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SCHOOL NOTES.

It is possible that, owing to certain difficulties in publication and need for economy, there may be no issue of the "Loughburian" next May. Subscribers will understand the reason if they do not receive their copy then in due course.

THE following boys were first and second in their respective forms at the end of last term :

- Lower VI.—A. M. Wade; G. H. Beeby.
- „ V.—L. A. Reynolds; R. W. Payne.
- „ IV.—W. C. Brydson; G. K. Elliott.
- „ III.—J. Vance; F. S. Earp.
- „ II.—J. D. Peabody; W. K. Hall.
- „ I.—H. O. Morgan; J. W. Godfrey.

The following boys left in July, 1917 :

- VI.—T. Harrison (Sergt., Capt. Cricket and Gymn, 1st XI. Football, Tennis VI.), J. C. Brydson, W. Jervis (1st XI. Football, L.-Corpl.), C. H. Smith, F. C. Hubbard (L.-Corpl.), G. S. P. Dixon, E. D. Smith (1st XI. C. & F.), G. H. K. Walker.
- V.—A. C. Barson, W. Clarke, C. R. Topping (1st XI. Cricket), O. W. Unwin, W. G. Smith, A. H. Clemerson (1st XI. C. & F.), C. R. Tansley (1st XI. Football, Gymn. Champion), T. N. Bailey.
- IV.—A. E. G. Ellis, J. W. Johnson, M. C. Waddell, W. B. White.
- III.—J. L. M. Jeffares.
- II.—O. J. Hilderley.

The following boys joined the School in September, 1917 :

- VI.—R. P. Allcock, T. L. Garner.
 - IV.—*A. H. Attenborough, E. C. Burrows, N. F. B. McClean, E. V. Mellers, E. B. Mills, M. E. Percy, T. C. Shepherd, C. J. Ward.
 - III.—K. F. Allen, W. H. Anderson, W. H. T. Antill, A. E. Bosomworth, F. S. Earp, R. W. Johnson, J. Keyworth, E. H. Minton, R. A. Pearce, J. T. D. Sharpe, F. E. Yallup.
 - II.—*J. P. Attenborough, P. L. Bowes, J. A. Dickens, C. C. Ellis, W. K. Hall, J. W. Hardy, J. D. Peabody, H. H. Watson.
 - I.—R. F. Bamber, J. W. Godfrey, B. J. Hartley, F. H. Johns, A. W. Moore, H. O. Morgan, W. J. Nightingale.
- * Boarder in School House.

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We much regret to hear that Mr. Deane has felt obliged to resign the duties of Chairman of the Board of Governors, which he has discharged since the death of the late Mr. Hussey Packe. We trust that for many years to come his colleagues may continue to profit by the prudent counsels and intimate knowledge of educational policy that made him so admirable a chairman of their meetings and, incidentally, such a source of support and advice for the Headmaster.

The Governing Body has also just recently sustained a grave loss by the sad and unexpected death on January 7th of Mr. W. S. Dodgson, of Shelthorpe, as the indirect result of an accident in the hunting field. He was a very close neighbour, and though he had not long been a Governor, he had shown a very kindly interest in the welfare of the School.

It is a great shock to many of us to find that one of our number, James Henry Wootton Shaw, has passed away since the end of last term. He was taken ill on Christmas Eve, developed an abscess in the throat which resulted in septic poisoning, and died from heart failure on December 30th, aged only 11 years and 6 months. Jimmie Shaw only entered the School in January, 1917. He was an attractive boy of a bright and cheerful disposition, and in the short time he was here he had become a general favourite with those with whom he came into contact in school and out. He was buried at Loughborough Cemetery on Wednesday, January 2nd, 1918. Some of his schoolfellows sent a beautiful wreath and attended the ceremony in company with Mr. and Mrs. James, with whom he had been a boarder at Foxholme. We beg to tender our most sincere sympathy to his grandfather, Alderman W. H. Wootton, J.P., for whom this loss comes as the latest of several heavy blows that he has recently been called upon to bear.

There was very good entry of new boys in September—36—of whom many were quite young and entered Form I—and the School is now more in number than it has been since 1907.

We are glad to see that the merits of a former master, Mr. P. H. Wykes, has been at last recognised by a board of governors and that he has been appointed Headmaster of Kingsbridge Grammar School, South Devon. Mr. Wykes came here straight from Balliol College, Oxford, in May, 1904, and remained till July, 1908. He was in charge of the mathematics and was singularly successful as a disciplinarian and energetic and effective teacher, one of his pupils, S. E. Hancox, securing the Balliol mathematical entrance scholarship. He was an excellent football player

and his coaching and example vastly improved the play of our team. On leaving he was appointed to an assistant mastership at Bradford Grammar School, where his services were valuable. He raised the Cadet Corps there and also produced, in collaboration with a colleague, the text book on arithmetic which we use here. His affection for the School in which he first acted as a master never varied and he will, I hope, introduce at Kingsbridge anything of value in our organisation here.

Since our last issue the Military Cross has been won by Capt. W. E. Porter, Leicestershire Regt., Capt. C. J. Maclachan, R.A.M.C., Sec.-Lieutenant T. F. McCarthy, Loyal North Lancashire, and Sec.-Lieutenant W. H. H. Gibbs, A.S.C. (M.T.), for taking shells up to battery under heavy shell fire; and by Sec.-Lieutenant W. F. Jelley, Yorkshire Regiment, (since died of wounds), under circumstances elsewhere detailed.

Lieutenant A. V. Ford, R.E. (Signals), has been mentioned in despatches.

The Military Medal has been gained by Corporal L. B. Woulidge, M.G.C.

J. C. Brydson, S. F. Cotton, T. S. Fielding, and T. Pritchard succeeded in getting exemption from the Matriculation Examination of London University in this year's Oxford Senior Local Examination.

The Governors and Headmaster have temporarily allowed the Ashby-road Junior Technical School to use the football ground across the road on Tuesday afternoons while we are otherwise engaged in the science laboratory and elsewhere.

We are sorry to find that Dr. Little had to give up work at the School toward the end of last term owing to a breakdown in his health. Dr. Little, who had retired for some years from the headmastership of Buxton School and was living at Lille when war broke out, returned to England and took up teaching again. We were fortunate enough to secure his services when Mr. Plumb left in November, 1914, and we trust that he will have completely regained his normal health by next term.

There has been an unfortunate shortage in School caps of late. In spite of the most urgent appeals the London firm that has long supplied them has only been able to give delivery in very small quantities, and the varied headgear that boys have perforce worn has not conduced to smartness.

Hearty congratulations to F. E. Ryle on gaining an open scholarship for mathematics at Jesus College, Cambridge. It

should be worth, together with the two vacant Somerville exhibitions, upwards of £100 a year while he is in residence. His success gave great pleasure to the School as it excused them from attendance at school on the morning of December 19th, and thus ante-dated the beginning of the holidays by half a day.

The following books have been presented to the School Library on leaving by Mr. F. E. Ryle: "Martin Rattler" by Ballantyne; "An Airman's Outing" by Contact.

S. E. Hancox, of the Indian (Ceylon) Civil Service, has obtained leave to leave his post in Ceylon, and is now in training at Roehampton for the R.N.A.S. He will be remembered as one of our most distinguished pupils.

WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

The position of this Association after a year's working is as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	53	6	0
67 Certificates bought	51	18	6
Withdrawals		14	0
Cash in hand		13	6
	53	6	0

Of the 67 certificates, 62 have been issued to members on filling their cards, the remaining five are in hand.

Three of the members of the Association left the School at the end of last term, which reduced our membership to 21. As the result of an appeal by Mr. Turner at half-term, we have enrolled three new members. Considering the numbers in the School, however, we can hardly say that this is a satisfactory membership, and a further urgent appeal is made for more to join.

ROLL OF SERVICE AND HONOUR.

KILLED.

- John Theodore Mitchinson Lewis, Private, M.G.C., August 1917.
Aged 20 years.
John Rodman Eaton, Sec-Lieutenant, A.S.C., September 1917.
Aged 23 years.
Howard Cyril Barrow, Sec-Lieutenant, York and Lancashire Regt.
attached M.G.C., September 20th, 1917. Aged 23 years.

Albert Edward Perkins, Sec.-Lieutenant, M.G.C., October 3rd, 1917. Aged 27 years.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

- Frank Burton Pitts, Sec-Lieutenant, Leicestershire Regiment, died May 17th (Ascension Day), 1917, a prisoner in German hands, of wounds received May 3rd. Aged 27 years.
William Frederick Jelley, M.C., Sec.-Lieutenant, Yorkshire Regt., Nov. 1st, 1917, of wounds received Aug. 14th. Aged 22.
Edward Stephen Plumb, Sec.-Lieutenant, West Riding Regiment, September 9th, 1917. Aged 26 years.
Albert William Howard Purnell, Sec.-Lieutenant, R.G.A., died on November 20 as prisoner in German hands of wounds received on November 13, aged 24 years.
Peter William Sullins, Private, Middlesex Regiment, Aug. 28th, 1917. Aged 36 years.

WOUNDED.

- Sec.-Lieutenant T. F. McCarthy, M.C., Loyal North Lancs. Regiment, August 1917.
Private C. H. Hews, Leicestershire Regt., October, 1917.

MISSING.

- Lieutenant W. A. Lowe, Royal Engineers, December, 1917.

CORRECTIONS AND PROMOTIONS.

- Temporary Captain C. G. Tucker, R.F.C., promoted Major.
W. E. Bailey is not "Private, Leices. Regt." as incorrectly stated in our last issue, but "Sec.-Lieutenant R.G.A." as described in the School list.
J. Moss, Army Pay Corps, is now Sec.-Lieut., Worcestershire Regiment.
E. G. Phillips, Gunner, is now Sec.-Lieut., R.G.A.
F. F. Bailey, Corporal, Coldstream Guards, is now Sec.-Lieut. Notts. and Derby Regiment.
A. V. Ford, Sec.-Lieut., R.E. (Signals), has been promoted Lieut.

ADDITIONS.

- W. H. H. Gibbs, M.C., Sec.-Lieutenant, A.S.C.
J. T. M. Lewis, Private, M.G.C.
W. E. Barker, Sergt., Leicestershire Regiment.
J. A. Baume, Private, 721 Labour Company.
R. P. Fletcher, Signaller, R.F.A.
J. W. Hooley, Private, Leicestershire Regiment.
T. H. Webster, Civil Service Rifles.
A. F. Simpson, Gunner, R.H.A.

We have to record the death at the age of 26, of Edward Stephen Plumb, the first member of the staff at the School to fall

in this war. Mr. Plumb was Assistant Master here from September, 1913, till November, 1914, when he joined the University and Public Schools Battalion as a volunteer. Educated 1905—1909 at Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, which he entered with a County Council Scholarship, he proved himself to be one of the many boys who have demonstrated the value of these scholarships in bringing the best material from the elementary schools to the secondary. Successful in work at school and an all-round athlete, he matriculated in 1908 at London University and attending King's College and the London Day Training College, had secured by 1913 his B.A. degree and the Board of Education Teachers' certificate. Though his mastership here was the first he had held, his training and personal character enabled him to control his classes and to give them first rate instruction from the first. In this his participation and skill in the School games was a most valuable aid, and though he was here little more than a year, he had secured, when he left us, the affection and respect alike of boys and masters. We were looking forward to some years of good service from him here, but it was not here that his life service was to be rendered. From the U.P.S. Battalion he was given a commission in the West Riding Regiment and after being wounded on the opening day of the Somme battle in July, 1916, he was struck by a fragment of shell from a trench mortar early in the morning of Sept. 9th, 1917, and died the same day at the dressing station. As could be confidently anticipated by those who had known him here, he proved himself an experienced and courageous officer. We are told how splendid his courage was when his terrible wound was being attended to; how brave and cheerfully he spoke, and how great a blow to the battalion was the loss of so good a comrade and sterling and capable officer, who had just done some very fine work. We are proud that one of us has done so well for his country and the great cause of liberty and has deserved such commendation, but we grieve to think that he will never return to us, and feel the deepest sympathy for his parents in the loss of a son whose achievements in the past gave such bright promise for the future.

We have also, alas! to record the deaths of many old Loughburians since our last issue. Few will now remember William Peter Sullins, who entered the School in May, 1895, from Kegworth, and whose death from wounds on August 28th, 1917 at the age of 36 is now reported. He adopted a commercial career and was travelling in S. America as representative of Lever Bros., when war broke out, but returned home at once to join the Forces. John Theodore Mitchison Lewis also, son of the Rev. W. J. Lewis, Vicar of S. Peter's, Mountsorrel, who entered in Jan. 1907, only remained two terms with us, so that we knew less of him than of

others who were here for a longer period, but we feel much sympathy with his father in his loss.

John Rodman Eaton, who was killed in August, 1917, aged 23, entered the School just 14 years ago. After a short time he left to go with his parents to America, but re-entered as a boarder in the School House in May, 1907 and left in July, 1910. He was at first apprenticed to an engineering firm at Leeds, but joined the A.S.C. in 1914, and was serving in the Motor Transport division of that corps at the time of his death. He was a bright, pleasant boy and very popular with his fellows. He was in the football XI and won the gymnasium medal in 1910.

Howard Cyril Barrow, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Barrow and nephew of one of our governors, who was killed in action on September 20th at the age of 23, entered the School in January, 1903, and left out of the Lower VIth. in April, 1910. He entered Messrs. Barclay's bank, and was a clerk in their Barnsley branch when he joined the Forces in 1915. He gained his commission in October of that year, being posted to the York and Lancaster Regiment, and at the date of his death was attached to a Machine Gun Company. Though his health at school did not permit of his active participation in games, he has left behind him the memory of a very intelligent and thoughtful boy of high character, and he did not permit the routine of business to interfere with his further mental development, but pursued his reading independently, the true test and fruit of a real education. Though not of strong health he did not hesitate to offer himself for service, and fell "nobly doing his duty," as his C.O. writes: "Up to the very last moment he was encouraging his men in their duties, and by his own personal courage he was a great example to his men."

We regret to record the death in action on October 3rd, 1917, Albert Edward Perkins, the younger son of the Town Clerk of Loughborough and Mrs. Perkins. He was struck by a splinter of shell and in five minutes passed peacefully and painlessly away. He joined the U.P.S. Battalion in September, 1914; went out to France in November, 1915, and served the winter there, returning to England in March, 1916, to take up his commission. He entered the School in September, 1901, at the age of 11, and left out of Form V at the age of 16. He was articled with the late Mr. A. E. King, architect, of Baxter Gate, and on the death of the latter took over the business in partnership with Mr. Haynes. He had every prospect of a successful business career: he was well adapted for the profession he had chosen and his social and musical gifts and cheery personality readily attracted friends, but he went off readily at the call of duty and sacrificed his immediate future to his country. He was but lately married, which adds an

extra poignance to our grief for his death at the comparatively early age of 27. The Officer Commanding the M.G.C. to which he was at the time of his death attached, writing to his widow says: "Although he only joined the company a week ago, we were all beginning to have a warm regard for him. . . . His bright, cheery disposition and companionable ways make us feel his loss deeply."

The death of Frank Burton Pitts, second son of Canon Pitts, at the age of 27, was accompanied by circumstances that make it specially tragic. He died of wounds a prisoner in German hands, on Ascension Day, May 17th, 1917; yet the news of his death only reached his parents in October. Three days before his death he wrote home a letter—the only one received, and that not till the end of July—announcing his capture and his wound, and expressing confidence in his recovery and ultimate return home; and shortly after the receipt in October of the news of his death, his mother also passed away after a long illness and much suffering. Frank Pitts entered the School in January, 1897, when only seven years of age, and remained till he was fourteen, by which time he had reached the Vth. Form. He then proceeded to Magdalen College School, Oxford, and on leaving there went to London to take up the study of music. Shortly before war broke out he gave up music, taking for a while a post as a private tutor, and in the autumn of 1914 joined the army. After serving for some time in the ranks of the U.P.S. he obtained a commission in the Leicestershire Regiment in the summer of 1916, and was serving abroad with it in France when, on May 3rd, 1917, his section was cut off by the Germans and he himself was taken prisoner, being subsequently wounded by a bursting shell. Besides his musical and linguistic talents, he was an excellent golfer. His cheerful and amiable disposition secured him friends wherever he went. By these he will be greatly missed, and the gap he has left in his own home circle can never be filled.

William Frederick Jelly, Sec.-Lieutenant of the Yorkshire Regiment, died in hospital at Rouen on November 1st, from severe wounds received on August 14th last, aged 22. He was at the School from 1909 till 1913, when he became a student teacher at Church Gate Council School and from here he enlisted in the Leicestershire Regiment at the beginning of the war. He fought in this regiment on the Western Front, being wounded on the Somme, July 17, 1916; and after his recovery he was given a commission and posted to the Yorkshire Regiment in February of last year and returned to France, where he received the wounds in the head and thigh that finally proved fatal. While a boy at school he showed a very keen sense of duty and public

spirit and the possession of strong character, and the eager and cheerful manner in which he met the hardships, dangers and responsibilities of his new life were only what we could most confidently have predicted of him. While deeply lamenting his death and sympathising with his parents, it is a consolation to them and to us that before his death he received in hospital at the hand of one of the Royal Princes the Military Cross. On August 14, though wounded in the head, he had continued to lead his platoon "with great courage and initiative till they had gained their objective; and being severely wounded in the thigh later in the day, "though in great pain and unable to move" he "continued to urge on his platoon and by his example and fortitude kept up the spirits of his men until after dark he was carried from the field."

We lament also the death at the early age of 19½ of William Leslie Holt, last surviving son of the Rev. A. Holt, of the Oaks Vicarage, who was killed instantaneously by a shell in France on December 22, 1917. "Navy" Holt, as he was affectionately called here, entered the School in May, 1911, and left out of the Upper VIth in June, 1916, when he had reached the age for military service. He entered the Nottingham University O.T.C.; was transferred later to an Officer Cadet Unit at Oxford, and on March 28 received his commission as Sec.-Lieutenant in the York and Lancaster Regiment. After a short period of service at home he was sent to France where he was slightly wounded in the following July. It was only last November that he paid us a visit at the School while home on leave, and only three weeks after his return he met his death. We have a very affectionate remembrance of him here. He had the build of a giant and frankness, honesty, and kindness radiated from his cheerful face: he looked as if he could not act crookedly or do a mean or cruel act, and his looks were a true index of his character. He was a mixture of strength and gentleness. Here he was liked and respected and trusted by all and the same testimony reaches us from his regiment: the Colonel and two Captains write of him in glowing terms as an officer and a man. He was still another of those splendid lads who have gone forth from all schools and all families to do their duty and to do it well for a great cause.

The sad news has just recently reached his parents that their eldest son, Albert William Howard Purnell, Sec.-Lieutenant R.G.A., who was reported missing on November 13 last, was taken prisoner by the Germans while wounded, and succumbed to his wounds on November 20. Bert Purnell entered the School in January, 1902, at the age of 8, and left in July, 1909 after reaching the VIth Form. On leaving he went to Germany to

learn the language for business purposes and at the same time to train as a mechanical and electrical engineer, with which object he attended the State University at Coethen-in-Anhalt. There he took his diploma with honours in all subjects and returned to England to enter the Empress Works of which his father is a director. Shortly after war broke out in October, 1914, he joined the Motor Transport branch of the A.S.C., served in this corps for three years in France, and secured his commission in the R.G.A. in August 1917. Bert Purnell at school showed the possession of more than the average intelligence, powers of concentration which enabled him to make good use of it, and a strength of character which augured well for his future. He was as capable and energetic out of school as in: he rejoiced in out-door sports and in the companionship they brought and he made and kept numerous friends. We deeply lament the premature close of a very promising life, for he was a type of the best boy that we send out and we feel and express our sincere sympathy for his parents in so grievous a loss.

OLD BOYS.

Congratulations to Sec.-Lieutenant Eric Birkett, A. & S. Highlanders on his marriage on December 26th, 1917, to the third daughter of "our" Mr. Alfred Burrows, of Coteshale, Quorn.

The subjoined letter from an O.L. will be found interesting reading:—My dear Mr. Turner,—I am writing you again, hoping that you will find a few more details of this natural bakehouse known as Mesopotamia interesting. If my memory serves me aright I described my journey up to Shaik Soad. A few days after I was in the trenches and participated in most of the rather severe fighting round Kut, which of course culminated in the fall of that place on February 24th. I had several narrow escapes including a sniper's bullet which hit the bank a few inches away, just where I had been a second previously. We had some very heavy bombardments, but as we sent back about ten shells for the Turk's one, we usually reduced them to silence before they had done much damage. On the whole I should imagine that the trench warfare round Kut was much the same as on any other front. I really intended to give you more an idea of localities than personal experience. I was one of the first to go into Kut, and consequently secured several interesting relics. This little village—its population before the war was 3 to 4,000—

is now an almost total ruin. It suffered terribly and hardly a single house is intact. Even the fine mosque had half its pinnacle shot away. This half fell through the roof, thus considerably damaging its interior. At the present time—or anyway two months back—there was no one living in the town, though there is a military camp in the immediate vicinity.

I don't propose saying anything about the advance and fall of Baghdad, as the papers seem to have dealt with that pretty fully. Of interest on the way—we kept pretty near to the Tigris for our water supply—are the following places:—First the Dahra Bend and the Shumran Bend where some of the severest fighting took place. The first village reached is Bagaila. This is an extremely pretty place situated on a broad, almost lake-like, bend of the river. It is backed by numerous clumps of date-palms. The inhabitants now do a good trade in eggs, fowls, vegetables, etc., with the military camp which is near—also with the river traffic. Proceeding up river one occasionally meets with small plantations, but on the whole the land is singularly devoid of trees or undergrowth. It is mostly desert with a capital D. Azzizieh is the next place, but when I was there the village was almost entirely deserted. Ctesipon, our next object of interest, was the scene of General Townshend's battle, victory with large casualties and finally retreat. This place, whose sole remain is a huge arch which may be seen miles away is of great antiquity. The successors of Alexander the Great built Seleucia just opposite, and the successors, the Parthians who subdued them, built their great capital Ctesipon. The Turks here had some very strong positions prepared, but were in rather too much of a hurry to defend them. We had some very heavy fighting at Diala, a small town on the river of that name. This river is a tributary of the Tigris and joins it on the left bank. It is, or was, spanned by bridges. A few miles further and the great city of Baghdad is reached. Our brigade had the honour of being first in, too. Viewed from the river front—about 3-4,000 yards wide—the city looks most imposing, the many pinnacles and minarets showing to great advantage. The houses are painted in all kinds of colours which look well from a distance. However, the effect is rather gaudy when seen close to.

We had a good welcome from the inhabitants. I here found my French of great use, and I was much in request as an interpreter at times. Most of the Jewish inhabitants—and there are some 50,000 of them—spoke French well. As they spoke without idiom they were very easy to understand, and we got on famously. I was not at Baghdad long—soon moved on, of course. I am now well up the line. We aren't doing much

fighting now. The reason is not far to seek. Yesterday it was 128 degrees in the shade. Ugh! Winter out here was bad, but this is simply terrible. The medical arrangements are very good, but they are fighting a very unequal battle with the climate. Sickness is bad—deaths from sun and heat stroke being a daily occurrence. So far I have been fortunate, and besides keeping a whole skin, have also enjoyed good health. We occasionally get a Turkish aeroplane over, whilst sometimes we do a little Arab strafing to keep our hand in. Then we may get a casualty, but seldom.

I don't know if you have written to me at all—I have not received a letter from you. Doubtless you will be very busy; still I should much appreciate a few words from you if you could spare the time. I hear from home that my last letter attained Loughburian Publicity. Perhaps this letter may also be of some interest to Form VI., if not to the "youngsters." I wonder if the Editor of the Loughburian would be so kind as to get me all copies of the Loughburian from 1912 to the present, and send them on, or else send them to my home address, and my father will pay for the same. I should be very pleased if this could be arranged for me. I am rather getting out of touch with the old School. I should also be very pleased if you would remember me to the Masters and boys of my acquaintance.—with kindest regards to Mrs. Turner and yourself, trusting you are both enjoying good health, yours very sincerely,

F. W. ROBERTS.

FOOTBALL. 1st XI.

Most of the Saturdays of this term have been devoted to matches, seven of which were against teams outside the School, and we are very grateful to Mr. James for his painstaking efforts in obtaining a full fixture list. The play on the whole has been good, and probably a little better than last year during the first term, owing to the fact that five or six of last year's eleven still remain with us.

The team in general has been:—S. H. Hawthorne; S. F. Cotton and F. S. Fielding; Thorley, T. Pritchard, and G. W. Browne; Reynolds, Bond, T. King, R. H. Lowe, and J. B. S. Marsh. In the later matches F. Bourne has played as half-back, and J. Dyer has appeared as outside-right. The results of the matches are as follows:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals : For.	Against.	Pts.
7	3	3	1	26	30	7

The goal average does not seem to be on the right side for us, but the Derby match (for which see more detailed account) has been one cause, and another has been the tendency for our forwards to dally with the ball when within shooting distance of the opponents' goal. All that now remains to be said are the thanks to Mr. Whyman for so kindly devoting his Saturday half-holiday for the purpose of refereeing for the School.

L.G.S. v. PURNELL'S XI.

Played at home, 13th October, 1917. This, the first match of the season, augured well for us, but unfortunately it has been another case in which prophets have not been perfectly correct. The game in itself was very creditable considering that we were playing against fellows who were by no means bad players at L.G.S. a year or two ago. Besides this the opposing team included a foreigner who was a very fine player. The visitors, a big team, appeared fairly confident of the result; inasmuch as they began to push very vigorously from the start. They soon found themselves "up against it" in our new right-back, who very soon settled down to show them that they should keep in their own half. By taking things steadily we managed to let them tire themselves out, and then the fun began. We scored one goal in the first half, and a golden opportunity was lost through Pritchard missing a penalty.

In the second half, apart from individual attempts on the visitors' part to score, we had the game in our hands. In this we were not a little assisted by our opponents who changed their positions frequently, a very unwise thing to do. We were playing two new halves in this match, Thorley and Browne. Both justified their choice, especially the former, who was very cool, though Browne was undoubtedly "nervy." These gave their forwards plenty of chances, and the latter played better in this game perhaps than they have done since. There was some very good passing, and though all were not crack shots, as was to be expected so early in the season, King showed how it should be done by providing two beautiful goals. Other scorers were Lowe (4), and Reynolds (1).

Our better passing helped us much in winning this match, as our opponents tried to rush through individually. As the grass was very wet through rain that at one time threatened to stop the match, it was difficult for them to keep their feet when running, and so they fell an easy prey to our backs. The final score, after a good game, was L.G.S. 8, Purnell's XI. 0.

L.G.S. team:—Hawthorne; Cotton (Capt.), Fielding; Thorley, Pritchard, Browne; Reynolds, Bond, King, Lowe, Marsh.

L.G.S. v. TOOTHILL ROAD RED ROVERS.

This match, played on October 20th, was very uneven, our opponents not being up to our weight and play although they were of the same average age. The School lost the toss and kicked towards the bushes end. Right from the start the forwards, followed by the halves, kept in the opposing team's half, but even when through the defence our forwards missed several chances. In this half five goals were scored by us.

In the second half our forwards were still more unfortunate, failing to score through lack of shooting at the right time. R. H. Lowe in particular seemed to be playing at dribbling when right in front of the goal. Even when the opposing forwards were given a chance to get through our half-backs, Cotton and Fielding, kept them from approaching within the penalty area, and so Hawthorne had only a very few long shots to save. Six goals were scored in this half, and time came with 11—0 in our favour. The goal scorers were: King (4), Marsh (2), Lowe (3), Reynolds and Bond (1).

The team was comprised of Hawthorne; Cotton (Capt.), Fielding; Thorley, Pritchard, Browne; Reynolds, Bond, King, Lowe, Marsh.

L.G.S. v. WYGGESTON SCHOOL.

This match was played at home on October 27th. School won the toss and kicked towards the bushes. At the kick-off and for twenty minutes afterwards the School were minus a centre-half. This position was filled by Cotton playing half as right-back and half as centre-half. After about a quarter of an hour's hard play in our own half, our opponents scored through the agency of their centre-forward. The play was forced into our opponents' half for some time, and a goal was scored by Lowe after some good dribbling. Our opponents replied just before half-time, which arrived with 2—1 against us.

In the second half Marsh got quickly away down the left wing and scored with a fine oblique shot. After this our opponents kept in our own half all the time but for occasional break-aways by our forwards, King having bad luck with a few shots. Wyggeston kept on pressing and scored two more goals, and time came with 4—2 against the School, which was represented by Hawthorne; Cotton (Capt.), Fielding; Thorley, Pritchard, Browne; Reynolds, Bond, King, Lowe, Marsh.

L.G.S. v. RATCLIFFE COLLEGE.

Played away on November 10th. With the referee's encouraging comment, "the ground is rather muddy," ringing in our ears, we shivered on to the field. It *was* muddy and more especially in the goal mouth, which position it was my unfortunate duty to occupy. Moreover, to add to our distress, a keen wind hurried searchingly across the exposed turf. Our skipper won the toss and, having elected to play up the slope for the first half lined us up for the fray. The play was fairly equal for a considerable time even perhaps a little in our favour, for the ball was oft in our opponents' half. The wind, however, kept the ball continually on our right, and that ill-used sphere would persist in flying over the line at the least provocation. Meanwhile our left was idle save for an occasional chance kick. At last, however, their right-outside got the elusive "pill" and careered swiftly down the slope. He escaped the unwelcome attentions of our left defence and vigorously shot. The ball was saved from entering the net at once, but the centre-forward, with the aid of several parts of his anatomy, propelled the ball between the posts. A little more play in midfield brought us to half-time, and the score: Ratcliffe College 1, L.G.S. 0.

We now had the advantage of the slope, but were baffled by the dash of our opponents. Four goals were registered against us in rapid succession, whilst our forwards, after many fruitless efforts, had failed to score. King, having gone outside-right, made some very pretty centres, but they were not taken advantage of. Marsh sent in a fine corner shot which their goalie cleared with a magnificent dive. When, at last, the whistle blew I am sure all were pleased, for the treacherous state of the ground prevented the use of any really good foot-work.

The School was represented by Hawthorne; Cotton (Capt.), Fielding; Thorley, Pritchard, Browne; Dyer, Reynolds, King, Bond, Marsh.

L.G.S. v. DERBY SCHOOL.

This match was played on November 17th at Derby, and our team was very weak, several players refusing to go. A hefty team of average age probably eighteen and a half turned out against us from the School O.T.C. Right from the kick-off our opponents pressed, and after some hard play scored through their centre-forward. Again and again they attacked, and in the first half no less than nine goals were scored.

The second half was slightly better for us, and we scored one goal through Dyer, whilst our opponents scored another nine. The centre-forward of our opponents was responsible for ten of the goals against us. It seemed that every time he received ten of the goals against us. It seemed that every time he received the ball and shot there was a ball in our net or some fifty yards behind it when he missed his shot by inches. L.G.S. was represented on this occasion by Hawthorne; Cotton (Capt.), Fielding; G. W. Browne, Pritchard, Annable; Dyer, Thorley, King, Gent, Marsh.

L.G.S. v. WESLEYANS.

Played at home. Though the visitors were a bigger and older team, we gave them a very good game, and in fact had the most of it until towards the end, when Bond had to leave the field owing to an accident. The shooting of the forwards was rather poor, but they improved when they tried their luck at a longer range than on the goal-line. A strong wind which blew almost straight across the ground spoilt the game somewhat, preventing good passing, but everyone enjoyed the game especially in the first half. Bond scored before half-time with a shot which, helped by the wind, swerved out of the opposing goalie's reach. Their right-back also scored for us from a corner.

With the re-opening of the match the visitors were very vigorous in their attacks, but they did not succeed in scoring until about a quarter of an hour before time. Soon after this Bond was hurt in the leg, and went off the field. Then our opponents' attacks before were nothing to be compared with what happened now. Less than a minute before time their outside-left received a pass and, on centring, the ball was brought right in front of the goal and one of their forwards breasted it in. Final score: L.G.S. 2, Wesleyans 2.

The following represented the School:—Hawthorne; Cotton (Capt.), Fielding; Thorley, Pritchard, Bourne; Dyer, Bond, King, Lowe, Marsh.

L.G.S. v. ALDERMAN NEWTON'S SCHOOL.

Played at home on December 1st. The weather was fierce, and a strong cold wind blew right across the field. After some fairly even play a good shot came in from the right which Hawthorne saved smartly, but on trying to clear the ball hit the left-inside and rebounded into the net. Play was rather slow till half-time, and the score remained 1—0 against the School.

Upon changing ends, School livened up and our forwards attacked spiritedly. Lowe, on receiving a pass from Marsh, dribbled through and after beating both backs scored with a smart shot. The Newton forwards retaliated, but were repulsed by the School defence again and again. Pritchard then put us ahead with a well judged shot which gave the visiting custodian no chance. The rest of the game was fast and mainly in the opposite half. Just before the whistle finally blew, King sent in three brilliant corners, but our lead was not increased, and the score still stood at 2—1 for School.

Team:—Hawthorne; Cotton (Capt.), Fielding; Bourne, Pritchard, G. Browne; Dyer, Reynolds, King, Lowe, Marsh.

SECOND XI.

The Second Eleven has played three matches this term, compared to none last year. Of these three, two have been victories and one a defeat, and the goals scored have been 14 for and 5 against. It is probable that these young players will provide a better team next year and the year after than the one this year.

L.G.S. 2nd XI. v. 2nd TROOP LOUGHBOROUGH SCOUTS.

Played on November 17th at home. This match was from the start hotly contested. School got the first goal with a good shot from Reynolds. Before half-time another shot from R. Vance put School two ahead.

After half-time the Scouts played a very fast game, and soon had a goal to their credit. Although the play was more often nearer the Scouts goal than ours, and repeated runs were made by Vance on the right and Shepherd and Turner on the left, the Scouts scored two more goals, and a very fast game finished with the scores as follows: Scouts 3, L.G.S. 2nd XI. 2.

The team representing the School in this match was: Hoyes; Bourne (Capt.), R. Moss; Percy, Beeby, Elliott; Shepherd, Turner, Reynolds, J. Wright, R. Vance.

L.G.S. 2nd XI. v. MILL HILL SCHOOL, LEICESTER.

School was represented by Oldham; Annable, G. W. Browne (Capt.); McLean, R. Moss, Percy; Elliott, Chamberlain, Gent, C. Ll. Turner, A. Shepherd. School won the toss and elected to kick against the wind. The match opened with Gent scoring in the first five minutes. Soon afterwards Turner added two more, and half-time arrived with the score L.G.S. 3, Mill Hill School nil.

Soon after half-time Elliott put in a good shot from the right wing, and Gent followed with three more. Still another goal was scored by one of the opposing side, and the match ended in the result: L.G.S. 8, Mill Hill School nil.

L.G.S. 2nd XI. v. TOOTHILL ROAD RED ROVERS.

The match was played on December 1st on the Victoria-street ground. The weather conditions were rather unfavourable, a keen wind blowing over the ground during most of the game. The School was represented by Garner; Beeby and Moss; Clemerson, Thorley (Capt.), and Shepherd; Elliott, Bond, Gent, Turner, and Godkin; School won the toss and decided to kick towards the School. The game commenced with the School pressing the visitors hard. In the first fifteen minutes Gent scored from a centre by Elliott. Then Bond scored with a low shot from within the penalty area. Half-time came with the result L.G.S. 2nd XI. 2, Red Rovers 1.

The second half began with both sides pressing evenly, until Turner scored with a high long shot. Then the visitors had most of the play, forcing many corners. The result of one was a goal for the Red Rovers. Again the visitors pressed hard, scoring another goal. But the tables were soon turned, and School began to have all the play, Elliott and Godkin just missing the uprights several times. Then School had a corner, and Turner scored. The visitors rushed again, but with the help of our defence the ball was quickly cleared, and our forwards rushed and Turner scored. Our opponents firmly declared that this goal was "off-side," but this matter could not be settled owing to the absence of a referee. Thus the game ended with the result: L.G.S. 4, Red Rovers 2.

CUP-TIE. BLUES v. WHITES.

Only one cup-tie has been played this term, as most of the Saturdays were engaged for matches with other teams. It was obvious from the first appearance of the lists of the rival teams posted on the notice board that the result would most certainly be a victory, if not an overwhelming one, for the Blues. The match was played on December 8th. At first neither side gained any advantage, but the play was all in the White's half, until King scored with one of his characteristic fine shots. The Blues kept on pressing, and a goal was scored in off Thorley. King again scored, and then Turner put the ball in the net with a good shot from the left. Then for some time the Whites attacked, but even when the left wing got away, Bourne held it again before any damage could be done. Just before half-time Gent, the Blue, inside-right, scored, leaving the Blues winning by five goals.

In the second half the Blues again kept attacking, although their forwards were not as successful as they might have been because, instead of shooting, they tried to dribble through the whole White defence collected in the penalty area. In this half King scored three, Gent and Turner one each, and time came with a clear win of ten goals for the Blues. It even might have been 11—0, for Bond scored in the middle of the final whistle, but the goal was not granted.

The Blues were represented by Hawthorne; Cotton (Capt.), and Annable; Bourne, Fielding, Browne; Dyer, Gent, King, Bond, and Turner. The Whites were: Garner; Pritchard (Capt.), and R. Moss; Vance, Thorley, Hooley; McLean, Reynolds, Lowe, Godkin, Marsh.

In the middle, the Blues won 15 to nil.

CADET CORPS. WINTER TERM, 1917.

We have had parades every Wednesday and Friday that the weather has permitted, and though not many Friday parades were missed, two or three on Wednesday were cancelled owing to wet. Drill was still done in sections, the first part of the afternoon being given up to drill under the N.C.O.'s. From three o'clock to about four, Platoon drill was done during the first half-term, and Company drill the second. Often during this drill we were short of N.C.O.'s owing to the M.R. cadets having to leave at three o'clock. On Fridays the drill was generally P.D. or Platoon or Company drill.

During the term notes on the new Chelsea drill were sent from the Adjutant, Major Brockington, and distributed among the N.C.O.'s, who at once began the new movements with their squads. We had a short visit from Major Brockington himself one Wednesday; he was lecturing at the Junior Technical Institute, and he took the squad in the new drill, to the instruction, if not the pleasure of its components. The last Wednesday parade was not drill as the weather was so cold, we went a route march up Ashby-road to Snell's Nook-lane, and home by Forest-road, arriving back about four o'clock. Besides the bass drum, four cadets brought side drums, but we miss the bugles of last term.

The number of recruits that joined the Corps this time was larger than ever before, but by now most of them have been fitted out with uniforms. On the whole they have been as smart as any that have come yet, though they never drill so well when in the company as in squads. The N.C.O.'s have been doing very useful work this term, but they sometimes complain that the older cadets do not help them very much. These cadets should realise that the only way to avoid being bored with what they do is to take an active interest in what is going on. They do not understand that it makes the work of the N.C.O.'s much harder when they cannot rely on the bigger cadets to support them.

The following promotions were made at the beginning of the term:—Corpl. Cotton to be C.S.M. "B" Coy.; Corpl. Pritchard to be Sergt.; L.-Corpls. King and Marsh to be Corpls.; Cadets Hawthorne, Ryle, and Bond to be L.-Corpls.

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