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NOTICES.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of copies of the following Magazines:—"The School Tie" (Ashford High School), "The Ashford County Magazine," "Boroughman," "Bordenian," "Harveia," "Juffies," "Marstonian," "Maldenian," "Langstonian," "Piarce," "Reyn," "Surreyian," "Toshington" and "Willesdenian."

OLD ASHFORDIANS' ASSOCIATION

Membership of The Association is open to all Old Boys of the School. Application should be made to Mr. P. F. Woodworth, Hon. Secretary, Wickfield, Magazine Road, Ashford (Subscription, 2/6). Boys who join on leaving School have Free Membership for the remainder of the current year. A Subscription of One Guinea covers a Member for ten years.

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Editorial

"The very name 'Leat Term' suggests up visions of discomfort and hardship; in recent ones we have had in fact frost and snow—with the furnace out of order—rain and flood!"

These words are not ours, but come from the pen of a predecessor writing in "The Ashfordian" in 1912. However, in the next issue of that year he wrote:—"The Successors Term of 1912 has run its course, and will be long remembered by Ashfordians with great pleasure and satisfaction."

As we wait hopefully for history to repeat itself again, we note another of its vagaries. When the appropriate authority in this twentieth century makes its final decision for the building of the new Ashford Grammar School, there will be looking down on the scene from the walls of the County Hall the portrait of Sir Norton Knatchbull, the founder of the original School in 1630, and those of many of his descendants.

P.F.W.

School News

Of the ten candidates at the December Examination for School Certificates, nine were successful, on follows:—*Interpretation*: M. A. DODD, Inspector; *Supplementary Certificate*: H. F. SMITH, J. S. FRAGO, School Certificate; H. V. ELLIOT, F. SWAN, F. H. FERRIS, L. G. MARSH, J. R. MADON, Honied Medal.

David A. CROFTED, who left at the end of the Summer Term, passed the Civil Service Selective Examination held last Autumn. He will take of his appointment after the completion of his military service.

We are pleased to hear of the recovery from a serious attack of pneumonia of Mr. G. T. PATER, Governor of the School.

It was welcome news to his countless friends at School and amongst the Old Boys that the Rev. H. W. LONGSTRECH had accepted the living of Willingham on February 20th.

M. C. HOSKINS and H. C. TACKLE were appointed Prefects at the beginning of 1928.

Major A. M. HONEY, who joined the Staff towards the end of last term, and served with the Longthorpe Desert Group, has been mentioned in despatches.

During the Christmas holidays, builders removed a large proportion of the partitions which formed the old school, and they have made two excellent classrooms. These will come into service as soon as the necessary furniture is available. Many former members of School House will thus learn with regret or relief of the disappearance of these laboratories saved in 1886!

The Honorary List spare copies of the Order of Service of December 1928, with the Hall of Honour, which he will be pleased to forward to those who would like them.

Salute

- III.—Kendall, F. J. From Henry Grammar School, Folkstone.
II.—Dunn, G. From Stour Grammar School.

Valute.

- VI. Baker, N. Clerk, Yorkshire R.D.C.
Dowdall, S. E. Civil Service, Civilian Grade.
Smith, W. F. Accountant's Office, New Romney.
Smart, C. P. R.E. Statistical Office.
VII. Mervin, J. R. Ealing.
IIIa. Smith, E. Honored in Germany.
IIa. Harvey, P. P. Barnagh Grammar School.

The Founder's Family Portraits

It has recently been announced that the offer, by the trustees of Lord Beaumont's estate, of the loan of part of the collection of the Knatchbull family portraits has been accepted by the Kent County Council, and through it these, including the complete line of the holders of the Knatchbull baronetcy from its creation in 1681 till the present day, will hang in the County Hall at Maidstone.

They will provide a page of Kent county history almost entire; the family having resided at Mersham-le-Hatch since 1627, and elsewhere in Kent from an even earlier date.

Amongst the portraits are works by Romney, Kneller, Hogarth and Sir Joshua Reynolds.

History Society

Chairman: Mr. Basil. Hon. Sec.: L. G. Marsh.

The Society has held several meetings so far this term, and a few new members have joined the Society, though the support received from the School is, we think, far from satisfactory.

During the Christmas holidays the Society again helped in the excavations at Canterbury, but the help we were able to give was very restricted, owing to the bad weather conditions. The excavations suffered as a whole, however, and the "dig" was one of general consolidation rather than involving any specialisation finds. The Easter "dig" at Canterbury will be from Saturday, March 29th, to Monday, April 2nd, and it is hoped a School party will go for a few days.

Mr. Basil, on Friday, January 12th, gave a profusely illustrated talk (over fifty slides being shown) in the Physics Laboratory to 20 members of the School. The subject was "Roman Britain," and Mr. Basil dealt at some length with the main Roman walls, Britain, and the military aspect of the occupation, and concluded by describing and illustrating notable remains of Roman remains, including Canterbury and Richborough.

Several members of the Society are members of the "Friends of Canterbury Cathedral" (Membership of Youth), and the Society hopes to be represented at the summer festival of this body, which are held in the Cathedral.

The Society is going to London on Saturday, March 15th, and amongst other places will visit the Palace of Westminster and the Tower of London.

In the course of our investigations into the histories of various ancient houses in the district, we received from Mr. Hinton, of Spymon, permission to visit his very interesting house. This the Society intends to do.

The Society's historical research, mainly in the term, is going ahead. By the time this appears in print, it is hoped to have held an exhibition, with classes for cards, photographs, etc., open to the whole School.

The History Society may rightly claim to have set in motion the machinery for the re-opening of the Chart excavations, and though the matter has now passed out of our hands, we hope to be represented at the "dig" when it begins. Support for its opening is coming from O.A.S. and we hope something will be done.

Several excursions are planned for next term.

At a meeting held just before St. Dunstan's term, the Chairman voted the thanks of the members to him for his efforts on behalf of the Society during a difficult period.

L.G.M.

English Society

Chairman: Mr. Hamilton. Hon. Sec.: R. T. Davis.

The Society has held six meetings since the last term of "The Ashfordian." Though, as yet, there are some in regard to this term, mainly owing to the most appalling weather conditions.

October 23rd, 1928.—Ode on Topical Subjects. Prize-winners: R. Davis, T. Stevenson and K. Richmond. Mr. Hamilton was the quizmaster.

November 22, 1928.—Open Debate Trial. Suitable questions were selected by the quizmaster, Mr. Hamilton, and one member of the audience of forty was allowed to answer. We argued long and loud over Sunday stanzas, football pools and school uniforms. We further decided that the strength of Ashford should include a decent swimming tank, a theatre and a Civil Restaurant.

November 19th.—The Society discussed the attitude of the Church towards Sunday cinema and football pools. The case for Sunday cinema was based on the issue of personal liberty. D. Fragg said we were discussing the Sabbath, and complained of the sergy working day week, but had no answer when L. Murch pointed out that the T.U.C. had been actively fighting for a forty-hour week longer than the Churches. Miss Weston thought cinema should be closed all the time on religious grounds! Mr. Peter warned us the case against Sunday cinema, and thought we were passing away from God, saying that there were very few people in which we could enjoy ourselves, and that young people could not get the comradeship they required at a cinema. He complimented the Society on the high standard of the discussion, as compared with that shown at the last meeting.

The case for football pools found fewer supporters, and was again based on the issue of personal liberty. Many were in favour of the State running the pools and devoting the profits to the Treasury and amateur sport. The case against this was based on the assumption that it is wrong to "get something for nothing".

November 22nd.—A repeat of "I Want to be an Actor." The characters of the play, "The Ghost of Jerry Boudler" by W. W. Jacobs, were played by J. Bercher, K. Greenwood, J. Whitaker, P. Park, R. Everett and G. Wilson.

November 25th.—Open House Trust. Many of the younger members took an active part in this, and on the question of Saturday morning this especially so. Another question which evoked much discussion was, "Should we have a Republic rather than a King?"

December 6th.—"Batterflies and Moths" by Mr. Stables. Mr. Stables came over from Wye to give an excellent illustrated talk, supplemented by several specimens, and later presented his pet badger, and explained its habits of life.

The support accorded to the Society shows a definite falling off of this year, and we hope that this is merely temporary.

R.T.B.

School Library

The decline in use has been succeeded by a notable increase in borrowing. The fiction and juvenile books have been reinforced, with good results.

Loans, which tended to rise, are again normal. We are grateful for gifts of books, notably from Mr. Levy, Elton, and Mr. Hume. Recent additions include: The Touch Yourself History Series, Vols. I, II, and III; Pinkney's For Our Time (C. E. M. Jones); The Old World (Gardner); The Booky (Patterson); Trees and Field Animals (D. G. Lewis).

The Pamphlet Series is now a varied and interesting collection.

H.M.E.

Gadet Corps

"A" COMPANY

The Company strength has increased this term by a number of new recruits, which we were glad to have.

In the War Certificate "A" Examination, all the Company entries passed, and I now take this opportunity to congratulate the cadets; also my congratulations to C.S.M. Downham, C.Q.M.S. Tail and S/Sgt. Tucker for their fine efforts in producing the extracts.

A Field Engineering Course has been started to encourage the practical mind—and it is hoped some general knowledge of castings and structures will be of interest.

Owing to very bad weather, all the work we have done has had to be done.

Promotions.—C.S.M. Downham appointed Trade-Officer, C.Q.M.S. Tail to C.S.M.; S/Sgt. Tucker appointed C.Q.M.S.; Corp'l. Hodge to sergeant; Corp'l. Strickings, H., to sergeant; Lt.-Corp'l. Strickings, R., to corporal; Cadet Peter to lieut.-corporal; Cadet Good to lieut.-corporal.

(Signed) W. E. DODD, Captain.
C.O., "A" Company.

10th Ashford G.S. Scout Troop

The Troop's activities this term have, perhaps, been a little restricted in scope, but they nevertheless represent very real achievements in the face of unprecedented difficulties. Early in the term Monday nights followed the usual routine, with the Pastimes occupying one or two other evenings. The production did not seem so far advanced as usual, however—indeed, some of the script was still unwritten—so individuals were allowed to stretch further on set time. Scarcely had we ventured to fix dates for the public performance when the abnormal weather descended the School, but Scouts are tough creatures, and when others were sent home early they merely welcomed the extra opportunities for rehearsal. This same point on some, our parents' (Dr. Papp) (Hess), unfortunately, proved more serious, rehearsal were held with some difficulties than performers, (Hess) did not sell, we learned that a performer's resignation would speed the ending of the concert half-in short, it became obvious that the show would have to be postponed, or some probably cancelled. Obviously, that is, to all but Scouts, and perhaps, too, the parent who badly came to the scene at the piece. Those who know the Scouting system will not be surprised to find elsewhere that the Pastimes was duly given up some while ago now before. It raised about £28 for Troop funds, and will, as usual, be given for other benefit at Beckenham, Wye and Whitborough, and at Ashford Hospital.

It is gratifying to be able to report that no member was the major event over than the P.L.s of the Junior Section turned with a will to Second-Class training, and it is hoped that these younger Scouts who have been able in passing these tests will take full advantage of the opportunities offered. Badge work is going ahead again, too, and our next issue should record further successes by our leaders, at least.

The Senior Section has had a number of special functions to distract it, but its members have now resumed their activities. They are looking forward to meeting assistance from Mr. F. M. Hamer, whom we warmly welcome into our brotherhood.

Atward.—Scout Rudge (Senior), G. Ross.

W.F.S.

"Dick Whittington"

The Scout Troop's Pastimes seems to have become an annual event, and this year's production of "Dick Whittington" was considered by impartial observers, if not by the Troop, to be as good as ever, if not better. It was given in the Organizational Hall on February 25th, 19th, 19th and 22nd, the attendance at least was affected by the weather, but by the end of this record run it was, as usual, a case of "standing room only".

Thus there are, of course, the result of team work by all the Troop, rather than being well rounded individuals, but there can be no doubt that much was owed to the performances of Dick and the two Eng-

warrior who returned under his influence. J. Foreman, the hero, developed very noticeably from schoolboy, through ship cadet and leading seaman to first officer, on the other hand, K. Richmond and P. Osborn, in their final transformations, were still amazingly struggling with the limitations due to their villainous roots. The episode that really "stopped the show" however, was the daily efforts to read a newspaper, though many who stopped its action failed to realize that they were due to the same K. Osborn who gave such excellent advice in the sea shawnee and in "Operatic Scouting" and who is also mentioned to have had some experience associated with the Electronic Brain! Others who successfully played dual roles were S. Stevenson, whose irrepressible as ship's Captain, held his title longer as Mr. Ffarrer; and H. Garfield, who, besides a turn at the oars, was a hearty boxer, as well as a majestic Grand Viceroy to K. Richmond as Shah.

Feminine parts (of the present difficulty, but of F. Perry was a little adopted as the heroine, J. Mayhew captured lover's sympathy very effectively; while B. Bolton proved a charming spouse of H. Walker's Mr. Whittington. Perhaps the most substantial achievements, however, were the success of D. Nicklin, who, as "the prettiest girl in the audience," was rightly thrown in a Dangan, who insisted on a bottle of sauce being served with the meal!

The "Corps de Ballet," consisting of P. Bolton, B. Harward, K. Long, J. Lees, P. Perry and H. Walker, again gave much enjoyment, especially during brief pauses while still joints were made ready for the completion of high leaps! A sweet feature was "Gnomish Scouring," in which K. Osborn, J. Marsh, O. Stojan, B. Stevenson and a chorus supported the N.M. and G.S.M. with great success. Some of those, with C. Baker, H. Barton, J. Brown, G. Devoe, K. Osborn, E. Poulman and K. Savage, added their varied contributions to the fun of the Show of Marchant's Palace, where they feasted on sausage rolls after Whiskers had disposed of the Buns, B. Gibbs and W. Griffiths.

At the plans, Mrs. Devoe kindly came forward to fill a gap, and give invaluable assistance, but the pain as Lord High Substitute must be awarded to the G.S.M. No matter what member of the cast was ill or non-present, he cheerfully filled the role, and left all feeling that he is quite capable not only of writing and producing these entertainments but of playing them single-handed if need be!

W.J.S.

Football

Below is a summary of the results of last season's matches—

1st XI.

Played, 13; Wins, 6; Lost, 7; Goals For, 41; Goals Against, 44.
Ashford Police (A), won 2-0; Grasshoppers (A), won 5-2; Paversham G.S. (A), won 4-1; Borden G.S. (A), lost 2-1; Dover G.S. (A), lost 2-1; Stone Langton School (A), lost 5-2; Kesteven Youth Club (A), won 5-4; Borden G.S. (B), won 5-4; Dover G.S. (A), lost 2-2; Stone Langton School (A), lost 4-1; Old Boys (A), lost 5-1; Harver G.S. (A), lost 4-2; Eps G.S. (A), won 1-0.

2nd XI.

Played, 8; Wins, 5; Draws, 3; Lost, 1.
Paversham G.S. (A), drew 2-2; Borden G.S. (A), lost 2-1; Dover G.S. (A), drew 2-2; Stone Langton School (A), won 3-2; Borden G.S. (A), drew 2-2; Stone Langton School (A), won 2-1; Harver G.S. (A), lost 2-1.

"UNDER 14" XI.

Played, 3; Wins, 2; Lost, 1.
Paversham G.S. (A), won 11-1; Borden G.S. (A), lost 6-1; Dover G.S. (A), lost 2-1; Borden G.S. (A), lost 2-1; Dover G.S. (A), lost 7-1; Stone Langton School (A), lost 2-1; Eps G.S. (A), won 4-0.

"UNDER 11" XI.

Played, 2; Wins, 1; Lost, 1.
Borden G.S. (A), lost 2-3; Borden G.S. (A), won 5-2.

CHARACTERS

- AUSTEN (Goal)**.—Quite reliable, positions himself well. Must get more length with his kicks.
BEACH (Left Back).—A strong, fast back, who tackles and kicks well.
GURR (Right Back).—A strong (unposed) player. He must learn to position himself better.
PEARL (Left Half).—A very robust player and fearless tackler. Must learn better ball control.
RICHMOND (Centre-Back).—Powerfully built and fast. He has explained the role well, but is inclined to miskick.
NICKLIN (Right Half).—A keen and enthusiastic player. He is young and should develop into a very good footballer.
PAINE (Left Wing).—A fast, clever wing. He can kick well with both feet, and has a very strong left foot.
WATSON (Inside Left).—He has not impressed as much as was expected. Clever at times, with a powerful shot.
AUSTIN (Centre).—A hard-working, leading forward. With more control, he should become a very useful player.
HARDENMAN (Outside Right).—He has not impressed as much as was expected. His light weight is a handicap. Must get more "go" into his play.
PUNYER (Outside Right).—A very promising footballer. With more experience should become a very good forward.

1st XI CAPS AND COLOURS have been awarded to Richmond, Beach, Gurr, Paine and Austin.

CAPS have been awarded to F. Harlowe, J. Austin, E. Paine, M. Watson, P. Nicklin and D. Paul.

House Football

1st XI.

Harve lost Knatchbull 5-1; Harve lost Barrett 4-2; Harve lost Harver 5-2; Harve lost Barrett 3-1; Harver lost Knatchbull 6-0; Barrett vs. Knatchbull yet to play.

UNDER XIV.

Barrett lost Harver 1-0; Harve drew with Knatchbull 2-2.
Some matches were still to be played when we went to press, but as the results below show, the Show will go to Harve—a somewhat unexpected win, in view of the preponderance of School XI members possessed by Harve.

Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis Club has continued to meet this term, although Wednesday after school has now been allotted to Hockey. Entertainments is strongest amongst the Sixth Form, and a table is kept permanently erected for play in one of the spare rooms of the "Lawn."
The Club is still short of the necessary equipment.

A knock-out tournament with a handicap, was started at half-term, which it is hoped to complete by the end of the term.

For the first time in the School's history official games have been played against other clubs, and the results are—

A.G.S. v. THE BAPTIST INSTITUTE.—Dow 5-3.

J. M. Mathews (1-3); J. M. Haxton (2-2); J. M. Gurr (1-1);
J. T. B. Stevenson (2-2); S. H. Tustin (1-1).

The evening ended in a draw after some very interesting games had been played.

A.G.S. v. METHODIST YOUTH CLUB.—Dow 4-1.

J. M. Mathews (0-1); J. M. Gurr (1-0); J. T. B. Stevenson (2-1);
J. J. Frapp (1-0); S. H. Tustin (1-0); K. Parsons (0-1); A. Dixon
(1-1); S. Males (1-2).

We again drew with our opponents after a hard fight.

A return match has been arranged with the Baptist Institute, and a match has also been arranged with the South Ashford Methodist Youth Club.

The Champion of the Club is M. Hewkins, who won the Championship at the Gillingham Grammar School.

J.S.P.

House Notes.

BARRETT

House Masters: Messrs. E. O. Summers, N. W. Booth and S. H. Haxton.
House Captain: E. T. Dotts.

Enthusiasm is at last on the increase, but it has not yet reached the desired level. The studies for the Inter-House Tournament were disappointing, though thirty-five faculty volunteers to test many of whom have been successful in the preliminary tests.

The House still contains a minority of "passengers" who do little or nothing to help the House to regain the Knatchbull Trophy.

The sport shows in the House House matches left nothing to be desired, and though the 1st XI. went down fighting in both their games, the "Under 14" was well and gave as good hope for the future.

We hope every possible entry will be made for the "standards" in the Sports.

R.Y.E.

BURRA

House Masters: Messrs. P. F. Woodworth, W. J. Sater, W. S. Dold,
G. V. Eves.

House Captain: H. J. Parsons. House Prefect: T. E. Stevenson, R. Gurr.
Captain of Football: F. Hardeman.

At the time of writing, we were in a good position for gaining the House Football Shield, having won all our 1st XI. matches and drawn the only "Under 14" game played.

Our prospects for the Boxing are at least as good as they were last year, although the number of entries was not as great as expected. However, with several of last year's finalists in the House, we should see many reliable points.

If the weather permits House Hockey to be played before the end of term, Barra should do quite well.

The summer term—the most important for House contests—will soon be here, and we hope that all Barra members will do their utmost to win at least some points for the House, in either Cricket, Swimming or Athletics.

E.E.R.

HARPER

House Masters: Messrs. D. S. Head, I. M. Hamblin, C. W. Levy,
House Captain: K. A. Richmond.

House Prefect: G. Garforth, P. Baskin, D. Owen, H. Watson, L. Marsh,
M. C. Hawkins, H. Thorne.

Despite a setback in the House Football, when we lost rather heavily to Barra, we are still in a reasonable position, having won the 1st XI. matches against Knatchbull and Barrett. The "Under 14" lost one match, the two other games being dropped, at the time of writing.

Very soon we hope to start playing House Hockey. We have a fairly good and well-balanced team to put in the field, and we have high hopes of winning.

So far this term, we have concentrated on Boxing. Harper had thirty-two entries for this, and have done fairly well up to now, especially in the middle and heavy-weight classes.

The response to the appeal for entrants in the Boxing was reasonably good. But the success of a House depends largely upon all its members doing their best. Some boys could do better, and everyone should enter for all the athletic standards next term.

N.A.E.

KNATCHBULL

House Masters: Messrs. H. M. Reed, W. J. Fowling, T. Jeffry,
H. G. Whittier.

House Captain: D. G. Marson. Vice-Captain: J. Russell.

Captain of Football: J. J. Austin.

As was to be expected, our 1st XI. Football results were poor, despite the efforts of the Captain, and at the time of writing, the "Under 14" XI. has been able to play only one game.

Considerable enthusiasm has been revived among the tennis and golfers, but still some among the swimmers, for Inter-House playing. However, those who have taken part attained considerable success, and we hope for a good final result.

The subject of Inter-House Hockey has been much discussed, but again owing to smaller conditions the fulfilment of success seems at the time of writing rather improbable.

The greatest efforts will be required next term, and all the members of Knatchbull House must give of their best in the classroom and on the field.

D.G.M.

Impressions of King Lear

The outstanding performance in this production was, of course, that of Laurence Olivier. His portrayal of a wild, lunatic king, old in years but young in spirit, was very good, but his performance rose to even greater heights when, at the end of Act I, Scene 7, the audience were addressed by these lines, "O, let me not be mad, not mad, sweet heaven!" This sudden shift revealed the piteous state of the old man's mind, and the pathetic paper was unfolding after the unpadding of Lear in the previous scene.

While Lear was on the stage, we scarcely noticed anyone else, except, perhaps, when the Fool was also present. Also Gremio, in this part, gave a brilliant performance, which was at the best when, after having fought so long against Lear's raging passions, at the end of the storm scene, he gave way and let Lear go, sitting and helplessly staring into space.

Roll of Honour

"True Love by life; by death true love is tried,
For England live ye; these for England God."

<p>ISMAEL FREDERICK ALKIN -- -- 2002-2020</p> <p>WILLIAM STANLEY ALLARD -- -- 1902-1956</p> <p>JAMES EDWIN ALKIN ALKIN -- -- 1901-2008</p> <p>CHARLES ALFRED ANDREWS -- -- 2002-2020</p> <p>ALAN RANFUR (Rear) -- -- 1958-1959</p> <p>OSWALD OSWERT EASTON, D.F.C. -- -- 2009-2002</p> <p>GERALD EDWYD BERTON -- -- 2017-2002</p> <p>JAMES DEAY -- -- 1958-1955</p> <p>JOHN AMBER BROTHERS -- -- 1904-1928</p> <p>JAMES EDWARD BISHOP -- -- 1822-1842</p> <p>BURKE BULLIVANT -- -- 2006-1958</p> <p>GEORGE BELLY -- -- 2004</p> <p>ALAN FRANCIS CANTLER -- -- 1820-1828</p> <p>CECIL GEORGE BARNET CANTLER -- -- 1822-1869</p> <p>PETER THOMAS CANTLER -- -- 1879-1855</p> <p>WILLIAM RITCH CAPRIAN -- -- 1820-1828</p> <p>PETER CHANE -- -- 1956-1954</p> <p>WILLIAM JOHN CLAUDE CLARK -- -- 1813-1925</p> <p>JOHN EDWARD COOPER -- -- 1821-1823</p> <p>ROBERT BENJY CROUCH -- -- 1822-1925</p> <p>RELIAN RAYMOND GREY -- -- 1820-1880</p> <p>BERNARD DAVEN -- -- 2002-2021</p> <p>STONEY JOHN BATH -- -- 1900-2001</p> <p>PETER ARTH DAY -- -- 1904-1907</p> <p>ALBERT HENRY WILLIAM DEANE -- -- 2000-2007</p> <p>LAYMOND CHARLES EDWARD PULLER -- -- 2021-2000</p> <p>WILLIAM JOHN SAYER -- -- 2004-2003</p> <p>JOHN PARNISHAR HAMPTON -- -- 2000-2004</p> <p>BERTY JOSEPH HANCOCK -- -- 1920-1928</p> <p>HENRIETTA BARR -- -- 2000-1996</p> <p>ALAN WILLIAM HARRIS -- -- 2000-2008</p> <p>OSWALD HARTWARD -- -- 1920-1827</p>	<p>FRANK HERRING -- -- 1921-1824</p> <p>EDOUARD FELIX HERRIS, M.C. -- -- 1900-2007</p> <p>JOHN FREDERICK HUSMAN -- -- 1821-1822</p> <p>LEONARD HERMAN INGLETON -- -- 1820-1822</p> <p>ROBERT JACK GEORGE JEFFERY -- -- 1900-1958</p> <p>JACK KING -- -- 2002-2002</p> <p>EDWARD CHARLES BERNER KELL -- -- 1822-1840</p> <p>JOHN HENRY LAW -- -- 1822-1841</p> <p>STURDY SACPAGE -- -- 1820-1822</p> <p>VICTOR STEPHEN MARSH -- -- 1822-1822</p> <p>KRAMSON REICH -- -- 1821-1820</p> <p>STURDY EDWARD MELLON -- -- 1821-1820</p> <p>HARRIS CLIFF STEPHAN -- -- 2002-2002</p> <p>EDWARD WILLIAM GIBBERN -- -- 1821-1820</p> <p>JACK BERNARD PATER -- -- 1821</p> <p>ALICE WILLIAM FRANKLIN -- -- 1820-1822</p> <p>ALBERT JOHN WIDE POLLEY -- -- 2000-1822</p> <p>MORRISON WILFRED BARNON -- -- 1825</p> <p>STURDY BERRY -- -- 1820-2004</p> <p>WILLIAM CHARLES EDDY -- -- 1821-1956</p> <p>HOWIN HANCOCK HERRING -- -- 1821-1956</p> <p>JACK BRIDGER, D.F.C. -- -- 1904-2008</p> <p>ROD STUART STAPLEY -- -- 1827-1822</p> <p>ANTHONY JOHN STONE -- -- 1820-1958</p> <p>OSWALD ALEXANDER TOLBY -- -- 1820-2007</p> <p>JAMES THOMAS WATTS -- -- 1821-1956</p> <p>HAYTON WEBB -- -- 1820-1958</p> <p>HENRY WHITE -- -- 1820-1958</p> <p>CHARLES WILBY -- -- 2002-1821</p> <p>WILLIAM GEORGE WOOD -- -- 1820-1954</p> <p>HARRY FATER -- -- 1905-2007</p>
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A service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance of Old Boys of the School who died in the war was held in Ashford Parish Church on the evening of December 15th.

The service opened with the National Anthem, after which the Vice-Chancellor H. D. K. Howe, Chairman of the School Governors read the bidding, which started: "Brethren, we are met together in commemoration and in homage to God the Father, the Shepherd of souls, the Giver of life everlasting, the Old Boys of the Ashford Grammar School who gave their lives in the late war." The hymn, "Praise to the Highest," followed, after which the Vicar led the congregation in prayer.

J. G. Crosswell, D.F.C., read from Revelation 21, verses 1, 2, 3, 4, and after the hymn, "We cannot think of them as dead," Pilot Officer J. J. Hooker, R.A.F., professed his reading of the Roll of Honour by saying, "Let us peer with amazement and gratitude remember before God our brothers who have passed away and are gathered into the spiritual world for evermore. In the light of the service they seem to peep, but they are in peace; their reward is with the Lord, and the

sons of them with the Most High. They live also in our hearts, and the remembrance of them is dear and blessed. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

The reading of the Roll followed.

Lord Post and Berrill were assisted by two Old Boys, J. With and D. Apperance, following another hymn and a prayer, Canon Innes gave an address based on the following quotation taken from the Book of Lamentations: "My soul hath them still in remembrance."

"At a service of this kind," he said, "our hearts are naturally full of sorrow for dear ones gone from us. But our sorrow is for our own loss. They have passed to a better life and higher service. We remember them, not with pride and thankfulness; pride for their wonderful moments of courage and valor, and with thankfulness as we think of the fate from which they are freed."

After the hymn, "Before the Almighty Father's Throne," came other prayers and the Blessing.

THE ASHFORDIAN

Joan Holmes was a Victorian Corrida, and her small stature was a great disadvantage. Her rather unadorned gowns, intended to expose anger and grief, were, possibly, unbecoming to our eyes, by the measure of our casual viewpoint from the second row of the stalls.

Regina and General vied with one another in their viciousness, but the shafts of subtle mockery lobbed at Lear by Regina were more telling than the bludgeoning insults of General. Lear's Center, as I imagined, was a rather well-to-do villain, who seemed too positionally for the part of a vicious man who was a teacher to his own father. The most amusing incident of the play was when the Captain was sent to murder Corrida. His demerol was faintly ridiculous, as he looked the sort of villain who would have been seen at home with a check hat and smoking gun in a Hollywood snapper film. Kent and Gloucester gave good, solid performances which aided the smooth running of the play. A subtle touch of humor was added by the producer when Corrida, after being manfully stoned by Kent, gave a little twisted snigger, which betrayed his conscience.

The scenery was in true Regency tapestry style, and did little either to add to or detract from the effectiveness of the play. The orchestra was quite unnecessary as a background for Shakespeare's thunderous words in the storm scene, and its feeble rumbles would have been more appropriate in a Victorian melodrama.

But, altogether, the performance kept the audience interested throughout, and one must disagree with the critic who complained of the length of the play, incidentally quoting the following lines: "He that see young staid never see so much, nor live so long." Perhaps it was that he should be afraid of being washed a cigarette for nearly three and a half hours!

D.J.S.

Hybrook House

For the antiquaries given to the History Society in the compiling of this report our thanks are due to Mr. Hewson, the present owner of Hybrook House, and also for his kind offer to allow some members of the Party to visit his home. Other sources consulted were "Hasted" and E. Patten.

Where the Ashford and Kington, boundaries meet, of the Ashford to Canterbury road, can be seen Hybrook House, a fine specimen of Elizabethan architecture, surrounded on all sides, save one, by tall trees. Thus it formed part of the Manor of Uffley—a name still associated with Kington.

Hasted, in his "History of Kent" first mentions the house as belonging to one Barrow in the reign of Edward III, and he then gives a list of successive owners until his own time. Of these, the most notable were William Kington, who also owned Bereton; Richard Best in Elizabeth's time; and Sir John Skelton, the Lord Mayor of London in 1602, one of whose daughters, Katherine, married Sir Robert Walpole. A fourth was Lord Conway, and the last person Hasted mentions is a Mrs. Deen, who was the widow of a Bath surgeon.

The house is said to be of two distinct periods. The front (east side) is Elizabethan, and this fine specimen of an Elizabethan frontage is the work of Richard Best, who had the old front rebuilt to the present design in 1577, and whose name, date and motto, "Omnia in Deo" (all things work together for good), still remains over the front door. The north side was built between 1558-1595, and this part of the house was described by Hasted as "A low, mean, dwelling used as a farm house." The rest of the house, apart from the front, there was its ruins. What Hasted calls "a low, mean dwelling" is today very rich in Elizabethan old and picturesque, in true farm-house style. No doubt the original Elizabethan house was much larger than the present one, as can be seen by the remaining foundations, and it was probably in the form of a double "L" or "E," which are both typical late Tudor plans.

Inside, the house contains several interesting features; a carved and painted oak screen runs across one side of the drawing-room, which was probably the hall of the Tudor house. The other side of the present hall contains what appears to be a very early massive oak screen in the form of three pointed arches. There is a "Tudor" dining table in the least part of the house, but there is no record of its ever being used, although it is believed that the Bests were Galesites, and no doubt took pride in their table holding illegal services.

L.I.M.

Roll of Honour

There is little doubt that as time goes by further news will be received adding to our already heavy list.

Since our last issue we have heard that Pilot Officer George Halsey, R.A.F., was killed in action early in the war.

He will be remembered as a small boy at the school in 1924, and his name was at The First, Westborough.

Obituary

ALAN ERNEST WATTS

We have received, with deep regret, the news of the death of Alan Watts from pneumonia on January 26th at the Anglo-American Hospital in Cairo.

He will be remembered as the elder of the two brothers who were members of School House from 1922 to 1932.

His leaving School he spent a year with the Harrogate-based Percuss in London, and then took a post with the Postoffice and Printing Company, spending two years at their Leadenhall Street office in London and six years at Malta.

He then transferred his activities to air travel, joining the Imperial Airways, and for the next twelve years held posts at their stations in Persia, East Africa and later in most of the air stations in Africa, north of the Sahara. Station Superintendent in Nairobi in 1940-41, he was appointed to a similar position at Cairo Airport, probably the most important airport of the I.L.A.C.

Letters which have been received from the Chairman of the Com. party and from many others associated with him speak highly of his character and ability, especially as a captain, and of his loss suffered by the untimely ending of his most promising career. He was 27 years old, and unmarried.

Boys and Masters of the early twenties who remember him will join in offering their deepest sympathy to his parents and brother.

MR. EDWARD REEVE, B.Sc.

We have learned with regret of the death of Mr. Edward Reeve, B.Sc., last March at Watford-on-the-Hill. He will be remembered by the older generation of Ashfordians as the first science master at the School, coming in 1938 to take charge of the laboratory, which had just been completed. A graduate of Birmingham University, his post in the small school of eleven boys included all the teaching of mathematics and physics, as well as chemistry. The present lab. was then in two parts for the two latter subjects, and all the maths were taught in the lecture room.

The writer remembers him as a kindly man, with the patient characteristic of the good mathematics teacher, but one who got plenty of work done, and had his reward in good examination results.

He took his part, as did all the staff in those days, in School Football and Cricket matches, being very successful in the former, and he had a wide circle of friends in Ashford, most of whom have now passed on.

He left here in 1907, and became Senior Mathematics Master at Colchester Grammar School. He married some years later, but his wife died shortly after the birth of a daughter, who survives him.

He retired from the teaching profession after a serious illness some years later, but we believe he occupied more or less regular school-mastering at the beginning of the war.

The Lamprey Memorial

The offer of the fund towards the restoration of the Old Grammar School has been accepted by the Trustees. Arrangements will be made later for a plaque and for a dedication ceremony.

Old Boys' Day, 1947

The first full winter celebration since 1933 took place on December 16th, and a very good gathering turned up in dull weather for the match. This was played on a heavy ground with the advantage thus going to the outfield side—the Old Boys, captained by R. E. Bowles.

The score of 5-1 in favour of the Past was a fair reflection of the game, which was refereed by Mr. A. G. Hammerton.

The Old Boys netted their first goal in the first few minutes, and the school, on the defensive all the time except for a few spasmodic rushes, found themselves 5-0 down at the interval.

Almost immediately on the resumption the Old Boys increased their lead, and it was only after they had scored again that J. Austin netted the School's goal. It was not long, however, before the Old Boys made it 5-1.

Goalkeepers for the winners were L. F. Holdbrook, P. G. Smith and S. H. Lake, whilst for the Present P. Booth was outstanding, and J. Austin played an extremely good game.

Goal—J. J. Owen; A. B. Lake and C. Baker; D. Townsend, P. G. Smith and A. H. Collins; R. E. Bowles, G. Mitchell, J. V. Townsend, L. F. Holdbrook and J. Austin.

Present—E. Archer; M. Gurr and P. Beach; P. Nickles, K. Richardson (captain) and D. Pook; E. Panger, P. Howson, J. Austin, M. Walton and B. Talbot.

This followed in the Dining Hall, and a short meeting of the Association was held, during which it was decided to present a prize annually to the boy who made the best contribution by article or otherwise to "The Ashfordian."

The attendance during the afternoon, in spite of the uninviting weather, was greater than on any similar occasion.

At the Annual Dinner in the evening at the Stronach's Hall, there was another record attendance of over one hundred, and a very pleasant evening was spent by everyone with the removal of obstacles broken by an eight-over interval. The Headmaster presided, and was supported by the Vice (Canon H. Dawson, S. Brown) and Mr. H. Noble (Governor).

After a short interval in memory of the fallen in the late war, Mr. S. H. Hammerton proposed "The School," and, as one with a long experience of schools from the inside, said the difficulties that faced schools during the war were not confined to such things as recreation and education due to air raids and war-time.

The School had had his share of troubles, but had surmounted them, and was turning out boys as good as any other school of their profession.

Exploring the Headmaster mentioned that he was meeting Old Boys at these dinners for the first time. Of all the people a headmaster had to deal with in an official capacity, the greatest critics were Old Boys since he had been at Ashford; he had realised the sound qualities of the tripod leg, who occupied favourably with the boy of the London school.

Mr. W. C. Blacklock, the representative of the Old Boys' Association on the Governing Body, referred to the good work done by the secretary and treasurer during the war.

The secretary, Mr. P. F. Woodworth, after mentioning the fact that the gathering represented practically every sphere in which our former had been engaged in the war, referred to the best recorded gathering of Old Ashfordians in 1936 (quoted above). The Association had been kept in being during the war, and they would look forward with confidence to many signs of increased interest, including the launching of the Hockey Club and the removal of the London Dinner next March. He also welcomed Mr. Henry Thompson, first secretary when the Association was founded in 1933.

Mr. E. G. Sargent, proposing "The Visitors," spoke of the debt the School owed to Mr. S. Noble for his untiring advocacy of the Kent Education Committee, over a long period of years, for the provision of new school buildings. He also coupled with the toast the name of Canon H. Dawson M. Honors (Chairman of the Governors), a valued friend in early years.

The latter, in response, paid a tribute to the work of fellow Governors, and said they all did their best for the School "so far as in us lay."

Mr. F. E. Finch, proposing "The Staff," entertained with amusing character sketches of early colleagues at the School from 1893 till he left in 1942—Mr. H. M. Havel replied.

In the concluding toast, "To absent Friends," the large number of Old Boys in the Services all over the world were remembered.

Extract from the "Kentish Gazette" of 1976—

"ASHFORD SCHOOL FEAST"

Many Gentlemen dined at Ashford School, having expressed a desire that an Annual Meeting might take place; To which, Gentlemen, this scheme,

A SCHOOL FEAST

will be held on the 29th August at the "Stronach's Room" in Ashford.

SIR EDWARD KNATCHBULL, Bart. J. Stewards.
THOMAS KNIGHT, Sen., Esq.

N.B.—A Sermon will be preached on the occasion. The Company of any Gentlemen not celebrated at this School will be acceptable.

Dinner will be on the table at two o'clock.

Old Ashfordians' Dance

Held on February 26th at the County Hotel, this was the first of our post-war efforts. Some forty couples were present, and a pleasant evening was spent. The Ashfordians' Band attended, and Mr. H. A. Head acted as M.C. Among those present were the Broomcroses and Mrs. Mortimore, Mr. W. C. Blacklocks (Secretary) and Mrs. Blacklocks, the thanks are due to the subscription of the Hockey Club, who made all the arrangements, especially Moore, J. Norris and G. L. T. Clark.

With regard to the other activities of the Hockey Club, few matches have taken place as we go to press, and a complete review of the season will appear in our next issue.

Old Boys' News

ENGAGEMENTS

WIFE—EDWARDS—Jack Thomas, second son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wolfe, of 221, Gleditsia Road, and Jane, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Edwards, of 2, Albert Road, Ashford.

BICK—CLARK—Donald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bick, of Eric's Church Road, Wilsborough, and Doris, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Clark, of Sandling Road, Maidstone.

LOWMAN—JOLLY—The Revd. Edward S. C. Lowman, Vicar of Bray, Berkshire, and Miss Betty Jolly, of Canon Hill, Bray.

DOWLES—WICKS—Second Lieutenant Geoffrey E. Dowles, R.E., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dowles, of Elgonmouth Road, Ashford, and Ernie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wicks, of The Brook, Maidstone, Kent.

ALFORD—WYATT—Donald Crossley, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Alford, of Highlands House, Newmarket, Devon, and Edna, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. A. Wyatt, of Devon.

MARRIAGES

POPE—STORES—At Woodstock, on December 26th, F.O. Rowley John Pope, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pope, of Woodhurst, and Edna May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Storey, of Woodhouse Hill, Alberta, Canada.

BICKS—RIDGE—At St. Benedict's, Nancy, Warrington, Staffs., on December, Walter, only son of the late Mr. C. J. Bicks and of Mrs. Bicks, of Ashford, and Miss M. E. Ridge, only daughter of Mr. J. D. and the late Mrs. Edna, of Woodbourne, Staffs.

BIRTHS

ASHFORDEN—On November 11th, to Margaret, wife of Peter L. O. Ashforden, D.F.C.—a daughter (Patricia Margaret).

LARK—At Walsford, Somerset, on November 10th, to the wife of A. B. Lark—a daughter (Frances Mary).

WILES—On January 1st, at the Thatched Cottage, North Hinksey, Oxford, to Freda (née Post), wife of C. E. Wiles—a son (Theodor David).

BUSH—On January 26th, at Twickenham, to Phyllis (née Chapman), wife of J. C. Bush—a son (Peter Alfred, a brother for Marion).

RUFFLE—31 Ashford, on December 26th, to John and Peggy (née Herricks)—a daughter (Joan Susan).

BARKER—WHEELER—On December 18th, 19th, at Hockley Den, India, to Peggy (née Dabson), wife of Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Barker-Wheeler, D.S.O., The Sikh Regiment—a daughter (Wendy Janet).

In the throughout comedy, "Without the Prince," presented by the Ashford Players, the leading role was taken by Geoffrey Newman, while James Thompson, a former member of the Society, was also in the cast.

At the annual Victoria Car Run from London to Brighton in November, Gordon Hayward and his brother drove a 1933 Cadillac. The weather conditions were appalling—heavy rain, hazy, and a westerly gale. They arrived, soaked to the skin, in eighteen minutes under four hours, and their average speed was 28 m.p.h.

Among those sending telegrams of good wishes for the Dinner on December 14th were G. E. Summers (Folkestone), Dr. J. Ward (Maidstone) and Mr. R. E. Wylie.

Major D. E. Lacey wrote from R.A.O.C. H.Q. on November. He was about to be demobilised, and to return to Northampton to his present work.

D. Hickman, who left the Fifth Force last July, is taking a course in sociology and history and studied subjects at Harrow Grammar School.

We were pleased to meet the Revd. P. E. Sibbin after the Memorial Service. He is Chaplain at Maidstone Prison, where he is engaged in a piece of experimental work of social importance, and did not after all accept a similar position at Liverpool. He was able to remove our anxiety concerning our Colonel W. H. Barker-Wheeler, following the reports in the London Press in November of the tragic disappearance at Singapore of a British officer of the same rank, initials and name.

Sergeant Louis Heathfield is with the R.A.P. in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan. We wrote an article from Singapore in December, where he was surprised at the profusion of absolute, concrete, medicine, clothes and shoes, all of British origin, but at high prices.

R. Petherby has returned from the Far East, and has left the R.A.P. He is assistant secretary in a London firm, and is living at Dorking.

C. A. Barker was, during the war, assistant barbershopkeeper at Westport, New Zealand, and is now in charge at Dagnam, where he hopes one day to own a motor-car, and a motor-cycle. From the time he left School in 1921 he was in the Merchant Service, and for some years was a Master.

D. J. Wraith, the second of the three brothers at School, on demobilisation from the R.A.P., returned to his business as optician and dispensing optician at Harrow Bay.

A. Chapman is at the Essex Institute at Boreham.

We deduced from an advertisement in a Folkestone paper that Major R. E. Lane was back in Nigeria, after his war service, and was hoping to spend his leave, June to September, in or near Folkestone. He is with the Nigerian Railway at Ebeho Mills.

P. L. Hinkley left the R.A.P. in the summer, and is taking a special degree course in physics at Nottingham University.

R. E. Rogers and R. E. Patten, who have served together in the infantry in several theatres of war during the past five or six years, are now in the Royal Engineers' Postal Section at Alderm. Previous comments of their billet having left behind a bag and two drums, they were able to make good! The Alderm is all with some of the old A.G.S. battle tunes.

Peter West has had some Hocker with the Spencer Club. He has taken up the printing business, and is joining the family firm.

E. K. Symonds left the R.A.F. in the autumn, and is at the London School of Economics. He lives at the School's new hall in Houndsbury, and plays in the Hagger side.

W. Newton Taylor went to the Middle East in the autumn, and was at Cairo in February.

We were pleased to meet K. P. Linkins at the Dinner, looking completely recovered from his operations for appendicitis. He is in the Telephone Engineering Department of the P.O. at Ashford.

A. J. F. Davis was reporting in Padgate (R.A.F.) in December.

A letter of great interest has been received from T. W. Casey, who is now back at Selwyn, Malaya, arriving in July. He hopes to be joined by his wife later. His brother, Ronald, is also back, and is at the Malak College, Kuala Lumpur. Frank, his wife being with him, Robert, the youngest brother, returned earlier to Scott's Bungalow, and all three, after the years of captivity and the incense spent (in Ronald's case in America, and the others in England), had their first meeting for many years on October 12th. T.W.C. speaks of the great difficulties being encountered in the rubber industry, the greatest being shortage of labour, due, in part, to the prohibitive cost of rice!

E. A. Hammett is now living at Dover, having been appointed Assistant Divisional Engineer, Western Division, of the Southern Railway.

F. G. Griffin wrote from Bermuda in December, where he was with H.M.S. Sheffield, the Flagship of the West Indies Fleet, and was looking forward to the next long cruise through the Panama Canal and round South America, calling at the chief ports en route. He found that in that part of the world British people had the highest reputation, justifying the present export policy. He had met Old Boys from Northham, Dover County, Stacia Langton and Harry Grammer Schools.

E. J. Stevenson is in the R.A.F., and at Christmas was stationed at Yatesbury, Wilt.

J. Murray, in December, was on an Officer Cadets' Training Course, R.A.F.C., at Tidworth. Some of the reforms are in force there. Much of the cadet's system was a product of one knee, get up when you like as long as you are at letters by nine o'clock.

M. K. Allen, who has a commission in the R.A.S.C., was an embarkation leave at the end of January, and was expected to leave shortly for Germany.

A. J. White arrived home from the Western Desert just before Christmas. He met several people from Ashford during his service on them with the R.A.F.

D. V. Knowles was home in February after two years with the R.A.F. in India.

We learn from P. Isaac (2) that he and his two brothers are all back at their former jobs. A.K., who is a schoolmaster, is married.

H. P. Smelling writes from Liverpool, where he is Commercial Superintendent of British Overseas Airways (English Division). His younger brother, David, whom we last saw when he was stationed with a "Ecco" regiment at Netherby, is now an area manager for the Anglo-American Oil Company.

John Ireland, who lives at Thornton Heath, is taking second-year classes of the University degree course in Engineering at the Northampton Polytechnic.

The Rev. W. L. Ashford, after five years as Rector of St. Thomas', Arford, Manchester, followed by three years at St. James and St. John's, Bolton, accepted an appointment as the secretary of the Trinity and Foreign Missions Society and is now district secretary for the West Midlands. He lives at Wolverhampton.

W. R. Booder is living at Sutton Valence, going in daily to Maidstone. He plays football with M.A.L.O.C.

H. T. Wollard, who was a warrant officer in the R.A.F. and has since been stationed at Hawkinge, during the summer of 1944, was not able to get down to his home at Hritia sea side.

W. E. Jepkin, who was demobilised a year ago on Class "D" release, is back at his post with the Civil Engineering Department of the Southern Railway.

Mr. E. H. Wylie, who was on the Staff teaching History for a time during the war, has now a similar post at the Bristol School, Bristol. He is also running the library there.

H. F. Harlow, who held commissioned rank in the R.N.V.R. during the war, is attached to a chartered accountant in the City.

W. G. Finn is back with the Southern Railway as Lodd after service with the R.A.F. In the same office is P. Morgan, whose war service was with the Navy.

T. G. Knight is now back with his former firm, Batterfield and Neave, at Sheepshead.

Thomas Carter, the youngest of the two brothers who were at the School in the "twenties," has recently become a director of Midland Waterbury Ltd.

Godfrey Borden, who has a commission in the Royal Engineers, sailed for the Middle East in February.

Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Barlow-Wheeler wrote from Dehra Dun, India, in February, and was hoping to have his first leave in England for twelve years during May-June. He is bringing his wife and three small children, and is hoping to find a furnished house or suitable accommodation, and would welcome suggestions.

John Field was home recently. He is now back in the Merchant Service, from the Royal Navy, on R.E.M.T. Highland Division of the Royal Mail Lines Ltd.

A. J. Lovell has a flat at Putney with his wife and two children. He is in the Accounting General's Department of the Post Office, in charge of the section dealing with parcel post and money order accounts for Liverpool territories. He returned from service in Palestine last May.

Laurance Watts, to the sad death of whose brother Alan we refer elsewhere, is Technical Engineer with Saunders' Locomotive Ltd., and Associate Member of both the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and the Institute of Automobile Engineers.

Norman Williams has left his post with an engineering firm in London, and is taking a similar position in the Ashford area and district for an operation.

Cyrl Sahlfie, who is with the E.V. in Germany, was expected to go into hospital for an operation.

C.-J. Spafford is now back from the R.A.F. with the dental department of the Southern Railway at Ashford, and has derived his former hand, in which Dr. Arves plays the trumpet.

Donald Webber completed his training in the War Office design branch, and is taking a post in the Ashford area and district, after reading pro-O.C.T.U. He is going to settle in Austria.

A. Webb was on leave recently, and has rejoined his relatives and is Palestine.

J. Larker was on leave in February from Germany.

Colonel J. A. Woodgate, who writes from Kumbong, Central Province, India, will shortly be returning for good to England. He has been in India engaged in Civil Engineering for over twenty-two years. He was intended to leave that he has met Gen. M. Dickinson, of the Imperial Bank, from whom to time, the last occasion recently.

We had a further most interesting letter from Sergeant L. J. Heathfield, R.A.F., who is with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan. He was not far from the earthquake centre on Sakhalin Island, but his own suffered only superficial damage. Hiroshima, too, is only a few miles away. He has some interesting things to say about the conditions of life for the Japanese, and about their attitude to the occupying forces.

Robert Black has been demobilised from the R.A.O.C., and is working as a radio engineer at Ashford.

Piping Officer E. C. S. Hind was in hospital in Palestine as a result of an injury at El Shatou. He has since moved to Malta.

The following have joined the Association since our last issue—F. Gillett, N. Williams, J. Cottingham, A. Jones, S. Dwyer, N. Baldwin, Ronald Smith, H. T. Smith, K. D. Freeman, T. Tyrone, S. E. Downham, J. Myers, F. Peltown, G. Wrenson, A. Webb and E. E. Hill; while the following have paid or renewed ten-year subscriptions—P. L. Huxley, V. W. Sharp, H. J. Warril, W. Braden, K. L. Roberts, T. G. Nichol, H. Blackburn, H. A. G. Elton, D. W. Lyndon, E. Gooding, W. Palmer, J. Head, M. Flavin, R. S. Pyle, H. P. Seelings, P. H. Jones, A. H. Dutton, S. J. Polden, A. J. Field, N. F. Francis and G. J. Davis.

If the London Dinner is revised this year (and by the time this issue is in circulation we hope to be giving definite news), it will be due to large measure to the solicitation of the Hon. Secretary, Peter G. West, Woodcote, Gables Green Road, Wood Wickham, Kent (to whom any last-minute revisions should be addressed), and of A. H. Eaton, who is kindly acting as Chairman of the Dinner Committee.

NOTICE

Members of the Association who are in arrears with their annual subscriptions will find the list for which they paid, printed immediately below.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Thursday, April 24th.—Term begins.

Saturday, April 26th.—School Entertainment. Old Ashfordians' Dinner at the County School.

Saturday, May 26th.—Mr. J. M. Harrison's XI. Home.

Saturday, May 27th.—Dover County School, 1st and "Under 14" Away. 2nd XI, Home.

Friday, May 28th.—Founder's and Empire Day, at Westwood.

Saturday, May 29th.—v. Harvey G.S. 1st and "Under 14," Home. 2nd, Away.

May 30th and 31st.—Easter Monday and Whit-Tuesday Holiday.

Saturday, May 31st.—v. Faversham G.S. 1st and "Under 14," Away. 2nd, Home.

Saturday, June 3rd.—

Friday and Monday, June 12th and 16th.—Easter Term Holiday.

Saturday, June 21st.—v. Simon Langton School. 1st and "Under 14," Home. 2nd XI, Away.

Saturday, June 26th.—v. Newden G.S. 1st and "Under 14," Away. 2nd and "Under 11," Home.

Saturday, July 2nd.—Old Boys' Day.

Saturday, July 2nd.—v. Eps G.S. 1st XI, Home. 2nd XI, Away.

Saturday, July 3rd.—

Saturday, July 3rd.—Sports Day and Youth Day.

Wednesday, July 7th.—Term Ends.

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J. M. Dawson and T. E. Stevenson.

Ashford Grammar School



The beginnings of Ashford Grammar School go right back to the Middle Ages, when the parochial Clergy taught boys to sing the Latin of the Psalms in the Parish Church. When Sir John Fogge

founded his College in Ashford, we know boys were taught there, for his widow left money to the "children of the College to sing annually in her obituary service."

When the College was suppressed, various schoolmasters carried on the school, and sent boys to Cambridge, but displeased the Archbishop of Canterbury. In 1630 Sir Knatchbull of



Morton Mersham

Hatch founded and endowed the Grammar School, and built the School Hall and Master's house. The Rev. Stephen Barrett, Headmaster [1760] enlarged it. In 1879 the Bynna family of Bockhanger refounded the School, and built the present buildings.

