WANDSWORTH TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

15th January, 1915.

VOLUNTARY CADET CORPS.

The Governing Body of the Wandsworth Technical Institute has sanctioned the formation of a Voluntary Cadet Corps for boys in the Secondary School.

To this Corps boys over 14 years of age will be eligible for admission, but only on the direct request in writing of their fathers (or guardians). No pressure of any kind will be exerted by the Governing Body or the Staff of the School to induce any boy to join; and no boy will be under any disability or disadvantage from not joining.

For the present the Corps will be without uniform, etc., and no expense will be entailed.

If a sufficient number join the Corps, and if it be found that the preliminary training work satisfactorily, it is intended to apply for official recognition. Full details will then be submitted as regards cost of uniform, equipment, and annual subscription, together with an outline of the course of training to be adopted; parents will then have the fullest opportunity of deciding whether they desire their sons to continue in the Corps.

Membership of the present Corps will, therefore, not prevent a boy from being withdrawn, if desired.

The Governing Body specially desire it to be understood that the Corps will not in any way interfere wi.h the curriculum of the School.

(*Signed*) A. R. GRIDLEY,
Chairman of the Governing Body.

GEO. F. GOODCHILD,
Principal.

H. WAITE,
Head Master.

13th July, 1922.

Cadet Corps.

The Secondary School was opened as a branch of the Technical Institute in 1895. It has for several years been full with about 540 boys on the roll.

The Cadet Corps was established at the beginning of 1915 and was officially recognised by the Territorial Force Association in July of that year.

The numbers of Cadets in successive years have been 62, 94,96, 105,139,105,65,63.

The Corps has worked under adverse conditions owing to the lack of a suitable parade ground on or near the school premises and two years ago the use of a sports field about a mile away was lost. Since that time Wandsworth Common has been the only available space in the near neighbourhood for company drill and field work. Use has been made, however, of Wimbledon Common, Putney Heath and Richmond Park from time to time either in co-operation with other Corps or alone.

There is no facility for shooting practice on the premises but the range belonging to a Miniature Rifle Club at Wimbledon Park is used by the Corps.

The Corps has been officered entirely by members of the School Staff and all had been previously trained either with the T.F.A. or H.M.Forces on active service.

The positions held by past and present Officers during the recent War were:-

T.Barratt	Major, A.O.C.
R.E.Burt	Capt. and Adjt., Sherwood Foresters.
A.G.Grutchfield	Major, A.O.C.
A.D.Beale	Brigade Capt., R.G.A.
H. Cox	Lieut., M.G.C.

Annual Dinner, and one of his latest instructions to me was: "Tell me something I can do for the Old Boys."

Mr. Robinson loved Wandsworth and the youth of Wandsworth; no effort that he could put forward for the benefit of our young people was considered too great. The splendid buildings that have replaced the old Technical Institute and Secondary School were to a great extent the result of his foresight and energy. It gave him real pleasure to visit the new buildings and to see them actively used and all their resources enjoyed.

Schoolboys and the public see very little of the work of the Governors which goes on quietly behind the scenes. But I say, with all sincerity, that in Mr. Robinson we mourn not only a public-spirited worker and a fine organiser, but a lovable personality whose life was bound up with the School and the Institute.

Mr. Morrison joined the Staff as Senior Geography Master, fourteen years ago. He was a Graduate of Cambridge and of London, and having already gained wide and valuable experience he quickly proved himself a schoolmaster of a very high order. Quiet and retiring by nature but painstaking and thorough in all he undertook, Mr. Morrison won the esteem and affection of his colleagues and of his pupils. He died a few hours before our Chairman was laid to rest, after a very brief illness.

Within a week of Mr. Morrison's death Leonard A. Butt, of the Lower Sixth Form passed away and shortly afterwards Brynmor David Jones, a Second Form boy, succumbed as the result of what was apparently a very trivial accident.

It is fortunately very rare for a school to suffer in this way and the successive losses cast a very deep gloom over us all.

The vacancy on the Governing Body has been filled, very appropriately, by the appointment of the Vicar of Wandsworth, the Rev. G.F. Irwin, and Mr. A.R. Gridley, the only Governor who has held office since the establishment of the School in 1895, has been elected to occupy the Chair.

The standard of work attained in the upper part of the ...ool can be learnt from the successes recorded in the programme with which you have been supplied, and from the fact that 45 boys are doing post-matriculation work in the Advanced Courses, seven of whom have passed intermediate examinations in Arts, Science or Commerce. It is a record of which any school may be proud. Of the 66 boys who entered for the General School Examination of the University of London every one passed, four in Honours; 50 "distinct... were gained in individual subjects and 19 were awarded the mark of "special credit" in oral French or German. Thirty boys matriculated at this examination and five others were successful at the Matriculation Examination in January. On the above result forty-four boys qualified for L.C.C. Intermediate Scholarships, the majority of which have been taken up.

Eight boys passed the Higher School Examination, four the Intermediate Science, and one the second part of the Intermediate Commerce Examination. One was awarded a Senior County Free Place in Engineering at King's College and one a Bursary in Commerce at the London School of Economics.

Amongst other successes it may be mentioned that four boys passed the competitive examination for general grade clerkships under the London County Council and one for the Customs and Excise of the Civil Service

As a further proof of the solid foundation laid in school I should like to draw attention to some of the successes recently gained by Old Boys. These include one B.Sc of London University, one B.Sc. in Engineering, ... First Class Honours in Metallurgy, the Associateship of the Royal School of Mines and the Bessemer Me... Prize for Metallurgy, and one B.A. and B.D. One has bee... the Manag... a branch of the Westminster Bank, and two ... this Council less than three years ago who had already gained ... competition, to the Major Grade. Another passed the Final Exam ... the degree of Batchelor of Commerce, has Accountants and Aud... ination in Honours of the Society of Incorpo...

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T.H.Dawson Capt., Middlesex Regt.

The fact that during the War a large proportion of the boys left school soon after or even before reaching the age of sixteen made it almost impossible to keep anything like a complete record of their military services. Nineteen Cadets went straight from school to the Army, Navy or Air Force, the others joining as soon as they reached military age. Of these a considerable number obtained Commissions and the School has good reason to be proud of the achievements of its "Old Boys" in the Great War.

Hon. O.C. Wandsworth Technical Institute
Cadet Corps.

8.7.19.

LONDON SCHOOLS CADET BRIGADE.

GROUP CADET CAMP. 1919.

1. The first Group Cadet Camp of the London Schools Cadet Brigade will be held at Cooden, near Bexhill, and will open on July 19th for 4 weeks.

3. Corps will travel to Camp on A.B.201 A. (pink warrant) at pre-war rates - single fare for double journey.

5. Subject to the approval of the Camp Commandant, the routine will be as follows:-

0630 - Reveille.
0645 - Coffee
0700 - Parade Roll Call) or Bathing Parade.
0715 - 15 minutes' Drill)
0745 - Prayers
0800 - Breakfast
0900 - Inspection of Quarters.
0930 - Battalion Parade (Work detailed on orders of day)
1300 - Dinner.
1400-1700 - Games &c.
1700 - Tea.
1930 - Guard mounted.
2000 - Supper.
2125 - First Post.
2145 - Last Post.
2200 - Lights Out.

6. A series of short interesting lectures will be given during the Camp on various subjects, e.g. the points of historical interest in the surrounding country. Visits will be arranged to some of these.

8. All food will be cooked in and distributed from a common kitchen.

10. Officers and Cadets who are able to sing or play are requested to bring music with them as concerts, &c., will be arranged for the evenings.

11. A Camp band will be formed if conditions permit.

12. The following is a list of kit to be provided by each Cadet and clearly marked with owner's name and Corps, where possible:-

Kit Bag
Spare Suit or Football Clothes
Overcoat or Mackintosh.
Sleeping suit or Nightshirt.
Handkerchiefs.
2 hand towels
2 glass cloths
Brush and comb.
Pins, needle and thread.
2 plates (1 soup) and Cup(enamel preferred)

Spare boots or shoes.
Canvas shoes.
4 prs. socks or stockings.
2 spare shirts & underclothing.
Bathing costumes & bath towels.
Washing flannel & soap.
Tooth-brush, powder or paste.
Boot polish and brush.
Knife, fork and spoon.