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Editorial.

OUR numbers this term are 147, including eighty boarders. In these times it is impossible to enlarge our buildings, and so we have been reluctantly compelled to start a "waiting list" for boarders. Any parents wishing to enter boys should make as early an application as possible.

Although we had no formal Prize distribution last term, we were enabled—through the kindness of a few friends—to award prizes to a few of the most deserving boys. The chief feature of the term was the giving of two popular Concerts in aid of the Public Schools' Hospitals; all the items were capitally rendered, and our audiences were very appreciative of our efforts. On October 16th we were honoured by a visit from Dr. Somervell, the eminent composer, who heard our choir sing several glees; he expressed himself as delighted with our singing, and spoke highly of our balance, time and tone.

We deeply regret to record the deaths of two more of our old boys, C. H. M. Platt and J. H. Powell; we offer their relations and friends our deepest sympathy in a loss which is ours as well as theirs. Eleven of our old boys have now given their lives for their Country in the present War.

School News.

NEW BOYS.

G. N. Crocker, F. R. Crocker, F. K. Harris, P. P. Hughes, K. S. Law, R. V. A. Morgan, E. J. Perrett, T. A. B. Webb, S. B. B. Webb; and, at half term iii., 1917, H. Borley.

VALETE.

R. GARNE. Form I. Entered Sept., 1916. Left owing to ill-health.

R. W. SMITH. Form Upper V. Entered Sept., 1911. Passed Camb. Preliminary Locals, July, 1913; Camb. Junior Locals, July, 1915, and July, 1916. Cricket XI., 1917.

PREFECTS.

G. N. Rawlings (Head Prefect), F. V. Osborne, R. Borley, W. K. Sankey, T. D. Osborne, L. W. Toomer, L. E. B. Johnson.

HEAD BOYS.

W. H. Green, W. J. Hitch, H. Jeffery, J. W. Miles, A. J. Prince, P. J. Southgate, J. N. Wescott, R. C. Wyatt.

FOOTBALL.

The final order of merit for 1917 was as follows:—
F. V. Osborne (captain), W. K. Sankey, G. N. Rawlings, T. D. Osborne, W. J. Hitch, L. W. Toomer, J. R. B. Pape, L. E. B. Johnson, A. J. Prince, G. C. Kelson, J. W. Miles.

PRIZES.

The following prizes were awarded on the results of the last July School examinations:—

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| UPPER V. | { E. W. Peckham (presented by Capt. Glyn, D.S.O.) |
| FORM. | { P. J. Southgate (presented by Rupert Williams, Esq.) |
| | { L. E. B. Johnson (presented by Dr. Tovey). |
| | { G. N. Rawlings (presented by the Misses Brown). |
| LOWER V. | { E. R. Polgreen. |
| FORM. | { H. G. Highman. |
| | { E. G. Taylor (presented by Dr. Harris). |
| | { L. W. Toomer. |
| IV. FORM. | { F. Thornton (presented by H. Perrins Barnitt, Esq.) |
| | { R. W. Baker (presented by Mrs. Burridge). |
| | { Reginald Rebbeck. |
| III. FORM. | { P. G. H. Barter. |
| | { A. C. Townsend. |
| II. FORM. | —A. Bastable. |

PRESENTATION.

We are deeply grateful to the Day Boys for their kindness in presenting the School with a "stretcher" for use in case of accidents. It supplies a long-felt need, and we should also like to offer our thanks to Mrs. Ernest Johnson for the trouble she has taken in the matter. Now that we have a "stretcher," may we never want to use it!

Football.

OWING to difficulties of travelling, and an outbreak of chicken-pox, we were only able to play three matches last term. On each occasion we met strong teams of old boys (with one or two present boys to complete the side), and in each case the result was the same—a draw. The team was distinctly faster and cleverer than that of 1916, but not so well balanced. The half back line was only moderate, but the backs and goalkeeper were good, and the forwards, although they did not combine well, generally looked dangerous. In goal, Kelson was excellent in matches, and considerably reserved an occasional "off" day for a practice game! The brothers Osborne were a tower of strength at back; F.V. was fast and a superb tackler, while T.D., although slower, was usually reliable without being "showy." Both were rather too fond of kicking into touch. In offensive work, W. J. Hitch was the pick of the halves; he gave his forwards a lot of splendid help, but he lacked pace, and was often unable to get back quickly enough to tackle a line of quick forwards. G. N. Rawlings was brought out of goal to play right half; if on the slow side, his weight made him very useful, and he improved considerably. Lionel Johnson tackled well, but was rather clumsy; he was rapidly improving when his unfortunate accident rendered him "*hors de combat*," just after he had been awarded his colours. We offer him our sincere sympathy on his bit of bad luck, and are glad to say he is very nearly all right again. L. W. Toomer was the best player among the forwards, and W. K. Sankey the most useful. On the right wing, A. J. Prince was fast and did useful work, but he has yet to learn the finer points of an outside-right's game. Jack Miles was too slow to keep up with Prince, but did useful work at times. The left wing was stronger than the right; L. W. Toomer, in the outside position, although rather slow,

played splendid football, and his centres were a model for younger boys to copy. J. R. B. Pape took some time to settle down, but is full of promise; to use a nautical expression, he does not yet quite "pull his weight." W. K. Sankey, in the centre, was energetic, fast, and a good shot, but his combination was often at fault; as an individualist he was invaluable.

All the "Under 14" matches were postponed to the Spring term, so there was little opportunity of seeing the youngsters at work. They look like being a very useful side, and R. W. Baker, H. F. B. Brown and F. G. Parsons frequently "caught the eye" in practice games.

Before concluding this short criticism of School football, we must not omit to thank F. V. Osborne for the work he has done for our School football; he has proved a very popular captain, both on and off the field, and his fine displays formed an admirable object lesson to budding players.

CHARACTERS OF THE SCHOOL ELEVEN.

G. C. KELSON, *Goal*.—A promising goal-keeper. Is clever at anticipating a shot, but does not always run out soon enough. Is hardly tall enough at present.

F. V. OSBORNE (Captain), *Right Back*.—A long way the best player on the side. Kicks well and is very speedy, but his forte is tackling, which is superb. Does not always place his kicks as accurately as he might. Has made a very satisfactory captain.

T. D. OSBORNE, *Left Back*.—A good sound player on the slow side. A resolute tackler, but a trifle uncertain in his kicking. Should be good another season.

G. N. RAWLINGS, *Right Half*.—A hard working half, but a trifle slow for his position. Improved very much as the season advanced. Is also an excellent goal-keeper.

W. J. HITCH, *Centre Half*.—A good attacking half, fed his forwards admirably. Tackles resolutely, but is too slow. Good shot.

L. E. B. JOHNSON, *Left Half*.—A hard working half of a robust type. Marks his man splendidly, but does not give his forwards sufficient help.

- A. J. PRINCE, *Outside Right*.—A speedy forward, but has not at present sufficient control over the ball. Very fair shot. Should be much better another year.
- J. W. MILES, *Inside Right*.—Knows the game and makes some nice passes, but was too slow for Prince and Sankey. Fair shot.
- W. K. SANKEY, *Centre*.—A fast dashing forward and a very hard worker. His pace often enabled him to break through and score. Did not combine well with his inside forwards. Good shot.
- J. R. B. PAPE, *Inside Left*.—A speedy forward who has not yet quite learnt the inside game. His passes were often erratic, and he is frequently out of his place. Good shot.
- L. W. TOOMER, *Outside Left*.—A really good forward, spoilt only by lack of pace. Centres beautifully, and is very clever at manœuvring for position. Good shot.

SCHOOL ELEVEN.

Matches Played...	...	3	Goals for	...	...	...	8
Drawn	...	...	3	Goals against	...	...	8

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	Where Played.	RESULT.
Oct. 17.....	Dr. Tovey's XI.....	Home.....	4—4
Oct. 24.....	Mr. Ramshaw's XI.....	Home.....	3—3
Nov. 28.....	Old Shastonians	Home.....	1—1

DETAILS OF MATCHES.

S.G.S. v. Dr. Tovey's XI., home, October 17th, *Drawn 4-4*.—The following old Shastonians took part—Mr. R. B. Minchin, V. C. Prince, R. H. Baker, G. Clarke, J. E. Strange and J. B. Senior. The first half was in favour of the "Scratch XI.," and at half time they were leading by 2—0, both goals falling to Baker. Early in the second half School drew level through Sankey and Pape. Even play followed, and then School took the lead, Pape scoring two more goals. The lead could not be maintained, however, and Mr. Minchin, by two well-judged shots, brought the score to 4 all. In spite of the very wet afternoon the game was most enjoyable, and thoroughly well contested.

S.G.S. v. Mr. Ramshaw's XI., home, October 24th, *Drawn 3-3*.—For this match, R. H. Baker, J. E. Strange, A. W. Miles, J. B. Senior and G. Clarke played. The match was again played in the rain, but a good game resulted. Smith opened the score for the "Scratch XI.," but J. Miles equalised quickly. R. Baker again put the School opponents "one up," and Sankey replied for School. Just before half time J. Strange scored; and School crossed over with their score standing 2-3. A very evenly-fought and strenuous second half succeeded, conspicuous chiefly for very fine goal-keeping on the part of G. C. Kelson for Mr. Ramshaw's XI. School strained every nerve to avoid defeat, and just on time Sankey was able to score.

S.G.S. v. Old Shastonians, home, Nov. 28th, *Drawn 1-1*.—A very representative team was collected under the captaincy of G. E. Bowley—last year's captain. The eight old boys were, besides Bowley, G. Hemingway, R. B. Baker, J. Strange, C. P. Wookley, J. B. Senior, G. Clarke and F. R. Allum. An exceedingly fast open game was witnessed, and with the exception of a goal early in the first half, which J. Strange secured by a beautiful ground shot, nothing was scored until just before the close. School made very strenuous efforts to draw level, and towards the end of the game "condition told," and a strong pressure was maintained culminating in Sankey scoring. George Atkinson (o.s.) kindly undertook to referee. The old boys were deprived of the valuable service of Ted Scammell, who, through medical advice, was only able to play the part of "looker-on," much to the regret of all of us.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Beautiful weather favoured our House Matches last term, and the teams proved to be much more evenly matched than was the case last season. The most pleasing feature was the much improved form shewn by the Day Boys; they were small and outpaced, and had only one colour, but they played good football. The most exciting game was that between Mr. Ramshaw's and Dr. Blucke's Houses; the former won by a single goal scored in the first half, but the issue was in doubt right up to the finish. Another very even game was that between the School House and Dr. Blucke's, in which the latter had slightly the better of the play and won 2-1.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Ramshaw's House on its second success; with five colours, they were undoubtedly the best team, and the defence of the brothers Osborne was too good for all their opponents. W. J. Hitch, J. W. Miles and H. F. B. Brown also did excellent work, and H. J. Hughes, E. G. Taylor and F. J. Hitch shewed considerable promise. G. C. Kelson, in goal, had very little to do. The most prominent players (other than first xi. colours) in the other teams were: R. C. Wyatt, R. W. Smith, C. F. I. Phillips, R. W. Baker, F. G. Parsons, R. G. Mitchell, H. T. Tayler and R. Drew.

The following are a few details of the various games:—

Day Boys v. Mr. Ramshaw's.—Chiefly noticeable for the plucky fight put up by the weaker side. E. G. Taylor scored early in the game from a capital centre by Hughes, and W. J. Hitch and Miles also scored before half-time. E. G. Taylor scored another in the second half, and so Mr. Ramshaw's won 4—0. For the winners, F. V. and T. D. Osborne, W. J. Hitch, and E. G. Taylor were the most prominent, while L. E. B. Johnson, R. W. Smith, C. F. Phillips, R. W. Baker and F. G. Parsons did splendid work.

School v. Dr. Blucke's.—A very even game. Stimson scored first off a good centre by Sankey, and just before half-time Stimson scored again, this time by a pass from Simpson. During the second half Prince played forward, and this seemed to put more life into the School attack; after about 20 minutes, Pape scored, but although having the best of the game they could not score again, and Dr. Blucke's won 2—1. For the winners, Sankey, Toomer and H. T. Tayler were the leading lights; Rawlings and Prince did valuable work for the losers, while Wyatt, in his own style, was very useful.

School v. Day Boys.—The Day Boys played with a strong wind behind them, and scored once from a shot by R. C. Smith after a good run and centre by Legg. After change of ends the School had much the best of it, and Pape scored three times and Melsome once. The game came to an abrupt conclusion a few minutes before time owing to Lionel Johnson's unfortunate accident. Pape was the pick of the winning team, and Rawlings and Wyatt did a lot of hard work. R. W. Smith, R. Mitchell, R. W. Baker and Dick Rebbeck all did well for the losers.

Mr. Ramshaw's v. Dr. Blucke's.—This game proved a battle royal, as it was evident that the winner would win the series. During the first half, Dr. Blucke's had slightly the best of matters, but found their opponents' defence too sound, and shortly before half-time Taylor broke away and centred to Hughes, who registered the first goal. During the second half Mr. Ramshaw's House pressed continuously, but could not score again, mainly owing to fine defence by Toomer, R. Drew and H. T. Tayler. For the winners, the Obornes, W. J. Hitch, Hughes and E. Taylor were all prominent.

Day Boys v. Dr. Blucke's.—In this game R. Mitchell took L. Johnson's place at back, and Reg. Rebbeck came into the team. Sankey scored for Dr. Blucke's during the first half, but the game was very even. In the second half the losers tired towards the finish, and Sankey scored twice more. Dr. Blucke's House played moderately with the exception of Sankey and Toomer; among the Day Boys, R. Baker, R. W. Smith, Mitchell and Phillips were the pick.

School House v. Mr. Ramshaw's.—Mr. Ramshaw's House started with a good deal of dash, and Hughes soon scored. Fifteen minutes later Hugh Brown scored the second, and shortly afterwards J. Miles added a third. Just before half-time Pape made two splendid efforts to score, and his first was only spoilt by a fine piece of goal-keeping on the part of Kelson. During the second half W. J. Hitch, Hugh Brown and J. Miles all scored, and between the last two Pape scored for the School. All the winners played well, and thoroughly deserved their easy victory; the losers did not shine in this game, Pape, Rawlings and Wyatt being the pick of a moderate lot.

Appended are the detailed results :—

Mr. Ramshaw's House	beat	Dr. Blucke's House	1—0.
"	"	" Day Boys	... 4—0.
"	"	" School House	... 6—1.
Dr. Blucke's House	"	" School House	... 2—1.
"	"	" Day Boys	... 3—0.
School House	"	" Day Boys	... 4—1.

Cadet Corps.

THE strength of the Company has improved, and our numbers are now about 85. We have to report the loss of only one member—R. W. Smith, who has done very good work while with us. Eight new recruits have joined this term.

The names of those who were enrolled last term are—Cadets J. R. B. Pape, E. C. Pars, P. J. Southgate, H. B. Brown, W. E. Ryall, P. J. Watts, R. C. Pike, P. G. Barter, J. O. Woodford, E. B. Carpenter, W. H. Windbank, H. Ford, S. M. Jones, V. S. Gardner, G. H. F. Johnson, G. C. Wooiston, C. Dean, T. W. Parker, N. J. Lawrence, and J. F. Hitch. Sergt. Rawlings very creditably put them through their recruit drill, and we are grateful to him also for the equipping of them completely.

Mr. Watmough has kindly supplied us with a few more D.P. rifles this term.

Corpl. J. W. Hitch has ably looked after the range rifles for some time now, and kept them in good condition.

PROMOTIONS.

Nov. 15th, 1917—*To be Corporal*—Lance-Cpl. L. W. Toomer.

Jan. 21st, 1918—*To be Company Q.M.S.*—Sergt. G. N. Rawlings.

" " —*To be Lance-Corporal*—Cadet R. C. Wyatt.

Museum.

Several interesting relics have been added, including a Crimean War relic from W. A. Raindle, and an Indian lizard from A. G. Ensor.

Mr. Owen, R. R. Pointer, W. A. Stimson, and G. C. Woodham all brought specimens and relics secured from various quarters of the globe. Our best thanks to all for their acceptable gifts.

Library.

As will be seen from the list below, over 80 new books have been added to the various departments since the last issue, and we take this opportunity of thanking the donors, and, especially so, Mr. H. Perrins Barnitt for a fine selection of books on the War.

J. F. C. Westerman has kindly sent us his father's latest War novels, and they are probably the most popular issue in the Fiction department.

In addition, Old Shastonians have sent handsome donations for the purchase of books, and we heartily thank H. G. Pratt, J. M. Fuller, A. G. Ensor and E. W. Pockham. Books purchased will be announced in future issues.

R. Borley and his assistants have been very zealous in organizing and conducting the cataloguing and issuing of volumes, and we owe our grateful thanks to them, and especially to J. N. Wescott for "carrying on" so ably during R. Borley's illness.

ADDITIONAL BOOKS.

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"Montezuma's Daughter" ...	R. Haggard ...	W. Rowe
"Under the White Ensign" ...	P. F. Westerman ...	J. C. Westerman
"The Universe" ...	Pouchet ...	F. E. P. Johnson
"The Backwoodsmen" ...	G. Roberts ...	"
"At His Country's Call" ...	A. Lee ...	G. C. Woolston
"With Jellicoe in the North Sea" ...	Capt. Shaw ...	"
"Carry on" ...	Taffrail ...	G. Hemingway
"The Terror" ...	Machen ...	"
"Turret and Torpedo" ...	Margerison ...	"
"No Man's Land" ...	Sapper ...	"
"Trent's Last Case" ...	Bentley ...	W. Rowe
"Diary of a Soldier of Fortune" ...	Hyatt ...	G. C. Kelson
"Little Eve Edgerton" ...	Abbott ...	H. E. Light
"The Ware Case" ...	Pleydell ...	"
"Short Cruises" ...	Jacobs ...	"
"The Regent" ...	Bennett ...	"
"Maid of the Mist" ...	Oxenham ...	"
"The Camera Fiend" ...	Hornung ...	"
"Freckles" ...	Porter ...	"
"The Wet" ...	Beach ...	"
"Constance Dunlap" ...	Reeve ...	"
"The Harvester" ...	Porter ...	"
"Micah Clarke" ...	C. Doyle ...	"
"A Knight on Wheels" ...	Ian Hay ...	"
"Maiwa's Revenge" ...	Haggard ...	"
"Mr. Meeson's Will" ...	"	"
"Truxton King" ...	McCutcheon ...	"
"Through Savage Europe" ...	H. de Windt ...	A. E. Ryall
"The Witch's Head" ...	R. Haggard ...	D. Rebbeck
"Adventures in Great Deserts" ...	Hyrst ...	J. J. Rebbeck
"Finished" ...	R. Haggard ...	E. R. Polgreen

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"His Last Bow" ...	C. Doyle ...	E. R. Polgreen
"Carrying on" ...	Ian Hay ...	J. M. Fuller
"Young Pickles" ...	S. Wishing ...	R. V. Hepworth
"The Disputed V.C." ...	F. Gibbon ...	"
"Trampled Clay" ...	C. Mitchell (o.s.) ...	C. Mitchell
"We and the World" ...	J. Ewing ...	R. C. Wyatt
"The South Sea Whaler" ...	Kingston ...	"
"All True" ...	Macaulay ...	"
"The Human Boy" ...	Philpotts ...	"
"One of Marlborough's Captains" ...	M. Gerard ...	Dr. Tovey
"The Refugees" ...	C. Doyle ...	"
"The Blind Spot" ...	J. M. Forman ...	"
"The Place of Dragons" ...	Le Queux ...	"
"Prester John" ...	J. Buchan ...	Mr. M. H. Beaufoy
"The Thirty-nine Steps" ...	"	"
"John Burnet of Barns" ...	"	"
"Michael O'Halloran" ...	Porter ...	R. C. Wyatt
"A Maker of Nations" ...	Boothby ...	"
"In a French Military Hospital" ...	Cator ...	Mr. H. Barnitt
"Uncensored Letters from Dardanelles" ...	"	"
"Trooper Bluegum at the Dardanelles" ...	O. Hogue ...	"
"Marvels and Mysteries" ...	Marsh ...	"
"The Mark of the Beast" ...	Cook ...	"
"The Fighting Lads of Devon" ...	Graydon ...	D. Scammell
"Cleopatra" ...	Haggard ...	F. E. P. Johnson
"With Haig on the Somme" ...	Strang ...	R. B. Hepworth
"In Salonica with our Army" ...	H. Lane ...	Mr. H. Barnitt
"French Pictures from France" ...	Mjr. W. Redmond ...	"
"The Lost Regiment" ...	E. Clanvill ...	"
"The Mixed Division" ...	Campbell ...	J. Pearson
"Freckles" ...	Porter ...	S. H. Johnson
"My Four Years in Germany" ...	Gerard ...	P. G. Hiscock
"First From the Front" ...	Ashton ...	A. J. Baker
"Billy Barcroft of the R.N.A.S." ...	J. C. Westerman ...	P. F. Westerman
"The Red Eric" ...	Ballantyne ...	A. C. Townsend
"Commander Brett" ...	Chesney ...	E. H. Chandler
"The Marne and After" ...	Corbett-Smith ...	R. L. Saunders
"Sanders of the River" ...	Wallace ...	"
"A Temporary Gentleman in France" ...	"	G. N. Rawlings
"Kipps" ...	H. E. Wells ...	A. J. Baxter
"Things to Make" ...	Williams ...	R. N. Tayler
"Sanders of the River" ...	Wallace ...	F. Johnson
"The Diary of a Soldier of Fortune" ...	Hyatt ...	"
"From Dartmouth to Dardanelles" ...	"	J. A. Wilson
"Dick Cheveley" ...	Kingston ...	T. H. Tayler
"Sub. of the R.N.R." ...	Westerman ...	R. L. Saunders
"Keepers of the King's Peace" ...	Wallace ...	"
"With Haig on the Somme" ...	Parry ...	G. C. Woolston
"In Regions of Perpetual Snow" ...	Stables ...	J. J. Brown
"The Brass Bowl" ...	Vance ...	G. C. Woolston

War Notes.

"Dulce et Decorum est pro Patria Mori."

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

JOSEPH HENRY. POWELL,
Lance-Corpl. 1/11 Batt. London Regt. (Finsbury Rifles),
Killed in Action at Gaza, Nov. 2nd,
1917,

AGED 38 YEARS.

Joe Powell was at School from April, 1888, to August, 1896. He passed Cambridge Junior Locals (2nd Class Honours, with distinction in Book-keeping) in December, 1894, and the Cambridge Senior Locals in December, 1895. After leaving School he entered a firm of Chartered Accountants, first in Bournemouth and afterwards in London. He was a prominent member of the School Cricket and Football teams.

ALSO OF

CHARLES HENRY MORRIS PLATT,
Lieut. R.F.C. (attached Royal Warwicks),
Killed while flying in France, Nov. 23rd,
1917,

AGED 20 YEARS.

Charlie Platt was at School from January, 1909, to December, 1914. He passed the Cambridge Preliminary Locals in July, 1911, and the Cambridge Junior Locals in July, 1912, and 1913. He was in the Football teams of 1912, 1913 and 1914, and the Cricket teams of 1913 and 1914. He became a Prefect in January, 1914, and Head Prefect in September of the same year. After leaving School he passed into Sandhurst.

We very deeply regret the loss of the above-mentioned old boys. J. H. Powell was at the School in its earlier days, under both the Rev. T. Perkins and Mr. Pryce Taylor; he served in the East for nearly two years before meeting his death in action.

C. H. M. Platt proved himself a splendid "pilot," and for several months before his death daily bombarded the Hun, taking every risk; many times he had very narrow escapes, and once his observer was killed. As far as can be gathered from observers on the ground, his machine collided with another machine on the edge of a cloud; both machines fell to the ground, and the bodies were brought in by the Belgians from just behind their front line. He didn't know what fear was, and truly may we say of him—

"Thank God! we know that he 'batted well'
In the last great Game of all."

Details of Jim Tayler's death (recorded in our last number) have now been received. A shell pitched at the mouth of his dug-out; he lingered for half an hour and then died, probably more from shock than wounds. His mother has received a delightful letter from his platoon sergeant, who said that his absolute unselfishness and cheerfulness under all circumstances made him the most popular man in the section.

We regret to state that nothing more has yet been heard of J. C. Goldie or B. Keast, respectively reported missing in October and November last.

The following old boys have joined the forces since our last issue:—

C. AUPERRIN	...	...	French Army.
S. J. LAWRENCE	...	...	R.F.C.
F. HARRINGTON	...	...	R.F.C.
I. C. EATON	...	...	R.N.A.S.
G. W. CLARKE	...	...	R.F.C.
G. O. MANSFIELD	...	...	Dorset Yeomanry.
C. J. TROWBRIDGE	...	...	Inns of Court O.T.C.
E. D. DREW	...	...	R.F.C.
E. G. H. MAIDMAN	...	...	7th Hants.
H. C. WATTS	...	...	R.N.A.S.
W. H. BROWN	...	...	
V. E. DUFFETT	...	...	R.N. (Wireless Section).

Letters or cards have been received by Dr. Tovey from the following old boys on active service:—

R. S. Payne, E. W. Peckham (3), R. G. Innocent (2), H. B. Spry, S. J. Lawrence, L. L. Welman, W. D. Walker, L. Digby (2), I. C. Eaton (2), H. G. Pratt (2), V. C. Prince (2), D. T. Sutton (2), H. E. Light, E. D. Drew (2), H. W. Benjafield, F. H. Hortor, H. B. D. Weare, R. B. Minchin, W. F. Willis, E. G. H. Maidman, J. J. O. McMahon, L. G. Prideaux, V. W. N. Bowles, M. G. Watts, C. J. Trowbridge.

We regret that we omitted to state in our last number that Ivor Gibbs is now a prisoner of war at Minden, Westphalia, Germany. The last reports state that he is well, and we wish him the best of luck and a speedy return from captivity.

R. S. Payne, our other old boy prisoner, is still at Brandenburg, and is employed by the Germans in doing clerical work in the camp office. When we last heard of him he had quite recovered from his illness.

H. B. Spry has been transferred to the R.F.C., and is now a cadet at Hastings.

S. J. Lawrence, G. W. Clarke and F. Harrington are all at Tring.

Longford Welman was married to Miss Wescott-Conquest, in Paris, on Nov. 7th, 1917. We offer him our very best wishes for a happy married life. He is now with his old regiment in the trenches awaiting the much-advertised Hun offensive.

E. Whitley-Baker has been gazetted 2nd Lieut. in the R.E. Signal Corps; he is now in France.

We offer our congratulations to Colin Mitchell on the publication of a book of poems entitled "Trampled Clay." They are all war poems, and are quite good; and as they are published at a price within the reach of all (1/- net), we hope that many of our old boys will purchase a copy; we feel certain they will not be disappointed.

Pryce Taylor spent last summer at Clipstone Camp, near Mansfield, acting as adjutant to M.G.C. officers. The last time we heard of him he was at Grantham undergoing three months special training.

Gerard Taylor has obtained a commission in the 1/4 Leicesters, and is now serving in France. He has played in several football matches in France, and we hear that he has made quite a name for himself as a "full back;" he was a forward at School.

H. W. Benjafield has been promoted Captain in the Tank Corps. He was slightly wounded in action on Nov. 20th, but was able to carry on and fight in the whole battle.

W. F. Willis has seen a good deal of the world since he left School in July, 1916. His first voyage was from Glasgow to Baltimore and back. He then went from Cardiff to Tunis, and from there to the Bitter Lakes, where he spent Christmas (1916). He then went to Sydney, calling at Freemantle for coal. From Sydney he went to Colombo, and thence to Italy; then on to New York, and afterwards back to France and England. And all this in eight months!

R. G. Innocent has been declared medically unfit for flying, and has been transferred to 7th London Reserve Battalion. He hopes shortly to go to an Infantry O.T.C. The Rev. Everard Digby, well known to Shastonians, is his Chaplain.

R. B. Minchin is in France with the Heavy Artillery; when we last heard of him he was suffering from an attack of trench fever.

V. C. Prince has recently gone to France with the Royal Fusiliers. He has had a few games of "soccer" behind the lines. We hear that he is proving himself a very capable officer, and that his Colonel and Adjutant both speak very highly of him.

Dr. Tovey has had an interesting letter from J. McMahon, who is at Salonica with the Derbyshire Yeomanry. He has had a severe attack of malaria, but is now all right again.

L. G. Prideaux has had a nasty "shake up" while flying in Scotland, owing to engine trouble. He was lucky to escape as lightly as he did, as his Captain, who went up with him, was badly hurt.

D. T. Sutton has now been given clerical work in a draughtmen's office at Portsmouth.

We hear that M. S. Fatt has been transferred to an R.F.C. Cadet School; when last heard of he was at Portobello.

We have been delighted to see the following old boys when home on leave: W. T. Buckland, F. Harrington, J. Pearson, L. A. Parsons, L. Focketyn, P. Pickford, T. A. Mitchell, H. E. Light, C. M. Hall, J. Borley.

In our last number we inadvertently stated that Maurice Watts had gone to Italy; it should have been Palestine. He has recently written Dr. Tovey a very interesting account of his journey out, and, curiously enough, one of the officers who took him out was Roy Charlton.

We raised our £10 last term for the Public Schools' Hospitals by giving two popular concerts; at the first we took just over £5, and at the second just over £4.

Godwin Pratt has recently been wounded in France, in the right hand and back; we are happy to be able to say the wounds are not serious. We hear he has applied for a transfer to the R.F.C.

