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EDITORIAL.

THIS term brought us a new master, Mr. L. C. Hodgson, in the place of Mr. Le Maitre, who has gone to Branksome, Godalming. Mr. Hodgson, a Lancing and Cambridge man, rowed No. 2 in his College boat, and we congratulate the Four on now having an efficient resident coach.

We also welcomed the advent of the eldest son of our Head Master into the school as a pupil, and may success attend him.

Old boys will be glad to hear that at last the school is to have a Tower Clock. It is proposed to place it on the Tower between the Big School Room and the New Buildings, the present tower being raised about six feet. Subscriptions are coming in fairly fast. In another part of the paper will be found the circular letter of appeal for funds and also a list of subscriptions already received or promised.

We were sorry to see on the occasion of the match *v.* Magdalen School, Oxford, a lot of the boys instead of backing up the school preferred the attractions of Sequah. The latter, by the bye, seems to have done a lot of good in the town.

The Prairie Oil has certainly done good to our rheumatism.

We hear with regret that we may possibly lose the services of Mr. Kenny at the end of this term, and we take this opportunity of wishing him a continued successful career. He will be much missed.

Everyone was glad to see Veysey over this term, and we hope he will get his blue.

We congratulate the Captain of the football team on his successful season.

The Football Colours have been changed; the Caps now being half pink and half white instead of having concentric circles as formerly.

The School as usual had a half-holiday on the occasion of the Cattle Show and many of the boys seemed to take a great interest in sampling the grain.

Elsewhere will be found a letter suggesting the revival of theatricals at Christmas. We hope the suggestion will be carried out. We are glad to see that the School is going up in number, and we expect to welcome several new boys next term.

Present Members of the School and Old Boys are asked to make the existence of this paper known to any other Old Boys they may chance to meet, as the more support we receive the larger we shall be able to make the paper.

This our first number is naturally weak, the more especially as it has been prepared in a hurry.

We trust before the middle of next term when our next number will appear that one of the boys will discover he is

a born poet and send us a contribution.

Any suggestions as to improving the paper will be thankfully received and if reasonable receive attention. May this our first number prove successful in carrying out that which it is intended to effect, namely, starting a record of the doings in work and athletics of the members of Royse's School.

A VILLAGE FAIR.

PERHAPS an apology is needed for the subject I have chosen, and an apology I am quite prepared to make. Two subjects were proposed to me, one was the history of the School, and the other that of the Fifth Form. Both of these I had to decline, but for different reasons; of the first I know, I am ashamed to say, too little, of the second too much, and though I have often threatened to publish some of the work produced by the present Fifth, with a correct translation annexed for the benefit of past Fifth Forms, I thought it best to postpone my intention till a time when the present Fifth can look with a smile on the strange vagaries of to-day. For these reasons I was unable to fall in with either of the suggestions made to me; and left to my own resources after passing in review and rejecting many ideas that suggested themselves to me, I fixed my choice at last on this, "A Village Fair"; my reason being that it was in some degree at any rate connected with the events of the term; for all know Abingdon Fair.

A fair, or rather to give it its proper name, a Feast, is the great event of the

village year, the one general holiday to take part in which all the absent members of a family are expected to return. In a town of any importance they have adopted a new and more imposing term, the old feast has become gala, and a parachute descent and other attractions are added; but as a rule the people are left to their own resources for amusement; for with the exception of a few rifle galleries, a stall or two, and the inevitable cocoanuts, there is but little assistance from without. One man however had found it possible to strike out a new line even in the show business; he appeared at a small window and invited people to shy at him; one shot a penny; in case he was hit, a thing which was of very rare occurrence he got his revenge by giving a cigar to the successful thrower; even an agricultural labourer cannot smoke everything. The festival begins on Saturday and lasts over Monday. The principal events are two cricket matches, a home match on Saturday for the purpose of selecting a team for the great game with some neighbouring village on Monday, then sports, and the proceedings are wound up by a dance. The foreign match is often played for a dinner, and then there is great scope for the umpire. The L. B. W. Rule comes in very useful to the side which looks like losing. In the match that I witnessed, the visitors were having the worst of the game, when their best man was given out leg before. Then the row began; the batsman refused to go and was backed up by the rest of his team, who appealed to their umpire. He gave it as his opinion that a man could not be

out unless he knowingly and wilfully put his leg in front of his wicket; and this he was sure that his man had not done. The visitors' captain objected to the umpire, and produced a copy of the rules, a careful study of which had brought him to the conclusion, that if he objected to the Umpire, the decision on account of which objection was taken, was thereby invalidated. The discussion seemed likely to end in a general fight, but the visitors seeing that they would have in all probability to fight the crowd as well, wisely gave in, and the match proceeded. The interval however was very nearly fatal to the home team; for their umpire, the village drunkard, had made good use of the opportunity, and had forgotten which way he was playing; and his next decision gave the opposite side so much pleasure that they plied him with refreshments so generously, that he was soon gloriously drunk, and gave both sides out indiscriminately; and it was only the advantage that the home team had gained at the beginning of the game that enabled them to win the match.

After the cricket match came the sports. They began with a horse race for bridles. Then there was a waltzing competition, in which the competitors displayed, if little grace, at any rate much vigour; the principles on which the judges made their award, are probably known to the judges alone. After that there was a treacle loaf eating contest, confined to boys. A platform was erected on which the competitors were stationed with their hands bound behind their backs, and from a bar

above great lumps of bread, soaked in treacle, were suspended by strings, in such a way that each lump was on a level with a boy's mouth. At this bait they rose like fishes for some time; but, at last, one cleverer than the rest, caught his in his mouth, and pushed it against his neighbour's back, and holding it firmly with his nose, proceeded to devour it amidst the cheers of the spectators. Then followed a smoking contest; about two dozen men got into a waggon and were provided with long churchwardens, which were carefully inspected by the umpire after they had been filled, to see that everything was fair. The competitors were told that they should present themselves, together with the ashes, as soon as they were finished. On the signal being given there was a frantic striking of matches; for there was a fairly strong wind blowing, and it was by no means easy in their exposed position to get a light; then most of the competitors puffed away till they were about black in the face; but one wily rustic blew down his pipe and finished before the others were well begun, and marched off triumphantly to the umpire, but came back surprized and indignant; he had been asked to produce the ashes. He evidently wished to address the people on the subject of his wrongs, but soon gave up the attempt, for his complaint only called forth jeers and laughter. In the egg and spoon race I noticed another 'cute rustic, who, having got his egg, carefully let it fall and then smeared his spoon with the contents, hoping, that if he could procure a fresh egg, in doing which he met with little

difficulty, the broken egg would hold the other fast. In the race, however, he found that his theory could not stand the test of practice.

The day ended with a dance in the village schoolroom, a dance, which, owing to the limited space was very select, those who were not considered respectable enough, of course gave out that they never had any intention of being present; married people with the exception of two or three matrons to act as chaperons to the whole company, were also excluded. The floor was waxed by cutting up a wax candle into minute pieces, but the nails which stood out here and there above the well-worn boards were left untouched, and I heard the Master of the Ceremonies congratulating his partner, that, in the course of the first dance he had only hit upon one. The music was provided by a couple of fiddlers who went on playing till the M.C. gave them a whistle to show that he had had enough. As to the costumes, one of the guests had a dress suit and another a frock coat, whilst a third, an agricultural labourer, had a pair of white kid gloves, which he seemed to regard with mingled feelings, pride when he was asking for a dance, shame when some of his friends called public attention to them.

One spectator there, was the village prophet. Standing apart from the crowd and looking with pity not unmingled with contempt on the giddy multitude, as he was accustomed to style the people, when he took up his parable against them on the Sunday after the feast in the Wesleyan chapel, of which he was a great upholder. Such was his

appearance in public, but in private his wife used to speak of him as a silly auld man; for the money which he had saved by starving his family, he had lent and lost.

ROWING NOTES.

THE annual four-oared race between the School and the Old Boys took place on August 30th. The crews were as follows:

The School—bow, F. G. D'Almaine; 2, R. Shopland; 3, A. P. Blandy; str., F. H. Pryce; cox., P. A. Holmes.

Old Boys—bow, G. Miller; 2, H. Hedges; 3, J. W. Veysey; str., H. A. A. D'Almaine; cox, P. Martin.

The start was a notable one. It shewed that in rowing, as in all other human affairs, even the best men are liable to err. In plain words the School Stroke caught a crab. The Old Boys thereupon generously offered to try another start, and the boats again took up their places at the posts. This time they both got off well, but the weight of the Old Boys soon began to tell, and for the greater part of the race it looked as if they were going to have things all their own way. Towards the end of the course, however, Pryce made a magnificent spurt and was well backed up by the rest of the crew. By very plucky rowing the School quickly caught up their opponents, and a splendid struggle for victory ensued, the Old Boys eventually winning by a few feet.

A few hints to the Four and other rowing Members of the School may be perhaps not altogether out of place here. To begin with, we would advise all who

row, or who wish to do so, to take for their motto the old saying that "Unity is Strength!" Success in rowing is gained, not by individual exertions, nor by perfection of style in each separate oarsman, but by combined action. Often and often have crews of superior style and of greater strength been defeated by their weaker and far less finished rivals, through sheer want of combination. Our first admonition is, therefore, that which is forever proclaimed from the tow-path of the Classic Isis and on the banks of the muddy Cam; "Work together all through the boat"—swing together, get on to the beginning together, finish together, and, above all, get your hands away together, and at the same level.

Secondly it should be remembered that the work should be done with the legs and the body—not with the arms. By keeping the feet hard against the stretcher, and by exerting a steady pressure with the legs while the body is swinging back, a good strong stroke is obtained. The arms are of use merely as rods to connect the oar with the body, and should be perfectly rigid. As soon as the body reaches the perpendicular, stop swinging back, bend the arms, and let the motion of the boat bring the hands gently in to the chest; drop the hands so as to bring the oar out of the water; then feather, and shoot out the arms smartly: then swing the body slowly forward, raising the hands over the stretcher, and get on to the beginning as soon as you are forward.

In conclusion we would give the time-honoured piece of advice without which no remarks on rowing are complete: "Always implicitly obey the orders of

the Coach." The greatest mistake that can possibly be made is to think that you know more about your own style of rowing than the man on the bank. That is impossible, because, in the first place you can see very little of what you are doing, and secondly you ought not to see anything, as your eyes should be fixed on the back of the man in front of you : whereas the coach, from his position on the tow-path, can see all your faults, and can tell you how to rectify them. If you do not obey him because each of you thinks that he knows more about it than everybody else, you will never succeed : if you do obey him you will gain combination, which is the secret of all rowing.

OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of "The Abingdonian."

DEAR SIR,

As Oxford in the October Term is never very lively, and this term being no exception to the rule, it is rather hard to find material for an Oxford letter, the only events which have caused any excitement being the Football matches and the 'Varsity fours.

Now for a few remarks about Old Boys. The School is not very largely represented up here just now, but, notwithstanding this the names of Old Abingdonians have not been absent from the Class Lists, and although it is rather late in the day we must congratulate Morland and Evans on their seconds in Mods.

Veysey is in for Mods next term and we wish him every success.

In the Athletic line O.A.'s. always seem to find their way down to the river ; in fact everyone who has come up during the last four or five years has occupied a place in his College eight, notably C. H. Payne, who has rowed two years in the Merton eight and was seen in the trials four or five times this year. He also possesses the much coveted oar. Veysey in addition to rowing in the Pembroke eight has been rowing for nearly three weeks in the trials, and only gave up his place in the boat when the last year's men were put in. Robinson who rowed two years in the trials, and who has now gone up to Guy's Hospital, has joined the London Rowing Club, where we hope he will be as successful as he was up here.

With regard to the 'Varsity in general there is no very exciting news to write about.

The Rugby team is especially good this time, the forwards being stronger than they have been for several years. The victory over Blackheath was a great triumph, and although beaten by Bradford and Cardiff they made the teams fight much harder than they have had to do before this season.

The Fours were won by New College, the final heat against Magdalen being a very fine race.

The rowing all through the races was far above the average, which augurs well for the success of the eight at Putney next term.

Wishing the *Abingdonian* all success,

Yours sincerely,

OLD BOY.

FOOTBALL SEASON, 1890-91.

The beginning of the Football season for 1890-91 will no doubt be remembered for many years to come, owing to the abnormal temperature throughout the end of September and the first week in October; in fact, had the "pitch" been kept in order during the holidays, we think masters and boys both would have much preferred to play cricket than to endure the violent, but necessary exertion of the first football "pick up," which is always a trying ordeal under any circumstances, especially after the ease and relaxation of seven weeks' holiday; so hot or cold we determined to bid the elements defiance and begin the Football Season.

Yet on second thoughts how dare we grumble, considering the lovely weather we have had throughout the term; not once has the Captain had to entertain an idea of "wiring" a match off, due to stress of weather, or ground unfit. On looking through last year's team, we found there were three places which would have to be filled up, in consequence of the Captain, A. H. Lewis (left wing), T. E. Hodgson (centre forward), R. G. Brown (half-back) having left. And this was not an easy task for the newly and unanimously elected Captain, F. Bennetts, to do, for Lewis, was, though perhaps a trifle selfish, undoubtedly a powerful and certain shot in front of goal, and Hodgson was a very hard working forward, nearly always coming off, while Brown set an example of indomitable pluck, which, bye the bye, we should like to see copied by one or two of the forwards in this

year's team. So the Captain had, as can easily be understood, some difficulty in filling up these places, not from lack of material, but from a superabundance of it. The consequence was that the first School match v. St. John's School, Oxford, was lost, for time had not allowed the Captain to sufficiently observe the relative play of each individual boy competing for the vacant places; but in the next match v. Magdalen College School, we saw that he had made a decided change in the team for the better.

We have now played about two-thirds of our matches for this term, and the boys are certainly to be congratulated on the results so far, having won five, lost five, drawn one, and one scratched, viz., E. Beckwith, Esq's. XI.

We only wish the team could have more systematic practice, and this especially applies to the forwards, as some seem to have an idea that putting in a hot shot at a very limited distance during Punt about, is the sort of thing they will be able to do in a match; but has not experience taught them, that when the real test of their skill comes, they not only lack the power to shoot goals, but are even sometimes deficient in pluck, besides it must be remembered that in this desultory pseudo-practice, they miss the great secret of the game, *i.e.*, combination, which is only obtained by constant application.

There is also a tendency in some of the forwards to get discouraged immediately they have to act on the defensive, but a match is never lost till time is called, so bearing this in mind they should play on with that rigid deter-

mination which is characteristic of a team that never knows when it is beaten.

The team when playing against clubs, otherwise than Schools, is assisted by the Masters. Our new Master, Mr. Hodgson, who is an old Lancing boy, and played for that School when it carried off the Sussex Cup in 1887, was of great assistance, having materially strengthened the team. Now to speak more particularly as regards each match.

The first of the Season was against The Abingdon Wanderers, on the School ground, October 4th, and this resulted in a victory for the School by two goals to one, shot by Mr. Paul and G. E. F. d'Almaine. The latter after passing the backs and making a fine run half the length of the ground, putting the ball through. The game was very fast and pleasant throughout.

October 8th we played St. John's School, Oxford, on their ground, and lost by three goals to love. And had it not been for the very excellent play on the part of our Captain and the other back, F. H. Pryce, we fear it would have been worse.

The defeat was, we certainly think, owing to the reasons previously stated, but the Captain lived and learnt, and so made the right selection for the next match, which was against Magdalen College School, October 11th, on our ground. We suffered defeat by three goals to one. The result might have been a draw, or, who can tell, a win, if the School had played up as hard during the first half of the game as in the second. Our goal was obtained by R. S. Shopland.

The next match was *v.* Newbury School, at Abingdon, and resulted in our being victorious by seven goals to two. There is little to be said concerning the game; if anything, the winners held their opponents a little too cheaply at first. The goals were kicked by N. A. Saunders (1), R. S. Shopland (1), G. E. F. d'Almaine (3), H. Anwyl (2).

October 18th Pembroke College, Oxford, played us on our ground and ended in a draw, one goal all, after a very jolly game. The School goal was got by F. H. Pryce; a very fine shot some 25 yards off. The opponents' goal was obtained by an Abingdon and Pembroke scholar, A. B. Morland.

The following match was *v.* Wantage School. They were completely out-matched at every point in the game, and we obtained a victory by nine goals to nil. F. Bennetts, N. A. Saunders, G. E. F. d'Almaine, H. Anwyl, R. S. Shopland, all having a share in the nine.

On October 29th, the Football Club from Faringdon drove over in a brake and played us on the School ground; we sustained defeat by two goals to one. They are a heavy lot of men, not knowing very much about the science of the game, and the School shins suffered. Our goal was kicked by Mr. Prowde.

We next played the return match with St. John's School, on November 1st, on our ground, when we won by two goals to one. Our goals being obtained by H. Anwyl and H. E. Mallam, the latter playing in the place of R. S. Shopland.

The next match was *v.* St. Catherine's College, Oxford, who brought over their cup tie team, and we sustained the

heavy defeat of seven goals to nil. They were the best combined team we have seen on this ground for some time. But as regards our play, we think, the less said the better.

November 12th was the date fixed for E. Beckwith, Esq's. XI., Magdalen College, Oxford, but that gentleman was compelled to scratch the match, as he could not raise a team, the College having a cup-tie engagement.

Now we come to a Rugby Match v. Cothill School which is thoroughly enjoyed and looked forward to by the boys, who come within the limit, viz., under 15; this reason no doubt preventing it from being discontinued. We unfortunately lost by 20 points to four.

Saturday, November 22nd, we played Worcester College, Oxford, on our ground, and won by three goals to love, after a very pleasant and enjoyable game, notwithstanding the heavy gale of wind. The goals were kicked by F. H. Pryce, G. E. F. d'Almaine, H. Anwyl.

The return fixture with Magdalen College School was decided on their ground, November 26th, in frosty weather; the last ten minutes of the game being played in a heavy snow-storm. The result should have been a draw, but our goal keeper, who has played thoroughly well throughout the season, and who deserves great praise, preferred a flying kick at the ball which unfortunately did not come off consequently it rolled on undisturbed

through the goal; but for this the game would have ended one all. R. S. Shopland obtained our point.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

F. BAKER: as a rule plays well in goal, would be better if taller and not so self-confident; ought to punch and handle more, and also to get rid of the ball more quickly.

F. BENNETTS (Captain): excellent back, kicks and tackles brilliantly; has captained the team well; a real stone waller.

F. H. PRYCE: very good back, splendid kick, has improved greatly since last season.

H. E. DRIVER: very promising half, sticks to the man well, but has hardly enough pace; has played consistently all the season and shown great improvement.

W. L. RUSSWURM: wild at half-back, not quick enough on the ball, does not feed the forwards sufficiently; a sturdy tackler.

W. T. MORLAND: very fair half, not quick enough on the ball, but has greatly improved since last year.

N. A. SAUNDERS: plays well on his wing and gets on to the ball at once, a poor shot; has improved remarkably.

P. H. MORLAND: good on the outside right, makes good use of his pace, but does not centre soon enough.

G. F. d'ALMAINE : plays well in the centre as a rule, but is sometimes rather timid, and is occasionally off side ; shoots fairly well.

H. ANWYL : a good forward and generally on the ball, seems nervous sometimes and shoots wildly ; has greatly improved on last year's form.

R. S. SHOPLAND : as a rule a good outside left and shoots fairly ; has shown great improvement and generally scores in a losing game.

RESERVES : H. E. Mallam, A. P. Blandy, H. Veysey.

PAPER CHASE.

Up to this term no paper chase had been held here for more than two years, but arrangements were made for one on October 21st. The novelty of the affair and the fact that a half holiday was given expressly for the purpose, induced nearly the whole School to turn out for it.

At a meeting held on the previous day, Morland (1), Townsend and Russwurm (2), were elected to run as hares. Accordingly the three named started off soon after 2 p.m., and were followed by the junior division of the hounds after an interval of ten minutes, the senior division starting a few minutes later. The track was first laid at the bottom of the School Lane, and proceeding down Box Hall after a mile or so of fields, came out on the Oxford

road at Northcote. About half an hour after the start and close to Radley Wood, the hares were caught. Mr. Paul, closely followed by Bennetts and Holmes (2), being the first up.

After a rest of a minute or two, Mr. Paul kindly consented to run with the hares and lay a track, and the same hares again started off. By this time most of the rear guard had come up, and after giving the hares about twelve minutes law, the hounds started off in pursuit ; the course being laid through Radley Woods.

After leaving these Townsend was quickly run down ; Bennetts, who ran well throughout, again being first up. The other two hares however, kept up better than before, though Morland was eventually caught when close to Radley Station, he having had to stop owing to cramp.

By this time the paper had come to an end, and all took the nearest way home. Russwurm remained uncaught to the end, and with practice and judgment would make a good cross country runner.

The first of the hounds to arrive were Bennetts, Shopland (1), and the two Holmes, who all came in about 5.15, all the four having run especially well.

On the whole the course was rather different to what the School has been accustomed to in previous years, there being less jumps and ditches than usual ; but the thick underwood in the Radley Woods caused several

fellows to come to grief. In future it is to be hoped that the times of starting and arriving home will be "clocked," as then the various running powers of the fellows could be gauged more accurately.

Everyone was glad to see the Head Master turn out, and very useful he was to some of the younger boys at a difficult hedge. And so ended a very pleasant run.

[I am still stiff. Ed.]

THE CLOCK TOWER.

Copy of circular issued.

"SCHOOL HOUSE, ABINGDON,
"JUNE 10TH, 1890.

"DEAR SIR,

We are appealing to you as a friend and Old Boy of Abingdon School to give your kind help and influence towards placing a School Turret Clock in one of the Towers of the Buildings. The want of such a Clock has long been felt, and we have received the consent of the Governors to the project, and sufficient promise of support to justify us in the hope that it will be realized.

"An estimate has been obtained from Messrs. Bailey, of Manchester; and it is possible that some slight structural alterations may be necessary to set up the Clock, which will be provided with a strike audible all over the School, and at least one dial facing the playground.

"We propose therefore to raise, if possible, £100 to meet this expense.

"A Committee has been formed consisting of Governors, Old Boys, and Friends;

the names are appended on the inner page, and also a list of some contributions already promised.

"Trusting that you will do what you can to help us.

"We are, yours faithfully,

"W. H. CAM, *Head Master*.

"L. W. PAUL, *Secretary*.

"Subscriptions may be sent direct to us, or to London and County Bank, Abingdon."

The following Subscriptions amongst others have been promised:

	£	s.	d.
The Mayor (T. Townsend, Esq.) ...	5	5	0
The Head Master ...	3	3	0
Archdeacon Pott ...	1	1	0
J. C. Clarke, Esq. ...	3	3	0
J. H. Clarke, Esq. ...	3	3	0
Alderman Tomkins ...	3	3	0
E. J. Trendell, Esq. ...	3	3	0
Bromley Challenor, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Rev. H. Lewis ...	2	2	0
Herbert Young, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Rev. F. A. Bartlett ...	1	1	0
G. W. Shepherd, Esq. ...	0	10	6
Arthur Shepherd, Esq. ...	0	10	6
The Recorder... ...	1	1	0
E. H. Bartlett, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Geo. S. Payne, Esq....	1	0	0
Mrs. Oliver ...	1	1	0
Herman A. A. D'Almaine, Esq. ...	1	1	0
H. W. Gough, Esq. ...	2	0	0
Rev. W. M. Abbott ...	0	10	6
Rev. E. T. H. Harper ...	1	1	0
Rev. E. Summers ...	2	2	0
Rev. W. C. Rowland ...	1	1	0
Rev. Cresswell Strange ...	1	1	0
Rev. G. D. Nicholas... ...	0	10	0
T. E. Graham, Esq....	1	0	0
Total ...	£42	16	6

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

JUNIOR CANDIDATES.
HONOURS LIST.*Second Class, in order of Merit.*

Powell, N. G. 7th.

Morland, W. T. 12th.

Pryce, F. H. 71st.

Russwurm, W. L. 78th.

Pass.

Brown, R. G.

DISTINCTION.Powell, N. G. { Greek, 6th.
Latin, 3rd.

Morland, W. T. Latin, 17th.

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**OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL
CERTIFICATE EXAMS.**

Saunders, N. A.

Townsend, J.

Morland, P. H.

July, 1890.

CORRESPONDENCE.
*To the Editor of the "Abingdonian."***DEAR SIR,**

Why should we not have some
Theatricals at Christmas, as I am told
used to be the custom?

I am sure lots of the parents would come.

Hoping you will suggest this at head-
quarters.

Yours &c.,

ACTOR.*To the Editor of the "Abingdonian."***DEAR SIR,**

Would it not be possible to have a
Singing Competition every year?

I am sure Mrs. Cam would not only let
us practice on her piano, but would also
coach us.

I know someone offered to give a prize
if the Competition was set on foot, but so
far nothing has been done.

Yours truly,

TREBLE.*To the Editor of the "Abingdonian."***SIR,**

Would it not be as well if the Captain
of the Football Team locked up the spare
footballs during the matches, so as to pre-
vent the boys who are not playing for the
team, kicking them on to the ground?

Yours faithfully,

A VISITOR.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Nigger.—No. Pear's Soap would not suit
you. Try Monkey Brand.

Poet.—Please send your "effusions." We
will certainly insert them if "suetible"!
Judging from your spelling they must
be rather "punny."

We congratulate A. H. Lewis on passing
third in Finisbury Technical College.