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EDITORIAL.

THE feelings of all of us at the beginning of this term are very different from what they were at the beginning of last. Then everyone, even the youngest of us, felt the strain of the military situation. If at any time we have been doubtful of the issue of the conflict it was during the months of April and May. The enemy was within a few miles of Amiens, our communications with Paris and the French were threatened, and no one could fail to realise the seriousness of the situation.

But during the weeks that have since passed there has been a marvellous change for the better, and our anxiety has been turned to relief and profound thank-

fulness. For during the summer the Allies have succeeded in regaining much of the ground lost during the Spring, our enemies have lost confidence and are becoming disheartened, and the Americans have shown themselves to be courageous and determined supporters of our cause.

*It is perhaps in some ways disappointing to think that we at home have taken no part in this great success, but there is some consolation in the fact that the work which many members of the School did in the harvest-field during the holidays has been of real value to the country. But be that as it may, the fact remains that any sacrifices we can make are utterly insignificant compared with those which the men, who are fighting our battles for us, are making day by day.

The new School year has therefore opened under happy auspices. It may be that we shall have to suffer some slight inconvenience from the rationing of coal, but, being young and active, we are far better fitted to endure a little discomfort from this cause than other members of the community.

In conclusion, we have good confidence for hoping that 1918 will be the last full year of the war, and that the present advance is only one of a series leading in a short time to victory, and a just and lasting peace.



ROLL OF HONOUR.

KILLED IN ACTION.

ARTHUR CHARLES SOTHERON ESTCOURT, M.C., was a Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force. Born on September 26th, 1893, he entered the School in May, 1907, and left in July, 1912. He was a School Prefect. In January, 1912, he won a Mathematical Scholarship at Magdalene College, Cambridge, and went up to Magdalene in October, 1912. Soon after the outbreak of war he joined the Cambridge O.T.C., and received a commission in the Wiltshire Regiment in November, 1914. He went to the front about a year later, being attached to a battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment. Early in 1916 he was detached for service with a Trench Mortar Battery, of which from time to time

he was in command, and it was for his distinguished service in this capacity that he was awarded the Military Cross. In August, 1916, he was wounded by a sniper's bullet and was at home until the following December. He then returned to his battery and was with it until August, 1917, when he was severely wounded by the premature explosion of a bomb. This kept him in England for the rest of the year, but early in 1918 he transferred to the Flying Corps. Passing out at the head of the list in the Flying School Examination in April, he was sent to the front at the beginning of May as an observer. On August 8th he went out in the morning on patrol over the lines, and he and his pilot were both found dead later.

GUY CROMWELL TYLER was a Captain in the Norfolk Regiment. Born on July 5th, 1892, he entered the School in May, 1906, and left in July, 1909. He was Captain of his House and a School Prefect. On leaving School he went into business in London. When war broke out he at once joined the Artists' Rifles, and at the end of October went to France with his battalion. In November, after the First Battle of Ypres, Lord French offered a number of commissions to the Artists' in the old line regiments of the famous First Seven Divisions, which had suffered so severely in the first few months of the war. Tyler accepted one of these and, after going through his training in France, he was gazetted to the Norfolk Regiment in January, 1915. He was in the trenches until May, when he was

severely wounded. In October, 1915, he rejoined his regiment at Felixstowe, and in January, 1916, was appointed Adjutant of a battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers at Newcastle-on-Tyne. In the autumn of that year, on the disbanding of the battalion, he went back to the Norfolks at Felixstowe as Adjutant. In January, as he was still unfit for general service, he volunteered for Base work abroad and was put in command of a Prisoner of War Company in France, but in the autumn he succeeded in getting back to his original battalion of the Norfolks and went with them to Italy, where he was mentioned for the splendid work he did in map making. In April, 1918, his battalion came back to France and he was mentioned for good work in planning raids on enemy trenches. He was promoted to Acting-Captain and appointed Adjutant. In August his battalion moved down to the Somme District, where he was killed in action on August 22nd.

HENRY BOOTH BARTLEET was a 2nd Lieutenant in the London Regiment. Born on December 2nd, 1898, he entered the School in January, 1913, and left in July, 1916. In January, 1917, he joined the London Rifle Brigade as a Private and, after nine months' service, he went in October, 1917, to a Cadet Battalion at Rhyl. He was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant to his old battalion of the London Regiment in March, 1918, and, after several months at Blackdown, he went out to France in August. He was killed in his first action on September 10th.

ALFRED NEAL HYDE was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force. Born on May 3rd, 1899, he entered the School in January, 1910, and left in July, 1917. On leaving School he joined the Royal Flying Corps as a Cadet, and obtained his pilot's wings in June, 1918. On July 27th he went out to the front, where he was posted to a bombing squadron. He was killed in action during a raid over the enemy's lines on September 21st.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

JAMES CLIVE ELLIS was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Tank Corps. Born on July 5th, 1898, he entered the School at mid-term in the Autumn of 1908, and left in July, 1915. On leaving School he entered University College, London, but in 1916, when just 18 years of age, he enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers. In October, 1917, he obtained a commission and joined the Tank Corps. He went out to France in January, 1918, and in the retreat of March 23rd, after bringing his tank out of action, he was wounded in the leg and taken prisoner. He died in a German field hospital at Villers-Fancon on April 21st, after undergoing amputation of the leg.

DIED.

ERNEST SPORNE MOBBS was a Gunner in the Tank Corps. Born on February 9th, 1889, he entered the School in May, 1899, and left in April, 1906. On leaving School he went into business in Norwich. He joined the Army in March, 1916, as a dispatch rider, but was trans-

ferred to the Tank Corps. He went out to France in September, 1916, but in the following year his health failed and was sent to Brigade Headquarters as a dispatch rider. His condition, however, did not improve and he died on July 10th, 1918, of enteric fever.

WOUNDED.

A. L. Nichols, 2nd Lieut., Sherwood Foresters.

C. R. Frears, 2nd Lieut., Sherwood Foresters.

K. J. Malcolm, Lieut., Hussars.

G. C. Calvert, 2nd Lieut., Cheshire Regiment.

R. A. FitzGerald, Lieut., Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

J. H. Barker, Lieut., Durham Light Infantry.

E. M. Royds Jones, 2nd Lieut., Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

H. J. Brooke, M.C., Capt., King's African Rifles.

F. R. Booker, Lieut., R.E.

H. A. Boxall, Lieut., York and Lancaster Regiment.

H. F. V. Battle, 2nd Lieut., R.A.F.

F. G. Berthoud, 2nd Lieut., R.F.A.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

In our last issue we recorded the winning of the D.S.O. by W. J. Spurrell, M.C., Major, Norfolk Regiment. The following details have since been published:—

“ He personally made a reconnaissance of the ground for a counter-attack, giving orders for the disposition of the men under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Although wounded, he insisted on carrying on and gathering every man from battalion headquarters until he received a second wound. Throughout the whole time he commanded the battalion his example and gallantry were of a very fine order.”

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

D. A. Rutherford, M.C., Lieut., R.G.A. :

“ When in command of the forward section of the battery he kept all his guns in action under a heavy fire, until being ordered to withdraw late in the day he got his guns safely away across open country and over a railway embankment, the roads having become unpassable from shell fire. His quick and determined action saved the guns.”

MILITARY CROSS.

H. M. Boxer, Lieut., Lincolnshire Regiment:—

“ He was wounded early in the day but remained at duty and bombed the enemy out of a trench where they had succeeded in gaining a footing. He then occupied the trench until ordered down to the dressing-station. By his example he inspired all ranks under his command and materially assisted in the defence of the line.”

H. J. Brooke, Lieut., King's African Rifles:—

“ He crawled out to a dangerously wounded N.C.O. under heavy

fire and carried him on his back to a position under cover where stretcher-bearers could reach him when they arrived. He showed splendid courage and devotion to duty."

F. H. B. Cullen, 2nd Lieut., R.G.A. :—

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when a party of men were pulling two guns into a new position and heavy shelling started, killing two men and wounding eight more. With the assistance of only five men he completed the placing of the guns in position under heavy shell fire."

In previous issues we recorded the winning of the Military Cross by Capt. J. K. Varvill, Lieut. L. H. Knowles, and Lieut. C. G. Tyce. The following details have since been published :—

J. K. Varvill, Capt., East Lancashire Regiment :—

"He led his company with great skill and determination in an attack, and drove the enemy from their trenches, capturing 50 prisoners and inflicting heavy casualties. He has shown great gallantry and coolness also on previous occasions."

L. H. Knowles, Lieut., Suffolk Regiment :—

"He led his platoon in the face of heavy enfilade machine-gun fire, silenced an enemy machine-gun with Lewis-gun fire, and captured some prisoners. He reached the final objective, organised it, and sent out patrols which captured the whole of an enemy ration party."

C. G. Tyce, Lieut., Norfolk Regiment :

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company forward and delivering a counter-attack. It was owing to his gallant conduct that the enemy were entirely thrust from the line. Throughout the whole operations his skill in handling his men and his devotion to duty were of a very marked character."

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

N. Keeble, Capt., D.S.C., R.A.F. :—

"This officer (with an observer) has obtained 1,000 invaluable photographs of enemy positions miles behind the lines, and has brought home extremely important new information during this period. He has destroyed eight enemy machines, including one biplane, during the past month. Captain Keeble is a most capable and gallant flight commander."

In our last issue we recorded the winning of the Distinguished Flying Cross by Capt. O. W. Redgate, R.A.F. The following details have since been published :—

"On an occasion during the past two months when leading an offensive patrol of five machines he observed an enemy formation of 12 aeroplanes attacking another formation of our Scouts. He at once led his patrol to the aid of our second patrol, and as he approached it two enemy Scouts dived at him. By skilful piloting he placed himself behind one of these machines and, diving on

it. drove it to destruction. Captain Redgate has accounted for seven enemy machines in all, and displays enterprise and courage on all occasions."

CROIX DE GUERRE.

B. Mould, Driver, British Red Cross.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

H. French, Capt., R.A.F.

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SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held this year on Saturday, July 28th, when the certificates, which, this year, took the place of prizes, were distributed by the Chairman of the Governors, Sir Edward Busk.

The Headmaster said:—

A flippant undergraduate once defined a Don as a "necessary evil" and the Dean of a College as "less necessary and more evil." There are some educationists who regard marks as a necessary evil and some who look on prizes as less necessary and more evil. I am inclined to agree in part with the former but to disagree with the latter; for whilst marks seem necessary for deciding promotions, prizes, like carrots, are an encouragement to many and an abiding possession to others. The Governors have resolved that it might be well to look on prizes as a luxury, for this year at any rate, when economy should clearly be practised; and they have decided that certificates of honourable mention should take their place.

We are justly proud of the successes won during the past year at Oxford and Cambridge, and congratulate R. G. W. Farnell on his Scholarship at the Imperial College of Science, D. C. P. Phelips on his scholarship at New College, P. M. Barr on his scholarship at Lincoln, C. F. G. MacDermott on his scholarship at Pembroke, M. J. Gregory on his Demyslip at Magdalen, and G. F. E. Story on his Postmastership at Merton, and I must not forget H. C. T. Faithfull's high place in the R.E. at Woolwich.

I am glad of this opportunity of expressing my pride in the School Corps. It is amply

justified in the report of the Inspecting Officer. I congratulate the officers, N.C.O.'s and members of the Corps on the efficiency shown and the strenuous work they have put in to obtain it.

A committee is being called together to decide upon the form which the War Memorial should take. It is intended that part of the sum subscribed shall be devoted to the stalls, panelling and screen of the Chapel. £1,000 will be needed for this, and I am hopeful that the committee may look forward to the founding of one or more Leaving Exhibitions at the Universities, and I am equally hopeful that the money to attain this will come in.

A Sale is being held in Class-rooms 8 and 9 for the Chapel Fund to pay off the £100 required to save further interest on the overdraft. I hope that you will help in gaining this end.

I am delighted with the work done during the year by the various sections of the Natural History Society—work evidenced by the Exhibition now open in the School Laboratories, which I hope you will all go and see, and by the careful observations taken by members during the last two terms.

We are very glad to see the Governors amongst us again. It means much, especially when railway travelling is such a penance.

I had hoped to see Major Spurrell here to-day. I congratulate him and Lt.-Col. Holmes and Major Clayton most heartily on their well-deserved D.S.O.'s.

One of the most gratifying facts in the life of the School is that Old Boys show such a deep attachment to and great unflagging interest in the School. They do not forget. Nor could we forget. They have not fallen short of the fine standards set by the English Public School boy of

• High heart, high speech, high deeds
and honouring eyes."

Sir Edward Busk, after distributing the special prizes and the certificates, said:—

Mr. Howson, Masters and Boys, my first pleasurable duty is to congratulate heartily those who have won Scholarships and other Honours at Colleges outside the School, and whose names the Headmaster has just announced. These nine successes mark the high standard of attainment in the School and particularly in Science, Mathematics and History. The Examiners reported that R. L. E. Field had obtained the first place in the competition for the Open Scholarships of the Fishmongers' Company. He expressed a desire to obtain the title of Scholar, but not

to take the money. The Company have, therefore, appointed him an honorary Scholar and have awarded their two Scholarships of £50 each to the two next candidates, B. L. Yates of Birkenhead School and C. E. G. Bailey. They have awarded their Exhibition of £30 to J. D. Hayward, of Hillside, Godalming, to whom R. W. Whitcombe proximo accessit. The Governors have awarded two County Scholarships of £50 each to O. H. Wansbrough Jones, of Norwich School; and H. W. Whistler, of Lydgate House School, Hunstanton, and two Holt B Scholarships to J. Sattenley and H. Skillings, both of whom will enter at the Paston School. The University Leaving Exhibition of £60 a year has been awarded by the Governors to D. C. P. Phelps, who won a Scholarship in History and Mathematics at New College, Oxford. To all these we offer our sincere congratulations with the hope that this will be the commencement of a successful career for each of them.

The Governors are impressed with the high state of efficiency of the School and the tone prevailing in it; and they regret having been compelled, owing to the economy which is necessary at this crisis, to decide that certificates only, instead of prizes, should be awarded in all cases where the funds of the School would have had to bear the expense of the prizes, so that no prizes have been distributed except where the money for them comes from trust funds or from the generosity of donors. This course has been adopted in most other Schools; and we shall all bear in mind that the Greeks, whose civilization was probably the highest and most intellectual the world has ever known, made a practice of awarding wreaths and other prizes of no intrinsic value, deeming that success was the only honour worth considering.

In these days all boys who are old enough and are able to do so join the Junior Contingents of the O.T.C.; and you may all well be proud of the report made by Lt. Col. Jingle after his inspection on behalf of the War Office. Among other things he said in that Report: "Discipline on parade was good; the boys were very steady. Orders were quickly obeyed and well carried out. Turn out, clean and smart, a good turn out in every way. Arms and equipment clean and well kept. This School Contingent is in a high state of efficiency. The Officers know their work and are up-to-date. The N.C.O.'s have a good command of their men. The boys seem very keen on their work." There are now in the Contingent 156 boys and three officers.

The training given by the Contingent in former years also has had good results, as is

shown by the number of Old Greshamians who have served in the War and the distinctions that have been awarded to many of them. So far as can be ascertained there are 467 Old Gresham boys now serving, of whom 413 are officers and 54 are of other ranks. The following are the total distinctions won since the beginning of the War:—D.S.O. 3 and 1 bar, M.C. 46 and 1 bar, D.S.C. 2, D.F.C. 1, M.M. 2, Foreign Decorations 10, Mentioned in Despatches 35. These distinctions, numbering over 100, are an exceptionally high percentage of the entire number of Old Boys known to have served and the School has obviously gained a very high place for efficiency and courage.

With grief, but yet with pride, we note that during the War 85 Old Boys and 1 Master have been killed.

In the first year of the War the Senior Contingents of the O.T.C. were so depleted that the War Office seriously considered whether it would be well to maintain the system at all. I have, however, quite recently learned, as head of the University of London Contingent, that the War Office have decided to maintain the O.T.C., both now and after the War, whether military training is continued compulsory after peace has been declared or whether such training again becomes voluntary. This decision is based on the great advantages that have been derived from the O.T.C., and the importance of its work. The services thus valued by the War Office can practically only be rendered to the Army and the country by men who have been educated at Public Schools and Universities; and those who undertake these duties or, like yourselves, are preparing to undertake them, will find themselves in a peculiarly responsible position. Responsibility should never be avoided, though it should always be treated seriously and as thoroughly as possible. The influence which O.T.C. men can exercise in the Army is of two kinds, relating on the one hand to education and on the other to character. Notwithstanding that education has for many years been compulsory and free, yet it has not had the expected effect, and men who join the Army are found to require even elementary instruction and to find it very difficult to learn. Old Greshamians, when they perceive this, will be able to say to the men "Why, we learned this when we were at School or at College." You will then be able to explain matters to them in an informal and friendly way, to remove their difficulties and to smooth their way to further progress.

The other side is of no less importance—possibly of greater moment. You will have learned how games are to be played, how to do

one's best, but also how to subordinate self to the interest and success of the side or team. You will know what is "cricket," and also that there are certain things that no one ought to do. This is difficult to put into words, but I think you will all understand what I mean. If you wish to see this matter clearly expressed, read "The Brushwood Boy," the last tale in a volume by Rudyard Kipling called "The Day's Work." Perhaps no one in actual life is so uniformly fortunate as that boy was, but the great and beneficial influence exercised by an old pupil of a public School and Sandhurst is certainly not exaggerated. From what I know of this School and of its O.T.C., I am firmly convinced that when the time arrives you will welcome the interesting position in which you will be placed, and will adequately and cheerfully fulfil all the duties attached to it.

Certificates were awarded as follows:—

First Form: E. C. Norris, English; C. J. Hales, French; J. J. Brereton, Form Subjects.

Second Form: H. D. B. Jeffares, French; J. N. Frears, Mathematics; J. K. Miller, French; M. Bishop, Carpentry; F. H. King, Drawing; J. L. M. Jeffares, French; H. C. Beck, French and English; C. E. G. Simmons, Mathematics, Drawing, History and Geography.

Remove: O. B. Reynolds, French; E. M. Paul, Mathematics and Physics; J. H. James, Latin; P. J. D. Toosey, English; J. P. Price, French; A. Brereton, Latin and English; H. P. Yates, English.

Lower Third Form: S. A. Bather, French; O. W. Bowntree, Drawing; A. F. James, French; P. Pembroke Stephens, Geography; S. R. B. Houghton, Mathematics and English; G. W. Newberry, Mathematics and Physics; M. T. Brockman, History.

Upper Third Form: J. L. R. Aldis, mathematics; G. C. Arey, Drawing; P. W. Harris, Latin; P. Squarey, Latin; R. D. O. Austin, Choir; C. M. O. O. Springfield, German and Geography; N. L. Barber, French; M. Vines, French, Latin, History and English; H. A. Boucher, Instrumental Music.

Lower Fourth Form: G. H. Diggle, English; B. Patey, Latin and Geography; B. Donkin, Science; E. W. Robinson, Latin.

Middle Fourth Form: V. Beach Thomas, Science; R. F. G. Byron, Mathematics; A. C. Maynard, Drawing; M. A. Rushton, French; H. K. Bagnall Oakeley, Latin and Carpentry; F. W. Bell, Mathematics; D. W. L. Browne, English; G. F. Wright, French; G. A. Thesiger, History and English; B. P. S. Gardner, Mathematics.

Upper Fourth Form: O. E. F. Moore, Latin; T. C. Grayville, Mathematics, Science and French; G. C. Whitehouse, English; G. R. Hayward, English and History; W. W. Taylor, German; W. F. B. Hammer, Carpentry.

Fifth Form: J. P. M. Prentice, French; R. B. Yates, English; E. C. Rouse, Drawing; D. H. Shaokles, History; W. E. P. Johnson, Choir; P. Yeoman, Instrumental Music; E. P. C. Beck, English and Mathematics; R. Townsend, Mathematics; W. A. H. Rushton, Instrumental Music and Mathematics; P. W. Rolleston, Latin and Science.

Sixth Form: G. T. Burns, Instrumental Music; J. T. Roberts, French, Choir, and Latin; B. H. Befrage, German and French; R. B. Shepherd, Choir; R. O. Sampson, Science; T. S. Darlow, English; J. P. W. Evershed, Mathematics.

The Special Prizes were as follows:—

Latin Prose Prize (given by Mr. W. P. Smith): J. T. Roberts.

Extra Physics Prize (given by Mr. J. R. Eccles): G. F. E. Story.

Extra Chemistry Prize for Research (given by Mr. D. Ll. Hammick): G. H. Locket.

History Essay Prize (given by Mr. J. H. Simpson): First, W. H. W. Roberts; Second, E. E. Wynne.

English Literature Prize (given by Dr. A. C. Benson): W. H. W. Roberts.

Astronomy Prize (given by Mr. W. F. Bushell): First, J. B. Holmes; Second, G. E. Hutchinson.

Geography Prizes (given by Lady Martin): First, W. O. E. Beck; Second, G. N. Stilwell; Third, C. E. G. Simmons; Fourth, J. L. M. Jeffares.

Jodrell Prize for Mathematics: A. A. E. Beck.

The Headmaster's Prize: E. C. Ashworth.



THE SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY

On the first night the scenes were acted, as usual, in the School wood, the opening one being Sheridan's "School for Scandal," Act IV., Sc. 1, played by a School House cast. This is the famous auction

scene, where the spendthrift, Charles Surface, sells the family portraits, to the horror of his Uncle Oliver, who is present in disguise. Such a scene must inevitably lose by the absence of its normal setting, a picture gallery, whose walls are covered with family portraits; but the difficulty was overcome by a skilful distribution of sundry pictures on benches and tables. Among these must be mentioned a speaking likeness of Uncle Oliver as played by E. E. Wynne. The scene went with a good swing throughout, although one missed the vivacity and sparkle usually associated with Charles Surface.

One of the clown scenes from "Two Gentlemen of Verona" was played by School House representatives, one of whom, B. H. Belfrage, took the part of Speed at a moment's notice and came through with flying colours. A. C. Maynard as Launce showed a considerable vein of humour.

Farfield ventured on the great discovery scene from "Love's Labour's Lost," and deserve to be congratulated on the result. For, in a scene which contains so many "asides" and in which each lover in turn is apt to be a repetition of the last, the difficulties are great even for experienced actors. Waddington, if his humour lacked something of a light touch, was still marked by vivacity and fire, which made the scene go. He was ably supported by the rest of the cast, who had clearly worked hard to get all they could out of their parts.

A welcome innovation was provided this year by a short French play, "Les Deux

Sourds," a farcial comedy by Jules Moinaux. The humour of the piece arises chiefly from the interplay of two men, of whom one is really deaf and the other pretends to be. It was acted by Juniors from Farfield. The witty dialogue was well spoken, with a striking purity of accent; and, in spite of their inexperience, the actors made the play intelligible and quite won the hearts of the audience.

On the second night the wood was so damped by the weather, that shift had to be made with the Big School. But there was no dampness of ardour and, though Kenwyn were compelled by untoward circumstances to abandon their attempt, the others were duly on the scratch. There were difficulties even so; some parts were taken up at the eleventh hour; but nevertheless all went more than smoothly.

School House began, with Launce and Speed, from "The Two Gentlemen of Verona." The parts were happily contrasted, the one bright, the other doleful; and their interchange of raillery, in a single scene, formed a cheerful prelude to the "piece of resistance." This consisted of several scenes in the Forest of Arden; presented (suitably) by Woodlands, and, moreover, in costume—not hired, we were told, at expense, but kindly loaned. We saw first the exiles; fleeting the time carelessly under guidance of an aptly articulating Duke; and listening, we hope, with as much pleasure as we did to the recital of Jaques' comments on the deer. Orlando came in next, with Adam. We found the former too light-toned, both in

voice and body, for the lover of Rosalind and the conqueror of Charles. But before he made his onslaught on the exiles, we saw these again, and among them this time the part of the evening. Jaques was not, indeed, as solidly cynical as we conceive "Monsieur Traveller" to have been; but conceptions herein may differ, and the chief point for our pleasure was that here was real acting, through and through, with every point made. Shakespeare's Celia is one of his most adorable women; and shall we say that here she seemed so? At least it was suggested. Her cousin looked the part as Ganymede; but would have drawn more, could she have borrowed some of Celia's natural sparkle. Also the fooling of Touchstone is a little more "all there" than appeared. But the last was an eleventh-hour actor, and to his credit it may be whispered that his foolery did make us laugh. And so with a laugh it ended, as the "Forest of Arden" should.

Though not the longest portion of the programme, undoubtedly the best was the selection from "The Rivals" presented by Fairfield. The parts were skilfully allotted and well prepared. Waddington played Sir Lucius with spirit and vigour, but he has yet to learn the importance of graduation: not only would the part have gained in variety, but his final rage and scorn would have been more effective had he opened on a quieter note.

For Bell's rendering of Bob Acres we have nothing but praise. In less skilful hands the part is always in danger of farcical treatment through over-acting the

symptoms of fear; but Bell kept it on the plane of light comedy throughout. For he merged himself entirely in the part. His voice and all his movements were in perfect accord—his hands in particular were most expressive; in fact he was Bob Acres to the finger tips.

The following was the programme:—

THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL, Act. IV., Sc. 2.

Charles Surface J. F. B. Spurrell.
 Sir Oliver Surface E. E. Wynne.
 Careless J. C. S. Daly.
 Moses G. J. Batten.
 Rowley B. H. Belfrage.

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA, Act. III.,
 Sc. 1.

Launce A. C. Maynard.
 Speed B. H. Belfrage.

LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST, Act IV., Sc. 3.

Ferdinand, King of Navarre ... G. T. Burns.
 Dumain W. A. H. Rushton.
 Biron P. W. S. Waddington.
 Longaville F. A. Wagstaff.
 Costard W. W. Taylor.
 Jaquenetta M. A. Rushton.

LES DEUX SOURDS.

Damoiseau M. A. Rushton.
 Placide T. C. Glanville.
 Boniface J. P. M. Prentice.
 Garde Champêtre N. L. Barber.
 Un Jardinier P. W. Harris.

SELECTIONS FROM "AS YOU LIKE IT."

Duke Senior E. C. Rouse.
 Orlando W. H. W. Roberts.
 Jaques G. S. Bell.
 Amiens J. B. Holmes.
 First Lord D. W. L. Browne.
 Second Lord A. J. B. Cresswell.
 Adam I. Hepburn.
 Touchstone R. P. Homan.
 Rosalind J. B. Holmes.
 Celia P. Squarey.

THE RIVALS, Act III., Sc. 2; Act. IV., part
 of Sc. 1; Act. V., Sc. 3.

Acres A. D. C. Bell.
 Sir Lucius O'Trigger ... P. W. S. Waddington.
 David W. W. Taylor.
 Capt. Absolute W. A. H. Rushton.
 Faulkland F. A. Wagstaff.

CONCERT.

PROGRAMME.

1. Overture ... "Iphigenia in Aulis" *Gluck*
The Orchestra.
2. Shakespeare Songs—
 - (i) Ye Spotted Snakes.
 - (ii) When that I was and a little tiny boy ... *Geoffrey Shaw*
The Choir.
3. Violin Solo *Romance Op. 42. Max Bruch*
Mr. Southward.
4. SONGS
 - (i) St. Agnes' morn *Purcell*
 - (ii) La Belle Dame sans merci ... *Stanford*
 - (iii) Bridgewater Fair
Somerset Folk Song
Mr. Geoffrey Shaw.
5. Pianoforte Solo *Hommage à Rameau Debussy*
Mr. Greatorex.
6. Folk Songs
 - (i) I'm Seventeen come Sunday ... *Somerset*
 - (ii) The Poacher *Lincolnshire*
 Sung by a selection from Forms I. and II.
7. SONGS
 - (i) Easter Carol *Martin Shaw*
 - (ii) Waly, Waly
Somerset Folk Song
 - (iii) Roundabouts and Swings
Geoffrey Shaw
Mr. Geoffrey Shaw.
8. Occasional Overture ... *Handel*
The Orchestra.

I cannot "report this event." My command of the impersonal would fail me were I to try. When I write about anything at Gresham School I must either tutoye you or be dumb. The fact is, a School concert now means to me all that the Old Boys' cricket match will mean to you, Captain, in a few years' time. You will, I think, be critical: but your judgment will be tempered with sympathy, and modified by knowledge. You tried to run

things once yourself! And you will probably say something rather like this (translated into cricket): "Our Orchestra at its best was hardly as good as this; but, on the whole, I think our choir was better." Enquiry will confirm your suspicion that just at this time there is a peculiar dearth of treble voices with the right tone and "ring." Your memory will at once supply a parallel (perhaps the year you got your colours!) and your standard of criticism will be more just: "Could we, in that particular year, have given such a good performance of 'Ye Spotted Snakes,' and 'When that I was and a little tiny boy'?"

The Orchestra played the "Iphigenia" overture splendidly. The wood wind is to be congratulated on the last three chords, which, in my time, used to make me more nervous than anything I can remember. Some more fiddles are wanted to secure balance, and I was sorry that no one with the sense of adventure strong upon him had tackled the double-bass. There was plenty of light and shade in the playing, and the ensemble was really good.

Mr. Southward plays with feeling, delicacy, and a finish in technique that should be at once an inspiration to, and the despair of, the fiddle pupils.

I love Debussy. So must Mr. Greatorex, or he could never have played the "Hommage à Rameau" like that.

Forms I. and II. gave us two of the best of the English Folk Songs, and we all sang the chorus of the second one ("The

Poacher") rather well, though we says it as shouldn't. We ought, I think, to have sung the chorus of the first song, "I'm seventeen come Sunday," as well.

The Handel Occasional Overture went with a swing. "Well done, Mr. Drummer!

It only remains for me, the singer, the criticize the audience. I suppose few audiences realize what a very important factor they are in the success or failure of a singer. You are a fine audience, and I thoroughly enjoyed singing to you. I was, amongst other things, so glad it was to you that, for the first time for two hundred years, the beautiful song by Purcell was sung. I wonder why we have kept it in a museum all that time? There would be fury and indignation amongst the professors if it had been composed by, let us say, Mozart. But as Purcell was an English composer. . . .

G.T.S.

It is necessary to supplement the above account by recording our hearty appreciation of Mr. Shaw's singing. We shall never grow weary of hearing him sing. We must also congratulate him on his new song, "Roundabouts and Swings." We hope soon to see it in print, and then we venture to prophesy for it a great success. The words embody a cheery philosophy of life which we can all take to heart, and the setting is most attractive and haunting. Mr. Shaw has the great gift of being able to write a song which is at once good and popular. The combination is all too rare, and so we wish the song the best of luck,

with no losses on the roundabouts and plenty of profits on the swings.

O.T.C.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant:—

Cpl. A. D. C. Bell.

Cpl. E. A. Berthoud.

To be Corporal:—

Lce.-Cpl. W. H. W. Roberts.

As last year, the competition for the "Straight" Shield consisted of two parts, musketry and drill, marks being allocated as follows:—Musketry (class-firing and inter-platoon competitions on the picture and Solano targets) received a maximum of 100 marks, whilst Drill (including turn out and extended order) received 200 marks.

The Musketry Competitions yielded some keen and exciting contests. No. 1 Platoon was distinguished for accurate shooting; in No. 2 Platoon the good fire control exercised by Sgt. Storey was particularly noticeable.

The Drill Competition was decided on Tuesday, July 23rd. The contingent was fortunate in securing the services of Major W. J. Spurrell, D.S.O., M.C., and Captain N. Cozens-Hardy, as judges, and the thanks of the contingent are due to these officers for a very successful competition. The tests applied to the two platoons were particularly searching and were very successfully met, a very smart movement directed by Cpl. A. D. C. Bell, No. 1 Platoon, deserving special notice.

After announcing the results, Major Spurrell presented the Shield to C.S.M. Ashworth, and, in a short speech, expressed his pleasure in helping to judge a competition in which he himself had often taken part, and congratulated all ranks on their efficiency. Such a compliment from a distinguished officer, who had served himself in the Contingent and who knows that insincere praise is worse than condemnation, was particularly gratifying. The results of the competitions were as follows:—

MUSKETRY COMPETITION.

	Class Firing	Concentrated Fire	Partial Distribution.	Solano.	Total
No. 1 Platoon ...	414.	2.	46.	29.	89.
No. 2 Platoon ...	40.	36.	36.	24.	89.

DRILL COMPETITION.

	Drill 100	Turn Out (50)	Extended Order (5)	Total
No. 1 Platoon ...	83.	41.	35	159
No. 2 Platoon ...	79.	38.	31.	149.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1917-18.

Cash Account.

	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To	Balance in Hand, Oct. 18th, 1917	37	15	0
„	Subscriptions for current year	21	14	0
„	War Office Grant	116	13	4
„	Interest on War Loan	7	16	5
		£183	18	9
	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By	Upkeep and Furniture	18	7	6
„	Equipment	22	3	0
„	Instruction	26	7	0
„	Investment, War Loan	50	0	0
„	Sundries	7	10	1
„	Balance in Hand, Sept. 30th, 1918	59	11	2
		£183	18	9

The Contingent holds £300 War Loan Stock, in addition to £50 bought in 1917-18, making £350 in all.

Examined and found correct.

Major W. Wynne, C. R. THOMPSON.

Oct. 6th, 1918.

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CRICKET

GRESHAM'S SCHOOL v. MAJOR WYNNE WILLSON'S XI.

Gresham's School—246 for 2 wickets.

Major Wynne Willson's XI.—121.

The School won by 125 runs.

GRESHAM'S SCHOOL v. — BRIGADE.

Gresham's School—113 for 8 wickets.

Brigade—112.

The School won by 1 run.

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HOUSE MATCHES.

FIRST XI.

1st Round.

School House beat Kenwyn and Day Boys by 6 wickets.

School House—23² and 78 for 4 wickets.

Kenwyn and Day Boys—156 and 202 for 8 wickets.

Woodlands beat Farfield by 10 wickets.

Farfield—122 and 49.

Woodlands—154 and 21 for no wickets.

2nd Round.

School House beat Woodlands by 1 wicket.

Woodlands—105 and 39.

School House—54 and 93 for 9 wickets.

Kenwyn and Day Boys beat Farfield by 8 runs.

Kenwyn and Day Boys—121.

Farfield—113.

SECOND XI.

1st Round.

School House beat Kenwyn and Day Boys by an innings and 84 runs.

School House—182.

Kenwyn and Day Boys—40 and 58.

Woodlands beat Farfield by an innings and 101 runs.

Woodlands—155.

Farfield—18 and 36.

2nd Round.
 Woodlands beat School House by 36 runs.
 Woodlands—104.
 School House—68.
 Farfield beat Kenwyn by 15 runs.
 Farfield—149.
 Kenwyn—134.

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SWIMMING RACES.

The House Relay Races and the Finals of the Swimming Races took place on Speech Day, July 27th. The value of the results was a good deal vitiated by the absence of a large number of competitors owing to the influenza epidemic:—

The results were as follows:—

RELAY RACES.

Open.

1, Kenwyn (G. A. C. Field, S. Lunt, J. F. E. Gillam, J. A. Murray, E. P. S. Gardner, W. F. Le Petit); 2, Farfield; 3, School House; 4, Woodlands. Time, 3 mins. 58 secs.

Junior.

1, Farfield (J. P. M. Prentice, G. B. Gush, C. H. James, C. E. Keysell); 2, School House; 3, Woodlands. Time, 3 mins. 6 secs.

SWIMMING RACES.

Two Lengths (under 13½): 1, C. E. Keysell; 2, E. R. Lavender. Time, 42 3-5 secs.

Two lengths (Open): 1, G. W. B. Stuart; 2, J. E. Carr. Time, 35 secs.

Headers (Junior): 1, E. R. Lavender; 2, B. A. Oldham.

Two Lengths (Junior): 1, W. F. Le Petit; 2, G. A. C. Field. Time, 35 1-5 secs.

Beginners: 1, J. P. Price; 2, A. A. Longmuir. Time, 27 1-5 secs.

Headers (open): , S. F. Gurney; 2, A. D. C. Bell.

Ten Lengths (Open): 1, G. W. B. Stuart; 2, W. A. H. Rushton. Time, 4 mins. 25 secs.

Six Lengths (Junior): 1, F. W. Bell; 2, D. W. L. Browne. Time, 2 mins. 35 secs.

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THE CHAPEL.

The "White Elephant Sale," organised and carried through by Miss Howson and

the ladies of the School, at the end of last term, proved a very great success. The Sale was opened on Thursday and was closed on Saturday evening by an auction in the Big School. Many subscriptions towards the funds had been received during the term and this gave a splendid start. The amount received in this way eventually reached the sum of £24 14s. 6d. There was a fine display of "elephants" and other gifts, which filled to overflowing two of the Form Rooms in the lower corridor, and the sales here brought in £43 1s. 6d. The auction on Saturday evening, ably conducted by G. S. and A. D. C. Bell, raised £32 4s. 0d., bringing the total up to £110. As the amount asked for at the beginning of the week was £104 9s. 6d., the result was entirely successful and more than exceeded our highest expectations.

The ladies' committee, who were responsible for the Sale, are anxious to express, once more, their grateful thanks to all those who kindly sent them such beautiful gifts. They hope that every gift was acknowledged, but if, in the pressure of things, they failed in some cases to send their thanks, they would like to take this opportunity to apologise and express, now, their warmest thanks for the wonderful response to their appeal and for the many kind letters which accompanied the gifts.

Thanks in a large measure to the Sale and to the generosity of the Fishmongers' Company, who gave a donation of fifty guineas to the Chapel Fund in July, and of

Mr. E. C. Barker, who gave £50 in August to the War Memorial Fund in memory of his son, 2nd Lieut. C. N. Barker, Dorsetshire Regiment, who fell in action on November 19th, 1916, a very marked change has come over the state of our Chapel finances since July 1st, when the last Statement of Accounts was drawn up. It will be seen by comparing the Statement issued now with that which appeared in the July "Gresham" that a debit balance of £39 19s. 6d., or what was more truly £139 19s. 6d., has been converted into a credit balance of £148 4s. 0d. This means that we have about £150 in hand towards the completion of the original Chapel plans. As, about, £1,000 will be required for this purpose, we still need £850 to complete the panelling, stalls and screen.

In the Summer of 1916 there was a deficit on the Chapel of about £1,500. This was met by a Loan from our Bankers, which was kindly guaranteed by twelve friends of the School, all of them members of the Chapel Committee, and on this Loan interest has been paid during the last two years. Now, owing to the change in our financial situation, the Guarantors have been relieved of any further responsibility, and in future there will not only be no further interest to be paid but we shall receive interest on our balance at the bank. To have accomplished this in two years' time, and in the midst of a war, is a matter for congratulation on the part of all those concerned.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

October 1st, 1918.

		Cred't.		£	s.	d.
War Memorial Fund	.....	936	4	1		
Old Boys' Fund	.....	903	9	8		
				£1839	13	9

		Debit.		£	s.	d.
Chapel Fund	.....	1691	9	9		
Balance	.....	148	4	0		
				£1839	13	9

CHAPEL FUND.

1918.		£	s.	d.
July.—Previously acknowledged	...	10,711	2	3
Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Keysell (2nd)	.....	5	0	0
Mrs. Birkett	.....	5	5	0
Mrs. Squarey (3rd)	.....	3	3	0
Woodlands Box (9th)	.....	4	2	6
Sale	.....	110	0	0
H. R. Tyler (3rd)	.....	1	1	0
Miss Williams	.....	5	0	0
Rev. J. E. S. Johnson	.....	7	6	
The Fishmongers' Company	.....	52	10	0
(5th)	.....		
Aug. —Mrs. Matthews (2nd)	.....	1	1	0
Dr. H. G. Turney (3rd)	10	0	0
Sept.—Mrs. Corderoy	1	1	0
Anonymous	1	1	0
Total	£10,910	14	3

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WAR MEMORIAL FUND.

1918.		£	s.	d.
July—Previously acknowledged	886	14	1
Aug. —E. C. Barker	50	0	0
Total	£936	14	1

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OLD BOYS FUND.

1918.		£	s.	d.
July.—Previously acknowledged	861	13	8
T. Q. Back	5	0	0

H. B. Partlett (2nd)	4	4	0
F. L. Yates (2nd)	2	0	0
H. A. Boxall (3rd)	5	0	0
C. W. Fawkes	5	0	0
W. D. Blatch (2nd)	5	0	0
Aug.—F. G. Berthoud	1	0	0
C. L. Palmer (2nd)	2	0	0
Sept.—G. L. Lang (2nd)	10	10	0
H. B. Howson	2	2	0
Total	£903	9	8

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Natural History Society was very active during the Summer Term. Although for most Sections there is much to be done throughout the year, the summer certainly presents greater opportunities for the study of natural history. Also the School time table in the Summer Term permits of the long periods of free time on Saturday afternoon and evening, which can be used for expeditions. Most of the Sections had several expeditions; but, besides these, keen individuals took advantage of spare time with such good results that most of the field observations of several Sections were taken in this way. The shortage of spare time, due mainly to the war, is one of the Society's greatest difficulties.

At the end of term an Exhibition was held at which the visible results of the term's work were shown. These included photographs of birds and churches, rubbings of brasses, collections of butterflies, lists of birds and flowers of the neighbourhood and School grounds, and experiments on the physiology of plants. But the

activity of the Society should not be estimated only by an Exhibition such as this. In Sections such as the Zoological and Entomological the results of a year's work are mostly to be found in written records or in personal knowledge. These can best be recorded in Sectional reports.

The Society is now engaged in publishing its first year's report, copies of which may be had from W. H. W. Roberts, Woodlands (price 1s. 3d.). Each Section contributes its own report, but owing to the expense of printing these are very much limited in size. However it is hoped to produce a fairly comprehensive record of the Society's doings.

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O.G. NEWS.

Col. Coke wrote to Mrs. Robinson of Capt. H. H. K. Robinson:—

"It is with the very greatest regret that I have to inform you that your son was killed instantaneously on March 20th. He was beloved by all and his loss is irreparable. I feel the loss of a dear friend and a fellow-countryman from Norfolk."

His Squadron Commander writes of Lieut. A. C. Sotheron Estcourt:—

"He was one of my most efficient observers, and was a most popular officer. His loss is deeply felt in the Squadron."

At the time that he won the Military Cross his Commanding Officer wrote:—

"For most conspicuous gallantry on the 3rd and 5th of July. Whilst in command of the Battery at La Boisselle, he directed the fire of the Battery with great accuracy from a very exposed position under heavy fire. It was entirely due to his great coolness that several enemy bombing parties were dispersed. He was

responsible for putting out of action a machine gun and its whole team, which had been holding up the advance of one of our bombing parties. He also greatly distinguished himself at Bazentin-le-Petit."

A fellow-officer of Capt. G. C. Tyler's wrote:—

"He was killed beside his Commanding Officer (Lt.-Col. Humphreys) when the Germans were making a counter-attack, being hit by a portion of a shell. His death is a great loss to the battalion, of which he was Adjutant and in which he had taken a great personal interest. His work on the 21st, when the battalion was attacked in a fog, was of great value, and he would have been recommended for distinction had he lived."

The Chaplain wrote:—

"We had known each other for some time and I always had a deep admiration for his quiet devotion to duty and the unflinching cheerfulness with which he met all the hardships and dangers of the line. I am only one of many who will not forget his gallantry and his patience as long as I live."

Of 2nd Lieut. H. B. Bartleet his Company Commander wrote:—

"I only knew him for a short time, but we were all of us very fond of him. He was mortally wounded by a sniper during an attack we made the other day and died of his wounds a couple of hours later. His platoon had got further forward than any other platoon in the Company and all the men speak of his gallant behaviour, especially as it was his first time in action. I was his Company Officer and feel very much the loss of such a promising officer."

His Commanding Officer wrote:—

"During the attack he showed great courage and good leadership. His men say that he was absolutely fearless."

His Commanding Officer wrote of 2nd Lieut. A. N. Hyde:—

"I cannot tell you how very deeply we all deplore his loss. He was always smiling. Only the other day he came back from a particularly rough passage, and by the way he was smiling

and anything you would think he had just had an enjoyable afternoon, or something like that. He hasn't the foggiest idea of what fear was. To me his loss is a very real one, as I taught him in the first place at Catterick when he started to fly. There he was always keen and ready for anything, and I knew at once he would do well over here, and, in the short time he was given to do it in, he did right well. The whole Squadron are very upset about it, and his loss is, and will be, most keenly felt."

Of 2nd Lieut. J. C. Ellis his Commanding Officer wrote:—

"Though he was only with this battalion a few days, he had already made himself thoroughly popular and was a very promising officer."

The Staff Captain wrote of Gunner E. R. Mobbs:—

"He was a great favourite amongst us all and his loss here is keenly felt. He was always cheery and out to do his very best. It was his splendid example that did so much to inspire the others with confidence."

We are glad to be able to announce that E. L. Heyworth has been repatriated from Holland.

C. J. W. Trendell's address is Prisoner of War No. 53235/II., Limburg, a/Lahn, Germany.

H. French, R.A.F., has been appointed to the Staff of the Air Ministry, and is gazetted Major while so employed.

B. J. Cadge, who was severely wounded at Ypres in October, 1917, was sent to America in March upon propaganda work.

Passed out of Woolwich:—H. V. S. Muller, G. R. Thomson.

Passed into Woolwich:—E. C. Ashworth, B. F. Bernard, C. M. Seagram.

Passed out of Sandhurst:—A. R. Hill, J. Jefferson, G. C. Oldham, J. F. K. Ponsford, A. J. P. Taunton.

The following are with Cadet Battalions:—C. J. R. Abbs, G. S. Bell, R. G. W. Farnell, M. J. Gregory, H. R. Hill, S. Nichols, K. Packman, F. C. de Segundo, G. F. E. Story, G. K. Swales, G. C. Whitehouse.

B. Mould is a driver in the British Red Cross Motor Ambulance attached to the French Army and has been awarded the Croix de Guerre.

C. G. J. Rayner is qualified as a Doctor and has been appointed House Physician at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He expects his commission in the R.A.M.C. shortly.

G. C. Davison was married on October 22nd, 1917, to Miss K. Dowling.

C. V. Rouse was married on Sept. 11th to Miss Beatrice Wellacott.

A. H. Pearson Gee was married on Sept. 25th to Miss Muriel Clinton Badderley.

J. Jefferson represented the R.M.C. against the R.M.A. at Lords in August, and later played for a Yorkshire County Team in two matches at Ripon.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

The Bishop of Thetford will hold a Confirmation in the Chapel on Wednesday, November 5th, at 11.30 a.m.

Lt.-Col. J. H. Foster was wounded early in August and sent to England. He soon recovered from his wound, and returned to France about the middle of September.

Mr. C. H. Tyler has been elected President of the Debating Society and R. O. Sampson, Secretary.

The following have been made School Prefects:—J. P. W. Evershed, R. O. Sampson, J. T. Roberts, G. T. Burns.

E. A. Berthoud has been appointed Captain of Football.

In addition to the Scholarships announced in the last number of "The Gresham," F. T. Delavoye, St. David's, Reigate, was elected to a Scholarship for the sons of officers, awarded by the Fishmongers' Company.

"Throwing the Cricket Ball" was introduced again at the end of last term and was held on Wednesday, July 24th. The result was as follows:—1st, E. A. Berthoud, 94yds. 1ft. 6ins.; 2nd, S. F. Gurney.

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CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—

Lorettonian.
Haileyburian.
Salopian.
Meteor (2).
Fettesian.
Radleian.
Malvernian.
Dovorian.
Bradfield College Chronicle.
Laxtonian.
R.C.M.