

Giggleswick School, Obituary

John Geldard died of pneumonia in London, in August. He entered the School in September, 1900, and soon after leaving in December, 1902, was gazetted to the R.M.L.I. He had seen a great deal of service during the war, mainly in the Near East, and took part in the original landing at Gallipoli. In November of last year he was awarded the Bronze Medal for Military Valour, conferred by the King of Italy. He arrived in England on August 8th, having been appointed to a home billet, but was taken ill the next day and died after a short illness.

He made many friends at School both among masters and boys, who were attracted to him by his frank and generous nature. He took a keen interest in all the School activities and was a thorough sportsman, in the best sense of the word. He played fairly regularly in the XV of 1902, which went through the season unbeaten under D. H. Hacking's captaincy, but the competition for places was very keen and he just missed his colours.

He came of a family closely connected with the School for many year's: and his father, the late Christopher Geldard, was an Old Boy, who gained an open exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge, and had a distinguished career at the University.
