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EDITORIAL NOTES – December 1908

At last we have succeeded in effectually setting on foot a School Magazine. An ideal School Magazine should be both interesting and, at the same time, instructive, combining a record of school events with useful and amusing articles. It is a generally admitted fact that no magazine can succeed if it leans too much toward either extreme; if it is full of instruction in a condensed form, it is at once dubbed “heavy”, if full of light reading, it gains a reputation for frivolity. The secret of success lies in the tactful combination of the two varieties of literature, and we hope that in striking this medium we shall make our Magazine a success.

It would be a waste of space to enumerate all the advantages which such an innovation as this carries with it, for they are so well known that we should give no new information.

We hope, however, that everyone in the school will regard the Magazine in a broadminded manner, and will give us their utmost support in our endeavour to make it a permanent institution.

During the last few years our school has been most successful in every way. The increasing numbers of pupils show plainly that its good reputation is spreading farther and farther afield, and its repeated successes in public examinations are sufficient proof that the standard of work becomes higher year by year.

The term which has just passed is one which will probably be considered in years to come an outstanding period in the school's history.

During the few previous terms a humdrum sort of spirit had crept into the school.

Everyone went on in a disinterested fashion, doing his work in school hours, going in for football and cricket after school hours, but bothering about little beyond these. With the arrival of Mr. Hughes a wonderful change has come over all.

His first proposal, that a Debating Society should be formed, was hailed with delight, and the earlier meetings were splendidly attended. Unfortunately, however, the enthusiasm of some of the members was like the match which burns brightly at first and then slowly dies out, but as the majority are still as keen as ever, it will be long before the Debating Society falls through.

The second great change in the school life, although not directly due to Mr Hughes, we owe to the interest he has aroused in literary matters.

The school, waking up, as it were, from sleep, looked around, and saw that other schools, both smaller and larger than itself, possessed magazines, and derived many benefits from them.

The spirit of never wishing to be beaten was roused, and the magazine, of which this is the first number, was the result.

Without the approval and help of Mr. Mansell, however, neither could have succeeded, and we owe to him a debt of gratitude for his interest in the establishment of both the Debating Society and the Magazine.

The third new institution during this term is the “Boy Scouts” Corps.

This again we owe to Mr. Hughes, and we are convinced that it will be of great benefit to many in the school. It is predicted that in the near future our “Boy Scouts” will have an opportunity of showing their mettle, but as we are not gifted with second-sight, we cannot say whether this forecast is true or not.

But one cannot escape from the fact that a thorough training in the art of scouting makes a boy tough and resourceful, and teaches him the truth of that most true of proverbs, “Discretion is the better part of valour,” while it develops no evil traits of character, but rather tends to destroy them. A Rifle Corps in the School is also desired by many, but the day for that has not yet come. Any attempts in that line would be doomed to failure (at present), as the general interest in the matter is not sufficiently keen. In years to come, probably, our school will possess a Rifle Club but the time for it is not yet ripe.

The coming term, though not perhaps the one in which most work is done, occupies a most important position in the school year. The majority of the boys in the middle school look forward in more or less anxious anticipation to the second week of next July, when the Oxford Local Exams are held. To these the past term has been one of comparative

ease; during the next they will, if wise, begin to work moderately and systematically, while the summer term will be full of strenuous and unceasing effort right up to the very end.

Although hard work during the summer term is essential for success it is of little avail if a good foundation has not been laid during the previous term. Future Oxford Juniors and A.A.'s would do well, therefore, to begin work at once on their return in January and keep it up steadily all through the term.

One of the chief objects of this Magazine is to strengthen the bonds which bind old boys with the school, and we hope that they all will help in our endeavours by contributing articles and any information regarding themselves which would be of interest to the others. We have old boys not only all over England, but all over the world, and what would form more appropriate matter for a School Magazine than their reminiscences, their adventures, and their successes. We hope also that they will write letters to the Editors, concerning themselves and their surroundings, and if many respond to this appeal – and we hope all will do – one great result at least, will have rewarded our efforts.

In many schools the magazines have been started and run solely by the old boys, those in school only helping them. This is impossible, however in our case, but we sincerely hope that the old boys' affairs will occupy quite as important position in the magazine as those relating to the school itself, and the present pupils. Contributions and letters should be sent in to the Editors not less than a month before the end of each term, i.e., in the middle of November, March and June.

At the beginning of this term we missed two familiar faces among the masters - those of Mr. F. E. Haigh and Mr. T. G. Strain. Of the former we speak elsewhere in this issue. The latter has taken up the post of Senior Mathematical Master at the Liverpool Institute and High School. Doubtless the meagre mathematical attainments of some of us was a source of great anxiety to him, but he was always most willing in his genial manner to help those in difficulties. He was a general favourite, and we were sorry to lose him. We wish him every success. Mr. W. D. Walters, B.Sc., has been appointed to succeed him. Mr. P. G. Hughes, B.A., will have charge of the English and History, and his appointment increases the number of Masters in the School. We are glad to see back again, Mr. A. Whitham, after completing his course of training at Cheltenham College. To these three we extend a hearty welcome.

In another part of this issue will be found an article on the House system.

The final arrangements for instalment of the system were not completed until late, and so could not be included in the article. The following are the Houses and Officers:

CLARKE HOUSE.

House Master	Mr. Walters
Prefect	Percival
Colour	Brown

FOLJAMBE HOUSE

House Master	Mr. Osborne
Prefect	Toplis
Colour	Light Blue.

HEATHCOTE HOUSE

House Master	Mr. Woodcock
Prefect	Newcombe
Colour	Green

LARGE HOUSE.

House Master	Mr. Guilmant
Prefect	Ind
Colour	Purple

LINGARD HOUSE.

House Master Mr. Lambert.

Prefect Merry.

Colour Red

The members of each House will be distinguished by a star of the House colour worn on the top of the cap. The Houses have been named after the principal benefactors of the school.

As so few of the present generation of Cestrefeldians seem to know anything of the school's history, the Editors have suggested that an article written on the subject might appropriately find a place in the first number of our Magazine. Therefore, after diligent searching of the old records, your Commissioner presents the following

SHORT HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

In 1594 Godfrey Foljambe left the sum of £13 6s 8d per annum to provide for the maintenance of a schoolmaster in the Borough of Chesterfield. To us, this amount seems ridiculously small, but it must be remembered that in those days money was worth much more than it is now, and the Scholars' fees would no doubt raise the total to what was then considered a fair salary for a schoolmaster; at any rate, the School received a charter from Queen Elizabeth on the strength of the endowment. Previous to this there had been a school of some sort - probably a chantry school - in the town but no knowledge of it has descended to us except the mere fact of its existence. The early days of the Foundation are almost as much shrouded in mystery, for all we know of them is derived from some allusions in the writings of Dr. Samuel Pegg, who was educated at the school. We learn from him that it fared badly at times, and was occasionally closed altogether. Nevertheless a fair number of University men received their early education here, among them being Archbishop Secker.

About the beginning of the 18th century, however, a great change for the better took place, chiefly owing to the energy and ability of the Rev. William Burrows, who was then headmaster. Under his rule the school improved both in the number of students, and the kind of education they received, and in fact it became one of the most considerable in the North of England. This reputation it maintained till near the end of the century, when it again began to degenerate. The Rev. Joseph Shipston was headmaster from 1773 to 1794, and the Rev. Thomas Field from 1794 to 1832. Of the rule of the former we know little, but it was under the latter that the fortunes of the school reached their lowest point. He gave very little time to the needs of the school, but devoted himself to his duties as curate of Brimington and of Barlow, and the result was that there was never a very large attendance and sometimes there were no pupils at all. After his death in 1832, things became even worse, for the school was closed, and the buildings fell into a dilapidated and even ruinous condition; moreover, the Town Council appropriated the income from the endowments, which by the way, had been increased by various donations since the days of Godfrey Foljambe.

However, a better state of things was at hand, for in 1846 the Council was forced by the Court of Chancery to give up the money it had appropriated, together with interest at a substantial rate and a new building was erected on the site of the old one. This building is now chiefly occupied by the School House. Though the salary offered was small, the Rev. F. Calder occupied the position of headmaster, which he held until 1877, during which time the school was fairly prosperous. He was succeeded by the Rev. F. B. Allison, who remained for eight years and was followed by Mr. Vowles, under whom, the school first began to regain its old reputation. During his tenure of office, the number of pupils rose to over 100, and he left things in a very flourishing and satisfactory state. The present headmaster succeeded him in 1894, and in 1898 the school was extended considerably by the addition of the laboratories, gymnasium, art rooms, class rooms and workshops, and it now forms a very fine, handsome building. The accommodation, however is none too great, for the attendance has increased with astonishing rapidity and instead of about 120 boys, which was the average six or seven years ago, there are now over 200, and the school is again coming to the fore as one of the best educational institutions in the North of England.

The school has a long and honourable record behind it, and we have succeeded to a heritage of fine traditions. We must see to it that we live up to these, and it is no easy task we are setting ourselves. Old boys regard us with critical if with

benevolent eyes and our duty is quite clear, there must be no lowering of the school's standard of excellence - and in this is included not merely standards of excellence of intellectual attainments - whilst we are within its walls.

THE HOUSE SYSTEM

So many changes have been brought about this term, that one brings forward with a certain amount of hesitation a scheme which will alter still further our school routine. It seems, however, that we might profitably adopt a system which has been very successful in other schools, namely, the House System.

Some may be puzzled at first as to how a school, the majority of whose members are day boys, can be arranged into Houses as our Boarding Schools are, but after a little consideration the plan will become simple. The Houses which are to be made are not to be of the brick and mortar variety and no elaborate building operations or alterations will be required. In fact we only use the word "House" because it is the one in general use, our divisions, like those of other day schools, being rather "groups" than Houses.

We have at present about two hundred boys, and it is proposed to divide these into five groups of forty each, as near equal in strength as possible. These groups will be called Houses, the various Houses being distinguished by colours which will be worn on the cap. Each group will have a Master and a Prefect over it, who will see to the discipline and order of their House.

Every House will have its football teams, cricket teams, etc., and the league matches will be replaced by House matches, which cannot help creating a considerable amount of healthy rivalry. It will be essential that some trophy or better, trophies, be procured to be competed for by the several Houses. This principle could be extended to Paper chases, points being awarded to the first twenty boys home.

Likewise the Athletic Sports will benefit very materially by this system, for points could be counted toward the House Championship, just as they are now counted for the Senior and Junior School Championships. Junior events will be awarded the same number of points as Senior events, so that the honour of the Houses will rest to a great extent with the Juniors.

The same will apply to school work, points being awarded on the results of the "Oxford Locals," which such a large number of our boys take every year. This will enable those, who through ill-health cannot help their House on the sports field, to further its interests in school.

The benefits to be derived from this system, a general outline of which has been given, are manifest. It will certainly lessen the slackness in our school. We do not mean to say that our school suffers from that epidemic more than other similar schools, for we know perfectly well that we are much keener than any school for miles around but it is impossible for the proper interest to be taken in the doings of the school, when its sports are practically confined to the members of the first and second elevens.

When the House system is adopted, every boy, senior or junior, will recognise that he belongs to a well-defined group whose interests and welfare he must have at heart. This will foster an "esprit de corps" which at present is scarcely in existence. Again the various contests will necessitate that all take part in some branch of the competitions, so that some who, under the present conditions, play a very insignificant part, will have every opportunity of showing their mettle.

The plan has been discussed, and it has been decided to adopt it. The Houses will be arranged this term, so that the plan will start in earnest next term.

Although the Masters and Prefects can do a great deal, much rests with the boys. We have no misgivings, however, on this point if our boys are what they should be, and we feel confident that they will enter heart and soul into the scheme.

During the House matches, it is requested that as many as possible of the members of the Houses will be present. We know that it is sometimes difficult for train boys to do so, but it is hoped that even these will, if possible, overcome the difficulties. We are trusting that those spiritless but affectionate offsprings who desire to spend every available minute under the parental roof will be very few, and we are sure that parents would much prefer them to spend a part of their

spare time in healthy exercise and in the company of their House companions with whom they share a common interest, namely, to make their House the first in all things.

FLOREAT SCHOLA.

SCHOOL NOTES – December 1908

Hearty congratulations to G.C.V. Alvey, who succeeded in gaining a County Major Scholarship last July, and to G.S. Taylor and B. Topham, who carried off Intermediate Scholarships.

And equally hearty congratulations to W. E. Ind, who passed the Intermediate Arts Examination at the London University; to J. L. Merry, who passed the Matriculation Examination of the same University; and to J. W. Simpkin, who matriculated at Sheffield.

The boys of VI. b. had a very satisfactory year, and the results of the Preliminary Certificate Examination were very pleasing. They were as follows:- Brace, R. B. (distinction in Mathematics); Hartley, R.J. (distinction in Science); Kelly, J. J.; Merry, J. L. (distinction in Science); Musgrave, J. W.; Preston, H. J.; Renshaw, F.; Rowland, A. (distinction in Geography); Simpkin, J. W. (distinction in Mathematics and Science); Smallbones, A. S. J.; Taylor, F. T.; Webster, H. (distinction in Geography); Yates, T. W.

Our Oxford Local Examination Results were most praiseworthy. Twenty two Seniors were presented and all passed, seven in Honours, six were excused the Matriculation Examination of the London University, and seven were qualified for exemption from that of the Northern Universities Joint Board. Two boys, Hollingworth (12th in Geography), and Slack (20th in Physics), obtained distinction. Twelve boys took the Junior Examination, and ten passed, three in Honours. The following is the complete list:

Oxford Local Examinations

Seniors

2nd Class Honours: Slack, E. H.

3rd Class Honours: Davies, F.; Hollingworth, L. M.; Merry, J. L.; Taylor, G. S.; Twelves, W. H. E.; Wright, G. M.

Passed – 1st Division. Bamford, T. B.; Brace, R. B.; Entwistle, A. B.; Morgan, F.; Musgrove, J. W.; Newcombe, C. N.; Percival, J. L.; Rowland, A.; Steele, A. E.; Topham, B.; Ward, P.; Williams, J. H.; Yates, T.W.

2nd Class: Renishaw, F.; Webster, H.

Juniors

3rd Class Honours: Cook, A. B.; Gatenby, E. V.; Wall, J. G.

Passed – 1st Division: Bardsley, J. C. G.; Barke, S. G.; Cooper, C. F.; Lancaster, J. S.; Redington, F. H. C.

2nd Division: Johnson, W.; Walker, L.

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At last our magazine has reached its second number. As we expected, our last term's issue was much criticised, and its faults and shortcomings were very plainly demonstrated to us, but on the whole its reception was very favourable. The boys in the school, especially have been most loyal in their support, scarcely a single word of discontent being heard, while such of the old boys as have expressed their opinions at all have declared their satisfaction. And there are some, not intimately connected with us, who have become subscribers, and we wish to thank these heartily for their interest.

Although many of our old boys have rendered us valuable assistance, both by subscriptions and by contributions of articles, yet we have been rather disappointed in results of our appeal for help. Of the many old Cestrefeldians to whom we sent circulars last term, only a small percentage have so far sent us a reply. Those who have replied, have done so in quite the right way, but there are still very many whom we have not got on our list of subscribers. Let us hope that their silence implies only delay, not refusal. "Silence is golden," may be very true in some cases, but it is certainly not golden as regards the prospects of the "Cestrefeldian."

To the poetic mind, the appellation "Spring Term" would convey a picture of bright sunny weather, green fields, and trees bursting into leaf, but how different is real from the ideal! Instead of the Spring Term being the most clement portion of the year, there seems to get crammed into it every possible kind of vile weather, - snow, hail, rain, fog, frost, and the elements seem to combine in a desperate endeavour to exterminate the whole race of man before the winter ceases. It is true that in some respects there are advantages. The frost brings plenty of sport in the way of skating and invigorates one to a marvellous extent, and the snow brings plenty of fun with it. The after effects, however, more than compensate for these passing joys, and the weary school-boy, tramping home from school, or from the station through sloppy, running, slush, which seems to penetrate even the most impervious of boots, calls down unspeakable maledictions on the same snow which he had welcomed so eagerly a few days before. However all things, good and bad have their end, and we can look forward to warm days and clean roads on return next term.

A heavy fall of snow is always made the occasion of many fierce conflicts at school, and the past term has proved no exception to the rule. In addition to the hot fusillades kept up in the yard each break and dinner-time, in which more than one worthy member of the school received slight injuries in the way of swelled eyes, a most interesting snow-fight was held on the bank in the top field. Here a terrific combat was held one dinner-time, when for nearly half an hour Lingard and Large Houses defended the bank against the combined forces of Heathcote, Foljambe, and Clarke Houses. The fight raged fiercely, the superiority in numbers of the attackers being just about made up for by their having to throw uphill, and only after many ineffectual rushes could the attacking leaders gain footing on the crest of the bank. When indeed, they had got there, they could not do much more than cover their heads, and crouch under the terrific hail of snow which poured on them from all sides, but they kept their ground in spite of the fact that their supporters retreated and left them in the midst of the enemy. The chief feature of the battle was the way in which the older boys were mobbed by the juniors, who managed to get a dozen or so balls home every time a senior raised his head to throw. Owing to their small size, it was next to impossible to retaliate, for if one threw at them there seemed to be nothing to aim at, and woe betide the unwary person who tried rubbing. It was as if the whole field concentrated its fury on him immediately. So much for the snow. While it remained it provided some excitement, but, on the whole we prefer its room to its company.

Now that the House System has been installed, and got into full working order, the many drawbacks which it first seemed to possess, have all but vanished. It certainly has improved the general tone of the school. By no means one of the least important of its results is the way in which it has brought together seniors and juniors. Boys, who before hardly knew of each other's existence, now, finding themselves in the same house, are discovering common interests, and the effect is decidedly beneficial. The inter-house matches which were arranged at the beginning of the term were to have been worked on much the same lines as the leagues were in the days of yore. Forty matches were arranged, each house team, both first and second playing each of the other houses twice. The lateness in the season, and the inclemency of the weather, however, made it apparent after a few matches had been played, that it would be impossible to finish all these games. Then the "Cup-tie," or "knock-out" system was adopted. There were to be three rounds, the winners of the final round being the champions. We need not go into details on the matter here, as a full account of the games is given in the football section.

The seniors' social which was held at the end of last term proved a great success. In addition to fifty or more of the boys and masters, about sixty guests were present, and everyone succeeded in getting the best out of a most enjoyable evening. The first portion, from seven to half-past eight or nine, was devoted to a concert, the second, after a short interval for refreshments, to dancing.

The audience showed themselves highly appreciative of the concert, many encores being called for. All the artistes were well received, Messrs Hughes, Rowland, Lancaster and Williams being heartily applauded for their contributions to the programme.

The sketch given by Mr. Slack, Williams, Margerson, Hollingworth, and Allen was quite a success but its effect was rather marred by the energy of the dramatis personae towards the close. So violently did the action of the play proceed that even the prompters were slightly damaged by a part of the scenery falling on them and by P.c. Hollingworth who completed a remarkable series of somersaults by landing in their midst. We of the audience, had misgivings for our own safety, but confidence was ultimately restored. No matter how good the training, - some of the caste were members of the School XI, - there is a limit to one's physical endurance, and the curtain fell to conceal from our gaze a party of exhausted acrobats!

An adjournment was made to C. Room, which had been appropriately decorated. Here refreshments had been kindly provided for us by Mrs. Mansell, and some were even heard to whisper that this was the best part of the show. After this, dancing on a ripping, we are told this is the correct word, - floor kept us going till eleven o'clock, when we all dispersed with feelings of regret that such a delightful evening had come to a close. Rowland and Dolan were the "martyrs" at the piano.

We had no public Prize Day last year, but the Mayor (Councillor S.E. Short, J. P.), came down to the school at the close of last term and distributed the prizes and certificates to the successful ones. He subsequently made a capital and inspiring speech in which he alluded to the duty boys owed to the School as well as to themselves, and although he gave us much good advice it was evident that the Mayor could look at things from a schoolboy's point of view. He heard with great interest of our new House scheme, and congratulated us on the idea. Indeed he was so struck with it that he promised the Headmaster to give us a prize or a trophy to be awarded this year for some object likely to promote the objects of the new system.

The Headmaster has asked us to state that commencing with next term a change will be made in the method of making the school terminal reports. Instead of orders the percentage of marks gained during the term will be set forth. For some time it has been felt that orders are often misleading, - that in some subjects boys occupying low positions are doing quite good work and that in others the reverse may be true, - inasmuch as quite a few marks make a great difference in the order. It is believed that the new system will be much more useful.

WE HEAR :-

- (1) That the whole school is to be examined by the University of Oxford during the approaching Summer Term.
- (2) That the Governing Body have granted £10 for the purchase of pictures for the School walls.

This last is a step in the right direction. Some of our very technical pictures will now be replaced by something more suitable.

We have culled the following from the pages of the "Captain": -

In addition to its famous crooked spire, Chesterfield possesses a Grammar School which does credit to the old roman town. The school was founded in 1594, receiving a charter from Queen Elizabeth. Many very eminent men have been educated under its roof, and an inspection of its successes in recent examinations shows that the education it gives is of no mean character. In consequence of the growth in numbers extensions were made in 1898, and school is now a very handsome building. Further additions, however, will be necessary before long, as the boys will soon number 250. Its football and cricket elevens are among the best amateur teams in the neighbourhood, while the sports form a most popular event and are always witnessed by a large crowd. There is also a Debating Society, a Magazine, and a Library, all in a very flourishing condition. Last term the School was divided into five "houses," and it is anticipated that very material results will be derived from this innovation.

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With this number we complete the first year's issue of The Cestrefeldian. Next term our magazine will celebrate its first birthday. When in its early infancy we had no idea as to how long it would flourish. The length of its life depended on the amount of support which it would receive in the school. Of one thing we could be certain. If only it could be safely guided through the first year, and established on a firm basis, it would become recognised as one of the institutions of the school, and would be safe for some time to come. Thanks to the hearty support of all, our hopes have been fulfilled, and we have every reason to suppose that The Cestrefeldian has many years before it.

The Summer Term has always been the most important of the year. In addition to its being the herald of a seven weeks' holiday it possesses attractions in the shape of the Athletic and Swimming Sports, and the Oxford Local Exams. Of course each has its advantages and its drawbacks, but there are very few who do not get some enjoyment out of one of them, at any rate.

The Annual Sports were a great success. It is needless to discuss them at length, for we should be repeating what everybody knows. As usual, there was a large attendance of spectators, and with the combined effect of the decorations and the gaily coloured dresses of the ladies the field presented an attractive spectacle. The sports were this year unique for the number of successes gained by new boys. With a few exceptions, such as Walker, who won the Senior Championship Cup, were put out of the running altogether. This was due chiefly to the fact that several splendid runners were competing of whom the handicappers had no knowledge, and as a result the races were practically given to them. One of the best of these was Bishop, who won the Junior Cup. The Old Boys' Race, which is always one of the most interesting, as well as one of the fastest and most keenly contested events of the afternoon, was won this year by H. Wagstaff, to whom his brother was a good second, and these easily out-distanced the others. This is, however, no discredit to the remaining competitors, for ever since they came to the school the Wagstaffs have always been noted for their extraordinary turn of speed. As was anticipated, Merry threw the cricket ball farthest - 85 yards – and Newcombe won the high jump, reaching 4ft. 10in. This is six inches below the record established by Brace in 1907.

The Debating Society has been silent for the whole of this term. At first it was intended to keep it going during the whole of the year, but during the Summer Term the members showed such a marked preference for outdoor occupations that it was decided to hold debates only during the Winter and Spring Terms. These being the least busy portions of the year, the members will then have ample time for the development of their forensic powers.

The cricket elevens, as will be seen from the Cricket Section, have not had a bad season. The school ground has not been at its best hitherto, owing to the manner in which it was cut during the bad weather which filled the latter part of the football season. The Headmaster, however, proposes to rent another field for football during the Easter Term, and so the turf will have nicely recovered by the time the next cricket season comes round.

The House Matches have this term aroused a great deal of interest, although, perhaps, the enthusiasm over them was no so great as over the inter-House matches in the football season. The semi-finals and finals of the football had not been played when our last issue went to print. In it we gave the draw for the semi-finals, viz :-

Foljambe I. v Lingard I. and Heathcote I. a bye.

Large II. V Lingard II. And Clarke II. A bye.

Result of semi-finals: - Foljambe I. beat Lingard I.

Large II. beat Lingard II.

Hence the teams in the final were:-

Foljambe I. v Heathcote I.

Large II. v Clarke II.

Of these Foljambe I. and Large II. won.

We hear with regret that we are this term to lose two of our masters in Mr. Woodcock and Mr. Hughes. Mr. Woodcock has now been with us for three years, and in addition to being a highly efficient chemistry and geography master, was

very popular with teachers and boys. Mr. Hughes, who has been with us for a shorter period, was also a splendid teacher and a general favourite, and we offer them our best wishes in their new spheres of work.

Mr. Woodcock's work will be taken up by Mr. Wilfred W. L. Cuthbert, B.A., late Scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge. Mr Cuthbert took a first-class in the Natural Science Tripos and holds the Cambridge University Teachers' Diploma, also of the first class. He is an honoursman in Physics at Inter. Sc., London.

Mr. W. E. St. Jennings, B.A., L.C.P., of the University of London, who has been a master at the Ilkley Grammar School for the past four years, will join the staff as Senior English Master. As Mr. Jennings was the Editor of the "Olicanian" at Ilkley, we hope to receive from him a good deal of help in editing the pages of the "Cestrefeldian." We extend to both these gentlemen a hearty welcome.

The movement towards setting up a Boy Scouts Corps in the school has not been altogether successful, the reason being that most of the boys interested in the idea were already members of outside bodies. It is a common thing now to see patrols of these embryo man-trackers gliding about the country in spite of the Opposition which the movement has received in various quarters. There is nothing but good to be derived from "scouting" if it is carried out on the right lines. Unfortunately that is not always the case. The other day, on one of the roads leading out of Chesterfield, we encountered what, on close examination, proved to be a large body of four (sic) scouts. They were evidently not out for scouting, for they were strolling along in a most aimless manner. Their costume was that of the conventional B.P. scout with a few original improvements along the way of small hatchets, knives, etc., while on their staffs, instead of the flag of their patrol, they flew Union Jacks in miniature. The foremost had a rusty cornet, and the whole band ambled forward to the inspiring strains of "My Girl's a Yorkshire Girl." Evidently they were an independent troop out on parade. At any rate, this kind of scouting does not tend to elevate the institution in the eyes of "civilians," and we must urge our Boy Scouts to stick to B. P.'s book, and not to invent methods of their own, until they have mastered "scouting" as taught by that worthy soldier.

The pictures for which the governors made a grant a little time ago have now been hung, and they are a great improvement on the mechanical drawings and plans that have hitherto decorated our walls. Their subjects are mostly historical and their bright colours have a pleasing effect on the eye.

Next term there will be a complete change in the editorial staff of The Cestrefeldian, as, with the exception of one, the present editors will all leave. The new editors will have been elected when this issue is produced.

The Silver Cup given annually by an "Old Boy" has this year been awarded by the vote of the school to W. E. Ind, of the Upper VIth.

As the School Magazine is the proper medium for preserving these and similar records, it may be well to give here the full list of School Patriots." It is as follows:-

1904 – N. L. Wells.

1905 – N. Olorenshaw.

1906 – C. N. Newcombe.

1907 - B. Brace.

1908 – J. L. Merry.

1909 – W. E. Ind.

Ind has been in the School since September, 1903, and has consequently completed his fifth year. His record is so good that it is worth reproducing. In 1906 he passed the Oxford Junior Local with first-class honours, and in the same year he was awarded a County Intermediate Scholarship of £15 a year. In 1907 he passed the Senior Local with third-class honours, and he matriculated and passed the Intermediate Examination for the degree of Bachelor of Arts of the London University in 1908.

He has taken a full share in the outside interests of the School, and although he is not a great cricketer or football player, he has always been ready to do what he could. This magazine owes much to him, for he was one of the first editors, and the School Debating Society has received a good deal of useful help from him. Briefly it may be said that his attitude towards the School has been directed by good sense, good feeling and loyalty, and that he has identified himself with everything having a good influence on the well-being of the School.

Hearty congratulations to Hill on passing Part II. of the Cambridge University Previous Examination.

The close of the Summer Term was marked by a highly successful School Concert, and notwithstanding the unpropitious weather, the Art Room was well filled by the parents of the boys. Glees, delightfully rendered by the School Choir, and Violin Solos by Rowland filled up the first half of the programme. The second half was appropriated by the "Junior Thespians," who gave a capital rendering of an Operetta, entitled *The Black List Brigade*." The principal parts were well sustained by Lancaster (i), Burgin, W. E. R. Short, Chapman, Sydall, Ridge, Aked, Holmes and Lancaster (ii). The action of the play was brightly sustained throughout, and the audience gave many warm expressions of their approval. We owe much both to Mr. Sadler and to Mr. Harry Ryde, O. C., for the trouble they took with rehearsals.

The Headmaster took advantage of the interval between the parts to present, in the name of the School, a pair of silver sauce boats to Mr. Woodcock, and a silver cigarette case to Mr. Hughes. He warmly eulogised the services of these gentlemen to the School, and wished them God speed in the future.

Vib. are to be warmly congratulated on their success in the recent Preliminary Examination for the Certificate. The following satisfied the examiners:- Allen, G. R., Davies F. (distinction in Mathematics), Dolan, P. C., Entwistle, A. B., Hollingworth, L., (distinction in Mathematics), Hooper, J. W. (distinction in English and French), Husband, W. (distinction in English), Margereson, T. R. (distinction in Science), Rowland. A., Steele, A. E., Young, J.

Wilks of the Vth. Has been awarded a County Intermediate Scholarship. Well done, Wilks!

The Mayoress (Mrs. S. E. Short) was good enough to accept our invitation to distribute the prizes at the Sports, and we wish to record our appreciation of the graceful and kindly manner in which she performed her task. We were also glad to see her at the School Concert.

In this number, for the first time, we have introduced a few illustrations which will, it is believed, prove interesting. We hope to do more of this sort of thing in the future, and ask subscribers to make known to any Old Boys whom they may come across that a School Magazine is in existence. We feel sure this will bring us more subscribers.

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L. Walker

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

With this, the fourth number of the Cestrefeldian, we celebrate the first birthday of our School Magazine. During the past year our little periodical has been a great success owing to the support we have received from the boys of the school, and we hope that it will continue to be so in the future. Under the heading of "boys of the school" must also be classed the Old Boys, to a few of whom this magazine is indebted for some of its articles.

We are now, at the time of going to press, approaching the end of the Winter term, and it must be confessed with no great feeling of regret. The term has been a long one, and on the whole one that has not been enlivened by any special events.

A few of the boys have been working for the Cambridge Locals and London Matriculation, which examinations take place about Christmas. For the rest the examinations are not yet so near, and work has been done more or less calmly.

The games of the School have been confined to the 1st and 2nd XI. football matches and to a few house matches.

We have had two whole holidays, one for the success of the candidates in the Oxford Locals and one at the half term. Both were much appreciated by all.

This term, the first of a new school year, is a term when familiar faces are missed and new ones take their places. We wish all who have left us every success in their new spheres and extend a hearty welcome to all new Cestrefeldians.

The Editorial Staff has undergone a complete change. The Editors for the coming year are J. S. Lancaster, G. S. Taylor, and B. Topham.

The Debating Society has, during the Summer months, been lying dormant. With the commencement of this School year, however, it has begun to meet again, and several successful debates have been held.

Our sincerest thanks are due to Mr. St. J. Jennings for the excellent help he has given us in connection with this edition.

We thank R.J.S. and S.H.E. for contributions, which we hope to reproduce in a future number, but we regret that we have no room for them in this present edition of the "Cestrefeldian."

SCHOOL NOTES.

By the time this magazine is in the hands of its readers the annual Prize Distribution will have been held in the Market Hall, and the prizes distributed by the Vicar. The "Conversazione" will also be a thing of the past. Accounts of both these functions will be found in our next issue.

Mr Hughes, who left us last term, is now at Sleaford Grammar School. Mr. Woodcock is still in town and we hope to have the pleasure of his company at the "Conversazione".

Mr. W. E. St. J. Jennings, B.A., L.C.P., of the University of London, who was a master at Ilkley Grammar School, has succeeded Mr. Hughes as Senior English Master.

Mr. W. W. L. Cuthbert, B.A., late scholar of Christ College, Cambridge, has taken up Mr. Woodcock's work as a teacher of Chemistry.

The new prefects are:-

Clarke House,	H. W. Hill
Foljambe,	W. L. Gostick
Heathcote,	L. Walker.

Large,
Lingard,

C. C. Handford.
F. A. Eyre.

“The Fifth” was celebrated in fine style. The field, thronged with spectators of all ages, presented a very pleasing sight. Boys flitted about here and there, their forms silhouetted against the fierce glare cast by the immense bonfire. All had been busy during the precious few days preparing for the great “flare”. The result was a large guy, padded with straw and packed with sawdust. Its resemblance to the original was great, only perhaps the legs would have looked better with a little more “calf.” However, it burnt beautifully and everyone felt gratified. While the bonfire was still burning, the Headmaster opened the display of fireworks by sending up a fire balloon. Rockets, wheels, and cannons fizzed and cracked for the next hour or two. To conclude the evening another large fire balloon was sent up very successfully and sailed over the school away into the starry night. (I believe one was found at Sheffield the next day remarkably like this).

Below are the results of the Oxford Locals, in which the School was very successful. This year, for the first time, candidates were entered for the Preliminary Examination. Nine Seniors qualified for exemption from the London Matriculation.

Among the Seniors the following obtained distinction:- G. S. Taylor in Latin (24th in country), J. W. Hooper in History (21st), L. M. Hollingworth (17th), W. H. E. Twelves in Physics (22nd).

Among the Juniors:- E. L. Wilks in French (37th), D. C. G. Bardsley in Physics (14th).

Among the Preliminaries:- F. C. King in Mathematics (3rd).

OXFORD LOCALS.

Seniors.

First Class Honours: G. S. Taylor

Second Class Honours: J. W. Hooper, F. Davies, L. M. Hollingworth, B. Topham.

Third Class Honours: T. B. Bamford, W. Johnson.

Pass First Division: J. C. G. Bardsley, P. C. Dolan, A. Drury, B. Frith, J. Frith, C. C. Handford, J. H. Harris, W. Husband, G. H. Jones, T. R. Margerison, C. N. Newcombe, H. Preece, F. H. C. Redington, A. Rowland, R. J. Shillitoe, H. T. Smith, Steele, H. Taylor, W. H. E. Twelves, L. Walker, R. T. Wright, J. Young.

Juniors.

First Class Honours: E. L. Wilks.

Second Class Honours: J. B. Reay, D. C. G. Bardsley, W. A. Cockett.

Third Class Honours: F. L. Reynolds, G. H. Reynolds

Passed: H. A. Sale, N. D. Sims, E. Sparham, J. C. Hogg, F. W. Mansell, F. R. Turner.

Preliminaries.

Second Class Honours: F. C. King, F. W. Pogson.

Third Class Honours: F. L. Jacques.

Passed: O. S. Alvey, L. H. Chamberlin, A. Cochrane, F. Cooper, W. R. Edwards, B. W. Hatchett, C. W. Holmes, H. J. Howell, J. N. Jacques, H. Lack, A. R. Lee, C. Proctor, J. W. Swaffield, D. Todd, A. W. Walters, T. G. M. Ward.

Master (pointing to boy in front row): “Who was King Harold’s chief enemy in the north?”

Boy (has no idea and is withering under the master’s eye. Prompter whispers in his ear, and he at once replies, after apparent deep thought): “Gostick, sir!” (with apologies to Tostig).

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APRIL, 1910.

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EDITORIAL.

The Spring Term has slipped by quickly enough, helped on by the welcome break at Easter, and we are already beginning to prepare for the Cricket Season.

The fine weather during the holidays certainly compensated, in some degree, for the wretched conditions experienced during the term, conditions which rendered it impossible for us to play any matches on our own ground. The "Chesterfield Amateurs" kindly lent us their ground at Sheepbridge for one of our home matches. Those who played in this match will not forget it in a hurry.

The term opened amid the excitement of the General Election, polling taking place in Chesterfield on the very day of our return. Many were the blue and yellow favours worn on that day, many were the animated discussions that took place in almost every corner, and party spirit ran high, though we did not hear of any ardent partisans coming to blows. To tell the truth, party politics are hardly worth such extreme measures.

We are sorry to be losing the services of J. S. Lancaster, who has been obliged to resign his position as one of our Editors on account of more pressing duties. We beg to thank him heartily for his past services, both to the Magazine and to the Debating Society. H. W. Hill, who has recently given us valuable help, will take his place on the staff of "The Cestrefeldian," and E. L. Wilks will succeed him as Secretary of the Debating Society.

We are glad to say that certain Old Boys and boys in the upper part of the School, are helping us pretty well in the matter of articles. Let us take this opportunity of impressing on the younger boys that they, too, can give us valuable assistance. Let them make a note of little items of interest that may occur any day, either in the classroom, or in the playground. If this were done regularly, we should, by the end of a term, have a large quantity of most valuable material, and let them report them at once to one of the Editors making our "School Notes" both interesting and amusing.

We should also like to see more boys in the School subscribing to the Magazine. It is a School institution, and as such should be supported by all. We have heard some say, "It isn't worth it." To such we should like to point out that, if that is their opinion, they should try, by giving their support, to make it "worth it," instead of refusing to help us. All things have small beginnings, but the more support and help they receive the better and stronger they become.

In our next number we hope to include some illustrations, as we did in the Summer number last year.

We have heard that the Girls' High School has started a Magazine. We heartily wish our neighbours every success in their venture.

We thank S.B.L.C. for an interesting article on Edinburgh, for which we have no room in the present issue.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We were extremely sorry to lose Mr. Walters early in the term, owing to a breakdown in his health. His medical adviser ordered complete rest. We sincerely wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. W. D. Taylor, an O.C. who has come to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Mr. Walters. Mr. Taylor has already contributed to "The Cestrefeldian," and we print an article of his in the present number.

Owing to the increase in our numbers this term it was found necessary to make a new form, which is known as IIIc.

Hearty congratulations to G. S. Taylor on being placed in the First Division of the London University Matriculation; to F. Morgan for his success in the Cambridge Senior, by which he has qualified to enter a Training College; and to R. J. Shillitoe, on passing the Oxford Senior last month, qualifying for matriculation.

The Swimming season is now beginning and we hope many of our boys will this year learn to swim more than was the case last year.

This term a Gymnasium Club has been organised. A meeting was held on February 18th, at which Mr. Slack presided. About eighty boys had signified their willingness to join the club, and at the meeting forty of these were chosen as members.

Five divisions were formed, under Mr. Slack, H. W. Hill, C. Handford, J. C. Hogg, and W. L. Gostick. These leaders undertook to teach their respective sections as much as they could in the way of gymnastics. Each section goes to the gymnasium twice a week for an hour at a time.

By this means we hope greater use will be made of the gymnasium than has been the case hitherto. Any of the worthy members of the club, who show signs of "slacking" will forfeit their membership, and others, more deserving, will take their place.

During the Summer term the classes will be discontinued, but we hope they will be continued next winter with as much enthusiasm as ever.

The following is a list of members:-

Mr. Slack's Team.- Edwards, Jacques F., Clayton, Proctor, Wood E., Broughton, Hill W., Pogson.

H. W. Hill's Team.- Lack, Hill A., Biggin, Deighton, Holmes E., Swaffield, Cochrane, Crabtree.

C. C. Handford's Team.- Bolsover, Belfitt, Bond, Jacques J., Jephson, Howell, Stevens, Howe.

J. C. Hogg's Team.- Bloxham, Bamfield, Booker, Chapman, Ridge, Slack A., Todd, Wigglesworth.

W. L. Gostick's Team.- Bishop, Smith, Holmes C., King F., Penrice, Wildgoose, Pick, Haugh J.

On March 16th a Paper Chase, which we hope will be an annual event, took place. The day gave an undue advantage to the hares (Topham and Bloxham), for it was very difficult for the hounds to find the trail, which, in several places, had been completely blown away by a strong north-east wind. Nevertheless they never gave up heart and showed good tracking powers by following the hares all the way, even though they never had much chance of catching them. Mr. Osborne and a few others, on bicycles, followed the trail where it crossed the high roads, and gave assistance, where necessary, to a few of the more exhausted youngsters.

The course mapped out by the hares beforehand was an ideal one for a paper chase. After leaving the School they proceeded in the direction of Whittington, but soon turned sharply to the right, and made for the open country by Brimington. They then joined the high road to Arkwright Town, from there went to Sutton, returning home through Sutton Wood and Grassmoor. The most prominent among the hounds were Edwards, Smith, and Bond, who were leading practically all the way.

The Social at the end of last term, given under the auspices of the Debating Society, proved a very successful function. Nearly 200 people were present, many of them being Old Boys. The proceedings opened with a musical programme, contributed to by Messrs. W. E. St. John Jennings (songs), W. L. Gostick (Pianoforte solos), A. Rowland, L.C.V. (violin), J. Lancaster ('cello), and A. L. Colston (song).

Then followed at farce, in one act, entitled "Chiselling." The cast was as follows :- Larkspur (a sculptor), J. C. Hogg; Trotter (his servant), J. Lancaster; Dr. Stonecrop, H. W. Hill; Mrs. Piper, Miss Eva Mansell; Kate, H. A. Sale. Lancaster, as the living statue, kept the house in roars of laughter, while Hill impersonated with a great success the fussy old gentleman who considered himself a great art critic. Miss Mansell presented an excellent picture of the landlady, whilst Hogg and Sale made a charming pair of lovers.

At the invitation of Mr. Mansell, the guests partook of refreshments. A dance followed, Miss Howard and Messrs Dolan, Gostick, Peach, and Slack officiating at the piano. A whist drive had been arranged for those who did not wish to dance. Many of the guests, however, were in too high spirits to settle down to an evening of serious whist. This was rather a pity for those who wished to play a few quiet rounds, and some of those present might perhaps have shown a little more

consideration in this matter. A few played through the evening, and as a result of these games the prizes were awarded to Malson and Edwards.

The Oxford Extension Lectures on "Selected Plays of Shakespeare," given by Miss Maude Royden, have been truly delightful. "Romeo and Juliet," "Richard II.," "As You Like It," "Hamlet," "King Lear," and "The Winter's Tale" were the plays selected.

It is difficult to say which of the lectures was most interesting and most enjoyable, they were all so thoroughly excellent.

Miss Royden is distinctly humorous, and on many occasions had her audience heartily laughing at her quaint sallies. On the other hand her deep insight into the meaning and purpose of the plays, must have given to many of her hearers a far keener appreciation of the works of our greatest dramatist.

We were pleased to see some of our boys at these lectures, especially at the lecture on "Richard II.," a play that is being studied this year in some of the forms.

In this connection we might mention that we forgot to chronicle, in our last number, that a number of boys went with Mr. Jennings to see Benson's Company at Sheffield, in a performance of "Julius Caesar" (which is another play that is being read this year). The party spent a very enjoyable afternoon, and came back far better able to understand the play than before.

We have heard rumours of other "Extension Lectures" that have been delivered this term, but unfortunately we have no details. Some members of Form V. might be able to supply them. We believe the organisers intend running a Choral Union during the summer months.

Valete.- Remove: Eyre, F. A., Sale, H. A., Walker, L.

V.: Alvey, O. S., Eyre, A. W., Glossop, E. H., Hollis, C. F.

IV. : Aldam, W., Swallow, J. K., Wilson, M. E., Wood, C. H.

IIIA.: Mason, A. E.

Junior School: Pilling, R. W., Ireland, J.

Salvete.- IIIC.: Benbow, N. G., Beaumont, C., Cutts, E. J., Eastwood, J., Fletcher, H. J., Flint, J. W. C., Hadfield, H., Haslam, T., Hollis, E. W., Houston, W. B., Ranns, R. H., Swale, A. D., Turner, P. A.

Junior School: Kentish, T. J., Eastwood E. A., Hartley, H. M., Barnes, Ernest.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. F. Woodcock, on his appointment as Organising Secretary for the Wootton-under-Edge Centre for Higher Education. Gloucestershire County Council.

Mr. Woodcock has very kindly presented the School with a set of Honour Boards, and we append the letter he wrote to Mr. Mansell on making his generous offer.

Oak House, Chesterfield,
April 25th, 1910

Dear Mr. Mansell,-

I have for some time felt that on leaving Chesterfield it would be a pleasure to me to make some present to the Grammar School, in token of the interest which, though no longer a resident in the town, I shall always take in the doings of the School.

It has often occurred to me that in so ancient a school a record on its walls of distinguished men who were educated within them would have served not only to commemorate the honourable successes of past generations, but also to inspire in the present a pride in those successes and a spirit of emulation. ,

But though such a record could now hardly be compiled, it seems to me that it is not too late to erect a series of honour boards to receive the names of Old Cestrefeldians who in recent years have done honour to the School by their successes, and whom the School, in turn, might now, and in the future, publicly honour by this means.

It will be a great pleasure to me, therefore, if I may be permitted to present to the School six honour boards, thereby to initiate such a record, which I trust may have some real significance in the future life of the School, and serve yet further to foster that public spirit which you will, I believe, agree with me in regarding as so essential a part of school life.

With every good wish, Sir, to the School, and to yourself as its Headmaster,

I am, yours sincerely,

FRANK WOODCOCK.

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JULY, 1910.

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EDITORIAL.

Since last "The Cestrefeldian" was published, King Edward, "The Peacemaker," has passed to his rest, and his son, King George V., reigns in his stead.

Though now some time has passed since the event, and the official period of general mourning has come to an end, yet we cannot omit to record our sorrow in these pages, and at the same time express our sincere sympathy with the Royal Family in their bereavement.

As the Headmaster said, on the morning when the sad news reached us, we cannot, as yet, fully realise the extent of our loss, nor really appreciate King Edward's efforts on behalf of his people. Meanwhile, we have every confidence that his son will profit by so noble an example, and our hope is that his reign will be long and prosperous.

This number brings our second volume to a close, and we feel that we are still going pretty strong, and that "The Cestrefeldian" is now firmly established. Many will be leaving us this term; we shall miss both Topham and Hill from the Editorial staff, and hope to find worthy successors. This Summer Term is always a time of parting, which brings with it a note of sadness. Our best wishes follow all those about to leave us, to take up new positions in the larger world outside. We hope they will all become subscribers to the Magazine, for we can assure them they will find it, in days to come, a very pleasant reminder of their schooldays.

We hope the pictures in the present number will lead to a somewhat larger sale of copies in the school itself. Our appeal in the last number had a little effect, though not as we should have liked. The articles provided for the Juniors seemed to fulfil their purpose. In the present number we are pleased to include contributions from boys in Form IV. This is as it should be, and we hope contributions will continue to come in from boys in all parts of the school.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We were very pleased to see Mr. Walters back again after the Whitsun break, looking very well indeed after his rest. Scarcely had he got back, however, when we learned that he was leaving us at the end of the term, having been appointed Senior Mathematical Master at the Brighton Training College. We offer him our heartiest congratulations, but at the same time we are extremely sorry to lose him.

Mr. Walters has been with us two years, and during that time he has won the respect of all. His powers as a teacher are great, and he has had an influence that has been in every way for good. He deserves great praise for the way in which he has stuck to his duties, when his health has been none too good, and we were sorry he had to give up once again, before the end of the term. We hope he will have completely recovered before he begins his new work at Brighton.

Outside the class-room Mr Walters took a keen interest in the school games, frequently assisting the teams, and he was ever ready to act as referee or umpire when his services were required.

On Monday, May 9th, King George V. was duly proclaimed in the Market Square by the Mayor, and all the school turned up in force, being let out for the occasion, to express their loyal adherence to the new Sovereign.

Charlie Newcombe has been distinguishing himself this summer in the cricket world. It is ancient history by this time that he was chosen to play for Derbyshire against Yorkshire. The school got off early, and went to see him perform, and there was quite a round of applause when he was put on to bowl early in the Yorkshire innings. He did very well indeed, though he failed to take a wicket. One easy chance off his bowling was missed and Rothery and Denton treated him with considerable respect.

We congratulate Newcombe on this honour and hope he will be chosen again before long. We all admire him very much; anyone could have seen this from the ovation he received at the sports when he went up to receive his prize for the Old Boys' race. One of the local papers said of him, "he is one of the quiet, assuming gentlemanly fellows one likes to meet," a statement we heartily endorse.

Whilst speaking of County Cricket, it gives us the greatest pleasure to be able to record that Derbyshire have won a match! Let us hope the performance will be repeated before the end of the season. Since the above was written, the performance has been repeated!

We congratulate the following on their success in the Preliminary Certificate Examination held last April: F. Morgan (distinguished in science), W. L. Gostick, A. Hancock, C. C. Handford, H. Preece, H. Taylor, R. T. Wright.

F. Morgan has been accepted as a student at St. John's Training College, York; W. L. Gostick at St. John's, Battersea; H. T. Smith and J. H. Harris, at the Saltley Training College.

C. C. Handford and R. J. Shillitoe are proceeding to Sheffield University.

H. W. Hill is going up to Cambridge, whilst Charlie Newcombe intends to continue his career for the present at the Nottingham University.

There is a large entry at the Chesterfield Centre this year for the Oxford Locals. Of the 80 Seniors and 45 Juniors entered, we are sending in 16 Seniors and 23 Juniors. We wish them all the best of luck during their week of trial, and look forward to another goodly list of successes.

We take this opportunity of reminding boys in the Upper part of the school that the meetings of the Debating Society will begin again next term. We shall probably open the session early in October, and for the first meeting we shall perhaps get some half-dozen boys to read short papers describing their holiday adventures.

Next term we hope to see the Gymnasium Club in full swing once again.

The other day we heard of a youngster in the Junior School who made 45 runs in one of those exciting games that take place in the dinner hour amongst the Juniors. We shall have to keep an eye on that youth, as "run-getters" are sadly needed in the First Eleven.

We were very much disappointed with Halley's Comet, or tale of it, especially after the really respectable comet which appeared last January. This time it was a case of "Halley's where art thou?" as one poster very appropriately put it.

We have lately, in some of our historical compositions, read a good deal about the numerous disputes which took place between the religious *sexes*, in the period under discussion. Nowadays, we fear disputes are not confined to the merely religious *sexes*.

Whilst speaking of compositions, we cannot refrain from quoting the following gem on Wat Tyler.

"Wat Tyler was collecting taxes, and went to a house where a man would not pay (history repeats itself), and so Tyller (merely another way of spelling the name) struck him on the head with a hanmer (Middle English for hammer) then the Mayor of London came up, whose name was Wallsworth, and had a combat with Tyler and killed him." (In this case the chief magistrate can hardly be said to have backed up the Government representative in the performance of his duties).

The notes in brackets are ours. We cannot help admiring the simple, straightforward style of the writer, who shall be anonymous.

From IIIc. (and elsewhere). A sentence containing a relative was asked for. After considerable delay, the following was given: "Blessed is the man who findeth work." We heartily agree and might add "Still more blessed is he who gets well paid for it."

A gentleman who had recently been married in great state, was said to have been celebrating his *nut- shells*.

A *reverie* of course is a man that has certain duties to perform in connection with a football match; whilst at *spectre* is part of every king's equipment.

“Nelson, when young, was the son of his father” (This is the first we have heard of his having been disowned in later life). He was likewise “bold and fearless but good and honest.” (Perhaps, after all, it is rather an unusual combination of attributes).

It was suggested at one time, that, in place of the obstacle race, a re-lay race should be substituted. There was a considerable variety of opinion as to what a re-lay race was exactly, and many thought it was a race specially designed for those disappointed in the egg and spoon race.

We have discovered poetic wit in Form IV., and quote some of his verses:

I wandered over streets and Rhodes,
I came upon an old stone bridge,
And there set down to make these odes,
Whilst gazing over Matlock Ridge.

Afar I saw a Workhouse grim,
Which had a river murmuring by,
And full of water to the brim;
Above a Wildgoose caught my eye.

And then, upon a little Hill,
A Taylor stood outside his shop,
He felt, he said, a sickness still,
Brought on by drinking ginger-pop.

The poet further relates how he met with a Crab-tree in a Wood, and later, paused for a time at a Big-inn which had at Pick painted on its sign-board.

And now to return to more serious topics.

Mr. Woodcock’s Honour Boards have come, and are, at present, in the Physical Laboratory. They are a very handsome set of boards, and will do much to render the appearance of our walls more attractive, and still more attractive will they look when filled with the list of “bright names.”

Valete V. – J. S. Bembridge, E. Bolsover, and D. Haslam.

IV. - P. Bamfield, C. E. Booker, L. F. Deighton, E. B. Holmes, W. Smith, and A. L. Stroyan,

IIIa. - R. A. Carline, F. Clay, A. Creswick, J. H. Crofts, H. W. Cutts, C. Howe, and H. D. Turner.

IIIb. - W. T. Smith and J. Rodgers.

Salvete IIIa. - W. G. Nyilassy.

Junior School. – C. Buckland, J. K. Frewing, and F. Sedgwick.

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SOME NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE CHESTERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Although it is usually stated – on the authority of the Charter granted to the town by Queen Elizabeth – that the Grammar School at Chesterfield was established in the reign of that monarch, it is beyond doubt that there was a very successful school in existence long before that time, and that what occurred at the end of the sixteenth century was really a “refounding.” Just as Chesterfield had been a borough by royal charter since the days of King John, while the charter of Queen Elizabeth enable it to elect its “first and modern Mayor,” and to bring the government of the town into greater accord with the conditions existing at that date, so the old school, references of which we find as far back as the reign of Henry III., was, by the same charter, started upon a new career under what were no doubt were regarded as more helpful and promising auspices. Or to change the figure, just as some of our old churches and castles were built on the sites, and in some cases the very foundations of more ancient buildings, so the Grammar School was rebuilt, figuratively if not literally, on the historical foundations of a pre-existing school. How long that school had been doing its useful work we have no means of knowing. All documentary evidence of its earliest days have disappeared. The first reference we find to it is in the reign of Henry III., when it was already a place of some repute as a centre of learning and instruction. This reference is rather meagre, for it is to the effect that Sir H(enry), clerk, of Ashbourne (“Dominus H. clericus de Essebourne”), wrote to “the venerable man S(imon), Rector of Chesterfield Church,” wishing him “health and success agreeable to his wishes,” and thanking him for having obtained for him the appointment of schoolmaster.

You know (he says) that I by the grace of God and you have obtained from Sir Dean the mastership of your school (a domino decano scolas vestras regendas impetrasse); for which I return thanks for your liberality not less than to him and am bound to you if possible more affectionately, as before I poured out my prayers to him on the matter, your grace was earnest for my promotion to the mastership (ad illas regendas promovere studueritis).

The last sentence in the letter has been rendered unintelligible by the end of the document having been cut off, the last words which can be made out being; “de adventu meo,” suggesting that the writer was consulting the rector as to the time of his arrival in Chesterfield.

Apparently this schoolmaster Henry is the same Henry who appears as clerk of Chesterfield in a later document of the time of Edward I., and is a grant to Henry, son of Henry, clerk of Chesterfield. The dean, who had presented the Ashbourne clerk to the school at Chesterfield, was, no doubt, the Dean of Lincoln, to whom the Church and rectory of Chesterfield, as of Derby and Ashbourne, had been appropriated.

In 1336-7, Roger of Hulme, Chaplain, granted to Sir Henry, of Sutton, schoolmaster of Chesterfield, and Agneta, his wife, a holding in Bythorpe and Bramfield, which he had of the gift of the said Henry. This grant was amongst the documents enumerated by Dr. Pegge in his “Schedule of papers in the Chesterfield Corporation Chest, 1789,” but it has apparently disappeared, as there is no mention of it in the list of charters and other documents in the possession of the Corporation, which was prepared by Mr. Pym Yeatman in 1884.

For a very long period there is no trace of any information relating to the school, and it seems safe to assume that it was carried on in a quiet and unpretentious way by one of the chantries of the town until their dissolution in 1548. In his will, dated 24th February, 1594, Godfrey Foljambe, a member of a distinguished family living at Walton, Chesterfield, directed that his wife, Isabel, should pay £40 per annum out of his estate to the preacher at the Parish Church at Chesterfield (“such preacher to be nominated by the Archbishop of York and his successors”) and further that she

“Should yearly pay the sum of £13 6s. 8d. towards the finding of a schoolmaster being sufficiently learned for teaching children within the town of Chesterfield, such schoolmaster to be allowed, and removed if cause of his defects should so require, by the said Archbishop and his successors.”

Godfrey Foljambe died soon afterwards, for his will was proved an August 1595. Queen Elizabeth came to the throne in 1558, and her three charters were granted to the burgesses of Chesterfield – the first in the ninth year of her reign, confirming the charters received from Henry III., Edward IV., Henry VII., Henry VIII., and Edward VI.; the second, on the same day, confirming to the burgesses the privileges which they possessed as tenants of the Ancient Demesne of the Crown of England; and the third, in the fortieth year of her reign, by which Chesterfield was constituted a free borough, and the burgesses and inhabitants were created “one certain, definite, and undoubted body corporate and politic.” Various powers were conferred upon the new Corporation (which was “named by the appellation of Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Chesterfield”) and amongst these was one authorising the establishment of a Grammar School. After quoting the bequest of Godfrey Foljambe, and stating that the Burgesses and Inhabitants were desirous “to build, found and erect one Grammar School within the said borough, for the pious education of boys in the same,” the charter proceeds, in the quaint and redundant phraseology of such documents, to say:-

We being earnest as far as in us lies, to promote such pious works, that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said borough might be more enabled to perform such and other works useful to the same borough, of our special grace and from our certain knowledge and mere motion, have granted and given licence, and for us, our heirs and successors do grant and give by these presents, special licence and free and lawful faculty, power and authority to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, and their successors, to erect, build, found and establish, one Grammar School within the borough aforesaid, to be governed according to appointment by the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren and Capital Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, or the greater part of the same, of whom we will that the aforesaid, Mayor be one; which school shall be and shall be called the Free Grammar School of Chesterfield; and also, to have, receive, and require to them and their successors for ever, as well of us, our heirs and successors, as of William Bowes, Knight, who hath now married the aforesaid Isabella, or of others our subjects and liege men, or of any other person or persons whatsoever, the manor, messuages, lands, tenements, rectories, tythes, revenues, annuities, reversions, services and other possessions, preventions and hereditaments whatsoever, which are not held of us, our heirs or successors in chief, nor by military service, without the special licence of us, our heirs or successors, and without the licence of the lord or lords of whom the aforesaid manor, lands, tenements, revenues, possessions, reversions, or hereditaments are held, or shall happen to be held, at the time of the said requisition therefrom.

“The aforesaid Isabella,” referred to in the charter was the wife of Godfrey Foljambe, and she had, in the meantime, married as her second husband Sir William Bowes. In the translation of Elizabeth’s charter given in Ford’s “History of Chesterfield,” the name Bowes is printed as Bower, and curiously enough when Mr. Pym Yeatman published his “Records of the Borough of Chesterfield,” he repeated the error.

In the voluminous report of the Commissioners appointed in 1819 to enquire concerning Charities of England, it is stated that the Grammar School was duly established under the authority of the Charter of Elizabeth, and a school-house, with garden and two closes, containing together between four and five acres adjoining the town of Chesterfield, are supposed to have been appropriated at the time of the foundation to the use of the master, but whether they were given by the Corporation, or from whom they were derived, is not known. Carlisle’s “Grammar Schools of England” (published in 1818) says that the Chesterfield Grammar School “is called ‘The Chapel School’ to this day, because it is built upon the site of the Chapel of the Guild of St. Helen.” Dr. Cox, in his “Churches of Derbyshire,” remarks that he has failed to learn anything of the Chapel of St. Helen, in pre-Reformation days. It is mentioned, he adds, in a deed of the second year of Elizabeth, by which the Queen grants to George Howard “half an acre of land near the Chapel of St. Helen, in Chesterfield.”

It is usually assumed that the endowment of Godfrey Foljambe was subsequent to the charter of Elizabeth – that, in other words, Foljambe endowed an already established school. The error is perhaps due to the fact that on page 286 of Ford’s History, the granting of the charter of incorporation by Elizabeth, the nomination of the first Mayor of Chesterfield, the endowment of the Grammar School, and the appropriation of the Chapel of St. Helen to its use, are all recorded in the order given under the year 1594. The error is an obvious one. Elizabeth’s charter was granted in the

fortieth year of her reign (1597), and it expressly recites Godfrey Foljambe's will as having been made in the thirty-seventh year of her reign – that is, 1594. If we assume, and the conjecture does not seem to be an unreasonable one, that the Chapel of St. Helen was a chantry chapel, we arrive at what it seems not unlikely may have been the sequence of events: The school at Chesterfield was for many years carried on by one of the chantries; the chantries were suppressed in 1548; there was no body or institution to take any active interest in education; Godfrey Foljambe saw this, and provided an endowment for the payment of a schoolmaster; the chapel of St. Helen had become disused; and power having been given the Mayor and Corporation to establish a Grammar School, this disused building was appropriated to the purpose. Lysons states (Lysons' Add. M88. 9448) that the chapel was undoubtedly turned into a schoolroom, and other buildings for the masters were added.

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II.

ENDOWMENTS AND “HOUSES”

The £13 6s. 8d. per annum, which Godfrey Foljambe gave for the maintenance of a schoolmaster in Chesterfield may not seem a large amount in these days, but at the end of the sixteenth century it represented a very significant gift, and, moreover, it acted as an incentive to other generous minded citizens to follow Foljambe's example. A few years ago the School was divided into five “Houses” and it was a happy thought to commemorate the principal benefactors of the Grammar School by associating their names with these “Houses.” The stirring School Song, written by A. E. Heath, and set to appropriate music by Mr. Sadler, helps still further to impress them upon our minds, for their names are introduced in turn into the chorus or refrain, at the end of each verse. They are - though we have taken the liberty of varying the order so as to arrange them chronologically - Foljambe, Lingard, Large, Clarke and Heathcote. To Foljambe's original endowment it is not necessary, at this point, further to refer, beyond saying that the £13 6s. 8d. still duly appears in the Grammar School accounts each year.

In 1612 - that is fifteen years after the charter of Queen Elizabeth had been obtained - James Lingard (or Lingman) handed bonds and notes to the value of £730 to the Corporation, out of which he desired them to make certain specified payments and to bestow the residue in the purchase of land “which should continue for ever towards the maintenance of a free school in the town of Chesterfield for the better education of poor men's children.” This residue amounted to only £160, “being all and the whole remainder of the sum of £730, or of so much thereof as was lawfully recovered,” and it was expended in 1623 in the purchase of three fields, containing together eleven acres, at Ballowden (or Ballidon), near Ashbourne. In the same year the land was let on lease for 1,000 years at an annual rent of £8 per annum, and this amount is, of course, still being paid.

By the will of Thomas Large, dated June, 1664, various bequests were made. Part of his estate was left for the purpose of an alms house, part for the relief of the poor, part for the Vicar of Chesterfield, part for the repair of the repair of the Parish Church and steeple, while the rents and profits of a close called Porter's Pingle were given to the schoolmaster of the Free Grammar School, together with an annual sum of 20s. out of the rents and profit of a field called Brigg Close, in Hasland and Boythorpe. Porter's Pingle formed what is now the north side of Wharf Lane. Part of it was taken under the authority of an Act of Parliament passed in 1770 giving power for the construction of the Chesterfield Canal, (sic - Canal?) and the proprietors of the canal agreed to pay, in perpetuity, the sum of £1 7s. 1d. per annum in respect of the land so taken. Porter's Pingle was sold in recent years, for building purposes, and the proceeds invested in consols, the interest upon which goes into the Grammar School funds, and the payment of £1 7s. 1d. annually is still made by the Great Central Railway Company, who are now the owners of the Canal. Large's land at Boythorpe was also sold, and the money invested in consols, a sum of £40 being transferred by the Charity Commissioners to provide the 20s. per annum due to the Grammar School.

In 1690, Cornelius Clarke, of Norton (son of the first Mayor of Chesterfield) granted to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and their successors, certain premises at Staveley Hague, upon trust, that they should from and after his death, yearly, out of the rents and profits of the premises, “pay to the head or chief schoolmaster of the Free Grammar School erected within the borough of Chesterfield, the yearly sum of £15 for his better maintenance and encouragement in the teaching, instructing and educating of the children there, in piety, virtue, and good literature, to be paid, yearly, at Whitsuntide and Martinmas; and to such person, for the time being, who should thereafter be nominated and appointed, in the manner expressed, as usher or under-master of the Free Grammar School, to assist the head schoolmaster in the teaching, instructing and educating children there, in piety, virtue and good learning, the yearly sum of £15 to be paid in like manner for the yearly maintenance of such person; and after payment of the further yearly sum of 20s. in respect of the charity of John Alwood (sic), that they should pay the rest and residue of all the yearly rents and profits to such

person as should, from time to time, for ever thereafter, successively be nominated and appointed, as therein expressed, for the teaching and instructing of the petty scholars in the borough and town of Chesterfield, to read and to learn the accidence, and to prepare them for the Free Grammar School aforesaid." Cornelius Clarke further ordered and appointed, that the usher or under-schoolmaster should, from time to time, be nominated and chosen by the Mayor and Aldermen, and lord or owner of the manor of Norton, for the time being, or the major part of them, so long as any of the kindred of the said Cornelius Clarke should be lords or owners of the manor, and when any other person should be lord or owner thereof, then by the Mayor and Aldermen, or the major part of them; and that the usher or under-schoolmaster should teach and instruct the children of his (Cornelius Clarke's) then tenants within the parish of Chesterfield, and of the successive tenants of such tenements or farms as should be allowed of by the lord or owner of the manor of Norton for the time being, so long as any of his kindred should be lord or owner thereof, and when any other person should be lord or owner thereof, then by the Mayor or Aldermen, or the major part of them; and that the usher or under-schoolmaster for the time being, should take care and be diligent in teaching all his scholars the catechism, called "The Assemblies Catechism; and that both the usher or under-schoolmaster, and the person to be appointed for teaching petty scholars for the time being, should be subject to, and governed by such orders and instructions as the Mayor and Aldermen, and the lord or owner of the manor of Norton for the time being, or the major part of them, so long as such lord or owner should be of the kindred of the said Cornelius Clarke, and when any other person should be lord or owner thereof, then as the Mayor and Aldermen, or the major part of them, from time to time should direct, appoint, and agree upon. In 1797 two of the fields at Staveley Hague were exchanged by the Mayor and Corporation for five fields of about the same area called the High Bramleys in the parish of Eckington, belonging to Mr. Sitwell Sitwell, and in 1804 the remainder of the Staveley Hague property was exchanged for other lands belonging to the same gentleman at Whitebanks, Chesterfield, and at Cuttholme, in Ashgate Road, then in the parish of Brampton. It was stipulated, however, that an annual sum of £3 2s. payable in perpetuity by the proprietors of the Chesterfield Canal in respect of land taken by them at Staveley Hague should not be affected by the exchange, and this sum continues to be paid by the present owners of the canal - the Great Central Railway Company - into the funds of the Grammar School each year. On the other side the sum of £1 per annum left by John Allwood (sic) chargeable on the Staveley Hague property (before its acquirement by Cornelius Clarke) is paid by the Grammar School each year into the funds of what are now known as "The Amalgamated Poor Charities" of Chesterfield.

From the Heathcote family the Grammar School derived - though indirectly - most of the landed property which it now owns. A tablet in the Chesterfield Parish Church sets forth that Ann, relict of Mr. Gilbert Heathcote, of Chesterfield, left £100, her son Josiah, £200; her son John, £200; her son William, £200; and her son George, £200; for apprenticing boys. To these gifts were added at legacy of £400 left by her eldest son, who became Sir Gilbert Heathcote. There was, however, a distinction between the object of the benefaction left by Ann Heathcote and her four younger sons, and that left by her eldest son. The former were intended to apprentice boys whose parents "should either be of good families, and come to poverty, or fallen to decay by misfortunes; or industrious people who should not be able to make such provision for their children," while Sir Gilbert Heathcote's intention appeared to be to benefit a poorer class of the community and not merely members of a "good family" in reduced circumstances. These gifts are comprehensively known as "the Apprentice Charities," and as the custom of "apprenticing" in the old fashioned signification of the term has died out, the Charity Commission deemed that it would not be inconsistent with the desires of the donors if, under the changed conditions, the money were devoted to the purpose of fitting Chesterfield boys for their work in life by affording them the opportunity of gaining a sound education. With the money left by Ann Heathcote her son Josiah, together with £20 of the amount left by her son John - that is £320 in all - was purchased a farm at Barlborough. This is known as the Mill Farm; it comprises 47a. 0r. 16p., and is now let at an annual rent of £75. The remainder of John's legacy - namely £180 - went towards the purchase of a farm at Snitterton, near Matlock. The total cost was £630, and the difference of £455 was made up of £435, money belonging to the Corporation and £20 left for charitable purposes by George Milward. The total area of the farm is 67a. 3r. 32p., and it is let at an annual rent of £67 14s., of which £18 18s. is credited to the funds of the Grammar School.

With the £400, which was provided in equal proportions by William and George Heathcote, were purchased three fields called the Golders (sic) Cliffs at Tapton. A small part of this land was taken for the construction of the Chesterfield Canal, the proprietors agreeing to pay therefor the sum of 15s. every year in perpetuity. This payment has mysteriously

dropped to 14s. 11d., which the Great Central Railway Company now pay, making their total contribution, including their £3. 2s. on account of the land at Staveley Hague, and £1 7s. 1d. in respect of Porter's Pringle (Wharf Lane), £5 4s. Possibly the penny has been deducted in order, as they say in commercial circles, "to cover the cost of remittance." Our forefathers appear to have been very fond of exchanging lands, for the remaining portion of the fields at Goulders (sic) Cliffs was "swopped" for part of a farm at Stone Hay, in the township of Walton, the other part of the farm being acquired by the Corporation at the same time in lieu of certain premises left to them by Thomas Large. That portion of the Stone Hay farm which thus came into possession of the Grammar School contains an area of 22a. 1r. 38p., and is let at £18 5s. per annum. The Corporation's share of the farm contains 16a. 1r. 11p., and is let to the same tenant for £8 5s. per annum.

Sir Gilbert Heathcote's £400 was devoted to the purchase of the Ramsay, or Ramshaw, Farm at Unstone, containing 25a. 2r. Part of this was sold to the Midland Railway Company for the construction of their Chesterfield to Sheffield direct line in 1870, and the present area of the farm, which touches the foot of the railway embankment a few yards south-east of the Unstone viaduct, is 24a. 3r. 29p. It is let for £31 per annum. It seems that the whole of the money received from the charities of Ann Heathcote and her sons was not spent on the objects stated in their wills, and between 1790 and 1816 the balances became so intermixed with the general funds of the Corporation that they could not be traced. Between 1817 and 1826, however, it was found that this total of the unspent balances was £200 18s. 2d. Of this sum, £32 2s. 5d. was in the bank, leaving £168 15s. 9d. owing by the Corporation. In addition, that body, though owning only a part of the Snitterton farm, had applied to the repair and improvement of its own property the proceeds of various sales of timber. The proportion of the timber proceeds found to be due to the Heathcote Charities was £61 4s. 3d., and thus, added to the £168 15s. 9d., made up a sum of £230, on which the Corporation agreed to pay interest at 4 per cent., or £9 4s. per annum, and this sum still appears each year in the income of the Grammar School.

It may be interesting to add that the family home of the Heathcotes was St. Mary's House (now occupied by Alderman Shentall J.P.), opposite the Parish Church. The Gilbert Heathcote with whose benefaction the farm at Unstone was purchased was a distinguished member of this family. He was born in Chesterfield in 1651, his father being several times Mayor. He took his M.A. degree at Cambridge in 1673, and then migrated to London where he became a very successful merchant. He was one of the founders and one of the first directors of the Bank of England, became Alderman in 1702, Sheriff in the following year, and was elected Lord Mayor of London 1711. He was M.P. for the City for a number of years, was knighted by Queen Anne, and created a baronet by George II. His keenness in business matters gave him a reputation for meanness and lack of sympathy. Pope (in his Dunciad) thus refers to him:-

The grave Sir Gilbert holds it for a rule
That every man in want is knave or fool.

We have not quite exhausted the list of the School's benefactors, but as we have completed our references to those who have given their names to the School Houses, we may fairly regard this as a fitting point at which to pause.

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EDITORIAL.

In this present number it is our duty to record both sad events and joyful. Not only does it fall to our lot to write of weddings and rumours of weddings, but death, alas, has been busy in our midst of late, and there are said gaps in our ranks.

With the deepest regret that we have to record in these pages the death of Alderman Short. "A wise Governor and a generous friend," to quote the Words of the Headmaster, he will be sorely missed by us, as indeed he will be by all in our town.

At this season, too, there is always as certain sadness in saying farewell to those many who are leaving School. We wish them all God speed, and hope they will come to visit us often, or, if at a distance, write and tell us how they fare. Both our assistant editors are going, and we would here thank them for their valuable services in the past. We have also to thank Austin for his help up to the time of his leaving us.

With the present issue several prominent features of the Magazine will cease, temporarily at all events. Mr. Jacques concludes his Notes on the History of School. This series will be much missed, but we may be able to persuade him to contribute another series at some future date, on some other local topic. The "Nottingham Letter" will also cease, as Cestrefeldians have deserted that seat of learning, for a time. We are sorry for this, as the Nottingham news has always afforded bright and cheery reading. As the "They are Saying" contributions in our last number seemed to meet with general favour, we have "asked for more."

So far as the financial side of the present volume goes, it would appear that we did not make a mistake in reducing the price, and we are able to say, with certainty, that the next volume will be issued at one and six to all subscribers, whether in the School or not.

And now we take our leave, and say 'au revoir' to our readers until the near approach of the Festive Season reminds us that another volume of "The Cestrefeldian" must needs be begun.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

The present term will end on Wednesday, July 29th, and the School will reassemble on Tuesday, September 15th.

The time since Easter has slipped along quickly enough, and one or two breaks have helped us on our way. The Whitsun holidays, which included the first merit, lasted from Friday afternoon, May 29th, to Thursday morning, June 4th. The

second merit was on June 27th. A half-holiday was also given on Monday, May 25th, in celebration of Empire Day. This enabled us to spend an afternoon at the County Match v. Notts.

The Local Examinations, which begin on July 20th, will be over by the time this Magazine is published. We hope all our candidates (13 Seniors and 18 Juniors) will have found the papers to their liking, and that in due course we shall read of their success.

We congratulate the following on their success in the second part of the Preliminary Examination for the Teachers' Certificate last March:- C. H. Holmes, M. Holmes, C. Middleton, and J. S. W. Saunders.

On Thursday evening, June 11th, the Masters and boys of the School, under the direction of Mr. Sadler, gave a concert in the Holy Trinity Institute, in aid of the Holy Trinity Organ Fund. The programme was a long and varied one, and the whole affair was quite a success, the fund benefitting to the extent of £6. The following were the chief items:- Glees and part songs by the School Choir; violin selections, A. D. Swale; humorous songs, H. B. Saxton; trio, Messrs. Eldridge, Wood and Jennings; songs, by Messrs. Eldridge and Wood; quartette, J. H. Stockton, A. Boldry, and Messrs. Slack and Jennings; monologue, Mr. Slack; song, P. Austin; trio, Messrs. Sadler, Slack and Wood; operetta (Ladies in Parliament), G. F. Houston, R. J. Tucker, and Messrs. Slack and Wood.

On the day after the concert the Headmaster received the following letter from the Rev. C. W. Howard, Rector of Holy Trinity:-

Holy Trinity Rectory, Chesterfield.
June 11th, 1914.

To the Headmaster, Masters, and Boys of the Chesterfield Grammar School.

I was trying last night to thank you for giving us such a splendid evening's entertainment, and above all for your real kindness and practical help to Mr. Sadler and our church. But I knew it was useless| trying to do this in a public manner. I am, therefore, obliged to resort to this, to write my thanks and appreciation, and to ask the Headmaster to be so good as to convey to you all, as well as to receive himself on behalf of Holy Trinity Church and congregation, our appreciative thanks. Thank you so much. You must have been at a lot of trouble, and so must Mr. Sadler, but you think, as I do, that he is worthy of it, and if everyone loved his work (yes, and his organ) as he does, the world would be a much happier one. Work, hard work, never kills, though I fear the Irishman's "conversazione" does!!!

With most grateful thanks, believe me to be,

Yours ever sincerely and gratefully,

"An Old Boy,"

C. WILFRED HOWARD.

Mr. Sadler still continues to give pleasure with his Organ Recitals at Trinity, and we also notice that Mr. Slack, on June 7th, gave an Organ Recital at Christ Church, Stonegravels, on the occasion of the Sunday School Festival.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Messrs. Wood and Nuttall on their engagements, and trust that at no very distant date we shall be congratulating them on a still greater occasion.

We were very pleased to read that one of our late Governors, Mr. J. P. Houfton, was presented to the King on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Bolsover, and we congratulate him on the honour.

We wish to record in the Magazine the hearty thanks of the whole School to Miss Swanwick for her generous gift to the School in the shape of a set of practising nets, a thing we were much in need of.

We have heard of a poet in III. A. whose contributions have, from time to time, appeared in the columns of one of the local papers. We hope to receive something from this quarter for our own pages.

Miss Mansell's speech to the boys, thanking them for their wedding present was very much appreciated. Not a few of us envied the calm way in which she faced some two hundred boys, and delivered her remarks without a trace of stage fright.

Poor Billy is no more. He developed a nasty habit of sampling youngsters' legs, with the result that he was obliged to pay a visit to his doctor, and - he never came back.

We thank Councillor J. E. Clayton for his usual gift to the Library of Wisden's "Cricketers' Annual."

We are sorry to have received no "Sheffield Letter" this term; we learn from other sources that Mr. Percy Ward has passed his second qualifying examination for the Medical Profession.

We learn that:

"The Chaldeans could neither read nor write. To make people understand, they used to draw them in clay and bake them." We are going to try this method ourselves in a few bad cases.

"Julius Caesar was killed by a fellow called Et Tu Brute."

"Napoleon thought. In doing so he made a great mistake". We wish a few more mistakes of this kind were made.

Valete.- VI. : W. F. Austin. VI. Lower: A. A. Charlesworth, A. Heeley, C. H. Holmes, M. Holmes, W. G. Nyilassy, J. S. W. Saunders, J. O. Shemwell. V.: *J. W. Godber, H. Hardy, *W. Haslam. IVa: F. Holmes, J. Howard, F. L. Pogson, *E. T. Sharkey.

Remove.- *H. P. Bridge, *H. Cappendell, D. S. Fox, A. F. M, Seals, C. J. S. Seals.

Junior School: R. C. Taylor.

Salvete.-IIIa. : H. S. Carr. IIIb.: L. G. Buckland, C. Marsh.

Junior School: R. F. G Bardsley, L. Finney, T. Eaglesfield.

* Left since beginning of this term.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE CHESTERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

V.

In the last section of these Notes emphasis was laid on the importance to the success of a School of a competent, zealous, and tactful headmaster. In the seventeenth century the School had had at its head a succession of men in whom these qualities had been, in a greater or less degree, developed. The result was that the Chesterfield Grammar School came "to be reckoned the most considerable in the North of England." Under another and a different type of headmaster we have now to witness how speedily a condition of change and decay was brought about.

During the latter part of the time that the Rev. Joseph Shipston had charge of the School the Rev. Thomas Field was appointed usher, or under-master, entering upon the duties of that office in 1788, and on Mr. Shipston's death in 1794, Mr. Field became head-master, though without relinquishing his position as under-master. He was also curate of Great Barlow and of Brimington, and it is hardly necessary to say that no man could discharge adequately the duties of four such important offices. Mr. Field, however, did not seem to trouble very much about the School and made no effort to attract pupils. He told the Charity Commissioners that he regarded the freedom of the School as being limited to boys born in the town of Chesterfield, though, as they pointed out in their report, there was nothing to prevent the members of the Corporation (who were then the Governors of the School) from extending the freedom to other boys.

The system on which the School was conducted, the lack of attention on the part of Mr. Field, and the wretched state into which the School had been allowed to fall, are so well-described in the Commissioners' Report that we offer no apology for quoting the passages in full.

The qualifications, they say, which are required previously to the admission of a boy, are that he should be able to read and write, so as to be ready to begin Latin; and the instruction in the School is confined to Latin and Greek. "It is represented," the report goes on to say, "that the head-master is not bound to teach any scholar until he is so far advanced in learning as to begin reading the Greek Testament, and that when the offices of head-master and usher were held separately, this practice prevailed. As an arrangement between the head-master and usher, at a period when there were many scholars learning Greek, this mode of dividing their labours may have been convenient, but it appears to us that no length of time would be sufficient to give validity to such a practice as the permanent rule, the effect of which would be to leave little, or more frequently, if we may judge from the state of the School for the last thirty-five years, no occupation for the head-master."

"We are informed" (the Commissioners continue) "that this was formerly a Grammar School of some reputation, but of late years it seems to have been of little public benefit. It appears from the statement of Mr. Field, that when he was appointed, in 1794, the number of scholars had become reduced to about eight or nine, and that since 1794 the number has scarcely ever exceeded seven, of whom four or five only have at any one time been free scholars. He admits that for a short period, many years ago, there was no boy in the School; and he states, that about 1810, he had for a short time as many as 16, these, however, appear to have been sent to the School under the following circumstances, as stated by Mr. Field :- The Corporation having, about that period, laid out a considerable sum in repairing the School, an agreement was made that the members of the Corporation should send a certain number of boys to the School on this account, and several boys, all of whom were born within the town, were accordingly nominated by them, till the number was increased to about 16. It seems difficult to draw any inference from these facts, inasmuch as the boys: who were then sent were free to the School without any appointment, and would have been entitled to have been admitted, if no agreement had taken place to the effect above mentioned. The boys, however, so appointed remained only a short time, and the number became again reduced. There were at the time of our inquiry five boys in the School, all being upon the foundation; none of them were so far advanced as to begin Greek."

"Writing and accounts are not taught in the School," the report states, "and for such instruction the scholars are sent by their parents to a master in the town. It is to this circumstance that Mr. Field attributes the deficiency in the number of scholars; and there is no doubt, that to the principal part of the inhabitants of Chesterfield and the neighbourhood, the education of their sons in Latin and Greek only, would be considered as of little benefit without instruction in writing and arithmetic; but the information we have received from different persons of the town and neighbourhood, tends to show that the decline of the School may in great measure be attributed to the want of sufficient attention on the part of the master. From the evidence of Mr. Field himself it appears that his attendance at the School never exceeds an hour and a half, or at the most two hours in the day, and that on two days in every week it does not exceed one hour; that even such attendance is subject to interruptions his parochial duties, as curate of Great Barlow and of Brimington, and other occasional engagements; and it does not appear that he has ever given a greater degree of attendance at any period since his appointment in 1794."

The Commissioners add that it is very doubtful, judging by the observations made to them by Mr. Field, whether he would be willing to give the same attendance as was usually given by the master in other Grammar Schools, but it was obvious to them, unless some new regulations were adopted with regard to the attendance of the master, that "it is impossible that the School can ever attain a higher character than it now bears."

Mr. Field died in 1833, and the School was closed. In 1839, the writer of Ford's "History of Chesterfield" said that "the building is now in a deplorable state, owing to its having remained untenanted for some years. No steps, however, can be taken towards its renovation till the debt incurred by the late Corporation is cancelled." This is the debt referred to in one of our earlier notices. Six years later this happy result was achieved, or, rather, the old place being found incapable of renovation, a new structure, with a residence for the master, was erected "at an estimated cost of £2,037 10s, exclusive of the outbuildings," and in 1846 the School entered upon a fresh era and a more prosperous one under the control of

the Rev. Frederick Calder, M.A. He had three assistants - Mr. George Kirkland, second master; Mr. Jermyn (or German) Hirst, third master; and Mons. T. Borgognon, French and drawing master.

Mr. Calder was 17th wrangler in 1840, and soon afterwards became a junior master of the West Riding Proprietary School at Wakefield. He was subsequently, we believe, engaged at King Edward's School, Birmingham, and took up the head-mastership of the Chesterfield Grammar School in 1847. The difficulties he had to encounter may be measured by the fact that, according to a short history of the School written by Dr. Pearson, who was one of his pupils, his total income for the first year was only £29 5s. He persevered, however, and before long some of the distinction which the School had enjoyed towards the end of the previous century was regained. It was one of Mr. Calder's modest ambitions to bring up the number of pupils in the School to one hundred. In 1867 he reached 95, and, we believe, that in a subsequent year the total went up to 99, but the round hundred was never attained. In 1879 a new scheme, under the Endowed Schools Act, for the government of the School was sanctioned by the Charity Commissioners. Under this the ancient title of Grammar School was restored, the classical and commercial schools were merged, and it was provided that thenceforward the School and its endowments should be administered as one foundation.

Amongst Mr. Calder's most famous pupils were the Rev. F. Arnold, author of a "History of Greece," and his son, Sir Alfred Arnold, M.P. for Halifax; Dr. Pearson, Fellow of St. John's, Cambridge, and Bishop of Newcastle (New Zealand), Dr. Chavasse, the present Bishop of Liverpool, and Dr. Bradley, editor of the Oxford Dictionary. After over thirty years' tenure of office at the Grammar School, Mr. Calder was offered and accepted the post of Rector of Wingerworth.

One of the last public acts of Dr. Selwyn, the much-esteemed Bishop of Lichfield (in which diocese Derbyshire then was) was formally to induct Mr. Calder into the living. Many of the "old boys" took the opportunity furnished by the severance of Mr. Calder's connection with the School to present to him a very substantial monetary testimonial.

Mr. Calder's successor was the Rev. F. B. Allison, who remained only till 1885, when a layman was for the first time (at any rate for a very long period) chosen as head-master in the person of Mr. Arthur E. P. Voules, M.A. (Oxon.). Under his direction the School increased in numbers and he held the position until 1894, when the present head-master assumed the reins of office.

Mr. Mansell was selected out of 148 applicants, and it is, therefore, unnecessary to say that his credentials were of the highest. His early education was received at the Lincoln Cathedral School and at King's College, London. He graduated, with honours, from London University, and obtained a first-class both in his intermediate and final B. A. examination. After a short experience at Chard Grammar School and the Royal Masonic School, he made his mark at the famous Wyggeston School, Leicester, from which he came in 1894 to take charge of the Grammar School at Chesterfield, and at no time in its history has the School been able to register so many pupils. Time would fail to tell of the honours and successes which have been achieved – but are they not all written in the School's "Year Books"?

Occurrences which have taken place within the last few years cannot strictly be regarded as coming within the scope of "history"; and these Notes may, therefore, fittingly close at this point. At the beginning of the nineteenth century the School had plunged into the lowest depths that such an institution can reach, for at that time it was occasionally, as we have seen, without a single pupil on its roll, while the commencement of the twentieth century witnessed its elevation to the highest pinnacle of success it had ever reached. It has done even better since then, and though, owing to the changes which have been brought about by the organisation of a system of national education, both elementary and secondary, its pupils are not gathered from so wide an area as at certain periods of its history, it is yet playing a great and an indispensable part in the training of boys - with a success which has not been previously equalled – in one of the most populous and important parts of the County of Derby.

Mr. Jacques

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EDITORIAL.

Five hundred copies of the last number of "The Cestrefeldian" were printed, and of these but few remain on our hands. Copies were sent to all those whose names appeared on our list of O.C.'s with the Colours, except in two or three cases where we were unable to find out the addresses. These few exceptions are mentioned elsewhere, and if any of our readers can supply us with details we shall at once dispatch copies. We shall also send copies of the present issue to all those whose names have since been added to our list of soldiers. Owing to these names being so numerous, and to the fact that there were several inaccuracies in our first list, we have decided to reprint the list in full.

The Spring Term has been so short that we decided to wait until the end of it before beginning to put the Magazine into shape. Hence this issue will not be published until our return from the Easter Holidays. This is not an unprecedented procedure, as we can well remember when, some years ago, the Spring number did not appear until Whitsun.

Our next issue will be the twenty-first since the Magazine was started. Perhaps, however, we had better wait until we have been going twenty-one years before making a fuss.

The first four volumes have been bound, and will be kept in the School Library for reference.

There is no Cambridge Letter this time. Our correspondent tells us there has been nothing whatever to write about. We have instead, however, an article on Cambridge in war time. We welcome the reappearance of the Nottingham Letter, and also, for the first time, a Birmingham Letter from the O.C.'s at Saltley.

We have lost both our Assistant Editors this term. F. N. Bond left us to enlist in the Sportsmen's Battalion. All honour to him for his gallant conduct. J. C. Middleton has gone to take up his teaching duties. We shall miss them, and their places will be filled with difficulty. Good luck to them both!

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Spring Term ended on Thursday, April 1st, and the Summer Term commenced on Thursday, April 22nd. There were two Merit Holidays - on Saturday, February 20th, and on Saturday, March 20th.

The Summer Term will be a long one, but as a rule time passes quickly enough, and there is much to be done. Whitsun will provide a welcome break, and then we have the Athletic Sports, to say nothing of examinations. The Oxford Locals start on Friday, July 16th, and we trust that all those who are contemplating sitting for these examinations will work steadily during the intervening weeks, so that a high standard of success may be attained.

We were pleased to note that J. C. Middleton was successful in the first part of the Preliminary examination for the Teachers' Certificate.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to the following members of the Staff:-

To Mr. Ingram on the occasion of his marriage, which took place during the Christmas holidays. We extend a very hearty welcome to Mrs. Ingram.

To Mr. Nuttall on proceeding to his M.A. degree at Cambridge.

To Mr. Wood on being gazetted Captain to the 6th Sherwood Foresters. For some time he has been second in command of the A Company of the 1st Reserve Battalion; he is now temporarily transferred for drill purposes to the 2nd Reserve Battalion stationed in Chesterfield, so that we shall see something of him from time to time.

And to Mr. Jennings on the occasion of the birth of a daughter.

As a result of the contributions to the "Red Cross Box" in the corridor, the sum of thirty shillings was sent to Mrs. Symes for the purchase of kits for our wounded soldiers. Later on a further sum of twenty shillings was sent for the same object.

F. N. Bond, the Prefect of Foljambe House, is the first in this School who has gone straight from the classroom to join the ranks of Kitchener's Army. A few days before the end of term he announced that he had joined the Sportsman's Battalion (Royal Fusiliers). He has certainly made a very appropriate choice, as he is essentially a sportsman. He has always been ready to take his place in the team when required and has never felt in the least aggrieved when not called upon. His influence in the School has always been of the very best, and, by his modest bearing, he set an example that might well be followed by others.

"An Old Boy" writes: - The paragraph which appeared in the last number of "The Cestrefeldian" under the heading of "An Interesting Relic," calls up some pleasant recollections of the School in the early seventies. In those years the Fifth of November was celebrated on a scale which has not been reached either before or since. There were a number of borders at the School, and they used to afford the townspeople an opportunity each year of providing the wherewithal to purchase an abundant supply of fireworks, while, for weeks prior to the anniversary of "Gunpowder treason and plot," the district around was scoured for firewood for the huge bonfire which was built up in the School yard. A few of the day boys - of whom I happened to be one - were permitted to participate in the arrangements, and I have a distinct recollection of the raid we were allowed by Mr. Butler to make on the woods at Wingerworth in response to the letter quoted."

"Of the two signatures to this epistle" - continues "An Old Boy" - "that of 'C. Mont^e Calder represented 'Charley' Calder, the head's youngest son. 'W. A. Sargeant' was a boarder who came from Birmingham, and who, I believe, destined by his friends for the Church. His greatest trouble in life was the learning of Greek, and he was often taken off other lessons in order to wrestle anew with the intricacies of the Greek grammar. In imagination I can still see him seated at his desk struggling with the mysteries of 'tupto'. He never appeared to get beyond that striking verb. He was a downright good fellow, and one can only hope that, somewhere or other, he is to-day a distinguished ornament in the Church.

'The trusty and well-beloved friend, Henry Stevenson', - who was the bearer of the missive to Mr. Butler - was a day boy living at Hasland, somewhere near the top of Storforth Lane. He took up the profession of mining engineer, and for some years held the position of manager of the Linby Colliery in the Leen Valley, and has been a member of the Council of the Midland Counties Institution of Engineers."

'We learn the following from some of our History experts and others: -

"Printing was introduced to enable people to read books which they could not see." - This is one of the lost arts.

"Constantine was baptized shortly after his death by Eusebius."

What is prudence? "Something to do with Insurance Societies."

"Brutus stabbed him in the Senate House." This reminds us of our old friend in the "Belle of New York." who was bitten by a dog "between the drawing room and the conservatory."

VALETE.- VI.: *Bond, F. N.

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IV.b.: Barber, J.

III.a.: Barber, S., Blanksby, C. H.

III.b.: Carline, F. A., Lewis, D. H.

* Left during the past term.

'SALVETE.- J.S. Ackroyd, L. E., Charlesworth, J., Hudson, J. H. W., Rooth, W. R.

SPEECH DAY.

This annual function was held on Friday, December 18th, 1914, in the Market Hall, when, in the absence of Colonel J. Morton Clayton, engaged in military duties, the prizes were distributed by the Vicar of Chesterfield. Alderman Dr. Geo. Booth was in the chair, and there was large number of friends and supporters of the School present in the Hall. Amongst the number were many Old Boys, and a fair sprinkling of those were in khaki.

Having expressed regret at the absence of Colonel Clayton, the Chairman observed that when he went to school there were no speech days, and the masters did not seem to take much interest in the boys' outdoor recreation. The old order had changed. Games were tolerated and encouraged, the masters took part in them, and the procedure had as its objective the development of a sound body as well as a sound mind. During the year the School had gained successes of which any school might be proud, and the report to be presented by the Headmaster was indeed a good one.

No better evidence of the School's continued prosperity and progress could be produced than Mr. Mansell's twentieth annual report. He stated that the very satisfactory standard of punctuality and regularity had been maintained, and the number of pupils on the School register were: Spring term 215, summer 202, winter 236; the corresponding totals last year being 186, 186, 217. The increase in the winter term was not due to any abnormal number of new entrants, but rather to the gratifying fact that fewer boys left the School in July, which indicated that parents were realising the value of a longer school life. Then he enumerated the various scholarships and examination successes gained. It was a remarkable record, and spoke volumes. He mentioned that one hundred and fifty Old Boys had answered their King and Country's call, and the old School honoured her sons who had responded to the clear and plain call of duty. One former pupil went down to an honoured grave in H. M. S. Hawke.

The prizes and certificates were distributed by Archdeacon E. F. Crosse, and the Headmaster pointed out that the special prize. Awarded to Swale, who for two years had been School Captain and Senior Prefect, was the gift of the masters. They felt they could not allow him to leave the School without giving him something to signify how much they appreciated his work. He had set an example to any boy attending the School.

The Archdeacon, in his remarks, said that, whilst he congratulated those who had won prizes, he felt sure that those who had not won prizes were not boiling over with jealousy. After all prizes were not everything. English people did not work for prizes, they worked for the thing itself.

Alluding to the War, the Vicar said a great many people still seemed to regard war as a thing which Englishmen ought to be ashamed of entering into. But just as they had a duty to their family, profession, and town, so they had a duty to their nation. There were two things which ran the whole way through life - obedience and discipline - and with regard to national life he thought people wanted to be reminded of the duty and obedience to the nation's call. We in England were never likely to be called upon to fight for our country or to take any public action with the authority of the Empire which was in itself morally wrong, and thank God for that! But there might be many occasions when the nation's voice might speak, representing an opinion which some of us did not agree with. Wherever the real welfare of the nation, however, was concerned, it was the duty of the individual to obey the nation's voice.

Other nations had resolved on compulsory service. England had never done so, and whether or not the future might reveal some sort of military training as a necessary part of a Britisher's education, the last six months had shown for all time, certainly as long as British people remained Britishers of their present character, that the idea of compulsory service had for ever been blown away. (Applause.) We had to demonstrate to the whole world that there was something higher than conscription. The Empire had shown that when the call came, it was only necessary to say "Come," and not "You shall go." (Applause.) The reason why England had responded so well was because she had learned probably unconsciously through the wonderful educating influences of a wonderful past that she had great duties to perform.

Every nation must be fully prepared to defend herself and to enforce her ideals of rectitude and character. It was possible to carry that principle too far, and he thought that therein lay the fault of Germany.

The real greatness of England existed in its sense of right proportion. The Russian nation he should say was a nation governed by law. Of the French people he knew more, having spent part of his youth in France - they were governed by logic. In England there were law and logic, but we were not governed by either. We were governed by a strong amalgam which was ruled by justice and common sense. The idea of an Englishman was to find out the right proportion of things, and that was why England was such a great nation. (Applause.)

In concluding, the Archdeacon paid high tribute to the excellent work of Mr. Mansell, and told a rich tale against himself. Owing, he said, to the kindness of friends, he travelled first-class instead of second when returning from South Africa. Now, he did not often travel first-class, because he once received a very great snub for doing so. He journeyed from London to his home in Barrow, and on arrival at his destination a porter came to the carriage door and opened it.

“Well, tha’s coom back,” observed the porter, and with an air of surprise added, “And tha’s travelled first-class.”

“Yes,” replied the Vicar.

“Tha’s cooming on,” replied the porter. “It ’ud cost thee three-poond, wouldn’t it?”

The Vicar explained that he did not pay for it. He had been to London to preach, and his expenses were defrayed.

“Well,” retorted the porter, “I never heerd thee say owt worth £3.” (Loud laughter.)

As a Governor of the School and an Old Boy, Ald. W. H. Edmunds proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Chairman and to Archdeacon Crosse.

Mr. A. E. Hopkins seconded.

Cheers were given for the Headmaster on the proposition of Councillor Alfred Glossop.

During the course of the proceedings the School Choir, under the guidance of Mr. Sadler, gave several songs and glees, concluding with an admirable rendering of the Allies National Anthems.

MASTERS WHO ARE ON SERVICE.

A. G. Lane, B.Sc., 2nd Lieut. Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

E. S. Wood, B.A., Captain 6th Notts. and Derbys.

S. E. Howse, Sergt.- Instructor in Musketry.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

“Felix opportunitate mortis.”

Wilson, J. J. D., H. M. S. Hawke.

EDITOR’S NOTICE.

“The Cestrefeldian” is published three times in the year, in December, April and July. The annual subscription has been reduced to one shilling and sixpence (post free), due, in December, on the publication of the first number of each volume. In order to increase the number of subscribers among Old Boys, it is suggested that every boy, on leaving the School, should continue to subscribe.

All communications and contributions should be addressed to the General Editor, at the School. Contributions should be written on one side of the paper only, and preferably on foolscap.

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EDITORIAL.

When, a year ago, within a few weeks of Christmas, 1914, we were writing our Editorial Notes for the first number of Volume VII., we certainly hoped that Christmas, 1915, would see us living in peaceful times once more. But, sadly enough, the outlook is as gloomy as ever and peace appears even further off than before. Many gallant lives have been laid down since last Christmas, and amongst them, alas, some of "those who have gone out from among us."

'We are not in the habit of "preaching" in these pages, but in times such as these we cannot help asking ourselves one or two questions. Are we trying to make ourselves really worthy of all these great sacrifices on our behalf? Are we really more in earnest in all that we are doing, are we making any greater efforts to fit ourselves to face the future, are we any keener in our work, any more serious than we were twelve months ago? Are we economising our efforts and our powers by directing them into really profitable channels, or are we wasting much of our time in mere frivolities? Are we, in short, taking our proper share in the great struggle that is going on, or are we merely jogging along in the same careless and light-hearted way as heretofore? Here are a few of the questions we should be asking ourselves in these days.

The present number is full of war topics of one sort or another, and we have to thank many of our friends on service for finding time to send us accounts of their experiences. We are proud to be able to record instances of duty well and nobly done, and we trust that these records may inspire the present generation of Cestrefeldians to "play the game."

In conclusion we extend a hearty welcome to all those who have joined us this term, and urge them all to become subscribers to the School Magazine. At present this is purely a voluntary matter, and we hope we shall never have to bring in compulsion. A glance at the balance sheet shown elsewhere, will show that up to the present the voluntary system has been fully vindicated.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The present Term began on Thursday, September 16th, and finishes on Wednesday, December 22nd. There have been three Merit Holidays, Saturday October 16th, Saturday November 6th, and Saturday December 11th. Next Term will commence on Thursday, January 20th. On our return next year, we hope to begin regular work with the Cadet Corps which has been started in the School. Over eighty boys have been enrolled, and we have already had one or two preliminary drills, of which Lieutenant Ralph Mansell, R.F.A., home on sick leave from the Front, has taken charge.

The Football programme has been a very light one this term and promises to be even lighter next term. The Cadet Corps, will, however, give us plenty of scope for working off our superfluous energy. Although we have won none of our matches this term, we have had a very pleasant series of games and all of them have been well fought out, and the School has held its own quite well on every occasion.

We are very sorry indeed to lose the services of Mr. Eldridge, who enlisted in the University and Public Schools Battalion (Royal Fusilier's) during the Summer Vacation.

After being in training at Epsom for some weeks, he went with his Battalion to Oxford and from there he has proceeded to Grantham with the Machine Gun Section. We hope that it will not be very long before he is back with us once again.

Mr. R. C. Richards, B.Sc., London (First Class Honours in Physics), of King's College, London, has been in charge of the Physics temporarily, but is leaving us at the end of the present term. Mr. Richards had had some months with the Royal Engineers before he came to Chesterfield. We are sorry his stay has been of such short duration.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to both Mr. Nuttall and Mr. Beverley, who, during the holidays, resigned their bachelor state in favour of favour of the joys of married life.

We welcome both Mrs. Nuttall and Mrs. Beverley in our midst.

We also offer very hearty congratulations to Captain and Mrs. Wood on the birth of a daughter. We have already tried to extend an editorial welcome to the young lady, but our efforts did not meet with great success, being treated with marked indifference. We are also pleased to note that Captain Wood has “proceeded” to his M.A. degree at Oxford.

Mr. Mansell has been elected Worshipful Master of the Cavendish Lodge, and was duly installed by the retiring Master, Mr. Sadler, on October 1st.

Speech Day has been fixed for Wednesday, December 22nd, when the prizes will be distributed in the Market Hall by Professor Ripper, Head of the Department of Applied Science of Sheffield University.

The following is the Prize List:-

“Devonshire Cup” for School Patriotism: E. Mitchell.

Form VI – English; Taylor, R. S. Classics; Barnes, Ed. Mathematics: Harris, A. C. Science: Bradley, A. J. General Work: Reay, D. B.

VI. Lower. - Atkinson, F. S., Spencer, E. D., Boldry, G. E. V., Warner, J. L., Fox, J. H.

V.- Catchpole, F. D., Haddock, T. P., Staton, R.

IVa.- Drabble C. O., Wilkins, T. E. T., Charlton, J., Davis, J. E.

IVb.- Wildgoose, A. B., Day, H. C., Harding, W. H., Stevenson, W. W.

Remove: Wheeler, R. E.

IIIa- Elcock, W., Swain, J., Kelly, M. V., Hibberd, G.

IIIb.- Davidson., D. A., Webb, C. J., Short, J. L. Blanskby, J. B.

II.- Cooper, C., Aldcroft, L. H., Hardy, J. W.

I.- Barker, F. A., Austin, T. E., Richards, E. C.

The Oxford Local Certificates will be distributed at the same time. The following were the successful Candidates last July :—

Seniors.- 1st Class Honours: Atkinson, F. S., 1.2. (27th in the country), *Boldry, G. E. V., 2, Spencer, E. D.,

1.2. 2nd Class Honours: Fox, J. H., 2, Warner, J. L., 1.2. 3rd Class Honours: Cooper, F., Carpenter, F. R., McKay, J. B., Molloy, S. G., 2. Passed: Britt, A. S., Eastwood, E. A., Mason, W. J.

J. C. Middleton obtained a Special Certificate for English Composition.

1.- Excused London Matriculation.

2.- Excused Northern Matriculation.

*- Distinguished in Physics.

Juniors.- 1st. Class Honours:- *Catchpole-, C. D. 2nd Class: Honours:- Haddock, T. P., Staton, R. Passed: Borman, L., Day, L. R. W., Frewing, J. K., Ind, H. H., Mansfield, J. H., Nicholson, J. C., Nutt, F. S., Proctor, J. J., Swale, E., Tucker, R. J., Turton, W. E., Wright, C. E.

*- Distinguished in Latin.

A County Intermediate Scholarship, Class B, was awarded last July to J. B. McKay, whilst R. S. Taylor, following his elder brother’s example, gained at County Major.

Leaving Scholarships (£30 per annum) were granted by the Governors to F. C. King and S. R. Hind. King is holding his at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, where he has obtained a Sizarship (£28 per annum), whilst Hind is at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, where he has gained an Entrance Scholarship. He was also successful in passing, while at the School, the London Intermediate Science Examination last July.

D. B. Reay gained the Cooper Engineering Entrance Scholarship at Nottingham University.

Death has taken away two of our Governors since last these School Notes were written. Mr. Thomas Townrow, J. P., one of Chesterfield’s most successful business men, has died in his seventieth year.

Speaking at the Borough Police Court, where Mr. Townrow frequently sat on the Bench, the Town Clerk, Mr. John Middleton, who has himself passed away since then, said: "The Borough is the poorer through his demise, and we all mourn his loss."

Mr. Thomas Wardle died very suddenly last September at his home in Clarence Road. He was in his seventy-second year. A Grammar School Old Boy, he always took a keen interest in his old school, and for some years was a representative Governor, later becoming a co-opted Governor, a position he held at the time of death.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of both these gentlemen, who whilst they were with us, took such interest in our School's welfare.

We were very distressed to read that Sam Barber lost his life in the sea near Skegness last August. He and his brother Jack were bathing, when the back-wash from a big wave carried Sam out of his depth. Jack made gallant efforts to rescue his younger brother, but task proved too exhausting for him, and he himself reached the shore with difficulty.

John Samuel Woodhouse, who joined the School this term and was placed in Form IIIa., died very suddenly before he had been with us many weeks. He was a boy of great promise and his work showed that he would have done credit to both himself and the School had he been spared.

VALETE.

VI. Upper: Hind, S. R., King, F. G., Reay, D. B.

VI. Lower: Boldry, G. E. V., Cooper, F., Fox, J. H., Mason, W. J., Mitchell, E., Molloy, S. G., Potten, E. T., Carpenter, F. R., Borman, L.*

V.: Boldry, A. B. P., Hardy, H., Hardy, S., Mansfield, J. H., Marshall, G., Richardson, E. A., Swale, E., Turton, W. E., Bowler, G.* Fish, L.*

IVa.: Andrew, M., Saunders, F. C.

IVb.: Rogers, R. B., Heathcote, T.*

Remove: Absil, P. J. G. H. M., Jenkins, J., Matthews, G. D.

IIIa.: Marshall, A. W.

IIIb.: Jackson, S. C., Knighton, H. C., Salter, C. J. S., Bradshaw, J., Phillips, L. B.

*- Left during present Term.

SALVETE.

VI. Lower: Hancock, F., Johnson, E. A.

IIIa : Atkinson, A., Bradley, C. A., Cook, D., Eastwood, T. L. H., Fox, A. V., Gladwin, E. S., Gothard, L., Greenwood, H., Hill, J., Hodkin, J. H., Hunt, G. E., Lancaster, W. B. W., Martin, J., Mason, G. H. T., McCall, T., Peat, T. R., Peck, J. T., Pogson, C. F., Rogers, J. H., Savory, L., Slack, W., Wilkes, A. W., Woodhouse, J. S., Woods, H., Worne, S., Wright, A. N.

IIIb : Botham, W. C., Greenwood, S. E., Hallam, J., Hoole, W. J., Joy, F., Limb, G. E., Lindley, A. L., Nicholls, T. P., Shaw, H., Sisson, T. W., Skinner, E. T., Sturgess, F., Welby, F., Wood, W. S.

J.S.: Charlesworth, J. L., Clark, H. D., Clayton, W. S., Cropper, H. E., Delmotte, J. R., Fox-Kirke, R. V., Furness, T. W. H., Godfrey, S. H., Gray, J. D., Howse, E. E., Little, R. J., Lowe, F. H., Shentall, J., Slack, E. R., Turner, J. H., White, E. T. A., Wolstenholme, A. E. B., Wolstenholme, R. B., Wardle, R. A.

Masters (Past and Present) on Service.

Capt, E. S. Wood, .M.A., 3rd/6th Sherwood Foresters.

Lieutenant A. G. Lane, B.Sc., 8th Northumberland Fusiliers.

Sergeant-Major S. E. Howse, 13th Durham Light Infantry.

P. J. Eldridge, B.Sc., University and Public Schools Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.

Sergeant W. H. Turner, B. Sc., 19th Sherwood Foresters.

Lieutenant A. H. Petty, B. Sc., Sherwood Foresters.

Lieutenant E. H. Chapman, M. A., B. Sc., Lieutenant on Special Duty B. E. F., France.'

Mr. Lane has been to see us this term, and so have Mr. Wood and Mr. Howse. Mr. Lane took part in the Suvla Bay landing in Gallipoli, where he was severely wounded in the thigh, on August 10th. After some weeks in hospital in Alexandria, he was sent home to England, and he has just been passed as fit for light duty.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

. *“Pro Deo, Rege et Patria.”*

J. J. D. Wilson; H. M. S. Hawke, October, 1914.

Rifleman Norman Bryan Donkin, Rifle Brigade, killed in action at Hooge, July 31st, 1915.

Lance Corporal Sydney Cecil Syddall, 91st Field Co. R.E., killed in action at Loos, Sept. 25th, 1915.

Trooper Charles Tatlow, Leicestershire Yeomanry, killed in action, near Ypres, on May 13th, 1915.

“Felix opportunitate mortis.”

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Lieutenant Charles Neil Newcombe,

(King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry).

Entered the School in 1900; gained School Patriotism Cup 1908; school captain 1908 - 1910; passed the Oxford Senior Local 1910, and was excused London Matriculation; played in the Derbyshire Cricket IX. against Yorkshire, 1910. Entered Nottingham University College the same year; left 1913. Became a mining pupil of Mr. J. P. Hufton, of Chesterfield, 1913. In November, 1914, gained a commission in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Killed in France Dec., 1915.

CHARLES NEIL NEWCOMBE.

When we think of the death of Newcombe, we immediately call up before our mind's eye his image as he used to be at school, the centre of every group, the life and soul of every movement. In those days everyone admired and idolised Newcombe, none the less for his modest bearing and sensible conduct than for his athletic powers and prowess in sports, and he in his turn denied none his friendship. There was no one in the whole school too insignificant for him to encourage and help. He was an example by whom all set their conduct, and yet neither in deed nor word did he show himself conceited or priggish. For he always thought it no shame, thought it indeed but right to submit to authority. Thus he won the respect of the masters as well as the love of the boys, and was trusted by both alike in any capacity. All who knew him at school, must have been influenced by him; he helped to mould the character, to raise the ideal of the place. And not only at school; for despite the shortness of his career in the Army, he gained the hearts of all his men, and the same wonderful influence held sway; there too his name has become a tradition. None of those who were his friends will ever cease to think of him as one who needs no greater monument than our memory. E. B.

EDITORIAL.

We are very grateful to those many subscribers to our Magazine who congratulated us on the quality of the last number, as also we are to the contributors to that number, whose efforts called forth so many pleasing comments from our readers.

The only drawback to all this is, that it requires considerable effort to live up to a good reputation, and we are somewhat afraid that the present number will be thought by many to fall short of the last. We are obliged this month to rely almost entirely on School Topics and Old Boys' Notes, seeing that, beyond the concluding portion of Surgeon Ward's breezy article on Naval matters, we have no contributions whatever to include in these pages. This, no doubt, is due to the fact that all our friends are very busy in these strenuous days, and have little or no time to write articles for a modest little School Magazine.

It was hoped that the "Magazine Evening" of the Debating Society might provide suitable matter for these pages, but the Censor found it quite impossible to pass for publication the only article of any literary merit. So here again we drew a blank.

The Cadet Corps Notes constitute a new feature in the Magazine, a feature which we trust will be in evidence in all future numbers of "The Cestrefeldian."

It is with very real sorrow and regret, though our sorrow be tinged with pride, that we have to record the further loss of Old Boys, who have laid down their lives in this awful struggle. Particularly is this so in the case of Charlie Newcombe, whose name was a household word amongst the younger generations of O.C.'s. The sad feature of it all is we cannot but doubt that the list will grow yet longer. We pray that it may not, but scarce dare hope that the prayer will be answered.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The present term began on Tuesday, January 8th, and ends on Tuesday, April 18th - a Spring Term of somewhat unusual length owing to the lateness of Easter, and one which the wretched weather experienced the greater part of the time has

not helped to pass any too quickly. True enough there were one or two occasions when the snow admitted of some fierce snowball conflicts in the "yard," but for the most part it turned to "slush" almost as soon as it fell.

This bad weather has interfered considerably with both football and parades, as will be noticed elsewhere in these pages, and had the term been the usual length we should have experienced difficulty in finishing the House matches.

The presence of many khaki clad cadets in the classes has given quite a military touch to our proceedings this term. Possibly, as the novelty wears off, the uniforms will not be so much in evidence.

We were pleased to learn that E. A. Eastwood was successful in his preliminary examination for the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

C. Wright has been successful in an examination for boy clerkships in the Civil Service, and has left us to take up his duties in London.

Mr. Lane called to see us for a few minutes before going back to the Front; this time to try conclusions with the Germans and not the Turks. We note, that, soon after his arrival in France, a notable success was achieved by the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Mr. Eldridge went across almost at the same time, and, although he tried to tell us in a letter to which scene of the operations he was being sent, the Censor effectually struck out this interesting item.

Mr. Wood has been to see us on several occasions, and we were also glad to see Mr. Petty, of the 3rd/5th Sherwoods, who has been for a short time with the Training Corps at Ashgate Road.

We have been without a Physics Master – and Mistress – all the term, and, as it seems impossible to obtain anyone at the present time, Mr. Slack will take charge of this branch of the curriculum.

There have been two Merit Holidays during the term, on Saturday, February 19th, and Saturday, March 18th.

It was with great regret that we read of the death of the Rev. S. C. Furnston. Mr. Furnston was Vicar of Blackwell, and in former years he frequently visited the school at the time of the Oxford Local Examinations, to assist in the supervision of the candidates.

Valete : -

VI. Lower: Britt, A. S., *Eastwood, E. A., Johnson, E. A., Sharkey, J. H., Wright, C.*

Va.: Pritchard, W. S.

Vb.: Biart, G., Hadfield, E., Marsh, C., Parker, J., Skinner, J .

IVa- : Leaning, W.,* Sharkey, B. A.*

IIIa. : Boulton, A. A.

IIIb. : Aldcroft, L. H.,* White, G. F. *

I.: White, E. T. A.*

Salvete : -

IIIb. : Chambers, J. F.

II.: Reason, K. W., Tomlinson, S. H.

I.: Wells, R. N.

* Left during present term.

SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held on Wednesday, December 23rd, in the Market Hall, in the presence of a large gathering of Governors, parents and friends. In the absence of the Chairman of the Governors, Colonel Clayton, who is serving, with the Colours, the Mayor (Alderman E. Shentall) presided. In opening, the Mayor, remarking upon the large attendance, said it showed what interest was taken by the general public of Chesterfield in the Grammar School, of which they were proud. They were especially proud of the great number of old boys who are serving with the Colours. Meanwhile, the present boys were being trained at the school to fight the enemy in another manner. After the War we should have to fight the Germans harder than ever before, for the commerce and trade of the World. Towards that end the best thing that could be done today was to give our boys a good education. Concluding, the Mayor said they could congratulate themselves on the great successes of the boys in outside examination, which was greater now than ever before.

The Headmaster, in the course of his 21st annual report, said the number of boys in the school continued to increase in a satisfactory manner, but a still more satisfactory feature was that the average stay of boys in the school continued to increase and, although it was not yet as long as it should be, there was good evidence that parents were more and more appreciating the value to their sons of a longer school life. The seriousness of the times through which we are passing was having its effect upon our schools and a more earnest spirit and a desire to be up and doing was manifest among the boys. They could not forget that between 200 and 300 of those who had passed out from among them were among the brave fellows who had answered their country's call. Many of them were in the fighting line, and the school heard with feelings of pride of the special acts of bravery in the field of(sic). Lieut. W. E. Ind and Bomb. A. E. Bond, which had gained for them the high approval of their Brigadiers. (Applause-) They had also to record that three more Cestrefeldians - Norman Bryan Donkin, Sidney Cecil Sydall and Chas. Tatlow - had been killed in action. The School was sorrowfully proud of her fallen sons, and bore them upon her heart. They would not neglect to perpetuate their memory in such a way that it would speak to their boys in the years to come. After referring individually to the successes of the present and past pupils the Head Master said that during the year a Cadet Corps had been formed in the school. Over 80 boys had enrolled in its ranks, and Col. Clayton had given permission for it to be attached to the 6th Battalion of the SherWood Foresters, of which he is the commanding officer. Thanks to the Governors of the school, the gymnasium had been fitted up with all the modern apparatus for Swedish drill. The report in conclusion referred to the death during the year of two of the Governors, Mr. T. Townrow and Mr. T. Wardle.

Having distributed the prizes, Professor Ripper, of Sheffield University, gave an interesting address. He showed how for years past Germany had been striving to obtain supremacy on the sea and in all fields of labour. He thought that if instead of that spirit which did not desire the freedom of the world, but desired to dominate and to claim superiority, there was in the world a spirit which appreciated and valued freedom - freedom for oneself and neighbours; if all of us as great and powerful nations had one great thought and desire that our people should be free and should as far as they could help to make all other people free, what a different world it would be. England had always stood for this spirit, and meant to stand for it. It was the presence of another spirit that had caused a storm to break over the world, which was testing the nation, through which test we had come triumphantly. Concluding, Professor Ripper said that it was the boys of today who would be called upon to be future leaders of the nation, and much depended upon their efficiency. There was no nation on earth that had such a glorious record of competent men and great leaders as England, and those leaders came out from the boys of the schools. (Applause-) Proposing a vote of thanks to Professor Ripper and the Mayor, Archdeacon Crosse remarked that what Chesterfield wanted was to be more closely allied to the Sheffield University. (Hear. Hear.) Mr. W. Jacques in seconding, supported the Archdeacon in his contention. The vote of thanks having been acknowledged by Professor Ripper and the Mayor, the proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem. In the course of the evening the school choir, under the leadership of Mr. G. H. Sadler, gave artistic renderings of "Our Native Land," "Ye Mariners of England," and other songs.

The list of those gaining prizes and certificates was published in our last issue.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

“Pro Deo, Rege et Patria.”

J. J. D. Wilson; H. M. S. Hawke, October, 1914.

Rifleman Norman Bryan Donkin, Rifle Brigade, killed in action at Hooge, July 31st, 1915.

Lance Corporal Sydney Cecil Syddall, 91st Field Co. R.E., killed in action at Loos, Sept. 25th, 1915.

Trooper Charles Tatlow, Leicestershire Yeomanry, killed in action, near Ypres, on May 13th, 1915.

Lieutenant Charles Neil Newcombe, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, killed in action December 27th, 1915.

Lance-Corporal Gilbert Horner, Royal Engineers, died of wounds received in action in Gallipoli, December 16th, 1915.

Lance-Corporal Robert Walter Burr", Royal Army Medical Corps, died in Manchester Hospital, January 7th, 1916, through illness contracted in Gallipoli.

Capt. William Henry Lucas, 8th Prince of Wales' Own, died from shrapnel wounds received in France, January 21st, 1916.

Capt. Percy Donald Forrett, 5th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers (T.F.), killed in action in France early in February. Capt. Forrett had been connected with the Territorial Force for many years. He entered the school in 1895, and left from the VIth Form in 1902. He held masterships at Sleaford and Ashby-de-la-Zouch Grammar Schools, and when the war broke out was science master at Allan's Endowed School, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Those of us whose privilege it was to know Forrett will remember him as one of a very capable set of fellows who formed our VIth Form some fourteen years ago. Always cheerful, he had a rare store of humour, to which he frequently gave expression by clever work with the pencil.

Private Derrick William Kennedy Taylor, 3rd Australian Regiment, missing, Lone Pine, Gallipoli Peninsula.

“Felix opportunitate mortis.”

DISTINCTIONS FOR SERVICE IN THE FIELD.

Ind, W. E., 2nd-Lieut., Civil Service Rifles, mentioned in Brigadier's Orders.

Bond, A. E., Bombardier, R.F.A., mentioned in Brigadier's Orders, and in dispatches.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Ward, R.A.M.C., mentioned in dispatches of Commander-in-Chief.

Lance-Corporal J. W. Swaffield, R. F. A., mentioned in dispatches; awarded D. C. M. ; awarded the “Croix de Guerre.”