

THE EAGLE

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EDITORIAL NOTE.

IT has not been our custom to burden THE EAGLE with an Editorial, nor is it our desire to depart now from this precedent. But in view of the important changes in the present issue, we feel that a word of explanation is scarcely avoidable.

For some time past we have thought with regret that THE EAGLE is no longer adequately fulfilling the function which it was founded to perform. A college magazine, if it is to justify its existence, must be at once a vehicle for disseminating college news within the College itself, and at the same time an efficient link both between the present and the past and between the various members of past generations. Never has this need been greater than at the present time. The numbers of the College have greatly increased. This year the B.A.'s and undergraduates alone total 379, against some 210 before the war. In illustration of one side only of College expansion there are now six Lent boats, three Rugby, four Association, and three Hockey teams; and it is no easy matter to keep in touch with all the other varied activities of the College. The war, too, made a complete break in the continuity of College life, and with the restart much that was valuable in the old tradition was lost. When we hear the complaint that no one who had any knowledge of its pre-war regulations was available to assist in the revival of the "Eagles" Club, and when we find the "Crickets" Club now flourishing on precisely the lines of the old "Fireflies," though entirely ignorant even of the name of its predecessor, we cannot but feel that there is a tremendous call for something which shall bridge the gap between 1914 and 1920, and shall strengthen the link between the past generation and the present. Again in the upheaval of war it was inevitable that many old Johnians should lose all touch with each other, and in view of the many gaps that war has left behind, it is a matter of no little difficulty to re-establish connection. Furthermore, when we find that only about one-tenth of the present members of the College subscribe to THE EAGLE, we cannot feel that THE EAGLE has up to now adequately supplied that need.

With these objects in view, therefore, THE EAGLE has undergone a reform which it is hoped will render it more suited for its three-fold purpose. The literary side has been greatly reduced, while the Chronicle has been greatly expanded, the doings of the various College teams being reported at much greater length. We also wish to increase as much as possible the amount of old Johnian news. For this purpose we need the whole-hearted assistance of all Johnians who can send us details of interest concerning themselves or others whom they may happen to know. It is hoped that we may be able to find old members of the College who will be prepared to act as regular correspondents, and make it their special endeavour to keep us informed of the doings of their own generation. If any who read this are prepared to undertake the task we shall be greatly indebted to them if they will communicate with us.

We would add one more word. The success of our present venture depends entirely on the help we receive from all Johnians, past and present alike. A start has been made. Much, we are well aware, remains to be done, but if all who believe in the value of the objects we have set ourselves to achieve will rally to our support the work before us will be easy to accomplish. Criticisms and suggestions of all kinds will be gratefully welcomed. The price, which in the present issue has been cut down to 2s. a copy, or 6s. for the three issues of the year, may, we hope, soon be reduced to 1s. if sufficient support is forthcoming.

OBITUARY.

EDWARD ERNEST FOXWELL.

Another name has to be added to our death roll. Born at Shepton Mallet on April 27, 1851, Mr E. E. Foxwell died in College after a short illness, from bronchial pneumonia, on October 18, 1922. He was the last who spoke with Sir John Sandys in the moments preceding his death, July 6. A fuller notice will appear in the next number.

W. H. R. RIVERS.

William Halse Rivers joined the College in October, 1893, was admitted to Fellows Commons and occupied rooms in the Chapel Court. Working as we did in the same laboratory and in the same College we became close friends. He had come to Cambridge on the invitation of Sir Michael Foster to lecture on the Physiology of the Special Senses and to found a school of Experimental Psychology.