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EPTA NEON.

Of the suffering in mind and body which the War has caused the end is not yet, but we may feel confident that the tale of the slain is now complete. No word or deed of ours can pay the debt of gratitude which we owe alike to those who have survived the ordeal and to those who have given their lives in the cause of freedom. Many of the fallen had barely completed their years of preparation, and in the course of nature had before them their years of accomplishment. Yet we recognise that, although the span of life was short, it had a perfection which is often not granted to length of days. Only by keeping their

example before us can we escape the reproach that, while they are entered into reality, we are still wandering among shadows.

It is not to be believed that there was ever much danger of the nation becoming what our enemies thought us, of the slackening of sinews, of the weakening of heart. The labours of peace are not so exempt from peril as to make us shrink before its fiercer forms, and the memories of a great people do not lightly surrender themselves to indifference and sloth. If the charge was ever brought against us, it has its answer upon a thousand fields.

The survivors of those who have saved us make no selfish claim. Their toils and perils past, they are as ready as the men of

Agincourt to sing 'Non nobis, Domine.' Rejecting the idle and indeed wicked tales of material assistance, they recognise in the spirit which has carried them to victory the present help of the Lord. To their brothers who were too old or too young to fight they leave in silence the celebration of their valour. To that valour no word of praise will ever be denied; and it may well be, we should hope it will be, that in all their heroism nothing will so much impress posterity as the fact that

They went about their gravest deeds
Like noble boys at play.

PRO PATRIA.

MAJOR ARTHUR HUGH AGLIONBY, R.G.A.; ROBERT WILLIAM LEE DODDS, Lieutenant, the Northumberland Fusiliers; Lieutenant GILBERT ANTHONY GOODMAN, R.A.F.; LESLIE IMROTH, Lieutenant, Hampshire Regiment; ARTHUR GEORGE HUNT, 2nd Lieutenant Guards Machine Gun Corps; THOMAS COLWELL JOHNSON, Australians; JAMES HAMILTON SPENCE, Lieutenant, R.G.A., R.A.F.; GAVISON FERGUSON YOUNG, Lieutenant, R.A.F.

Major AGLIONBY was the fourth son of the Rev. F. K. Aglionby, sometime vicar of Christ Church, Victoria Street, and now vicar of Newbold Pacey. He was at the School from September 1899 to Election 1905, and after graduating at C.C.C. Oxford he went as a schoolmaster to Canada. He returned for the War and saw much service in the Artillery.

Mr. DODDS, son of Mr. R. C. Dodds, of Herne Hill, was at the School from September 1906 to Easter 1911. He was a law student, but joined the Army for the War. He was long since reported missing, and we fear that there is now no hope of his being alive.

Mr. IMROTH, son of Mr. G. Imroth, of Hampstead, was at the School in 1910, and joined the Army for the War.

Mr. GOODMAN, son of Mr. Alfred William Goodman, barrister-at-law, was at the School from April 1909 to Election 1913. He obtained a commission in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, and was afterwards transferred to the Air Force. He did excellent service, especially in the last advance, and met his end in a fight with two Austrian aeroplanes

above an aerodrome. He had left the patrol to engage the two, and before the other machines could come up he was brought down by a shot which fired his aeroplane. It was a very gallant act and one of the last in the War.

Mr. HUNT, a son of Mr. Hunt, of King Street, W., was at the School for some years from 1895, and later went to Canada. He came back for the War and got a commission in the Irish Guards, with whom he saw much service. He leaves a widow.

Mr. JOHNSON, who was at the School only a short time, joined the Army for the War.

Mr. SPENCE, the only son of Mr. H. R. Spence, of Hedingham, Essex, was at the School from May 1911 to Easter 1915. He passed into Woolwich and obtained a commission in the Artillery, but afterwards joined the Air Force. A lad of high character and fine physique, he did excellent service before he was brought down in the enemies' lines.

Mr. YOUNG, the second son of Mr. F. Young, of Putney, was at the School from October 1913 to Election 1917, when he joined the Air Force. He was Captain of Water and an excellent stroke of the Four.

School Notes.

ATWOOD and Munro regained their Pinks after the match against the Grenadier Guards, and Gorman after the Lancing match.

The offertory on All Saints' Day amounted to £4 18s. 2d.

A whole day's holiday (not an Early Play) was given on Wednesday, Nov. 13, in honour of the victorious armistice.

The School is to be congratulated on avoiding the plague of influenza.

The Charterhouse match, which was to have been played on Nov. 9, was postponed on account of illness. It will probably be played on Nov. 30. The Sandhurst match was scratched for the same reason.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* RESERVE
BATTALION, SCOTS GUARDS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19.

(Lost, 0-4.)

The Guards won the toss, and defended the Barracks end. Their forward line showed considerable dash from the very start, and enabled their centre-forward to score after quarter of an hour's play. Just before half-time another goal was scored by their centre-forward. In the second half the Westminster forwards showed more life, but two more goals were added against us, one being due to a mis-kick. The game was good, but the eleven is capable of much better form than it showed on this occasion.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

F. P. Dyson; H. Chisholm, K. C. Hame; F. W. Pickering, H. H. Munro, H. A. Clegg; T. I. Bate, E. M. Cazeaux, N. A. Mackintosh, H. F. Gorman, W. M. Atwood.

SCOTS GUARDS.

Russell; Muir, Anderson; Neirn, Leishman, Marnock; Todd, Turner, Wilson, McCrae, Nesbit.

WESTMINSTER *v.* BRADFIELD.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (AT BRADFIELD).

(Lost, 2-7.)

Westminster kicked off, defending the School end. Detailed comment on the game is almost needless: the team was rather at sea on a heavy ground, and in the first half not only had a strong wind against them, but also a very trying sun, which perhaps handicapped the defence more than the attack. The forwards suffered from inability to get going. In the first half Bradfield scored six goals, of which at least two might well have been saved. The backs were unable to deal with the opposing forwards, who were well together and played a very determined game. During this time we scored but once, a fine shot by Gorman after some pretty individual work. In the second half, if anything we did most of the pressing, both sides scoring once. Bradfield were unfortunately handicapped by Sorensen's damaging himself while rushing the goalkeeper. Our goal came from a mêlée, and theirs from a good cross-shot from the left.

Weather conditions and ground were certainly against us, but the side showed great lack of staying-power and grit. Mackintosh was out of school.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

F. P. Dyson; H. Chisholm, M. A. L. Banks; K. C. Hame, H. H. Munro, H. A. Clegg; T. I. Bate, E. M. Cazeaux, P. V. Wade, H. F. Gorman, W. M. Atwood.

BRADFIELD.

A. P. Parkinson; J. E. Buxton, G. H. Mower; A. L. Stevenson, R. O. Byrnes, J. A. Lupton; M. E. Coléman, S. T. Parsons, I. M. Sorensen, E. Eckford, C. G. Fitzmaurice.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* RES. BATT.
GRENADEER GUARDS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

(Lost, 1-3.)

The Grenadiers defended the Barracks end. Our opponents were strong in attack, but were well held by our backs, who showed signs of steady improvement, their great fault being slowness to clear. The Westminster forward line combined fairly well: it is perhaps the first match of the season in which they have really played as a line. The Grenadiers scored two goals to our one in the first half. Corpl. Rawlinson obtained the first by a good shot at close range. Our goal was due to Gorman. The second half produced even but uninteresting play, Corpl. Wilding scoring once with an easy shot. Our forwards got going several times but failed to score.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

F. P. Dyson; H. Chisholm, M. A. L. Banks; K. C. Hame, H. H. Munro, H. A. Clegg; T. I. Bate, E. M. Cazeaux, P. V. Wade, H. F. Gorman, W. M. Atwood.

GRENADEER GUARDS.

Pte. Downing; Pte. Street, Pte. Warne; Pte. Lisle, Pte. Cook, Sgt. Mansell; Pte. Walker, Pte. Rawlinson, Corpl. Wilding, Pte. Ridings, Pte. Ward.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. *v.*
18TH COY. R.A.M.C.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

(Won, 3-2.)

This game was evenly contested throughout, the R.A.M.C. unfortunately playing one man short. All the goals were scored in the first half. George shot our first with his head, after a mêlée. The R.A.M.C. then scored two in quick succession, closely followed by two more from us by George and Swann. In the second half, play was hard and interesting, but no additions were made to the score.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

F. J. A. Thorold; E. G. Buckley, H. W. R. Lillie; J. R. Peacock, C. Balfour, C. H. Taylor; A. G. Swann, C. M. Cahn, G. O. George, W. E. Newall, R. M. Rattenbury.

18TH COY. R.A.M.C.

J. E. Thomson; C. H. Thomson, J. Squires; E. S. Wishant, M. L. Greig, T. Holland; L. O. Gilchrist, D. J. Gordon, G. H. Looseman, F. R. Schofield, C. Matthews.

RACQUETS.

THE match against Tonbridge was scratched at the last moment owing to the fog which made play impossible.

It is very encouraging to see such a large number of people taking up Racquets. There are at present more players than there have been for about four years.

O.T.C.

THE Contingent has been organised for training this term on the same system as for the last two play terms. The older and more efficient cadets form two platoons which do platoon drill on Mondays and company drill on Thursdays. The latter has been most successful. The platoons and sections are commanded by senior cadets as hardly a single N.C.O. is available, and both these commanders and those in the ranks have shown admirable keenness and drilled consistently well. On Mondays, Major R. T. Squire, 19th Co. of London V.T.C., takes one platoon drill, while C. S.-M. Baker, D.C.M., Grenadier Guards, kindly lent us by Lt. Francis Scott, D.S.O., commanding the Reserve Battalion, takes the other in arms drill. On Tuesdays and Fridays these two platoons play football on an Inter-section League system. The junior cadets and recruits play football on a similar system on Mondays and Thursdays, and parade in squads under two N.C.O.s as instructors. There are eight squads, consisting of about fourteen cadets, and they parade in Green under the general supervision of Major Squire and C. S.-M. Griffiths, the Buffs. Finally, there is the Commission Class of boys of 18 years of age, who still do about a dozen hours' military work a week. In the evenings more than one-third of the cadets on the strength attend lectures on various subjects; the regularity of their attendance, and their keenness have been admirable. Last year for some reason there was a distinct falling-off in the keenness and efficiency of the Corps; but if the term's work is any guide, everyone has evidently made up his mind to revert to the higher standard of 1916 and 1917.

There has been one field-day this term, at Blackheath, Surrey, as usual, with Cranleigh School. Except for one platoon who got no fighting and finally lost the train, the day was quite a successful one. Much of the fighting was in woods, where control is always difficult. But despite this fact the C.O. received numerous messages, and was generally kept well informed of where the leading platoons were and what was happening.

It is too early yet for any clear idea to be obtained of the future of O.T.C.s, but it seems

unlikely that any Headmaster would wish to be without them, as it is generally considered that, quite apart from any military training that they may give, they play a useful part in education generally. Certainly they afford an opportunity to those who are not good at games of showing their worth, an opportunity that was lacking before the formation of School Corps. It is hoped that one of the former officers of the Corps who has been on active service may return soon to take over the command of the Corps, as Capt. Willett's two years' extension in command is up on February 13, 1919, and he is anxious to retire after six years in command.

It will be of interest to those who served in the Corps in 1913 and 1914 to know that Mr. Shaw has been for some time in command of a Service Battalion of the Dorsetshire Regiment, and has gained the D.S.O.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION, 1917-1918.

THANKS to a special collection from the School and a cheque from the Headmaster, it has been just possible to make two ends meet, but the balance of over fifty pounds with which we began the year has shrunk to less than one pound. The special reports will show how prosperous the Mission is in all its branches, but it will also be evident that the need of new subscribers is great and imperative, if the Mission is to keep up its high standard of efficiency. It is also to be hoped that peace will enable more O.W.W.s to take a more active share in the work of the Mission. Perhaps it will be well to mention that the Mission bankers are Messrs. Cocks and Biddulph, 43 Charing Cross.

There will be no further report this year, and the thanks of the Mission authorities are due to the Editor of THE ELIZABETHAN for enabling them to save expense.

ANNUAL REPORT

My first duty is to report that I took over the command of this Company from Captain Alan Francis, on October 2 last, after our return from Camp, but as I joined the Company in October of the previous year, I am able to speak of the events of the year from personal knowledge.

Under the able guidance of Capt. Francis the Company had attained a high standard of efficiency, which, with the whole-hearted assistance of 2nd Lt. A. J. Pugh (who joined the Company in May last), I am doing my best to maintain. It will be of interest to mention that we are greatly looking forward to being joined

shortly by an Old Westminster boy, Mr. H. B. Willett, an old comrade of mine in the Inns of Court R.C., who has applied for a commission in the Battalion. He will bring with him a knowledge and experience which will be invaluable to the Company.

There has been no such falling off in numbers after Camp as is generally experienced, for in spite of a number of discharges on joining H.M. Forces, the infusion of new blood brings the number of Cadets on the Roll at the present time up to 91, as compared with 83 on the occasion of the last return. There are also a number of recruits awaiting enrolment as soon as they attain the required standard of efficiency.

Fifty-one Cadets from the Company attended Camp in August, at Haileybury College, where the whole Battalion spent a very instructive and pleasant week.

The general work of the year has consisted of company parades every Monday night, at which the average attendance has been consistently good, company and platoon drill, physical drill, musketry and signalling classes, and also Battalion parades and route marches. There can be no doubt that the training is of immense service to the lads when they join the Senior Services. To take the last instance that has come to my knowledge, a member of the Company who was discharged a few months ago to join the Marines, told me last week that he received his lance-corporal's stripe within a week of joining his unit.

Mr. Pugh and I have made a special point of instilling in N.C.O.s a sense of responsibility and control of their sections, and of developing something of the Public-school spirit in the whole Company, and it has both surprised and encouraged us to find in what good measure this sense exists amongst these lads who have so few advantages. We find ourselves greatly handicapped, however, for want of suitable quarters in which to carry on the work. In this regard money is of course the primary difficulty, and I venture to appeal to all who may read this report for subscriptions to the Company funds.

T. A. KIRKHAM,

Lieut., O.C. "E" Company,
1st C.B. The London Regiment, The Queens.
November 1918.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION,
30TH ANNUAL REPORT, 1917-1918.

ST. MARY'S CLUB, NAPIER HALL, VINCENT
SQUARE.

The Club has continued its work throughout the year, in spite of the fact that nearly all its older members have had to join either the Army or the Navy. Without exception these boys have done extremely well, and during the year

one has received his commission as lieutenant, and another has received his captaincy. Some have been, unfortunately, killed, and several have been wounded. The latter in most cases will recover, we hope, their normal health, but in one or two cases we regret to say that the War will leave them permanently injured.

The Gymnasium work under its Instructor, Mr. Orbell, who had to join the Air Force in the summer, did very good work particularly amongst the Juniors. Since Mr. Orbell's departure the work has been carried on by Mr. W. Smith, a very expert gymnast, who belongs to the 'A' Division of the Metropolitan Police, and who has recently received rewards and honours for his gallantry in diving from Lambeth Bridge to save a child in danger of drowning.

T. E. DE VERE LAURENCE, *Vicar.*

B COMPANY, 6TH BATTALION LONDON REGT.
DIOCESAN CHURCH LADS BRIGADE, ST. MARY'S,
VINCENT SQUARE.

This Church Lads Brigade Company is the only Company which can be said to be really working in the whole of Westminster. During the past year it maintained its work in spite of the loss of several of its leading N.C.O.s who joined the Army. The number of recruits increased, but owing to the present unrest among lads the actual number of the Company fluctuated. At the end of the season, it was able to show a number of smart lads, when the Company was inspected by Major Neville, M.C., of the Grenadier Guards.

The Ambulance work, under the direction of ex-Staff-Sergeant F. A. McNally, R.A.M.C. (T.), proved attractive to a number of Cadets, and, the Inspecting Officer complimented the squad upon its work.

Sixteen lads went to the camp at Worthing, and derived considerable benefit from their short stay in the fresh air by the sea.

The Drum and Fife Band, has developed into a very efficient body, under the training of the drum-major of the Scots Guards. Unfortunately its three principal flute-players had to go to the Army, but the remaining members have loyally stuck to the work.

The buglers attached to the Special Constabulary for air raid duty went out on several occasions during air raids, and the people in the neighbourhood of St. Mary's will long remember listening for the welcome 'All Clear' played by these boys as they were rushed through the streets in motor cars or motor cycles.

Mr. J. C. Thursell, in command of the Company during the past year, maintained his unsparing devotion to the welfare of his boys.

T. E. DE VERE LAURENCE.

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURE.

OCTOBER 1, 1917 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	57	1	2
Offeratories—			
School	23	1	10
Abbey Election Sunday	25	5	10
Dividends	16	12	4
Interest on Deposit	1	15	6
School Subscription	8	0	0
Donations and Subscriptions	113	1	0
	<u>£244</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Napier Hall	75	0	0
Boys' Club	25	3	4
Cadet Corps	94	17	7
Church Lads' Brigade	39	15	1
Printing, Posting, and Addressing Report	9	7	6
Balance	0	14	2
	<u>£244</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>

Examined and found correct,

F. F. BURRELL.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR
1917-1918.

Received by Treasurers to September 30.

	£	s.	d.
Allen, H. G.	1	1	0
Anderson, K. B.	1	1	0
Anthony, H. V.	2	2	0
Aston, Gen. G. G., K.C.B.	2	2	0
Bailey, E. H.	1	1	0
Bailey, N. C.	1	1	0
Bailey, R.	1	1	0
Bangor, Bishop of	1	1	0
Batley, J. A.	1	1	0
Bernard, F. J. H.	1	1	0
Blaker, E. H.	1	1	0
Boden, Canon C. J.	2	1	0
Bradshaw, Capt. P. A.	5	0	0
Brand, C. J.	1	1	0
Browning, Rev. P. F.	0	10	6
Cahn, G.	1	1	0
Circuit, G. F. L.	2	2	0
Clark, Rev. D.	0	10	0
Clive, H. D.	2	2	0
Downie, A. F. M.	1	1	0
Dundee, Lord Ritchie of	1	1	0
Eddis, E.	1	0	0
Freeman, Col. E. C., C.M.G.	1	0	0
F. R. M.	1	1	0
Gow, Rev. Dr.	5	0	0
Graham, Mrs. M. B.	0	5	0
Gregorie, C. F.	1	1	0
Gregory, C. H.	1	1	0
Hillett, M.	2	2	0
Harris, S. S., and R. S. Vintner	1	1	0
Harrison, Rev. A. H.	1	1	0
Holmes, Capt. S. L.	2	2	0
Horne, J. C. W.	1	0	0
Hurst, C. J. B.	1	1	0
In Memoriam R.F.H.	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
J. G. V. and D. G. V.	1	1	0
James, L.	3	0	0
Kelly, E. F.	2	2	0
Knight, Rev. C. B. H.	0	10	6
Little, E. M.	0	10	6
Loeffler, H.	2	2	0
Longley, Lt.-Col. A.	0	10	6
Lowenstein, G.	1	1	0
Lush, The Hon. Sir C. M.	3	3	0
McCance, Capt. H. M.	0	5	0
Man, E. J. F. G.	1	0	0
Manisty, H.	0	10	6
Marshall, H.	5	5	0
Nall, Rev. G. H.	2	0	0
O'Brien, Rev. G. H.	2	2	0
O. W.	2	0	0
Pember, G. H.	1	1	0
Pitt Lewis, G. F.	1	0	0
Powers, C.	0	10	0
Pratt, H. J. F.	0	10	6
Raikes, A. W.	1	1	0
Randall, Rev. H. L.	0	10	0
Robertson, J. A.	1	1	0
Rodocanachi, T.	5	0	0
Rutherford, E. B.	1	1	0
Saunders, A. W.	1	1	0
Sotheran, H. C.	1	1	0
Stebbing, W.	1	1	0
Storrs, H. L.	1	1	0
Street, H. B.	0	10	0
Thompson, Maj. W. M.	1	1	0
Towers, R. M.	1	1	0
Towers, V. G.	1	1	0
Turner, Capt. F. G.	3	0	0
Unwin, H. B.	1	1	0
Vyvyan, Col. Sir C. B., C.B.	1	1	0
Waterfield, P. G.	1	1	0
Webb, C. C. J.	1	1	0
Whitehead, A.	1	1	0
Whitlock, Rev. A. L.	1	1	0
Willett, A. T.	1	1	0
Woodhouse, S. C.	1	1	0
X	5	0	0
	<u>113</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, October 10, to discuss the motion: 'That in the opinion of this House the School suffers from a superfluity of Societies.'

The Proposer (C. M. CAHN) deplored the fact that there were now five Societies, whereas two years ago there were only two. He proceeded to dissect these five at his leisure, and informed the House that the Glee Society neither sang glees nor was even a real society. He refrained from attacking the Art Society but despaired of the Photographic Society, and complained of members of the Lower School putting notices on the School Door. He ended an amusing speech by praising the Debating Society and deploring the preference awarded to other Societies in THE ELIZABETHAN.

The Opposer (H. W. R. LILLIE), in a good

maiden speech, took the House back to the Middle Ages for the origin of four Societies, to the Curriculum of the Westminster School of the day, and found the ancestor of the Debating Society in Parliament, which then met in the Chapter House. (Cheers.)

The Seconder (T. E. E. COCKS) congratulated the School on not having yet revived the Scripture Union and Philatelic Society; otherwise his speech was characteristically irrelevant.

H. L. PETTIT mumbled that the Glee Society *was* a Society, that it had 57 members, and that he had put up a notice at the beginning of term. Nothing more could be understood of his speech.

J. S. BENTWICH discoursed vaguely on Societies in general, and THE TREASURER denied the necessity of any society in an autobiographical epigram.

E. D. HARFORD asked who were the above-mentioned members of the Lower School.

C. M. CAHN: 'It was a rhetorical exaggeration' (laughter)—after which many spoke, but few to the point.

The motion was finally lost by 12 votes to 14.
R. A. P. B.

The House met on Thursday, October 24, to discuss the motion: 'That this House believes in supernatural phenomena.'

The Proposer (P. G. R. BURFORD) in a somewhat disjointed speech, touched upon a variety of subjects, ranging from the latest theory of the Angels of Mons to an illiterate medium of his acquaintance with a passion for Renaissance French.

The Opposer (P. A. HENDY) lashed with his eloquence the Bishop of Durham, Sir Oliver Lodge, Mrs. Piper, and many other supporters of spirit-intercourse. Avoiding the pitfalls of definition, he ascribed spiritualistic phenomena to the subconscious mind. To turn to the more serious side of the subject, he said that the so-called discoveries of psychical research were opposed to the Christian ideal of an after-life more glorious than the present, ending an excellent speech with an appeal against narrow-mindedness on either side.

The VICE-PRESIDENT, the Seconder (A. HYDE), launched forth into the unknown perils of metaphysical definition and impressed on the Society the time-honoured fact that he, personally, had never seen a ghost, but, etc.

The PRESIDENT deplored the madness of some of our prominent men of science and also committed himself to the subconscious mind.

J. S. BENTWICH, with his customary suavity, supported both sides and fell between them.

K. C. HAME, G. H. GOMPERTZ, and P. A. HENDY indulged in a cross-fire of challenge and definition concerning telepathy.

P. E. R. BURFORD, G. E. A. DIX and others then mauled the illiterate French writer and the last Prior of Glastonbury.

E. D. HARFORD attempted to Pelmanise the subconscious mind.

The motion was carried by 12 votes to 11.
R. L. B.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

THIS term, in the place of Mr. Rudwick, who left to take a commission, Mr. Burch has consented to fill the position of President. The Vice-President and Secretary are W. D. Jenkyn Thomas and H. W. Fleming.

On Tuesday, October 15, Mr. R. L. Bennett delivered a lecture on 'The Migration of Peoples.' First he gave us the various methods of dividing up the human race, Blumenbach making five great divisions—for example, Negroid, Australoid, Mongolians, Caucasians—and next he gave the courses followed by some great racial movements. Peoples, he said, crossed rivers, and maritime nations the narrow seas, with comparative ease, but in almost all cases mountains and deserts formed insuperable barriers. Finally he drew deductions generally, and made predictions for the future. The lecture was extremely well thought out and very interesting.

On Tuesday, October 22, Mr. G. H. Gompertz gave an extremely convincing lecture on 'Psychic Phenomena.' Mr. Gompertz gave us a sketch of the early developments of the subject and quoted largely from his own experiences, some of which had been witnessed by two other persons present. After the lecture, the large number of questions were a good criterion of the interest aroused.

On Tuesday, October 29, Mr. F. P. Dyson read a paper on 'Naval Tactics.' He dealt with ships and armour first, then went on to talk about manœuvres such as crossing the T, the great object in naval engagements.

Next, some particular naval actions received his attention—Admiral Cradock's action, its avenging, and finally the Battle of Jutland. One of the most cheering statements was the fact that British naval architecture is well ahead of all other nations. This was an admirable lecture, one of the best the Society has ever listened to, and it was easy to see Mr. Dyson had a very intimate knowledge of the Navy generally.

On Tuesday, November 5, Mr. A. Hyde read a paper on 'Extinct Monsters.' He dealt only with a few of the many, the Dinosaurs chiefly. The lecture was illustrated by good drawings, owing to the impossibility of obtaining the necessary slides. The whole was very well thought out, but unfortunately given at very short notice.

On Tuesday, November 12, Mr. E. D. Harford gave a lecture on 'Memory Training.' He dealt generally with the methods of Pelmanism, connecting links in the mind, and gave many examples of how to remember series of dates, etc., by letter and number alphabets. The lecture was very interesting, particularly in face of the Pelman advertisements.

House Notes.

K.S.S.—The promise shown by our junior members on the football field is developing, and we should be able to face the Town Boys with a formidable side next term. Gorman is to be congratulated on regaining his Pinks.

Considerable interest is being shown in the Fives Ties, which are under the care of Hendy. Though at first they were rather hampered by illness, good progress is now recorded.

In the Corps, Clegg is promoted to Sergeant. We now have a parade on Friday mornings to inspect rifles; the parade also serves the purpose of a patrol, which we should otherwise miss.

The Literary Society has unfortunately not been able to meet, owing to the illness of Miss Rayner: we are glad to hear that she is now making good progress.

Finally, we were deeply grieved to hear of the death of L. F. I. Bosanquet, who was so recently among us.

GRANT'S.—When the call for House Notes comes at a time when there is so little of local interest that our usual list of congratulations almost entirely fails us, but when events of world-wide importance are occurring outside every day, we are tempted to quit our proper realm for that of greater things. That, however, is assigned to another place, and we may treat of them only so much as affects our own small sphere. Grant's has sacrificed—temporarily, at any rate—many of its most cherished customs, and we hope that with the improving times these will be brought back; but what we would urge particularly on all Grantites is that they should prepare for their future task of improving the world by setting about the improvement of Grant's from the first day they enter the House. The House has indeed already settled down after its changes, and looks forward to a continuance of its prosperity.

We congratulate Prance and Rea on Lance-Corporal's stripes, and Peacock and Swann on well-earned House Colours. Mackintosh has been playing regularly for the 1st Eleven, and Cahn, Thorold, Buckley, Peacock, and Swann have all played for the 2nd.

Again it is our sad duty to conclude these notes by recording the death from wounds of another old Grantite, Lieut. L. Imroth: this brings our total, which we trust is now completed, up to forty-two.

RIGAUD'S.—We regret that in the last issue we were unable to congratulate Pickering and Vedder on getting their cricket thirds last Term. Fives Ties have been already played off, and Yard Ties have now entered into the second round. Congratulations to Percival on being a member of the racquets pair.

In the Literary Society we have finished a most enjoyable reading of 'The Good-natured Man' and have already started 'She Stoops to Conquer,' which promises to be very amusing.

We are glad to see that Montagu, who has recovered from a severe motor bicycle accident, and most of the 'flu' victims, are once more among us.

Finally, we must all join in welcoming Mrs. Pugh, our new matron, who has replaced Mrs. Shuttleworth.

H.B.B.—As is not infrequently the case, the second half of Term finds us with comparatively little to record. However, in the world of football we are glad to find that we have quite a number of representatives in the 1st and 2nd Elevens; Cazeaux must be congratulated on now playing regularly for the 1st, whilst Wade has done so once or twice, and Rattenbury, Clare, and Balfour are playing for the 2nd Eleven.

We should also congratulate Shaw on becoming Band Corporal.

Apart from these matters, we are glad to have the President of the Photographic Society up Home Boarders, whilst the House has a very fair number of representatives in other spheres.

ASHBURNHAM.—Owing to some mistake, last Term's cricket colours did not appear in our last Notes, and so we now take the opportunity of congratulating Randolph, Buhler, and Bate on obtaining their Thirds, and Munt and Newall on getting their House Colours.

In the Corps, Chisholm and Atwood, who both belong to the Commission Class, have been promoted to the permanent ranks of Corporal and Lance-Corporal respectively, on which we heartily congratulate them.

Forty entries were made for the Fives Ties this Term, which is very satisfactory. The Ties are progressing favourably, and although very

little time is allowed for Fives, we have managed to get the second round played off.

Again Atwood must be congratulated, also Munro, who both regained their Pinks after the match against the Grenadier Guards. Bate, Atwood, Munro, and Chisholm have played regularly for the 1st Eleven this Term, while Newall has played for the 2nd.

Finally, it is with deep regret that we record the deaths of two old Ashburnhamites, Lieut. G. A. Goodman and Major A. H. Aglionby.

Birth.

ON November 11, the wife of Brigadier-General J. B. Wells, C.M.G., D.S.O., of a son.

Obituary.

WE have to regret the death of JOHN DA COSTA RICCI, at the age of 26. It is but a short time since we had to record the death of his father. The son, whose health forbade him to take part in the War, died on November 11.

With great regret we record the death of Major-General Sir ALFRED EDWARD TURNER, K.C.B., Vice-President of the Elizabethan Club. Born in 1841, a son of Richard E. Turner, a Bencher of the Inner Temple, he was admitted in 1854. He went to Addiscombe, and in 1860 obtained a commission in the R.A. He was on the Staff of Wolseley's Nile Expedition in 1884, and from 1895 to 1898 was Assistant Adjutant-General, R.A. He was made a C.B. (civil) in 1891, a C.B. (military) in 1897, and a K.C.B. in 1902. In his later years he took a somewhat active part in politics as a Liberal and Home-Ruler. He was also much interested in psychical research. He was a member of our War Memorial Committee.

We have also to regret the death of PERCY JOHN FREDERICK LUSH, youngest son of the late Right Honourable Sir Robert Lush, Lord Justice of Appeal, and a brother of Mr. McEwing Westwick, Judge Lush-Wilson and Mr. Justice Lush. He was admitted in 1872 and elected to Christ Church in 1876. He took to Medicine and was House Surgeon and Physician at the West London Hospital, afterwards practising in South Hampstead. He died on Nov. 28.

We have also to record the death of LESLIE FREDERICK IVES BOSANQUET, son of Mr. Bosanquet, of Blackheath, Kent. He was a King's Scholar from 1914 until last term, when he left after winning an open scholarship and being elected head to Trinity. A brilliant science scholar and an energetic worker for the School, his loss will be mourned by the present generation at School.

Correspondence.

THE following are extracts from the letters of an O.W. Major fighting in France:—

'For the last five days we have been advancing without any resistance worth mention, and since the 18th we have been passing through country from which the civilians have not been evacuated. There are the most extraordinary scenes when we enter a village! All the people try to shake hands with us, and as soon as the last Boche has gone they start preparing their very scanty rations, to give the English a meal when they arrive, and many of them are very near starvation; but they say they have "made economies" for four years to welcome us. Most of them have hung out French flags which have been hidden all this time.

'The Boche has taken everything—horses, live-stock, vegetables—so that the farmers and peasants are ruined.

'All males between 15 and 50 have been deported, except a few who expected our arrival and managed to hide: they have come out when it was safe, amid great rejoicings. Two nights ago I slept in a bed which the good lady worked all the afternoon to prepare; for she was determined that no Boche should have sheets on his bed, and had them hidden. Last night we were all in a little cottage owned by a woman with six children—4 to 12 years old—whose father had been made a "prisonnier civil." Her cottage was actually in the firing line that morning, but she was absolutely magnificent, and quite calm. The faith that has kept them all going since 1914 has prevented the Boche from making them believe any of his war-news; a farm in the outpost line that gave me a cup of coffee this evening was astonished to hear that it was true the Russians were not in the war. The Literary Supplement will be interested to know that in the occupied country the enemy is always Alboche, not Boche, as I have always heard it elsewhere. It is quite impossible to tell you all the incidents of this week; but all the discomforts of the war were really worth while to effect a deliverance like this. It is wonderful to see village after village quite mad with joy. Apart from the enemy's official persecution and tyranny, the private soldier seems to have taken every opportunity of making money on his own.

'It meant bribes to get a pass to visit the next village or to avoid arrest for trumped-up offences. It is good to know that for the last two years he has been very hungry indeed. Meat once a week in the back areas, and bread that was quite uneatable: half a loaf of it for four days. An old man showed me yesterday a pail of hogwash that was the food of officers and men alike. The only recognisable thing in it was potatoes, and it stank abominably. How far this is going on we don't yet know, but it must be to the line of the Meuse at least, and perhaps to the German borders.

'As far as we here are concerned, our sector of France will be completely liberated to-morrow. "Le jour de gloire est arrivé."

'We have not moved since I last wrote, but we have been much occupied in training and pulling the Company together. A few days in good billets has made a wonderful difference all round, and it is especially valuable to me, as it is the first time I have had a chance to get them all together and smarten them up.

'The air is full of preparations for the Education Scheme which every Division is to carry out. A good many men want to learn French. It will be a very new England where almost everywhere someone will be found

to understand French, and generally to speak a little. Apropos of which here is some Transatlantic French. An American soldier rushed into a cottage to warn Madame that her cow was wandering in the path of motor lorries. When American failed, he got her to understand with "Du lait promenade"!

It is not safe to enter any house in this village unless you are prepared to take at least one cup of coffee. The good lady in the chief farm, which is my H.Q., is a dear soul, and has told me many things about the occupation. Here are some of them, all of which I have also heard from other civilians, so I think there is no reason to doubt them.

An organisation existed among the brave people in these parts for passing escaped British prisoners through towards the Dutch frontier. A Monsieur Flamand, of a village 3 kilometres from here, passed through many English prisoners in this way. The Germans arrested him, but could produce no evidence. He was kept months in prison, and went through interrogation every week all this time, but they could learn nothing. When threatened with shooting, he said "They are dying at the front; I can die here." Finally he was released, and it is hoped Great Britain will decorate him, as he harboured some thirty English prisoners in all.

The worst story of all is of the same village. Three girls—sisters, the youngest of whom was only 23 or 24—gave many English prisoners a night's lodging and set them on their way. Some of these gave their photographs to the girls in gratitude. One night a man in civilian clothes came to the youngest girl and said he was an escaped Englishman. He convinced her by talking familiarly of places in England, and asked her help; she fed him and hid him, and at night set him on the right road, walking some way with him. When they parted he gave her his photograph. More than a week after he reappeared at the house, dressed as a German N.C.O. and with a file of soldiers. She was arrested, and taken to a town 10 kilometres from here, where she was executed. She tore the bandage from her eyes and said "Je veux voir la mort." The last thing she said was "Vive la France!" She told her relations in a letter she left not to weep for her, as she was certain of heaven, and she left a letter for the soldiers whom she had assisted. (They had to choose their method of death, and she chose the machine-gun.) The enemy refused her body to her relations, but a family in the town where she was murdered opened their vault for her. Both her sisters were shot, but whether at the same time I do not know. Two women of the next village to her were shot. They sent off carrier pigeons, and signed the messages with their own names, which shows that they were amateur and voluntary spies. The pigeons fell into German hands, and they had no mercy. One was the mother of three, the other of five children.

Three days or so ago a woman and a baby approached one of the forward posts of the division on our right. It was full under enemy observation, and she had come through their outposts. A sergeant managed to get to her, and tried to make her get into a ditch for cover. She would not, or did not understand. A German machine-gun then opened on her. She was riddled with bullets.

The baby was not hit, and was taken after dark to the Brigade H.Q. (it was a little girl). There is no shadow of doubt about it. The Boche knew what he was doing, and I have seen the sergeant's signed statement, and his Colonel's remarks.

'Now that Germany has the end staring in her face, it is as well to remember things like this.'

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