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## EDITORIAL.

IT is very flattering to the School to find that our Old Boys can so ill be spared from other and more important duties : yet it is a keen disappointment to us to have to record that this year for the first time no O.A. team could be got together for the Past v. Present Sports. However, we must not grudge G. H. G. Shepherd his 'Blue' : nor can we altogether blame the Oxford and Cambridge Athletic Clubs for fixing upon March 19th, for the Inter-Varsity Sports without consulting our convenience. We can only hope that next year a strong team will come—and be handsomely beaten.

Our School Sports, run in the most dismal weather, produced no such brilliant results as were seen last year ; but proved that there is most promising material for future years.

The boats have weathered storm and wave so well that they have met with nothing but success. It is unfortunate that the fixture with Magdalen College School, Oxford, had to be abandoned this year owing to a clashing of dates : the number of schools that it is possible to meet on the river is, at the best, very limited.

The levelling of the new playing field proceeds, not perhaps in the quickest way possible, but in the way which best combines economy with efficiency. Masters and boys have been doing willing spade work there, and as our subscription list shows, money is being generously contributed.

The workshop is now replete with tools, and only a series of unfortunate

circumstances has prevented the commencement before now of regular manual instruction.

The financial position of 'The Abingdonian' is still causing us some anxiety. We had hoped to turn an honest penny by means of the picture, "Abingdon School, Winter" in our Xmas number. But in spite of what appeared to us to be its real attractiveness, only one extra copy was sold. Mr. S. H. Baker has added to the obligation, under which we already lay to him, by taking over the surplus copies of it at a price which represents the difference between what we would have had to pay for 325 copies, and what we actually paid for the 500. He is willing to sell copies to anybody for 2d, plus postage, and to devote the profits, if any ever come, to the Magazine.

#### FOOTBALL.

*(Crowded out from our last number.)*

A. S. F. C. v. OLD ABINGDONIANS.—This match was played on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Although the ground was in a bad condition the game proved fast and exciting throughout. We won the toss and kicked into the Lodge goal. Play was very even for the first twenty minutes. Holland then scored for the Old Boys after one of his characteristic runs. The School, however, immediately equalised; Edgington placing a good centre from Campbell into the net. Soon afterwards Tame gave us the lead with a fine shot. Half-time arrived with the score 2—1 in our favour. On re-commencing, the Past attacked, and W. Leach scored two goals

for them. We, however, responded immediately, and Edgington again equalised. Play now became more exciting than ever, and great was the rejoicing when C. C. Painter scored the winning goal with the best shot of the match. Soon afterwards the whistle went, leaving us winners by 4 goals to 3. Every member of the School team played magnificently against a team which was much superior in weight. Painter, Habgood, and Graham deserve special praise.

School team :—G. Wilson (goal); E. V. Dyke, E. M. Graham (backs); A. E. Trinder, H. T. Habgood, Richard B. Leach (halves); E. H. Chambers, E. G. Tame, C. W. Edgington, C. C. Painter, H. V. Campbell (forwards).

O.A. team :—T. S. Wilding (goal); O. B. Challenor, N. P. Shepherd-Turnham (backs); K. G. Stevens, G. H. G. Shepherd, W. J. Read (halves); F. Read, L. W. Holland, W. Leach, P. L. Deacon, J. H. Wakefield (forwards).

A. S. F. C. 2nd XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL 2nd XI.—Owing to bad weather this match was postponed from Oct. 26th to Nov. 3rd, when both the 1st and 2nd XIs played at home because our opponents' ground was partly under water. The 2nd XI. played on the field across the road. At the outset the School seemed lost, but they soon woke up, and the game became too much in our favour to be very exciting. The team as a whole did not seem to pull together so well as they did against New College School. The forwards were very erratic in their shooting during the first half, and S.

Leach kept trying to score from outside the penalty area; which was certainly mis-directed zeal; for the Magdalen goal-keeper possessed far too much ability to be beaten from that range. The final score was 8—0 for the School.

The team was as follows:—E. M. Graham (goal); J. E. E. R. Chanter and W. H. Enoch (backs); W. R. Mortleman, J. McG. Mitchell (capt.) and H. A. L. Donkin (halves); C. S. Day, S. Leach, E. H. Chambers, E. G. Tame and B. Harvey (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. *v.* NEW COLLEGE SCHOOL.—This match was played on the New College School ground on Nov. 30th. Every player on the School side seemed to try his hardest. Our forward line worked well together, although they had the misfortune to lose Campbell, one of the most promising members of the team. At the end of the game the score was 8—0 in our favour. The goals were scored by—Chambers (4), Tame (2), S. Leach (1), Day (1).

Our team was as in the last match, except that Richard B. Leach and R. Haywood took the places of Donkin and B. Harvey.

A. S. F. C. 2nd XI. *v.* MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL 2nd XI.—This match was played at Oxford on Nov. 17th. Although this game was rather more keenly contested than the last, the School won an easy victory. The ground was rather small, and at first our halves were apt to kick the ball too hard, but this they soon altered. Towards the end of the second half our forwards began to fall away, but among

them G. J. H. Ashwin is to be commended. About the last five minutes the opponents were making a raid on our goal, and Willis, by a mishap, headed the ball into his own goal. This was the only point they managed to score. The goals were kicked by Tame (1), Ashwin (3), Vivian (1).

The team was as follows:—E. M. Graham (goal); J. E. E. R. Chanter and G. A. Willis (backs); W. R. Mortleman, J. McG. Mitchell and H. A. L. Donkin (halves); C. S. Day, G. J. H. Ashwin, E. G. Tame, A. C. Vivian, B. Harvey (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. *v.* LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.—This match was played on the Leighton ground on Nov. 10th, resulting in a draw of 2 goals each. S. Leach and W. C. Williams scored for the School.

The School was represented by E. M. Graham (goal); J. E. E. R. Chanter and H. A. N. Medd (backs); W. R. Mortleman, H. A. L. Donkin, W. H. Enoch (halves); C. S. Day, S. Leach, W. C. Williams, E. G. Tame, G. J. H. Ashwin (forwards).

#### SIXES.

Owing to the attraction of the river, the Sixes were played on the "knock-out" system this term. The Senior Sixes again proved to be very exciting and interesting. There were six teams, and Edgington and Dyke qualified to meet in the final, which was rather luckily won by the former. The following is the winning team:—C. W. Edgington (capt.), G. A. Willis, J. E. E. R. Chanter, J. C. Vivian, E. E. Crook, and W. N. E. Bruce.

The members of the Junior Sixes were increased in numbers, there being nine competing teams. Of these, Webb and Atherton qualified to meet in the final, in which the latter was successful. One of the chief features of the Junior Sixes was the superb play of Smith, who is a new boy this term, and he should be very useful later on. The following is the winning team:—G. L. Atherton, H. W. Smith, P. F. Clark, B. S. Marshall, P. N. Miles, and A. G. Ellison.

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“TO A SONG THRUSH.”

(Those who knew R. N. Turnbull, whose death is recorded in our School Notes, will take a mournful interest in seeing the following, his earliest attempt at verse writing, composed when he was 16 years old.)

Rejoice all ye who love the Spring,  
 Let happy hearts with pleasure ring ;  
 I sing the praises of the thrush,  
 Whose mellow notes my sorrows hush.  
 What bird with voice so sweet and clear  
 Resounding through the balmy air,  
 Can ever hope to vie with thee ?  
 Whose voice outpoured with heartfelt  
 glee,  
 Awakes the echoes of the glen,  
 Or uttered in the lonesome fen,  
 Reaches the humble peasant's ear,  
 And chases far his gloom and care.  
 When, seated on thy clay-lined nest,  
 Watching the sun set in the west,  
 Thy mate upon a branch near by,  
 Seeing the glory of the sky,  
 Singeth a farewell to the light,  
 And welcomes the o'ershadowing night.  
 There, as the stars begin to gleam,  
 He hears the barn owl's piercing scream,

And haileth now with all his might,  
 Fair Cynthia, goddess of the night ;  
 And, when tired out with frequent flight,  
 Sleepeth throughout the tranquil night ;  
 But only at the dawn of day  
 To re-commence his tuneful lay.

R. N. TURNBULL.

Abingdon,

25th March, 1901.

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GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

The annual Gymnastic Display was held at the School, on Wednesday evening, March 2nd. It was a fine evening, and the room was fairly well filled. The members of “Squad A” competed for the silver and the bronze medals offered by the Headmaster.

The programme was excellently arranged and the spectators never seemed to lose interest. The three Squads took their turns in the performance, and, if possible, the small boys were even more entertaining than “Squad A”: but they were all so good that it would be very difficult to pick or choose. Medd did some fine work on the horizontal and parallel bars, while Harvey shone on the vaulting horse. Tame is very promising for next year if he continues to make the same progress as hitherto. At present he is not quite strong enough. Burge worked hard, and ought next year to be capable of making a keen fight for first place. The varied rope-climbing performances of the competitors caused much laughter and keen interest.

The feats on the ladder, performed by Squads B & C, were very sensational, and among these boys there is much

promise of good gymnasts for several years to come. S. Leach and Campbell are the most noticeable. The tableaux on the ladders, with the two lower squads combined, were quite unique and must have required a great deal of trouble and thought.

The result of the competition was announced by the Headmaster at the end of the proceedings, and was as follows:—(i.) H. A. N. Medd with 224 marks; (ii.) E. F. Harvey with 189 marks; (iii.) L. O. Burge with 184 marks; and (iv.) E. G. Tame with 163 marks.

Col.-Sergt. Inst. H. Harvey fulfilled the office of Judge, and Mr. W. A. Rudd that of Referee.

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### ROWING.

ABINGDON SCHOOL *v.* MONKTON COMBE SCHOOL. This annual fixture took place in delightful weather on the Avon at Saltford, on Tuesday, March 29th. The course was up stream from the lock, and there was a slight head-wind. The race between the two senior fours was decided first. We won the toss and chose the Kelston side, which possibly gave some small advantage in the early part of the race. Parker got his crew well away at 42 to the minute, and on entering the long reach we had a slight lead. From here to the half-way flag the race was stoutly contested. Then Parker quickened and quickly drew clear, and, keeping his crew well together, gradually increased the margin, until we reached the post winners by 3 lengths, in 6 mins. 20 secs. Parker proved a

very promising leader. He kept the stroke long and steady, and showed considerable judgment. Wilson gave him good support throughout. Painter at two kept his form well and has probably never rowed better. Medd was useful at bow, but has not yet learnt to row himself out.

The race between the second fours started half-an-hour later. We lost the toss and were given the Saltford station. At the start we got well away, and, entering the reach, had nearly a length in hand. Then Graham, who had been out of the boat for four days and was hardly up to concert pitch, got very unsteady and by half way there was nothing in it. Stroke then pulled his crew together and we gradually drew clear, and, keeping our advantage to the end, won by one length in 6 mins. 40 secs. All rowed very pluckily, and we ought to have a good crew next year. The two coxes took an admirable course and kept their heads well.

In conclusion we should like to thank Monkton Combe for their kind hospitality, and our two friends from Clifton for their encouraging support.

#### FIRST CREW:—

- (bow) H. A. N. Medd.
- (2) C. C. Painter.
- (3) G. Wilson (capt.)
- (str.) F. Parker.
- (cox) R. I. Comins.

#### SECOND CREW:—

- (bow) W. H. Enoch.
- (2) G. J. H. Ashwin.
- (3) E. M. Graham.
- (str.) J. Mc G. Mitchell.
- (cox) W. N. Hooke.

### LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room at 4.15, on Friday, December 17th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

The motions and speakers for the impromptu debate were drawn.

Rchd. B. Leach was called upon to propose that, "In the opinion of this house the advent of Halley's Comet will be beneficial to gardening." C. E. Cook seconded the motion and G. J. H. Ashwin opposed it. At the division, nine votes were given on each side. The Vice-President gave the casting vote in favour of the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

Next, A. C. Vivian was called upon to propose that, "In the opinion of this house the failure of Free Trade is the direct consequence of the fall of the Tower of Babel." M. W. S. Bruce seconded the motion and E. H. Thomas opposed it. On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 12 votes to 6.

H. A. L. Donkin was then called upon to propose that, "In the opinion of this house the decline of the Birth Rate is due to the tax on perambulators." L. O. Burge seconded the motion, and W. H. Whitlock opposed it. The motion was lost by 6 votes to 13.

H. A. N. Medd was called upon to propose that, "The House of Lords is more useless than a patent tin-opener." W. C. Williams seconded the motion and G. Wilson opposed it. The motion was lost by 15 votes to 4.

V. Comfort was called upon to propose that, "In the opinion of this house Mr. Ure is guilty of more terminological inexactitudes than is Dr. Cook." The motion was seconded by J. C. Vivian and opposed by H. E. L. Walker, and was carried by 14 votes to 4.

C. M. Nowill was called upon to propose that, "Vivisection as applied to human beings would be beneficial." C. P. Puckridge seconded and L. L. Edwards opposed the motion. Mr. S. H. Baker rose to ask if the word "vivisection" should be pronounced by members in any particular way. He asked if it should be pronounced 'vive-section,' 'vivasection,' or 'wewesection.' The Vice-President informed the honourable member that members were not restricted to any particular pronunciation. The motion was lost by 8 votes to 12.

The House then adjourned, and the Winter Session closed.

The Society met in the Wantage Room at 12.45 p.m., on Wednesday, February 2nd, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The business before the House was to elect a Secretary. H. A. N. Medd and E. H. Thomas were proposed and seconded, and the latter was elected.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room at 4.15 p.m., on Friday, February 4th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

Mr. E. H. Harvey read a most interesting and instructive paper on "Samuel Johnson." The following interrogated

the reader, Mr. H. H. Gibson and Mr. S. H. Baker. The President, seconded by Mr. S. H. Baker, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the reader, which was carried unanimously. Notice was given by the President of the following motion to be brought forward at the next meeting; "that Mr. E. H. Harvey should be elected a life member of the Society."

The Society met in the Pembroke Room at 4.15 p.m., on Friday, February 11th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed.

The President then proposed "that Mr. E. H. Harvey should be elected a life member of the Society." C. P. Puckridge seconded the motion, which, on being put to the vote, was carried unanimously.

G. Wilson then read a very enlightening and novel paper on "An English schoolboy's life in Germany." The following questioned the reader: Mr. H. H. Gibson, Mr. S. H. Baker, C. M. Nowill, and E. H. Thomas. Mr. Bevir proposed a vote of thanks to the reader, which was seconded by E. H. Thomas, and carried unanimously.

This was the last meeting of the Spring Session.

#### ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual School Sports were held on Saturday, March 12th. The weather did not prove as favourable as might have been expected from the glorious sunshine of the previous days.

Although rain fell during the first event, making the ground very slippery, the rest of the programme was completed under fine but dull conditions.

Very few spectators were present at the commencement, but the numbers increased later on.

The High Jumps, open and under 14, were postponed till Wednesday, the 16th, owing to the state of the ground.

A. W. Welch ran very well in the hundred yards (under 12), and B. Harvey in the hundred yards (under 14). Both should do well in the future.

The prizes were greatly admired, and were distributed from the Pavilion by Mrs. Harvey Reynolds.

Cheers were given for Mrs. Reynolds, the Headmaster, the Ladies of Abingdon and the prize donors.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

#### THE MILE.

(Run on Monday, March 7th).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Burkett. Prizes presented by Mr. H. Burkett, Remove Classical, and Mr. Councillor Legge). J. E. E. R. Chanter 1; G. J. H. Ashwin 2; E. F. Harvey 3. Time 5 min. 22 secs.

#### LONG JUMP (under 15).

(Prizes presented by Mr. W. R. Portal, O.A., and VI. Form.) E. A. Mortleman 1; F. W. Lupton 2. Distance 13ft. 9½ in.

#### LONG JUMP (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mr. A. Stockton, O.A. Prizes presented by Mr. E. M. Challenor, O.A., and Mr. H. W. Weaving). C. C. Painter 1; G. J. H. Ashwin 2. Distance 18ft. 2¼ in.

## HIGH JUMP (under 12).

(Prizes presented by Mr. C. R. Scott).  
A. W. Welch 1; D. Cullen 2. Height  
3ft. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

## HIGH JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by Mr. W. A. Rudd  
and IV. Classical). G. J. H. Ashwin 1;  
E. F. Harvey 2. Height 4ft. 10in.

## HIGH JUMP (under 14).

(Prizes presented by Mr. A. K. Loyd,  
K.C.) B. Harvey 1; G. L. Atherton 2.  
Height 4ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

## HURDLE RACE (open).

(Prizes presented by Mr. H. H. Gibson  
and V. Forms). G. Wilson 1; C. C.  
Painter 2. Time 20 $\frac{2}{5}$ th secs.

## HURDLE RACE (Under 15).

(Prizes presented by Mr. W. Bevir and  
Mr. G. Saxby). R. H. Webb 1; W. N.  
Hooke 2. Time 27 $\frac{2}{5}$ ths secs.

## HUNDRED YARDS (under 12).

(Prizes presented by Mr. J. F. Downing).  
A. W. Welch 1; V. C. Warwick 2.  
Time 14 $\frac{2}{5}$ ths secs.

## HUNDRED YARDS (under 14).

(Prizes presented by Rev. R. F. Ashwin  
and Mrs. Ashwin). B. Harvey 1; R.  
H. Webb 2. Time 14 secs.

## HUNDRED YARDS (under 16).

(Prizes presented by Mr. G. W. Shepherd,  
O.A., and IV. Modern). H. E. L.  
Walker 1; S. Leach 2. Time 12 $\frac{2}{5}$ ths  
secs.

## HUNDRED YARDS (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Price.  
Prizes presented by the Rev. the Head  
Master and Mr. J. S. Nowill). G.  
Wilson 1; C. C. Painter 2. Time  
11 $\frac{4}{5}$ ths secs.

## PUTTING THE WEIGHT (16lbs.) (open).

(Prizes presented by Mr. J. T. Morland  
and the Right Rev. the Master of Pem-  
broke College, Oxford). G. Wilson 1;  
C. C. Painter 2. Distance 27ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

## QUARTER MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mr. W.  
Pierpoint. Prizes presented by the  
Ladies of Abingdon). H. E. L. Walker  
1; C. M. Nowill 2; G. Wilson 3. Time  
1 min. 2 3-5ths secs.

## 220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 13).

(Prizes presented by Shell Classical and  
Rev. H. W. McCreery). T. V. Brown  
1; A. Alder 2. Time 34 2-5ths secs.

## CHOIR RACE (300 yards handicap).

(Prizes presented by Mr. E. A. Martell  
and Mr. E. L. Shepherd). B. J. Bury  
1; R. Haywood 2. Time 44 2-5ths secs.

## THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (open).

(Prizes presented by Mr. J. H. E. Morland,  
O.A., and Shell Modern). F. Parker 1;  
C. C. Painter 2. Distance 80 yds. 1 ft.  
9 in.

## HALF MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Prizes presented by Mrs. Layng, Mr.  
M. T. Tatham, and Remove Modern).  
A. G. Ellison 1; J. E. E. R. Chanter 2;  
C. P. Puckridge 3. Time 2 min. 24 secs.

## OLD ABINGDONIANS RACE (100 yards).

(Prize presented by Mr. G. W. Shepherd,  
O.A.) G. H. G. Shepherd 1; O. B.  
Challenor 2. Time 11 2-5ths secs. This  
race was run from the Quarter-mile  
starting mark by mistake, making the  
race 88 yards instead of 100 yards.

## CONSOLATION RACE (one lap).

(Prizes presented by Mr. W. R. Portal,  
O.A., and Mr. J. G. T. West, O.A.) E.  
H. Thomas 1; V. Comfort 2.



THE "HEBER CLARKE" CHALLENGE CUP.

The Challenge Cup was won by G. Wilson with 40 points; G. J. H. Ashwin was second with 30 points, and C. C. Painter third with 28 points.

THE STEEPLECHASES.

These were run upon the Common on Monday, March 14th. The recent rains had made the ground very heavy. The entries for both races were large, as many as 41 entering for the Senior, and 19 for the Junior event.

The courses were about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles respectively.

The Junior race provided an exciting finish. Abbott was leading till just after the last hurdle, when he was overtaken by B. Harvey, who had kept a good second for some distance.

Abbott secured second place, and A. C. Vivian was third.

In the open race Chanter set the pace, but after the turning point G. J. H. Ashwin took the first place and kept it till the finish.

Chanter was second, and Burge third.

The prizes, which were given by Mr. S. H. Baker, and Mr. H. P. Simpson, O.A., for the Senior, and by Major H. Henderson and the II. & III. Forms for the Junior event, were given away from the Tower steps by Mrs. Layng, on Saturday, March 19th.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

The Rev. R. F. Ashwin, M.A., has been selected out of eighty candidates by the President and Fellows of Magdalen College, Oxford, for the Head Mastership of their School at Brackley

in Northamptonshire. We offer to him and Mrs. Ashwin our sincere congratulations, and wish them much happiness in their new home.

Mr. Ashwin will be succeeded in the charge of Tesdale House, and in his duties as Chaplain, by his brother-in-law the Rev. W. B. Box, who has been for the last nine years an Assistant-Master at the Grammar School, Bedford.

The obituary contains the names of three old members of the School who were in a somewhat special way connected with us. Mr. W. H. Richardson has been perhaps the most constant contributor to "The Abingdonian" ever since it was started and, especially, took great trouble in preparing an index for each of the volumes I., II. & III. His distinction as an Antiquarian and his great knowledge of local history gave to his articles a value beyond much that is published in our pages. His love for the School never faltered. Many of the prints of distinguished Old Boys which adorn the Library were his gifts. By his energy and initiative the Rowing Club was presented with a New Four some few years ago, and the Eagle was restored in 1904.

Through the death of Neville Turnbull a very promising career as an Engineer has been brought to a close. He was prominent at school among his contemporaries and a not infrequent contributor to our pages. The present number contains a poem from his school-boy pen.

The Rev. F. J. Collins was a member of a family which claimed kinship with one of our Founders.

All friends of the School will sympathise with the Head-master in the loss of his brother, the Rev. J. W. Layng, who died at Spilsby, on April 2nd.

C. H. Payne, M.A., Principal of Alexandra High School, Bhopal, received the Viceroy of India on the occasion of the opening of the new buildings of the College.

A. B. West has been appointed Assistant-Surveyor in the Public Works Department, Hongkong.

C. H. Dixon, O.A., has been elected M.P. for the Boston Division of Lincolnshire.

A short address has been given in Chapel each Wednesday morning in Lent by the following Clergy :

- Feb. 9. Rev. H. W. McCreery, Vicar of Shippon.  
 „ 16. Rev. H. N. Perrin, Chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford.  
 „ 23. Rev. T. D. Hopkyns, Vicar of Long Wittenham.  
 Mar. 2. Rev. T. T. Blockley, Chaplain of Magdalen Coll., Oxford.  
 „ 9. Rev. H. T. Maitland, Vicar of Abingdon.  
 „ 16. Rev. C. H. Gill, Rector of East Hendred.

The Rev. E. D. Stone, formerly Assistant - Master at Eton College, preached to us on Good Friday at St. Nicolas Church.

J. W. Duncan, O.A., has played for Wales again this year in the international Hockey Matches.

We congratulate very heartily G. H. G. Shepherd, O.A., upon winning his Blue and being chosen to represent

Oxford in the Hundred Yards against Cambridge.

Richard B. Leach has been awarded his Football Cap, F. Parker, H. A. N. Medd their Boating colours, R. I. Comins his colours as coxwain, and L. O. Burge and E. G. Tame their colours for gymnastics.

G. Wilson has been appointed a School Prefect.

Colours for Athletics have been given to the following boys, who would have competed had the Past *v.* Present Sports taken place :—C. W. Edgington, G. Wilson, J. E. E. R. Chanter, C. C. Painter, F. Parker, E. M. Graham, E. F. Harvey, G. J. H. Ashwin.

On February 28th, Mr. C. E. Andrews, Secretary of the Navy League, delivered an illustrated lecture in the Gymnasium.

On March 17th, Mr. Herbert Young, O.A., very kindly gave us a lecture upon "Touraine and its Châteaux," illustrated by admirable Lantern Slides taken from his own photographs.

On March 3rd, many of us attended a Lecture on Astronomy, given by Mr. Richard Kerr, in the Corn Exchange, and on March 31st we went to the annual Concert given by the Abingdon Musical Union.

The Company was inspected at Drill by Captain G. H. Sawyer, Adjutant of the Berkshire Territorials, on Friday, April 1st.

New Boys :—

School House—R. M. Graham, J. A. Howard, H. W. Smith, C. H. Tyrrell.  
 Tesdale House—P. D. W. Moore.

Day Boys—F. L. M. Harris, P. L. Howard.

Boys Left:—

L. L. Edwards (1907-9 Prefect 1908 iii., Colours for Cricket and Rowing 1908, Shooting 1907, Athletics 1909, Sec. Games Committee, Member of Abingdonian Committee, and Sec. of L.S. & D. Soc., 1909).

H. T. Habgood (1906-9 Colours for Football 1909, Shooting 1907, Swimming and Gymnasium 1909).

Mr. W. R. C. Adcock has been given an appointment in the Educational Department of West Africa by the Colonial Office.

Colonel Arthur Stockton, O.A., has been appointed to the command of the 4th Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

We record our best thanks for the following gifts:—

To Colonel Arthur Stockton, O.A., for a Silver Challenge Cup for the Long Jump, to become the property of any winner who shall surpass the donor's jump of 21ft. 7½in. at the School's Sports.

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Term ends on Saturday, April 9th. Next term will begin at 8.45 a.m., on Thursday, May 5th. Boys in the two houses return on Wednesday, May 4th.

Compositions for the prizes offered by Canon Meredith for Latin and Greek Prose should be handed in on Saturday, April 2nd.

The following are members of "The Abingdonian" Committee:— C. W. Edgington, J. McG. Mitchell, H. A. N. Medd, E. H. Thomas, C. E. Cook, C. S. Day, and C. P. Puckridge.

#### MARRIAGES.

MORTLEMAN—VIALOU. On Saturday, March 5th, at St. Augustine's Church, Doornfontein, Johannesburg; James William Graham Mortleman, eldest son of James Mortleman, of New Barnet, to Jane Catherine, daughter of H. Vialou, of New Barnet, Herts.

ORPWOOD—FINDEISEN. On Wednesday, March 30th, at All Saints' Church, Jarhal, Assam; the Rev. H. C. Orpwood, M.A., to Miss Erna Findeisen.

#### DEATHS.

RICHARDSON. On 30th December, at Blewbury, Berks, very suddenly, William Henry Richardson, M.A., F.S.A., of Blewbury and 2, Lansdown Place, W.C., aged 74.

TURNBULL. On 3rd Jan., at Ruswarp House, near Whitby, Robert Neville Turnbull, only son of R. E. Turnbull, aged 25.

COLLINS. On 10th Jan., at Charlton Vicarage, near Malmesbury, the Rev. John Ferdinando Collins, M.A., Vicar of Charlton, aged 72.

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