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Editorial.

LAST term must, on the whole, be written down as uneventful. Our work "pursued the even tenour of its way," our Cadet Corps showed good progress in efficiency, and our football, if not brilliant, was interesting. A pleasing feature was the formation of a Glee Party amongst the musically-minded boys. They made their début at an impromptu Concert at the end of the term, and sang admirably. They have now become a School Choir for the Boarders' Sunday Evening Services, but we hope they will give us more glees when we resume our "twopenny pops" after the war. There was no formal prize giving, but thanks to the generosity of some of the School's friends, enough money was collected to buy a few "Form" prizes.

School News.

NEW BOYS.

W. E. Abbott	S. M. Jones	D. W. Pike
A. H. Benjafield	J. E. Melsome	A. C. Townsend
D. F. Ellicott	G. E. G. Norton	T. C. Woodham
T. A. Hayden		

And, at Half-term III., 1915—

G. A. B. Lear.

VALETE.

E. G. ABBOTT. Form V. Entered Sept., 1914. Passed Camb. Prelim. Locals, July, 1915.

D. S. COOMBES. Form IV. Entered September, 1914.

I. F. J. COOMBS. Form IV. Entered May, 1914.

E. D. DREW. Form VI. Entered May, 1913. Passed Cambridge Prelim. Locals, July, 1914; Camb. Junior Locals, July, 1915. Prefect, Sept., 1915. Cricket XI., 1915. Football XI., 1914 and 1915.

R. G. FOOT. Form IV. Entered September, 1914.

T. HYATT. Form III. Entered May, 1913.

V. C. PRINCE. Form VI. Entered Sept., 1913. Passed Camb. Junior Locals, July, 1915. Prefect, Sept., 1914. Cricket XI., 1914 and 1915. Football XI., 1913, 1914 and 1915 (Captain in 1915). Champion Athlete, 1914 and 1915. Won 100-yds., 220-yds. and Quarter-mile in Dorset Inter-School Sports, 1914 and 1915. Platoon Sergt., Cadet Corps, Sept., 1915.

B. F. E. ROWBOTHAM. Form II. Entered April, 1915.

A. T. ROWBOTHAM. Form II. Entered April, 1915.

H. B. SPRY. Form V. Entered January, 1913. Prefect, September, 1915. Football XI., 1914 and 1915.

D. C. TAYLER. Form IV. Entered April, 1912. Cricket XI., 1914 and 1915. Football XI., 1915.

P. W. WATERS. Form I. Entered November, 1914.

G. H. C. YOUNG. Form III. Entered May, 1914.

PREFECTS.

R. G. Innocent (Head Prefect), J. H. Wescott, C. Jesse, G. Hemingway, J. M. Fuller.

HEAD BOYS.

G. E. Bowley, G. W. Clarke, I. C. Eaton, J. W. Kilpatrick,
E. G. H. Maidman, R. S. Payne, G. N. Rawlings,
J. B. Senior.

FOOTBALL.

The final order of merit for 1915 was as follows:—
V. C. Prince (Captain), E. D. Drew, H. B. Spry, G. E.
Bowley, J. B. Senior, G. W. Clarke, E. G. H. Maidman,
S. J. Lawrence, D. C. Tayler, W. F. Willis, F. V. Osborne.

EXAMINATION SUCCESS.

J. H. Wescott was successful in an examination, held
in December, for the position of Clerk to Surveyor of
Taxes. He was placed 243rd out of nearly 1,500 candi-
dates.

PRIZE LIST.

Thanks to the kindness of the undermentioned donors
the following prizes were awarded on the results of the
last July examinations:—

- VI. FORM { J. H. Wescott (presented by The Misses Brown).
(R. G. Innocent (presented by Capt. Glyn, D.S.O.)
- V. FORM—1, E. W. Peckham (presented by Dr. Tovey).
2, J. S. Arnold (presented by Dr. Harris).
- IV. FORM—1, F. R. Allum (presented by R. W. Borley, Esq.)
2, E. R. Polgreen (presented by J. Burbidge, Esq.)
3, E. R. Peckham.
- III. FORM—1, H. G. Highman.
2, R. W. Baker.
3, Reginald Rebbeck.
- II. FORM—1, V. S. Gardner.
2, A. J. Baxter.
- I. FORM—1, H. E. Mitchell.
- SPECIAL PRIZE FOR ENGLISH—R. G. Innocent (presented by
Mrs. Burridge).
- SPECIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY—G. E. Bowley (presented by
Rupert Williams, Esq.)
- SHOOTING PRIZE—G. Hemingway (presented by Miss Dunn).
- CRICKET PRIZE—V. C. Prince (presented by H. Tovey, Esq.)

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Sports will probably take place on Wednesday,
29th March, and the Dorset Schools' Shield Competition
has been fixed for Wednesday, April 5th, at Wimborne.

Football.

ALTHOUGH we have had better teams than that of 1915, we have never had a pleasanter season. The keenness for the game throughout the School was much greater than it was last season; in this respect the first Club set a splendid example, and for the first time in the School's history we have had over 100 boys taking part in Club Football. The first team displays were very uneven; against Wimborne G.S., and in the return game with Sexey's School, they played really well under trying conditions, but in several of the matches the forwards were very poor. The defence was quite good; S. J. Lawrence, in goal, did his work very creditably, and never lost his head. V. C. Prince's pace and tackling were invaluable at back, and he had a very hard-working partner in E. D. Drew. J. B. Senior and H. B. Spry were a splendid pair of halves, although a trifle light for their positions, and W. F. Willis played creditably for a first season. Quite a feature of the season was the number of admirably placed corners kicked by Spry and Willis. The forwards were very unlucky, as two of the best of them—R. G. Innocent (an old colour) and J. W. Kilpatrick—were unable to play in any of the matches. G. E. Bowley was a long way the pick of the five; he was in a class by himself, and his general style of play reminded us forcibly of G. O. Genge. Unfortunately, he is very unreliable in front of goal. G. W. Clarke and E. G. H. Maidman played very creditably, and the best has not yet been seen of D. C. Tayler or F. V. Osborne. V. C. Prince made a very good captain; his knowledge of the game and experience were alike invaluable.

The "Under 14" XI. was a much smaller side than usual, particularly in the forward line, and lost two of the three matches they played. Still, there was a lot of good football in the team, and it was a pleasure to see some of them play. The strongest feature of the team was the half-back line, A. W. Sharp, J. W. Miles and A. G. Ensor all being prominent players. The backs were only fair; but G. C. Kelson is a very promising goalkeeper. H. F. B. Brown is a long way the most promising forward; his pace and control of the ball is quite unusual in one so young. J. W. Hitch is also a very useful player, but he never seemed to be doing enough work or to worry the opposing defence sufficiently. The other forwards will all do better another season.

The following boys played in one or more "Under 14" matches:—G. C. Kelson; D. C. D. Ellerton, L. E. B. Johnson, A. G. Ensor, J. W. Miles (Capt.), A. W. Sharp, H. F. B. Brown, R. G. Mitchell, J. W. Hitch, L. W. Toomer, H. T. Tayler, R. W. Baker, E. W. R. Strange and H. J. Hughes.

CHARACTERS OF THE SCHOOL ELEVEN.

- S. J. LAWRENCE, *Goal*.—A safe, if not brilliant, goal-keeper. His knowledge of the Rugby game has taught him to use his hands. Must learn to kick off.
- V. C. PRINCE (Captain), *Right Back*.—A fine player; has great pace, and is a splendid tackler. Is inclined to kick too hard at times. Has made an excellent captain.
- E. D. DREW, *Left Back*.—A good hard worker and tackler, but rather slow, and too uncertain in his kicking. Clever at intercepting passes.
- H. B. SPRY, *Left Half*.—One of the successes of the season. Played splendidly in every match. Tackles well, and feeds his forwards admirably.
- J. B. SENIOR, *Centre Half*.—A long way the pick of the new colours. Is an indefatigable worker, and plays a good "brainy" game. Is rather apt to get among his forwards instead of keeping behind them.
- W. F. WILLIS, *Right Half*.—A keen, hard-working player. Improved considerably as the season advanced. Rather too slow for his position.
- G. W. CLARKE, *Outside Right*.—Played very well for a first season. Combined well with Bowley, and centred well. Wants a little more pace.
- G. E. BOWLEY, *Inside Right*.—The only really clever forward on the side; is very tricky, and makes glorious openings for the forwards round him. Moderate shot.
- D. C. TAYLER, *Centre*.—Started the season at outside left, but eventually changed places with Osborne. Is a fair player, but at present lacks experience. Good shot.

E. G. H. MAIDMAN, *Inside Left*.—The most improved player in the team. Is rapidly learning to play a good forward game, and should be quite good another season. Very fair shot.

F. V. OBOURNE, *Outside Left*.—Played centre forward most of the term. Is fast, but lacks control of the ball, and centres poorly with his left foot. Should do better another season.

SCHOOL ELEVEN.

Matches Played—8. Won—5. Lost—3.

Goals for—27. Goals against—14.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	Where Played.	RESULT.
Oct. 20.....	Dr. Tovey's XI.....	Home.....	Won 6—2
Oct. 30.....	Sexey's School, Bruton	Away	Lost 2—4
Nov. 3.....	Gillingham Grammar School.....	Away	Lost 1—2
Nov. 13.....	Wimborne Grammar School	Away	Won 5—0
Nov. 24.....	Parkstone School	Away	Won 6—1
Nov. 27.....	Gillingham Grammar School.....	Home.....	Lost 2—3
Dec. 4.....	Sexey's School, Bruton	Home.....	Won 2—1
Dec. 8.....	Old Shastonians.....	Home.....	Won 3—1

DETAILS OF MATCHES.

School v. Dr. Tovey's XI., October 20th, home, *Won 6—2*.—For this match Dr. Tovey got together a team consisting chiefly of Old Boys. In the first half School scored through V. Osborne and G. Clarke, and in the second part goals came from the feet of G. Bowley, V. Osborne and G. Maidman. Dick Baker scored for Dr. Tovey's XI., and a goal fell to each side by deflection off their respective right backs. The game was fast and open, and School showed good promise for future matches. Bowley was the pick of the forwards, and J. Senior played very well at centre-half. The backs kicked well, and put up a strong defence against the combined attacks of Dr. Tovey, R. H. Baker and L. G. Prideaux. For Dr. Tovey's XI., Roy Cox played a very energetic game at left half, and was very ably seconded by L. A. Parsons and W. Doggrell at full back.

School v. Sexey's School, Bruton, October 30th, away, *Lost 2—4*.—Sexey's immediately pressed from the kick off, and three corners were quickly forced, but without result. School broke away, and G. Clarke centred well;

this movement led to Sexey's having to concede a succession of corners which School did not make any use of. By superior weight and speed our opponents kept up a strong pressure, and eventually scored the first goal. An infringement in the penalty area saw us equalize after Sexey's keeper had made a fine effort to save from Senior. Sexey's secured two more goals this half, and a visit to the other end saw their keeper save finely from G. Bowley. Maidman now had a good chance of drawing School level; but twice missed open goals. Then came an excellent piece of passing in which Clarke, Bowley, F. Osborne and Maidman took part, the last mentioned scoring a good goal. Sexey's came away again, and in spite of good work by Lawrence, they scored from a fine centre. The game was more even in the second half. G. Clarke, ably seconded by G. Bowley, played an excellent game, running and centering well. J. Senior, at centre-half, got through a lot of work in splendid style, though much overweighted.

School v. Gillingham Grammar School, November 3rd, away, Lost 1—2.—A very fast, open match, with well-balanced sides. Gillingham were a slightly better team in the first half, and were able to get a greater share of the exchanges and shots. The only score in the first half fell to them as the result of a free kick. In the second half some good work on our left wing by Maidman and Willis saw the latter equalise with an excellent long shot which cannoned off the upright. Each side worked strenuously to secure the lead, and eventually our keeper in clearing, accidentally carried the ball over his own goal-line. For School, Clarke and Bowley again played a very good game, and Maidman showed great improvement on the previous match. Senior, at centre-half, did some clever work both in defence and attack, and Willis and Spry got through some very useful work. The outstanding feature of the match was the excellent work of the full backs on both sides, for our opponents possessed two who showed sound judgment and fine kicking powers, especially in what appeared to be very awkward situations.

School v. Wimborne Grammar School, November 13th, away, Won 5—0.—School won the toss and played with the wind. We had much the best of the game, and the forwards played fairly well in mid-field, but their shooting was execrable; time after time they missed "sitters," and

at half time nothing had been scored. After change of ends the shooting and combination improved, and the three inside forwards played a very pretty game. Maidman scored three times in the first 20 minutes, and D. C. Tayler and Maidman added another each before time was called, so that we won comfortably by 5—0. The best players on the School side were Prince and Bowley; Spry and Senior were also very good, and Maidman was excellent in the second half but poor in the first. D. C. Tayler and V. Osborne changed places, and this alteration improved the forward line. Clarke was away from the team, and his place was very creditably filled by G. Hemingway.

School v. Parkstone Secondary School, November 24th, away, *Won 6—1*.—School kicked off and attacked, good work on the right wing by G. Bowley and G. Clarke enabling D. Tayler to score. The Parkstone defence was very poor, and further goals were secured by F. Osborne, Bowley, Tayler and Spry. Occasionally the Parkstone keeper saved well, especially towards the end of the first half after Clarke had hit the cross-bar. In the second half our opponents seemed quite a changed team, and they played up very well, putting in quite a long spell of attacking. During a brief visit to the Parkstone goal, Clarke scored, and then a long shot by the opposing centre-half—who had throughout been working very hard—found our keeper sadly at fault. Our backs easily held their opponents, and the forwards did well in the first half, but fell away badly in the second.

School v. Gillingham Grammar School, Nov. 27th, home, *Lost 2—3*.—The match opened sensationally, for School immediately forced a corner, which was splendidly converted by G. Bowley. Gillingham soon equalised with a long shot from their inside right, and shortly afterwards took the lead, Lawrence making a very feeble attempt to clear. School still had slightly the worst of the exchanges, and Prince and Lawrence both muddled a shot from the right, thus putting Gillingham "two up." School now attacked, and a shot from D. Tayler was well cleared. The rest of the first half resolved itself into a kicking exchange by the backs of both sides. Early in the second half Prince saved well from Woodford, and three corners were cleared by School backs. School now took the upper hand and attacked hard from now to the close, but the shooting was weak, Bowley and Osborne

both missing easy chances. Just before time was called Maidman scored well after good work by Clarke. The backs on both sides were very prominent and worked splendidly. At half, Spry was always conspicuous, and Senior got through a lot of work very creditably. Bowley, Clarke and Maidman were the pick of the forwards. Osborne should centre sooner, especially as he was opposed by an excellent full-back in Farthing. Lawrence was not at his best in goal. Gillingham showed up to best advantage in the first half, and School were better in the second.

School v. Sexey's School, Bruton, December 4th, home, Won 2—1.—School kicked off with a strong wind behind them, and a good attack by Maidman was spoilt through Bowley getting "offside." School, helped by the wind, still got the better of the exchanges, and smart work by our right wing saw Bowley obtain the first goal. Shortly afterwards Senior sent in a shot which hovered in the goal mouth, but was well cleared. Sexey's now took the play to the other end and forced a corner without result. The match now seemed to become a series of corner kicks, School having five, in which the opposing keeper shone to great advantage; and Sexey's, putting on strong pressure against the wind, endeavoured to equalize through four well-placed corners. They were unsuccessful, and half time arrived with the score 1—0 in our favour. School had the better of the play in this half, and Maidman was quite good and fast, but lacked finish when at shooting distance. In the second half, in spite of the strong wind and heavy rain, School attacked, and some of the best forward work of the whole season was seen, Bowley, Tayler and Maidman interpassing with excellent judgment. The movement culminated in the last mentioned player scoring with a splendid shot. Sexey's now attacked strongly, but kicked wide. One good shot from the left wing grazed the cross-bar. A succession of corners followed, and from one of these Sexey's secured their first goal. In spite of the wretched weather conditions the game was fast and open, and quite good football was shown. Excellent defensive work was shown by the backs of both sides.

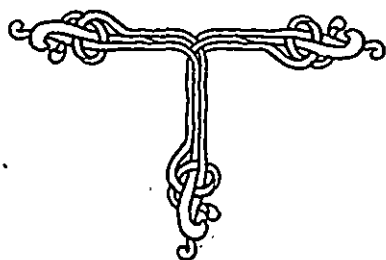
School v. Old Shastonians, December 8th, home, Won 3—1.—Three of the Old Boys were unable to turn up, and the team was completed by the inclusion of a master and two present boys. In the opening stages the

Old Boys more than held their own, thanks to excellent work by E. Scammell, R. H. Baker, L. A. Parsons, C. P. Wookey, J. Pearson and H. Robins. School forced a corner at length, and D. Tayler headed in. Scammell very soon equalized, and until the close of the half the Old Boys had slightly the better of the play. School had the better of the play in the second half, and J. B. Senior scored. Just before the close G. Bowley scored the third goal for School. It was a fast, open game, in which all the School team played well. Senior was the best of the halves, and Bowley and Maidman worked very well in the forward line. Scammell, Baker and Robins combined very well, and but for faulty shooting the game would probably have ended in a draw.

School (Under 14) v. Choristers' School, Salisbury, October 27th, away, Won 7—5.—The opening exchanges were all in our favour, and gave suggestion of a runaway victory. After our first goal the Choristers woke up and gave us many anxious moments as our backs were unreliable. We scored two more goals. The Choristers retaliated by also scoring twice within a few minutes, the centre-forward running through twice from half way. School obtained a fourth point, and at half-time the score stood 4—2 in our favour. The second half proved more even, and good play was shown on both sides. Each side scored three goals. H. Tayler and Brown were the best of our forwards, and G. Ensor played a capital game at half, J. Miles making a good second. G. Kelson in goal did very well, and could not be blamed for the goals scored against us; one "save" especially showed latent capabilities of a high order. The Choristers' defence worked hard, and their centre-forward played very well, being responsible for most of the scoring on their side.

School (Under 14) v. Gillingham G.S. (Under 14), November 17th, away, Lost 0—6.—School started well, but directly the first goal was scored against them the forwards fell to pieces and never recovered. Play throughout was poor and straggling; Gillingham were mostly attacking and keeping our backs busy; while the forwards remained idle spectators. Three goals were scored by Gillingham in each half. G. Kelson kept goal very well, and the adverse result was no fault of his. He was well supported by the backs, Toomer especially playing a fine game. J. Miles, at centre-half, worked hard, but Sharp was quite feeble. Brown and Baker were, perhaps, the best of a poor set of forwards.

School (Under 14) v. Gillingham G.S. (Under 14), December 11th, home, *Lost 2—3.*—School kicked off against a wind, and Gillingham pressed for some time, Ensor putting up the best defence for School. At the end of about 20 minutes Gillingham scored from a scramble round goal. The equalizer came very shortly, H. B. Brown dribbling splendidly on the right, and J. Hitch gave the keeper no chance. Gillingham again pressed and scored from a scramble. Even play followed. School's right wing was very good, H. Brown and E. Strange passing very well, ably backed up by J. Hitch at centre. In the second half School pressed just at the start, and Brown made a good attempt to equalize. Eventually he got away down the wing and gave to Hitch, who calmly dribbled right past the goal-keeper. A strenuous game now ensued, each side striving to take the lead. School forced a corner without result. Gillingham broke away and scored from a long shot. School pressed till the close, but failed to reduce their opponents' lead. Brown was the best forward, and Hitch, Strange and Baker worked hard throughout. Miles was very fair, and Sharp improved considerably in the second half, and at full back G. Ensor in the first half, and Toomer in the second, showed good form.



Cadet Corps.

IN the departure of V. C. Prince the Corps has lost a most valuable and efficient leader. As Platoon Sergeant his enthusiasm, keenness and gentlemanly example had a most telling effect on the Corps, and largely helped to bring it to its present state of efficiency. At his "farewell" parade Sergt. Prince received a most hearty "send-off."

We were also extremely sorry to lose the services of Corporal E. D. Drew and Lance-Corporal H. B. Spry. The former was always a keen and conscientious worker, and the success of his work is well shown in the way in which his section improved during the term.

We should like to express our indebtedness to Mr. Watmough and J. M. Fuller for another splendid set of D.P. rifles.

Sergeant Hemingway and Lance-Corpl. Westerman have kindly loaned us miniature rifles for shooting practice.

Promotions :—

Jan. 22nd, 1916—To be *Platoon Sergeant*, Sergeant Fuller.

„ *Sergeant*, Corporal Hemingway.

„ *Corporals*, Lance-Corpls. I. C. Eaton and R. G. Innocent.

„ *Lance-Corpls.*, Cadets Rawlings, Maidman and Westerman.

Museum.

WE again take the opportunity of thanking numerous donors, especially P. G. Hiscock for a good collection of old coins, Mr. Owen for remains of prehistoric animals, Mrs. Raindle and Mr. E. H. Miles for types of explosive and shrapnel shells, and cartridges. Interesting also are—snake skin (New Forest) and cacao-bean contributed by J. M. Fuller, sea mice by G. Ensor, and corundum by R. Borley.

Library.

THE number of books is still growing, and—nearly almost “gifts”—the fiction department can now boast of nearly 600 volumes, while the non-fiction section has had some most valuable additions.

The long list appended will show what splendid additions have been made—some of the books having been added almost as soon as published. With such a big list we are fain to thank the donors collectively, and the following figures will best show how greatly their generosity is appreciated.

In the Fiction section last term (Sept.—Dec.), 1,097 books were issued, while in the Non-Fiction and Reference part, 307 books were in circulation, making a grand total of about one thousand four hundred.

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"Boys' Own Annual (1897)" ...	...	Mr. Owen
"The New Far East" ...	A. Diosy ...	"
"The V.C.—its Heroes" ...	Parry ...	D. T. Sutton
"Book of the Thin Red Line" ...	Sir H. Newbolt ...	J. McMahon
"The Dispatch Riders" ...	P.F. Westerman ...	J.F.C. Westerman
"The Fight for Constantinople" ...	"	"
"A Sub. of the R.N.R." ...	"	"
"Sampson Rideout, Quaker" ...	V. Silberrad ...	Dr. Tovey
"From Cape to Cairo" ...	Grogan ...	"
"Home Entertainments" ...	A. Williams ...	"
"The Microscope" ...	W. Webb ...	"
"Stamp Collecting" ...	A. Creeke ...	"
"The Great War" ...	Davis ...	"
"Home Mechanics" ...	"	Mr. Ramshaw
"First Men in the Moon" ...	H. G. Wells ...	"
"Cock House at Felsgarth" ...	T. B. Reed ...	"
"Admiral Jellicoe" ...	A. Applin ...	S. H. D. Johnson
"A Dog with a Bad Name" ...	T. B. Reed ...	E. R. Polgreen
"Cassell's Book of Sports and Pastimes" ...	"	G. Hirst
"With our Russian Allies" ...	Brereton ...	"
"Nimrod's Wife" ...	G. Seton ...	D. C. Tayler
"Gilbert Logan, V.C." ...	F. Dodsworth ...	"
"Marvellous Escapes from Peril" ...	Wood ...	R. W. Smith
"Under French's Command" ...	Brereton ...	"
"Indoor Games & Recreations" ...	"	G. W. Clarke
"The White Squall" ...	Hutcheson ...	S. Burrow
"The Secret of the League" ...	E. Bramah ...	C. F. Scott
"Fifth Form at St. Dominics" ...	T. B. Reed ...	G. Hemingway
"My Friend Smith" ...	"	"
"Pioneers of the Sea" ...	W. MacDougall ...	"
"Sweeping of the Seas" ...	G. Stables ...	"

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"The Boys of Monk's Harold"	Maxwell ...	G. Hemingway
"The Invisible War Plane" ...	White & Harper ...	
"Tales of Adventure" ...	Ballantyne ...	J. W. Kilpatrick
"Sons of Freedom" ...	Whishaw ...	"
"The Triple Alliance" ...	H. Avery ...	"
"Fighting the Flames" ...	Ballantyne ...	R. G. Innocent
"Willis the Pilot" ...	H. Frith ...	"
"Princess Adelaide" ...	E. Holt ...	"
"The Sword of the Carews" ...		R. N. Tayler
"The Secret Service Submarine"	G. Thorne ...	"
"Eric Elton at School" ...	Eiloart ...	"
"Willoughby Boys" ...	T. B. Reed ...	R. S. Payne
"St. Winifred's" ...	Farrar ...	"
"Winning his Laurels" ...	F. Holmes ...	"
"Picture Book of British History," Vol. II. (1485-1688)	Roberts ...	Dr. Tovey
"The Abbot" ...	Scott ...	T. H. Tayler
"Our Bird Allies" ...	Wood ...	"
"Through Forest and Fire" ...	Ellis ...	F. C. Innocent
"Old Time Tales" ...	Dugdale ...	"
"Sons of the Vikings" ...	J. Gunn ...	R. S. Payne
"Guy Mannering" ...	Scott ...	J. B. Senior
"A Safety Match" ...	Ian Hay ...	"
"Both Sides of the Sea" ...		A. J. Baxter
"Draytons and Dayenants" ...		"
"On the Irrawaddy" ...	Henty ...	E. K. Barnard
"Japanese Physical Training"	Hancock ...	S. L. Ball
"The Castaways of Hope Island" ...	Hinkson ...	"
"Lost Endeavour" ...	J. Masfield ...	R. N. Tayler
"Crimson Aeroplane" ...	Beck ...	"
"The Thirty-nine Steps" ...	J. Buchan ...	Dr. Tovey
"Outlaws of St. Martyn's" ...	E. Hadath ...	W. H. Green
"Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes"	C. Doyle ...	H. H. Rogers
"Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea"	J. Verne ...	H. C. Watts
"All Hands on Deck" ...	H. Metcalfe ...	"
"Australasia Triumphant" ...	St. John Adcock ...	C. Jesse
"Industrial Germany" ...	W. Dawson ...	"



War Notes.

Since the publication of our last issue, we have received the following list of Old Boys who have joined H.M. Forces:—

L. J. ATKINSON	...	16th London Regt. (Queen's Westminster Rifles).
R. H. H. BOUND	...	Royal Garrison Artillery.
H. C. CADLEY...	...	Dorset Yeomanry.
L. DIGBY	...	Artistes' Rifles.
H. DYER	...	London Rifle Brigade.
H. T. HALL	...	R.A.M.C.
R. L. HARDING	...	H.M.S. Mauretania,
P. HARDING	...	Dorset Yeomanry.
V. G. IMBER	...	Royal Garrison Artillery.
J. G. JEFFERY...	...	Royal Garrison Artillery.
J. J. O. McMAHON	...	Wilts Yeomanry.
W. P. NORMAN	...	Army Service Corps.
C. H. M. PLATT	...	Sandhurst.
H. ROBINS	...	9th Worcesters.
F. W. STRANGE	...	Royal Engineers.
J. E. P. STRANGE	...	9th Hants (Cyclists).
A. W. WATTS...	...	Wilts Yeomanry.

Dr. Tovey has received letters or cards from the following Old Boys on Active Service:—J. J. O. McMahon, E. Whitley-Baker, R. B. Minchin, O. Ll. Williams, L. J. Atkinson, F. E. Pickford, E. W. Dare, V. G. Imber, J. E. P. Strange, H. L. Taylor, H. Stowell, A. J. Webb, G. B. Taylor, R. H. H. Bound, P. Barnes, H. G. Pratt, W. G. Milner, W. H. B. Morgan, E. C. Mozley, H. C. Smith, F. W. Strange, W. Jeffery, F. H. Buckland, C. Mitchell, L. L. Welman, A. D. Miles, W. Doggrell, E. J. Shepard, J. A. Tayler, H. W. Benjafield, C. A. Ensor.

V. G. Imber, J. E. P. Strange, H. Stowell, W. Doggrell, H. C. Cadley, W. D. Walker, E. W. Cuff and N. J. Tunnington all visited the School last term when on leave.

The following Old Boys have been awarded Commissions:—

H. G. PRATT	...	3rd Welsh Regiment.
H. W. BENJAFIELD	...	10th London (Hackney) Regiment.
J. W. NEW	...	8th Middlesex Regiment.

We also offer our hearty congratulations to the last-named on his recent marriage.

Colin Mitchell is in a hospital at Sheffield suffering from trench feet. L. L. Welman is now Adjutant to the 1st Middlesex Regiment; he has promised to give an average bat for next season's Cricket XI. C. E. Pearce has nearly recovered from his dose of "gas," and has been transferred from the 1st Cambs. Regiment to the Army Service Corps.

E. J. Shepard (Dorset Yeomanry), who, when we last heard of him, was in a convalescent home at Alexandria, writes to Dr. Tovey as follows, giving his experiences of Gallipoli:—

"We left Cairo about August 6th, on a trooper, fitted out at only two days notice with full infantry kit. We were packed like sardines, and reached Lemnos in three days; it was fine passing through the Aegean Islands, and the harbour Mudros is the finest natural harbour imaginable. At Lemnos they put us aboard T.B.D.'s, all cleared for action, and at dawn we were off the coast of the Peninsula. It was a dull coast, and on the way to the shore in boats we received our first welcome from the Turks, who nearly sank the boat behind us. We dug in as soon as we were ashore, and for a week were employed on beach duties. Then, one night, we were moved up in reserve, as a big attack on Hill 70 was to be made next day. The noise of the naval guns and land batteries during the next day was terrible; then the infantry attacked, but failed; and suddenly we were ordered forward to take Hill 70. This we did, but at a terrible loss of life. I shall never forget that charge; our Company never actually bayoneted any Turks, as they ran faster than we did, who had already come nearly three miles at the double. All that night we held the hill, but had to come back just before daybreak. The following morning we only mustered 123 men and one officer, and how the enemy missed us I shall never understand. The sights, and the awful lack of water were very trying, but my nerves stood it very well. The Turks are strongly entrenched, and know how to use their maxims; if they had had more shells we could never have remained at Suvla Bay, as they had the exact range of every landing stage. I was so crippled that I was soon placed on a hospital ship, and I shall never forget my first meal of bread and butter after living on bully beef and biscuits for nearly five weeks!"

We have been privileged to print the following extract from a letter written home by Corporal W. T. Buckland, R.F.A.:—

"I daresay you saw in the papers that ten guns were left behind in our retirement from the Bulgarian frontier to Salonica. Four of them belonged to us, and we did not leave them until we had fired away our last round and the enemy had taken the infantry trenches in front of us. We were banging away at advancing Turks, Germans, Austrians and Bulgars at short range. It was a terrible yet wonderful sight while it lasted. We had only one casualty, but nearly everyone lost his kit, and I lost my blankets and underclothes. I think the retreat was about the worst walk I have ever had, along a rocky gully between the hills for about two miles in pitch darkness, and then on to our waggon line where our horses were; we had to leave rations behind. The next morning we got to the pass, and had just camped for a rest when we got news that another battery was in danger, so about sixty of us mounted, with 100 to 150 rounds each, went five miles back and entrenched ourselves to cover their retreat, which took place that night. Luckily, the enemy did not get near enough to do anything, and we missed the fun of a hand-to-hand scrap. We were artillery, cavalry and infantry in the space of a few hours. The same night we had to retire again to Lake Doiran, and when we got there we were fairly tired out and very hungry. After a rest and food we started off again for a fifty-mile cross-country trek to Salonica over horrible tracks, bogs, hills, etc., and it is simply wonderful how our horses stood it. We have some sergeants with us who were at Mons, and they say that while the retreat lasted it was worse than Mons."

Old Shastonians.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. G. H. Imber on his appointment as a Governor of the School. We trust other Old Boys will soon follow his example.

G. O. Genge has written Dr. Tovey a long letter giving him his experiences of a Zeppelin raid at———"somewhere in England."

V. C. Prince has entered the London, City and Midland Bank at Salisbury, E. D. Drew is in Messrs. Clement Talbot's Engineering Works at Wormwood Scrubbs; D. C. Tayler is turning his attention to farming, and H. B. Spry has entered his father's business.

Belgium, 1916.

The pale sun sinks o'er yonder lonely plain,
The evening bell-peals gently on the breeze:
Dark shadows shroud this land of strife and pain,
The wail of Death goes moaning thro' the trees.

See, in the distance, yonder old grey walls?
There once a castle's stately pile did stand—
But murderous shells have spoiled those panelled halls,
And ruthless hands have marred the beauteous land.

Yonder is heard the boom of deathlike guns,
The smoke of Sacrifice ascends on high;
Belgium! be proud of all thy valiant sons,
For they have gladly given themselves to die.

What tho' thy altars are o'erthrown and bare?
What tho' thy children are despoiled and slain?
The Eternal God, Who hath thee in His care,
Will guard and keep thee, raise thee up again.

C. Jesse.

[We have much pleasure in printing the above poem, written by a boy in the Sixth Form, and trust that his admirable lead will be followed by other boys in the School.]