

A FOREWORD

Englishman, one of five brothers to enlist. He was killed on Easter Sunday, April 23, 1916, while serving with the 2nd Canadian Pioneers.

Our original intention was to publish a complete record of P. C. I.'s part in the Great War, and this may yet be accomplished if only the great reluctance of the returned boys to give information regarding their military service can be overcome. Such a story would be invaluable in the annals of the school, as similar stories have been in the annals of the great schools of England, where the record of the part played by their Old Boys in wars of the past has been carefully kept and treasured. That P.C.I.'s part in the Great War was not inglorious is proved by the fact that sixty-five pupils—sixty-four Soldiers and one Nursing Sister—received decorations; in all, seventy-eight decorations were won by these sixty-five. Doubtless many others were equally valorous in deed, but less fortunate in recognition.

But, if there be still truth in the old saying, "*Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*," the greatest glory has been won and the richest lustre shed upon home and school and native land by the ninety who gave their all—their splendid young lives. In a very real sense of the word, the sense in which it seems to be used in Rupert Brooke's beautiful sonnet, they gave their immortality, in "those who would have been"—their sons. Fortunately, however, even in an age of flickering faith, it is still possible to hope that they themselves yet "carry on" somehow, somewhere

"In the sounding labour-house vast
Of Being";

still possible, despite the pain of loneliness and longing, to