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## EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

THE *Review* has lost in Sir John Sandys a faithful friend and valued contributor. His life was one of fruitful industry, and his kindness will be held in grateful remembrance by many younger men, to whom he always gave sympathy and encouragement. A fine scholar, as his editions of many authors show, he was modest to a fault in his comment where scholars were divided. He was singularly free from the rancour which so easily besets the academic bookman. His *History of Classical Scholarship* is a record of human interest as well as of solid learning. There was something happy in the circumstances of his death, which came suddenly in the courts of his own College when he was on his way, as Orator Emeritus, to the Senate House which he loved and had adorned by the felicity of his speeches.

Bradfield was a success, in spite of rain. We congratulate the College, and look forward to the next performance. It is important that Greek plays in the original should still be produced, though we are not disposed to look with a too critical eye upon the recent ebullition of interest in Greek drama 'in English for the English.' At Glastonbury, in August, a Festival and Summer School have been held, at which Greek plays have been read in translation, the *Trachiniae* performed in English, lectures delivered, and Professor Murray's version of the *Alcestis*, produced by Mr. Boughton as a music-drama, together with Blow's *Venus and Adonis*. Best of

all, perhaps, the students have been encouraged to learn a little elementary Greek.

The resignation of Mr. Rushbrooke from the Headmastership of St. Olave's is an event which must not pass without notice here. No school better illustrates the fact that a strong Headmaster, well supported by his staff, can still maintain a classical tradition. One of Mr. Rushbrooke's former colleagues has sent us an encouraging account of the good work that can be done at school by late beginners in Greek.

It is a sign of the times that the Headmaster of Harrow should report on Speech Day that Greek is beginning to revive in his great school. At St. Paul's the High Master announced that a new form had been added to the Classical Side, because the parents are insisting on Classics for their boys. In the *July Nineteenth Century* Mr. Stewart McDowall, an experienced Science Master, who has recognised that Science by itself is not enough, pleads for Greek, to follow a good Latin preparation, on the Science Side. Everything points to a revived demand for Classics. What matters now is the provision of more teachers.

We desire to associate ourselves very warmly with the congratulations and the tributes of respect which have been paid by their many friends to Professor and Mrs. J. S. Reid on the occasion of their golden wedding-day.