

London Rifle Brigade, while Parmenter and F. W. Parrish have been enrolled in the Inns of Court O.T.C.

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Sergt. Tarrant, the School Marshal, has been re-called to the colours, to serve as Recruiting Officer at Warley Barracks. The real sacrifice we make in losing him can easily be understood by all who have seen his vigorous and many-sided industry. During his absence the Gymnasium Classes have been taken by Sergt.-Major Wragg, Physical Instructor Duke of York's Training School, lately of the Army Gymnastic Staff.

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The School Corps flourishes apace. Thanks mainly to the generosity of Mr. Cockell, it has been equipped with dummy rifles, pending the supply of proper arms at the conclusion of the War. Headed by the Band, whose efficiency is rapidly improving, it has had as much training this term as influenza and adverse weather together have permitted. Mr. Jenkinson has generously given three bugles—they may be heard any afternoon just before two o'clock.

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The School Band, which appears equally at home in front of the Corps on a route march or in leading "Tipperary" at a School Sing Song, reflects all credit upon Mr. Burgess and Mr. Townson for their patient and untiring care and tuition. Already of goodly strength, it will soon, we hope, have in its ranks the desired number of 24 flautists, besides the drummers and buglers.

Colonel Frowd Walker, O.B., spent a few hours at the School recently. Our indebtedness to him has been further increased by his handsome gift of a silver cup, to be the permanent possession of the winner of this year's challenge cup. Colonel Walker has made a suggestion which we trust will receive the support it certainly deserves. It is that boys on leaving should present pictures for the class rooms. Some scheme might be drawn up, and in time a collection of reproductions worthy of Brentwood made. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Higgs for his gift of the two fine pictures hung in the Lower IV. Room.

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The sports have been postponed till the summer term.

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Mr. Gordon Burgess, B.A. (O.B.), Organist and Music Master of Dulwich College, has just taken his degree of Bachelor of Music at Oxford.

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## BRENTWOOD AND THE WAR.

The welcome accorded the selection of letters from O.B.s serving at the front has encouraged us to print a further selection from those received by the Head Master.

Mr. Chas. Bean, the official correspondent to the Commonwealth of Australia, writes from Cairo under date Feb. 16, 1915:—"I believe I shall act as the Australian 'Eye Witness' in France. India and Canada have each got one. It is very

stiff work keeping up with the good and quite harmless copy that flows in upon one in this campaign. I could already write four or five articles for next week, but I am storing the most harmless subjects for a day when all other sort of copy will be temporarily forbidden for a certainty."

E. R. L. Maunsell, in a letter from Kaduna, Nigeria, W. Africa, dated November 27th, 1914, tells us:—"Amongst other things, I pay weekly 400 grass widows of men at the war and 120 men of my Garrison. I have charge of stores to the value of about £5,000 to £10,000, and hard cash in silver and nickel worth £500 to £1,000 in my safes. I am house builder, sanitary inspector, law upholder, &c., &c., *ad lib.*" Lieut. Maunsell, we might mention, is commanding the troops of the 1st Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force at Kaduna.

R. T. Alderman writes from "Les Trenches" on Feb. 17 as follows:—"The trenches are quite good, being wood, only a bit wet after all this rain. We are only — yards from the German trenches, but have not seen one yet. Funny game, isn't it? Simply waiting. We get aeroplanes over us every fine day, and it is a fine sight watching them shell them, or at least trying to, as up to the present I have not seen a bomb burst near one."

A. B. Jebb wrote from a farmhouse near Bethune on Feb. 20. He is now relieved from the trenches and preparing for the spring operations.

A. H. ("Mush") Thompson, who is a wireless telegraphist at Funchal,

Madeira, on "Special Foreign Service" (Government), is helping to "keep the lines of communication clear between the Cape and England."

According to a letter dated January 9th, Lieut. J. G. Gill, R.A.M.C., who was in the retreat from Mons, and also in the battles of the Marne and Aisne, and at Ypres, has just relieved the Indian forces with his men after a month's needed rest. He said he came across Jebb driving the officers' mess cart. "The trenches are knee deep in mud, even in the best parts. Our billets are only two kilometres from the German forward trenches. We all go about in knee boots and oilskins, and looking very different from the immaculate polished article one sees at home."

Rae, writing on board the Lowestoft under date January 28, sent a most interesting letter of his impressions of the action in which the Bluecher was sunk by our ships.

We append a second instalment, complete to date as far as we know, of O.B.s at present under arms. A full and detailed list will be published at the conclusion of the War:—

H. G. N. Ashbee, Inns of Court, O.T.C.

V. Avila, Sussex Yeomanry.

A. M. Bill, 95th Saskatchewan Infantry.

C. S. Bill, 95th Saskatchewan Infantry  
L. Bittles, Inns of Court, O.T.C.

B. C. Boardman, H.A.C.

F. M. S. Bowen, Lieut., 6th Royal West Kents.

F. J. Bradley, London Rifle Brigade.

L. C. Brodie, Capt., 2nd Essex.