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EDITORIAL.

ONCE more we have reached the end of the Summer Term ; once again the period has come round when so many will have to part for the last time. In a few short months many will doubtless be serving their king and country on our different battle fronts, but the thoughts and goodwill of all Denstonians will be with them there as here.

Meanwhile our own endeavours to prepare ourselves for the world-wide struggle which is now raging may be worthy of mention. Thanks to the efforts of Captain Cadman and the other officers in the

O.T.C., arrangements have been made for a seventy-mile route march, extending over four days, to be held at the end of the term.

In conclusion, we bid farewell to all those who are leaving this term, assuring them that, though absent, they will not be forgotten.

THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND.

By N. R. Boyd, O.D.

I do not suppose the School had very many representatives present in the battle of Jutland, on the 31st of May, a day some of us will not readily forget. It was tre-

mendously exciting from the moment when we first knew that a battle—so long looked forward to and almost despaired of—was assured. It seems wrong that anyone should look forward to a battle, but you know what the feeling would be. The thing had to come sooner or later, and we longed to have it and be done with it. If we are not done with it yet, we owe it solely to the darkness and mist, which robbed the C.-in C. of an unparalleled triumph.

It was about half-past three in the afternoon when we first learned what was "up," and within half-an-hour we knew that we had our chance at last. The two hours and a half immediately preceding the action were to me intensely exciting. Battle-jacks and ensigns were run up, each ship flying five or six lest any should be shot away; and the pace was slowly forced up and up until we were going "all out." We passed a sailing vessel under full sail; her crew witnessed one of the most glorious sights a man could see—the Grand Fleet speeding full steam into action.

During this time news came through spasmodically. The destroyers had sighted the enemy; the light cruisers were engaged; the battle-cruisers were engaged; and, best of all, we should probably be in action in an hour's time. The men had not trained all these years for nothing; they were as happy as school-children setting out for a day in the country.

When we heard the sound of the battle ahead I went up to the signal-bridge, and in due course saw the flashes of the distant guns. A big gun makes a tremendous flash. Then our cruisers and battle-cruisers loomed up, and I watched them firing till it was our turn to begin, when I went below to my station, the after medical

distributing station. I said prayers there and in the fore medical station, for the medical and other "parties" collected at these points.

Then at last our guns opened fire with a terrific shake. The stokers down below cheered; some even danced. One subsequently wrote home: "It was a magnificent sight; I shall never forget it. I was in the stokehold all the time." Poor fellow! He would have loved to see a bit of it, no doubt, but all he actually did see was a roaring furnace for many hours on end, and with a good chance that the whole of it would come tumbling down on top of him at any moment!

For me, of course, the worst part was the seemingly endless wait, doing nothing down below, wondering when a tremendous crash would be the answer to our own fire. As it happened, the Huns had decided for home, and we came out of it without a scratch, save for a ricochet.

The night was scarcely less wonderful than the day. Fighting went on here and there, the flashes showing up most brilliantly in the darkness. We hoped to continue the engagement in the morning, and the men all slept at their posts—if they slept at all, for the conditions were not much in favour of slumber.

Dawn revealed no enemy, and reluctantly we turned for home after a vain search. A Zeppelin appeared, to our great joy—the first that most of us had seen. We passed over the battlefield of the day before, marked only by large streaks of oily water, wreckage, papers, and a few corpses floating face upwards.

The news was not given very clearly to the public. At the same time, the Press was lamentable—utterly lamentable. Not that it affected us; we do not depend upon the Press for our enlightenment. But one

would have liked *some* recognition of the debt owed by the country to the man who has held the safety of the Empire (and of Europe) in his hands for two years without a rest, and who made so brilliant a use of the only opportunity afforded him.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE DARK
 AGES.

By F. A. Hibbert.

It is quite true that "the actors are the abstract and brief chronicles of the time." The prevailing tastes and interests of any age are reflected in the plays which it prefers; and the extent of its literary appreciation is shown by the character of the pieces which are performed in its theatres.

The truth of this statement can be seen by a brief consideration of the way in which Shakespeare has fared in England. While scholars and recluses have been busy enjoying his treasures and revelling in his beauties, what of the general public? What have *they* known of him? We naturally ask this question as concerning those "who speak the tongue that Shakespeare spake." How has Shakespeare been represented on the stage in England?

Of course the Shakespearean tradition was broken by the triumph of Puritanism. It proved a long and difficult task to take up the lost threads, and for many years the blight of Philistinism—the natural outcome of political Puritanism—prevented healthy growth. When the theatres reopened at the Restoration, Shakespeare, naturally, was found insipid. Consequently we read of alterations in his text—wholesale but unwholesome—to suit the taste of the time. *The Tempest* was rendered acceptable by the addition of spectacle and interpolated songs, by new characters and

indecent dialogue; but *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was hopeless. Pepys condemned it outright as "a most insipid and ridiculous play." Grumio became a comic Scotsman—an early Harry Lauder; and Valeria, in *Coriolanus*, Shakespeare's "gracious silence," was made into "a very affected, talkative, fantastical lady," of the style of the court beauties who surrounded Charles II.

The emendators of those early days had many successors. Nahum Tate was not content with improving on the matchless 1611 version of the Psalms, but he also employed his talents on Shakespeare. Into *King Lear* he interwove a love story of which Cordelia and Edgar were the protagonists, and the story ended with marriage bells. He eliminated the Fool altogether, which was a kindness to him. The popular estimation in which Shakespeare was held is well shown by a prologue which was spoken before a performance of *The Merchant of Venice*, in 1701. The author of it was good enough to save the critics the trouble of estimating the value of the version which was presented, and did not show undue modesty. The Ghost of Shakespeare was supposed to be speaking, and he delivered himself thus:

*These sceties in their rough native dress were
mine,
But now improved, with nobler lustre shine;
The fittest rude sketches Shakespeare's pencil
drew,
But all the shining master-strokes are new.
This play, ye critics, shall your fury stand,
Adorn'd and rescu'd by a faultless hand.*

One of the master-strokes was to make Shylock a comic man, with a big nose and carrotty hair; and one of the improvements was a scene showing him at supper drinking toasts to money.

But many other "faultless hands" have

tried to make our poet "with nobler lustre shine."

Macbeth has had the singular fate of being turned into a puppet show, and into a ballet in which the murder of Duncan was shown on the stage. Most students know of the rubbish, out of Middleton's *Witch*, which was introduced into the stage version, and which is still, we believe, sometimes retained. Some of it is unspeakably contemptible :—

Hecate : Where's Stadlin ?

Third Spirit: Here.

Hecate : Where's Puckle ?

Fourth Spirit: Here.

Fifth Spirit: And Hoppo too, and Hellwaine too.

Sixth Spirit : We want but you, we want but you.

Or again:

*Sometimes like brindled cats we shew,
Having no music but our mew,
To which we dance in some old mill,
Upon the hopper, stone, or wheel,
To some old saw or bardish rhyme,
Where still the mill-clack does keep time.*

Or yet again:

*The deeds are seldom slow
Nor single ; following crimes on former wait;
The ivorst of creatures fastest propagate.*

Davenant not only supplemented, but even improved upon Shakespeare. Shakespeare makes Hecate say:

*Upon a corner of the moon
There hangs a vaporous drop profound.*

But Davenant converts this into:

*For on a corner of the moon
A drop my spectacles have found.*

But it is impossible within our space to give an adequate account of the hash which was served up as Shakespeare's *Macbeth* during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries. Incidents are omitted, garbled, substituted; passages

are interpolated in wholesale fashion. The original is often "improved" to make it more intelligible to the hearers, as the following:

*Thou willingly great Glainis, would enjoy
The end without the means.*

*Go bid thy mistress, when she is undressed,
To strike the closet bell and go to bed.*

The splendid couplet which sums up Macbeth's soliloquy is thus transformed :

*O, Duncan, hear it not, for 'tis a bell
That rings my coronation and thy knell.*

The passage is omitted which includes the gorgeous line :

The multitudinous seas incarnadine,

And instead we have :

*Can the sea afford
Water enough to wash away the stains ?
No ; they would sooner add a tincture to
The sea, and turn the green into a red.*

The Porter bodily disappears, and instead Macduff and Lennox give one another "The top of the morning," and the former remarks :

*Rising this morning early, I went to look out of
my
Window, and I could scarcely see further than
my breath ;
The darkness of the night brought but few
objects
To our eyes, but many to our ears.*

When Macbeth hears of his wife's death, Davenant adds an original explanation of his own :

*She should have died hereafter :
I brought her here to see my victims, not to die.*

Garrick not only preserved the nonsense of the witches, presumably for the sake of Locke's music, but he gave himself, in the character of Macbeth, a dying speech :
*'Tis done ! The scene of life will quickly close ;
Ambition's vain delusive dreams are fled,
And now I wake to darkness, guilt and horror.*

*I cannot sue; I dare not ask for mercy;
It is too late. Hell drags me down—I sink,
I sink, my soul is lost for ever. Oh ! Oh !*

Garrick made various improvements also in *Hamlet*. He cut out the Gravediggers, and at the end the Queen was led off in a state of insanity brought on by remorse ; while the King drew his sword and fought with Hamlet, being finally worsted. About the same time another actor put into the mouth of the dying King the last speech of Beaufort from 2 *Henry VI.* iii. 3 (8—18), and saved Laertes alive.

In *Romeo and Juliet*, too, Garrick played sad pranks. Many rubbishy lines were interpolated, and Juliet awakened before Romeo was dead, and told her lover that unless he spoke to her she should "faint." She was evidently "going into hysterics." "Support me !" she exclaims, but Romeo replies : "I cannot; I have no strength, but want thy feeble aid."

For many years the bombastic version of *Richard III.* by Colley Cibber was accepted as Shakespeare's play, and a line from it is often quoted still, without any suspicion of its true authorship :
Off with his head ! So much for Buckingham !

So entirely forgotten was Shakespeare's *Richard III.* that one evening, in Sir Frank Benson's early days, his audience rose in protest when his unfamiliar version was begun, and he had to explain that it was Shakespeare's play which had been announced, and to assure them that he was giving them "the genuine article." The same Colley Cibber also re-arranged *King John*, and gave it a new title more in accordance with the spirit of his version—viz., *The Papal Tyranny*. This was produced with characteristic success in the intellectual time of the second of our kings who were "made in Germany."

Julius Cæsar has been a favourite *corpus vile* upon which the improver of Shakespeare has exercised his talents. In the Thirteenth Century, Brutus used to speak the following balderdash at the end of the scene in which Cæsar's ghost appears to him :

*Sure they have raised some devil to their aid.
And think to frighten Brutus with a shade;
But ere the night shall close this fatal day
I'll send more ghosts this visit to repay.*

And in "French's Acting Edition," which is still published, the editor, improving on Brutus's manner of death, makes him stab himself. "Retire," he says to Strato and the rest, "and let me think awhile ;" and then the following gag is given him :

*Disdaining life, to live a slave in Rome,
Thus Brutus strikes his last for liberty.
Farewell, beloved country I*

In the same edition of *The Winter's Tale*, we still read as the concluding words of the play :

*Then thank the righteous gods
Who, after tossing in a frightful storm,
Guide us to port, and cheerful beams display,
To gild the happy ending of the day.*

But such things have passed away. Such wholesale tamperings with the text would not be tolerated now. We have at least progressed beyond that stage of Philistinism. If we have not much of Shakespeare, at any rate we have the genuine article.

WAR NEWS.

A. E. Barlow and J. O. Widdows have been awarded the Military Cross.

Major C. R. P. Winsor, Captain A. E. Barlow, Lieut. and Adj. E. J. Anderson, and Captain F. H. Jenkins, R.F.C., have been "mentioned in dispatches."

Lieut.-Colonel G. D. L. Chatterton, and

Lieut-Colonel E. Codrington (died in Kut) have been mentioned in dispatches a second time.

W. Jacks has obtained a Special Instructor's Certificate for signalling.

N. Rowland has spent some time in Egypt, where he is very fit, but finds that the heat makes him thin.

J. S. Sloper wrote on Easter Day : " Today, more so than usual, my thoughts are of Denstone. We arrived in this country about two months ago, and we have had a strenuous time. We started an attack on April 5th, and have made good steady progress ever since. First we attacked a strongly entrenched position, both flanks being protected by water. Our men carried the lines in great style, and we advanced that day six miles—not a bad performance in trench warfare, especially as this country is absolutely flat, and, except for the mirage, quite devoid of cover. Since then we have carried three more positions. The men have been magnificent, and it was something to feel proud of to see them advance as on parade, over ground as flat as a billiard-table, swept by machine-gun fire. We are all brimming over with optimism. I met Barlow several times on the Peninsula. He was a machine gun officer, and I am glad to say did a deal of stout work."

K. B. Penney writes feelingly of the death of G. A. Greig, who like himself came to Denstone from Perth.

F. R. Derwent has been wounded severely in both legs and one shoulder.

B. Wardle is Area Commandant in Manchester. He is "waiting for something more active."

H. R. Statham is a signalling instructor at Bedford.

L. B. Helder is going into the R.F.C. " I expect to be called up for work in

about three weeks. In the meantime I suppose I shall be attached to some Infantry Base Depot here for the purpose of taking drafts up to the training grounds on the line—a most boring job. I saw O. F. Forrest three days ago, and we refreshed ourselves with chats on old times."

T. Newton writes: " Things are much more exciting here, as we can even see the Bulgar positions. The other night we had a thrilling but highly dangerous hour: without any warning at all shells began to drop in our camp. I myself had a miraculous escape. At the time I was in bed in my bivouac, and a shell burst seven yards away ; we paced it out afterwards. Naturally, my bivouac was bespattered with splinters, but all I got was a shock."

G.B. Fyldes writes : " We arise at 3 a.m. now when we are in the trenches, which towards the end of the week becomes rather trying."

G. V. Knight wrote some time ago from the Grand Fleet: "Several ships have given theatrical entertainments. We have a cargo steamer which has been specially fitted out as a theatre; it will hold 500 people, and fulfils its purpose very well. The acting is sometimes very primitive, but sometimes wonderfully good. The *Iron Duke* gave one the other day, and about a month ago the *Queen Elizabeth*. I went to see both. Delap has left us, and gone to H.M.S. *Orwell*." Knight was in the Jutland battle.

L. Robertshaw was one of fifteen officers who volunteered to be drafted out to another regiment in France.

A. G. B. Pattison, describing the great blizzard, says : " The tents were blown down ; we lost many horses ; some died of cold, and were found at times still standing when dead, whilst others were killed by falling trees."

J. S. and C. H. Turkington are making a good recovery after their wounds ; so is C. Venables from illness.

C. W. Shelton writes : " There has been a violent thunderstorm, and trenches are rivers, waist-deep in water. Last night we were digging out in front in 'No Man's Land,' and were spotted. We had a fearful shelling and machine-gun fire, and personally it was the closest call I ever had. We lost several men, and then waded back through the trenches. The 'shilling-a-day' heroes take it all as it comes, and it is difficult to find words to express one's feelings about them."

A Denstonian who met G. Batho at the front writes, " We are in the desert, and the sun and sand nearly kill us. I think Egypt is the dirtiest place I have ever been in. I often wish that I was in the cricket nets again, or in a good tough rugger match."

The father of two Denstonians writes: " The *Denstonian* provides interesting reading. On the way out from home on a hospital ship, I celebrated in the wards on Sunday for a couple of sick men, one of whom was an O.D. belonging to the Australian Force. He was extremely interested to hear of my indirect connexion with his old school."

H. Jacks is attending a staff course.

H. Sutton was one of the three officers of his unit who survived the whole three months at Suvla Bay.

F. Titley has been at the front for nearly a year.

B. H. Whitley writes: " I wonder if you noticed that this battalion was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's last dispatch ? We marched here, taking seven days to do the distance. I enjoyed it immensely, for it was just like a prolonged picnic."

H. F. S. Casson has been invalided out

of the service, and has returned to the stage. He played in *Henry V.* with Martin Harvey in the Tercentenary performance at His Majesty's Theatre. " We are sure to be touring during the autumn," he writes, "and I shall find an opportunity of running over from some Midland town. You seem to have been doing your plays on a very grand scale of late years. Let us hope you will soon be doing them again. I was pleased to see that Pat Dundas had been awarded the D.S.O.—just the sort of chap who would get it. Alas ! I have no honours or decorations to credit the old School with ; but my time was very short, though 'sweet' while it lasted. I was only ashore on Gallipoli for eleven days. Five out of the last six, however, were spent in the firing line. On the 6th of June I foolishly tried to score leg-byes off a straight bullet, with the usual result—I was out l.b.w.! I was sent to Cairo, where they had some difficulty in cutting it out, and in doing so they must have injured my calf-muscles, as my leg has contracted and is about two inches shorter than the other. I am very lucky, however, as the damage interferes very little with my work. A half-inch elevator in my stage boots covers up the deficiency, and a bit of extra heel on my ordinary boots makes me limp but very slightly in ordinary life."

G. L. Tomkins gained the Sword of Honour at the Cadet College at Wellington, India. He is acting as Adjutant at the Depot, 128th Pioneers, Meerut, prior to being taken on the strength. He writes: " I hope to get out to Mesopotamia eventually, but have to pass two language exams in Hindustani before they will let me go. There is just a chance of my going out sooner than usual, as the Pioneers do all the trench-digging and bombing out

there. We send a draft out every month, and have about 350 recruits here altogether. Their training is a matter of much patience, for they are nearly all men who come from tiny villages, and can't even read and write, whilst quite a number don't talk Hindustani even. These are mostly Pathans, whose language is Pushtu. They are fine men, though, who come from the frontier, and have been able to shoot from childhood, to keep themselves from being shot by their enemies. Others are men who have lived by farming all their lives, and are soon taught trench-digging, which they do splendidly. We are in the middle of the hot weather here, and we get no degrees in the shade most days."

W. V. Clark has passed out of Quetta, and is in Mesopotamia.

J. W. Maughan is with the British forces in Central Africa; he recently cabled from Kampala, just north of Lake Victoria Nyanza.

A. L. Forrest says of the German Artillery work that, though it is good, it is not "in the same street" as ours.

E. J. Anderson is Adjutant in his Battalion, though he is one of the youngest officers in it. He writes an interesting account of a meeting with Lindop (who has taken part in trench raids) and A. L. Forrest. Of our bombardment of the German positions he says: "The country seems to be one mass of flame; bursting shells make red flashes. The Bosche sends up all kinds of coloured rockets; he has a regular system of signalling by rockets when wires are cut—as they always are after about half an hour of this game. Three times during last month I got my papers together ready to eat, owing to these attacks.

"Perhaps you would like to know what my routine is while in the line. Suppose

we start at 12 noon. There are various situation reports to be sent in, but the chief work in the afternoon is to arrange work and working parties. Just after the orderlies have gone, in comes the Brigade post, and probably alters a great deal. Then there are ration parties to be arranged, and various stores to be carried up at night. Usually the Commanding Officer makes his rounds by night, and so I have to sit on the telephone. There is always a gunner with us at night, but he goes to his O.P. at 2.30 a.m., when I can turn in for an hour. Then orderlies come in, and so do reports to be sent by wire—4.15 a.m. I turn in for another couple of hours, and then have to be waked by the Signaller, and work out the indent for R.E. stores. After breakfast there are usually Orderly Room papers to be dealt with, and intelligence summary and work reports to be sent in. That usually lasts till lunch time."

The following, we have heard, have recently been wounded:—G. B. Fyldes, G. Keeling, R. Morton, J. St. B. Atkinson, C.W. Shelton (again), J.C.Harrison (again), F. R. Collis, J. S. Turkington, R. G. Bennett (again), K. R. Evans, P. E. Burrows.

B. Delap was transferred some time ago to H.M.S. *Onslow*, which did such gallant service in the Jutland battle, as specially mentioned in the official despatch:—"At about 6.5 p.m. *Onslow* sighted an enemy light cruiser at a distance of 6,000 yards from us, apparently endeavouring to attack with torpedoes. *Onslow* at once closed and engaged her, scoring a number of hits. *Onslow* then closed with the enemy battle-cruisers, and orders were given for all torpedoes to be fired. At this moment she was struck amidships by a heavy shell. Thinking that all his torpedoes had gone, the commanding officer proceeded to retire

at slow speed. Being informed that he still had three torpedoes, he closed with a light cruiser and torpedoed her. The enemy's battle fleet was then sighted, and the remaining torpedoes were fired at them, and must have crossed the enemy's track. Damage then caused *Onslow* to stop. At 7-15 p.m. *Defender*, whose speed had been reduced to ten knots by a shell which damaged her foremost boiler, closed with *Onslow* and took her in tow. Shells were falling all around them during this operation, which however was successfully accomplished. During the heavy weather of the ensuing night the tow parted twice, but was re-secured. The two struggled on together until 1 p.m., 1st June, when *Onslow* was transferred to tugs. I consider the performances of these two destroyers to be gallant in the extreme."

WAR OBITUARY.

Second Lieut. Percy Hampson Allen, York and Lancaster Regt., came here in May, 1899, in Woodard Dormitory. After leaving School in December, 1902, he was in a motor engineering business in Sheffield, and was an ardent cricketer and motorist. He was a member of the Sheffield University O.T.C. He went to the front at the end of last year, and saw much heavy fighting in one of the most dangerous salients. He was killed in action in May, while leading his men in an attack which was ultimately successful. His Major pays a tribute to his keen soldier-like qualities.

Walter Neville Court was here, in Selwyn Dormitory, from September, 1909, until December, 1912. He joined the North Staffordshire Regiment in August,

1914, in the battalion in which G. D. Collis was Second Lieut. He rose from the ranks to be Sergeant, and was often pressed to take a commission, but shrank from the responsibility. He was only just twenty when he was killed in France last March. He always had fine physique, and was 6 ft. 1 in. in height. He died very valorously.

He volunteered to lead a bombing party into the enemy's lines, and we hear from a man who was with him at the end, that he further volunteered to go, with only one other, to a sap that had to be defended. There, for three hours—stripped of equipment and coats, to do better work—they bombed the German trenches at a distance of only ten yards. The other man was struck and lost his eye and received fourteen other wounds. He wrote from hospital to tell all that happened. He says: "I never met Sergeant Court before, as he belonged to another Company, but I must say that for calm, quiet courage I never met his equal. He was just the man we want in a tight corner; he was one of Britain's best."

Another man writes: "I consider it a privilege to have met Sergeant Court. I never knew a finer character, and the whole Regiment feels we have lost our best man."

One of the officers of the Regiment wrote: "I knew Sergeant Court from the day when he joined the Battalion in August, 1914, and he was afterwards in my Company, both in England and in France, whilst I was in command of A Company. He acted as my observer, and I always saw a good deal of him. He always showed a very keen interest in his work, and quickly earned promotion, and if he had wished it could without doubt have obtained a commission; but whenever

I spoke to him about it, he always said that he preferred to remain in the ranks. One greatly admired his wish to stay amongst his men, where his work was of such great value. I looked upon your son's death as a personal loss to me; he was always ready to do any work, however dangerous and difficult; and he showed a splendid example to his men by his courage and devotion to duty. And not only by his military attainments, which were considerable, but chiefly by his personal qualities, he endeared himself to all ranks in the battalion."

Lieut. Thomas Kemp came here in September, 1902, and stayed until July, 1904. He was in Woodard Dormitory, and was a member of the Cadet Corps. He served his articles as an accountant with a Manchester firm, and was a famous football player, a member of the Manchester R.U.F.C., and during three seasons played in the Lancashire XV. He has often visited us to play for Manchester and Old Boys teams, and his skill and sportsman-like play won our admiration. When war broke out he had gone to Chili, but quickly returned to enlist, and was sent to France with the Manchester Regiment in November, 1915. Our readers will remember the commendation which Captain J. V. White, O.D., gave him in a recent number of the *Denstonian*. They were both killed on July 1st.

Lieutenant Warwick Hall's death, also on July 1st, struck us with special grief. His twin brother has already, and not long since, been killed, and the two were here so long, and endeared themselves to us in so many ways, that the double loss is bitter in the extreme, "Twin ii." was all that a Denstone boy should be,

and we can give him no greater commendation. Straight and keen in everything, public-spirited with all his heart modest and bright, he left us a memory that was particularly sweet and wholesome. With his brother, he was entered at Cambridge when war broke out. Without delay they both offered themselves for commissions, and of course were at once accepted, for, intellectually and physically, as well as by their experience in the O.T.C., they were just the material for ideal officers. They did not disappoint expectations. They were gazetted together on August 15th, 1914, in the South Staffordshire Regiment, and went to France in March, 1915. Warwick was wounded, but soon rejoined, and was given a commission in the Regular Army. Again last May he was wounded, and now, on July 1st, has been killed.

Captain J. Vernon White came in January, 1903, in Head's i., and was here till December, 1909. He was a good cricketer, and an attractive boy in many ways. He offered himself for a commission very early in the war, and proved a most competent officer, soon rising to be Captain. He saw much fighting in France, and it was a great pleasure to him to have other Denstonians in his battalion. Our readers will recall the appreciative way he spoke of T. Kemp and J. Laithwaite not long ago. Since then they have both been killed, and in the recent fighting he himself has also been called to give his life.

Captain George Ben Sayce came here in November 1900, in Selwyn Dormitory, and was here until July 1902. He joined the Manchester Regiment in November 1914 as 2nd Lieut, and was promoted

Captain in January 1915. He went out to France in charge of a bombing company. In the attack on July 1st he asked his commanding officer to allow him to lead and led his men splendidly to the capture of the enemy's front line trench. They achieved this much with speed and completeness and equally quickly won their way to the second trench. Captain Sayce was just about to jump into this with his men when he was hit by a sniper's bullet. He was twenty-nine years of age.

Lieut. George Douglas Collis came here in May 1906, in Head's i., and left in July 1911. He was a useful member of the O.T.C. and after leaving school was articled to a Solicitor in Hanley. He had only his final examination to pass. He joined the North Staffs. Regiment in May 1915 and proved a keen and competent officer. He saw much service and was slightly wounded at Loos. He was then sent to Egypt for a short time but soon returned to France. We had the great pleasure of a visit from him only about a month ago. In the recent fighting he took part and has been returned missing. But his Major writes (to his parents) "from statements of men who saw him in the action I fear there can be little doubt that he died fighting hard on July 1st. I can hold out little hope. He was a bombing officer and a wonderfully good soldier, and his loss is a heavy one to the regiment."

2nd Lieut. Henry Robert Hastings Evered was here from 1911 till 1914 in Head's ii. He was in the O.T.C. and joined the Norfolk (Cyclist) Regiment in September, 1914. In a month he was promoted lance-corporal and corporal in six months. In August, 1915, he received a commission in the Northumberland

Fusiliers. He left England in the second week in May and fell at the head of his men, who dearly loved him, on July 1. The first of July will have a new significance henceforward for Denstonians: it will be a day of sorrow and honour.

Francis Ernest Scholefield Gall was here, in Head's i., from 1899 to 1904. He was in the Cadet Corps of those days, and immediately on the outbreak of war joined the 7th Batt. K.R.R. Corps. So long ago as July, 1915, he was reported "missing," and he has now been reported killed in action. He was 27 years of age.

R.I.P.

CRICKET.

W. M. N. POLLARD, ESQ.'S XI.

Our opponents batted first. Messrs. Huskinson and Cadman added 21 before the former was bowled by Baness. The next two batsmen were soon dismissed, Mr. Cadman being eventually out leg before for a useful 33. Runs now came more quickly, Colley, Forrester, and Shaw all making good scores; in fact, one partnership alone yielded 87 runs. The last three wickets fell quickly, the total being 185.

Barnes and Baness gave us a good start, 69 being reached before Barnes was bowled. Glaisby now joined Baness, the 100 being reached before the next wicket fell. Baness, who played an excellent innings of 59, put us within sight of victory. Later, Waghorn added a useful 20, but it was Fergusson who hit out vigorously and won us the match on the stroke of time.

W. M. N. POLLARD'S, Esg's. XI.

Mr. Cadman l.b.w. b Baness 33; Mr. Huskinson b Baness 7; Mr. Tisdall c Fergusson b Baness 0; Horden c Vvaghorn b Baness 1; Colley b Glaisby 43; Brown b Baness 1; Forrester c Keith b Baness 39; Shaw l.b.w. b Weigall 44; Hetherington b Baness 4; Mr. Pollard s Beith b Baness C; Rev. J. W. Greenstreet not out 1; Extras 6; Total 185.

Baness took 7 wickets ior 38, Glaisby 1 for 39, Bassett 1 for 26, Weigall 1 for 11.

SCHOOL.

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| J. Barnes b Hetherington | 22 |
| H. E. Baness c Brown b Pollard | 59 |
| E. H. Glaisby b Cadman | 14 |
| M. S. Waghorn c Horden b Pollard | 20 |
| J. H. Auton b Cadman | 5 |
| J. J. N. Walker l.b.w. b Cadman | 0 |
| D. J. Fergusson not out | 39 |
| R. B. Liitter b Hetherington | 12 |
| A. Beith b Colley | 3 |
| R. Bassett not out | 0 |
| Extras | 13 |

Total (for 8 wickets) 187

G. S. C. Weigall did not bat.

TUTBURY.

We batted first and made a bad start, Barnes being bowled by Eaton without scoring, in the second over of the match. With the score at 14, Baness succumbed to the same bowler, whilst Glaisby was caught. Waghorn and Weigall played carefully, the former making runs by leg glides before falling a victim at 32. When Lutter joined Sharp 26 runs were added before the latter ran himself out. Liitter and Beith added 24 for the last wicket, the former hitting boundaries with comparative ease.

The first two opposing batsmen were soon run out. The next pair, however, brought the score up to 63, when Thorn was well caught by Sharp. Mr. Cadman batted carefully at first, but later punished the bowling, being fifth out with the score at 126. Auton also played well for our

opponents. After his dismissal, three wickets fell for 4 runs, but the last wicket yielded 25, their total being 179. Our fielding throughout was decidedly good.

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| J. Barnes b T. Eaton | 0 |
| EL E. Baness b T. Eaton | j |
| E. H. Glaisby c Colley b T. Eaton | y |
| M. S. Waghorn b Wilson | :6 |
| G. S. C. Weigall c Richardson b T. Eaton | . |
| J. J. N. Walker c and b Wilson | 10 |
| D. J. Fergusson b T. Eaton | 14 |
| G. E. Sharp run out | 12 |
| R. B. Lutter b T. Eaton | 35 |
| R. Bassett c Braddow b W. Eaton | 6 |
| A. Beith not out | 5 |
| Extras | 5 |
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TUTBCRY.

Wilson run out 3; Colley run out 17; Thome Sharp b Walker 29; Mr. Cadman c Sharp b Glaisby 45; Shaw b Lutter 12; Auton b Bassett 25; Richardson c Baness b Walker 0; T. Eaton not out 12; Braddow b Walker 1; W. Eaton b Walker 0; Udall c Lutter b Walker 16; Extras 4; Total 179.

Walker took 5 wickets for 46, Liitter 1 for 22; Bassett 1 for 27; Glaisby 1 for 26.

TRENT COLLEGE.

Away. Our opponents batted first, and made a good start, though after the fall of the first wicket they should have been dismissed more easily, one man being missed from three successive balls. Our fielding throughout was not up to its usual standard, other catches being missed as well. Trent finished their innings with 147 runs up. Baness and Barnes opened as usual for us, and runs came freely till Baness was caught at square leg from a poor stroke. Barnes was then given two lives, but failed to take any advantage of them, and was out for 44 with 51 up. The game seemed well in hand, but a procession commenced from this point, and we were all

out in the most disappointing fashion for

TRENT.

Carter b Bassett 16; Twainley l.b.w. b Bassett
Goldsmith c Bassett b Baness 39; Brown c
Karnes b Walker 37; West l.b.w. b Baness 3;
Alston c Waghorn b Baness 19; Ffrench l.b.w. b
Bassett 16; Schindler b Bassett 7; Rigg l.b.w. b
Bassett 0; Moreton run out 3; Cridland not out 2
Extras 4; 47-

SCHOOL.

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| J. Barnes c Ffrench b Rigg | 44 |
| H. E. Baness c West b Rigg | 22 |
| M. S. Waghorn b Rigg | 2 |
| E. H. Glaisby c and b Rigg | 4 |
| D. J. Fergusson c Cridland b Schindler | 10 |
| J. H. Auton b Ffrench | 2 |
| J. J. N. Walker c and b Rigg | 6 |
| G. E. Sharp b Ffrench | 0 |
| G. S. C. Weigall not out | 1 |
| A. Beith l.b.w. b Ffrench | 0 |
| R. Bassett b Ffrench | 10 |
| Extras | 11 |

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Bassett took 5 wickets for 54, Barnes 3 for 39,
Walker 1 for 26.

S. H. EVERSHED, ESQ.'S, XI.

We batted first, and did not begin very well, Baness being unfortunate in succumbing to a fine catch. Waghorn and Fergusson, however, improved matters, adding 40 runs, whilst Sharp also made a useful score. Our later batsmen were rather disappointing, though Beith made 25 and Bassett had a bright, if brief, innings. Fergusson's innings was a distinctly good effort;

Our opponents had very little time in which to get their runs, but at one time there seemed a chance that they would do so. The soundness of our fielding, however, told against them, and the final score left Mr. Evershed's team 25 behind, with four wickets to go. Score:

SCHOOL.

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| J. Barnes c King b Abrahall | 5 |
| H. E. Baness c Houldsworth b Gorringe | 12 |
| M. S. Waghorn c and b Wragg | 25 |
| D. J. Fergusson c Wragg b Gorringe | 39 |
| G. E. Sharp c S. H. Evershed b King | 24 |
| R. B. Lutter c King b S. H. Evershed | 6 |
| J. J. N. Walker c F. Evershed b S. | |
| H. Evershed | 4 |
| G. S. C. Weigall b S. H. Evershed | 0 |
| J. H. Auton b King | 3 |
| A. Beith not out | 25 |
| R. Bassett c S. H. Evershed b Powell | 10 |
| Extras | 4 |

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S. H. EVERSHED, ESQ.'S, XI.

Houldsworth l.b.w. b Baness 13; Powell b Bassett 6; Gorringe c Barnes b Walker 27; Gothard not out 49; Wragg c Fergusson b Weigall 15; Bell c Baness b Waghorn 6; Abrahall not out 12, Total (for 5 wickets) 132. Robinson, F. Evershed; S. H. Evershed and King, did not bat.

Baness took 1 wicket for 25, Bassett 1 for 39, Walker 1 for 13, Waghorn 1 for 32, and Weigall 1 for 9.

K. E. S., BIRMINGHAM.

Baness won the toss, and naturally took advantage of the wet wicket to bat first. Soon after the start a shower of rain fell, making it still more difficult for the bowlers, whom Barnes and Baness punished severely, 69 being reached before the former ran himself out. Baness was now joined by Waghorn. At luncheon the score was no. Fifty further runs were added before Waghorn was dismissed; one run later Sharp was bowled. Baness and Fergusson took the score to 192 before the former was caught for the fine score of 119. Glaisby and Lutter added 24 before the latter was bowled, and the next wicket realised 42 runs. Glaisby's wicket fell at 263, our total being 284.

With the score at 5, Houghton was well caught by Weigall at square leg off Baness, while two overs later Whitehouse was

caught by Barnes off the same bowler. The next three batsmen fell l.b.w. to Bassett; The remaining wickets fell cheaply, the total being 74. In our opponents' second innings, Waghorn and Fergusson between them secured five wickets for 32 before stumps were drawn. Beith kept wicket well, only letting five byes, and claiming two victims.

SCHOOL.

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| J. Barnes run out | 33 |
| H. E. Baness c Sapcote b Prosser | 119 |
| M. S. Waghorn b Houghton | 28 |
| G. E. Sharp, b Richards | 1 |
| D. J. Fergusson c Houghton b Prosser | 8 |
| E. H. Glaisby c Prosser b Boyton | 37 |
| R. B. Lutter b Prosser | 19 |
| J. J. N. Walker c Houghton b Horsley | 15 |
| G.S.C. Weigall c Whitehouse b Boyton | 4 |
| A. Beith not out | 1 |
| R. Bassett b Boyton | 8 |
| Extras | 11 |

K.E.S. BIRMINGHAM.

1st innings—Houghton c Weigall b Baness 18; Whitehouse c Barnes b Baness 2; Benson c Waghorn b Bassett 1; Boyton b Bassett 5; Barrow l.b.w. b Bassett 1; Prosser l.b.w. b Bassett 1; Horsley b Lutter 8; Richards c Sharp b Litter 5; Clayton s Beith b Glaisby 17; Roberts c Bassett b Baness 2; Sapcote not out 4; Extras 7; Total 74.

2nd innings—Houghton s Beith b Fergusson 2; Whitehouse b Waghorn 8; Benson c Baness b Waghorn 16; Boyton c Bassett b Waghorn 1; Prosser not out 4; Horsley c Waghorn b Fergusson 1; Total (for 5 wickets) 32.

Baness took 3 wickets for 35, Bassett 4 for 12, Lutter 2 for 4, Glaisby 1 for 7, Waghorn 3 for 13, Fergusson 2 for 19.

NOTTS HIGH SCHOOL.

Away. Notts High School batted first, and opened slowly to the bowling of Bassett and Baness, both of whom bowled well but without success. When 20 was up for no wicket, Glaisby and Walker, after bowling several maidens in suc-

cession, were displaced by Liitter and Weigall. The wickets then fell in quick succession, Lutter eventually taking 7, for 7, and Notts being all out for 53. Baness and Barnes opened the batting for the School, though the latter did not stay long. Baness batted well for the short time he was in, and made 34, the match being won after the fall of the second wicket. The rest of the School were out quite cheaply for 97. The principal feature of the match was the fielding of the Eleven which, while good this term on most occasions, was magnificent throughout both innings, Weigall in particular taking a hard catch off his own bowling.

NOTTS. HIGH SCHOOL.

1st innings—Daft c Barnes b Liitter 13; Furley l.b.w. b Weigall 16; Boyd c Bassett b Liitter 4; Henderson c Weigall b Lutter 8; Faux b Weigall 2; Dunford b Liitter 0; Abbott c and b Weigall 0; Hodgkinson b Liitter 1; Everett s Beith b Lutter 2; Taylor not out 2; Farnsworth run out 0; Extras 5; Total 53.

2nd Innings—Boyd c Lutter b Walker 50; Daft l.b.w. b Baness 1; Furley b Bassett 1; Henderson b Bassett 4; Taylor c Baness b Bassett 13; Faux b Bassett 0; Dunford st Beith b Bassett 0; Abbot c Weigall b Walker 12; Hodgkinson c Waghorn b Walker 2; Everett not out 2; Farnsworth c Lutter b Walker 0; Extras 6, Total 91.

Bassett took 5 wickets for 40 runs, Baness 1 for 37, Walker 4 for 31, Weigall 3 for 12, Lutter 6 for 7.

SCHOOL.

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| J. Barnes b Faux | 6 |
| H. E. Baness c Dunfoild b Boyd | 34 |
| M. S. Waghorn c Taylor b Boyd | 7 |
| D. J. Fergusson c Hodgkinson b Dunford | 10 |
| E. H. Glaisby c Boyd b Hodgkinson | 10 |
| R. B. Lutter b Dunford | 9 |
| G. E. Sharp not out | 8 |
| G. S. C. Weigall c Faux b Hodgkinson | 0 |
| J. J. N. Walker c Farnsworth b Hodgkinson | 0 |

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| A Beith b Hodgkinson | 0 |
| K, Bassett b Hodgkinson | 3 |
| Extras | 10 |

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J. O. POWELL, ESQ.'S, XI.

We did not show to much advantage as a batting side in this match, only Lutter and VVeivall—who made a good effort—reaching double figures. On the other hand, our fielding was remarkably good. In the end we were beaten very easily by 95 runs. Score:

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| H. E. Baness c Woodward b Clegg | 3 |
| J. Barnes c Woodward b Clegg | 0 |
| M. S. Waghorn l.b.w. b Gorringe | 4 |
| D. J. Fergusson b Clegg | 1 |
| E. H. Glaisby b Clegg | 3 |
| R. B. Lutter s F. Evershed b Clegg | 17 |
| G. E. Sharp c F. Evershed b Gorringe | 6 |
| G. S. C. Weigall s F. Evershed b Clegg | 32 |
| J. J. N. Walker s F. Evershed b Clegg | 2 |
| A. Keith not out | 5 |
| R. Bassett s F. Evershed b Clegg | 3 |
| Extras | 2 |

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J. O. POWELL, ESQ.'S, XI.

Evershed b Baness 7; Woodward c Beith b Bassett 4; Gorringe c Glaisby b Walker 33; Gothard c and b Baness 5; De Neville b Bassett 45; Holmes b Bassett 39; Clegg run out 3; Wragg c Barnes b Bassett 1; Taylor b Bassett 20; Powell c Barnes b Waghorn 5; Evershed not out 6; Extras 5; Total 173.

Bassett took 5 wickets for 63 runs, Baness 2 for 45, Walker 1 for 11, Waghorn 1 for 1.

SCHOOL "A" TEAM V. MR. POLLARD'S XI.

SCHOOL "A."

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| I. D. McDonald c Wood b Hordern | 95 |
| J. S. G. Branscombe run out | 35 |
| G. E. Sharp c Hetherington b Tisdall | 45 |
| D. I. Fergusson c Colley b Hordern | 6 |
| G. S. C. Weigall b Hordern | 2 |
| R. B. Lutter not out | 31 |
| J. H. Auton, not out | 9 |
| Extras | 12 |

Total (for 5 wickets) 235

Innings declared closed.

W. M. N. POLLARD, ESQ.'S, XI.

Mr. Cadman c Auton b Wood 65; Mr. Huskinson b H. H. J. Davies 19; Colley b Lutter 38; Hordern c Macdonald b Lutter 11; Mr. Pollard b Weigall 35; Hetherington c Macdonald b Litter 3; Rev. J. W. Greenstreet b Lutter 6; Mr. Tisdall c and b Lutter 2; Forrester not out 2; Wood c Sharp b Weigall 4; Extras 14; Total (for 9 wickets) 198. J. Winkler did not bat.

Lutter took 5 wickets for 43 runs, Wood 1 for 22, H. Davies 1 for 20, Weigall 2 for 45.

S. H. EVERSHERD, ESQ.'S, XI.

The start was delayed by rain till three o'clock. The visitors put on 35 before Clegg was well caught by Weigall off Bassett, who in successive overs secured two more victims. Forty runs were added for the fifth wicket. With the score at 130 our opponents declared, leaving us an hour and a half in which to get the runs.

Our batting was a miserable failure. Baness hit the first ball sent down for 6, but the whole side was quickly out for only 50, though Litter scored 10 off three successive balls. Our fielding was good, but our batsmen showed a total inability to play Clegg's bowling. Score:

S. H. EVERSHERD, ESQ.'S, XI.

Clegg c Weigall b Bassett 20; Gothard b Bassett 16, Matkin s Beith b Bassett 0; Wragg b Walker 4; Taylor c Lutter b Baness 46; Bailey b Lutter 16; Crump b Bassett 11; Lakin not out 8; King c Barnes b Bassett 1; Extras 8; Total (for 8 wickets) 130. Innings declared closed.

Bassett took 5 wickets for 37 runs, Baness 1 for 31, Walker 1 for 19, Lutter 1 for 13.

SCHOOL.

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| J. Barnes s Lakin b Clegg | 1 |
| H. E. Baness c Crump b Clegg | 13 |
| M. S. Waghorn c Wragg b Clegg | 5 |
| D. J. Fergusson b Clegg | 3 |
| J. S. G. Branscombe b Crump | 5 |
| E. H. Glaisby c King b Clegg | 1 |
| R. B. Lutter c Bailey b Clegg | 10 |
| G. S. C. Weigall not out | 3 |
| J. J. N. Walker l.b.w. b Crump | 0 |
| A. Beith c Clegg b Crump | 6 |
| R. Bassett c Taylor b Clegg | 0 |
| Extras | 3 |

2ND XI. MATCHES.

HOME GUARD.

SCHOOL 2ND XI.

J. Davies l.b.w. b Colley 0; I. D. R. McDonald c Huskinson b Freak 44; J. S. Branscombe l.b.w. b Tisdall 15; R. C. Muller b Freak 20; H. H. J. Davies c Colley b Forrester 37; J. O. Mason c Hordern b Tisdall 10; H. Austin c Forrester b Tisdall 14; J. B. Winkler not out 103; P. Wood not out 23; Extras 14; Total (for 7 wickets) 286. Innings declared closed.

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Colley b Muller 14; Mr. Huskinson not out 120; J. Forrester b Austin 23; Boden l.b.w. b Midler 1; J. Freak b J. Wood 2; Mr. Tisdall c Branscombe b J. Wood 4; Whittles not out 6; Extras 9; Total (for 5 wickets) 178.

Muller took 2 wickets for 27, J. Wood 2 for 28, Austin 1 for 4.

HOME GUARD (Return).

HOME GUARD.

1st innings—Colley run out 17; Mr. Huskinson l.b.w. b Miiller 32; Mr. Tisdall c Wood b Muller 0; Hordern c Williams b McDonald 0; J. Forrester b Muller 2; Boden b Wood 0; R. Wood (senr.), c and b Newton 8; J.J. Hetherington b Mason 23; G. Wood c H. H. J. Davies b Mason 0; G. Nicholls b Wood 11; R. Wood (junr.) not out 8; Extras 3; Total 104.

In their second attempt they made 21 for 7.

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J. H. Auton b Hetherington 24; J. D. R. McDonald b Hetherington 4; J. Davies run out 6; J. S. Branscombe c Colley b Boden 47; R. C. Muller b Hetherington 0; H. H. J. Davies b Hetherington 27; J. B. Winkler b Boden 12; J. O. Mason not out 15; H. G. Newton l.b.w. b Hetherington 0; P. Wood c Colley b Boden 0; R. M. Williams c Colley b Hetherington 3; Extras 17; Total 155.

Muller took 3 wickets for 32, McDonald 2 for 25, Newton 3 for 8, Wood 6 for 22, Mason 2 for 19.

1st XI. BOWLING AVERAGES, 1916.

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| R. B. Lutter | 28.5 | 4 | 101 | 10 | 10.10 |
| R. Bassett | 110.5 | 7 | 282 | 27 | 10.82 |
| J. J. N. Walker | 47.25 | 8 | 182 | 13 | 14.00 |
| H. E. Baness | 105 | 15 | 293 | 18 | 16.28 |
| Also bowled— | | | | | |
| M. S. Waghorn | 13 | 0 | 46 | 5 | 9.20 |
| D. J. Fergusson | 3.1 | 1 | 19 | 2 | 9.50 |
| G. S. C. Weigall | 31 | 6 | 94 | 5 | 18.80 |
| E. H. Glaisby | 43 | 12 | 114 | 3 | 38.00 |

1st XI. BATTING AVERAGES, 1916

| | <i>Number of Innings,</i> | <i>Times not out.</i> | <i>Highest Score.</i> | <i>Total runs.</i> | <i>Average.</i> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| H. E. Baness | 8 | 0 | 119 | 269 | 33.63 |
| D. J. Fergusson | 8 | 1 | 39* | 124 | 17.71 |
| R. B. Lutter | 7 | 0 | 35 | 108 | 15.43 |
| J. Barnes | 8 | 0 | 44 | in | 13.88 |
| M. S. Waghorn | 8 | 0 | 28 | 107 | 13.38 |
| A. Beith | 8 | 4 | 25* | 45 | 11.25 |
| E. H. Glaisby | 7 | 0 | 37 | 76 | 10.86 |
| G. E. Sharp | 6 | 1 | 24 | 51 | 10.20 |
| G. S. C. Weigall | 7 | 2 | 32 | 45 | 9.00 |
| R. Bassett | 8 | 1 | 10 | 40 | 5.71 |
| J. J. N. Walker | 8 | 0 | 10 | 37 | 4.63 |
| Also batted— | | | | | |
| J.S.G. Branscombe | 10 | | 5 | 5 | 5.00 |
| J. H. Auton | 30 | | 5 | 10 | 3.33 |
| * Signifies "not out." | | | | | |

The Junior Dormitory Matches resulted in the victory of Meynell, who beat Shrewsbury in the final. Williams and Branscombe opened the innings for Meynell, but wickets fell rapidly till Branscombe and Alker made a stand, the latter being l.b.w. when he had made 44. For Shrewsbury, I. McDonald was caught by Sharp in the slips early in the innings. Bates and Davies, however, both made about 20, and Whittles batted well for his 30, not out.

The following Cricket Colours have been awarded:—1st XL, D.J. Fergusson, G. S. C. Weigall, and R. B. Liitter; 2nd XL: Branscombe, I. McDonald, and Mtiller.

CRITIQUE OF THE XL, 1916.

*H. E. Baness.—A keen and energetic Captain. An excellent fielder, and a punishing bat when set. A steady bowler.

Barnes.—Improved. Helped to make several good opening partnerships. A good slip.

*E. H. Glaisby.—Could not get going. Very unlucky bowler. A good field throughout the season.

*A. *Beith*.—A reliable wicket-keeper.

*R. *Bassett*. — After a bad start, improved wonderfully as a bowler. Should be very useful. An improved field.

*J.J.N. *Walker*.—Good change bowler. Steady field. Much improved in his batting.

*M- S. *Waghorn*.—Improved batsman. Good field.

*£). *J. Fergusson*.—A determined batsman, who has shown great improvement. Good first slip.

*G. S. C. *Weigall*.—Improved in his batting and bowling. A good field.

*R. B. *Lutter*.—Good all-round player, who has shown great improvement.

tG. E. *Sharp*. — Moderate batsman. Good field. Should be good next season.

f/. *H. Auton*.—Has not shown his best form. Slow but steady field.

jP. *Wood*.—Useful bowler. Must improve in batting. Fielded well at times.

/. S. *Branscombe*. — Has improved greatly as a batsman. Good field.

fl. *McDonald*.—Poor starter. Showed up well at times as a batsman. Fair field.

jA. *Muller*. — Steady bowler. Good ground field. Should be useful next season.

* 1st XI. Colours,

t 2nd XI. Colours.

O.D. NEWS.

W. H. Boreham writes from Sydney : " I always want to keep in touch with dear old Denstone." He says that he always finds the *Denstonian* very interesting. He has tried to join the Army, but has been declared medically unfit.

A. W. Wilson has passed his first M.B., and is enlisting.

R Overman writes a long letter from Mombasa, and encloses a cheque for the Mother's Window : " I do not suppose that very much is known of the trend of affairs

out here. At the beginning of the war we had practically no troops here at all; in fact, only three battalions of the King's African Rifles. There was danger of invasion from German East Africa, and to this day it remains a mystery to us why they did not take the country. I joined up in August, 1914, but was recalled to my civilian job in a few months. Since then I have applied three times to join again, but the Government have each time refused my application, on the grounds that I must carry on here. They are, I suppose, wise, as the port feeds the country, and Uganda as well, but it is rotten to be in mufti. The only thing to do, therefore, is to do one's best in the odd job. Now, of course, there is no danger here, as Smuts has thousands of men, and is well into G.E.A. One feels so beastly safe out here. This is a lovely country, and a young one ; it therefore offers exceptional opportunities. After the war lots of people should come out here, as there are—and will be—good jobs to be picked up. I can at least say that I am keen on my work, mundane though it is in these times. It seems a rotten trick for Fate to play with me, that I should come out here to try to see something a little less commonplace than life in England, and that a few months afterwards the war should come and make my life more commonplace than anyone else's. The firm I am in are, however, agents to the Belgian Government, and all the munitions of war and drafts of officers for the Congo campaign pass through our hands."

C. U. Wooler (September, 1897), Assistant Curate at S. George's, Camberwell, was ordained Priest at the Trinity ordinations.

Hugh Blyth Millar came in February, 1877, in Meynell Dormitory, and was here till December, 1879. He obtained his

Football Colours in 1878. After leaving School he became an artist, and in 1897 went to Afghanistan to paint the Ameer's portrait. He died on March 30, 1915, in San Francisco. R.I.P.

NOTES.

Grief will be felt by Denstonians all over the world at the serious illness of Mrs. Edwardes.

Mr. Averill is swimming master this term.

Copies of the usual photographs may be obtained from Mr. F. J. S. Whitmore.

A requiem was sung in Chapel especially for Lord Kitchener and for those who perished in the Battle of Jutland. The O.T.C. paraded for it.

The following promotions have been posted:—

Corporals Glaisby and Barnes to be Sergeants.

Lance • Corporals Williams, Andrew, Keble, Beith, Barker, R. E. W. McDonald, Kasbarian, and Champney, to be Corporals.

Private Waghorn to be Corporal

Privates Reynolds, Tobias, Winkler, I. McDonald, McCracken, P. A. Wood, Hirst, Jenkins, R. Liitter, J. J. N. Walker, to be Lance-Corporals.

The Corps was inspected on July 3rd by Major Pine-Coffin.

On June 21st died here Mary Alice Dugdale, for many years Headmistress of our sister School of S. Anne's. A Requiem was sung, and the Choir, with the Prefects and some others, were present at the funeral which followed. We were glad to be thus able to express our regard for one who laboured hard and long for the Woodard Schools. R.I.P.

On July 1st some 30 members of the Froebel Society, Stafford, visited the College. They were entertained to tea and inspected the College, Meynell Museum Libraries, Chapel, &c, with much interest'

On June 6th, at the Royal Asiatic Society's Rooms, in Albemarle Street, the public presentation took place of the Society's Public Schools' Gold Medal for 1916. Lord Reay presided, and commented on the fact that we are the only school besides Eton which has gained the Medal twice; and he spoke very appreciatively of H. W. Beck, the winner in 1914, and his services in the Army since he received the Medal. J. R. Hassell received the Medal at the hands of C. Roberts, Esq., M.P. late Under Secretary of State for India who made an interesting speech. Books were presented to the next competitors, representatives of Eton, Haileybury, and Shrewsbury. The Headmaster also spoke. There was a large and distinguished company, and the Rev. G. R. Bell, O.D. (President of the London O.D. Club; Mr. and Mrs. Loup, Mrs. Hibbert, Mr. and Mrs. Hassell, were present. Sir Arthur Wollaston, Bart., one of the examiners, writes in appreciation of Hassell's "very remarkable essay," which he says "stands second to none since the competition was founded."

A very handsome Persian carpet for the Altar of the Holy Family has been given in memory of Miss Dugdale.

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Birkonian, Cuthbertian, Marlburiau, Ardingly Annals, Hurst Johnian, S. Michael's Chronicle, Reptonian, S. Edward's School Chronicle, Felstedian, Armidalian.