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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

In bringing his pleasant labours to a close, the Editor desires to thank all those who have helped him by promptly sending him the information required, and especially those whose contributions appear in the pages of the work.

It was a great pleasure to receive so many kind and encouraging letters from O.D's in all parts of the world. Some of the writers were known to the Editor, many were not; but all testified to the good feeling existing between the Old Boys, and to their affection for their old School. It is hoped that this record will have the effect of bringing back to the minds of all O.D's pleasant recollections of their school-days, and causing them to spread abroad the knowledge of their old School, so as to increase its prosperity and sphere of usefulness.

Only one letter of an unfriendly nature was received. The Editor hopes to make some comments on this and other amusing incidents of the compilation in some future number of the *Doverian*.

In cases where no reply to his circulars (sent more than once) was received, the Editor has, as a rule, not recorded addresses which have not been verified by the O.D. addressed or his friends.

In view of bringing out new editions of the work, as occasion should arise, it may be mentioned :

(1) That, if practicable, the next edition will be accompanied by photographs of the buildings in their old and in their present state, and possibly some portraits.

(2) The Editor hopes that all O.D's will notify to him from time to time any change in their address, occupation, or

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profession, so that the labours of bringing out a new edition may be made as light as possible.

Any suggestions intended to make the book more interesting or useful will be gladly received.

Communications of this nature should be addressed to the Editor, Dover College Register,

The College,
Dover.

Owing to various delays in the printing, the Editor fears that some of the details printed in the Register may be somewhat out of date. Where this is the case he would be glad to be informed as soon as possible; and if any general wish for it is expressed, would at once set about preparing for the issue of another edition in about a year's time.

An explanation of arrangement and abbreviations will be found on the next page. But the commonest abbreviations are for convenience explained at the foot of the pages of the Register.

A. H. DAVIS.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

In preparing the present edition I have endeavoured to continue the record on the lines so successfully laid down by Mr. Davis in 1894. Unfortunately he is no longer with us to carry on the work which he began, but he left behind him when he went to a school of his own at Ilkley, a supplement, brought out in 1896, which has been a great help in bringing the Register up to date. It has not been found practicable to follow his suggestion of adding to this edition portraits and photographs of the School buildings, and a few pages which were interesting and necessary in the first edition, have been omitted in order to gain space for the new matter which must increase in bulk every term.

There are still a large number of names for which no address can be found, and it has not been possible to make the list much smaller. Advertisements in all the leading papers have led to no result. No doubt there are many O.D's who can furnish a clue to the whereabouts of some of their contemporaries whose names at present stand without an address. If all purchasers would make a point of looking through the list and sending on such information as they could, I should be very grateful, and the next edition of the Register would be all the more complete and interesting for their trouble.

My thanks are due to all those who materially aided me in the work of preparing this edition by sending prompt and full replies to the circular of enquiry, and especially to those who accompanied their replies with encouraging letters. There have been many who have been ready with their help in the actual work of collecting information and correcting proof

sheets. I here thank them all, but it would be unfair not to mention my special debt to the present Editor of the *Doverian*, J. A. S. Pooley, who is a specialist on O.D. Military Intelligence, and to whose enthusiasm most of the latest military news to be found in this book is due. He has also compiled the Index, as well as revising the athletic records of the School.

W. S. LEE.

Dover College, *March 10th, 1899.*

A SKETCH OF THE HISTORY OF DOVER COLLEGE.

When Dover College was opened in 1871, the place looked very different from what it does in 1899. The whole of the property belonging to the College at that time consisted of St. Martin's House, the College Hall, and the Gate House. From the north-west corner of the College Hall there ran a high wall to the Gate House, forming an arc of a circle. At the commencement of the first term the Hall was undergoing restoration and could not be used. The Gate House had a roof on, but was otherwise in a half-ruinous condition, and was, in appearance, very picturesque. The only inhabitants of it were owls, and it was possible to bring them out at any time of the night or day by jumping on the floor at a certain place. The ground on which the Priory House now stands was outside the boundary, and no houses stood between the College premises and the railway. What is now the Chapel was a picturesque old building, divided up by wooden partitions so as to form a stable, a cow-house, and a scullery for the farm-house which stood on part of the ground now occupied by the School House. The farm-house was partly an old timbered house, and partly of brick. The whole place was extremely picturesque, and had been still more so in former years. The ground between the Hall and the farm-house was used as a potato garden, and between the potato patch and the farm-house there was a broad road, in continuation of the road which runs up from Effingham Crescent. The trees which are now in front of the School House were standing inside the garden belonging to the farm. The gravel playground to the south of the Hall existed then as it does now.

Amid such surroundings, the College began its career on September 12th, 1871. The number of boys who appeared on that day was fifteen; there were, however, three more entered, and before the end of the term there were twenty-one in