ALFRED PRETTY (1870-77)

He was born 11 Dec 1859 the son of GW Pretty, surgeon of Fressingfield and was the brother of Herbert (more on him later). He was at Framlingham from 1870 to 1877. Here he won the Goldsmith Prize and Silver Medal for Modern Languages in 1877. He was in Cricket and Football 1st XI in 1876 and 1877.

He was an assistant master at Framlingham 1878-80, then assistant master at Wellingborough Grammar School 1880-1887. He briefly returned to Framlingham 1887-88 before rejoining again in 1891 as Second Master and Senior Modern Language Master. He commanded the Cadet Corps from 1901-1903 and was Capt in 1st Vol Bn Sufok Regiment, 1904.

I'm not sure what he did teaching wise between leaving in 1903 and becoming an assistant master at Ipswich School from 1917 to 1925, following which he became a County Organiser at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital Contributory Scheme.

For us Old Framlinghamians he is perhaps best known as the founder, with his brother Herbert of the Society in 1900. He was our 1st secretary from 1900 to 1904, was President in 1926 and 1927, Hon Secretary again from 1936 to 1945 when he became Secretary Emeritus till he died in 1950 aged 90. He was also a member of the Corporation and Governor of the College from 1943.

This portrait (apologies for bad reflections) hangs in the main College corridor and was painted by John Gray and was presented to the College by the Society in 1942, when he was still alive. There is also a wooden plaque in the College Chapel.

He was apparently a demanding teacher who loved precepts e.g. "Whatsoever they find hardest to do, do it with all thy might" or Goethe's "Ein unnutz Leben ist ein fruher Tod". Fine teacher and sports coach. He played golf wearing red jacket and knickerbockers.
To my knowledge he had no children.

His great great niece sent me the following photo of his memorial plaque at Ipswich Crematorium

IN
LOVING MEMORY
LIZZIE PRETTY.
OF BADINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
JANUARY 14.1866 TO MARCH 7.1938.

ALSO OF
ALFRED PRETTY
OF FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK
BELOVED HUSBAND OF THE ABOVE
DEC. 11. 1859 TO NOV. 10. 1950.

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