuals achieves nothing. But a great band of people, each working for the other, goes far. So it is team work that counts."

I have wandered far from my starting-point, but a Spring morning's day-dream can teach me a lesson in a very indirect way, and I think, then, that my time is not wasted. And still the lark sings; and the robins call; and the brook murmurs along.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Parents' Day this year occurs on March 30th. The arrangements will follow the lines of the last Parents' Day, except that a third session will take place on the Thursday evening, when the Fourth Form is to present a play of its own composition.

This term we have welcomed Mr. F. E. Ward, Wadham College. Mr. Ward is taking over the work of Dr. MacDermot, who is retiring at the end of this term. Dr. MacDermot will take away with him the best wishes of all for a very happy time after so full and strenuous a career in the service of education. He has been with us since 1921. We are very sorry to lose him. We hope that he and Mrs. MacDermot will enjoy good health and happiness at Bournemouth, where they have gone to live.

Influenza has made its presence felt this term. It has even dared to put out of action members of the staff! Dr. MacDermot, we regret to say, contracted pneumonia, but he has happily recovered.

M. C. F. Smith and B. V. Bowden are to be congratulated on the successful result of their visit to Cambridge. The former was awarded a Minor Scholarship at St. John's College, for modern languages. Bowden was recommended for a Minor Scholarship at Emmanuel College, but he was too young to take advantage of his success.

An academic honour that reflects on Chesterfield is the award to Dr. R. Robinson, Professor of Organic Chemistry at Manchester University, of the Longstaff Medal, which is given once every three years for distinguished researches.

The Assembly Hall and several class-rooms were redecorated during the Christmas holidays. Additional hot water pipes and radiators were installed.

IN MEMORIAM.

Reuben Ashmore (Up. VI. Mod.) died suddenly, February 6th, 1927, aged 16.

William Roger Sanderson Browne (Lr. Vc.) died after a long illness, February 14th, 1927, aged 15.

SPEECH DAY, 1926.

The annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution took place on July 28th. The Chairman of the Governors, Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds, J. P., presided. Reference was made to the recent accidental death of W. E. Halford. The meeting stood in silence, remembering the sad event. After the Headmaster had given his report, showing progress and success, the prizes were distributed by Dr. Alex Wood, Fellow and Tutor of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Dr. Wood's speech delighted the audience, for it succeeded in being at the same time full of genuine thought and wit, and of earnestness and cheerfulness.

Mr. Sadler conducted the choir, which sang several songs very beautifully. The Vice-Chairman, Sir Ernest Shentall, proposed the vote of thanks.

The prize list followed.

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| Close, E. G. (1104). | Came September, 1921. Cadet Corps. |
| Allen, L. (1168). | Came September, 1922. Northern Universities' School Certificate, 1926; Cadet Corps. |
| Barnes, I. H. (1093). | Came September, 1921. Northern Universities' School Certificate, 1926; 1st XI. Association Football. |
| Millard, H. (1255). | Came January, 1923. |
| Hart, E. W. (1201). | Came September, 1922. Cadet Corps. |
| Tinsley, E. V. (1227). | Came September, 1922. |
| Walters, H. (1232). | Came September, 1922. Northern Universities' School Certificate, 1926; 1st XI. Association Football, 1925-26; 1st XI. Hockey, 1926; Cadet Corps. |
| Herringshaw, R. (1203). | Came September, 1922. |
| Scott, C. A. (970). | Came September, 1919. Cadet Corps. |
| Smith, D. D. (1259). | Came January, 1923. Cadet Corps. |
| Tagg, J. F. (1135). | Came September, 1921. |
| Smith, L. H. (1224). | Came September, 1923. |
| Trantham, H. (1228). | Came September, 1922. Northern Universities' School Certificate, 1926; Cadet Corps. |
| White, T. A. (1073). | Came September, 1920. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1924; Cadet Corps. |
| Turner, H. (983). | Came September, 1919. Northern Universities' School Certificate, 1923; Northern Universities' Higher Certificate, 1925 and 1926; County Intermediate Exhibition, 1923; 1st XI. Association Football, 1924-25-26 (captain 1926); Platoon Commander, Cadet Corps; 1st XI. Hockey, 1926; Prefect, 1925. |
| Hadfield, V. A. (944). | Came September, 1919. |

OLD CESTREFELDIANS' SOCIETY.

There was at record attendance of 100 at the annual dinner and re-union held at the Station Hotel, Chesterfield, on February 8th, and it was the jolliest evening the Old Cestrefeldians' have ever had.

The speeches were brief and interesting, and the entertainment was excellent. "Stainless Stephen" was encored again and again. His patter, consisting entirely of humorous referenees to the O.C. Society and sly digs at various Old Boys, caused roars of laughter. Mr. Jack Woodhead, a baritone with an exceptionally fine voice, sang some good songs, and Mr. H. D. Glossop was the accompanist. Immediately after the toasts of "The King" and "Absent Old Cestrefeldians," the company joined in singing, with great gusto, the Frothblowers' Anthem, "The more we are together, the merrier we shall be." Very appropriate to the occasion! Later in the evening they sang the School song, "Non quo sed quomodo," under the leadersliip of the composer, Mr. G. H. Sadler, and the singers certainly captured the spirit of the song in the way they "made the rafters ring." The various Houses did well with their choruses, but "Large" House, led by Mr. W. P. Warner, made the biggest noise.

Towards the end of the evening, the retiring President, Mr. Wilfrid Hill, installing his successor, Mr. T. Haslam, J.P., in the chair. The new President is the secretary of the Sheepbridge Company, Ltd., and a member of the Chesterfield Town Council. After he had thanked the members for electing him President of the Society, the proceedings closed with a final burst of community singing - "Auld Lang Syne.

S. C. G.

The Fifth Annual Dance of the High School Old Girls and the Old Cestrefeldians was held at the High School, Chesterfield, on January 12th. There were 127 rmembers present. After paying expenses, there was a balance of £12 6s., and this has been given to the fund on behalf of Miss Stevens, a joint founder and Principal of the High School, who is in straitened circumstances.

Some time in the near future we hope to have a School Hall of our own, and then we shall be able to return the compliment, and invite the inenibers of the Old Girls' Guild to our dances.

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EDITORIAL.

Here is the last number of our nineteenth volume. The Cestrefeldian will soon be celebrating its twenty first birthday. But the School had already passed its three hundredth birthday when the Magazine was founded. For more than three centuries, we are compelled to confess, it continued to exist without a Magazine. It flourished. It grew. It became famous. It produced a certain number of great men, who, perhaps, would have been just as great if they had been educated elsewhere.

But how much do we know about the everyday life of ordinary boys in the School during all those past years? What were their pleasures? What games did they play? To what School societies could they belong? How did they spend their leisure? We are tempted to ask many such questions which can never be adequately answered.

If the Cestrefeldian had existed throughout those bygone centuries, what a difference there would be. Those shadowy forerunners of ours could be seen as living boys whom we could understand and appreciate. Even the oddest among us must have had some counterpart in the immense host that has been marching steadily through the School for over three hundred years. Whatever subjects they studied, the lessons they learned were the same. Whatever games they played, the zest with which they played them was the same. The mere record of the things that occupied their thoughts when they were at School establishes a much closer sympathy between us and our predecessors than could any story of their achievements in after life.

Not that the question of age is of very great importance. No doubt the files of the Cestrefeldian will be very useful documents on School history a hundred years from now. When every House has over a century of history behind it, House captains will find a huge store of inspiring examples in old House notes, of which they will no doubt make use to encourage their contemporaries, by reminding them of ancient glories. Apart from this, however, age is of little account. What does appeal to us as we turn over the pages of old School Magazines is the feeling of kinship with a never-ending succession of boys just like ourselves, with the same problems to face and the same hopeful outlook on life. What, after all, has age to do with a School Magazine, the record of the thoughts and deeds of the young? It remains young in spite of the passing of the years. We complete our nineteenth volume confident that however long the Cestrefeldian may continue to flourish, it will never be more than nineteen years old in spirit.

SCHOOL NOTES.

An outstanding feature of the present term has been the full inspection, which occupied nearly a week.

The next chance of seeing a total eclipse of the sun occurs so far in the future that we do not wonder that a good number joined the expedition to Llandudno. Those who went may have envied those who saw the clouds from their beds in Chesterfield, but those who did not go have no idea of the weariness experienced by explorers on the return journey.

The School expedition this year was made to Kenilworth, Warwick, and Stratford. York, visited last year, gave ideas of a Roman and a mediaeval town; Warwick is a splendid example of a mediaeval castle, complete with inner and outer defences; Kenilworth, with its beautiful ruins, appeals to the imagination and illustrates the Elizabethan age, while Stratford attracts by its rural beauty and its great good fortune in having been the birthplace of Shakespeare.

The chief events of this term are, as usual, the Sports, the Exams, the Concert, the Prize-Giving, and the Cadet Corps Inspection, not to fail to mention the Cricket Match, at which the School was victorious. We were lucky again as regards the Weather at the Sports, for the threatening rain kept off.

The School congratulates H. I. Nelson, G. K. Bond, A. N. McCrea, J. C. Wheeldon and H. T. Yeomans on their recent successes at Cambridge, and T. E. Swain on his success at Sheffield. The School's tradition of sending pupils to the Cambridge University is well maintained. Readers of our Magazine can compare the present record with that of the lists given some time ago for the years 1559 - 1761.

Next term two more will be going to Cambridge, making a total of eight at one time - a notable fact that speaks very well for the School.

Old Boys especially will be interested in G. S. Tuxford's visit to Chesterfield this term. He is on a holiday from North Borneo.

The Choral Society has been very busy preparing for this year's Concert, which is to be held in the Victoria Picture House, as was the case with last year's.

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| Gilling, H. (1030). | Came Sept., 1920; County Intermediate Scholarship, 1924; Northern Univ. School Certificate, 1926; Cadet Corps. |
| Jepson, G. (1207). | Came Sept., 1922; 1 st Cricket XI., 1926; 1 st XI. Assoc. Football, 1925-6-7; Cadet Corps. |
| Fletcher, E. (936). | Came Sept., 1919; Prelim. Exam. Pharmaceutical Society, 1927; 1 st XV. Rugby Football, 1926-7. |
| Sales, T. E. (1057). | Came Sept., 1920; 1 st XI. Cricket, 1925-6. |
| Wild, G. (1354). | Came Sept., 1923. |
| Wild, H. H. (1366). | Came Sept, 1923. |
| Jepson, J. S. (1086). | Came April, 1921;. 1 st XI. Assoc. Football, 1926-7. |
| Kay, K. B. (1253). | Came Jan., 1923. |
| Fletcher, W. E. (1195). | Came Sept., 1922. |
| Savage, G. W. N. (1327). | Came Sept., 1923. |
| Parker, D. C. (15-24). | Came Sept, 1925. Transferred to Southwell Grammar School. |
| Banner, W. G. (1660). | Came Jan., 1927. Transferred to Exeter Cathedral School. |
| Banner, N. RI (1659). | Came Jan., 1927. Transferred to Exeter Cathedral School. |
| Holleworth, B. W. (1205). | Came Sept, 1922; Dramatic Society. |

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EDITORIAL.

We read in the daily Press that the Autophone has been installed at the Holborn Exchange in London. It gives food for thought. It is Progress; but is not the human factor being eliminated too much?

Charles Lamb said: "What a dead thing is a clock, with its ponderous embowelments of lead and brass." He preferred the sun dial, which had rubbed away with its shadowy finger almost every hour since Adam. Someone, however, must needs invent the clock: "A sun dial, quotha! One cannot rely upon it at night, nor on any cloudy day. Have done with it. I will make me a machine which shall tell every hour of day or night, sunshine or shadow." And, busybody, he made us a clock. Now he undoubtedly helped the world to progress, but he took away much of the beauty and the happy uncertainty of life. We were then given a ticking demon to stand upon a shelf, or to adorn a sideboard - a smaller clock, whose motion was supplied by a spring.

Thus a man was made to sit, dreaming perchance, by a fireside and listen to that incessant, interminable "tick, tick, tick" - how it grows upon him. Before, he could watch the sands running in the glass, reflecting upon old Time's destructive hand, perhaps, until he dozed. But no nap for him now.

It is just the same with the Autophone. "In good King Charles's golden days" it was a pleasant occupation to write a letter. Letters were then of importance as a distraction. And the human factor was there, too. But nowadays we ring up our friends; we must enter into the machine spirit to communicate our thoughts, our wishes, our invitations to dinner. We cannot thank a friend over the telephone for brawn, as Lamb did. The operator would laugh. Just as in Lamb's days, letters were the mirror which reflected the happenings and the spirit of the town or countryside; so to-day our School Magazine reflects the spirit, the tone, of our School. This termly number travels right round the globe. It is to be found in a study in Japan, in a planter's bungalow in Borneo, in a lawyer's office in New York, and in homes of Old Cestrefeldians in India, Canada, and almost every other land. It is our pleasant duty to show in this Magazine "how the School wags." If we cannot create a favourable impression, which we hope we do, with our "Cestrefeldian," the School loses in some degree its prestige with the world in general. So you see it is up to us to make our Magazine as grand a thing as our "Alma Mater." It is a duty which requires some labour effectually to carry out, but we are sure that it is one which, if these weak words take effect, we shall see performed.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The School was represented at the service in Derby for the Hallowing of the new Diocese by the Headmaster and the Senior Master (Mr. E. H. Slack).

The formation of the new Modern Sixth has made it necessary temporarily to use the Library as a Form Room.

It is believed that all difficulties with regard to the new block of buildings are now removed, and the matter only requires the official consent of the Board of Education.

The School Services Bureau (which boys are invited to join as they leave) has been able to provide volunteers for social work in the town.

The lower field has been reserved for cricket, and a good deal of money has been spent on improving the pitch. A new football ground has been secured. Two smaller pitches for Juniors are in use on the lower ground, and these do not touch the cricket pitch.

The increase in numbers of the Junior School has necessitated the formation of a Remove Form in that department. By the kindness of the Higher Education Sub-Committee and the Principal of the Technical College, a classroom in the new Technical College has been borrowed for them.

As soon as further accommodation is available it is proposed to make a "D" section to each Form. This section in Forms IV., Lr.V. and Up.V. will have an engineering and technical "bias."

The new Modern Sixth is proving popular. It provides a two-year course in Economics (including Social History), Economic Geography, French, English and German (with commercial "bias"), Statistics and Book-keeping, Company Law, Shorthand and Typewriting. The Classical and Modern and Science and Mathematical Sixths provide general training suitable for the higher posts in Commerce, the Professions, and the Universities.

Following; the "full" inspection of the School last term by the Board of Education, a very full report has been presented to the Governors and the various Educational Authorities.

Our congratulations to J. A. Cayton on winning the Victoria League Prize for an essay on "The Importance of the Durham Report on Canada." The prize was two guineas and a fortnight in Oxford, with expenses paid.

We congratulate Mr. E. J. Pauli on adding a very brilliant degree (1st Class London Honours) to his Brussels degree. The London degrees are amongst the most difficult in England.

Mr. E. Benson, who has been Senior Modern Languages Master since 1922, left this term to take up a post at South Shields. Mr. Benson has been of great service to the Magazine, the Debating Society, and the Library, and has founded the French Society. The School is very grateful for all that he has done, and wishes him success in the future.

Mr. A. Hadfield, who joined us in 1926, has been ordered by the doctor to take a rest from teaching. Mr. Hadfield had made himself very popular, and the School greatly regrets his enforced resignation. We shall have him with us again this term when last year's IVa. produces its play at Sheffield.

In the place of Mr. Benson we welcome Mr. H. S. Thorne, who has been a master at Uppingham, King's School, Worcester, and High School, Newcastle-under-Lyne. Mr. Thorne was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge and saw much active service during the war.

Mr. Hadfield was succeeded by Mr. P. Wilson, of Jesus College, Cambridge. Mr. Wilson has a 1st Class Degree in English - a very rare qualification. He also holds the Cambridge Univ. Teaching Diploma.

Mr. J. R. Webster, of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, came from Magdalen College School, Brackley, to be Form Master of the Remove, and Mr. J. R. Hunter, of Liverpool University, came to help with the Economics and Commercial Law of the new Sixth Form.

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| Dean, F. (1016). | Came 1920. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1924; Distinction in Mathematics; Higher Certif., 1926; Dist. in Pure Maths; Prefect, 1926; Secretary, Rugby Football, 1924-7; Secretary, Chess Club, 1926-27; Dramatic Society; Cadet Corps; Captain, Choral Society, 1926-7. |
| Hickling, A. (1036). | Came 1928. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1924; Dist. in Chemistry; Higher Certif., 1926, 1927; Cadet Corps. |
| Pountain, A. E. (965). | Came 1919. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1924; Dist. in Physics; Higher Certif., 1926, 1927; 1 st XI. Cricket, 1927; Dramatic Society. |
| Taylor, E. W. (805). | Came 1917. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1924; Dist. Mathematics and Chemistry; Higher Certificate, 1926, 1927; Prefect and Captain of Large House, 1926; School Rugby XV., 1924-5-6-7; Captain, 1924-7; Scott-Robinson Prize, 1927; Tennis VI. (Captain), 1926-7; Cadet Corps (Sergeant and Platoon Commander); Cadet Corps Prize 1927 - Certif. "A" (Pract.). |

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| Allsopp, C. R. S. (748). | Came 1917. Northern Univ. School Certif., 1925; School Prefect, 1926; 1 st XI. Assoc. Football, 1926-7; Cadet Corps (Q.M.S.); Secretary, Tennis VI., 1927 ; Highest Score Urton Cup Competition, 1927. |
| Hyde, T. E. (1120). | Came 1921. Northern Univ. Joint Bd. Sch. Certif., 1925; School Prefect, 1926; Captain of Lingard, 1926; 1 st XI. Cricket, 1927; 1 st XI. Assoc. Football, 1926-7; Cadet Corps (Lance-Corporal); Dramatic Society. |
| Turner, B. (1139). | Came 1921. Northern Univ. Joint Bd. Sch. Certif., 1925; 1 st XI. Assoc. Football, 1925-6-7; 1 st XI. Cricket, 1927; Cadet Corps. |
| Coggins, A. F. G. (1183). | Came 1922. Northern Univ. Joint Bd. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1926; 1 st XI. Cricket, 1927; Cadet Corps. |
| Cash, E. W. P. (1279). | Came 1923. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1927. |
| Evans, F. K. (1194). | Came 1922. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1927; Dist. In Mathematics. |
| Redfern, L. A. (1128). | Came 1921. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1927. |
| Austin, A. S. (1270). | Came 1923. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1927. |
| Green, B. C. (1297). | Came 1923. Cadet Corps. |
| Severn L. (1222). | Came 1922. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1926. |
| Farmer, W. R. T. (764). | Came 1917. 1 st XV. Rugby Football, 1924-7; 1 st XI. Cricket, 1927. |
| Smith, M. C. F. (1333). | Came 1923, from Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. Lond. Gen. School exam., 1923; Dist. in Geography, French, Mathematics, Physics; London Matriculation; Northern Univ. Joint Bd. Higher Certif. (Science), 1925, and (Modern Studies) 1926; Distinction in French; County Major Scholarship, 1926; Higher Certif. and States Schol., 1927; Dist. Eng. Lit., French and History; Kitchener Memorial Schol., 1927; Open Schol. (Modern Lang), St. John's College, Cambridge, 1926; Captain of Clarke House and Prefect, 1925; Head of School, 1926; Scott-Robinson Prize, 1926; Cadet Corps (C.S.M.); Cadet Corps Prize 1926 - Certif. "A"; 1 st XV. Rugby Football, 1926-7. |
| Adams, W. P. (997). | Came 1920. Northern Univ. Joint Bd. Sch. Certif and Matric., 1925; Dist. in Mathematics and Chemistry; Higher Certificate, 1926; Dramatic Society; Cadet Corps. |
| Bailey, E. (1092). | Came 1921. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1925; Higher Certificate, 1926. |
| Jephson, W. (864). | Came 1918. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1925; Captain Assoc. Football, 1926-7; Cadet Corps (Lance-Corporal); Fives Team; Dramatic Society. |
| Wildman, J. W. (1142). | Came 1921. Northern Univ. Joint Bd. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1925; Higher Certificate, 1927; School Prefect, 1926; Cadet Corps (Lance-Corporal), Certif. "A" (Pract.). |
| Coxall, N. E. (1084). | Came 1921. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., 1926; 1 st XI. Assoc. Football, 1926-7; Cadet Corps. |
| Tindall, J. E. (1342). | Came 1923. Cadet Corps; 1 st XV. Rugby Football; Boxing. |
| Greenan, C. E. (112). | Came 1921. |

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| Metcalfe, J. R. (1312). | Came 1923. |
| Metcalfe, A. J. (1311). | Came 1923. |
| Richards, D. (1218). | Came 1922. |
| Wadsworth, A. R. (1245). | Came 1922. Cadet Corps. |
| Aldred, R. (1268). | Came 1923. |
| Cole, R. J. (1281). | Came 1923. |
| Whitham, L. (1349). | Came 1923. |
| Atrill, G. W. (1001). | Came 1920. 1 st XI. Assoc. Football, 1925-6-7; 1 st XI. Cricket, 1926-7. |
| Brady, J. (1175). | Came 1922. |
| Gullick, I-I. E. D. (995). | Came 1920. |
| Tagg, J. F. (1135). | Came 1921. |
| Sanderson, W. (1164). | Came 1922. |
| Farnsworth, W. P. I. (1085). | Came 1921. Cadet Corps. |
| Turner, F. (1229). | Came 1922. |
| Hewitt, W. M. (1162). | Came 1922. Transferred to Wellingborough Grammar' School. |
| Mather, E. M. (1210). | Came 1922. Public Schools Common Entrance Examination. Transferred to Cheltenham College. |
| Stanton, F. R. (1133). | Came 1921. Transferred to Rossall School. |
| Slack, M. H. (1265). | Came 1923. Transferred to Denstone College. |
| Clench, J. L. H. (1587). | Came 1926. Transferred to Kingswood School, Bath. |
| Gatenby, D. (1596). | Came 1926. Transferred to Doncaster. |
| Wait, P. (1545). | Came 1925. Transferred to Worksop College. |

SPEECH DAY AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution was held, as usual, in the hall of the High School; it was an enjoyable evening, both for the parents and the boys.

Alderman W. Hawksley Edmunds, Chairman of the Governors, presided, and was accompanied by Ald. T. Johnson Pearson, the Rev. Wm. Campbell Penny, Vicar of Norton Bavant, Wiltshire, formerly Principal of Elizabeth College, Guernsey, and the Headmaster.

In his opening address the Chairman said he thought the School was maintaining a very high standard, and drew attention to the large number of successes gained by it in the last few years; he announced also that the time had come when the Governors could proceed with the extensions to cope with the increasing numbers and to allow the School to be modernised.

The Headmaster gave a very interesting account of the various School activities, drawing particular attention to the successes of various old boys.

The Rev. Wm. Penney distributed the prizes, and made afterwards a very interesting and highly amusing speech.

Ald. T. Johnson Pearson, Chairman of the Derbyshire Education Committee, of the High School Governors, and a Governor of the School, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Penney, and was seconded by the Rev. Cecil Brown, Rector of Holy Trinity, and supported by the Rev. J. W. Nash.

In the course of the proceedings the School Choir rendered several part songs, under the direction of Mr. Sadler.

Altogether, it was one of the most successful Speech Days of recent years, both in its speakers and as a record of a successful School year.

The Prize List followed (Ed.)

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EDITORIAL.

Spring is in the air; cold Winter has passed away, and with it, let us hope, all its attendant gloom and depression. Plants, trees and flowers, which so long have been lying dormant, once more show signs of life; the birds are singing in the trees. Young buds peep forth with their exquisite fresh greenness. In the country the hedgerows once more resemble "little lines of sportive wood run wild"; "the young man's fancy," inspired perhaps by the birds, lightly "turns to thoughts of love." No one, wandering about in this beautiful season, can doubt that

"God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world."

With the approach of Spring, Nature has taken a fresh lease of life; all those ideas engendered during the winter months are now about to be put into practice. And now, "on old Hermes' thin and icy crown, an odorous chaplet of sweet summer buds" is set, presaging glorious summer days in the near future, and the fulfilment of all the long-cherished hopes; that this will come let no one doubt, for as Spring unfailingly follows winter, so does Summer follow Spring.

The war, with its grim aftermath, is over; progress during that period was at a standstill, save in a direction in which progress is least desired. And all those industries which were not ruined by the war were ruined by the subsequent reaction. But now our industries for the most part are slowly recovering. Chesterfield reflects this, and once more is expanding rapidly, and in consequence our Alma Mater, where young Chesterfield develops, is also expanding rapidly. Winter is over and new life has come into the School. The new buildings show this new vigour materially; nor is this the only sign. School life in general is quickening; new societies are being formed, and the old-established ones are becoming more and more flourishing. All the branches of School life show new vigour.

"Our old tree gets bigger and bigger."

Summer is approaching rapidly; let us pray it may be a true one this time, and that Autumn may be very far away.

DR. CHAVASSE.

Dr. F. J. Chavasse, who died at Oxford on March 12th, at the age of 81, was one of the Grammar School's most distinguished Old Boys. After leaving School he went up to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he gained a First Class in his Final Honours School; and in 1870 was ordained to a curacy in Preston. In 1873, having already attracted notice from more important men, he was moved to the more important cure of St. John, Upper Holloway, and five years later to the Vicarage of St. Peter-le-Bailey, Oxford. Here he did great work both among townspeople and Undergraduates, but before long was promoted to the Principalship of Wycliffe Hall. In this important position he attracted general regard and real affection. It was in 1900 that he was appointed Bishop of Liverpool, and it was here, and particularly in the organisation of the great scheme for the erection of Liverpool Cathedral, that his personal charm, ability, and judgment found full scope. His wise rule lasted until 1923, and the regret at his resignation was widespread and profound.

He lost in the War two of his four sons, one of whom won the V.C. with bar, as well as the M.C., and all distinguished themselves.

OLD CESTREFELDIANS AT DINNER.

The ninth annual dinner and re-union of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society was held at the Station Hotel, Chesterfield, on Tuesday, February 14th. Coun. T. E. Haslam (President) was in the chair, and among the ninety or so present were Coun. S. T. Rodgers (new President), the Headmaster, Mr. S. C. Greaves and Mr. Ed. Mitchell (joint secretaries), Mr. E. Toplis (treasurer), Dr. J. B. McKay, Councillors H P. Short and Barker, Messrs. G. J. Edmunds, J. D. White, A. B. Gregory, H. Wagstaffe, J. A. Colledge, M. R. Malson, W. Charlesworth, P. Stanton, C. W. Allsopp, S. Richardson, W. T. Britt, A. S. Britt, T. W. H. Furness, W. P. Warner, C. Craggs, E. H. Slack, F. S. Marston, C. O. Drabble, H. S. Thorne, R. Varley, H. Ingham, J. Hunter, and W. Bolton.

Mr. G. J. Edmunds, in proposing the toast of the President, in the absence of Coun. H. J. Watson, who was prevented from being present owing to indisposition, said that his first recollection of Coun. Haslam was at School, when he (the speaker) was a younger member and Coun. Haslam was a prefect. Coun. Haslam rose from a humble position in the Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Company to one of the chief positions in that great industrial concern - a wonderful tribute to the training which he had received at the Grammar School. His career should act as an incentive to boys when they left school, for he (Mr. Haslam) forced his way to the front by sheer merit and ability. They had been fortunate in their Presidents up to now, and Coun. Rodgers would prove a worthy successor.

Coun. Haslam, in reply, said that it was well worth their while to meet together once a year, and as often in the year as they could, to recall the old days at the School, renew old acquaintances, make new ones, and perhaps stimulate and encourage those who needed such encouragement. He could not help but feel that the boys who had been through the Chesterfield Grammar School were well prepared for anything life might bring. During the four terms he was at the School (it only comprised 100 boys when he left), he imbibed something of the spirit of the School, and that was one of the finest things a lad could derive. His wits were also sharpened and his interest quickened in the subjects he had to learn, and he had never lost that keen interest in the things that really mattered. He paid a high tribute to his old headmaster, Mr. A. E. P. Voules, who was a great friend in many ways, but a strict disciplinarian.

It had been said that there was in commercial and professional life so much that was humdrum and monotonous, but everyone had got to do the monotonous work, and it was the experience gained from it which taught us those qualities of fortitude, endurance, and courage, which made up the complete man. And in those qualities the boys of the Chesterfield Grammar School were foremost.

In proposing the toast of the School, Coun. Haslam said the School had reached a standard of work which was hardly thought possible twenty or thirty years ago. It was one of the most important schools in the county of Derby. It comprised some 500 students, the premises were larger and better equipped than ever before, the staff excellent, and the games side was also doing well. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Bescoby, whose services to the School were appreciated not only by the town but by the Governors of the School. They wished him success and all power to his elbow. (Laughter.)

The Old Boys at this stage, under the direction of Mr. G. H. Sadler, the music master, sang the School song: "Carmen Scholae Cestrefeldiensis," the various Houses joining in the chorus.

Mr. Bescoby said the School was truly proud of having a Rugger International, and to know that F. D. Prentice was discovered at School. They were also likely to have a representative in the British Boys' Open Golf Championship shortly.

He had told them a little time ago that owing to a change in the issuing of grants the School would pass through a critical stage.

It had now passed through that stage very successfully, and the County Council had been very generous to them, not having imposed those onerous terms which they thought might have been the case. The result was that the School still preserved that freedom which they much prized. The local Education Committee were proposing to provide one species of secondary education for all able to profit by it. That movement was going on all over the country, and probably it was quite right. The effect on existing Secondary Schools remained to be seen. It might help them or it might not. The Grammar School would still remain the Grammar School, and all that which it had stood for in the past it would stand for in the future. (Hear, hear.) Their doors will still be open to all who could behave, and who are ready to make the School's ideals of work, sportsmanship, and loyalty their ideals. The new buildings were being erected rapidly, but they were agitated over one thing - the cricket field had been encroached upon. They had, however, succeeded in getting the encroachment set back 18 feet, and so it would not be so serious. A piece was to be pared off the existing so-called hall, and they must turn their attention to a new hall soon. The alteration to the existing room would mean that their dilapidated and ancient organ would have to be moved, and it would not bear being moved. He appealed to a group of

Old Boys who had succeeded in life to show their debt of gratitude to the School by presenting them with an organ, which would serve as the nucleus for the organ in the new Hall.

In installing Conn. S. T. Rodgers as the new President, Coun. Haslam remarked that he served the School well, and since he had left it he had done creditable work, having built up a business on his own initiative. Quite recently he had also become a member of the Town Council, and he was not only a pushing member, but a most useful man who looked after the interests of the ratepayers as well as it was possible for anyone to do.

Coun. Rodgers, having taken the chair, expressed his thanks, and said if he could do anything to help a brother Cestrefeldian on the thorny road of life, he would be only too happy to do so. He hoped the membership would be increased, and added that if everyone would do a little missionary work by getting a new member next year, they would have a glorious re-union.

“Stainless Stephen” (Mr. Arthur Clifford) contributed to the programme, and caused amusement by his personal references to various “Old Boys.” Mr. Jack Woodhead sang admirable songs, and contributed in no small measure to the success of the evening. Mr. Sadler proved an able accompanist.

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Looking down our calendar for this past term we notice several fixtures, "v. Masters," and it gives us to think of the great improvement in the relations between Masters and pupils which has taken place during comparatively recent years. Not so very long ago Masters still regarded their boys as so much material which had to be turned, not from ignorance to knowledge, but from dull to less dull. The boys for centuries were taught the same curriculum, with very slight variations - spelling, reading, writing, Latin and Greek. These few things bounded the Schoolmaster's horizon and cramped his idea of duty towards his boys into that of enforcing School rules with a handful of birch twigs, and dinging a few elementary facts into his pupils' heads. There his duty ended. He would sit and calmly smoke a pipe whilst they cheerfully broke each other's heads with a slate. After all, it did not hurt the Master; and then, a boy ought not to be so careless as to let another crack his skull, and he should crack the other chap's first. As for games, the pupils were left entirely to their own devices. Sport was confined to a "mill," which was almost a general fight, and no mercy, or a day's swimming and fishing. The easiest way to kill a Master would be to suggest his joining in a game of football. He would surely die of shock.

"Look now upon this picture, and on this."

We are in the honourable position of being looked upon as potential citizens, and we are trained with a view to our better citizenship. We have a very extensive curriculum, which embraces everything from Electrostatics to English. The birch twigs are much less in evidence than formerly. School rules are made, but the public spirit of the boys makes enforcement almost unnecessary. Masters and boys are really friends, and however a Master may storm, we believe that all the same he is imbued with a desire to see us "get on." We have all the sports we can cope with in two halves, and three nights a week. We are no longer left to our own devices; Masters come and watch our House and Form matches; we play the Masters and, greatly daring, sometimes beat them at cricket, tennis and fives. All this goes to show that Masters and Boys feel they belong to the same School, and the same public spirit pervades the Masters' Common Room, the Prefects' Room, and the Form Room.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Chairinan of the Governors, Alderman W. H. Edmunds, O.B.E., J.P., has kindly presented a number of bound volumes of the best-known oratories and operas to the Library.

L. C. and C. H. Bethell have kindly presented a handsome cup for Inter-House Fives.

Yet another cup has been presented to the School, this time by E. W. Taylor. It is to be for Inter-House Rugby Football.

A small group of Old Boys is arranging to give a cup, which is to be assigned to some other athletic event.

The new wing is progressing rapidly. Considerable alterations to the old building are expected this August. The heating apparatus will be overhauled again.

The upper field is to be levelled, and an Engineering Workshop is to be built.

The search for another and permanent School playing field continues. A suitable field is not easy to find, and the problein is being resolutely tackled by a Sub-Committee of the Governors.

Between 30 and 40 boys have left during the current year, and all except one or two have suitable posts. Those who have not have left contrary to advice. Some 20 new boys have joined during the year - an unusual thing, and due to the addition of another Form to the Junior School.

It is with great sorrow that we record the passing away of two of our number during the past year. John Edward Day came to us in September, 1923, having won a Foundation Scholarship. He soon showed considerable promise, and his quiet and pleasant nature endeared him to all. Unfortunately he was able to attend but little during his second year, and

though he recovered sufficiently to return to School during 1926, his malady recurred and he was obliged to remain in the loving care of his home from that date. The news of his death in the spring of 1928 caused us deep distress. The School was represented at the funeral by the Headmaster.

This term, very suddenly, serious illness overtook Frederic Harry Haresnape, who had been with us only since 1926. In less than a month after he ceased to attend School, we were pained to hear of his death in a Sheffield Nursing Home. His School career was full of promise. He, too, had won his way to our hearts by his quiet efficiency and modesty. His Form and House provided the bearers at the funeral.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the parents of both of these boys.

VALETE.

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| Sadler C. H. (966). | Came Sept., 1919; Northern Univ. School Certif., 1927. |
| Jones, E. (1087). | Came May, 1921. |
| Staton, E. (1336). | Came Sept., 1923; Cadet Corps. |
| Micklewright, G. R. (1913). | Came September, 1923; Northern Univ. School Certif., 1927; Distinction in Mathematics. |
| Wilkinson, D. (1143). | Came Sept., 1921; Cadet Corps. |
| Bell, J. D. (1149). | Came Sept., 1922; Cadet Corps. |
| Munday, D. I. (1363). | Came May, 1924; Cadet Corps. |
| Roberts, H. S. (1326). | Came Sept., 1923; Tennis VI. |
| Young, F. W. (1367). | Came May, 1924. |
| Sharkey, J. A. (1635). | Came Sept., 1926. |
| Sproson, D. A. (1266). | Came May, 1928. |
| Prestwich, W. F. (1429). | Came Sept., 1924; Transferred to King William's College, Isle of Man. |
| Gilbert, M. A. (1111). | Came Sept, 1921; Northern Univ. School Certif., 1927; Distinction in Physics; Fives Captain, 1927; Cadet Corps. |
| Rogerson, R. A. (1258). | Came Jan., 1923; Transferred to Staveley Grammar School. |
| Rogerson, K. B. (1437). | Came Sept., 1924; Transferred to Staveley Grammar School. |
| Botham, H. D. (1004). | Came Sept., 1920; Northern Univ. School Certif., 1926; Cadet Corps. |
| Clark, C. B. (1182). | Came Sept., 1922; Transferred to Buxton College. |
| Cooper, H. E. (1461). | Came Jan., 1925; Transferred to Worksop College. |

CESTREFELDIANS AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, IN THE 18th CENTURY.

I.

In the "Cestrefeldian" for July, 1925, was published a list of old boys of the School whose names are to be found in the records of Cambridge Colleges between the foundation of the School and 1761. Most of these went to St. John's, probably because of the existence there of the Beresford Fellowship, restricted to the founder's kin, and failing them, to natives of Derbyshire. The Fellowship has since been abolished.

During the 40 years, 1722-61, at least 83 O.C.'s came to Cambridge, and of these 68 were at St. John's. At this time there were more entries from Chesterfield at St. John's than from any other school, with the exception of Eton, Sedbergh, and Westminster.

The records throw a certain amount of light on the state of the School and its pupils in the 18th century. For the greater part of the 40 years under discussion, the School was flourishing under the headmastership of Mr. Burrow. The social standing of the pupils is shown by their assignment on entering the College to the three grades of Fellow Commoner, Pensioner, and Sizar. Half of the Cestrefeldians belonged to the common, middle grade of Pensioner, about a tenth were wealthy enough to be Fellow Commoners, the rest were Sizar. The proportion was the same among the Etonians then at St. John's. Differences between schools were not so great then as now, and the distinction between Public Schools and Grammar Schools had hardly begun to be made. Education was much more democratic than it is now, and the Duke of Devonshire sent his son to be educated at Chesterfield Grammar School with the sons of his tenants, the local farmers and tradesmen.

II.

A large proportion of the Cestrefeldians educated at Cambridge during this period - nearly two-thirds in fact - went there to prepare for ordination. The majority of these were the younger sons of the landed gentry of the county, who often had good livings in their gift. The rest were nearly all poor sizars, who had no influence, and relying on their own ability alone, met with varying success. Some ended their lives in obscure country livings, and even curacies, one or two obtained fellowships at various Cambridge Colleges, others made their way by attaching themselves to powerful noblemen. The surest way to success was, in fact, to be appointed chaplain to some prominent member of the aristocracy, who had many livings at their disposal, and in addition possessed a great deal of influence in the Government, which enabled them to control the appointment of Bishops and secure preferment for their favourites. Several O.C.'s availed themselves of this method, one becoming chaplain to the Marquis of Hartington, another to Lord Malton, another to the Duke of Buccleugh, and a fourth to the Duke of Athol.

Pluralism was rife in the Church at this time, and more than one half of the clerical O.C.'s held two, three, or even more livings simultaneously. It was necessary to obtain a dispensation from the Archbishop of Canterbury for this, the applicant being required to state that the parishes were not more than twenty miles apart, so that he could adequately serve both. This assurance was invariably given, even when the livings were as far apart as Derbyshire and North Lancashire or Liverpool and the Lowlands of Scotland. The most successful of these pluralists was one Samuel Pegge, a well-known antiquarian, who contributed more than fifty papers to the archaeological journals of the time. He enjoyed the favour of the Duke of Devonshire, and also had influence at Lincoln and Ely. Not content with the possession of a fat living in Kent, he tried to eject a fellow Cestrefeldian and Johnian, Seth Ellis by name, from the curacy of Old Brampton. The people of the village, where the father of Ellis had been curate for many years, were highly indignant, but Pegge's influence with the Dean of Lincoln prevailed, and he added the living of Brampton to the one he already held in Kent, where he continued to reside. A few years later he became Vicar of Whittington, where he remained for the rest of his life, making this the nucleus of a group of livings in the Chesterfield district, to which he added with such success that at his death he held no less than eight pieces of preferment. The laudatory

inscription on his tomb in Whittington Church is amusing when compared with the frank narrative of his life given in Nicoll's "Literary Anecdotes," published in 1810.

It is interesting to note that an O.C., one William Sayle, was Vicar of Nether Stowey, in Somerset, when Coleridge and Wordsworth were living close together there, writing the "Lyrical Ballads."

III.

By far the most surprising (though by no means edifying) story to be found in these old records is that of a certain Richard Richmond, who, an idle and worthless scholar both at Chesterfield and St. John's, rose from a poor parsonage to a Bishop's palace with no asset in his favour but that of an irresistible personal charm. His influence over all he met, both young and old, was amazing. He lived in College in a most showy and expensive manner, borrowing money of everyone who would lend it, or had it to lend. "I saw him once," writes one of his contemporaries at St. John's, "at our Archdeacon's visitation in Bucks. (he was for a time curate of Beachampton, in that county), whither he accompanied my worthy and learned friend, Dr. John Taylor, as a companion, during the visitation of his jurisdiction, who was very fond of him, being of a cheerful and gay convention, though the Archdeacon had reason to repent of his ill-placed confidence; for I heard him complain some two or three years after, that he had borrowed some £200 or £300 of him, which he never expected to recover. Mr. Bullock, the Rector of Dry Drayton, lost £500 by him, and Mr. Grove, of St. John's College, a very considerable sum. In short, he had such an influence over them and other gentlemen of his acquaintance that it looked more like magic and enchantment than the effects of friendship."

He was a sort of king among the Cambridge men of his year. "Whenever he went out of College, or returned to it, he was sure to carry a train of them with him to his first stage at Huntingdon, and on notice of his return he was escorted back with the same joviality. He was the first man who ever made use of a Sedan chair to carry him to any of the Churches in Cambridge when he preached, as a great favour, for any of his acquaintance. . . . He was a well-made, showy person, always fully dressed; he used generally to have 20 or 30 guineas lying openly upon his table or chimney-piece, in order to cheat people into an opinion of his opulence.

"Another of his devices to deceive people to lend him money without security was pretty singular. He had a picture in his rooms of a young lady, whose health he used regularly to drink and whom he pretended he was to marry with a vast fortune, and had actually articles of marriage drawn, in order that the attorney might mention it, and the story was propagated, when, in fact, no such person ever existed."

This easy-going existence could not be carried on indefinitely, and the time came when Richmond had to flee from his creditors. He was not the kind of man to be discouraged by a misfortune of this sort, and he soon showed that he was one of those masters of strategy who are able to turn defeat into victory. From the obscure Scottish inn at Dunkeld, whither he retired for safety on his flight from Cambridge, he set about ingratiating himself into the acquaintance of the Duke of Athol, with whom before he was utterly unacquainted. No one expected he would succeed, but such was the force of his personality that before long he was taken into the family as chaplain and tutor to the children. Whatever he may have lacked in erudition, he made up in eloquence, and by his impressive manner in the pulpit. He soon published a volume of sermons, dedicated in terms of extravagant flattery to his patron. He was rewarded by being nominated to the Bishopric of Sodor and Man in 1773. He made such free use of his new opportunities for splendour and display that when he died in London seven years later he was quite insolvent. He was as pompous and prelatial in his little diocese, with his purple coat and silk cassock under it, and equipage to match, as any Bishop in Christendom, and though he grew enormously fat and unwieldy, he retained his inimitable magnificence of manner to the end.

IV.

It would be impossible to trace the careers of all the O.C.'s who were at St. John's in these 40 years, but records of most of them remain. Only three out of the 68 became doctors, but of these two made a double reputation as men of letters and scientists. The first, Charles Balguy, practised in Peterboro' throughout his life. He contributed papers to

the “Philosophical Transactions” and the “Edinburgh Medical Essays,” and in addition published a translation of Boccaccio, which Sir Leslie Stephen has described as “the only good one in English.” Another critic says: “His English is always pure, and some parts of his prose translation read like poems.” He was buried in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Peterborough, where there is a monument to him in the chancel.

The second was the famous Erasmus Darwin, who, with his elder brother Robert, another Cestrefeldian, did much to revive and establish the study of biology in England and prepare the way for the better known achievements of his grandson, Charles Darwin.

Another remarkable man who proceeded from Chesterfield School to Cambridge was the Hon. Geo. Cavendish, the son of the Duke of Devonshire, who afterwards sat as member for the county for 40 years, being returned at eight elections. He was distinguished as a scientist, being like the Darwins, especially interested in botany, but he was best known for his work as a public man.

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“There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.”

What a wonderful time is that when a young man reaches his twenty-first birthday; how many years has he been longing for that day when he can say, “To-day, I am a man”; for that day when the glasses are raised, and the toast is proposed - “may he have a prosperous and happy life” - and his friends and well-wishers join in singing, “For he’s a jolly good fellow?” Such is the happy position of the Cestrefeldian; this is the first number of the twenty-first volume.

Most young men have attained some stability of character, and regularity of behaviour by their twenty-first year; character is formed for better or for worse by the gradual development of twenty-one years. So with our Magazine; gradually the present form has evolved, and now each number differs in that respect very little from its predecessor.

But when the young man attains to years of discretion he has a sudden access of dignity - in his voting power; henceforth he has some say in the ruling of his country. The Cestrefeldian is under less restraint, it is true; we have always had a vital influence on the affairs of the School. With our maturity let us increase that influence. School life has two sides to it; one concerned with education in the limited sense, with book-lore and learning, the other concerned with the various out-of-school activities - the Societies, sport organized and unorganized; in short, with the boy out of the classroom. It is over this side of School life that the Cestrefeldian should exercise more control.

With its maturity it would be well if the Cestrefeldian showed something of a constructive and critical spirit; we wish these pages to express the real ideas and opinions of the School. At present our pages consist of about 70 per cent report; we recognise that the Magazine must be primarily a chronicle, since otherwise it would lose its value for future readers. But the present also has its claims. The Cestrefeldian is the expression of the wider school, masters, boys and old boys, and ought to have a more definite control over School affairs. Letters to the Editor are welcomed on any subject connected with the well-being of the School and Magazine. Do you not find plenty to criticise in the present number? Well then, say it in our next. Do you not find something that could be improved in the organization of the various out-of-school activities? Well then, suggest that improvement in our next number. Let us have in our next, if not “revolution from below,” at least a few suggestions from that quarter. Remember, “It is a poor plan which will bear no improvement.”

“1908 — 1928.”

I am glad that I have been asked to contribute a word to the “Coming-of-Age” volume of the School Magazine. The first number of the Cestrefeldian was published in 1908 by a group of senior boys, with the approval and help of the Headmaster, Mr. James Mansell.

The School had been completely rebuilt in 1846, and the Rev. F. Calder and the Rev. F. B. Allison had been Headmaster in turn. Mr. A. E. P. Voules followed in 1886, and during his term of office the number of boys rose to over 100. He is remembered partly for his great work in laying out the School playing fields, and when he retired he left the finances of the School in a very flourishing condition. Mr. Mansell succeeded Mr. Voules in 1894, and the 1898 additions - laboratories, gymnasium, art rooms and classrooms - remain as a memorial of his work. Mr. Mansell was also responsible for the wood-work shop and the separate Junior School.

When the first number of the Magazine was published the number of boys in the School was over 200, and this number steadily rose to 320 in 1921. Mr. Mansell was also responsible for the great development in the social life of the School, and the Magazine chronicles the formation of the House system, the Cadet Corps, and numerous Societies and Clubs. He was also responsible for an organization of the School which has proved a sound foundation for the superstructure which has since been built upon it.

Numbers have now risen to 550. The years 1921, 1922 and 1923 were critical. The School had received a heavy blow through the War, and good Masters were difficult to get. Various causes made School life short, and the vast

majority of the boys left before they were 16. The Board of Education threatened that they would not recognise the School as a Secondary School at all. Great efforts were made, and soon an improvement was manifest.

Practically no one now leaves before he is 16 years old. The Sixth Form has increased from seven to nearly 80, and in July last there were 120 boys over 16 in the School. The Science and Mathematical Sixth has been divided into Upper and Lower Sections (which are taught separately). Two other Advanced Courses have been organized and are "recognized" by the Board of Education. These are known as the Classical and Modern Sixth and the Modern Sixth. Each in turn has been divided into an Upper and a Lower Section. Boys from these Forms are much sought by local firms, banks, and the like, and the Scholarship record at Universities is good. An Upper Vb and a Lower Vc were added, and a year or so later, an Upper Vc. The latest Form to be added has been a Third Form to the Junior School.

It would be difficult to enumerate all that an efficient and energetic body of Governors has done for the School since 1921. The Staff has been nearly doubled and salaries increased. What was Mr. Mansell's private house has become "School." It has provided a dining hall, Headmaster's room, kitchens, rooms for caretakers, Common Rooms, Library, Book Depot and Classrooms. Much re-painting and re-decorating has been done. Extensive alterations to the heating of the building were carried out in 1923 and 1924, and a new boiler was installed. Further extensive alterations have now been carried out, and a boiler large enough to heat not only the present School, but the new Hall when this is built, has been introduced. The whole of the sanitary arrangements and drainage have been re-modelled. Two excellent fives courts and substantial bicycle sheds have been built; gardens and terraces have been laid out; the cricket pitch has been renovated; the kitchens re-equipped and re-furnished.

Contracts for the purchase of 27 acres of playing fields at Brampton, and of Hurst House in Abercrombie Street, have just been signed. The playing fields will solve one great difficulty created by the growth of the School, while Hurst House will provide a residence for the Headmaster and accommodation for the two lowest forms of the Junior School.

A new wing, comprising eight new classrooms, cloakrooms, staff rooms, lavatories, and a range of art rooms is now approaching completion. It is a handsome stone building, and it will be a most welcome addition to our accommodation.

Considerable structural alterations are being made to the older buildings, and the plans include a new laboratory, a changing room with baths, additional cloakrooms, and more lavatory accommodation.

An engineering workshop has been built, and is now being furnished. The upper field has been levelled and a terrace constructed. This will both improve the look of the building, and prevent mud from the field getting into the classrooms.

As to future plans, we must soon make four new Forms, and there must be a corresponding increase of Staff. We must try hard to save for an Assembly Hall, because it has been impossible for some years for the School to "see itself." Our new fields at Brampton require some surface levelling, and a pavilion must be provided. We should like a Biological Laboratory and a Museum, and our Fives Courts should be roofed in. Two pillars which support the roof of the Gymnasium ought to be removed, and the existing floor replaced by a modern gymnasium floor. We need a new organ - our morning Assembly takes the place of the Chapel of the Public School.

Then I much want a fund —£5,000 at least — the interest from which could go to helping our boys to Universities, to "Articles" of apprenticeship, to Technical Colleges, and the like. I should suggest that money be lent, so that on repayment the principal would grow. This endowment fund is a vital need, to supplement what the Governors are able to do.

We hope to get all or most of these things in time. We are an independent School, and therefore we cannot go to the rates; we must get our money by our own unaided efforts. The Old Boys' Association has a small nucleus of some £300. The desire to help is there, and many recognise their debt to the Old School, which has certainly been one factor in their success. If only one in a hundred of our Old Boys repaid to us what has actually been paid to him or for him in free education, maintenance grants, grants in aid, and grants for further education, we should start our new Hall at once, and be well on our way with our Endowment Fund.

This retrospect should not close without a word of thanks to a succession of Editors, both boys and masters, whose self-sacrificing labour has enabled the Magazine to be produced continuously and has done so much towards the general well-being of the School.

A.C.B

SCHOOL NOTES.

Events have moved rapidly since the last issue of the Magazine. Just before this term commenced seven acres of playing fields were rented at Brampton, but in the first week or two of term the Governors decided to purchase not only these seven acres, but the adjoining 20 acres. These will provide good playing space, and we thank them for their kind thought and foresight.

We are still using three pitches at Highfields, but they are not very good. In the course of time we hope to concentrate at Brampton.

The transport difficulty has been solved by the advent of the "trolley bus" and by the cheap travelling facilities provided by the Town Council. To them, too, we are grateful. The time taken in reaching the new field is not as great as the time taken in reaching the old one.

The large house which stands at the bottom of Abercrombie Street facing the School has been purchased from Dr. Green. This will furnish a residence for the Headmaster, and a few boarders can be accommodated if desired. The remainder of the house will make an excellent home for Forms I. and II.

The new Modern Sixth has been divided into Upper and Lower Sections, and the numerical strength is quite satisfactory. It is believed, too, that the academic qualifications of the members will satisfy the requirements of the Board of Education.

Six members of the Sixth Form are candidates for Open Scholarships at Oxford and Cambridge this December.

It is believed that, out of last year's "leave" of upwards of 90 boys, only one, or possibly two, are without posts. Even those whose School record was not good seem to have been absorbed.

The Classical and Modern Sixth now takes some Mathematics on Civil Service lines, and this Form is perhaps the best for those who desire the Civil Service as a career.

The School organ has been temporarily "patched" by Mr. Sadler. It had to be moved somewhat owing to forthcoming structural alterations. It was necessary to remove the pedal portion, but Mr. Slack is still able to accompany the morning hymn.

VALETE.

Walker, J. H. (1467). Came April, 1925.

Prelim. Exam. Inst. Chartered Accountants; 1st Rugby XV. 1926-27-28; Tennis VI. 1928; Boxing; Cadet Corps Q.M.S., Certificate "A", 1927.

Alvey, J. W. (1170). Came September, 1922.

Northern Univ. School Certif., July, 1928; 1st Rugby XV. 1927-28; Boxing.

Oswald, T. M. (1318). Came September, 1923.

Northern Univ. School Certif., July, 1928; Examination for Mechanic, Royal Air Force; Cadet Corps.

Bowden, B. V. (1099). Came September, 1921.

Northern Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matriculation, 1925; Dist. in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry; Northern Univ. Higher Certif., July, 1927; Dist. in Pure Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry; London, Univ.

Intermediate B.Sc., 1928: County Major Scholarship, 1927; State Scholarship, 1927; Open Scholarship Natural Science, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 1926-27; Prefect, 1928; Cadet Corps; Sec. Lit. and Deb. Soc. 1927-28.

Botham, S. (1174). Came September, 1922.
Northern Univ. School Certif., 1926; Dist. in Mathematics and Additional Matheniatics; 1st Rugby XV. 1927-28.

Short, F. J. D. (910). Came January, 1919.
Northern Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation, 1926; Dist. in Mathematics; Higher Certificate, 1928; 1st Rugby XV. 1925-26-27-28; Captain 1927-28; Tennis VI. 1927-28: Fives 1928; Cadet Corps C.S.M.. Certificate "A." 1927; Prefect and Captain of Large House, 1927-28.

Broughton. R. (1176). Came September, 1922.
Northern Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation, 1926; Dist. in Chemistry; Higher Certificate, 1928; 1st Rugby XV., 1927-28; Cadet Corps.

Widdowson, H. (1350). Came September, 1928.
Northern Univ. School Certificate, July 1927; Cadet Corps. Transferred to Doncaster Grammar School.

Harrold, V. C. L. (1115). Came September, 1921.
Northern Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation, July, 1925; Higher Certificate, 1927 and 1928; School Leaving Exhibition, 1928; Prefect, 1926-28; House Captain, Foljambe House, 1926-28; School Captain, 1928; Cadet Corps Cpl.; Certificate "A", 1927.

Parkinson, R. (1126). Came September, 1921.
Northern Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation, 1925; Dist. in Mathematics and Chemistry; Higher Certificate, 1927-28; School Leaving Exhibition, 1928; Tennis VI. 1928: Cadet Corps Cpl.; Prefect 1927-28.; Captain Clarke House 1928.

Cuff, H. (1188). Came September, 1922.
Northern Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation. July, 1926; Dist. in Mathematics; Higher Certificate, July. 1928; Cadet Corps; Prefect, 1927-28.

Gilthorpe, C. G. (1198). Came September, 1922.
Northern Univ. School Certif., July, 1926; Boxing; Cadet Corps L/Cpl., Certificate "A" (Practical), 1928; 1st Rugby XV. 1926-27-28.

Wheeldon, J. W. (1233). Came September, 1922.
Northern Univ. School Certif. and Matriculation, July. 1926; Higher Certificate, 1928; 1st Rugby XV. 1927-28; Cadet Corps.

Brummell, G. T. (1243). Came October, 1922.
Northern Univ. School Certificate, 1927; 1st Assoc. XI. 1927-28; Cadet Corps.

Roberts, J. R. (1325). Came September, 1923.
Northern Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation, 1927; Dist. in Mathematics.

Wintle, E. R. (1238). Came September, 1922.
Northern Univ. School Certif., July, 1927; 1st Cricket XI. 1928; Cadet Corps.

Hardwick, W. (906). Came September, 1919.

Blatherwick, L. N. (1098). Came September, 1921.

Lamming, G. N. (1416). Came September, 1924.
Northern Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation, 1928; Cadet Corps. Transferred to Reading School.

Edwards, F. W. B. (1462). Came January, 1925.
Exam. Admission Mechanic Royal Air Force; Cadet Corps.

Hesketh, R. V. (1302). Came September, 1923.

Harpley, W. A. (1773). Came March, 1923.
Northern Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation, 1928.

Taylor, K. A. (1226). Came September, 1922.
Northern Univ. School Certificate, July, 1928.

Turner, A. A. (1451). Came September, 1924.

Jones, A. I (1510). Came September, 1925.
Cadet Corps. Transferred to Denstone College.

Charlesworth, G. (1160). Came April, 1922.

Hunter, K. G. (1411). Came September, 1924.

Winder, T. F. (1459). Came September, 1924.

Denniff, A. S. (1591). Came September, 1926.
Transferred to Private School, Buxton.

Campling, C. (1681). Came September, 1927.
Transferred to Lancaster Grammar School.

Campling, H. (1772). Came April, 1928.
Transferred to Lancaster Grammar School.

Booth, F. B. (1763). Came January, 1928.
Transferred to Battersea Grammar School.

Banner, J. W. (1271). Came September, 1923.
Northern Univ. School Certificate, 1928.

Holmes, J. C. (1206). Came September, 1922.
Northern Univ. School Certificate, 1926; Fives 1928; Cadet Corps.

Colledge, F. S. (1185). Came September, 1922.

Holdsworth, F. R. (1204). Came September, 1922.

Wodhouse, J. R. (1460). Came September, 1924.

Hopkinson, H. L. (1611). Came September, 1926.
Transferred to Retford Grammar School.

Clark, C. B. (1182). Came September, 1922.
Transferred to Buxton College.

PRIZE DAY.

Prof. Sir F. Gowland Hopkins, F.R.S. (Hon. Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge), distributed the prizes to the School on Wednesday, July 25th.

In the absence of Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds (Chairman of the Board of Governors), the Mayor (Coun. Miss Violet Markham) presided over a large gathering in the Hall of the Girls' High School.

The Mayor said that there was one point Ald. Edmunds had asked her to make, and that was to say to the scholars and staff that he was afraid, that owing to the building operations, they had had to work for some time past under very inconvenient conditions. That inconvenience had in no sense impaired the efficiency of the school, however, but the Governors hoped that in the course of the coming year the building operations would be finished, and then their work would be able to be carried on under much more convenient circumstances and conditions than at present.

Headmaster's Report.

The Headmaster, in the course of his review of the School's activities during the past year, mentioned that for the first time a School orchestra had come into being. In regard to the building operations, eight new classrooms were rapidly taking shape, together with the necessary cloak rooms, masters' common room, etc. They would, he said, require them because their entry last year was 118 - a record. They had about 100 people leaving that year, and he was glad to say that out of that number there were not more than three or four who had not obtained satisfactory posts. He would like to remove a deep-seated fallacy that it was a difficulty to get work from a Secondary School. That was not their experience in this area. A number of Old Boys showed a decided tendency to enter a promising career - the police force, and he had very much wished he had been more polite to them. Many alterations were coming, and the Governors were going to build them an engineering shop. They would be able to take their choice of subjects more in the future than in the past. Having expressed regret at the impending departure of two members of the staff, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Yorke, the Headmaster acknowledged various gifts and said that a group of Old Boys proposed to give them a grant to whatever purpose they wished.

Organ Fund Proposed.

They might have to lose their School organ. It was an interesting instrument. If they wanted to play "A flat" they put down "C sharp," and other notes were in like order. They proposed to scrape together every penny they could to buy a new organ. He wished to thank the staff for their hard work and great interest during the past year. He must also thank his Governors for their kindness and support throughout the year.

The Mayor expressed the thanks of the Education Committee, the teachers, and the children for the cup which had been presented by the Grammar School as a prize for the senior boy champion at the elementary school sports.

The prizes having been distributed, the Mayor called upon Professor Sir F. Gowland Hopkins to give his address.

Sir Gowland said he was not there on account of any merit of his own, but rather owing to the circumstance that he was their Headmaster's tutor when, many years ago, he was at Cambridge. There was no escapade to tell them of, so far as he knew, in regard to their Headmaster. He was a sportsman who carried a high spirit into all the games he played and the same high spirit into playing the greater game of life. His intellectual acquirements were, of course, shown by the fact that he was a scholar of his College and ultimately obtained a brilliant First Class in the Natural Science Tripos. Emmanuel College on that occasion only got three Firsts in that Tripos, and Mr. Bescoby was far and away the best of them.

Cestrefeldians were always specially welcome at Cambridge - they had done extraordinarily well there - and he hoped they would never be without boys from that School at that University.

He wanted to say a word or two to the School about the importance of self-knowledge.

“Know Thyself”

was ancient advice based upon ancient wisdom, and it was the kind of knowledge each must acquire for himself and by himself.

It had been his fate for many years to discuss with young men the question of the choice of a career, and the answer to the questions “What do you want to be; what do you want to do?” was far too often the very disappointing one of “I really do not know.” There were many excuses for that kind of unsatisfactory attitude. A young man might have his ambitions, but might know that owing to circumstances they were impossible of realisation, and therefore he might become indifferent. On the other hand he might feel that he did not know enough of the possibilities of life to have definite views on the matter; or lastly, it might be the fault of the school, which had perhaps discouraged him from exercising independent thought on anything whatever. That unsatisfactory lack of definite views about a career was due to the fact that a young man had not learned to know himself. As a result the country had far too many misfits in carrying out its work - too many clergymen who ought to be lawyers, too many lawyers who ought to be clergymen, too many scientific workers who ought to be men of affairs, and too many doctors who had no real interest and enthusiasm for their calling. All those were trying to repair their lack of decision earlier in life, and they did their work conscientiously; but the country was better served by men who loved their work, who were doing the work to which they were born.

Having congratulated the Headmaster and his staff on the growth of the School, the speaker, in conclusion, said there seemed to be one thing lacking. It would be a sad thing, he said, for so great a school not to possess

An Adequate Hall

of its own, and he trusted that local patriotism or some other force would before long secure such a hall where the School might see itself assembled.

Sir Ernest Shentall proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Gowland Hopkins and the Mayor.

Mr. W. Jacques, the oldest Old Boy on the governing body of the School, seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.

Selections were ably played by the School Orchestra, and the School Choir sang exceptionally well the following part songs: “My lips shall speak the praise,” “The Maiden of the Fleur-de-Lys,” “Hickory Dickory Dock,” “The Long Day Closes,” “Come Unto Him” (from “The Messiah”), “A Perfect Day,” “Absent” (for the solo in which H. V. Bennett was deservedly encored), and the School song. Mr. G. H. Sadler, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., conducted.

The proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

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EDITORIAL.

We often hear it said of a person: "He is ill-mannered?" "What do we mean by "ill-mannered?" "What are manners? Strictly, they are our habits or ways, our method of procedure in everyday life. The usual meaning attached to the word is: A code of deportment. Lamb says manners constitute a "conventional fiction." Conventional, in that their standard is agreed upon by universal and tacit consent; a fiction only when we remember them in class and forget them on the street.

Good or bad, what difference do they make to us?

Good manners can make a strong man gentle; by them a weakling is made to appear strong; a courteous beggar is noble; a chivalrous noble is humble. A prince puts off his crown to be at home with his meanest subject - good manners put both at ease, and the simplest and most unassuming becomes through them the most respected and admired.

Manners should be unpostured and unforced, so as neither to embarrass the recipient of a service in accepting it, nor the servant in proffering it. The gallant can be pleasing in handing my lady from her car; but he can also be obsequious and annoying when he carries his gallantry to excess. "How can we regulate our behaviour then? Where is the difference between good and bad manners? It is, although an intangible and abstract difference, quite patent and definite. It is a question of taste; this difference is the same, as wide and as plain as the gulf fixed between good and bad taste. And so, when we have discovered the secret of taste, we shall also have found that of manners.

What is good taste? It is not the peculiar property of a class, nor of any particular nation; neither is it possessed only by an educated few. It is our innate feeling for what is meet and proper - our natural sense of proportion applied to our daily lives. Upon this sense depends our appreciation of all thoughts and things beautiful and lovely, our sense of humour, and our truer realisation of our position in the world. A keen sense of proportion will turn life from drab ugliness to cheerful beauty, from jarring cacophony to suave harmony, and from a disconnected series of events to a unified, consecutive, and purposeful whole.

It is a significant thought that good manners imply so many things. We should all do well to remember that a single ill-mannered scholar amongst us, to the superficial glance of the casual observer, gives the impression of an ill- balanced school, lacking in principle. None of us, we feel quite sure, would ever thus willingly, by carelessness or forgetfulness, stain the fair reputation of our School.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The sympathy of the School has recently been extended to the relatives of H. L. Taylor, whose death has taken away one of the most promising of the School's younger Old Boys. H. L. Taylor entered the School with a County Minor Scholarship in 1918, and in 1925 ended his School career brilliantly by gaining the Northern Universities' Higher Certificate with distinctions in Pure Maths. and Physics, and winning a County Major Scholarship, a Hulme Hall Scholarship for Manchester University, and a Derby Open Mathematical Scholarship. At the time of his death he was preparing for his final examination for an Honours Degree at Manchester University.

In games he gained equal distinction. He was School football captain in 1924, he was in the cricket first eleven for four seasons, and was sports champion in 1925. At Hulme Hall he gained first eleven cricket and football colours, and he frequently played cricket for the Chesterfield first eleven.

In every way he showed the greatest promise, and his loss will be keenly felt wherever he was known.

On December 14th, 1928, to mark the Schubert Centenary, Mr. G. H. Sadler gave in the Holy Trinity Church an interesting Schubert recital, which was attended by the whole School. Mr. Sadler played several pieces on the organ, including the first movement of the Unfinished Symphony, and a School choir sang the songs "Peace" and "Who is Sylvia?" The Headmaster gave a short address on Schubert's life and achievement.

An enjoyable end-of-term entertainment was given on December 17th and 18th, 1928, by the Dramatic Society and members of the Junior School. The Dramatic Society, trained, as usual, by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith, let itself go in a farce, "Have You Anything to Declare?" which kept the audience uproarious; and the Junior School presented attractively a dramatisation by the Misses Kyle of a Grimm fairy story, "Hansel and Gretel," under the direction of the authors.

At the end of the second month of the term four classrooms of the new wing were taken into use. The improved accommodation is much appreciated. When the reorganisation is completed the new wing will contain Forms Upper and Lower V. The old building will contain Forms III. and IV., and a portion of Form VI.

The new cloak-room has also become available. It is spacious, and caps and coats are hung from pipes through which hot water circulates.

At Easter the new masters' common room was ready. It is a very commodious and handsome room.

SCHOOL DRESS AND COLOURS.

The School Cap is sold by Messrs. Craggs, of Burlington Street. Caps which deviate from the official pattern will not be permitted.

The School blazer (black, with white monogram) may be worn by any member of the School.

The Sports blazer (black, with gold edging) may be worn by any member of the School who has received his Colours for Cricket, Association Football, or Rugby Football.

Those who have been awarded their "Colours" are entitled to wear the badge, as presented to them, on their football shirt or jersey or sports blazer.

The mark of Cricket "Colours" is a white cap with the School badge in colours.

The official dress for Association football is navy blue shorts and black and yellow (halves) shirt.

The official dress for Rugby football is navy blue shorts and black and yellow (hoops) Rugby jersey.

All the above-mentioned articles are supplied by Messrs. Craggs, of Burlington Street.

The Old Boy's' Colours are black, gold and white. The blazer is black with narrow gold and white stripes. Old Boys who have received their "colours" while at School (or who have played for the first Association or Cricket elevens prior to 1921) are entitled to wear the "colours" badge. A badge for general use by the Old Boys is under discussion.

The Old Boys' blazer, tie, muffler, etc., are obtainable from Messrs. Southcott, Stephenson Place, Chesterfield.

VINGT-ET-UN.

It is perhaps appropriate that this, General Election year, in which "majorities" will be of such vital import, should also bring in its train a different "Majority" – the coming-of-age of the "Cestrefeldian."

The year of grace 1908 was to witness several revolutionary changes at the School, largely due to suggestions emanating from the then Sixth Form and the valuable assistance of Mr. Hughes, who was at that time English master. The House system was being inaugurated, the Debating Society formed; the School was almost, one might say, witnessing a renaissance.

The idea of a magazine was first mooted as a result of perusing the efforts of other schools when visiting them for games. We considered, in our youthful optimism, that we could at least prove ourselves their equals in the field of journalism as we had done on the sports field!

A deputation of two was appointed to interview the Head, and we found him sympathetic - more, encouraging. His approval and co-operation assured, plans began rapidly to take shape. The Editorial Staff was appointed, suggestions were made, and decisions taken; one by one articles reached us, some of which were suitable and some of which were most decidedly not! Eventually the day arrived when sufficient material was available for the venture to be launched.

It would perhaps be interesting to recall the names of those who contributed to the first issue. Anonymity marked the efforts of many of them, and but for the fact that I have in my possession the original MSS, I fear that I could not tax my memory sufficiently to remember their names. Even helped in this way, I am not too certain, but believe I am correct in saying that the principal contributors were the Head, Heath (at Cambridge by then), Alvey, Ind, Merry, Newcombe, and myself, not forgetting Turner, who was responsible for the cover design. In passing, let me admit that, as is frequently the case in a new periodical, one at least of the "Letters to the Editor" was from the pen of the Editor himself!

We had no Kipling, no Shaw, no Edgar Wallace even, but at any rate let it be said of us that we realised our limitations. We did not, as is so common in journalism to-day, mistake size for greatness, and attempt by "padding" to give our efforts the outward seeming of a profundity which they did not possess. We made a modest start, full of imperfections, but we improved with each successive issue, and we handed over to those who followed us something which had by then become a fixed and popular feature in the School's life. How well and truly its founders planned may be judged from the publication of to-day. Its general lay-out, its essential features, its cover design even, are the same now as then. May each succeeding Editor take his motto, from Pope :-

"In words, as fashions, the same rule will hold,
Alike fantastic if too new or old;
Be not the first by whom the new are tried,
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

The magazine's future is in any event assured. Its circulation, the life-blood of any publication, has greatly increased, and will, I am sure, continue to do so. Together with the Old Boys' Society it will, I trust, ever form a valuable connecting link between past and present.

E. TOPLIS.

VALETE.

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| Nash, C. J. (1425). | Came Sept., 1924. Northern Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation, July, 1926; Higher Certificate. July, 1928; Royal Dental Board Bursary, 1928; Cadet Corps, C.Q.M.S., Certificate A., 1928; Rugby XV., 1927-28; School Prefect, 1928. |
| Reavill, A. (14.30). | Came Sept., 1924. |
| Green, F. J. (1703). | Came Sept, 1927. |
| Smith, G. A. W. (1444). | Came Sept., 1924. North Univ. School Certificate and Matriculation, 1928; Dist. in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry; Cadet Corps. Transferred to Derby Municipal School. |
| Price, W. W. C. (1163). | Came May, 1922. Cadet Corps. |
| Best, C. F. (1358). | Came Jan., 1924. Cadet Corps. |
| Olive, R. C. (1213). | Came Sept., 1922. Cadet Corps. |
| Clark, S. B. K. (1381). | Came Sept., 1924. |
| Hudson, S. E. (1803). | Came Sept., 1923. Northern Univ. School Certificate, 1928. |

OLD CESTREFELDIANS.

Good Wishes from Former Headmasters.

Annual Re-union Dinner.

Letters from two former headmasters of the Chesterfield Grammar School, read at the tenth annual dinner and re-union of the Old Chesterfeld Society at the Station Hotel, on Thursday, 7th, 1929, recalled school-day memories of many of the 80 present at the function.

One was from Mr. A. E. P. Voules, who was headmaster at the school some 35 years ago. He wrote that his health prevented him from being present at the gathering, but added that he hoped to be staying at Smedley's Hydro at Matlock in a week's time and would be glad if any of his old boys would run over and see him. He concluded: "I wish I could be with you. May the old School flourish and old boys do well in their various vocations in life."

The other was from Mr. J. Mansell, who retired from the headmastership about seven years ago. Mr. Mansell, who also regretted his inability to be present, wrote: "I know the room well and most of the guests better, and it will give me much compensating enjoyment to picture to myself the joy of the occasion."

The function was presided over by Coun. S. T. Rodgers, the President, and amongst those supporting were Mr. A. C. Bescoby, the present Headmaster of the School, Coun. T. E. Haslam, Coun. E. A. Barker, Coun. A. Glossop, Coun. Wilfrid Hill, Mr. S. O. Greaves, the incoming President, who has been the joint secretary with Mr. Edward Mitchell, Mr. E. Toplis, the Treasurer, and Dr. J. Lee Warner.

Dinner over, the toast of "The King," was honoured with special significance, and then followed the toast of "Absent Cestrefeldians," which was drunk in silence.

Proposing the health of the President, in the unavoidable absence of Coun. H. J. Watson, Coun. Barker remarked that Coun. Rodgers had been a real good President and one always prepared to help anyone in any way he could.

The toast was accorded musical honours and Coun. Rodgers, in replying, said his year of office had been a most pleasant one. He went on to propose "The School," or the "Old School," as he put it, and recalled in a delightful manner incidents of many years ago. He specially dealt with the period during which Mr. Voules was headmaster, and went through the names of the boys who were at the School in those days. He also referred to the various masters that had been at the School, and had a special word for Mr. Guilinant - "dear old Gillie," as he called him.

Amongst the names of some of the old boys he mentioned the brothers Edmunds, and asked: "Would life be worth living if we had not *The Derbyshire Times*? He added: "I suggest that the notes would not have been so snappy if the editor and manager had not been at Chesterfield Grammar School."

Coun. Rodgers said he wanted to cement the brotherhood of that Society. They were all brothers, and although that re-union took place only once a year, they had abundant opportunities to help each other. He had met a number of old school friends during his year of office, and the touch of the hand had meant a great deal. What the country needed to-day was more of the human touch. It was the human touch that counted.

Before Mr. Bescoby replied on behalf of the School, the old boys joined in the singing of the School song "Carmen Scholae Cestrefeldiensis." Mr. G. H. Sadler, music master at the school, accompanied on the piano, and the old members of the various "Houses" lustily joined in the singing of the chorus and "made the rafters ring." Mr. Bescoby spoke of the present position of the school and referred to the many improvements that had taken place and were taking place, and which, he said, would leave little change out of £25,000. The work in connection with the new wing was getting on, and, thanks to their energetic governing body, they had to-day 27 acres of playing fields. He referred to the need of a school hall, and added that they also ought to have a scholarship fund, and altogether it seemed as though they would want another £25,000.

Mr. Bescoby said the School was proud of one of its old boys – the present Mayor of Chesterfield, who, he regretted, was unable to be present that evening. He would liked to have told him about the boy, who, in writing an essay on a certain civic function, had stated: “The Aldermen were very beautiful; they looked like violets around a scarlet pimpernel.” (Laughter.)

Mr. S. C. Greaves was installed President for the ensuing year. Coun. Rodgers, in asking the new President to take the chair, remarked that Mr. Greaves was already a busy man. But if they wanted a job doing well, the best thing to do was to get a busy man.

In a brief reply, Mr. Greaves remarked that ever since the Society was formed he had always taken a great interest in its welfare, and would continue to do so.

Mr. Vincent Arthurs, of Sheffield, gave a number of humorous items and Mr. A. J. Greaves contributed songs. The duties of accompanist were shared by Mr. Saddler and Mr. W. S. Poad.

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EDITORIAL.

“ - to sleep; perchance to dream.” – HAMLET.

To us it is something of a mystery that dreams do not play a greater part in the World's Literature. Here we are held down in our efforts by consideration of reason, of sequence, of land and sea, - above all, of mortality. The world of dreams is a second, vaster world, almost unexplored. Their continent stretches out far beyond terrestrial limits. Here is a world where all boundaries and earthly restraints are overrun and forgotten. It is a world of escape, of refuge from mundane loads, where burdens are lifted light as thistledown from Earth-wearied shoulders, a world of refreshment and recreation for minds dulled or exhausted in the workshop of life. For whatever is fantastic, impossible, uncanny, inexplicable, is here for a few delicious moments as common as possible, as reasonable as a June field golden with a waving foam of buttercups. Whatever is beautiful, repellent, awesome, enchanting, bewildering, is natural in the land of dreams; as everyday as beef and horseradish sauce. Into whatever incorporeal adventure of outrageous coincidences we plunge, it is as normal and as consequent as the baker's van trundling behind a staid old mare. At whatever ephemeral fountain we drink in our wild, woodland pursuit, it is as cool in the mouth, as fitting, as water from an urban tap. The chimeric creature who guards some faërie demesne, a figure swift as a horse, tireless as a stork in flight, million-eyed as a bee, graceful as a swan, sinuous as a panther, fierce as a lion, brave and potent as an Alexander, is real and fleshly as the Zoo's lions, and far more suited to his place. We cool our heedless limbs in

“Des lacs de délice,
Où le poisson glisse,
Où l'onde se plisse,
A des roseaux d'or”

as nonchalantly as if we had paid sixpence to do the same thing in a Corporation bath.

But this world of dreams is as ephemeral as the morning dew. We rarely live through to the end of our sub-conscious adventures; who has ever drained the last, glittering, watery bead from his dreamland goblet? A dream always implies its counterpart, - an awakening. Some of us are even now drawing very near to the time when we must rouse ourselves from our dreams of the future; must live them, if, perhaps, we can; must turn from the unreal and rainbow-built mirage, and enter into the solid, lively town, which may even yet hide adventures unthought-of, for those who care to seek them

“Enfant, rêve encore! . . .
. . . Ta jeune âme ignore
Où s'en vont tes Jours.”

Wherever we go we believe that the School's best wishes go out with us. As for ourselves, we shall not forget!

SCHOOL NOTES.

The School has been well represented in this year's Tripos Lists at Cambridge and we congratulate A. N. McCrea, H. T. Yeomans, E. W. Taylor and M. C. F. Smith on their success.

The transformation of the Upper Field has proceeded steadily. The new Terrace is a great improvement, and will provide a dry pathway at all times. The additional staircase in the Main School will make organisation much easier.

The new Cricket Field has been well used throughout the Term. The sports shed has been moved from Highfields to the Storrs Road entrance to the field, and adds much to the comfort of the players. The surroundings of the field are almost ideal. There is an abundance of fresh air from the moors; the sunshine and exercise must contribute to the general health of the School.

Reorganisation has been steadily progressing since last March, and will be completed in September. It is expected that no Form in the Senior School will exceed twenty-five in number next term.

For several years we have been approaching the ideal of a “multiple bias” school - a school in which everyone may find some type of education to suit his tastes and special abilities. A further step in this direction will be made in September. It is by no means true that Secondary Schools are narrowly “academic,” nor do more than a minority of their pupils enter universities or professions.

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| Rayworth, R. B. (1127). | Came September, 1921. Transferred to Derby Municipal School. |
| Ward, L. (1547). | Came September, 1925. Transferred to Manchester Grammar School. |
| Ward, N. (1047). | Came September, 1926. |
| Burbidge, C. W. (1479). | Came September, 1926. |
| Thompson, J. G. (1643). | Came September, 1926. Transferred to King Edward VII School, Sheffield. |
| Wilcockson, T. G. (1353). | Came September, 1923. Northern Univ. Sch. Certif., July, 1927. Boxing. |
| Burr, S. T. (1564). | Came May, 1926. |
| Roberts, P. N. (1435). | Came September, 1924. |
| Hubbuck, D. J. D. (1509). | Came September, 1925. |

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EDITORIAL.

There was once an old village in Derbyshire. If you have ever seen a village in the country, you will know what I mean. There used to be a blacksmith's shed there, and a small sweetshop which sold nuts and humbugs. How quiet and sleepy it was in the summer afternoons, when we could stand on the bridge and sometimes see a trout dart in the stream below! Apple trees grew in the little gardens, and a row of large sunflowers nodded as you passed.

I walked through the village the other day, and, with a gratified smile, passed the old signpost and then the church; but next, to my horror, I saw three petrol pumps on the roadside. There they stood in their new yellow jackets, shining in the sun, and looking frightfully important. (This, I thought, was the advance guard.) Near them I saw, not the old smithy, but a wooden garage with tin advertisements all over it - the first outpost of the enemy! Further up the road there was a new row of red brick houses, all exactly alike; and in the stream there were five tin cans. And so, there is one beautiful old village we shall see no more. For it is disenchanted, and the charm of antiquity has flown.

It is our duty to beware lest we allow this charm to escape, for it is more wonderful than the charm of novelty. "Antiquity, thou wondrous charm," said Lamb, "what art thou?" And now, we may well ask - *Where* art thou, O Antiquity? Old books and old friends are best; our old churches and cottages come to us full of the fragrance of time.

Our School is very old. It is older than any of us; it will live longer than any of us. Nay, it will live for ever. We are not here for long, and we must make the best of our time. For we shall diffuse the spirit of our School into the world; we shall take all our ideals and our courage with us, and as long as great principles last, so long - we believe - our School will live.

MR. A. E. P. VOULES.

Many Old Cestrefeldians will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Arthur Edward Patrick Voules, M.A., headmaster of the School from 1884 - 1895. During his years of office Mr. Voules imbued the School with an imperishable *esprit de corps* through his amazing energy and personality. From being headmaster of the School, he became head of a preparatory school near Croydon, and finally abandoned teaching; in 1919, at the age of 67.

Always a keen athlete, he made athletics an important part of the curriculum of this School; and until his health failed was an ardent Rambler. After leaving Chesterfield he still regularly attended the annual dinners of the Old Cestrefeldian Society, and took great pleasure in meeting his old pupils again.

Mr. S. C. Greaves, President of the Old Cestrefeldian Society, has written the following appreciation :

"In January, 1923, Mr. Voules was present as the guest of honour at the annual re-union of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society, and received a welcome that surprised some of the younger members. They couldn't quite understand why a lot of middle-aged men should be so very enthusiastic and excited at seeing their old headmaster for the first time in 30 years. They began to understand something of the reason when Mr. Voules stood up to reply, for he had a majestic personality. Arthur Edward Patrick Voules - "Paddy," we called him - undoubtedly had qualities above the ordinary as a teacher and leader of boys. Those of us who remember him 30 years ago remember him as a strict disciplinarian, who tempered his strictness with a sense of humour and a spirit of fair play. He rewarded good work, whether in classroom or playing field, with a charming smile and the appropriate word. He punished 'bullying' and 'slackness' with a sarcasm so keen that it pierced the toughest hide. In his case, the tongue was mightier than the cane; but he did use the latter occasionally.

Of the old 'classical' school, he hadn't much sympathy with mathematics or the sciences. He thought it more important to speak and write good English than to be proficient in arithmetic. More than any scholarly achievement he admired and encouraged *esprit de corps*, manliness, and what we speak of nowadays as 'playing the game.' He was feared and respected by his pupils, and in after years, as they gradually realised how much they owed to him, the fear and respect gave place to love and esteem. It is good to feel that his later years were made happy by the knowledge that his 'old boys' of the Chesterfield Grammar School had nothing but kindly and grateful memories of him.

MR. W. E. ST. JOHN JENNINGS.

Many former scholars and teachers of the Grammar School have heard with regret of the death of Mr. William Eustace St. John Jennings, B.A. (Lond.). From September, 1909, to September, 1919, he was an assistant master at the School, and at the outbreak of the Great War was responsible for the formation of the Cadet Corps, which immediately proved a great success. A man who could command respect, Mr. Jennings spent many hours in training the boys to form one of the smartest corps in the district. As a master he was popular, and was in charge of English.

During his stay in Chesterfield he was actively associated with Holy Trinity Church, where he formed a company of the Church Lads' Brigade.

He left the Grammar School to take up the position of second master at Sleaford Grammar School. He had been ill for about a week when he died in a nursing home.

The funeral took place at Quarrington, near Sleaford, and the Rev. C. W. Howard, of Elston Rectory (formerly Rector of Holy Trinity, Chesterfield) attended.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The whole of the New North Wing, together with the new laboratory, was taken into use this term, and the comfort and convenience of the School is much improved. The School is especially grateful for the heated cloakrooms.

Certain Forms have added metal work and elementary workshop practice to their curriculum, and a good many boys shew proficiency in these subjects.

Plans for the levelling and draining of the football fields are under consideration by the Governors. Comparatively little needs to be done to the field most used.

The number of boys who go on from School to Universities shews at steady increase, and this year's list is a good one. Two have gone to Cambridge; others to Birmingham, Manchester and Sheffield.

Boys due to leave have again found no difficulty at all in getting suitable posts. The number who leave before their Secondary School Course has finished (i.e., before the end of the Sixth Form course) gets less and less; but some find it difficult to withstand tempting offers which come their way before they have got to the end of their School career.

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| Vowles, B. R. (1454). | Came September, 1924. North. Univ. Joint Board Sch. Certif.. 1929. |
| Marsh, G. R. (1618). | Came September, 1926. North. Univ. Joint Bd. Sch. Certif. and Matric, 1929; Distinction in Mathematics. |
| Davenport, A. K. (1191). | Came September, 1922. North. Univ. Jt. Bd. Sch. Cert. and Matric., 1926; Dist. in Maths. and Chem.; Higher Certificate, 1928 and 1929; Hulme Hall Exhib., Manchester Univ., 1929; Leaving Exhibition, 1929; 1st XI. Assoc. Football, 1925-9; Capt., 1927; 1st XI. Cricket, 1927-9 (Capt. 1928); Prefect, 1926; Capt. of School, 1928; Cadet Corps; Vice-President Debating Society; School Cup, 1928; Athletic Cup, 1928. |
| HOWIS, C. C. (1119). | Came September, 1921. North. Univ. Jt. Bd. Sch. Cert. and Matric., 1926; Dist. in Chem.; Higher Cert., July, 1928 and 1929; Sheffield University, 1929; 1st XI. Assoc. Football, 1927-9 (Sec, 1928-9); 1st XI. Cricket, 1927-9 (Sec., 1928). |

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| Rogers, J. (1221). | Came September, 1922. North. Univ. Jt. Bd. Sch. Cert. and Matric., July, 1926; Dist. in Maths.; Higher Cert., 1928 and 1929; Sheffield University, 1929; 1st XV, Rugby football, 1927-9; Cadet Corps (Cpl.). |
| Stokes, R. F. (1134). | Came September, 1921. North. Univ. Jt. Bd. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1926; Dist. in Chem.; Higher Cert., 1928 and 1929; 1st XI. Assoc. Football, 1926-9 (Capt. 1928, Secretary 1927); 1st XI. Cricket, 1928-29; School Prefect, 1928; Cadet Corps. |
| Bown, D. W. (1359). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Jt. Bd. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1927; Dist. in Maths.; Higher Certif., 1929; Cadet Corps. |
| Durham, G. A. (1151). | Came January, 1922. North. Univ. Sch. Cert., 1927; Higher Certif. and Matric., 1929; Edinburgh University, 1929; 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1928. |
| Cayton, J. A. (1180). | Came September, 1922. North. Univ. Sch. Cert. and Matric., 1926; Higher Certif., 1929; Birmingham University, 1929; Cadet Corps (Cpl.). |
| Middleton, C. (1211). | Came September, 1922. North. Univ. Sch. Cert. and Matric., 1926; Dist. in Maths; Higher Certif., 1929; Leaving Exhibition. 1929; Sheffield University, 1929; 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1927-9; Cadet Corps; Prefect, 1927-9. |
| Singleton, T. E. (1331). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1926; Higher Certif., 1928 and 1929; Leaving Exhibitiion, 1929; Cambridge University, 1929; 1st XI. Assoc. Football, 1927-9; Sec. of Tennis, 1929; Cadet Corps; Prefect, 1928-9. |
| Ashton, D. (1269). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Cert. and Matric., 1927; Dist. in Maths; Higher Certif., 1929; Leaving Exhibition, 1929; Sheffield University, 1929; 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1928-29; Cadet Corps. |
| Colliss, J. R. (1107). | Came September, 1921. North. Univ. Sch. Cert., 1925; Dist. in Maths.; Higher Certif. and Matric., 1927; 1928, Dist. in Pure Maths.; 1929, Dist. in Pure Maths; County Major Schiolarship, 1928; Downing College, Cambridge University, 1929; London Matriculation, 1929; 1 st XV. Rugby Football, 1927-9 (Capt. 1928); Cadet Corps; Sec. Literary and Debating Society, 1928-29; Tuxford Prize, 1928; Prefect, 1927-9. |
| Davey, S. E. (1286). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1927; Higher Certif., 1929; Sheffield University, 1929; School Prefect, 1929; Cadet Corps. |
| Jones, N. G. (1511). | Came September, 1925. North. Univ. Sch. Cert. and Matric., 1927; Dist. in Maths.; Higher Certif., 1929; Camb. Previous Exam., 1929; Exeter Training College, 1929; 1st XI. Cricket, 1928-9; Sec. Fives. |
| Bartle, W. H. (1094). | Came September, 1921. North. Univ. Sch. Cert. and Matric., 1925; Higher Certif. Gp. Ila., 1928; Gp. I Ib., 1929; Cert. "A" 1927. |
| Birley, E. R. (1171). | Came September, 1922. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., 1927; Higher Certif. and Matric., 1929; 1st XI. Assoc. Football, 1928; Cadet Corps. |
| Jee, W. T. (1305). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1928; 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1927-9; 1st XI. Cricket, 1928; Capt. Fives, 1928-29; Cadet Corps. |
| Marshall, H. (1310). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., 1927; Cadet Corps. |
| Portman, K. (1321). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Certif and Matric., 1927; Higher Certif, 1929; Birmingham University, 1929; Cadet Corps. |

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| Stewart, F. A. (1225). | Came September, 1922. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., 1926; Higher Certif. and Matric. Gp. III., 1928; Higher Certif., Gp. II., 1929; Cadet Corps. |
| Taylor, F. G. W. (980). | Came September, 1919. North. Univ. Sch. Cert. and Matric., 1926; Dist. in Maths. and Chem.; Higher Certif., Gp. III., 1928; Higher Certif., Gp. IIb., 1929; 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1927-9 (Sec. 1928-9); Sec. of Tennis, 1928: Capt., 1929; Cadet Corps Q.M.S.; Certificate "A" 1928; Prefect, 1928-9. |
| Chambers, R. (1565). | Came May, 1926. North. Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1928; Cadet Corps. |
| Clark, W. R. (1248). | Came October, 1922. North. Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1928; Saltley Training College and Birmingham Univ., 1929; Cadet Corps. |
| Esland, S. F. (1290). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1928. |
| Shaw, J. F. (1442). | Came September, 1924. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., 1928; Cadet Corps. |
| Short, D. S. (1329). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., 1928; Cadet Corps. |
| Wilson, C. S. M. (1355). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., 1928; Cadet Corps. |
| Bagnall, M. W. (1472). | Came September, 1925. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., 1929; Cadet Corps (Cp1.); Swimming. |
| Coe, L. D. (1482). | Came September, 1925. North. Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1929; Dist. in Maths.; Cadet Corps. Transferred to Scunthorpe Grammar School. |
| Dauncey, P. (1484). | Came September, 1925. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., 1929, Dist. in Maths; Cadet Corps. |
| Judson, J. A. (1512). | Came September, 1925. Transferred to Doncaster Grammar School. |
| Burfoot, E. G. (1797). | Came September, 1928. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., 1929, Dist. in Maths.; 1st XV. Rugby Football, 1928-29. |
| Cooke, R. G. (1382). | Came September, 1924. |
| Gee, E. F. (1398). | Came September, 1924. |
| Kellett, D. E. (1714). | Came September, 1927. North. Univ. Sch. Certif, 1929; 1st XI. Cricket, 1928-9. |
| Phillips, G. J. (1088). | Came May, 1921. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., 1929; Tennis, 1929. |
| Blackburn, J. H. (1275). | Came September, 1923. |
| Jepson, A. (1121). | Came September, 1921. |
| Bates A. (1273). | Came September, 1923. 1 st XI. Assoc. Football, 1927-9. |
| Briggs, G. H. (1677). | Came September, 1927. Transferred to Swanwick Hall, Alfreton. |
| Norman, F. (1728). | Came September, 1927. Transferred to Sir John Leman's School, Beccles. |
| Askwith, J. S. (1665). | Came March, 1927. Transferred to Buxton College. |
| Middleton, J. D. (1522). | Came September, 1925. Transferred to Rossall School. |
| Crossley, W. H. N. (1161). | Came May, 1922. Tennis, 1929. |

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| Cutts, A. G. (1385). | Came September, 1924. North. Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1929: Cadet Corps. Transferred to Sheffield P.T. Centre. |
| Taylor, H. (1568). | Came May, 1926. |
| French, D. G. (1292). | Came September, 1923. |
| Talbot, E. (1338). | Came September, 1923. North. Univ. Jt. Bd. Sch. Certif., 1927; Dist. in Mathematics. |
| Stamp, G. B. (1335). | Came September 1923. North. Univ. Jt. Bd. Sch. Certif. and Matric 1928; Dist. in Mathematics. |
| Turner, B. (1450). | Came September, 1924. North. Univ. Jt. Bd. Sch. Certif. and Matric., 1928. |

SPEECH DAY AND OPENING OF NEW WING.

The Duke of Devonshire presented the prizes to the School on Wednesday afternoon, July 24th, in the hall of the Girls' High School. He also opened the New Wing of the Grammar School, which has been built at a cost of £18,000.

The Chairman of the Governors (Ald. Hawksley Edmunds) cordially welcomed His Grace, and expressed appreciation of his kindness in coming at great inconvenience, not only to distribute the prizes, but to inaugurate the greatest step forward in the history of the School since its foundation in 1594. As the headmaster was not giving his annual review of the School's operations, the speaker would make a few remarks on the policy of the Governors and the progress of the School. The aim of the Governors had been to provide an up-to-date, commodious School, maintaining the traditional culture, and not disregarding practical subjects.

More boys were entering the Sixth Forms, and it was becoming recognised that responsible posts required a post-matriculation course. Having commended the excellent work of the staff, the Chairman said that the examination results were the best we had had, and well above the average for the whole of England. Of the boys who had left, he knew of no more than one who had not obtained a post on leaving. Old boys at the Universities had done well, and had fully maintained the reputation of the School.

The new extensions were only a part of the Governors' scheme, for a School hall was greatly needed; and though they were very grateful to the High School for lending them their hall, they were anxious for a hall of their own. Now that the size of the school was greater, the size of the Forms could be smaller. The Junior School now lived in Hurst House, and a preparatory school was desired there. Some splendid playing fields had also been acquired. The new building was at joint effort. The County Council, who worked in co-operation with the School, had provided the Art School, the Governors being responsible for the rest. He wished to acknowledge in the presence of the Chairman of the Derbyshire Education Committee and the Director of Education the Governors' indebtedness to them for assistance and advice over many years.

The Duke's Speech.

The Duke of Devonshire, after distributing the prizes, said that he esteemed it a great privilege to have been allowed to take so prominent a part in the proceedings. He congratulated all who had received prizes, and encouraged those who had not. He congratulated the townspeople as well as the Governors on the advance they were making in opening the new building. Education was a great task; but it was made much easier when the school had a great tradition as its foundation. It was for us to see that that great tradition was carried on. The safest and surest solution to our problems, industrial and social, was in a good, thorough, and satisfactory system of education. One solution for overcrowding population was emigration, and it was a great help. But education was needed first; brain and muscle were the best exports from this country, and we must send out men who are strong in body and mind. And at home, too, the boys and girls must receive a good education, so that they may be fully equipped when they go out into the world.

His Grace trusted that those boys who were leaving School would always retain happy memories of their School life, and also remember that the good name of the School depended on what it produced. As a member of the County Council, he was quite sure that the Council would do all they could to support the School, for they realised its value not only to the town, but to the community as a whole. He congratulated the Governors on their success, and hoped that the old Grammar School would continue to be a credit to the town and county by turning out such men as it had in the past. It seemed that the School was specially strong in producing suitable candidates for the Episcopal Bench. He did not know if all those to whom he had given prizes proposed to find themselves sooner or later on the Episcopal Bench, but he trusted that whatever were their vocations in life, they would continue to uphold the prestige of the School as well as their predecessors had done in the past.

The Mayor (Coun. P. M. Robinson) proposed a vote of thanks to His Grace, Ald. Johnson Pearson (Chairman of the Education Committee, Derbyshire County Council) seconded, and the Duke of Devonshire replied.

Selections were then played by the School orchestra, conducted by Mr. G. H. Sadler, F.R.C.O., and the choir and audience sang the hymn, "From all that dwell below the skies." The choir also rendered, to music specially composed by Mr. Sadler, "Except the Lord build the House," and also a hymn, "Praise." The Rev. W. S. Brownless led in prayer.

The Duke proceeded by special way to the Grammar School, accompanied by Ald. W. Hawksley Edmunds (Chairman of the Governors), Ald. Sir. E. Shentall (Vice-Chairman of the Governors), the Mayor (Coun. P. M. Robinson), the Headmaster, and Mr. G. H. Widdows (the architect to the County Council). He was received by a guard of honour of the School Cadet Corps, and after the inspection, he cut the silk ribbon, thus declaring the new wing open. His Grace was then shown over the building, which was later inspected by the visitors. Tea was then provided in the two marquees. After tea the Musical Society gave a fine rendering in the open-air of Bridges' "Flag of England."

The Prize List followed.

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EDITORIAL.

If you go into Southwell Cathedral you will be shown many wonderful things, but none so wonderful as the stone sculpture in the Chapter House. It has been carved by a master hand, and time has not affected this expression of his genius. He has carved leaves so that at first sight it is difficult to pronounce them definitely stone; almost must they be touched to prove that the wind will not rustle them nor the seasons cause them to die. Very carefully has he cut each detail, and the back of the leaf, though you cannot see it, is as faultless as the front. At one point is a stone bird, while quite out of sight behind a leaf is a stone cherry, at which it is pecking.

The ancient sculptor - for his work is a thousand years old was a man of infinite patience. His leaves were the result of many months of willing labour, of astounding care and pride of workmanship. Their delicacy breathes the spirit of a "dim religious light," and their perfection is an heirloom from the skill of quiet old time.

There are no sculptors such as he now-a-days; man has no use for stone leaves, though their beauty be exquisite and eternal. He improves his surroundings in a different and more directly useful manner. He spans Niagara with an iron bridge, and enslaves its waters to drive his turbines. Under the great cities he bores tunnels, and by allowing trains to run through them relieves the congested traffic above. He builds a machine which flies higher and swifter than the birds themselves, and crosses the Atlantic in a day and a half. It would seem that the sculptor and the engineer cannot be reconciled, that the leaves and the tube train have nothing in common.

It is not so. There is the same genius required to achieve a great engineering triumph as to carve a masterpiece. For both is great skill needed; the same nice adjustment perfects the stone and the steel. But what, more than anything else, is necessary for success is an ability for taking pains and a just pride in what is about to be done. Nothing of any worth will result from indifferent performance. The sculptor and the engineer are whole-hearted in their task, satisfied that their work shall represent them. Genius is not necessary for success at school. It is pride of workmanship that is necessary, a will to succeed. If we combine in our work these two principles we shall have captured the guiding essentials of the carving and the bridge-building, and though we do not attain their perfection, we shall have been thorough, and that is second only to perfection.

VALETE.

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| Littlewood, J. R. (1309). | Came Sept., 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., July, 1927; Dist. in Maths; North. Univ. Higher Certif., July, 1929; Assoc. Football XI. (Captain 1929). 1926-7-8-9: Sports Champion, 1929; Cadet Corps; P.S.S.C.C. Hurdles Champion. |
| Brakes, R. L. (1477). | Came Sept., 1925. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., July, 1929; Cadet Corps. |
| Collis, C. H. (1683). | Came Sept., 1927. Transferred to Darlington G.S. |
| Colledge, E. C. (1184). | Came Sept., 1922. Rugby Football XV., 1929; Cadet Corps. |
| Cutts, W. B. (1386). | Came Sept., 1924. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., July, 1929; Junior Sports Champion, 1926; Assoc. Football XI, 1929. |
| Cooper, W. M. (1282). | Came Sept., 1923. North. Univ. Sch. Certif. and Matric., July, 1927; North. Univ. Higher Certif., July, 1929; Prefect, Heathcote, 1929; Cadet Corps L/Cpl., Cert. A. |
| Needham, F. (1426). | Came Sept., 1924. |
| Brookes, J. A. (1378). | Came Sept., 1924. Cadet Corps. |
| Neale, F. (1881). | Came Jan., 1929. |
| Smettem, C. W. (1743). | Came Sept., 1927. Transferred to Scarborough High School. |

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| Heath, R. A. (1300). | Came Sept., 1923. |
| Boot, K. W. (1791). | Came Sept., 1928. Transferred to Scarborough College. |
| Walker, L. V. (1165). | Came May., 1922. North. Univ. Sch. Certif., July, 1929; Cadet Corps L/-Cpl. |
| Hemming B. (1301). | Came Sept., 1923. Cadet Corps. |
| Wallis, J. R. (1885). | Came Nov., 1928. |
| Vallance, R. (1544). | Came Sept., 1925. |

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The annual dinner and re-union of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society at the Station Hotel, on Thursday, March 20th, was once more the happy gathering of old school fellows, and many reminiscences of by-gone days were told. There was a muster of 80.

The President, Mr. S. C. Greaves, presided, and on his right sat the Mayor (Coun. H. J. Watson), President-Elect. Supporting were two Past-Presidents in Coun. Wilfrid Hill and Coun. S. T. Rodgers, and the Headmaster. Others at the head table were Coun. E. A. Barker, Coun. H. P. Short, Mr. Harold Smith, Mr. E. H. Slack, and Mr. G. H. Sadler, along with Mr. Edward Mitchell and Mr. E. Toplis, secretary and treasurer respectively. Letters expressing inability to be present were received from four past Presidents in Ald. G. A. Eastwood, Mr. James Mansell, Coun. A. Glossop, and Coun. T. E. Haslam.

Proposing the toast of "The President," Coun. Barker remarked that visitors to Australia, on reaching Sydney, were immediately asked what they thought about the harbour, and before they could reply were told that it was the finest in the world. But if he were to ask those present that evening what they thought about their worthy President "Sidney," there would be no need to put any words into their mouths - they would at once say that he was one of the best Presidents they had ever had.

Coun. Barker went to relate incidents during school days, and remarking that he had known their President for something like 45 years, said that he had never known him do a mean action. Their President was one of the most enterprising business men, and it was not surprising that he had made such a good President. Much of the success of the Society was due to the early efforts of the President when he was secretary, and it was fitting that he should have been asked to be President. He would leave the chair that evening with the best wishes of everyone, and they would look forward to his continued interest in the Society.

The President referred to the subject of the School War Memorial, and remarked that there had been various suggestions put forward. These included an organ, an ornamental gateway, a clock in the tower, and a sports pavilion in the playing fields; personally, he was in favour of an organ, because he thought music had a good influence in education. However, he felt strongly that the matter should be decided by vote at a meeting of the Society, and that every one of them should agree to abide by what the majority decided.

Referring to the Society, the President said he might say that the Society was now firmly established and that its future depended upon their goodwill. If they took an enthusiastic interest in the Society it would continue to prosper, if not, it would go the way of other societies now defunct. The School was the bond which held them together; they should support the School concerts and speech days, and by their presence encourage the masters and boys to maintain and hold the high traditions of the School.

In replying to the toast of "The School," Mr. E. H. Slack felt that his position was somewhat unique and perhaps a little difficult - he was an old boy and a master. He emphasised the fact that the staff did not reckon their hours of labour by

pounds, shillings and pence, and thought a guarantee of that was the number of hours some members of the staff then present devoted to the boys' interests in the sports fields. He spoke at length on present-day matters connected with the School, and said it was the Headmaster's aim to have a School hall before long, a provision that was greatly needed. In associating his name with the toast, the speaker felt that they had done him the greatest honour that he had ever had done him in his life.

At this stage came the installation of the President-Elect, Coun. Watson. Before vacating the chair, the retiring President stated that that evening ten years after the first re-union, marked the beginning of a new era. "H. J. Watson," he remarked, "is the first of Mr. Mansell's pupils to be elected President of the Society; he is also a Governor of the School and the first Mayor to preside over our functions since the Society was inaugurated by Ald. Hawksley Edmunds when Mayor. He is in every way an ideal man for the job, and I know him well enough to be sure he does not want me to make a speech about him. I will just say this: he has a well-deserved reputation for being a man who gets things done, and he will confirm that reputation if he succeeds in settling the matter of the war memorial fund while he is President.

The Mayor, after having assumed office, thanked the members for the honour they had conferred upon him, and in referring to the matter of the war memorial, promised that he would do his best. The trustees, he believed, were waiting until the Committee could make up its mind as to the form of memorial to be raised before the money could be spent. He believed that with the accumulated interest there was now a sum of something like £400 invested. However, during his year of office he hoped to induce the Committee to come to some decision, and that it should be the unanimous vote of the Society.

Earlier in the evening the retiring President brought forward the question of a memorial to Mr. Voules, a former headmaster of the School. He stated that Mr. Voules' pupils were scattered all over the country and that there were very few now in Chesterfield. He suggested that Coun. Barker be asked to collect money for the memorial, and to take into consultation the new President and anyone who wished to help to settle the matter of the memorial to Mr. Voules. This suggestion was approved.

The musical programme, which included the singing of "The School Song," was under the direction of Mr. Sadler.

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EDITORIAL.

Nobody ever reads the Editorial, - or, if anyone does, he is too modest or too crestfallen to confess to the terrible crime. The older Cestrefeldians ignore it, because they are so busy with their examinations, and their personal appearance, while the younger generation have a great tradition to uphold. (They won't mind our saying this, because they will probably not be reading it.) The only people who read Editorials (speaking broadly) are editors.

We are not bemoaning our lot, mind you. The footman who opens the door has no right to complain that visitors treat him with indifference. And it is decreed that the last shall be first, and the first shall be last. Who has ever read the introductions to "The Three Musketeers," or "Robinson Crusoe?" "Oh, come forth, fond wretch!" After all, nobody cares for these preliminary bread-and-butter skirmishes. One likes to cut into the cake without more ado.

We hope you will like the cake . . . Genuine, original Cestrefeldian cake, this! But let us be modest, for we have merely baked it for you. It is you who have supplied the flour and the lard and the sugar and the currants - who have mixed it, and pounded it, and flattened it. And surely you enjoy a cake of your own make - no matter how sad and insipid - far more than the most gorgeous gâteau that can be concocted in the pastry-shops! Moreover, since you will be eating the cake, sooner or later, for better or for worse, why not make it as rich and juicy as possible? It would ruin our reputation if anyone died of indigestion.

And that is why we "request you, desire you, and entreat you" all to send in contributions. In the choice of subjects, as in all things, we are singularly broad-minded. How we should relish articles from the younger children on such subjects as "The Pixies' Picnic," or "Mr. Frog on Holiday!" or verses from the older gentlemen on such aesthetical topics as "The Moon," "Spring Flowers," or "Bloodthirsty Bill!"

And remember, whether your article is accepted or rejected, that it will have been perused and considered by a committee of famous men. . . . Of course, we are nobody, in reality. We are merely the preface - the bread-and-butter; - we are merely the prologue, the overture, the curtain-raisers. So strike up, trumpets! Ring up the curtain!

The School was distressed to hear of the death of Ernest Peppitt, who had been with us from September, 1923, when he entered as a small boy in Form I. ' He proved a most promising pupil, who always gave of his best, though oftentimes his health caused anxiety. He had reached Form L.Vb and after an absence of some weeks passed away on April 5th, 1930. We offer our deepest sympathy to his parents and elder brother.

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| SHENTALL, E. R. (1859). | Came September, 1920. Transferred to a private school. |
| FORD, H. H. (1196). | Came September, 1922. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1929; Cadet Corps. |
| MIDDLETON, W. F. (1314). | Came September, 1923. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matric. 1927. Dist. in Mathematics. Northern Universities Higher Certificate, 1929. |
| TODD, J. B. (1343). | Came September, 1923. Dramatic Society. Cadet Corps. |
| CHOPPER, J. W. (1384). | Came September, 1924. |
| ASKWITH, D. J. (1664). | Came 1927. Transferred to Buxton School. |
| TURNER, A. (1450). | Came September 1924. Northern Universities School Certificate and Matriculation, 1928. |
| WATKINSON, O. S. (1464). | Came January, 1925. Northern Universities School Certificate, 1929. |

SCHOOL DRESS AND COLOURS.

The School Cap is supplied by Messrs. Craggs, of Burlington Street, Chesterfield.

The School Blazer (black, with white monogram) is also supplied by Messrs. Craggs, and may be worn by any member of the School.

The Sports Blazer (black, with gold edging) may be worn by any member of the School who has received his Colours for Cricket, Association Football or Rugby Football.

Those who have been awarded their "Colours" are entitled to wear the badge presented to them on the football shirt or jersey, or the sports blazer.

The mark of Cricket "Colours" is a white cap with the School badge in colours.

The official dress for Association football is navy blue shorts and black and yellow (halves) shirt.

The official dress for Rugby football is navy blue shorts, and black and yellow (hoops) jersey.

OLD BOYS' COLOURS.

The Old Boys' Colours are Black, Gold and White. The blazer is Black, with narrow Gold and White Stripes. The tie, silk "square," etc., is similar. Old Boys who have received their "Colours" while at School (or who have played for the First Association Football or Cricket Elevens prior to 1921), are entitled to wear the "Colours Badge" as presented to them at School. All Old Boys are entitled to wear the Old Boys' Badge.

These articles may be obtained from Messrs. Southcott, Stephenson Place, Chesterfield.

It is assumed that all Old Boys will be members of the Old Boys' Association. The Secretary is E. Mitchell, Esq., 10a, Glumangate, Chesterfield, and the Life Subscription is £1 1s. 0d.

OLD BOYS' NEWS.

The following are the Officers of the Old Cestrefeldians' Society:-

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| 1921 | George A. Eastwood. |
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| 1925 | George Henry Ryde. |
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