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## SCHOOL NOTES.

The following boys were first and second in their respective Forms at the end of Term :—

Form	I.	1 T. L. Bissill.	2 N. H. Pope
„	II.	1 E. H. Bailey	2 R. Moss
„	III.	1 G. R. Padmore	2 H. W. Beresford
„	IV.	1 T. S. Fielding	2 T. King
„	V.	1 E. Sansome	2 G. L. Bryan
„	VI. Lower :	1 S. Gunn	2 J. Farmer

The following boys left in July, 1914 :—

VI.—Cresswell, F. (Captain of Rifle Club), Dawson, A. L. (2nd XI. Cricket and Football), Grudgings, J. H. (1st XI. Cricket and Football, Gym. VIII., Tennis VI.), Hall, A. W. (1st XI. Cricket and Football, Tennis VI.), Jones, R. P. (1st XI. Cricket and Football, Gym. VIII., Tennis VI.), Walker, E. A. (2nd XI. Cricket and Football), Gym. VIII., Tennis VI.), Bailey, R., Young, C. V.

V.—Dawson, H. E., Hall, G. E. (Rifle Club VIII.), Jackson, J. P. (1st XI. Cricket, 2nd XI. Football), Purnell, H. G., Simpson, A. F. (Captain Swimming Club), Whitaker, A. E., Wilkinson, A. (1st XI. Cricket and Football, Gym. VIII.).

IV.—Finney, E.

III.—Martin, M. A.

I.—Allen, S. R. C., Grey, R. P.

New Boys this Term :—

IV.—Holmes, H., Hubbard, F. C., Jervis, W., Savage, F., Smith, I., Unwin, O. W., Wade, A. M.

III.—Barson, A. C., Beeby, G. H., Clarke, W., Topping, C. R., Darthet, G., Darthet, W., Vandecapelle, H.

II.—Annable, T., Farmer, D., Grimley, A. E., Lacey, I., Nixon, W. C. W.

I.—Bissill, T. L., Tucker, A. L.

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Besides Mr. Watson, both Mr. Plumb and Mr. Crockett have now joined the forces, and their places have had to be filled. We were fortunate in securing the services of so experienced a teacher as Dr. Little to take Mr. Plumb's place temporarily. Dr. Little, who was for years the successful Headmaster at Buxton College, was living in retirement at Lille, when the advent of the Germans rendered the place undesirable as a residence for the English, and he had to leave hurriedly, and become a refugee. What is his loss may be regarded as our gain.

In the place of Mr. Crockett, Mr. J. A. Mandall will be here this term. Mr. Mandall took honours in the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge, and had several years' valuable experience as a successful teacher till two years ago, when he had a serious breakdown in health. He is now so far recovered as to be able to return to work again, but as military service is at present out of the question for him, his appointment does not deprive the army of a possible recruit.

To avoid filling Mr. Watson's place with anyone suited for service, a lady has been appointed experimentally. Miss Aveling comes with very high testimonials to her efficiency as a teacher, and she will be assured of a kindly welcome. Masters are apt to be a little negligent in exacting little politenesses, and it will civilise us all to have an opportunity of showing these to a lady.

Lately all football matches, except those against other schools, have been cancelled on Wednesdays, and instead Mr. Crockett has instructed VI., V., IV. and III. in the rudiments of the new infantry drill, while simultaneously the shooting has been supervised by the Headmaster and Mr. Smith.

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#### NOTICE !

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Mid-day is recognised as the time when prayer is to be offered for our soldiers, our sailors, and our allies, and for those in any sorrow, anxiety, or distress on account of the war.

During this term a few strokes will be rung on the school bell just before noon. When the bell is heard, the boys in each classroom will stand and silence will be kept for a minute to give opportunity for us to join our prayers to those offered throughout the Empire.

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#### OLD BOYS.

F. L. KIRK has passed the Final Examination for the B.Sc. degree of the London University. He took his degree in Agriculture

J. J. F. Oldershaw was also successful in obtaining his B.Sc. at the October Examination of the University of London.

F. Hatton, F. W. Roberts, and O. E. Peabody have sailed for India with the 10th Batt. of the Middlesex Regt.

Lance-Corporal H. H. Needham who left England for Canada nine years ago, is serving as a scout and despatch rider in the Canadian Cavalry Regiment which accompanied the Canadian Force of 35,000 Infantry to England to complete their training before serving in the European War.

T. B. Paul sends us an interesting account of his voyage to Bombay, which will be found in another column.

W. F. Cartwright has passed the Preliminary Examination of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Frank Stockall is interned a "British Civil Prisoner of War" in the Engländerlager of Ruhleben-Spandan, whence he sends greeting and wishes for a "Brighter New Year."

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#### MARRIAGE.

CHAPMAN—MOSS.—On Dec. 26, at Emmanuel Church, by the Rev. R. H. Fuller, Rector, Lieut. Hubert Frank Chapman, R.E., to Miss Lizzie Moss, of Loughborough.

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#### L. G. S. ROLL OF HONOUR.

THE following is a list of Old Boys of Loughborough Grammar School who are serving in His Majesty's Forces. The list is necessarily an incomplete one, and the Editor will be glad to receive the names of other O.L.'s who are serving their King and country.

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##### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Colonel Oliver, 4th Batt. Leicestershire Regiment.  
 Captain J. Chapman, 5th Batt. Leicestershire Regiment.  
 Captain M. Clifford, Notts and Derby Regiment.  
 Captain C. G. Daly, 6th Batt. Highland Light Infantry.  
 Captain W. E. Porter, 5th Batt. Leicestershire Regiment.

Captain Q. M. J. Handley, 3rd Batt. Royal Canadian Highlanders.  
 Lieut. A. M. Barrowcliff, 5th Batt. Leicestershire Regiment.  
 Lieut. H. G. Burder, 5th Batt. Leicestershire Regiment.  
 Lieut. A. H. Davis, Army Service Corps.  
 Lieut. T. J. Davis, A.V.C. (attached to 18th Hussars).  
 Lieut. Q.-M. H. J. Deane, 5th Batt. Leicestershire Regt.  
 Lieut. T. B. Paul, Indian Medical Service.  
 Second Lieut. R. G. Burder, Army Service Corps.  
 Second Lieut. H. F. Chapman, Royal Engineers.  
 Second Lieut. H. E. Chapman, 5th Batt. (Reserve) Leicestershire Regiment.  
 Second Lieut. J. R. Eaton, Army Service Corps.  
 Second Lieut. E. H. Fletcher, Army Service Corps.  
 Second Lieut. T. W. Hall, 6th Batt. Dorset Regt.  
 Second Lieut. T. Hare, 16th Batt. Cheshire Regt.  
 Second Lieut. C. L. Hepworth, 4th Batt. (Reserve) Leicestershire Regiment.  
 Second Lieut. J. H. Harris, 7th Batt. Lincolnshire Regt.  
 Second Lieut. R. C. S. Jamie, Army Service Corps.  
 Second Lieut. J. P. W. Jamie, 5th Batt. Leicestershire Regiment (Reserve).  
 Second Lieut. W. H. Gimson, Durham Royal Engineers.  
 Second Lieut. Howard Moss, 5th Batt. Leicestershire Regt.  
 Second Lieut. E. H. Marsh, 9th Batt. Notts and Derby Regt.  
 Second Lieut. Victor Moss, Royal Field Artillery.  
 Second Lieut. J. J. F. Oldershaw, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.  
 Second Lieut. J. T. G. Paget, Army Service Corps.  
 Second Lieut. J. W. Turner, Sherwood Foresters.

## N.C.O.'S AND MEN.

Private J. Allsopp, Grenadier Guards.  
 Leicestershire Yeomanry (Prince Albert's Own).  
 Sergeant H. C. Needham.  
 Sergeant J. Potter.  
 Corporal Trumpeter W. Kent.  
 Corporal S. Henson.  
 Trooper L. Dowland.  
 Trooper L. J. Moir.  
 Trooper W. A. Matts.  
 Trooper H. Grudgings.  
 Trooper M. Wigg.  
 Trooper W. A. Lowe.  
 Trooper A. Street.  
 Trooper W. H. Brickwood.

8th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment (Kitchener's Army).  
 Private F. Barker.  
 Private J. E. Billson.  
 Private G. E. Baldwin.  
 Private A. L. B. James.  
 Lance-Corporal W. F. Jelley.  
 Private C. Pratt.  
 Private H. Smalley.  
 Private A. W. Whitaker.

## Universities and Public Schools Batt. Royal Fusiliers.

Sergeant E. A. Lowe.  
 Private A. R. Chapman.  
 Private J. Cope.  
 Private L. Cox.  
 Private Hilary Clarke.  
 Private P. E. W. Gibbs.  
 Private W. A. Deakin.  
 Private H. W. Fletcher.  
 Private K. Hamilton.  
 Private V. Jarratt.  
 Private C. E. Lancaster.  
 Private G. A. Paul.  
 Private A. E. Perkins.  
 Private F. B. Pitts.  
 Private E. Start.

## 5th Battalion (Reserve) Leicestershire Regiment.

Lance-Corporal Chilton.  
 Private L. E. Clarke.  
 Private S. Corah.  
 Private W. Cross.  
 Private L. A. Foxon.  
 Private C. H. Hews.  
 Private D. Hubbard.  
 Private Z. Onions.  
 Private W. Perkins.  
 Private A. G. Richards.

## 4th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment.

Lance-Corporal F. Cresswell.  
 Private Interpreter W. F. Clarke.  
 Private O. S. Gibbs.

Lance-Corporal G. E. Ball, Royal Field Artillery.  
 Private C. F. Ball, 7th Batt. Dublin Fusiliers.  
 G. P. Blood, H.M.S. Niobe.  
 Private F. A. Bumpus, Engineers' Corps Royal Marine Division.

Private A. E. Bumpus, Engineers' Corps Royal Marine Division.  
 Private G. Barratt, South Notts Hussars.  
 Private E. Birkett.  
 Private A. F. Court.  
 Private W. G. Cotton, 12th Service Batt. Sherwood Foresters.  
 Private D. C. Daly, 2nd Brigade Nelson Batt. Royal Marine Division.  
 Private Fred Fletcher, Royal Naval Flying Corps.  
 Private Frank Fletcher.  
 Private A. V. Ford, Univ. and City of Sheffield Batt. Yorks and Lancashire Regiment.  
 Private W. G. Horsfield, 2nd West Riding Field Ambulance R.A.M.C.  
 Private J. L. Holland.  
 Private A. Hanford, 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment.

Lance-Corporal Lamb, Royal Warwickshire Regt.  
 Private O. G. Laban, South Notts Hussars.  
     W. J. Mooney, H.M.S. Blake.  
 Private D. J. A. Marshall, Royal Field Artillery.  
 Private W. F. Nisbet.  
 Private H. Neale.  
 Private Fred Palmer, Army Service Corps.  
 Private J. E. Onions.  
 Private A. W. H. Purnell, Army Service Corps.  
 Private C. H. Pickworth, Leeds Pals' Batt. West Yorks Light Infantry.  
 Lance-Corporal H. H. Needham, Canadian Cavalry Regt.  
 Private J. H. Sutton, 8th Batt. Royal Warwicks.  
 Private Wilfred Sutton, 8th Batt. Royal Warwicks.  
 Private Hugh Wright.  
 Private A. R. Topping, Royal Engineers Royal Naval Division.

10th Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

Private F. H. Hatton.  
 Private O. E. Peabody.  
 Private F. W. Roberts.  
 Others connected with the School, but who are not Old Boys.  
 Corporal Brierley, 9th Batt. Lincolnshire Regiment.  
 Private E. S. Plumb, Univ. and Public Schools Batt. Middlesex Regiment.  
 Interpreter H. W. Watson, Australian Field Hospital.  
 Private G. Wilson, Univ. and Public Schools Batt. Royal Fusiliers.

LONDON TO BOMBAY.

I HAD expected to be sent to India in about six months' time, but early in August I was given one week's notice to get my kit ready and depart for the Shiny East. This was a bit sudden, and I had to "hustle some," as they say across the Herring Pond.

Well, I arrived at Liverpool Street Station one Saturday morning to catch the boat train for Tilbury. Oh, what a crowd: mostly people being recalled East on account of the war. All the types of Anglo-Indian there: first and foremost the dear old peppery curry-powderish Colonels; (I laugh at 'em now, but perhaps I will be one myself some day); younger men with wives and still younger ones with wives and children; in fact the younger they were the more children they seemed to have. With these were the usual crowd of relatives seeing them off, mothers, sisters, and wives with nasty red eyes as the result of much weeping and gnashing of teeth, howling good-byes and waving handkerchiefs. My best of friends the so-called "dear old ladies" will, I fear, once again, call me nasty, cold, callous, cynical brute, for describing these touching farewells in such a manner.

The first train load of people went off and I found a seat in the second one. Then I turned my attention to saying good-bye to my wife. She did *not* show nasty red eyes, but then, of course, she wouldn't do anything so plebeian!

At last my train moved off; of course I don't mean the train was my own property or that I had chartered a special, but that I was a passenger on it. The journey to the Docks was uneventful, and we pulled up close beside our boat the s.s. Moldavia. There was the usual wait whilst the luggage was put on board, and having found our small luggage and our cabin, we had lunch, and soon afterwards left the dock. Strangely enough I felt no regrets at leaving England, home, and beauty, but some feeling of pleasure, for in a way I was just starting my life.

We passed down the Thames, past dozens and dozens of ramshackle-looking warehouses, and I wondered how they managed to keep upright and not fall to bits at the first moderately strong breeze. For some reason, too, my thoughts were taken to the description of the chase down the river described in the "Sign of Four."

We soon passed out into the sea proper, and all was delightfully smooth—no need to ask the Steward for a basin. We passed Dover about dinner time the same evening. The harbour was full of warships and we were played upon by searchlights. Submarines we saw in plenty, passing into the harbour, and one realized the truly marvellous gunnery of H.M.S. Birmingham in smashing that

periscope with her first shot. We now kept getting into fog banks and had to slow up. Next morning we reached Plymouth, and anchored in Cawsand Bay, beside the homeward bound mail-boat. We had to stay here some time, firstly to take on the mails, and secondly the boilers had got something wrong with their internals. It was very misty, but this cleared at intervals, and the view was exceedingly pretty, especially the little village of Cawsand, which comes right doyn to the edge of the sea, and is flanked on each side by cliffs, the land rising rather steeply, laterally and behind, thus leaving the village in a hollow. We left here about four o'clock in the afternoon.

During our passage down channel that night we were stopped by a French torpedo boat, but were not detained long; few people were aware of the fact until next day.

The Bay was kind to us I am glad to say, and no one was — er — how shall I put it — well, greatly inconvenienced.

I was now able to study my fellow passengers. There were as I have said before, many of the old colonel and major type. An episode quite typical of the breed occurred, which amused me. During the usual wait for the early morning bath, one of the old boys was kept waiting a little longer than he quite liked by the preceding man; this latter unfortunate, a rather pompous middle aged gent (and the word "gent" describes him exactly) therefore came in for some of the major's best; he got it straight from the shoulder, if I may so put it. The sequel to this incident occurred the same evening when I saw these two dear old fussers, now the best of friends, as partners in a game of bridge, and drinking a whisky and soda together.

There were several very young subalterns going out to India; one of these children got very badly "bitten" by a flapper of the real 4½d. magazine type. She had that usual superior air of Her Majesty Queen Flapper, but was gracious towards the boy, and he basked in the sunshine of her smiles, and flourished exceedingly. She tried to catch me in her net, but, sir, I was made of sterner stuff, and not to be trapped by her wiles.

There was a young married couple who interested me, for while he watched over her with loving care, and tended to her every want, I have never seen a married couple so painfully shy of one another.

A detachment of R.A.M.C. volunteers were going out to Egypt, but the only interesting part about them was that they were singularly uninteresting.

The Spanish coast as we saw it, was very barren, but rather picturesque none the less.

We arrived at Gibraltar one morning about 6 o'clock. It is no use describing it, for you have all seen pictures of it, but they do not impress one to the same extent as the actual view of the place. We were allowed to go ashore for a couple of hours. The place was like nothing I had ever seen before, and almost semi-oriental in type. Tobacco of all sorts was dirt cheap, and we laid in a good store. Excellent grapes were to be bought at four pounds for sixpence!

Malta was reached a couple of days later, and we again went ashore. We went into a place, I can't call it anything else, to slake our thirst, for it was very hot; my hat! but the beer they gave us was filthy stuff, and we fled headlong to a more pretentious restaurant, and drank copiously of lemon squash to get rid of the taste. We took in coal here; the men doing this, were, without exception, the most awful looking blackguards I had ever seen. Of mixed nationality, but the majority I suppose were Maltese, and of a dark olive colour, but when they had finished their work, having little on except a pair of shorts, they got coated with fine coal dust and were absolutely and literally as black as coal.

Between Malta and Port Said, we were hailed by two French cruisers, but they did not stop us, a smaller vessel near us was not so lucky, as she was stopped and detained until we were out of sight.

At Port Said we bought more tobacco, but had very little time to examine the place thoroughly, but things in general seemed much more expensive than I had imagined. Here a lot of people left the boat, which was good for us, since we had been rather crowded, and now we could all feed together, instead of in two batches as we had had to do up till this point of our voyage.

The Red Sea came next; and it was hot too, we could do little more than breathe, but some energetic folk started deck cricket. Most nights we slept on deck as the cabins were much too oppressive. Both at Port Said and at Aden we again coaled. We got into Aden just at dusk, and had a walk round. We were rather bothered with beggars, but they mostly departed when we raised our canes. One poor wretch, a native with one leg, was most persistent, and hobbled after us with the aid of a crutch. We ignored him for a time until suddenly he started to sing that very old song, "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do," in broken English, with a suspicion of an Irish brogue about it. That did it; he got the lordly sum of four annas from us, and then disappeared into the darkness.

In the Red Sea, being but human after all, we improved our acquaintance with Her Majesty the Flapper, and her lady friends, and found them, in small doses, quite pleasant. Larger doses soon

upset us, and tiring of female society we repaired to the smoke room to play bridge, and get an acid drop or a lemon squash, according to individual taste.

One or two dances, and a very feeble concert were held, but these did not interest us, in fact we were now longing for the end of our journey. On the last day at lunch time we raised our flagging spirits by a short concert, after our own hearts, consisting mostly of rag-time and the latest topical songs. Then on the afternoon of September 11th, we arrived off Bombay, and had the first view of the country in which our homes were to be for the next few years.

POONA, SEPTEMBER, 1914.

#### WITH THE UNIVERSITIES' AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BRIGADE.

As several "Old Boys" are at present serving in the ranks of the U.P.S. Brigade, it may be of interest to readers of the "Loughburian" to learn something of the nature of this brigade and the men who compose it. The force was raised by a private committee early in September, and bears the distinction of having been recruited in probably less time than any other brigade of the new army. The brigade became officially recognised and attached to the Royal Fusiliers under the command of Brigadier-General Sir Gordon Gilmour, arriving in training quarters towards the end of the month. The four battalions are distributed between Epsom, Ewell, Ashstead and Leatherhead, each battalion mustering over 1,000 strong and possessing its own band, semaphore signallers, stretcher bearers, and eventually machine-gun section, transport section, etc. The men are of fine physique and are drawn exclusively from the public schools and universities. This being so, many had a previous knowledge of drill and discipline, gained from their training in school O.T.C.'s, and the brigade has been much drawn upon to supply officers for the new army. Fully 25 per cent. of the men who originally formed the corps have left the ranks to receive commissions. This has necessitated the filling-up of the gaps with new recruits, and has been the means of greatly impeding the progress of the corps towards efficiency. This circumstance is to be regretted, but when the need for officers arises, there can be no doubt that the men of the U.P.S. are admirably fitted for the duties which the commissioned rank imposes.

Practically all the men connected with Loughborough or with its school belong to the 4th Battalion stationed at Ashstead under

the command of Lt.-Col. Stuart-Wortley. The L.G.S. is well represented, and the majority of the Loughborough boys have remained together in the same company. The corps offers a unique opportunity for friends and old schoolfellows to serve together. Discipline is becoming day by day more strictly enforced, and the men are being equipped with all possible speed. The difficulty experienced in obtaining new rifles has considerably delayed the course of firing which every man is eagerly anticipating, and instruction in the handling and care of firearms has consequently been carried out with rifles of older pattern. The men have been engaged during the last few weeks in digging trenches which form the second line of defence around London. The work means an early breakfast and entraining before daybreak, and needless to say, in such weather as we have lately experienced, is heartily detested. Trench-digging is not an enviable job at the best of times, and lucky is the man who on such a day finds himself on orderly duty. The men have also done their share in the building of huts which the Government have erected in Woodcote Park, situated between Epsom and Ashstead. Before being taken over by the military the park formed the sports ground of the Royal Automobile Club, but it is improbable that the brigade will take up its quarters there.

A rather amusing story is told of an incident which occurred during an inspection of one of the battalions stationed at Epsom. The inspecting officer, a lieutenant, noticing that the face of a certain private showed signs of neglect, remarked in a somewhat jocular manner, "Ha, ha! no shave!" The private, encouraged by the easy mood of the officer, retorted with equal vehemence, "He, he! no razor!" The recognised wit of the 4th Battalion is without a doubt the chief sergeant-instructor, who, though he is now retired from the army, gives ample evidence that he has not forgotten how to "put us through it." His pet hobby is to find a man "scratching" himself when he should be standing rigidly at attention, and his easy flow of language and pertinent remarks often bring to mind the days when we swung Indian clubs in the school gymnasium and Sergt. Clements or Sergt. Coleman black-guarded us to his heart's content. It is remarkable how extraordinarily difficult it is to stand rigidly at attention for any length of time. No matter what nice girls are passing to the left or right, or how much a fellow's nose may itch and he want to scratch it, the order is "shun" and all those "don'ts" contained in that little word have to be observed. On the occasion of the King's visit in October, the news was first broken to us after we had formed up on the parade ground. "I hear the King is coming to inspect you this morning," says the sergeant-instructor, "now

you will have something to write to your mothers about!" Another day, seeing a fellow with a blade of dried grass in his mouth, he exclaimed, "Put that out of your mouth, there. You're not a blooming camel. Surely you don't want to rob the beasts of their feed!"

Some rowdy happenings take place occasionally in the places of amusement in Epsom, which are much frequented by the U.P.S. men, though the authorities have certainly succeeded of late in maintaining a higher standard of peace and order than what obtained a month or two ago. I well remember visiting a picture palace in the town some few days after our battalion arrived here. As we entered the house a picture was being shown, and the place was in semi-darkness. A perfect pandemonium prevailed. On the left, near the entrance, were a pianist and a violinist doing their best with a piece of classical music. From the right, at the rear of the house, came a hearty rendering of "On the Mississippi," while from the further side of the gangway were lusty shouts of "We want ragtime. We will have ragtime." One picture shown that evening depicted a quarrel between a jealous man and his wife. The wife eventually determined to quit the house, and with great emotion and many tears proceeded to pack her bag. Here was an opportunity. As each article was taken from its place and put into the bag, there came shouts of "One knife, one fork, one spoon, two shirts, one housewife," etc., in fact a whole list of the articles of kit which we had been ordered to bring down with us.

Soldiering, as we have it up to the present, savours much of the pranks and harmless escapades in which every schoolboy delights. It is a fine training ground and teaches a man to rely on his own resources and imbues him with the spirit of comradeship and self-sacrifice. There are times, such as "trenching" days, when we ask one another what on earth possessed us to make us join the army, but we remember that "trenching" does not last for ever, and while standing in the rain console ourselves by singing hymn tunes to such words as "Are we downhearted?" Our battalion is now recognised as the 21st Service Battalion Royal Fusiliers, and as this week we have received our regimental numbers, things are gradually assuming a more promising outlook, and we hope for great opportunities in the near future.

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 FOOTBALL, 1914-1915.
 

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THE school football, like most other things, has been affected by the war. Many of the teams with whom we generally have fixtures have temporarily disbanded. We ourselves have also devoted several Wednesdays to drill, so that the total number of matches played this term was 13. The results were:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals	
				For.	Agnst.
13	4	5	4	49	32

The favourable goal average is due to the fact that some of the teams we played were rather weak. On the other hand, we were never at full strength, as Hall, Mr. Crockett, and Mr. Plumb only turned out on odd occasions. Mr. Plumb enlisted about half-term, since when Clark has filled the centre-half position. The half-back line has generally consisted of Pilsbury or Webster, Clark and Harrison. All are safe players and feed their forwards well. Since Hall retired from the team the forward line has been somewhat weak. Farmer has been the most successful goal-getter, but should pass more. White, whom we are sorry to lose, will be greatly missed at outside-right, where he has given some excellent displays. Shepherd will also be an absentee from the School team next term. He is a splendid back, whose headwork is particularly effective. Fortunately Grudgings has generally given us the benefit of his services at back—others who have played in this position being Mr. Crockett, Pilsbury, Bourne and Webster. D. Smith has generally played goal, though Holt also is useful in this position. The following players gained their colours: Grudgings, Shepherd, Clarke, Webster, Pilsbury, Farmer, Harrison, Dawson, Lowther, D. Smith. The new members of the forward line, Dawson and Lowther, will both be better when they put on more weight. At present they are rather light. Cartwright and Merrick have both appeared and acquitted themselves well. In conclusion, we should like to thank Mr. James for his chases after elusive fixtures, and also Messrs. Smith and Crockett for kindly acting as referee on several occasions.

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 L.G.S. v. MR. E. BARKER'S XI.
 

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This, the first match of the season, was played at home early in October. Barker's XI. was composed mainly of old boys of the School, including Wilkinson, Jones, Onions and Foxon. The visitors were the first to score, Wilkinson doing the trick. Neither side showed any marked superiority, Barker's team being perhaps a little the better. At half-time the score was 2—0 in their favour. On the resumption



School pressed and Farmer scored for us. The visitors replied with another goal, but this was the extent of their scoring; from this point we made great attempts to get level and succeeded in doing so in spite of the efforts of Hancox, who played a great game on their defence. Hall scored both times but the goals were somewhat in the nature of gifts as all the forwards combined well considering the short practice they had had. Messrs. Crockett and Plumb were, as was usual last year, the mainstay of the defence, though all helped considerably. The whole game was fairly even, and a draw was a satisfactory result. Score 3—3.

## L.G.S. 1st XI. v. WYGGESTON G.S.

This match was played at Leicester on Wednesday, October 28th. We arrived with expectations of playing on a ground six inches or more deep in mud. Our expectations were fulfilled, and before long we were grovelling ankle deep in the mud (a great handicap). The team lined up as follows:—Smith, E. D., Bourne, W. E., Shepherd, Cartwright, Clarke, Harrison, Webster, White, Farmer, Dawson, Lowther.

The first half was fatal to our side as we took a long time to get used to the ground, while Wyggeston by the combined efforts of the referee and a giant centre, upon the wretchedly muddy ground, took

play was continually on the school left, and the short-passing game was not at all successful. The referee was very smart in "pulling up" the School right for off-side in doubtful cases. From a pass by Farmer, White ran up the wing and centred to Bourne, who beat the backs and registered School's second point. At the other end the inside left struck the post with a good shot from a pass by Farmer. Webster played a good game at back, and Bourne was the best of the forwards. School were undoubtedly very lucky to make a draw. Result: Ashby 2, School 2.

Team:—Smith, Grudgings, Webster, Pilsbury, Clarke, Harrison, White, Farmer, Bourne, Dawson, Lowther.

#### L.G.S. v. MELTON MOWBRAY INSTITUTE.

Played on Saturday, November 14th. Melton had a fairly heavy team, but this was their first match of the season. School were soon in arrears, Smith saving a shot from the right only to place the ball for their inside left to score. This occurred again soon after, but we were not downhearted, and Farmer succeeded in reducing the lead. Hereabouts Melton began to tire, no doubt owing to their lack of training, and School assumed the offensive. Though continually attacking, we could not draw level till near half-time, when Bourne received the ball near the goal and scored.

In the second half School were a much superior team, and White scored two splendid goals from the right wing. Farmer also added one to the total, and several good opportunities were missed. Late in the game Melton scored from a breakaway, the final score being 5—3 in our favour. On the day's play School deserved to win, though probably Melton would have made better use of their superior weight if they had had more practice. For us the whole team played well, Grudgings being particularly noticeable in the defence, whilst White was possibly the best forward.

#### ALD. NEWTON'S SCHOOL v. L.G.S.

Played at Leicester on November 19th. Ald. Newton's kicked off, and the School immediately attacked the home goal, but were driven back. A misunderstanding between Webster and Smith resulted in the home outside-left scoring. With this reverse School wakened up, and Lowther beat the home custodian with a fine shot, but hit the bar, and from the rebound Dawson hit the post and then shot again and a defender fell on the ball. Ald. Newton's centre worked his way through, and beat Smith with a fine shot. Half-time: Ald. Newton's 2, L.G.S. 0.

The second half was uninteresting, the School having the best of matters. Ald. Newton's scored twice more. Result: Ald. Newton's 4, L.G.S. 0.

Shepherd for the School played one of his best games. Cartwright played well in his new position, outside-right instead of White. The School were represented by:—Smith, E. D., Pilsbury and Shepherd; Webster, Clarke and Harrison; Cartwright, Farmer, Bourne, Dawson and Lowther.

#### L.G.S. v. "H" COY. TERRITORIALS.

Played on School ground on December 19th. School were represented by Holt, Grudgings, Shepherd, Webster, Clarke, Pilsbury, Cartwright, Farmer, Bourne, Dawson, Merrick.

The game was very even, both teams being very equally matched. The visitors scored first goal, with a shot which Holt could not quite reach. Dawson soon equalised with a "slow roller" in the bottom corner of the goal. Soon after this Farmer added another, after dribbling all through the visitors' defence. Half-time arrived with the score 2—1 for School.

After half-time the visitors pressed. Foxon sent in a shot which Holt stopped, and partly cleared. The same player sent in another shot, which scored. Time arrived with the score 2—2.

#### CUP-TIES.

The cup-ties this year have so far been very even in character, the Blues at present possessing a slight advantage in goal average as will be seen from the figures:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals	
					For	Against
Blues	3	1	1	1	8	7
Whites	3	1	1	1	7	8

The first match was a draw 3—3. The second was won by the Whites 2—1. The Blues won the third, 4—2.

In the Middles the Blues won the first match easily, and also the second, while the Whites were successful at the third encounter.

#### BLUES v. WHITES.

##### 1st Cup-tie.

The day on which this match was played was ideal, but much too hot for football. The Whites soon opened the score through the agency of Mills. The Blues, however, after repeated efforts succeeded in scoring two goals through Hall in both cases, and the score at half-time was:—Blues 2, Whites 1.

In the second half the Blues had much the better of the game, and Clarke scored from a long shot. However, just before time the Whites revived greatly, and scored two goals more, a free kick and penalty respectively, White scoring on both occasions. Result:—Blues 3, Whites 3.

##### 2nd Cup-tie.

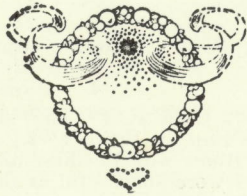
This match was played on October 21st, in damp, uncomfortable weather. The toss was won by the Whites, but the game had hardly commenced when T. Brown opened the score for the Blues. The game was then fairly even till just before half-time, when White equalised with a good shot.

On the recommencement of the game, the Blues pressed hard, but failed to score. Shortly afterwards, White again scored, and the Whites retained their lead till the finish, the final score being 2—1 in their favour.

## 3rd Cup-tie.

This match was played on December 5th. The ground was rather adhesive but otherwise conditons were favourable for a good match. The Blues were without their Captain, Bourne, but were lucky in securing Grudgings, who quite made up for the loss. The game was rather fast, and Merrick put a tricky shot through the corner of the goal, much to the surprise of Webster, the Whites' goal-keeper. The Whites, however, soon equalised this, but Lancaster, who had been playing admirably for the Blues, sent in a shot above Webster's reach.

The second half was played more in the dark than in daylight, and the Blues got in two more goals while the Whites only got one. It must be admitted that the Whites played rather badly on the whole, while the Blues on the other hand played exceedinly well. Scores :— Blues 4, Whites 2.



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