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## EDITORIAL.

**B**LOXHAMISTS 'are few and far between," writes an Old Boy. It is true, but it is not our fault. Paper is scarce and printers are rare. At the same time the late appearance of this issue demands an explanation. It seemed best to include in it accounts of the Sports and of the House Gymnastic Competition, rather than to leave them until July. As they only took place during the last week of term—that was Easter-week—it would be unreasonable to expect the BLOXHAMIST before the School broke up.

For once the Easter term belied its reputation. Neither the weather nor the food rationing affected us very much. The School to a man put on weight and the general health left little to be desired. The secretary, the matron, and the culinary department have cause to congratulate themselves on their joint efforts. Their work was not made easier by a further increase of numbers. We were enabled to cope with this further development by the purchase of Merton Cottage. This gave us room for more boys and also provided three new class-rooms. For most of the term we lived in anticipation of occupying them, but owing to the vagaries of the gas company, they remained unheated and unlit until the last three weeks of term. Next term, freed from the deliberations of the British workman, we hope to have them in full use. We are glad to welcome to our number Mrs. Jacob, who has very kindly undertaken the care of the boys living in Merton Cottage.

The increase of numbers and the scarcity of class-rooms has brought before us the needs of our libraries. In many schools there is a custom that every boy when he leaves should present a book to the library. It is a small acknowledgment of the important part which the School libraries play in School life. It is also a great help to the librarian. As a custom it has much to recommend it, and we suggest it to those who may shortly be leaving. We want more books, especially in the Liddon Room, where the Science and Mathematical departments leave much to be desired.

This term has been unique in the absence of all matches. Various fruitless endeavours were made to secure Hockey and Running matches. Still the term was not without incident. House Hockey matches were played, and the Fives, Gymnastics and Sports lent plenty of excitement to the term. Mr. L. E. Smith is much to be congratulated on the well-earned success of his efforts. The double duty of overseer of Sports and O.T.C. can leave little spare time on his hands, and we are very grateful for all the work which he undertakes and to which all in the School owe so much.

At the end of the term we were sorry to lose Mr. Wilson for a time; but we are glad to hear that he is recovering from his operation, and that he will be with us again soon.

In conclusion we must mention the excellent display given by the House teams in the Gymnastic competition. Very few marks separated each team, which had little to distinguish them in smartness and drill. We congratulate Mr. Stembridge on the result and we hope that the high standard obtained will be an object lesson for future years.

## WAR NEWS.

SECOND-LIEUT. ALECK MASON SAWYER (1906-10) was killed in France, December, 1917. When war was declared he was qualifying for Colonial farming. On August 5th, 1914, he rejoined his old regiment, the Derbyshire Hussars, and went out to Egypt, returning home after eighteen months' service to qualify for a commission in the Machine-Gun Corps. Having passed his examination he was sent out to France, and after only a few weeks he was very badly wounded and passed away at Le Treport Hospital very peacefully in the presence of the chaplain. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer have our special sympathy in the loss of both their sons. R.I.P.

HAROLD FRANK CORN (1908-12) was killed in action in Palestine, Dec. 13, 1917, aged 22. On the 15th November, 1915, he enlisted in the London Rifle Brigade and was transferred to the 21st London Regiment, June 6th, 1916. In June his regiment left for France, and towards the end of the year it was sent to Salonica, and from there it proceeded to Egypt, in April, 1917, and later on went to Palestine, where he was killed in action. His parents have our deepest sympathy at this loss of their only son. R.I.P.

LANCE-CORPORAL JOHN GEORGE CLIFFORD (1910-12) was killed in action December 20th, 1917. He first of all joined the Yeomanry, but in 1916 was transferred to the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. His parents also have our deepest sympathy at this loss of their only son. R.I.P.

WE hear too that H. C. Kruger (1903-08) has been reported as missing, but we have received no particulars.

LIEUT. R. G. HILL, D.C.M. (1904-09), King's African Rifles, killed 19th February, 1917, at Tandala, in East Africa, has been mentioned in despatch this month by General Northey. Fighting one against ten for twelve hours, the enemy was kept out of Tandala by enabling reinforcements to arrive. R.I.P. The Commanding Officer reports:—"I held a spur running east and west on west side of road with one platoon and two machine-guns under Lieut. Hill on the highest point. My left flank was held by Lieut. Jackson's party and the Lewis gun. At 3.45 a.m. the enemy advanced and fired on my pickets. This party, apparently a strong advance guard of about one company, pressed forward right up to my position and came under very heavy fire in a nullah about 100 yards to my front, being enfiladed by Lieut. Hill. The enemy suffered severely here, as he fulfilled my expectations by pressing straight up the road whence my position was concealed. One dead European was found in this gully and several Askari. After daybreak I sent a party forward into the gully and the enemy then called out that they wished to surrender, but seeing six of my men coming down to them, they opened a heavy fire upon them. We dispersed them and took four Askari prisoners, and saw many killed and wounded which we were unable to move.

"At 6 a.m. enemy advanced up the hill against Lieut. Hill, in dead ground from Lewis gun, but were driven off with loss and one European was taken prisoner, but he unfortunately either escaped or was killed by the enemy's fire later. Lieut. Hill reported enemy force on hill about 3,000 yards south of my position, apparently digging in. At 7 a.m. the enemy developed a heavy attack against Lieut. Hill, with about two companies, two magazines, and a one-pounder field gun. This attack was driven on desperately, a third maxim was brought forward to support it, and enemy worked up to within 100 yards of Lieut. Hill's position, but were driven off and kept at bay until the final rush at 3 p.m. At 2 p.m. I heard from Lieut. Angell that he was running short of ammunition. Lieut. Hill had been killed in the morning and the two European gunners shortly afterwards. I wish to draw your attention to the splendid defence of Lieutenants Hill and Angell and Sergeants Ashton - Smith and Weissenberg and Askari machine-gunners, of whom Lance-Corporal Stima was the sole unwounded survivor."

LIEUTENANT EDMUND PERCY ROBERTS, Essex Regt, killed on March 21st, was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Roberts, of West Mersea, Essex, and was 24 years of age. He was educated at All Saints' School, Bloxham, and Aspatria Agricultural College. On leaving Aspatria in 1913 he took up farming in Essex, but on the outbreak of war he gave up his farm and enlisted as a trooper in a Hussar regiment, afterwards, in November,

1914, accepting a commission in the Essex Regiment. He proceeded to France in 1915, and was invalided home suffering from gas poisoning in 1916. He was, however, able to return to the front in 1917, and was mentioned in despatches. At the time of his death he was acting captain in command of his company. His colonel writes :—" Your son's sad death will cause a sad gap in the battalion. He was a capable, hard-working officer, and was much beloved by his men, with whom he was always closely in touch. He died gallantly, as an officer should, leading his men, and gave his life for his country and our dear ones at home."

EARLY in the year a letter was received from Lieutenant E. E. Barnett (1883-87), of the Northumberland Hussars, from his office underneath the ruins of the prison at Ypres. After experiences in four different parts of our front, including Passchendaele and Cambrai, he is now working in the A.P.M.

R. J. L. THOMSON (1885-90) is in the King's Liverpool Scottish.

C. H. BOISSIER (1898-1903) is now Second-Lieutenant in the M.T. Department of the A.S.C. and has gone out to Mesopotamia.

MAJOR R. K. HEWER (1905-08), R.F.A., H. Horner (1899-1906), Second-Lieutenant P. L. Davy (1906-11), Rifle Brigade, have been wounded, and B. E. Champion (1902-07), New Zealand Contingent, has been badly gassed.

F. C. BOWLER (1911-15) and J. A. L. Champneys (1914-15) have taken their commission in the R.F.C., and S. S. Goldring (1908-14) and D. G. Hambidge (1910-14) are cadets in the R.F.C.

E. C. GOLDRING (1907-09) 10th Australian Light Horse, operating in Egypt, Gallipoli and Suez, who had his left leg shattered at El Arish, December 23rd, 1916, has now been discharged from the army and has returned to Australia.

H. W. L. CROUCHLEY (1911-12), who has been suffering for some time with rheumatic fever, has now been discharged from the Army.

J. R. DAVIES (1899-1900 and 1903-05), who soon after the beginning of the war joined the R.N.R. and took part in the Antwerp attempt, has now taken up his commission as sub-lieutenant.

S. YORSTON (1905-09), Intelligence Officer, 6th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, has been made lieutenant and a few weeks later was promoted to captain.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT J. F. E. CHAVALLIER (1903-07) is one of the officers in charge of the German Prisoners' Camp at Denby, in the Rev. F. S. Boissier's parish.

THE REV. A. K. SWALLOW (1903-04) has been appointed an Army chaplain.

WE congratulate Captain W. W. Ward (1905-06) and Captain L. W. H. Bowler (1906-09) on being mentioned in despatch.

A. A. ST. JOHN SHAW (1903-09), Second-Lieutenant Norfolk Regiment, is at present attached to the 4th Suffolks.

C. L. LEADLEY-BROWN, who has been invalided from the Army, is teaching at Ecote des Roches Vermeuil (Eure). This school is being conducted on English lines.

A. C. HALL is in the R.F.C., and is at Exeter College, Oxford.

C. A. FAREBROTHER was commissioned to the 3rd Bedfords.

C. BROWN (Oxford Yeomanry) was wounded by the explosion of a trench mortar, and is suffering from shell-shock.

## O.B. NEWS.

ON Saturday, December 15th, 1917, Lieut. Gordon Vickers Jones (1901-06), recently wounded, was married at Coventry.

ON Thursday, Jan. 24th, 1918, the marriage took place at St. Thomas's Church, Exeter, of Lieutenant C. Allen (M. 1912-15), of the Royal Berks Regiment, to Catherine Mildred Pastfield, sister of the late J. T. R. Pastfield (M. 1913-14). The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. H. Williams, assisted by the Rev. H. R. Willimott (Chaplain 1904-17). The service was fully choral and by special request all the voluntaries were British or Allied music. The service concluded loyally with the National Anthem.

VISITORS.—Rev. T. B. Earley (1883), Second-Lieutenant W. E. McKenzie Hill (1910-15), 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, S. S. Goldring (1908-14), Cadet R.F.C., Rev. T. Hands (1867-74), J. Birch (1866), N. Parsons (1911-15), Captain L. W. H. Bowler (1906-09), Second-Lieutenant F. C. Bowler (1911-15), Captain L. Winch (1913) and E. W. Crouchley (1913).

## THE SPORTS.

*The Mile*.—Run on Monday, March 25th.

Mier drew the inside position and kept it throughout. The first lap was covered very quickly and the runners kept close together. In the second lap the pace slowed down a little, with Mier and Christopher running side by side in front and Payne close up third. In the third lap the same positions were maintained, though Payne fell back a little at the Hospital corner and Pettifer closed up. Mier put on a good sprint down the straight and won comfortably by about 15 yards, breaking the previous record by \\\ seconds. Payne ran very well and finished a good third with Pettifer close behind. (Previous School record—P. Hill, 5 min. 5! sec, 1912.)

*The House Run*.—Run on Wednesday, March 27th.

This was a new venture and proved a great success. The course was just about half the short grind, cutting over Hot Hill, past Mr. Manning's orchard and the gorse, and home down the Broughton Road. The start was made from the top end of the cricket field, and Mier, Christopher, Clark and Watkins were soon in front. This order was maintained almost all the way, except that Payne drew up into third place after about a mile. The finish was down the Banbury Road and round the track past the Hospital to the end of the hundred yards course. Mier won, without being very hard pressed, by about 25 yards from Christopher, who was well in front of Payne. It was decided that the first fifteen of each house should count towards the cup, and the final marks proved very close. The most important and the most pleasing feature of the event was the excellent running of the smaller boys, who did a great part towards the success of their respective houses. Though many ran so well, the most worthy of mention, perhaps, were Butler J., Burne, West M., Plumbly and Berringer. In the Wilberforce House there were 33 starters, in the Head's 29, and in the Crake 30—an excellent record for each house.

List of names and order of finishing

WILBERFORCE.	HEADMASTER'S.	CRAKE.
1 Mier	4 Pettifer	2 Christopher
3 Payne	6 Smith, S.	5 Clark
8 Harman	7 Watkins, L.	9 Littleboy
12 Campbell	11 Butler, J.	10 Orford
14 Berringer	13 Burne	18 Evans
17 West, M.	18 Berry	16 Tilbury
20 Bell	19 Collyer, A.	22 Wills, W.
21 Wickham	26 Watson, G.	4 Bateman
23 Brown	27 Hall	5 Plumbly
28 Heath, R.	30 Bolus	29 Ruston
34 Chapman, F.	32 Arkell	31 Gee
38 White, L.	33 Watson, S.	35 Law
39 Foster, L.	37 Butler, E.	36 Jacob, E.
40 Parsons, T.	41 Kirkby	45 Headland
43 Morgan	42 Taylor, J.	46 Bertram

Total Marks :—(1) Wilberforce, 341 ; (2) Head's, 346 ; (3) Crake, 350.

*The Steeplechase*.—Run on Saturday, March 30th.

As usual the day fixed for this event proved miserably wet, and the going was as bad as it could possibly be. Almost every competitor had at least one fall and some of them three. The Seniors went practically the same course as last year, except that after crossing the brook they went straight on up to the Milton railway line and back along the footpath to the Church, instead of coming back through the spinney. The order of the first three was Mier, Christopher, Pettifer, almost all the way, with Payne

and Watkins L. either fourth or fifth. Coming down the hill through Heath's field at the end, Littleboy, who had made up a lot of ground, passed Pettifer and finished third. Mier won fairly easily by about thirty yards from Christopher, who was about fifty yards in front of Littleboy. Pettifer was fourth, followed by Watkins L., Payne, Clarke, Taylor W., Laker A., Harman, Smith S., Heath R., Orford, Bateman, Law, Bell, Prescott, Wells W., and Jacob E. Time, 26 mins. 40 sees.

For the Junior Steeplechase 45 boys started, and had exactly the same course as last year. Campbell and Butler J. led at the start, but Watson S. took second place soon after, only to lose it again in the last quarter of a mile. Campbell finished about ten yards ahead of Butler J., who was followed by Watson S. and Walkley. West M. and Truscott were the first two of the under 13 boys to finish. The time was quite good considering the conditions, Campbell finishing in 13 mins. 8 sees.

SPORTS DAY.

The rest of the events were held on Easter Monday as usual. The weather was fine all morning and better than usual in the afternoon. It was too wet to hold the sprint races on the grass, but being run on the track probably helped the times. Two heavy showers in the course of the afternoon rather spoilt the pleasure of the spectators and caused the high jumps to be postponed to the following afternoon, when they were held in the Gymnasium. Mier, who was easily *Victor Ludorum*, carried off most of the open events in excellent style, and enabled the Wilberforce to win the House Championship, while Campbell, the Junior Champion, also helped considerably. In the course of the Sports Mier broke two previous records, in the mile and the half-mile, and equalled that of the hundred yards, setting a standard which will be difficult to beat. The arrangements worked very smoothly in the hands of the various officials and thanks are due to them for their work, and especially to Mr. Smith and the Chaplain, who took over the responsibility of the ground and tracks generally and devoted a lot of time to it.

DETAILS.

700 Yards, open.—

Challenge Cup presented by C. F. Eastwood, Esq. ;  
Prize presented by the Headmaster and Mrs. Grier.  
1st Mier, 2nd Clark. Time, 10 | sees.

Mier got a bad start, but managed to overhaul the others, and won by about two feet.

700 Yards, Junior.—

Prize presented by Rev. H. R. Willimott.  
1st Denton, 2nd Campbell. Time, 12 secs.

**100 Yards, under I J . —**

1st Taylor, 2nd Cain, J. Time 14 sees.

**Throwing the Cricket Ball, open.—**

1st Littleboy, 2nd Franks, A. Distance, 76 yds. 5 ins.

The wet weather rather handicapped this event by making the ball and the throwing line slippery.

**Throwing the Cricket Ball, Junior.—**

1st Bertram, 2nd Day. Distance 58 yds. 8 ins.

**Quarter-Mile, open.—**

Challenge Cup presented by Rev. A. E. Riddle ;  
Prize presented by the Ladies of Bloxham.  
1st Mier, 2nd Clark. Time, 58 sees.

A very good race and very close to record time. Clark ran very well and made a very good fight for it.

**Quarter-Mile, Junior.—**

Prize presented by the Ladies of Bloxham.  
1st Campbell, 2nd Denton. Time, 65 sees.

**220 Yards Handicap, under 13.**

Prize presented by D. H. Cain, Esq.  
1st Aylmer, 2nd Cain, J.

**High Jump, open.—**

1st Mier, 2nd Orford. Height, 4 ft. 5 in.

The high jumping was distinctly poor, both in the heats and in the final.

Being held in the Gym. should have improved the standard.

**Long Jump, Junior.—**

1st Campbell, 2nd Evans. Distance, 14 ft. 10 in.

**High Jump, under I J . —**

1st Taylor, J., 2nd Warlow. Height, 3 ft. 11 in.

A very promising jump, being only 6 ins. behind the Seniors, and boys five years older.

**Long Jump, open.—**

1st Mier, 2nd Littleboy. Distance, 16 ft. 7 ins.

The winning jump was rather a lucky one ; Watkins L. had hard luck in misjudging his steps in his two best jumps.

**High Jump, junior.—**

1st Campbell, 2nd Evans. Height, 4 ft. 4 ins.

**Horse Relay Race (one mile).—**

Teams, 6 a side. 1st Crake

Crake won easily, getting a long start in the first half lap.

**120 Yards Handicap (1 ft. per month.)**

1st Butler, P., 2nd Cain, J.

The final was left almost entirely to the very small and young boys, as their large starts carried them successfully through the heats. Butler, the winner, received exactly 10 years, or 120 feet, from the scratch man.

**Half-Mile Handicap, under 13.—**

1st Collyer, G., 2nd Benjafield, 3rd Cain, J.

Collyer received 160 yards start, and just managed to keep in front to the end.

**Half-Mile, open.—**

1st Mier, 2nd Christopher. Time, 2 mins. 27 sees.

Mier ran an excellently-judged race, being only third about half-way. He passed Christopher on entering the straight and, finishing very strongly, beat the record. (Previous School record, Winch, 2 min. 27! sees., 1913-)

**House Tug of War.—Winning House, Crake.**

Senior Consolation Prize.—Watkins, L.

Junior Consolation Prize.—Evans.

Senior Championship.—P. Mier, 105 marks.

Junior Championship.—Campbell, 50 marks.

House Championship.—Wilberforce, 210 marks.

We were very pleased to see so many parents and friends come over to watch the Sports, in spite of the threatening weather. Mrs. Crossley, of Wykham Park, very kindly presented the prizes at the conclusion of the Sports, and the Headmaster welcomed her as a friend and well-wisher of the School.

The Sports Committee are most grateful to those who so kindly gave prizes and subscriptions to enable us to make such a brave display. The kind donors include Mrs. Crossley, Mrs. Ridley Thompson, Mrs. Joynson, Mrs. D. H. Cain and Mrs. A. E. Tebbitt, Rev. A. E. Riddle, Mr. J. L. Dickinson, Rev. and Mrs. Standage, Mr. and Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. Lowden, Rev. B. W. Bradford, Mrs. Taylor (Rignell), Captain and Mrs. Paul, Rev. H. R. Willimott, Mrs. Holtom, Mr. and Mrs. Collyer, Rev. Boniface, Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Botting, Mrs. Gowring, Rev. F. Robinson and Mrs. Cameron, the Masters, Mr. Yardley, Mrs. Tanner, the Ladies of Bloxham, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Mr. Denton, Mr. Bradford,

Mr. Holness, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, Mr. Stanbra, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Howard, Miss Page, Miss Fox, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Good, Mrs. Rayner, Rev. S. Cooper, Mr. Franks, Mr. Foster, Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Watson.

Also we owe thanks to the kind neighbours who have allowed us to run over their land in the various events, including Mr. Cherry, Mr. Hambidge, Mr. Haddon, Mr. J. Tustian, Mr. Manning, and Mr. H. Tustian. Last but not least the Committee are most grateful to those boys who, not allowed to run themselves, volunteered to act as pointsmen in the House runs and Steeplechase and had such a miserable wet wait without the excitement of the finish.

### GAMES AND RUNNING.

**G**AMES in the Easter term are always a struggle for existence. The weather or the insistent claims of running prove a great handicap. This term we have been more fortunate, as the weather has been reasonable and we got in half a term of hockey on half-holidays. Great keenness has been shown, and it is a pity that efforts to raise a match proved to be in vain. There is no doubt from watching the games that there was the making of quite a good side. We have instituted—or revived if they ever existed—House matches at hockey—and as usual they proved most exciting, if rather over vigorous. It can now be realised by those who have played how difficult the game is to learn properly, and the necessity of practice, to say nothing of such minor details as rules. A good healthy bruise on the shin or a swollen ankle is an excellent corrective for anyone who is inclined to think it a game for doddering old men and girls, while the pace of the game gives the unfortunate referee plenty to do. The Crake House managed to win the series of matches and will possess the cup when some kind person presents one to us.

It was arranged that there should be four games of hockey each half-holiday while the other two divisions went for a run, so that everyone should get a certain amount of training in running. It was hoped to have at least two running matches, but they both had to be scratched in the end. They are fixed, however, to commence next year as an annual event.

A new feature, the House Run, has been instituted this term, in which practically the whole School starts and the first fifteen of each House count towards the cup, which Lady Cartwright presented to us last year. The course is only about two-and-a-half miles and should be a good test for the winning House, and one in which the smallest boy can do his share.

Great keenness was shown in early-morning training, and the effort will not be wasted even if the sideboard does not groan under its load of prizes.

The Games Committee has been actively engaged in trying to promote a healthy interest and keenness in all branches of sport. House colours, as distinct from School colours, have been sanctioned, and the privilege of wearing the House colour as an edging to a blazer granted to anyone who gains his House colours in sufficient branches of sport to make three whole colours. The different branches of sport follow the rule in vogue at the 'Varsities, so that cricket, football and running rank as whole colours, and fives, gym., boxing, hockey and swimming rank as half-colours. There is always the danger that too great an interest will be shown in inter-house competitions, but the greater enthusiasm will lead to greater all-round efficiency, and it is easier to train enthusiasm into right paths than to rouse it to life.

### O.T.C. NOTES.

**W**E have started this term well in point of numbers, having lost four cadets and gained fifteen recruits. We are sorry to have lost F. M. Eve, who had been in the corps for over four years, rising to be platoon-sergeant; and we feel it most especially in the signalling, where his work with the senior squad was most valuable.

Our Friday parades this term have been lengthened and devoted to squad work in bayonet fighting, fire positions and manual, with short lessons on the Strensall musketry course syllabus. The work has been more varied and, we believe, more appreciated.

Last holidays Platoon-Sergeant Mier and Lance-Sergeant Clark attended a fortnight's course in physical training at Tidworth, and these holidays we hope to send Lance-Corporals Harman and Littleboy.

Shooting on the miniature range has begun in view of the large programme to be worked off before next July.

We have entered a team for the Imperial Challenge Shield, which, with our present numbers, must consist of 12.

The band is improving steadily and showing great keenness.

There is still rather a tendency to consider parades hard work and no effort is made to do one's best to turn out, even if unable to march or carry a rifle. The close-order drill is quite good as a rule, but there are still some cases of unsteadiness in the ranks, which spoil the parade.

The following promotions have been made:—Sergeant Mier to be Platoon Sergeant, Jan. 28th; Cadet S. Smith to be Lance-Corporal in charge of Signallers, Jan. 28th.

## SCOUT NOTES.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP.

Proficiency Badges gained this term :—

<i>War Service</i>	Holtom, Jones.
<i>King's Seoul</i>	Coombes.
<i>Pathfinders</i>	Coombes, Gowing.
<i>Ambulance</i>	Gale, B.
<i>First Class</i>	Jones, Gale B., Yardley.
<i>Second Class</i>	Cain J., Cooper J., Holtom, Harrison, Mead, Parsons J.
<i>Tenderfoot</i>	Cain J., Jupp, Lee, Milner, West M., Stanbra.
<i>Thriftyman</i>	Coombes, Gowing, Kidman, Cooper J., Egerton, Gale B., Holtom, Harrison, Jones, Mead, Parsons J. and T., Taylor, Yardley.
<i>All-round Cord</i>	Coombes Kidman, Gowing.
<i>Cook</i>	Coombes, Kidman, Cooper J.
<i>Missioner</i>	Egerton, Morgan.
<i>Naturalist</i>	Kidman, Cain J., Egerton, Holtom, Jones.
<i>Cyclist</i>	Eastwood, Parsons J.
<i>Photographer</i>	Mead.
<i>Interpreter</i>	Mead.
<i>Bugler</i>	Gale B.
<i>Musician</i>	Holtom.

The following boys have joined the Troop this term.—Cain J., Roads, Tebbit.

We wish to welcome Mr. Havard, who has been appointed Assistant Scoutmaster in place of Mr. Alexander, who left us at the end of the Summer term.

We have been favoured with fine weather this term, and have therefore been able to have most of our parades out of doors.

Miss Potts has very kindly been giving the Troop ambulance lessons. On one afternoon the Gym. was converted into a hospital. Parties of the Wolf cubs were scattered over the School grounds and were then brought in by the stretcher-bearers and first aid was rendered to them.

Sir Philip Hoskyns has accepted the office of President of the Banbury and District Boy Scouts Association, in place of Lord North.

The Ministry of National Service request Scouts for agricultural work during the Easter and Summer holidays. Scouts are to be divided into two groups :—A, boys 12 to 14 for local work only ; B, boys 14 to 16, for work anywhere. The ministry will issue free railway warrants where necessary. The maximum for Scouts in Class B will be four-pence an hour. Only second-class Scouts may volunteer.

*Promotions.*—Second Gray to be Acting Patrol-Leader in charge of the Wolf cubs. Seconds Morgan and Taylor to be Acting Patrol-Leaders.

## WOLF CUBS.

This term we have started a Wolf Cub Patrol for the younger members of the School. The cubs are under the charge of Second (Acting Patrol-Leader) Gray. Cub H. Whitehead and Cub D. Gale have been appointed Sixers.

The cubs have made a satisfactory start and the majority of them are very keen on the work.

## THE GYMNASIUM.

HOUSE PHYSICAL TRAINING COMPETITION.

THE House Competition was held on Tuesday, April 3rd. We were fortunate in being able to secure the services of Brigade S.M. Hancock (Army Gym. Staff) as a judge.

Each House was represented by a team of twelve men in addition to the Captain. Most of the exercises this year were "free standing" ones. They were well done by the members of the various teams, and the House Captains are to be congratulated on the way that they trained their men. S.M. Hancock was especially pleased with the way the instructors handled their classes.

The exercises were as follows :—

## PART I.

*Introductory Exercises.*

<i>Leg Ex.</i>	H. f. heels raising and knees bending quickly.
<i>Neck Ex.</i>	Head backward bend.
<i>Arm Ex.</i>	Arms bend; one arm upward, one arm down
<i>Trunk Ex.</i>	H. f. foot sideways place, trunk turning quickly.
<i>Leg Ex.</i>	H. f. feet placing sideways.

*General Exercises.*

*Prep. for S. B.* Feet astride ; arms up str. ; trunk back ; bend.



<i>S.B.</i>		(Wall bars) Feet ast.; arms up str. ; trunk back ; bend ; bar grasp ; heels raise.
<i>Cor.</i>	<i>Ex.</i>	On top bar up; knees raise.
<i>Bal.</i>	<i>Ex.</i>	H. f.; leg raising sideways.
<i>Lat.</i>	<i>Ex.</i>	H. f.; foot sideways ; place trunk ; bend sideways quickly.
<i>Abd.</i>	<i>Ex.</i>	On hands, down ; leg raising.
<i>Dor.</i>	<i>Ex.</i>	H. f.; foot sideways place; trunk forward bend;
<i>Mar.</i>	<i>Ex.</i>	Quick march ; double march ; knees raise.
<i>/.</i>	<i>and V.</i>	Upward jump with arms raising sideways.

*Final Exercises.*

- 1 Heels raise.
- 2 Breathe in with arms raising forward and upward ; breathe out, with arms lowering sideways and downward.

PART II.

- 1 Leap frog.
- 2 On toes march.
- 3 Two quickening exercises to be introduced anywhere in the above table at the discretion of the House Captain.

The Wilberforce House were the winners of the Challenge Shield. They are to be congratulated on the excellent way in which they performed the various exercises. Crake House and the Head's House were second and third respectively and they too both deserve great credit for their display. The standard reached by all the teams was a high one, and so equal were they that only fourteen marks separated the first and the third team. Appended are the marks :—

Maximum Marks . . . . .	138
1 Wilberforce House (Mier) . . . . .	no
2 Crake House (Clarke) . . . . .	106
3 Head's House (Smith) . . . . .	9*

The shield was presented by the Headmaster after tea on Tuesday evening. He congratulated the winning team and expressed his pleasure at the high standard attained by all.

Colours have been awarded as follows :—

*.SWor.*—Christopher, Harman, Littleboy, Mier, Smith, and Watkins, L.

*Junior.*—Evans, Hall, Hordern, Payne, Pratt and Thomas.

Owing to the increased number of boys, a slightly different system has been adopted this term. As we only have two afternoons a week for physical training, it is impossible for each class to devote the proper amount of time to their work if they are all to be taken in the Gymnasium. The new tables issued by the War Office have enabled us to partially dispense with the Gymnasium and to do much of the work out of doors. Two classes have therefore been held at one time and the size has been somewhat reduced. Next term this system will be further developed and the size of the classes will be still further reduced. A special class for instructors, limited to eight, is to be formed. The present "A" class will remain and the remainder of the School will be grouped in fresh squads. Every class will be taken by the master in charge at least once a fortnight and the instructors' class will be entirely taken by him. There will also be "mass drill" for the whole School once every fortnight. A somewhat similar system has been introduced at Radley and we believe at other public schools besides Bloxham, and it has in nearly all cases proved a success.

These notes cannot be closed without a passing reference to the excellent work done by the Captain of Gym. He has displayed great keenness throughout and has set a splendid example to the whole School.

**SCHOOL NEWS.**

WE welcomed Mr. H. A. Howard as an addition to the staff in January, but at the end of the term he was passed as fit for military service, and is now in the R.G.A. at Plymouth. We are grateful for his help and services. We hope that the Rev. H. S. Barber, M.A., Keble College, Oxford, late of Hurstpierpoint, will take his place. Mr. Barber's work in the Woodard Schools and his well-known prowess at Cricket and Football will ensure for him a hearty welcome.

THE following New Boys were admitted in January.—Barnford, Conrad David, H.M.H. ; Berry, Thomas Gerald, H.M.H. ; Cain, John Vincent, Prep. ; Dowson, Thomas Errol, Crake ; Foster, Leslie Cartwright, Wilberforce ; Godwin, Geoffrey Herbert, H.M.H. ; Harrison, Cecil Robert, Wilberforce ; Heath, Douglas John, Wilberforce ; Heath, Roland Chas., Wilberforce ; Howard, Kenneth Frederic, H.M.H. ; Jacob, Elwyn, Crake ; Jacob, Owen, Crake ; Lowden, Patrick Alfred Thomas, H.M.H. ; Lyne, Alfred Donald, H.M.H. ; Parley, Reginald Alexander, Crake ; Rickard, Cyril Noel, Wilberforce ! Roads, Frank Abbot, Prep. ; Tebbitt, Charles William, H.M.H.

OUR numbers are now 151, and unless the Governing Body take over some more houses, we are now quite full. The rise in numbers in January was only made possible by the purchase of Merton Cottage.

WE regret the departure of F. M. Eve, which took place in December. He was Senior Prefect, 1917, Captain of the 2nd XI. Cricket, 2nd XI. Football, Q.M.S. of the O.T.C., and winner of many School prizes.

J. S. CLARK was promoted to be Senior Prefect. S. J. Smith was appointed Prefect of Chapel.

L. WATKINS, W. J. D. Littleboy, and A. L. Christopher were promoted to be Prefects.

THE following were the School Officers this term :—Captain of the School, J. S. Clark ; Prefect of Chapel, S. J. Smith ; Captain of Running and of Gymnastics, J. S. Clark ; Captain of Fives, S. J. Smith ; Captain of Hockey, W. T. D. Littleboy.

THE HOUSE TROPHIES are now distributed as follows :—

*Wilberforce* : The " Cain " Shield for Swedish Drill,  
Sports Cup, Cartwright Cup, Riddell Cup,  
and Eastwood Cup.  
The Football Cup.  
*Crake* : The Fives Cup, Cricket Cup, Shooting Cup.

CHAPEL.—During Lent The Rev. W. Fothergill Robinson, Vicar of Bloxham, and The Rev. H. Mattinson, of St. John the Divine, Bedford Hill, S.W., gave addresses to the School. On Good Friday the meditations on the Seven Last Words were conducted by the Headmaster. In the evening some sacred music was given. The Organ Recitals were given by Mr. Golding, E. C. G. Chapman and P. Mier, and Mrs. Grier sang the solos. The Rev. R. S. Laires, Vicar of St. John the Divine, Bedford Hill, S.W., has kindly presented to the Chapel an illuminated copy of the Consecration Prayer.

THE CONFIRMATION was held on Saturday, March 23rd, at twelve o'clock. The sacrament was administered by the Right Reverend Bishop Corfe.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On December 18th an entertainment was given to the School. Untoward events prevented a more ambitious programme, and at the last minute a complete change had to be made. Two farces were presented, and during the interval the Rev. W. Fothergill Robinson gave us a selection of songs. We are intensely grateful to him and to his accompanist, Miss Graham, for a series of good songs sung very beautifully. H. C. Saunderson, G. E. Holtom, and G. A. Baylis contributed some violin duets which were much appreciated. The first farce was " The Area Belle." All the parts were exceedingly well played and G. S. Pratt and R. E. Bateman each made a most successful

*debut* F. M. Eve as the " lobster " soldier and S. J. Smith as the loyal milkman were both good, whilst Hordern looked the part of the worried lady to the life. The third part of the programme was filled by the playlet " That Brute Simmonds." As the character part we have seldom seen a more depressed, hen-pecked individual than Simmonds, as played by Mr. Stembridge. His trials over his trousers, over his weekly allowance, and over the hair-cutting delighted the audience. C. J. Harman, as a virago of a wife whose tongue nothing could sweeten or check, is much to be congratulated on his interpretation of the part. P. Mier made a surly and efficient missing husband. The whole entertainment was a good ending to the end of term.

ON Shrove Tuesday, owing to the unfailing energy of Mr. Stembridge, a new and original form of entertainment was presented. It is safe to say that never before did we realise that there was so much talent in the School. It consisted of a sketch of a concert presided over by G. S. Pratt, who introduced his children, P. B. Smithett, G. A. Baylis, and E. C. Chapman, as the star and only performers. His introductory speech was full of sly topical allusions, and its general style betrayed its authorship to the initiated. Smithett was very good. Both Baylis and Chapman did well. The latter will have a good voice if he does not use it too much at present. Baylis and Saunderson then entertained us with music and dances. The chief feature was an exceedingly clever potpourri of old and new songs. The latter displayed Baylis as an accomplished gymnast. The programme concluded with the time-honoured farce, " Ici on parle Francais." As with all Mr. Stembridge's work, no efforts had been spared in the training of the caste. Each member stood out clearly :—the irascible major, his charming tastefully-dressed wife, the time-honoured stage Frenchman, the slatternly servant, a most modern *ingenue* with wonderful hair and a wonderfully short skirt, the obliging wife, and above all the author of all the trouble. Whilst all were good, a special word of praise must be given to the actor-manager, who gave us one of his inimitable representations of an old man, and to E. C. Chapman, whose airs and graces were quite a feature of the play.

ON Friday, December 14th, 1917, George H. Ashworth, aged 67 passed to his rest. Though not a Bloxhamist himself, one of his great chums was S. P. McNab (1863-67), and when his son Bernard was old enough he was sent to Bloxham. Many O.B.'s will remember how Mr. Ashworth used to come down and spend short holidays at Bloxham. They will remember too that, hearing we had no processional cross, he presented us with the oak one we have used so many times. Besides this he showed his interest in the School by giving a prize each year on his own account and after Bernard's death, to his memory, to encourage boys' hobbies. Besides giving this prize, he placed the memorial and stained window on the north side of the Chapel, at the top of which is the

figure of the boy holding a scroll with his special message to us of all generations, "Blessed are the pure in heart." The sudden and tragic death of this his only son after leaving Bloxham was so great a trouble to the poor father that he could never again bear to visit the old haunts and so was never able to come to the School again, but he used regularly to take the magazine and also send donations for flowers, and one other thing, which impresses a boy's mind more, perhaps, he used most kindly to send money right up to the time of the war for a good feast for the whole School about All Saints' Day, and who of those days will ever forget the lovely veal pies and tongues, those huge dishes of trifle, plates of fruit salad, and jugs of lemonade? Yes, he was a true friend of Bloxham, whom we shall miss very much, but no doubt he is remembering us now in a better way still, and our earnest wish is that he may indeed rest in peace.

FIVES.—The result of the House Fives Cup Competition was as follows :—

*Seniors:* (a) Crake v. Head's (14-17), (15-13), (15-11)

**A very good match, though the Head's steadier play should have won.**

(b) Wilberforce v. Head's (17-14), 15-11

(c) Crake v. Wilberforce (15-12), 15-16

*Juniors:* (a) Crake v. Wilberforce (15-1), (15-6)

(b) Head's v. Wilberforce (15-1), (15-4)

(c) Head's v. Crake (5-15), (15-6), (15-5)

The marks for the cup were—Crake, 13 ; Head's, 6 ; Wilberforce, 5.

MERTON COTTAGE.—The trustees of the Woodard Society have bought the house which stands immediately opposite the Headmaster's house. The living part has provided additional accommodation for boys under the charge of the Secretary, Mr. Jacob ; the remainder of the buildings have been temporarily transferred into class-rooms.

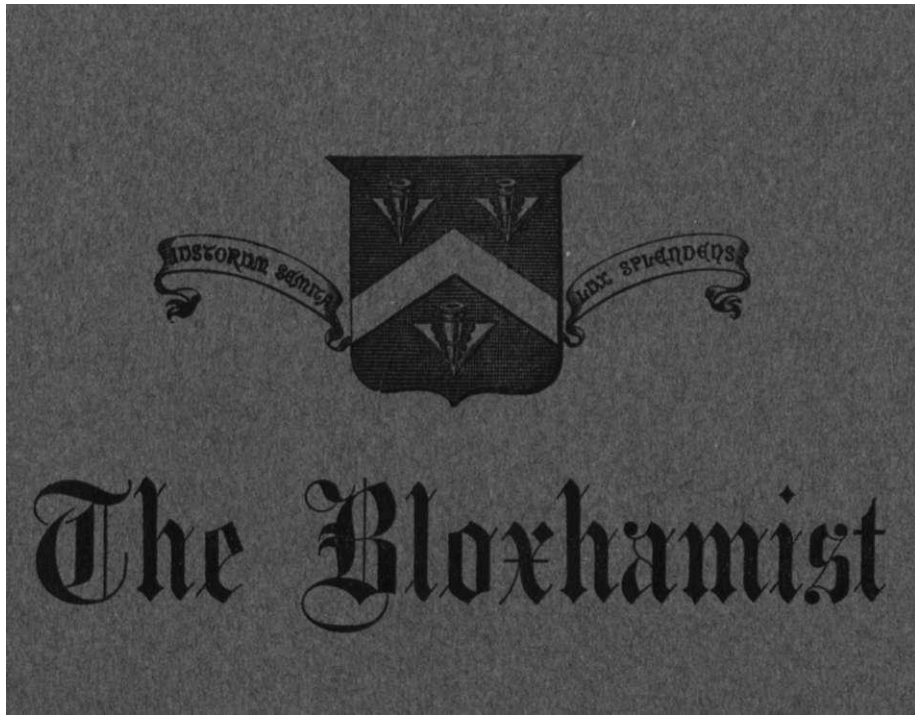
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## OLD BLOXHAMIST WAR MEMORIAL.

**A**N informal meeting of Old Bloxhamists was convened by the Headmaster on July 22nd, to consider the question of a War Memorial. There were present L. A. Shuffrey (1865-67), F. B. Palmer (1872-79), C. A. Bernays (1902-5), and D. W. T. Cain (1910-17). The Headmaster summoned the meeting as some Old Bloxhamists felt that the Processional Cross presented in July, 1917, was inadequate as the only memorial of those who had fallen. Those present did not consider themselves as in any way representative of the Old Bloxhamists as a whole, but they wished to make plans so that at a later date expression on this important matter might be made at a fuller meeting.

This meeting will be held in London in November, when it is hoped Col. H. H. R. May, C.B. (O.B.) will preside. The time and place will be notified on a postcard to all O.B.'s whose addresses are known. It is hoped that any O.B.'s who are on leave at that date will do their best to come.

The meeting considered some suggestions, and the one which found most favour was as follows :—

- 1.—That any scheme should as far as possible include the memorial already presented.
- 2.—That the wall outside the Chapel door should be panelled in oak and a place for the Cross made in its midst.
- 3.—That the names of O.B.'s who have fallen in the war should be engraved on the panels.
- 4.—That a sufficient fund (£3,000—£5,000) should be raised so that there might be an exhibition fund for the sons of O.B.'s who have fallen.
- 5.—That a committee to carry out any scheme be elected at the general meeting.

These suggestions are purely tentative, but in the absence of any better ones, they may be brought forward at the general meeting. It was recognised that there might be more suitable schemes, such as would appeal to Old Bloxhamists more generally, and to find such a scheme will be the work of the meeting.

One or two donations have already been received. If it is desired, subscriptions stretching over two or three years, may be sent at once to C. J. Wilson or the Headmaster at the School.

## EDITORIAL.

THE Summer term is always recognised as the term of the School year. Even the most ardent footballer finds delight, if not in cricket, in its many other delights. But—and it is a big *but*—much depends upon the weather. This year we were fortunate and had little to complain of. Cricket, the O.T.C., Bathing and the Scouts were able to do their best. We think they did it. Even Founder's Day was fine and sunny at the exact moment when we required it.

We have perhaps acted against precedent in allowing other material to attract attention before the Editorial, but the importance of the subject explains its position. It is essential that the War Memorial should be well advertised, and as there is no better medium for such advertising amongst O.B.'s than THE BLOXHAMIST, so there can be no better position than the front page. We are thoroughly in sympathy with the object of the Memorial. The proposal put forward is only suggested. We agree wholly with the idea that whatever proposal should be finally adopted, it should be that one which finds most approval from O.B.'s. We have only one criticism to offer about the suggestion put forward, and it is that the sum of money aimed at is far too small. But that is a matter easily rectified.

The conclusion of the Summer term has usually meant a large leaving list. This year it is not so, but there is one loss which all will deplore who have known his untiring zeal and work during the last few years. Mr. L. E. Smith's departure will cause a gap not easily filled. The O.T.C. and Games owe much to his steady and untiring efforts. Much of the former work is unnoticed, and is so uncommended; but its calls on time and trouble are unceasing. This Mr. Smith never grudged. The new O.C., Mr. Jacob, will have the good wishes of all. The general hope is that his subordinate officer will give him the same unselfish support which he gave to Mr. Smith.

## FOUNDER'S DAY.

FOUNDER'S DAY this year fell on a Sunday, so it was transferred to July 10th. In spite of the lack of railway facilities and the scarcity of petrol, there was a large number of visitors. The weather was uncertain, but a burst of sunshine made it possible to act in the Headmaster's garden and to give Swedish exercises on the lawn.

The increase of the School numbers has minimised the space for visitors in the Chapel, so only thirty or forty were present at 11.30, when a Solemn Commemoration of the Founder preceded the Choral Eucharist. The Headmaster celebrated and the Rev. H. F. B. Mackay, Vicar of All Saints', Margaret Street, preached.

Few sermons in the Chapel can have held the congregation so intent. Its lucidity was admirable, and one and all regretted its briefness. His text was Proverbs iv., 5:—"Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not." Taking the character of three schoolboys of different nationalities, the preacher sketched out their salient traits, which called for imitation. In conclusion he shewed for his congregation the ideal and Christian wisdom.

Luncheon was served in Hall and at three p.m. over a hundred more visitors were welcomed for the Prize-giving in the Schoolroom. The Headmaster presided and there were with him on the platform the Duke of Newcastle, the Rev. F. H. B. Mackay, the Rev. W. Fothergill Robinson, vicar of Bloxham, the Rev. C. E. Blencowe, the Rev. the Chaplain, Miss Pearson, Headmistress of S. Edith's School, Brackley, and Mrs. Grier.

The Headmaster in his speech said that he was very glad to welcome His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, who was a fellow of S. Nicolas College and founder of one of the Woodard Schools, and a staunch supporter of the Church in its educational methods. Much had been said about the Education Bill, and it appeared to be a very good one, but whatever Education Bill came or went, they at Bloxham would always maintain the necessity of definite Church teaching in the School curriculum. The Headmaster also welcomed Mr. Mackay, as vicar of a church which to many present was a home of refreshment and grace. He also was glad to see with them Miss Pearson, the headmistress of the youngest of the Woodard girls' schools.

The School year, he proceeded to say, was an eventful one. Their numbers had risen until there were now 157 boys. To enable them to take this number, the trustees had purchased Merton Cottage, which had given them additional class-rooms and living accommodation, and had also enabled the School to enjoy the pleasant personality of Mrs. Jacob. The numbers had now reached their maximum, and although boys were entered for next year, the Headmaster regretted that he had had to refuse 50 boys for the September term.

The health of the School had been excellent on the whole, and this must be attributed to the great care and judicious zeal of Dr. Boissier and the Matron. The Locals Examination had been satisfactory, in spite of staff changes frequent and various, and the reports of the examiners had been hopeful for the future. Turning to other departments of the School life, the Headmaster expressed his admiration and gratitude to the officers of the O.T.C., who under their direction had won from the inspecting officer such a good report. Bloxham, like every other school, had not been behind-hand in the offering of her best to her country's cause. They had now over 400 Old Boys who were serving as sailors, soldiers or airmen, who sought no reward beyond that of duty well done. At the same time over 60 had gained military distinctions

in some form or other. The Cricket team had only been defeated once, and their Football team had been good and gave promise for the future. The good work done had been mainly due to Mr. L. E. Smith, whose valuable and loyal services they were losing that term.

Speech Day, he observed, was marred by the absence of the most loyal of O.B.'s, and the School's most faithful worker, Mr. C. J. Wilson. They all hoped that next year would see him once more amongst them. His long tenure of the Secretaryship had made it difficult for any to fill his place, but Mr. Jacob had done so admirably; and notwithstanding the Food Control regulations he had, with the help of others on his staff, fed the School well. The Headmaster said that he could not pass by the occasion without some special mention of the late Chaplain, the Rev. H. R. Willimott, who for so many years had given of his best to the School. As an institution they owed him much, but the greater debt owed him by so many boys for his personal work with them could only be referred to, not publicly acknowledged. But the School had been fortunate in Mr. Willimott's successor, the Rev. T. G. Blofeld, who in a year had by his untiring zeal won their affection.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle then presented the prizes :—

**DIVINITY** :—presented by the Old Bloxhamists.

C. J. Harman ; J. B. Hall ; L. E. Law ; G. White ;  
A. Laker ; E. C. Woods ; O. F. Sutton ; T. R. A. Brooks.

**LATIN** : The " Wilson " Prizes.

C. J. Harman ; G. A. Baylis ; C. G. Gowing ;  
G. J. de C. Mead.

**MATHEMATICS** :

S. T. Smith ; L. E. Law ; T. F. B. Powell ;  
G. J. de C. Mead.

**SCIENCE** :

R. S. Payne ; V. J. Campbell ; J. F. B. Powell.

**FRENCH** :

C. J. Harman ; T. E. Dowson ; P. A. T. Lowden ;  
L. A. Trendell.

**ENGLISH SUBJECTS** :

C. J. Harman ; D. R. F. Bertram ; L. E. Law ; G. White ;  
A. J. Bolus ; E. C. Woods ; H. A. Picton-Warlow.

**LOCALS DISTINCTION PRIZE** : J. H. Allnutt.

**DIOCESAN MISSIONARY ESSAY DIPLOMA** : C. J. Harman.

**Music** :—presented by the Vicar of Bloxham.

C: J. Harman ; H. C. Saunderson.

After he had presented the prizes, His Grace made a short speech in which he expressed his great pleasure in coming to Bloxham. He warmly congratulated the Headmaster on the good

work of the School and on its general progress and rise in numbers. As a fellow of the Woodard Society, he could assure those present that the School would never give up its claim to give distinct Church teaching.

The weather then caused a change in the order of the day. Tea was served in Hall, during which the sun appeared and enabled the outdoor proceedings to be carried out. The following was the programme :—

**WELSH SONGS.**

(a) Adieu to dear Cambria, (b) David of the White Rock.  
(c) Hunting the Hare.

**SCENE I.**—Mr. Puff brings Mr. Sneer to a rehearsal of his tragedy, " The Spanish Armada." Elizabethan heroes appear on the stage, and the love interest is supplied by Tilburnia and Don Whiskerandos.

**IRISH SONGS.**

(a) The songs Erin sings. (b) Avenging and bright.  
(c) Remember the Poor. (d) Let Erin remember.

**SCENE 2.**—Don Whiskerandos is slain in a duel by a heroic Beef-eater. Tilburnia goes stark mad. The whole concludes with a procession.

**SCOTCH SONGS.**

(a) And ye shall walk in silk attire. (b) Caller herrin'.  
(c) The hundred Pipers.

The singing was much appreciated, but we think the choir were rather too much hidden to allow the full effect of their voices. The acting produced great laughter and was thoroughly enjoyed. It is difficult to particularise when all did so well ; but Tilburnia sane showed great dramatic ability, whilst Tilburnia stark mad was a joy not lightly to be forgotten. Mr. Puff was admirable both in his asides and his general stage management ; but Don Whiskerandos, the lords the ladies, and even the sentinels were all excellent in their various parts. The garden looked delightful and was a beautiful setting to the eighteenth century and Elizabethan dresses.

After this some sixty boys gave some Swedish drill exercises on the lawn, under Mr. Stembridge's direction. We can only say that we have never seen exercises done better. They reflect the greatest credit on both instructor and squads.

Founder's Day, 1918, will be long remembered. To both visitors and boys it will stand out as a happy ending to a successful year. But those here realize how much of the smoothness of the arrangements was due to the hard work, often unacknowledged, done by Mr. Jacobs and the Matron, and also to the willing co-operation of the School Steward and the kitchen department.

## WAR NEWS.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

FURTHER particulars concerning Rfm. H. F. Corn (1908-12) who was killed in Palestine Dec. 13th, 1917, as recorded in the April BLOXHAMIST. He was shot through the chest and died instantaneously, and so without prolonged suffering. The scene of the fight was Tower Hill, immediately north of Jerusalem, and east of the Mount of Olives, and a little to the north of Bethany. He is buried at the foot of the hill. R.I.P.

PARTICULARS have now been received concerning H. C. Kriiger (1903-08). He was engineering in Valparaiso when war broke out. He at once came home, tried for a commission in the R.N.A.S., but his stammering shut him out. He then joined the Naval Armoured Car Division as a P.O. and went out to Egypt and the Dardanelles, where he was six months in the trenches and saw much fighting. Stammering stood in the way a second time to getting a commission in the R.N.A.S., and he joined King Edward's Horse and went out to Ireland and then to France, where he was recommended to the R.F.C., but his stammering a third time defeated him. He was then transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers. He volunteered in a draft for France and went up to the front line. His company, one evening, lost touch with the one on their left. Kriiger offered to go out and find them, but never returned. R.I.P.

WILFRID ENTWISLE BURY (1892-00) joined up in the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles in September, 1914, and came over here the following May. After training to September, 1915, he went out to France. He was twice wounded, and was killed soon after he went out after his second recovery on the 15th of November, 1917. He married shortly before leaving Canada. R.I.P.

CAPTAIN HARRY GODFREY MASSY MILES, M.C., R.A.M.C., (1900-03) was joined to the 8th London Regt. Post Office Rifles, 58th Division. He was at his Regimental Aid Post when he heard that a gas shell had burst on the Battalion H.Q., had pierced the roof, and penetrated into the cellar. He at once went to attend the cases and, when he had finished, returned to his post. Later, he complained of feeling ill and lay down. On getting worse, he was removed to the 8th General Hospital at Rouen where he died on April 26th. His colonel wrote: "Captain Massy Miles was with this division for a long time, and was one of my ablest and most gallant officers. He did splendid work during the retirement in March, and was awarded the Military Cross for his gallant work. We all deplore his loss deeply, and I lose a valued friend and trusty officer." R.I.P.

EDGAR PERCY MITCALFE (1908-14), K.R.R. and London Regiment, has been killed in Palestine. R.I.P.

A. L. CHAMPNEYS (1914-15), R.A.F., was killed in a flying accident in France on June 17th. He is buried at Beauvais. R.I.P.

THE REV. A. K. SWALLOW (1903-04), C.F., is attached to the 2nd Battalion South Wales Borderers and has been awarded the Military Cross.

J. W. MAYOU (1909-14), in December, 1917, passed out of Sandhurst and obtained his commission in the 3rd Battalion, but is now attached to the 2nd Battalion of which the Rev. A. K. Swallow is chaplain.

J. S. VESEY-BROWN (1907-14) is Second-Lieutenant in the 1st or 2nd Batt. Durham Light Infantry.

SUB-LIEUT. C. P. P. DIETERLE (1893-98), R.N.V.R., has been wounded.

C. ALLEN (M. 1912-15) has been appointed captain, and is now in France, after training officers since he left us.

CAPT. ARTHUR CHILD (M. 1911-15) is also now in France.

SECOND-LIEUT. W. C. LESTER-SMITH (1909-15), in the first German offensive lost all his baggage and had a narrow escape from being taken himself.

CAPT. S. YORSTON (1905-09) has been awarded the Military Cross.

C. C. A. HALL (1915-17) has gained his wings in the R.A.F.

THE REV. W. D. ABBOTT (M. 1906) has been appointed chaplain to the forces.

DR. A. GRANVILLE, C.M.G., Quarantine, Board of Egypt, has had the 2nd class Order of the Nile conferred on him by the Sultan of Egypt.

C. P. P. WETHERLEY has been wounded.

R. M. COOMBES (1909-15) is now Second-Lieutenant in the Tank Corps. Writing earlier in the summer term, he complained of the Huns spoiling his "beauty sleep" each night. He had captured a German puppy at Cambrai, but it had no fighting spirit.

H. F. MILNER (1895-97) writes cheerfully from his battery somewhere in France.

C. A. FAREBROTHER (1915-17) is attached to the 5th Royal Berkshires. When writing he was "at rest," as he had won by -tossing the only bed in the house. He was wounded in August.

THE REV. H. C. LEWIS has been appointed chaplain to the forces.

P. A. BOISSIER (1899-1903) was responsible for "Albert's Victory," in *Punch*, June 5th.

LIEUT. G. D. BOISSIER, Oxon & Bucks, now in Salonika, has been awarded the Military Cross for most successfully organising and carrying out a raid on a Bulgarian post.



LIEUT. A. L. NEAME (1904-9), K.A.R., writes of his school-friend, R. G. Hill, whose death was mentioned in the last issue of THE BLOXHAMIST :— " I should like you to know of his reputation in the B.S.A.P. He was accounted absolutely fearless, as straight as a die in all his dealings, and generous to a fault. His decoration was the most popular and best deserved of any awarded. All who knew him admit this."

SECOND-LIEUT. A. A. SHAW (1903-9), Norfolk Regiment, is applying for a permanent commission in the Indian Army.

LIEUT. (acting Captain) L. W. H. BOWLER, London Regt., has been awarded the M.C. The battalion was ordered forward at night to reinforce a position in a wood which had been heavily shelled and gassed throughout the day. He went ahead and reconnoitred the whole position under the most difficult conditions. It was largely due to his determination and skill that the battalion eventually succeeded in occupying the position.

M. E. S. BOISSIER (1895-96), Flag-Lieutenant Commander, *H.M.S. King George V.*, has been appointed Commander. We heartily congratulate him on attaining such a position at his age.

W. E. MACKENZIE HILL, Second-Lieutenant, Seaforth Highlanders (1910-15), has again been wounded.

### O.B. NEWS.

THE Rev. E. J. Crombie (C. 1902-3), chaplain of St. Mary's Sisterhood, Dundee, has been appointed Priest-in-charge of St. Columba's, Grantown-on-Spey.

THE Rev. B. Mahou (1883-86), Vicar of St. Philip's, Heigham, Norwich, has been appointed Vicar of Catton, Norfolk.

CAPT. THE REV. E. F. HORNSBY (1880-82), C.F., for seven years Curate of St. James', Edgbaston, has been presented by the parishioners with an illuminated address, a wrist watch, and purse. He is now chaplain of the Mile-End Military Hospital.

SUB-LIEUT. R. DAVIES (1899-1905) was married on June nth. We wish him great happiness.

THE REV. O. F. BARRETT-LENNARD (1901-7) has taken up work in a Church Army Hut in France.

L. C. WETHERLEY has published a book on " Lunacy."

ON the 20th June, at the Priory, Christchurch, Hants., by the Rev. Canon Boissier, uncle of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. Basil Floyd-Andrews, Captain John Scobell Boissier, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Boissier, of " Shrublands," Banbury, to Margery Gordon, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Campbell, late Conservator of Woods and Forests for India and the Colonies, of " Ardnaree," Southbourne, Hants. We wish them all happiness.

ON the 22nd July, at the Parish Church, Dibden, Hants., Captain Godfrey C. Wyndham Malet, eldest son of Major and Mrs. G. E. Wyndham Malet, Austin House, Frome, to Marian, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Baddeley, Dibden Lodge, Hythe. They have our hearty good wishes.

THE Rev. Matthew Lamart (M.) died on July 31st, 1918, at St. Bernard's House, Torquay. R.I.P.

JAMES DEACON HOLT, M.A., late Mathematical Scholar, Queen's College, Cambridge (Quarter iij., 1867—Term iij., 1873), who died June 4th, 1918, aged 62 years. R.I.P.

J. D. Holt left Bloxham at Christmas, 1873, following March gained a Mathematical Scholarship at Queen's College, Cambridge, taking his degree, January, 1878, coming out as 22nd Senior Optime in Math. Tripos. In January, 1879, he took a Mastership at Forest School under Dr. Guy, whose daughter he married in August, 1886, and then started a school at Margate. Later on he purchased some land and built a school, which he carried on until the air raids affected his nerves on account of his responsibility for the safety of his boys and he had to give it up. May he now rest in peace.

### VISITORS.

A. V. NICOLL (1897-1901), who has been out in Calcutta for a number of years; J. S. Vesey-Brown (1907-14); L. E. Winch (1912-14); H. W. L. Crouchley (1911-12), still suffering from shell-shock which has brought on very bad stammering; Capt. T. G. Bowler (1905-n); Second-Lieutenant D. W. T. Cain (1910-17); A. C. Mutter (1886-93).

### O.B. SOCIETY.

B. L. WOOD (Life) (1912-13), L. M. Bowden (1914-17), W. R. Wright (1913-17) have recently become members.

### O.T.C. NOTES.

THE great event of the summer term, the Inspection, was held early this year on May 29th. We paraded twice and three times in alternate weeks in preparation for it, and the keenness of the cadets was rewarded with a sympathetic and consequently a good report. A copy of it will be found at the end of these notes.

SINCE the Inspection we have paraded only once or twice a week, and confined our attention to guards, etc., in preparation for the route march, and also to shooting.

EXCELLENT progress has been made in the shooting as a result of Lieut. Jacobs' untiring efforts at coaching. The standard is distinctly high for the size of the School and the age of the cadets, and the success of his work is manifest.

WE have completed, on the open range, Table A and have got excellent results, thirteen out of fourteen cadets qualifying. Five cadets are firing Table B, but at present the results are not complete. All have fired the Instructional Practice, and have done quite well—especially Pratt. On the miniature range, in the Classification, seventeen have already qualified out of twenty-eight; and in the Elementary, thirty out of forty-nine have passed. These figures should be considerably increased before the end of the shooting year on October 31st.

THE keenness on this important branch of military training has been deservedly great, and the all-round results are highly satisfactory. On June 29th, we took part in the Imperial Challenge Shield open to O.T.C.'s, Cadet Corps, and Scout Troops of the whole Empire. Our result was not as good as we had reason to expect, but the official result will not be published until October. L.-Corpl. S. Smith was appointed captain of shooting, and he has worked hard in the interests of the Corps.

	RESULT OF TABLE A:—						Total.	STANDARD TEST.					Total.	Qual.
	Practice	12	INSTRUCTIONAL.					7	8	9	10	85		
			3	4	5	6								
Cadet Campbell ...	15	14	15	18	6	3	71	15	9	17	13	54	Q	
„ Christopher ...	20	12	14	18	13	9	86	15	4	9	12	50	Q	
„ Foster, C. ...	20	13	10	13	11	7	74	10	12	16	11	49	Q	
„ Franks, A. ...	20	15	10	14	7	14	79	15	8	14	10	47	Q	
„ Hall ...	20	7	9	14	6	0	56	10	16	14	12	52	Q	
L.-Corpl. Harman ...	20	16	10	19	15	11	91	20	9	17	16	62	Q	
„ Hordern ...	15	12	13	16	11	15	82	10	11	20	13	54	Q	
Cadet Law ...	20	16	16	17	15	4	88	20	13	17	11	61	Q	
„ Payne ...	20	14	8	14	9	10	75	15	16	18	17	66	Q	
„ Pettifor ...	20	6	7	18	13	4	68	15	13	14	18	60	Q	
„ Powell ...	15	13	18	12	8	2	68	20	13	11	S	49	Q	
„ Salmon, J. ...	10	12	4	15	6	0	47	10	4	8	13	35	NQ	
„ Watkins, R. ...	10	16	10	4	7	2	49	20	11	17	9	57	Q	
„ Watson, G. ...	20	13	11	13	3	6	66	15	11	11	12	49	Q	

THE HOUSE SHOOTING CUP this year will be decided as follows:—One cadet's score in Table B, Standard Test; three cadet's scores in Table A, Standard Test. A team of four cadets (exclusive of the four counted in Tables A and B) will fire three practices on the miniature range: (1) Grouping, (2) Application at a Figure Target, (3) Application at a Decimal Target. The full figures are not yet available, but on the miniature, the scores (out of a possible 360 points) were:—Wilberforce, 259; Crake, 255; Head's, 196.

A NEW feature this term has been the supply of squads for training in the use of the anti-aircraft gun stationed in the neighbourhood. As soon as they are trained, the squads will take

complete charge and be on duty two nights per week. The squads are attending at the gun for a fortnight's training during the holidays. It is a War Office scheme and is being adopted all over the country, and will be a rapid stepping-stone to commissions in the Army.

THE weak point in the Corps at present is the care of equipment, and there is room for very great improvement here. It is the little things that count in discipline, and more attention must be paid in this respect. The cost of all material has enormously increased, and greater care in small matters would allow greater expenditure in further developments of training.

FOR the Map Reading Prize during the term, L.-Sergt. Clark was top and Cadet Pratt second.

WE have lost the services of our Platoon-Sergeant, P. Mier, who is being called up to join a training school for the R.A.F. He did excellent work for the Corps while here, and invariably set an excellent example on parade. His loss will be very keenly felt.

ONE cannot help feeling that the steadiness of the Corps on parade and their smartness is very largely owing to the example and excellent work of the N.C.O.'s. Their work on parade, in the way of bayonet fighting, squads, and fire positions, etc., has been admirable and was very favourably commented on at the unofficial inspection held by Major Pearson, of the Oxford and Bucks L.I. Depot at Cowley.

FOR my own part, and on severing my connection with the Corps, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the way in which they have always seconded the efforts of the officers, and the example they have consistently set.

ACTIVE preparations are being made for a combined Route March and Camp from July 19th to 27th, and we hope it will be as successful as last year.

COPY of the Inspection Report held on May 29th by Col. B. Evans, O.Q No. 6 Officer Cadet Bait, Oxford.—"Drill, good; Manoeuvre, good; Discipline, very good; Turn-out, good; Signalling, good; Arms and Equipment, are in good condition. General Remarks.—The contingent was inspected at drill and manoeuvre, and the Inspecting Officer found that the boys had been very well instructed. They are all very keen and take a great interest in their work. The contingent has a very good drum and bugle band, which greatly adds to their efficiency. Great credit is due to the officers of the contingent for the high state of the efficiency of the boys, who all show, from the eldest down to the youngest member, a sound grounding in military subjects. The four boys who act as N.C.O.'s are smart and capable instructors."

**SCOUT NOTES. •**

BADGES gained this term :—*King Scout*—Gowing, Coombes, Taylor, Kidman, Jones. *Second Class*—K. Harrison, H. Eve, E. Wroughton, Egerton. *War Service*—Jones. *Rescuers*—Kidman, Jones. *Pathfinders*—Morgan, Taylor, Kidman, Jones, B. Gale. *Cyclists*—Gowing, J. Parsons, Jones, H. Eve, T. Parsons, Plumbley. *Thriftyman*—J. Taylor, Kidman, J. Parsons, Cooper, T. Parsons, K. Harrison, E. Wroughton, Plumbley. *Missioner*—Gowing. *All-Round Cord (green)*—Gowing, Morgan, J. Taylor, Kidman, Jones, B. Gale, Yardley. *Laundryman*—Jones. *Musician*—B. Gale. *Farmer*—J. Parsons, T. Parsons. *Carpenter*—Kidman. *Gardener*—Morgan, Yardley. *Surveyor*—Coombes. *All-Round Cord (red)*—Coombes.

THE following boys joined the Troop this term :—F. Bury, J. Bury, Chinchin, Kershaw.

A CHURCH Parade for the Banbury and District Boy Scouts' Association was held at Wykham Park on June 9th. The following account is taken from the *Banbury Guardian*:—"By the kind permission of Mrs. Crossley, a District Scout Church Parade was held on Sunday, 9th June, at Wykham Park. The District Scoutmaster, Mr. J. Stenbridge, was in command. The following troops were represented : The 1st Banbury and their band, under Assistant Scoutmaster Robeson ; the 1st Bloxham and the Bloxham School Troop ; the Banbury Wolf Cubs, under the Sub-mistress (Miss Robeson). About 100 Scouts were present. The Rev. J. Guest Blofield conducted the service and gave a short stirring address on courage, manliness, and courtesy. The service concluded with the National Anthem. After the service, the District Scoutmaster inspected each troop, and then made a short speech in which he congratulated the officers and scouts on their general turn-out. He urged on the scouts the necessity of obedience, so that they might learn to command. The scouts then gave three hearty cheers for Mrs. Crossley, who, with her family, were at the service. There were also present, the local scout secretary (Mr. H. Chapman), and the Headmaster of Bloxham School, and Mrs. Grier."

**WOLF CUBS.**

The Cubs have done some useful work this term. Second Jones, K.S., has been in charge. They must try and be somewhat smarter on parade however, and be more careful about their uniform.

**THE GYMNASIUM.**

THE system of mass drills for all the classes at the beginning of physical training has answered very well indeed. The instructors are to be congratulated on the work their squads have done.

SOME Swedish exercises were performed on Founder's Day, after which the instructors' squad gave a display on the horse. The exercises were as follows :—

INTRODUCTORY. *Leg Exercise*—H. F. ; Heels raising and kness full bending. *Neck Exercise*—Head turning. *Arm Exercise*—Arms stretching forward, sideways, and upwards. *Trunk Exercise*—A. B. ; Foot sideways place, trunk turning. *Leg Exercise*—H. F. ; Foot placing sideways.

GENERAL EXERCISES. *Prep, for Sp. B.*—Feet extended, arms upward stretched, trunk bending backwards. *Balance Exercise*—H. F. ; leg raising backwards. *Lai. Exercise*—Feet closed, one arm upward and one arm downward stretched, trunk bending sideways. *Abd. Exercise*—On the hands, foot placing forward. *Dor. Exercise*—A. B. ; Feet sideways placed, trunk for. B., arms stretching sideways. *March Exercise*—Quick march. *Horse, sideways*—Vaulting to right and left alt. ; vaulting through hands and outside alt. ; kneeling and standing alt. ; vaulting to right and left, outside hands alt. *Horse, lengthways*—Vaulting through hands and outside alt ; vaulting whole length of horse.

THE following account is written by a visitor :—"The Swedish drill was just splendid. I have been in the Army for nearly 25 years, and seen hundreds of similar displays, but never one to beat it. The discipline and smartness were perfect. Editors are awkward fellows, but I hope the Editor of THE BLOXHAMIST will print this so that the O.B.'s may know a visitor's opinion of the extraordinary fine display given by the instructor and boys ; it was \* top hole."—A VISITOR."

SENIOR Colours have been awarded to Pratt and Hordern.

**CRICKET.**

BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. WARWICK SCHOOL 2ND XI.

PLAYED at Warwick, June 1st. Warwick batted first and scored steadily against some rather weak bowling. Bate-man bowled well at first, but was kept on too long and the fielding was a bit shaky. The total reached 93, and we should have made as many comfortably on a hard batsman's wicket. The innings failed completely and was a dismal performance, each batsman finding the first straight ball too much. Payne alone played well, but could get no one to stay with him. Score :

**BLOXHAM.**

Smith, S., b Lancaster.....	2
Arkell, b Lancaster.....	0
Foster, L., c Hacking, b Lancaster.....	0
Evans, b Cooke.....	11
Bateman, c and b Lancaster.....	0
Payne, not out.....	16
Orford, c Lancaster, b Cook.....	0

Pettifer, b Cooke.....	0
Denton, b Cooke.....	0
Hordern, c Cattell, b Lancaster.....	6
Gowing, b Cooke.....	0
Extras.....	4
Total.....	39

WARWICK SCHOOL.

Lancaster, c Orford, b Bateman.....	14
Cooke, b Bateman.....	0
Robinson, b Bateman.....	1
Brown, 1 b w b Orford.....	5
Crosbie, 1 b w Bateman.....	7
Poulton, b Orford.....	12
Hocking, c and b Denton.....	18
Skelton, b Bateman.....	0
Carey, b Bateman.....	0
Cattelli, c Arkell b Pettifer.....	12
Inglis, not out.....	0
Extras.....	15
Total.....	93

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, OXFORD.

Played at Oxford on June 15th. The wicket was hard and in first-rate condition for fast scoring. We won the toss and batted first, but the start was not promising ; five wickets fell for 31, and most of them rather unnecessarily. Hall and Harman made a splendid stand and put on 35 before being separated. The innings was soon over and we reached 90. Oxford began batting with about 75 minutes to play and looked like making the runs easily. The first wicket put on 31 in less than 20 minutes, thanks to some very loose bowling. The game was as good as over when 75 went up for six wickets, but the last four wickets fell rapidly, and we won by four runs on the stroke of time. Hall bowled very well after a very loose start, and Gee bowled quite steadily and well. The victory was distinctly creditable, as the fielding was good on the whole, and the match should prove a valuable tonic. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

Franks, A., b Davies.....	5
Payne, b Masson.....	0
Mier, b Davies.....	0
Foster, C, c Davies, b Masson.....	9
Littleboy, c Myrtle, b Davis.....	5
Hall, b Fletcher.....	3
Gee, c Fletcher b Masson.....	1
Harman, 1 b w Myrtle.....	0
Clark, 1 b w Fletcher.....	1
Christopher, c and b Myrtle.....	1
Bateman, not out.....	5
Extras.....	9
Total.....	90

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

Searby, b Hall.....	18
Masson, 1 b w Gee.....	29
Myrtle, b Hall.....	0
Davies, b Hall.....	16
Fletcher, c Mier, b Gee.....	0
Dawson, c Bateman, b Gee.....	7
Miller, not out.....	11
Gale, b Gee.....	4
Bushell, b Hall.....	0
Allen, b Hall.....	0
Barratt, b Hall.....	1
Extras.....	0
Total.....	86

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	Runs	Wickets
Overs	Mdps.	Runs
Hall.....	12	3
Gee.....	9	2
		23
		4

BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. WARWICK SCHOOL 2ND XI.

Played at Bloxham, June 19th. We won the toss and batted first. The first four wickets fell cheaply, the batsmen being out to most dreadful strokes. Pettifer and Orford put more light into the game and treated the bowling in the proper manner. The fifth wicket put on 50, and we managed to make 113. Our opponents did not put up a very good display against the bowling of Evans and Foster, the whole side being out for 25, and so we managed to avenge the bad defeat at Warwick's score :—

BLOXHAM.

Smith, S., c and b Lancaster.....	8
Evans, c Skelton, b Lancaster.....	12
Day, c Hocking-, b Lancaster.....	0
Foster, L.....	19
Bertram, b Cook.....	0
Pettifer, run out.....	30
Orford, c Brown, b Crosbie.....	27
Lowden, st. Robinson, b Crosbie.....	6
Hordern, b Crosbie.....	1
Gowing, not out.....	0
Watson, G., c Poulton, b Cooke.....	3
Extras.....	6
Total.....	113

WARWICK.

Lancaster, c Evans, b Foster.....	1
Hocking, run out.....	1
Robinson, b Evans.....	2
Brown, c Bertram b Foster.....	0
Cooke, c Bertram b Foster.....	0
Crosbie, b Evans.....	0
Poulton, b Evans.....	14
Cattelle, b Evans.....	0

Byam, c Hordern b Evans ...	1
Skelton, not out.....	0
Davies, c Hardman, b Ward .....	4
Extras.....	2
Total.....	25

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets
Evans.....	8.3	3	7	6
Foster, L. ....	8	2	16	3

BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. HERNE BAY COLLEGE.

Played at Oxford, June 29th. We won the toss and batted first. Day and Evans started most confidently and on a perfect ground and wicket scored rapidly. The first wicket fell at 47, and two others followed in quick succession. Orford scored very rapidly with some rather wild hitting and made matters quite safe by getting on over 40 for the sixth wicket. We declared at 110 for 5 wickets, and left our opponents 70 minutes to get the runs. Their batting was not strong, and the last wicket gave most trouble, putting on 14 runs, and almost doubling the score. Evans and Foster bowled fairly well, though rather tired. Score:

BLOXHAM.

Day, c Pierce, b Davies.....	9
Evans, c Butchard, b Wilson.....	33
Bertram, b Wilson.....	1
Smith, S., b Wilson.....	2
Gowing, o Abrams, b Wilson.....	1
Orford, not out.....	44
Foster, L., c Pierce b Davies.....	2
Lowden, not out.....	2
Arkell	1
Watson, G. VDid not bat.	
Hordern )	
Extras.....	1
Total.....	111

HERNE BAY.

Wilson, b Foster.....	2
Pierce, c Hordern, b Evans.....	2
Abrams, c Hordern, b Foster.....	4
Vermelgen, c Watson, b Evans.....	0
Hallett, b Evans.....	1
Lowndes, b Evans.....	11
Niblett, c Hordern, b Evans.....	5
Butchard, c Watson b Evans.....	4
Davies, c Smith, b Day.....	1
Logan, l b w b Evans.....	2
Wheat, not out.....	12
Extras.....	1
Total.....	33

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets.
Evans .....	10	2	15	7
Foster .....	9	4	16	2
Day ..	4	0	1	1

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. HERNE BAY COLLEGE.

Played at Bloxham on June 29th. We won the toss and batted first. The start was disastrous, as with only three runs on the board Franks was clean bowled, and two runs later Harman was easily caught. Disasters did not end here for Mier, Foster, O, and Hall were all out with only 21 runs scored. The situation was critical, but at this point Bateman joined Gee, and by some steady batting the score was carried to 53 before Bateman, playing right across a straight one. was clean bowled. Two more wickets then fell quickly, and 8 were down for 56. Gee, who had been batting admirably, was now partnered by Pettifer and a great change came over the game. While Gee batted quietly but confidently, Pettifer hit vigorously, and boundaries were frequent. The score rose rapidly, and a separation was not effected until 108 runs were on the board. Gee's effort of 30 was a most useful contribution, and he batted well for his runs. Christopher, who joined Pettifer, was almost immediately caught, and the innings closed for 109. Pettifer carried out his bat for a very useful, though somewhat lucky 40.

Herne Bay College opened quietly. The attack was entrusted to Hall and Gee. At 15, Gee brilliantly handed a catch at slip off Hall's bowling and sent Gray back. Two runs later Gee got through Balding's defence. The 3rd and 4th wickets then added 15 and 11 respectively, the 4th wicket falling at 44. At this point four more wickets fell cheaply, 8 being down for 50. Aided by some luck in the way of dropped catches, a useful stand was made for the 9th wicket, and a double change in the bowling was tried at 69. Off his second ball, Bateman, who relieved Hall, got Hayes caught at cover, and without any addition to the score Harman bowled Grieve, the innings closing for 69.

Hall and Gee bowled well, and the fielding on the whole was good. Mier was very sound behind the stumps.

BLOXHAM.

Harman, c Hatmerton, b Gray.....	4
Franks, A., b McVicar.....	1
Mier, b Gray.....	8
Foster, C., l bw McVicar.....	1
Hall, b Gray.....	3
Gee, b McVicar.....	30
Bateman, b Wilson.....	18
Payne, b McVicar.....	0
Clark, run out.....	0

Pettifer, not out.....	4°
Christopher, c Hammerton, b Gray.....	0
Extras .....	4
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>109</b>

HERNE BAY COLLEGE.

Gray, c Gee, b Hall.....	11
Hammerton, b Gee.....	M
Balding, b Gee.....	0
McVicar, c Mier, b Gee.....	19
Russ, b Gee.....	3
Smith, c and b Gee.....	1
Wilson, b Hall.....	3
Hales, c Pettifer b Bateman.....	5
Parker, b Hall.....	2
Grieve, b Harman.....	14
Solomon, not out.....	0
Extras.....	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>69</b>

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets.
Hall.....	15	32	3
Gee.....	15	37	5
Bateman.....	1	0	1
Harman.....	6	0	1

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. HERNE BAY COLLEGE.

Played at Oxford, July 13th, 1918. The wicket was nicely softened by the rain, but was still in favour of the batsmen, although the scoring was very low and lacking in "push." Clark won the toss and put his opponents in, as there was only two-and-a-half hours available for cricket. The policy was justified as we got them out for 43 in less than an hour. Hall and Gee bowled very well and stayed in long. Our first three wickets fell cheaply, and we did not manage to win until five had fallen. Gee played very steadily and well, and thanks mainly to his innings we won by 17 runs. Score :—

BLOXHAM.

Franks, A., c Solomon, b Gray.....	4
Bateman, c Smith, b Gray.....	4
Harman, b Gray.....	1
Littleboy, b McVicar.....	8
Gee, not out.....	20
Hall, c Wilson, b McVicar.....	7
Pettifer, c Balding, b McVicar.....	4
Payne, c and b McVicar.....	5
Clark, b McVicar.....	0
Foster, C, b Gray.....	1
Christopher, b McVicar.....	3
Extras.....	4
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>60</b>

HERNE BAY.

Balding, b Hall.....	12
Watson, b Gee.....	5
Gray, b Gee.....	4
McVicar, b Gee.....	5
Hammerton, b Hall.....	4
Russ, b Hall.....	2
Smith, c Payne, b Gee.....	7
Grieve, c Christopher, b Hall.....	0
Parker, b Hall.....	0
Vermeglen, not out.....	0
Solomon, b Hall.....	0
Extras.....	4
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>43</b>

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Hall.....	9	2	14	6
Gee.....	8	3	23	4

HOUSE MATCHES.

HEAD'S V. CRAKE.

Head's House batted first and did not prove very successful against the bowling of Gee and Littleboy. Hall was the only one who looked like making any runs, and when he was out the last six wickets fell for an addition of only ten runs. The Crake batsmen did better, and again Gee was the most prominent. He made 47 in excellent style before being bowled. In their second innings Head's only managed to make 33, so that Crake won by an innings and 48 runs. Score :—

HEAD'S HOUSE

FIRST INNINGS.

SECOND INNINGS.

Smith, S., b Littleboy.....	2	b Gee.....	16
Arkell, c Bertram, b Littleboy.....	3	b Gee.....	0
Lowden, c Christopher, b Gee.....	0	run out.....	1
Hall, b Gee.....	15	b Littleboy.....	1
Pettifer, b Gee.....	0	(did not bat) sub.....	7
Butler, J., b Gee.....	2	c Orford, b Littleboy.....	0
Howard, c Bateman, b Gee.....	0	bGee.....	1
Watson, G., c Bateman, b Gee.....	0	c Evans, b Gee.....	0
Taylor, J., c and b Littleboy.....	5	c Franks, b Littleboy.....	4
Watkins, b Gee.....	0	not out.....	0
Collyer, A., not out.....	2	c Christopher, b Gee.....	0
Extras.....	2	Extras.....	3
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>33</b>

CRAKE.

Franks, A., b Pettifer.....	8
Bateman, c Smith, b Pettifer.....	2
Orford, run out.....	18

Gee, b Hall.....	47
Littleboy, b Hall.....	9
Evans, run out.....	0
Bertram, b Pettifer.....	6
Christopher, b Pettifer.....	3
Clark, b Hall.....	4
Gowing, not out.....	5
Hordern, b Hall.....	0
Extras.....	0

Total..... H 2

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1st innings. Gee.....	8	3	4	7
Littleboy.....	9	4	15	3
2nd innings Gee.....	2	3	10	5
Littleboy.....	7	3	19	3

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Hall.....	21	5	46	4
Pettipher.....	21	4	53	4

CRAKE V. WILBERFORCE.

The Crake House had the stronger side and managed to win this, the deciding match, fairly comfortably. The scoring was not high and no striking incidents were noticed in the first innings. Bertram batted quite well for Crake, and with Gee put on about 30 runs for the fifth wicket. The Wilberforce batting was not very enlivening, and the bowling was treated with too much respect. In their second innings Crake put on a winning score, giving the others 163 to make to win. Chapman made merry with the bowling for a few minutes, but no one else rose to the occasion, and Crake won the match and the cup by 104 runs. Score :—

CRAKE.

FIRST INNINGS.

Franks, b Day.....	5
Bateman, 1 b w Harman.....	8
Orford, 1 b w Day.....	8
Gee, c Miers b Day.....	10
Bertram, not out.....	26
Christopher, run out.....	10
Gowing, b Day.....	0
Evans, c and b Day.....	0
Clark, c Payne, b Foster, L.....	5
Hordern, b Foster, L.....	2
Law, b Foster, L.....	0
Extras.....	3

Total.....77

SECOND INNINGS.

c Payne, b Mier.....	12
c Mier, b Foster, L.....	9
c and b Mier.....	18
b Harman.....	13
b Mier.....	5
b Foster, C.....	24
c and b Harman.....	8
b Harman.....	14
1 b w Harman.....	0
not out.....	18
b Mier.....	4
Extras.....	9

Total.....134

WILBERFORCE

FIRST INNINGS.

Foster, C, b Gee.....	8
Harman, c Franks, b Bateman.....	4
Payne, b Gee.....	2
Mier, b Bateman.....	7
Foster, L, 1 b w Bateman.....	0
Chapman, E., c Clark, b Gee.....	4
Day, b Gee.....	2
Pratt, not out.....	7
Prescott, b Bateman.....	2
Gray, D., b Bateman.....	4
Parsons, J., 1 b w Bateman.....	0
Extras.....	9

Total.....49

SECOND INNINGS.

c Christopher, b Gee.....	7
c Christopher, b Bateman.....	6
b Bateman.....	3
b Bateman.....	0
c Christopher, b Gee.....	1
b Gee.....	22
b Gee.....	3
c and b Gee.....	11
c Christopher, b Gee.....	0
not out.....	1
b Gee.....	0
Extras.....	5

Total.....59

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1st innings. Day.....	16	3	35	5
Harman.....	6	1	24	1
Foster, L. ..	4	0	8	3
2nd innings. Foster, L....	7	2	22	1
Mier.....	11	0	54	4
Harman.....	9	2	29	4
Foster, C. ..	2	0	11	1
1st innings. Gee.....	14	8	16	4
Bateman.....	4	3	23	6
2nd innings. Gee.....	10	1	31	7
Bateman, ..	9	3	22	3

THE CRICKET SEASON & CHARACTERS OF XI.

ANOTHER cricket season has come and gone and once more we have had to play matches with little practice and experience. It has been felt more this season than before, because there is the making of quite a good team in the School, and with ordinary luck the prospect for the immediate years to come are bright. There are a number of promising colts, who with care on their part would make cricketers, and there is a refreshing keenness in the younger boys. The first XI. has done quite well, though we have only been able to play five matches, as Magdalen College School, Oxford, had to scratch their return fixture. We have won three, drawn one and lost one. We lost the first match against Warwick before the team had perhaps settled down and we drew the return. Since then we have beaten Magdalen School, Oxford, away, in a most exciting finish, and Herne Bay School twice, home and away. The 2nd XI. lost to Warwick away, but got an ample revenge at home, and beat Herne Bay twice. In the first XI. Hall and Gee have been most consistent, and done very well. Mier has kept wicket well, and Harman has usually

batted very soundly. Littleboy and Foster C. have been rather disappointing, as we expected greater things of them. In the 2nd XI. Evans has bowled well and made some runs, while Foster L., Day, Bertram, Gowing and Lowden have shown promise for the future.

As has been said before on several occasions, the weak part is the net practice. The time available owing to O.T.C. claims is very short, and not the best use is made of it. Nets are instituted for practice in learning the game, and should be used for that purpose. It is useless looking upon them as an opportunity for a "knock," whatever that means, and which does much more harm than good. At the same time they offer the only possible opportunity of learning to bowl. The majority of the bowling seen in the nets is lamentable, and the batsman is expected to learn the game by playing consistent wides, and the longest of long hops. The selfishness of preventing another person getting any practice should be obvious, but unfortunately it is not, and no progress can be made without more thought for others.

The House matches did not provide much excitement as the Crake had considerably the stronger team. No great discoveries were made, but some promising material for later years was evident. The Crake beat Head's and Wilberforce, and retained the cup for another year. Next year there will in all probability be a very great scarcity of cricket material of all sorts, and every care must be taken of what is available or cricket will have to stop altogether. There is a good deal of carelessness in this respect at present, and the boys will only be to blame themselves.

#### CHARACTERS.

- \* *Clark, J. S. (Captain).*—Has improved as a bat, but still has a good deal to learn in getting the best out of a team in the field in the way of bowling changes, etc.
- \* *Littleboy, T. W. D.*—An excellent bat, but spoils his efforts by being in too much of a hurry to score. A good field and bowler when he can find his length.
- \* *Hall, J. B.*—Has bowled very well all through the season, and is a good bat, deserves every credit for whole-hearted keenness.
- \* *Mier, P.*—A very sound wicket-keeper and improved as a bat.
- \* *Gee, J. E.*—Has developed into a very good bowler with a break from leg and a sound bat.
- t *Harman, C. J.*—A good steady bat and a very good field ; would make a useful left-hand bowler with more practice.

t *Foster, C.*—A disappointing bat ; he spoils his strokes by too much "fancy work." Should have done much better ; sound in the field, but a most erratic bowler.

t *Franks, A.*—A good bat but very cramped and stiff in style ; a sound field ; wastes any amount of runs through bad backing up and slowness between the wickets.

f *Christopher, A. C.*—A very good- field and a fair slow bowler ; a poor bat.

t *Payne, R. S.*—A sound steady bat and a fair field.

t *Bateman, R. E.*—A distinctly promising batsman and bowler ; should do well next year.

#### SCHOOL NEWS.

ON June 1st, W. B. Woodard, the fifth son of the Founder of S. Nicolas College, and the Custos of this School, was called to his rest. Since the war began he has acted as Chairman of the School Finance Committee in the absence of the Provost. We suppose that few members of the Chapter were better known in Bloxham than Mr. Woodard. For many years he had his own rooms in the Master's house so that he could better superintend any repairs or building. The Gymnasium and Fives Courts were his chief work here, but he took a wide and thorough interest in the fabric generally. He spared himself no time and trouble to carry out his work. Though advanced in years and often in poor health, he came at least once if not twice a term to Bloxham, coming and returning the same day from Brighton. The School owes much to his work and thoroughness, nor will he easily be forgotten. The Headmaster, in preaching on the Woodard Schools on the first Sunday after Trinity, found in him a pertinent example of the Woodard School training. He mentioned his great work, the building of Lancing Chapel, and he pointed out how that in spending his life for the welfare and religious education of English boys he had carried out the Society's motto, "Let him who loves God love his brother also." The funeral took place at Lancing, and the Headmaster went to represent the School. R.I.P.

THE REV. H. S. BARBER, who came to help on the staff, was only with us four weeks before the war claimed him. In that short time he showed us how much we should miss him both in the class-room and cricket field. He took over the cricket for the time. He is now a lieutenant in the R.N.R., and is going as Intelligence Officer to Aden. After a lapse of four weeks his place was taken by Miss M. McCartan, B.A., Durham.



THE energy of Mr. Jacob and the fine weather enabled us to do much more bathing than usual. At the end of the term Swimming Sports were held. The Headmaster and Mrs. Grier presented a cup to be held by the winning House. The races were keenly contested and showed that there was a good deal of talent in the School. The events and winners were as follows:—*Five Lengths*—1, D. K. Evans ; 2, S. T. Smith. *High Dive*—G. S. Pratt. *Two Lengths under 15*—1, H. J. S. Walkley ; 2, P. A. T. Lowden. *Two Lengths*—1, D. K. Evans ; 2, J. B. R. Pettifer. *One Length under 13*—D. Heath. *Winner of House Cup*—1, Crake ; 2, Wilberforce.

THE FOLLOWING NEW BOYS came this term :—Douglas Edward Montague Billimore, Henry Raymond John Boschetti-Birch, Frederick George Bury, John Keyte Bury, Leslie Reginald Chinchon, John Nicol Cook, Stanley Fitch, Grove Denis Hardwicke, Joseph Bernard Kershaw, Kenneth Edward Standage, Hugh Willoughby Thomas, and Maurice Henry Wheeler.

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