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EDITORIAL.

WE wish to offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Cyril E. Simpson, B.A., Brasenose College, Oxford, for the trouble, pains and expense he undertook in bringing out the first number of the Abingdonian.

The Subscriptions towards the Clock Tower are not coming in as fast as we should like to see them. In another part of the paper will be found the list of subscriptions received or promised during this term, and we fear unless the Old Boys come forward with somewhat greater eagerness, and practically shew us that they have the interests of their old School at heart, it will be some con-

siderable time before we shall be able to raise the requisite £100.

Since this is the first year we have been able to record our Sports in the Abingdonian. We take the opportunity of again thanking J. Heber Clarke, Esq., Fitzharris, Abingdon, for the very handsome Challenge Cup, which he presented to the School last year; also we wish to express our thanks to all those who have substantially helped us with subscriptions and prizes both now and in past years towards our Sports. A list of subscribers appears in another column of the paper, together with the Balance Sheet of the Expenses.

We learn that S. Swabey, B.A., late Scholar and Master here, and in both capacities, prominent in our out-door games, has been ordained at Carlisle. We hope his career in the future will be marked by the same brilliancy as in the past.

Three Candidates went up at the beginning of this term for the Pembroke Scholarship, of whom J. Townsend

proved Successful. We are sure that he will also prove a credit to his School.

Turning our attention to the river, we regret to have to record that the School Four has only once this term appeared on the water. Hitherto, we have had the reputation of sending good boating men to Oxford, and steps should be taken to ensure a like success in future years. If the present crew are too lazy to go out and improve themselves by the practice and coaching which they sadly need, surely other boys could be found who would willingly take their places; and then why should we not have a race or two against other schools? Such races would cause interest to be taken in the club and give the crews some reason to be proud of their colours. There are Schools in Oxford who would be glad of a race with us, and we hope the Captain will see fit to challenge them.

Owing doubtless to the severity of the weather there are no signs of any budding poet.

The only contribution that we have received has come from outside, and we hope that it will act as an encouragement to members of the school.

In the last number the late Editor, to whom we owe such a debt of gratitude, concluded his editorial remarks by saying that any suggestions as to the conduct of the paper, if reasonable, would be carefully considered. We are glad that the saving clause, *if reasonable*, was added. Some of the suggestions offered were flippant, not to say offensive. Under the latter head we may place the remark of a Sincere Well-wisher that the Editors should go bury themselves.

One piece of advice, that we should publish a list of School Officers we have actually adopted. With a second suggestion that we should call the paper the *Roysssean*, we have been unable to comply for the following reasons. No one outside the town would know who was meant. No one knows how to spell the word. Thirdly, with one exception, no school paper, which we know is called by its founder's name. They make use of the name, either of the place, or of the patron saint, and with a patron saint we are yet to be provided.

We shall be glad of further suggestions.

OFFICERS.

Captain of Football	F. BENNETTS.
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Hon. Sec. of Cricket	N. A. SAUNDERS.

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W. L. RUSSWORM.	F. H. PRYCE.
Treasurer	P. H. MORLAND.
Hon. Sec.	F. H. PRYCE.

Captain of Boating Club	F. H. PRYCE.
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EXPERIENCES ON THE CONTINENT.

THE JOURNEY OUT.

I went to Germany in the summer of 1889, and spent a couple of months there with a "reading party." Ever since my return I have been asked by my various friends and relations to write an account of our doings there. It is odd how one's friends and relations, especially the latter, always imagine

that the duty of doing anything "brilliant" devolves on anybody but themselves. When I first went up to Oxford, they, one and all, would have it that I was going to be Senior Wrangler (I was reading Classics, by the way,) and was destined to become ultimately a Fellow of my College and an Ornament to the University. So, when I came back from Germany I was greeted with "of course you will write an account of your adventures," "I always said you would be the writer of the family," and the like. For two years I have resisted all such appeals, and it is now only with reluctance, and purely for the sake of providing "padding" for the Magazine, that I have been induced to write the following narrative, which has but one merit, namely, that of being strictly truthful. The present number contains an account of our adventures "en route." Our doings and mis-doings there, and on the way home, may perhaps appear in future issues.

To begin at the beginning, let it be recorded that, at a meeting held at the end of term, my friends and myself, after examining the dominions of the Great Kaiser on an atlas, pitched upon the old University town of Freiburg, in Breisgau, as a suitable place for the pursuit of knowledge. We decided also to take a coach with us. The coach would have it that he took us, but we considered such an opinion as trivial. Thus it came to pass that towards the end of June we embarked on the G.E. R. Cos'. Boat "Cambridge" and steamed out of Harwich Harbour. The passage, being smooth, was uneventful. On entering the Skeldt about 5 a.m. on a lovely Summer morning, we all turned out to see the

pretty old town of Flushing. As we gazed, a boat put off from the shore and brought a pilot aboard. We greeted the Dutchman as they approached with such cries as "Bow, you're hurrying!" "Now then stroke, give them a quicken" (which they needed badly) and many other riverside phrases: but they treated our remarks with silent contempt, and bow, in his utter indifference, caught a crab.

We reached Antwerp about 10 o'clock. On landing we made our way as fast as the begrimed unemployed, who fought over our luggage and charged extortionate prices, would allow us, to the railway and took the train at once for Brussels. We amused ourselves by studying the various notices in the compartment, which for the benefit of Englishers, they are kind enough to translate:—one of them was headed "Button of Appeal" and read as follows "Whoever no needing presses the button of appeal is amenable to "judicious pursuits." We did not feel tempted to try what the "judicious pursuits" were like, but crawled on peacefully to Brussels, which we reached about mid-day.

After spending some six hours exploring the Belgian Capital, we met again at the Railway Station and started en route for Strasburg. When the train stopped at Namur we summoned a porter and assuming an air of authority proceeded to ply him with questions in what we considered unexceptional French, and were somewhat taken aback when he replied contemptuously in English. He turned out to be the "English porter." They are a pernicious lot, those English porters,—they are to be found

all along the line and the sole purpose of their existence is to score off the travelling Englishman. You may speak French with the accent of a Parisian or the eloquence of a deputy; but the English porter, will find you out and snub you. We, finding that this particular villain understood English, treated him to some wholesome repartee in our mother-tongue, and so passed on, leaving him bewildered.

Towards eleven o'clock we prepared ourselves for sleep, thinking to get a comfortable night's rest 'ere arriving at Strasburg at 4 a.m. The other three men, indeed, who shared a carriage with me, realised this ambition (partially), and the sound of their contented snores went up peacefully—and kept me awake. To me the night seemed one prolonged torture. No sooner did I begin to doze off than the train pulled up with a jerk at a wayside station, and a German whose corpulence was exceeded only by his want of manners, bustled in (if one can imagine a steam-roller bustling) and seated himself (he weighed some 17 stone) on me! My position, to say the least of it, was humiliating—but what could I do? Kick and struggle as much as I would, there was no moving 17 stone of German stolidity. I was beginning to feel that I was slowly dying when to my relief we reached Dettingen and were promptly and unceremoniously turned out to have our luggage examined as we were now entering on German soil. Here we spent a most miserable half-hour in a kind of 'Hunt the Hatbox' business amid a scene of the wildest confusion, the travellers one and all reviling the custom house officials, who were all the time blackguarding the guard, who

in his turn vented his righteous wrath on the porters, who, having no subordinate to slander, swore vehemently at one another. At last our various properties were found, examined and passed and we were once more on our way.

At 4 a.m. we reached Strasburg, and determined to satisfy the Englishman's natural desire for a scrub. This object we found to be more difficult to attain than we had anticipated. The guard to whom we appealed thought the idea too frivolous to be contemplated, the English porter mocked us, the natives jeered at us, but we were resolute. At last we found the station-master, who appeared to be a liberal-minded man. He eyed us closely, and perceiving in spite of our begrimed countenances, that we were 'Engländer,' solemnly marched us off and thrust us into a remote cell, where we (nine of us) disported ourselves with a small basin and one towel. We spent about 5 hours in Strasburg, seeing the Cathedral, hearing the oft-told tale of the Great Siege, and breakfasting, and then once more took up the thread of our journey, of which by this time we were heartily tired.

At last we reached our destination, and took up our abode, temporarily, at the comfortable Hotel Engel. We had intended to keep our arrival secret, but in vain. The news reached Freiburg before we did, and the good old town was not behindhand in receiving us with due and befitting pomp. Triumphant arches spanned the broad streets, Venetian masts tottered beneath a wealth of luxuriant foliage, flags waved, banners fluttered, and a brass band could be heard playing the National

Anthem. As we wended our way to our Hotel we felt indeed proud. It was said afterwards that this great reception was meant not for us, but for a paltry Grand Duke, who happened to arrive that day, but such an insinuation can only have proceeded from the malignant and slanderous, and we treated it with the contempt it deserved.

A CONTRAST AND A WARNING.

THE CONTRAST.

PART I.

An Ancient Porch, I dreamt one night,
I heard to me relate
The different scenes, both sad and bright
Which passed within its gate.

And thus it spoke: "This very day
"I heard the bells peel out,
"And everything was fine and gay,
"A wedding without doubt."

"Yes, here they come, she decked in
white,
"As fair as any bride,
"The bridegroom radiant with delight,
"And flushed with joy and pride."

"They bind their troth with beating
heart,
"The knot the clergy splice,
"The organ peals, the two depart
"Amidst a shower of rice.

PART II.

"But hark! what mournful sound is this
"That grates upon my ear,
"Ah, 'tis the measured tramp of death,
"A funeral draweth near."

"Tramp! tramp! tramp! still on they
come,

"Bareheaded though it rain,
"All draped in black lamenting one
"They ne'er will see again."

"Hark! earth to earth and dust to dust
"These solemn words are said,
"And now the weeping widow must,
"Herself force from the dead."

PART III.

THE WARNING.

Once more in accents grave and low,
The voice to me then said
"Consider now where you would go
"If t'were yourself were dead?"

The voice then ceased and I awoke,
Ahead death seemed to loom,
Oh God!! I was not when it spoke
Prepared to meet my doom.

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OXFORD NOTES.

THE Hilary Term has been no more eventful than usual. The various inter-Varsity contests, though affording matter for speculation and interest all took place away; so that in Oxford itself, the Torpids have been the only event of much importance, except for those who have been in the Schools. Speaking of the Schools, let us congratulate J. W. Veysey in advance on his place in the Mods. List, which will have appeared before this paper is in print.

The Torpids were most uninteresting, especially after the first two nights. In the first division night after night ther

was the same procession. Even the few boats which did race against one another were separated regularly by almost the same distance. B.N.C. finished head for the sixth successive year. There were many who would have liked to see New College successful, simply from weariness of seeing B.N.C. always grinding along in front. The periodical struggles between these two boats are certainly getting monotonous. In the Eights however, Magdalen seem likely to have a very good boat, which should afford a new element of interest.

Abingdon was not represented in the Torpids from the fact that every Abingdonian, who takes to boating seems to get into his College Eight as a matter of course. This indeed has been a noticeable fact for several years past. We cannot yet, however, boast of a Blue. Perhaps J. W. Veysey, with increased practice and experience, will confer that distinction on himself and the School.

C. H. Payne rowed bow for Merton in the Clinker Fours (open to boats in the Second Division of the Eights). Merton were just beaten by Lincoln in the final heat.

A. B. Morland and J. W. Veysey have been playing regularly in the Pembroke Association Team, on the left wing and at half-back respectively. This is a place where Veysey was never seen at school, but it suits him admirably. His play has been marked by the same vigour and effectiveness as of old.

Another Abingdon Oxonian, W. E. Robinson,—who has been seen on the

tow-path at Oxford for a short time this term—has taken up Football again, playing in the Guy's Hospital Rugby Team.

Before leaving these personal items we may mention that A. B. Morland has been President of the Pembroke College Debating Society this term.

The net result of the inter-Varsity contests is decidedly satisfactory to Oxford. It is true that we were unfortunate in not winning the Rugby match, and were badly beaten in the Sports. The Association match however, was a distinct triumph, though not altogether unexpected by a good many critics. It is to be hoped that Oxford will look up in Cricket as much as in other sports.

CERISE & WHITE.

FOOTBALL.

THE first match this term was against the Town, on our ground, on Feb. 7th, when we were defeated by 5 goals to 2. Having only been back about a week from the holidays, and having lost our centre forward (who was umpire for the visitors), we were rather slack, and shewed no combination. Our goalkeeper was far from his usual form, for he missed several easy shots. The Town brought a stronger team against us than in the previous match, for they intended to win the game. Our goals were scored by L. C. Hodgson, Esq., and F. H. Pryce.

On Wednesday, Feb. 11th, we played Thame School on our ground, and won

by 6 goals to nil. Our new centre forward, N. A. Saunders, got on very well, and we shewed more combination than in the previous match. Our points were scored by F. H. Pryce (2), N. A. Saunders, F. Bennetts, R. S. Shopland, and P. H. Morland.

On the 14th we played Reading School, on our ground, when the visitors, though not much inferior to ourselves, sustained a defeat of 3 to nil. In this match we did not shew to much advantage, for we ought to have scored several more points. Our goals were scored by N. A. Saunders (2), and H. E. Mallam.

On the 28th we visited the Thame Grammar School, and won by 2 goals to none. The game was very even throughout, and our opponents had rather hard luck in not scoring a goal; they would have done better if they had had their best man in the right place. One side of their ground went up an incline which proved a great disadvantage to our forwards on that wing. We might have scored more goals if we had made better use of our weight. Our points were obtained by N. A. Saunders and A. P. Blandy.

On March 4th, Mr. A. B. Morland, an old boy and scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford, brought over a scratch team, which we succeeded in defeating after a pleasant and fast game by 2 goals to 1. Our goals were scored by L. W. Paul, Esq., and F. Bennetts.

On the 7th we played the Goblins, an Oxford club, who brought over a strong eleven, and in which were

several blues. The game was the fastest and most pleasant we have played this season, although we were defeated by 8 goals to nil; it was pretty even in the first half, but after half-time they showed better form, and added five more points to their score.

On the whole, the School XI has been very successful this season. Seventeen matches have been played, of which we have won 9, and lost 7, one being drawn. In all the matches, the goals scored for the school number 42, against 36 for our various opponents. For school matches only, *i. e.*, those played against other school teams, the figures are rather more in our favour, 6 of those being won and only 3 lost, while our goals number 20, and our opponents' 11.

In weight and pace our men appeared superior to most of the representatives of the schools against which we were matched. The Abingdonians owe their defeats, it seems, in a great measure to their want of combination and inaccurate shooting. It is a great pity the "A. to M." games, which used to go on every day through the football terms both at 11 o'clock and 12.30, and often in the evening after school, have died out. Besides improving the boys' dribbling, pace, and tackling, they must have been more interesting, not to say more healthy, than loafing across the field after school and admiring the turf, and possibly getting one or two shots at the goal.

We are sorry to hear that the cricket XI this summer will have lost Bennetts, captain of the Football team; not that we would wish him to be unsuccessful in

his examination, but he will be missed both on the field and off. We wish him all success and good fortune, wherever he may be.

The Cricket Season is looked forward to with much interest, for though several of those who played for the School last year will be missing, it is to be hoped that their places will be ably filled by recruits from the second flight. F. H. Pryce has been elected Captain in the place of Lewis.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

We held our annual sports in the School grounds on Wednesday, April 8th, having run the Half-mile Handicap and all the heats, except the Semi-finals, on the previous afternoon. The weather was bitterly cold and cloudy, but fortunately there was no rain. On account of the cold the attendance, both on the ground and at the wall was much smaller than usual.

The chief difference in the programme from last year's was the much-needed introduction of an Open Quarter-mile. On carefully comparing this year's results with last we are glad to be able to report a general and often very marked improvement in the times and distance.

We especially congratulate P. H. Morland on his brilliant pace and style in the 100 Yards and Quarter-mile Open, and F. H. Pryce on beating last year's record for the Long Jump and Weight, by 2ft. 2in. and 1ft. 6in. respectively.

We think it is a pity that the scratch men do not train more thoroughly for

the half-mile; for we believe it is four years since a scratch man has won this event.

HALF-MILE HANDICAP.

First Prize presented by L. W. Paul, Esq.

(1) H. L. DRIVER, 50 yds. (2) R. S. SHOPLAND, 30 yds. (3) G. BROWN, 120 yds. Time 2min. 33secs.

The half-mile was run on Tuesday after the heats, and proved a very even race. For, although handicap men secured the places, a scratch man finished fifth. The finish was very close; and Shopland and Driver ran exceedingly well, while Brown was very smart and thoroughly deserved his place.

(1) LONG JUMP. (Open.)

First Prize, presented by A. F. Blandy, Esq.

1. F. H. PRYCE, 18ft. 8in. 2. P. H. MORLAND, 17ft. 10in. 3. W. T. MORLAND.

The Long Jump was unusually good this year, and a remarkable improvement on last year's 16ft. 6in.

(2) 80 YARDS. (Under 12.)

First Prize, presented by A. H. Simpson, Esq.

1. S. BLANDY. 2. B. CHALLENGER. Time 11 secs.

Blandy ran very well, winning by a couple of yards. A. Payne was a good third.

(3) QUARTER-MILE. (Open.)

First Prize, presented by J. W. R. Bros, Esq.,

1. P. H. MORLAND. 2. W. T. MORLAND
3. F. H. PRYCE. Time 61½ secs.

Five started for this event. P. H. Morland led off at a fast pace and passed the post the first time in front, but closely followed by Pryce. The other three dropped a few yards behind. P. H. Morland gradually increased his lead and won by 10 yards, while W. T. Morland drew up to Pryce, who was run out, and passed him right at the finish, and took the second place.

(4) LONG JUMP. (under 15)

First Prize presented by E. L. Shepherd, Esq.

1. H. ANWYL. 2. P. A. HOLMES.
3. C. T. GRAHAM.

Anwyl cleared 15ft. 7in., winning by a couple of feet. There was only an inch or so between the second and third.

(5) 100 YARDS. (Open.)

First Prize presented by J. T. Morland, Esq.

1. P. H. MORLAND. 2. F. H. PRYCE.
3. W. T. MORLAND.

Time 10½ secs.

P. H. Morland won by about 3 yards in very good time. There were 2 yards between the second and third.

(6) The Semi-final Heats of the 120 yards Handicap were then run.

(7) PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

(16 lbs.)

First Prize, presented by T. Townsend, Esq.

1. F. H. PRYCE. 2. W. L. RUSSWORM.
3. N. A. SAUNDERS. Distant 26ft. 3in.

Pryce won easily by 3ft. Last year's record was 24ft 9in. or eighteen inches less.

(8) QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP.

Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon.

1. G. BROWN, 60 yds. 2. H. G. VEYSEY, 35yds.
3. R. S. SHOPLAND.

Time 63½ secs.

Brown ran very well but was rather over-handicapped. Saunders made a good effort to catch him, but gave up in the middle of the straight. Shopland and Driver came to the front and took the third and fourth places. Veysey ran very strongly indeed.

(9) HIGH JUMP. (Under 14.)

First Prize, presented by B. Challenor, Esq.

1. P. A. HOLMES. 2. H. W. ANWYL.
3. C. R. POWELL. Height 4ft 2in.

Holmes and Anwyl tied for sometime at 4ft. 2in., but the former eventually won. The height was rather above the average for that event.

(10) HURDLE RACE. (Under 16)

Final Heat.

First Prize presented by Mrs. Cam.

1. W. L. RUSSWORM. 2. H. W. ANWYL.
- Time 19¾ secs.

This was a very close race. Russwurm and Anwyl came down abreast, and the former only won by a yard.

(11) 120 YARDS HANDICAP.

1. F. I. S. BAKER, 15yds. 2. P. H. MORLAND, scratch. H. W. ANWYL, 3yds.

Baker ran very gamely and beat the scratch man by 2 yards; there was the same distance between the second and third.

(12) TRIPOD RACE. (Final Heat)

1. {W. T. MORLAND. 2. {H. G. VEYSEY
{J. W. BROWN. {C. R. POWELL
Time 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

This event took the place of the Obstacle and Sack races of last year. It is a splendid object-lesson in the science of combination; and its popularity was proved by the entry of 14 pairs, so that two heats were necessary.

It is noteworthy that two pairs of brothers were drawn together. In the final heat there was a very close run for the first place.

(13) HIGH JUMP (Open.)

First Prize presented by R. Prowde, Esq.

1. P. H. MORLAND. 2. R. S. SHOPLAND. W. T. MORLAND.
Height 4ft. 10in.

This was a very close contest. Three competitors tied at 4ft. 9in., but eventually P. H. Morland won, clearing 4ft. 10in in an exhibition jump. Shopland and Morland were bracketed equal.

(14) HURDLE RACE. (Open.)

Final Heat.

First Prize presented by L. C. Hodgson Esq.

1. P. H. MORLAND. 2. F. H. PRYCE.
3. R. S. SHOPLAND. Time 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

Morland and Pryce had a splendid run for the first place, the latter being beaten by about a yard.

(15) 100 YARDS (Under 14.)

First Prize presented by W. W. Kenny, Esq.

1. H. W. ANWYL. 2. P. A. HOLMES
3. H. F. GRAHAM.

Anwyl won easily; but Holmes and Graham fought hard for the second place.

(16) CONSOLATION RACE. 100 yards.
(Open.)

1. N. A. SAUNDERS. 2. A. P. BLANDY.
Time 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Saunders won by a couple of yards.

(17) CONSOLATION RACE. (Under 15).

1. C. T. GRAHAM. 2. H. F. GRAHAM.

(18) OLD ABINGDONIANS' RACE.
100 yards.

Prize presented by Rev. W. H. Cam.
1. F. O. TOWNSEND. Time 11 secs.

There was a very small field for this event, only three starting. But considerable interest was aroused by the closeness of the race, and by the affectionate way in which the competitors crowded together.

THE CHALLENGE CUP,

was won by P. H. MORLAND, 45 points.
Proxime accessit F. H. PRYCE, 33 points.

The prizes were distributed in the open air after the last event by the Mayoress of Abingdon, (Mrs. Tomkins).

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1891.

	£	s.	d.
T. Tatham, Esq. (Northcourt) ...	0	10	0
W. Nash, Esq. (Temple. E.C.) ...	0	10	0
W. Powell, Esq. (Garford) ...	0	10	0
F. Driver, Esq. (Southsea) ...	0	10	6
E. J. Treadell, Esq. ...	0	10	0
J. C. Clarke, Esq. ...	0	10	0
J. R. Shopland, Esq. (Parton) ...	0	10	0
J. Tomkins, Esq. (Mayor) ...	0	10	0
Colonel Ballie ...	0	10	0
W. Holmes, Esq., Jun: (Henley) ...	0	10	0
C. A. Pryce, Esq. ...	0	10	0
E. Morland, Esq. ...	0	10	0
E. H. Morland, Esq. (West Isley) ...	0	10	0
C. Brown, Esq. (Kingston) ...	0	10	0
S. I. Baker, Esq. ...	0	7	6
J. Brown, Esq. (Chilhampton) ...	0	5	0
G. W. Payne, Esq. ...	0	5	0
J. F. Downing, Esq. ...	0	5	0
E. M. Challoner, Esq. ...	0	5	0
F. Franzowitz, Esq. ...	0	5	0
T. Graham, Esq. ...	0	5	0
Rev. A. Saunders ...	0	5	0
S. A. Hayman, Esq. ...	0	5	0
P. Martin, Esq. ...	0	5	0
G. W. Shepherd, Esq. ...	0	5	0
A. Arnold, Esq. ...	0	5	0
Rev. S. G. Edwards ...	0	2	6
J. W. Anwyl, Esq. ...	0	2	6
Rev. J. Veysey ...	0	5	0

TOTAL £10 13 0

ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Donations ...	10	13	0

Entrance Fees—

	£	s.	d.
Boarders ...	2	16	0
Day-boys ...	2	10	0
Old-boys ...	0	12	6

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TOTAL £16 11 6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Glanville (Prizes) ...	9	4	6
Messrs. Wood and Hughes (Printing) ...	2	7	6
Mr. Reynolds (Hurdles) ...	0	4	6
Mr. George ...	0	10	0
Mr. Leech ...	0	5	0
Police ...	0	5	0
Postage ...	0	3	0
Mr. Short (Lathes) ...	0	2	0
Whiting, Brush, and Twine ...	0	1	6
Balance in hand... ..	3	8	6

TOTAL £16 11 6

THE CLOCK TOWER.

The following are the subscriptions received or promised since the issue of our last number.

	£	s.	d.
S. I. Baker, Esq.	1	1	0
A. R. Thorn, Esq.	10	6	
H. G. L. Rice, Esq.	5	0	
A. H. Lewis, Esq.	10	6	
J. Shopland, Esq.	5	0	

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Abingdonian."

DEAR SIR,

I have often wondered, both when playing for the School, and also when only watching a match going on within the School grounds, why it is that the boys who are not playing in the School team show so very like interest in the game or the success of the School XI.

Seldom, if ever, are there more than eight or ten of the boys looking on at any match, either football or cricket and those few, although they appear to take a certain amount of interest in the game, give little or no encouragement to the players.

Whenever we have played against other