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A WORD OF INTRODUCTION.

May I crave a small space in which to thank all connected with the school for the easy and pleasant transition which they have enabled me to make in entering upon the duties of Headmaster, so acceptably and wisely performed by my predecessor, Mr. Barton? And I should like to thank him also for his too kind words of welcome and recommendation to your tender mercies in the last number of the "Savilian." Naturally, I cannot hope to make good all that he so generously said, but I may assure you all that my ambition is to carry on the traditions of good feeling and humanity, which characterized his *régime* here, and which, I think, are dear to both of us.

A. J. SPILSBURY.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

All Old Savilians and friends of the School were greatly pleased with the reproductions of the photographs of Old Boys killed in action, which appeared in our last number. It is intended to go on with the series, which (we fear) must be indefinitely continued; but as these reproductions are somewhat costly, it is hoped that readers will recognize the necessity for cutting down our literary matter to a minimum.

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The Lent Term is often an evil time for schools, and the term that has just passed has been no exception to the rule. A small, though irritating, outbreak of Chickenpox kept all the boarders prisoners for several weeks; the Fire, which fortunately did not prove as serious as it might have been, is alluded to elsewhere; Football has been almost non-existent, owing to the untoward weather and the impossible state of the ground. Almost the only out-of-door activity has been the Company Drill, wherein we are gradually hoping to improve our knowledge and smarten our words of command. Route Marches have proved popular—especially so when they have taken the place of class-room work; but it is greatly to be desired that the several Platoons should practise some definite marching songs to assist them on the road.

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It is noticeable that the Editor does not receive much in the way of contributions to this Magazine from the rank and file of the School. May we throw out the suggestion that there is such a thing as a Correspondence Column, and that all and sundry are

invited to write letters, making suggestions, or drawing attention to any points which might make for the progress and development of our School institutions ?

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It is impossible to close these Notes without a word of farewell and good wishes to G. C. Miles and F. W. Skinner, who with Lawe, and Kitson, our other "eighteen year olds," are being called from their education into His Majesty's Forces. The loss of all the senior boys to a school such as ours will be a great blow both to the intellectual and the corporate life of our community. But the times are serious ; the boys are all anxious to be of service ; and therefore it is not for us to bemoan their departure, but to "carry on" as best we may.

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The only thing in the way of entertainment that has occurred this Term has been due to the initiative and enterprise of Miss C. Smith, of the Junior School, who wrote, staged, and produced an excellent Pantomime, in which her young pupils distinguished themselves greatly to their own, their parents', and our satisfaction. There was a silver collection after the two separate performances, on Saturday, February 17th, and on Tuesday, February 20th respectively, which resulted in a sum of £11 18s. 9d. being handed over to the Training Ships Fund. May this not be the last of Miss Smith's ventures !

DE OMNIBUS REBUS.

At the beginning of term Mr. Head, speaking for the school, expressed a hearty welcome to Mr. Spilsbury, which we here re-echo. We hope that the school under him may continue in increasing prosperity.

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Military Drill this term has occupied a great deal of attention. The school company was divided into three platoons and twelve sections. To each section an instructor was appointed, and squad drill has been taught from the beginning by instructors, who are gradually learning to instruct. A very great improvement in smartness has resulted and platoon, and company drill have been much more successful.

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The School Fire which broke out in the Geography room, and incidentally gained a half for the Senior School, was a great success.

The Porter, aided by several boys and masters, charged through the dense smoke and poured water on the flames. Mr. Brown deserves Honourable Mention for remembering that the school contained some very ancient and dusty extinguishers. Rumour has it that the boy who first suggested that the school was on fire received a "Bad Entry." Additional excitement was caused by some useful person turning the tap in the corridor full on, and then losing the key.

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☞ Pestilence, as well, has visited us, or at any rate the boarding house, and several people of eighteen have left to join the army, so that this term has been by no means devoid of excitement.

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On separate occasions we have been greatly helped in our drill by E. R. Sudbury and 2nd.-Lt. C. N. Spencer.

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Several route marches have taken place when the ground has been unfit for any thing else.

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It is with great sorrow that we have to report the death of more Old Boys, and of Mr. Edwardes, who is remembered by many of us with affection and respect.

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Gifts to the School Museum have been received from Messrs. H. S. Archer, N. F. Cooke, J. E. Quinn, to whom our cordial thanks are returned.

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We congratulate C. N. Robinson on gaining a Freeston Exhibition for Classics at University College, Oxford.

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Foundation Scholarships have been awarded to the following :—H. G. Brookes, R. Burgess, E. L. Burton, G. S. Clarke, G. A. Green, C. M. Jones, E. S. Roberts, F. W. Hindes, J. F. Wolfenden, F. G. S. Green.

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The Editors beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries, apologising for any omissions :—*Bristol Grammar School Chronicle*, *Rock Danensis* (Doncaster G.S.), *Frestonian* (Normanton), *Giggleswick Chronicle*, *Chronicles of Ermysted and Petyt Journal*, *Leodensian*, *Hill and Dale*, *Liverpool Institute School Magazine*, *Grovian*, *Olavian*, *Cryptian*, *Hymertian*.

FOOTBALL.

At the time of writing no 1st or 2nd XV. matches have been played. The teams we played in the Lent term in the days before the war do not exist now. The match with Hymers College, Hull, which was twice postponed last term, has been abandoned owing to increased train fares and the restrictions on travelling. The return match with Leeds Grammar School had to be cancelled owing to an epidemic in that school, and the return match with Bradford Grammar School has twice been postponed owing to the weather.

It is very difficult now to raise a team of Old Savilians for obvious reasons, but we have arranged one match with them, and hope to arrange another between now and the end of the term.

School practices have been greatly interfered with by the weather, the long frosts and heavy snows making it impossible to play. However, route marches and skating have relieved the tedium of inactivity.

The House Matches will take place as soon as possible, and are keenly awaited. It is probable that the fight for the shield will be quite as tough as usual.

1st XV. colours were awarded to Mellor, Abell and Wright.

At the end of last term we lost Denton and Stokes, and during the last week Wright also has left us. None of the boarders, owing to chicken-pox, have been able to play in any practice up to now.

On all counts it will be obvious that football has been very greatly handicapped this term.

CHARACTERS OF THE FIRST XV.

*ABELL, W.C., has proved a successful full-back. His tackling is sure, his kicking strong and deliberate. Always careful in his play and making the best of his advantages, he sometimes creates uneasiness by running risks in order to make a good touch. Very hard to tackle, however, he usually justifies the confidence placed in him. His pluck and assurance are beyond reproach.

*WELLINGTON, R. E. L., Vice-Captain (wing three-quarter), has been able owing to ill-health to play in no matches and very few practices. Especially good on the attack, he is a very

keen and fast wing. During his short period at school he has been very helpful as Vice-Captain, and we sympathise with his ill-luck.

STOKES, B. A. W. (wing-three-quarter) played in Wellington's place until the end of last term. A very slippery man to tackle and working very hard in the attack, he made some very successful rushes. His tackling was not so strong, and his kicking was only fair.

*DUTTON, H. (centre three-quarter) as one of our oldest colours has been very useful both in his own play and by help and example. Invaluable in the training of the backs, he also tackles strongly and kicks well. Dashing and vigorous in the attack, he is dangerous unless well marked. He has a habit perhaps of keeping the ball too long when tackled.

MORTON, J. L., and HANLEY, F., have both played left-centre. The former, though plucky, is much too light to be successful in 1st XV. play, and, in the Leeds match especially, was powerless, and a handicap to the three-quarter line. Hanley, though more successful, is better in the forward line, not being quick enough on his feet to make a good three-quarter.

KITSON, G. V. (wing-three-quarter), a fast wing, but has not enough self-confidence. With less hurry, he would tackle and pass better. Attacks with vigour, but a little blindly. Has the makings of an excellent wing.

*MELLOR, C. (stand-off-half), 8 st. 9½lbs. A compact and stubborn half, slippery as an eel and exceptionally hard-working, he is keeping up A. Mellor's reputation. He sticks too hard to the ball sometimes, but otherwise has fully deserved his success.

HOLDSWORTH, H. (scrum-half), 8st. 5¼lbs. A very keen and hard-working scrum-half, who handles the ball cleanly, and tackles hard and low. His play is always plucky but he should make more ground when in possession of the ball.

*MILES, G. C., Captain (forward), 9st. 6½lbs. A very energetic and capable leader both of the forwards and of the whole team. Has improved wonderfully in his own play by care and persistence, and is always to be relied on. The good wishes and thanks of the school will go with him in his new and more serious duties, and we wish him the very best of luck.

*DENTON, C. D. (forward). A cool and resourceful forward, especially good in the tight, when he has a habit of appearing in the possession of the ball. He tackles and kicks well, and always makes a great deal of ground in the attack. His best quality is his judgment and power of calculating chances. (Left at Christmas).

*WRIGLEY, F. H. (forward), 11st. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. A powerful forward, who kicks strongly, and tackles keenly. Perhaps a little slow in following up, and not always using his weight to the full, he has, nevertheless, inspired moments when he is not easily stopped. He dribbles well, and his weight has been very useful.

*BELL, G. R. (forward), 9st. 13lbs. Has improved greatly, and fully deserved the colours he obtained at the beginning of the season. He is always to be found behind the ball, and tackles, scrums, charges, and kicks, with unflagging vigour. For honest hard work and real usefulness he is one of the best men in the team.. He will take any amount of punishment and revel in it.

*WRIGHT, C. E. (forward). Hard-working in the scrum and the loose, he is especially good in attacking on a wet field. His kicking is excellent, and he has had some success in place-kicking. (Left in the course of the term).

HARDY, W. (forward), 8st. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. A very fast and keen forward, who will follow up a long kick and score from it. He is perhaps the best forward in the use of his feet, and sets a very good example. His tackling and passing are not always as good, but he is keenness itself.

HANLEY, F. (forward), 8st. 9lbs. A dashing and vigorous player, who makes good use of his weight, and plays a keen game. Does not kick enough, but his tackling is good.

SKINNER, F. W. (forward), 9st. 11lb. A useful man in the line out, playing with coolness and judgment. He has improved greatly. He should practise kicking, and get a firmer and lower grip when tackling.

STAYNES, C. (forward), 10st. 11lb. A rather disappointing forward, who is too fond of showy play. Should use his weight more, and work harder in the scrum.

PARRY, E. G. (forward), 9st. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. A promising and hard-working forward, he has played in several matches. He rushes a little blindly, and keeps the ball too long, but will improve.

SAMUEL PEPYS—1917.

(Extract from the entries for February).

. . . Up at 2 of the afternoon, and to the Free Schole of Grammar to see the new sport of Footballe, or as some have it, Footer, much in Fashion in France, and in that region of Picardie known to men as 'The Fronte.' Here there be no little fighting betwixt many nations, and great turmoil and to-do respecting one William of Prussia, whom men do call Arch-Hun; whereof I wot not if it be that his legs through much horsemanship are of a shape like unto an arch.

The Students and Sizars at the Free Schole, like to the arquebusiers of Picardie, are used to regale them in the pursuit of this leathern bladder, "the balle."

Straitway to the Field, and find them at hot strife and contest with them living in the Grove of Woodhouse, as who should tear each other piecemeal, as a pack of ravening wild beastes. Wherefore the more murderous amongst them are known as the "Pack;" others again call them the "Scrumme." Afar off and well apart from this dreaded "scrumme" stand they of a more reflective mind, unto whom the scrumme is as an hatred and an abhorrence; to them is the task of carrying the balle far from the Pack (where it is indeed like to be badly misused, nay, to be torn in pieces) to more quiet places where at their leisure they may lay it gently down beyond a chalked line, and themselves lie above it. Such sympathetic ones they call the "threes," because there be four of them. Also I saw two whom they call "halves," for ordinarily the two do equal in stature one grown man. And one, too, there stands of a malicious mind, who kicketh viciously at the balle whensoever it cometh within his reach, for it, in sooth, is defenceless and excessive light, to boot. For this the Pack are wont to chastise him cruelly, and to trample heavily upon him when they chance to get him in their clutch. A bitter wind bloweth, and rain withal. And one cries continuously "Hard up;" "Hard up." In sooth, I care naught if he be hard up. And more, I have no coin about my person, having left it at my house, not without purpose, it being 'flagge day.'

Meditating upon the Warr and discussing with one Jones, a serjeant-at-arms to wit, of the City's Volunteer Militia, am rudely awakened by a violent blow on the nape: the which I see to be delivered by the outer rind of that foreign fruit they call the "lemmon." Straitway prepare in high-dudgeon to betake myself from the field, the while one hath driven the balle with base intent

and no little velocitie upon my midriff, whereat I do seat myself suddenly upon the ground, not with mine own consent ! A silly game, and not to my taste. . . .

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[The above was handed in to the Editor by J. Lawe, the day before he left School to join the Forces. Just as this Magazine goes to Press, news is brought to us of his untimely death. His inclusion in the Roll of Honour must, unfortunately, be held over till the next issue].

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Up to the time of writing the Society has only had two debates, both of which were very keenly contested, but we hope to have one more good one before the end of the term. Owing to the majority of the senior boys being called up for military service, a new secretary and committee had to be elected. Robinson was appointed secretary, and the following form the committee : H. E. Wilding, R. E. L. Wellington, H. G. Estcourt, E. G. Parry, H. Conolly, D. M. Shackleton.

On March 2nd there was a debate on the motion that, "It is expedient in the interests of the nation that all secondary schools should be closed, for the period of the war, to enable the boys to take part in some useful industry." The proposer said that the "time" demanded the schools should be closed ; this apparently, in his opinion, deciding the issue ; one speaker suggested that we should be educated at such anti-educational institutions as technical schools. The house was so evenly divided that the chairman had to give his casting vote, which went against the motion.

On March 16th, at a debate on Classics *v.* Science, Mr. Spilsbury very kindly presided instead of Mr. Young. This was very successful in attracting the scientific element, who so to speak, rolled up in their thousands ; on the other hand most of the classical people, under the impression that it was a foregone conclusion, failed to appear. One speaker remarked that shells made "life worth living," and another called the "blind Maconides" a "jossor," which naturally aroused the ire of the much depleted classical section. Mr. Spilsbury concluded with an ever memorable speech, in which he pointed out that there should be no antagonism between the supporters of classics and of science ; thus, in spite of the valiant efforts of the classical partisans to summon up the ghosts of Thucydides, Plato, Euripides, Sophocles, Aristotle, and others many from the nether world to their help, they were defeated by a majority of two votes.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

December 20th, 1916.—At the meeting on this date Bell entertained the Society with the aid of his Kinematograph which he kindly lent for the occasion. He exhibited to a good house about three thousand feet of film, the subjects being the usual drama of the picture house. At the close of the exhibition the members were allowed to inspect the instrument; an opportunity of which they took full advantage. The usual informal thanks were then tendered to Bell by Mr. Welch, and the meeting dispersed.

February 2nd, 1917.—An ordinary meeting was held on this date in the Physics Laboratory at 6.30 p.m. There was only a poor attendance of members, and no models were brought. Mr. Welch therefore allowed the members to inspect some of the microscopic slides of his preparation, using his microscope. Several members borrowed the periodicals which the Society takes for their convenience.

February 16th, 1917.—Again no very grand attendance of members, and no models. Several boys under the direction of the secretary examined with the aid of the polariscope, sections of selenite prepared for that instrument. At the close of the hour the meeting was dismissed.

March 2nd, 1917.—On this occasion the secretary was unavoidably absent. Mr. Welch however explained the Spectroscope and Microphone to the members who attended the meeting, and several boys saw a pure specimen for the first time.

March 23rd, 1917. — Without doubt the most successful meeting of the session took place on this date. The chief interest of the evening centred round the arc lamps which two members, Bell and Wrigley, had lent for the occasion. Bell had a small enclosed arc, using alternating current, which he attached to the lamp socket, a choke coil being interposed. Wrigley had two lamps, one a most ingenious parallel arc arrangement, and the other a self-striking, self-feeding arc, both used with a transformer. Ramsden brought a model battleship, and Lawe a small motor made from an electric bell. The secretary then exhibited two experiments in chemical magic. In the first, water was turned to ink, and the ink to water. In the second, he made use of the "pulvis fulminans" of the alchemist to produce a sudden report upon the fusion of this white powder. The meeting then came to a close.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES.

This term has passed very quietly, but there have been one or two outstanding events. We shall all remember the spell of hard winter; our frozen fingers; the slide in the playground; the woollen gloves and mittens we donned in the classroom; our longing to sit on the pipes; the iron consistency of the football field on which we appeared but seldom.

The Senior School fire (in itself a pleasant excitement, to which the local brigade with their shiny helmets, engine, and a little Union Jack contributed largely) gave us an opportunity for grousing.

We wanted to know (a) why, if the older boys were allowed a holiday owing to the frigid atmosphere of the interior, we were not also allowed a holiday, since it was not our fault that we had not had a fire? (b) Why, as the Senior School continued frigid on the following morning, they should be further emancipated by a route march, while our noses were still at the grindstone; it not being our fault that our pipes were all right?

With what gnashing of teeth did we behold them march out of the gate, a last insult added to our chagrin of the day before; there were even rumours of strikes and lock-outs. But the trouble blew over.

I quote the affair as a brilliant example of Junior School Logic. We have done a very brave thing this term. Humbly, but firmly, we took possession of the Senior Hall, planted (metaphorically) our colours on the boards of the stage, and there inflicted a highly unclassical and unscholastic pantomime upon our friends and relations. What matter? We can only be young once, and there are future Irvings in our midst.

The story was that of two children, named respectively John French Ypres (P. S. Green), and Jellicoe Dreadnought (J. S. Stuart), who had an unkind uncle (J. S. Parker) resident at Walton in a certain castle yeleft Calder (probably on the site of the present railway station, according to the best authorities).

Having got into touch with an evil one of the name of Lightning Flash (P. J. B. Reynolds), who hired two desperate villains (N. J. Firth and G. E. Lamb) to carry out his behest, the Baron soon hoped to be quit of his charges.

Those dear children, however, were not easily frightened, and treated their future murderers with a charming friendliness which should have made even a hardened villain like Lamb blush for shame. Far from blushing, however, he uncovered an old well, and did his best to make them fall into it.

But "The best-laid schemes of Firth and Lamb gang aft agley." The people who fell in were the Comely Crusty (J. S. Goodall) and his (I mean, her) friend, the Special Constable (F. Senior), who emerged with black faces and hands, breathing malediction.

Haughty Henry (Firth), always averse to effort of any kind, then called on his downtrodden accomplice to think again.

Once more, the diabolical brain at work! Ah, Chevet Woods, the very place for a dark deed! We were just quaking with horror to think of those two poor little boys with their blue ties—when, greatly to our relief, the scene changed, and we saw the village school, with our friend the Special in an academic gown, his face washed, and all traces of yesterday's escapade with the well swept away. He really ought to be congratulated on the masterly way in which he kept his class in order.

The scholars having been put through their paces, and exhibited their ignorance of geography, and two gentlemen (N. C. Henderson and T. H. Gibson) having looked in to complain of recent thefts and pranks (the Baron's nephews were, I fear, not entirely innocent of the charges), the villains appeared again, and decoyed the Babes away with a trumped-up tale.

The scholars, objecting with socialistic fervour to the favouritism accorded to the Baronial party by the pedagogue, were just contemplating a strike, when the Teapot elf (J. Holdsworth) the Good Fairy of the piece, came in, dressed in a little brief authority (and green satin), as a school inspector, and gave them all a holiday.

Next, we were transported to Chevet, and there, probably for the first time in our lives, saw a full-blown German Spy (E. Farmer) complete with long moustache, spectacles, and iron cross, plotting the destruction of Herr Cradock's works.

There were, however, two sets of altruistic people on the qui vive; the Teapot Elf with his minions, the Robins and Toadstools (Jackson, Fielding, J. Gibson, Wakeford), and the Special Constable with his gallant band of three (Henderson, T. Gibson, Hall). The Constable was on the Spy's track, and did his best to lick his somewhat raw satellites into shape, to the sound of martial airs.

We then heard a heated conversation between Slippery Sam and the Baron about the question of wages, and another between the former and Haughty Henry, resulting in a gory conflict; after which the irrepressible and cheerful Babes appeared, oblivious to the creepy horrors of the wood, and gave us a little music.

The villains meanly advanced on the unconscious warblers, disguised as a very evil-looking dragon, but Sam had left his necktie hanging out, and spoilt everything. His haughty friend having temporarily dissolved partnership, he had the further mortification of discovering the Baron's perfidy—money-bags full of pebbles.

The Baron himself, coming through the wood, was then very properly punished by being mistaken for the Spy and captured by the energetic Constable and his crew. Crusty only identified him in the nick of time ; then, the real Spy obligingly turned up, and the Constable made a glorious capture.

The play ended happily ; the Baron, repenting, after a terrible scare from the Dragon (now turned, as it were, against himself by his late hirelings), called upon the entire caste, with the exception of the crestfallen Demon and Spy, to come home to a turkey tea at Castle Calder. And here we saw the last of them.

Mr. Hoskins very kindly supplied the music, and Miss Robinson helped with the stage arrangements.

There were two performances, one on the 17th, and one on the 20th of February. On the latter date the wounded soldiers honoured us with their company ; there was also a large contingent from the High School, which quite intimidated the actors.

The sum of £11 18s. 9d. was taken in collections at the door, and this will be forwarded to the Training Ships Fund.

We are indeed grateful to Miss Smith for her clever play, and all the pains she has taken over its production.

OLD SAVILIANS KILLED IN ACTION.

HARRY MIDWOOD—Second-Lieutenant York and Lancaster Regiment—1906-12. A Choral Scholar of the Cathedral, and a boy of the highest principles, Harry Midwood will be mourned by many. At School he was a valuable member of the School Choir, and took a prominent part in our School concerts. He very recently took the part of the Madonna in our representation some few years ago of the Wakefield Miracle Play. A member also of the School XI. and of other activities, he fitted himself very efficiently for the teaching profession in which he was already making rapid progress. He died of wounds received in action on Christmas Day, 1916, and his C.O. writes of him :—" He always did his duty, under all circumstances, cheerfully and with zest, and was one of my most valuable officers."

JAMES O'HARA PEARMAN, M.A. Cantab.—Second-Lieutenant Royal Warwickshire Regiment.—Assistant Master at the School from 1907-1908, he was reported killed in France, February 5th, 1916. James Pearman will gratefully be remembered by many boys on the Classical side of the School. A man of the highest principles and the strongest opinions, he could not have failed to impress for good the minds of those boys who came under his influence. Possessed of a dry humour, one could not fail to recognise his nationality, and he was deservedly popular with boys and masters. The call for men in our country's need would not be made in vain to men of the type of James Pearman. "May he rest in peace."

ALLAN JAMES MOUNTAIN.—Second-Lieutenant King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.—1902-08. At the outbreak of the war Allan Mountain along with three friends—all since killed—joined the Lincoln Pals Regiment at Grimsby. In a very short time he was given a commission in the Yorkshire Light Infantry, and was sent to France in November 1914. He was reported missing on July 23, 1916, after a night attack on the German Trenches at Thiepval, and has recently been officially reported dead. Allan Mountain was a boy of the brightest disposition, ever cheerful, and deservedly popular with all. In school camps he was the life of the whole party, and nobody was more willing to help others. That he carried these qualities with him into the dangers and trials of active warfare is shown by a letter received from the Chaplain of the Brigade who writes :—"Allan was always so bright and cheerful that you might have thought he actually enjoyed the War."

HENRY FREDERICK EDGE CUMBE EDWARDES, M.A. Cantab.—Second-Lieutenant Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.—Assistant Master at the School 1909-13, was killed in France, February 13th, 1917. The third master of the 4th Classical Form to lay down his life for his country, Henry Edwardes will be remembered, perhaps, by most Savilians, past and present. A man not easy at first to get on with on account of his shyness, he was nevertheless, soon beloved by all. Many peculiarities he had, and some we remember with a sad smile. Old boys in many parts of England, in training grounds and on the different fronts, will genuinely grieve when they get the sad news of the death of one who had become quite an institution of the School. He joined the army as a private soon after the outbreak of war, and we know for a fact that he endured many hardships uncomplainingly.

[Note—The photograph of the last-named will appear in the next issue of the "Savilian."]

THE LATE SPOKESMAN.

A very great loss to the School and to the City of Wakefield has been sustained by the recent death of Mr. Herbert Beaumont, J.P., of Hatfield Hall. As President of the Old Savilians' Club in 1890-1908, and as Spokesman of the Governors in 1893-94-95, 1916, he did a great work for the furthering of the usefulness and prosperity of this ancient foundation. No trouble was too much for him, and no effort was spared when the interests of the School and its pupils were concerned. As recently as Founders' Day on November last, he took the chair at the celebration and memorial service in the School Hall, and was visibly much affected at the mention of the great losses the School had experienced in the War. Herbert Beaumont could trace a personal interest in the School from 1861, and he must have rejoiced many times at the successes and achievements of the boys who, every year, passed from the School to the broader life of the Universities, the Professions, and to the business life of our immediate neighbourhood. At the annual re-unions only very urgent private or business affairs could prevent him from being present, and we shall miss—more, perhaps, than we can now realise—the cheery smile, the hearty greeting, and the vigorous personality, of one of the best-beloved fellow-Savilians. To his son and daughter we feel we can offer the deepest sympathy of Old Savilians, Masters, Past and Present, and boys of the Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

OLD SAVILIAN NOTES.

On another page in this issue will be found a letter from the Headmaster appealing for funds towards the initial costs which will be incurred in the formation of a Cadet Corps. We are confident the appeal will commend itself most strongly to every Old Savilian, and we earnestly hope the response will be both prompt and adequate.

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The list of names on the Roll of Honour continues steadily to lengthen, and excellent as it appears to be for a school of the size, yet we feel sure there are still many names which we ought to have. We therefore wish it to be known that anyone who notices an omission, can correct an error, or supply any information which will assist Mr. Head in his compilation of the list, will be rendering

a real service. Our object is to make it as perfect a record as possible of the magnificent part our school has taken in the great struggle now being waged.

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Mr. J. E. Barton, The Grammar School, Bristol.
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Mr. A. J. Spilsbury, M.A., Grammar School House, Wakefield.
Mr. J. T. Green, Alexandra Hotel, Belle Vue, Wakefield.

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Marriage :—

Mr. J. B. Ward of Glossop to Miss Ethel Halstead of Leicester.

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We sincerely regret to record the death in January last of Mr. W. P. Walker of Bradford, and late of Wakefield. In the earlier years of the Club he was a useful member of the Committee, and had always taken a great interest in any effort made to forward the success of the school. We tender to the members of his family and the relatives our deep sympathy in the loss they have suffered.

SALVETE AND VALETE.

Salvete.

- VI c.
 - G. C. Miles.
 - F. W. Skinner.
 - J. Lawe.
 - G. V. Kitson.
- VI M.
 - W. C. Abell.
- V B.
 - F. Cooke.
- IV A.
 - N. Goldthorpe.
- I U.
 - N. C. Henderson.

Valete.

- IV A.
 - L. Green.
- III A.
 - C. M. S. Yates.
 - R. A. Sinclair.
- III B.
 - E. Heffer.
 - L. Rowbotham.
 - W. W. Charlesworth.
- I U.
 - T. A. D. Hetherington.
 - H. C. Sanderson.
- I L.
 - D. Sanderson.
 - C. W. Silverwood.
 - R. B. White.
 - J. A. Close.
 - C. E. Webster.
 - E. Webster.
 - G. Haigh.

CADET CORPS.

(Copy of a letter published in the *Wakefield Express*.)

Dear Sir,

The interest which your paper has always shewn in the doings of this great school, so intimately connected with the City of Wakefield—and, indeed, since the sixteenth century, so eminently representative of Wakefield itself,—prompts me to crave space for a short letter on what I regard as a very important matter.

As all your readers know, the Public Schools of England have stood the test of this appalling war with credit. The Officers' Training Corps, only started in 1908, may with truth be said to have filled up a very dangerous gap in our military organisation. Enough to say that between the outbreak of war in August 1914 and December of that year, some 50,000 Commissions had been granted to ex-members of their school contingents of the O.T.C. And, if we only remember what large numbers of old boys flocked into Kitchener's new armies without commissions, but with a useful elementary military training derived from service with these School Contingents, it might well be argued that the public schools provided the backbone of those new units, in the shape of the N.C.O.'s.

Now, practically every school of note, and most secondary schools of very little note, now possess either a contingent of the O.T.C. or a Cadet Company. Is it not almost a reproach to us that we ourselves have done nothing in this way yet? I understand that it is only financial exigencies which have hitherto prevented the Governing Body from starting a Corps, otherwise they are in full sympathy with the idea. The boys also have been for some time most enthusiastic about the matter.

My object in writing this letter is to ask whether Old Boys of the School, who feel jealous for its prestige and success, and grateful for what it has done in the past—or prominent members of the City, who are convinced of the value of military training for schools, might possibly feel minded to assist me with donations towards the inevitable initial expenses?

In this connection I may say that the friends and Old Boys of another Yorkshire School raised a sum of £300 recently to put their school contingent of the O.T.C. on its legs; but we could do with considerably less. Would those who wish to subscribe kindly send cheques to me at the School House, when they will be gratefully acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. SPILSBURY,
(*Captain Unattd. List, T.F.*)

[The following subscriptions have already been received in response to the above letter and are acknowledged with much gratitude:—

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SCHOOL ROLL OF HONOUR—cont.

The following additional names of Old Savilians serving in His Majesty's Forces have been received since the last issue of the "Savilian."

- R. M. Armitage, Private, Royal Fusiliers. (1909-13.)
- G. Baynes, Corporal, West Yorkshire Regiment. (1899-1904.)
- W. H. Brooke, Private, Army Service Corps. (1910-13.)
- G. D. Buck, 2nd Lieutenant, R.F.A. (1907-11.)
- T. O. Dickinson, Private, Durham Light Infantry. (1891-96.)
- B. W. Gaunt, 2nd Lieutenant, York and Lancaster Regiment. (1910-13.)
- G. F. Hazell, Sergeant, R.F.A. (1909-12.)
- V. G. F. Head, Private, 4th Hants Reserve Battalion. (1889-1893.)
- J. H. Holdsworth, Private, R.F.C. (1891-93.)
- H. H. Hulme, Private, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. (1912-14.)
- H. Noble, Private, Training Reserve Battalion. (1910-13.)
- J. C. Rogerson, Pioneer, Royal Engineers. (1913-16.)
- H. Slater, Private, Training Reserve Battalion. (1911-14.)
- H. Woodcock, Private, Queen's Westminster Rifles. (1911-15.)

Information has come to hand that the following promotions have taken place among Old Savilians :—

- F. G. Beard, Sergeant, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
- C. F. Dixon, 2nd Lieutenant, East Yorkshire Regiment.
- A. E. Greaves, Major, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.
- C. L. Harris, Adjutant-Major, 7th Canadian Regiment.
- C. R. Ingham, 2nd Lieutenant, West Yorkshire Regiment.
- F. T. Lawe, Sergeant, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.
- A. Mackenzie, M.B., Acting-Major, Royal Engineers.
- L. B. Smith, M.A., 2nd Lieutenant, R.F.A.
- W. E. Smith, Acting-Captain, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

The following additional Military Honours have been gained by Old Savilians since our last issue :—

- C. A. Mackenzie, Captain, Deputy-Assistant Director of Ordnance Service, Military Cross.
- W. S. Mackenzie, Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel), Army Ordnance Corps., Distinguished Service Order, and mentioned in despatches.
- G. Thomson, Captain, K.O.Y.L.I., Military Cross.

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