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EDITORIAL.

WE have come to the beginning of another School year; and at the beginning of a new year we always notice with regret, the absence of a number of familiar faces. The School, we are pleased to see, keeps

up the numbers of last year, yet in many ways, it will be hard to supply the places of those that have left. Among the most prominent of those who have now joined the ranks of the old boys, are N. A. Saunders, P. H. Morland, H. E. Mallam, W. L. Russwurm, C. T. Graham. Of these the first three have gone up to Oxford. Saunders of course is now in residence at Pembroke; Morland has gone to St. John's, where we hope he will soon be successful in obtaining a Scholarship, a distinction which he so nearly won on more than one occasion last year. Mallam we must heartily congratulate on having obtained a Mathematical Exhibition at Hertford, and we expect that in no long

time we shall see his name among the Scholars of his College. Mid-winter, we understand, intends to be an Accountant and is at present in Mr. Preston's Office at Oxford. Russwurm is still in the town, but we hope that he will soon find some congenial employment. One and all of them we wish all possible success.

The prospects of the Football Season at one time did not appear very bright, but now that we have seen one or two matches played, we have reason considerably to modify our opinion. The team has not the weight or pace of last year's XI. and there are one or two weak spots, notably at full back. Anwyl plays a remarkably good game, but his colleague though plucky is not strong or fast enough to render him really efficient support. W. T. Morland, the Captain, is indefatigable at half-back, and against St. John's School played a splendid game. He is well supported by Shepherd who is a good and improving player. Coming to the forwards we are much pleased with the improved form shown by W. O. Holmes; his brother too plays as well as he ever did last year. Lovett and Brown are small but understand the game, Batten too seems to have the making of a good forward. One

thing there is that cannot be impressed on the whole team too strongly, and that is the inestimable value of combination. The halves should pay more attention to feeding the forwards, whilst the forwards should not wait till they are in difficulties before they attempt to pass, if we can style a blind kick at the ball an attempt to pass; they should remember that selfish play is not merely as a rule useless, but absolutely injurious; there is nothing more infectious, and the selfishness of one makes combination impossible.

Before leaving the subject of games we must call attention to the little interest in matches that is taken by members of the School, not in the team. A few old boys and one or two friends come regularly to the ground, but as for the boys themselves some are lazily kicking a ball about, but the majority are nowhere to be seen. At the old boy's race also at the end of last term there was not a single boy at the starting post, the task of running with the crew being left to a few old boys and one or two others, whilst the present did not join in till half the course had been rowed.

Abingdon has seen another fair. As we walked through, we noticed

not with any peculiar feelings of regret the absence of the Fat Woman and other monstrosities. Their places were taken by two High Art Picture Galleries. Believers as we are in the humanizing influence of education, we felt a thrill of pride; we imagined that vulgar exhibitions had had their day, that galloping horses or even a switchback could not satisfy the higher aspirations of the masses that frequented fairs, that something else was needed. We went closer, we looked, but alas! physical had only given place to moral monstrosities, the Fat Woman to Deeming; we went away and listened to the pathetic story of little Jim whom we saw wafted away to the top of the tent by most corporeal Angels.

We wish to thank the old boys for the generous way in which they subscribed to the Reading Room Fund, on Founder's Day, last term. If we could only count on their generosity becoming annual, many more papers or periodicals could be taken in without raising the general subscription, which at present is One Shilling.

MORE WORK WANTED.

To the Editor of the Abingdonian.
Sir,

Parents have often complained, through the press, of the length of

School Holidays. I venture further to protest against the absurdly light work imposed on boys when they are actually at school. We send our boys to school to work; but they seem to spend a great deal of their time in amusing themselves. Nor are they really made to work in school, at least they appear to find their work much easier than I did when I was a boy. As to the discipline boys will not respect their masters unless they are made to fear them; and if they don't respect their masters there is danger of their not respecting their parents, a danger which I have often found realized.

I would make the following practical suggestions. First, the work should be rather heavier. Afternoon school might well be from 2 to 5 and more work might be given for preparation. Secondly, punishment should be more frequent, and more severe. The cane has become almost obsolete, with the result that the want of respect on the part of the rising generation towards their elders is quite intolerable.

Any alleviation of these defects would greatly relieve

A VEXED PARENT.

A MOTHER'S COMPLAINT.

To the Editor of the Abingdonian.

Dear Sir,

Have Schoolmasters *no* hearts. Really their behaviour is sometimes quite *cruel*. My dear little boy is only twelve years old and yet he is actually expected to be at school on the *coldest* morning *punctually* at nine.

And as if this were not enough, the *slightest* fault in his work is punished, just as if the poor little fellow could learn *everything*. Only to-day some *horrid* master had the cruelty to set him no less than *fifty* lines to write as a punishment. I am *sure* he is worked *much* too hard. Even when he comes out of school he has more work to do, and that all by himself without *any* help. I *really* fear his health won't stand it, and I wonder more parents do not complain of the *most* severe treatment our dear children have to suffer. *Do*, Mr. Editor, *please* not only insert this letter, but do what you can to remedy this hard-heartedness.

Yours sincerely,

A FOND MOTHER.

October 28th, 1892.

PAST & PRESENT CRICKET MATCH.

The various events which mark the end of the Summer term and academical year, were all favoured by fine weather. The Past and Present Cricket Match was played amid glorious sunshine, which helped to attract a large company both of ladies and gentlemen. The interest taken by friends from round about in the School Matches, both at Cricket and Football, has been a most satisfactory feature in the last few seasons, and must have had a beneficial effect on the play of the teams. In the match under notice, the spectators were treated to some really good Cricket. The Old Boys, who batted first, made a very respectable score, over 70, which would have won in a good many years. None of them scored heavily, but all did something. The score of the Present team ran into three figures, thanks chiefly to a really fine innings of 46 by the Captain, W. T. Morland. He played rather more freely than he often does,—a well-advised change of style. His driving was clean and hard, and his style generally both neat and correct. The Old Boys' second innings was

noticeable for some desperate slogging by R. Shopland, who made over 50, and an almost equally freely hit innings of 29, by F. H. Pryce. The innings was closed with six wickets down; but there was only the least chance of getting the Present all out, and their innings was devoid of any particular interest. The victory of the Present was naturally popular, and equally well-deserved.

PRESENT.

1st. Innings.

P. A. Holmes	b	Shopland	1
W. T. Morland	b	Hayden	46
P. H. Morland	b	Shopland	4
H. E. Mallam	b	Hayden	11
N. A. Saunders	b	Hayden	12
W. L. Russwurm	b	Hayden	2
A. W. Morland		not out	8
W. E. Midwinter	b	Hayden	6
W. O. Holmes	c	Shopland b Lewis	1
H. Shopland	b	Lewis	7
N. P. Shepherd	b	Lewis	4
		Extras	13
		Total	115

2nd. Innings.

P. A. Holmes	c	Powell	b	Baker	4
W. T. Morland	c	Powell	b	Baker	0
P. H. Morland		b		Pryce	6
H. E. Mallam		b		Pryce	3
N. A. Saunders	c	F. Morland	b	Baker	3
W. L. Russwurm	c	Powell	b	Baker	11
W. E. Midwinter			not out		2
W. O. Holmes			not out		0
			Extras		20
			Total		49

PAST.

1st. Innings..

A. B. Morland	c	Midwinter	b	Saunders	13
A. H. Lewis	c	Midwinter	b	Saunders	2
C. B. Hayden	c	Russwurm	b	W. Morland	6
H. G. Veysey		b		P. Holmes	9
R. Shopland		b		W. Morland	2
F. H. Pryce		c & b		Mallam	10
F. J. Baker	c	W. Holmes	b	Mallam	6
G. H. Morland		b		W. Morland	4
H. L. Driver	c	Russwurm	b	W. Morland	1
N. G. Powell		b		W. Morland	5
F. J. Morland			not out		2
			Extras		11
			Total		71

2nd. Innings.

A. B. Morland		b		Saunders	0
C. B. Hayden		b		Mallam	15
H. G. Veysey		b		Saunders	1
R. S. Shopland		b		W. Morland	56
F. H. Pryce			not out		29
			Extras		5
					*106

* Innings declared closed.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

It seemed doubtful at one time whether we should be able at all to commemorate in proper manner, the benefactions of our revered Founder. The preacher and a large portion of the congregation, were by some accident stranded at Radley Junction, and the service was half an hour late in beginning, Mr Hallett having arrived in a specially chartered pony trap. Had he not

arrived at all our loss would have been great, for his intelligent and earnest sermon well repaid the attention which it received. Not the least pleased were numerous contemporaries of Mr. Hallett who were present.

The Distribution of Prizes was attended by the usual demonstrations, some of the awards seeming especially popular. The examiner's report was sufficiently complimentary to be satisfactory, and at the same time just candid enough to be genuine. The weakness noticed by Mr. Tuckwell in the modern part of the work is a general one, and, one we think, only to be expected in a Grammar School.

At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Tuckwell delivered an eloquent address on the English educational system in general. Many of his remarks were eminently controvertible: it was accordingly to be regretted that, speaking as he did, with apparent authority, circumstances did not admit of a reply to his speech. Mr. Cam briefly hinted that he was not entirely in accord with Mr. Tuckwell; and we are inclined to agree with him, that the majority of English parents are satisfied with the education which their sons get at the higher grade

schools. The object of education as conceived at our Universities and the chief Schools, is not to turn out omniscient noodles or mere thinking machines, but rather well-informed gentlemen, likely to get on in any of the ordinary paths of life. Our aim is culture as much as knowledge.

We venture to think that the average English gentleman is as good an all round man, physically and intellectually, as the average German; while at the same time, we have shown ourselves not behind other nations in enriching the world with really great men. There is danger however in being too well satisfied with ourselves and surroundings, and criticisms from those like Mr. Tuckwell, of a reforming spirit, are always in place.

THE REGATTA.

We are glad to be able to report a marked improvement in the affairs of the Boating Club, the powers that be having at last put away the spirit of inaction which has prevailed for the last few years. Following on the races, which we gave accounts of in our last number we have to publish particulars of a Regatta held at the end of last term. A suggestion to hold such a Regatta

was eagerly caught up, and in a meeting convened for the purpose a committee was chosen representing past and present boys. The members of the committee were W. L. Russwurm, G. H. Morland, W. T. Morland, W. O. Holmes. We offer our congratulations to these for the manner in which they carried out all arrangements. The novelty of the affair secured a fair number of entries from the present, and several old boys who had come up for Founder's Day were glad to join in. The day fixed for the races was Wednesday, July 28th, but in order to relieve the programme the following heats were decided on the two previous evenings.

SCHOOL SCULLS.

1st heat H. Shopland scratched to H. Anwyl
 2nd „ N. A. Saunders beat H. Morland
 3rd „ N. T. Morland heat P. A. Holmes
 4th „ W. O. Holmes beat A. H. Batten

2. SCHOOR PAIRS.

1st heat—

P. A. Holmes	} beat.	H. Shopland
A. H. Batten		S. Blandy
J. Brown, cox.		B. Challenor, cox.

2nd heat—

W. L. Russwurm,	} beat.	P. H. Morland
W. O. Holmes		H. E. Mallam
A. W. Morland, cox.		J. Brown, cox.

3rd heat—

H. Anwyl	} beat.	W. T. Morland
H. Morland		W. A. Saunders
H. Daly, cox.		G. Brown, cox.

Wednesday turned out a fine day and a large number of the friends of the boys assembled to witness the racing. A stern official supplied by the Thames Conservancy kept the course clear and all arrangements were perfect. The Head Master kindly officiated as judge; J. T. Morland, Esq., was umpire; and L. W. Paul, Esq., starter.

The principal event of the afternoon was the annual race between crews of past and present Abingdonians.

The crews were made up as follows:—

PRESENT.

bow. P. H. Morland
 2. H. Anwyl
 3. W. L. Russwurm
 str. W. T. Morland
 cox. P. A. Holms

PAST.

bow. F. H. Pryce
 2. F. J. Robinson
 3. W. E. Robinson
 str. R. Shopland
 cox. A. B. Morland

The past crew were rather the more powerful of the two but were of course in very inferior training. However they got off well and extending themselves to their utmost managed to keep the lead till about fifty yards from the winning post. Here one of their crew had the misfortune to catch a fine healthy "crab" and the others also thoroughly collapsing, the School crew gradually came up to them and finally won a close and exciting race by about half a length. The winners thoroughly

deserved their victory as they had trained hard in the term and rowed very pluckily when they seemed to be having the worst of the race; they were warmly cheered at the finish. For the past W. E. Robinson rowed splendidly and was the only one who was able to last the course.

The other events were :—

1. SCHOOL SCULLS.

(2nd round).

H. Anwyl beat W. T. Morland

W. L. Russwurm rowed over

W. O. Holmes beat N. A. Saunders

SEMI-FINAL HEATS.

Russwurm beat Holmes

H. Anwyl rowed over

FINAL HEAT.

H. Anwyl beat W. L. Russwurm

A close race was expected and scarcely anyone ventured to predict which of the two could win the cup kindly presented by G. Morland, Esq. Anwyl soon gained the lead and though he did not increase it very much never lost it all the way. Russwurm seemed to tire towards the end and Anwyl was declared winner by four lengths.

SCHOOL PAIRS.

(2nd round).

P. A. Holmes	} beat.	W. L. Russwurm
A. H. Batten		W. O. Holmes
H. Daly, cox.		A. W. Morland, cox.

H. Anwyl	} rowed over.
H. Morland	
H. Daly, cox.	

FINAL HEAT.

P. A. Holmes	} beat.	H. Morland
A. H. Batten		H. Anwyl
J. Brown, cox.		H. Daly, cox.

The most noticeable thing in these races was the steering, which in nearly every case was simply atrocious. In the final heat the losers made a good fight and might perhaps have won if Daly had not been so persistent in hugging the shore.

INVITATION FOURS.

1st heat—

bow. H. L. Driver	} beat.	bow. H. Shopland
2. W. O. Holmes		2. A. H. Batten
3. H. G. Veysey		3. F. H. Pryce
str. R. Shopland		str. A. B. Morland
cox. P. A. Holmes		cox. A. W. Morland

2nd heat—

bow. P. A. Morland	} beat.	R. Shopland's crew
2. F. J. Baker		
3. L. W. Paul		
str. L. C. Hodgson		
cox. F. J. Morland		

3rd heat—

bow. W. T. Morland	} beat.	bow. F. J. Robinson
2. W. A. Jacob		2. C. A. Bacon
3. H. d'Almaine		3. T. Anderson
str. W. E. Robinson		str. W. Anderson
cox. A. H. Baker		cox. H. E. Mallam

FINAL HEAT.

W. E. Robinson's crew beat L. C. Hodgson's.

This last was for a great part of the course a close race, but Robinson's crew was far the heaviest and strongest and in the end won with some ease.

OPEN SCULLS

(1st round).

1st heat G. H. Morland beat A. B. Morland
 2nd „ F. Robinson „ F. J. Robinson
 3rd „ H. d'Almaine „ H. L. Driver
 4th „ F. H. Pryce „ R. S. Shopland
 5th „ A. H. Batten „ H. G. Veysey

2nd round.

1st heat G. H. Morland beat F. H. Pryce
 2nd „ F. Robinson „ H. d'Almaine
 3rd „ A. H. Batten rowed over

SEMI-FINAL HEATS.

F. Robinson beat A. H. Batten
 G. H. Morland rowed over

There was unfortunately no time to row the Final Heat and the race between G. H. Morland and F. Robinson had to be abandoned.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

THE SCHOOL v. ST. JOHN'S.

On Saturday, October 15th, the School defeated St. John's School, Oxford, on the School Ground, the game throughout being of a most even and exciting nature. The Visitors having won the toss decided to attack the town goal and P. Holmes kicked off for the School. After some very even play in which each side pressed in turn, Holmes passed out to Mallam, who finished up a good run along the touch line by a magnificent shot at goal, which was well saved by the Visitors' Custodian, Dodwell. The ball then travelled to the middle of the ground where a

dangerous rush by Lucas and Busher was well stopped by the Morlands at half-back.

Soon after this P. Holmes passed out to Batten on the right wing and after a good combined run between W. Holmes and Batten and a tussle with the Visitors' Backs, a corner fell to the School. Batten took the kick, the ball bouncing under the cross-bar and going through off one of the St. John's Backs (1—0).

A few minutes later Venables, after a good run scored for the Visitors (1—1).

After the kick off, Shepherd made himself conspicuous by some very plucky defensive play; and then from a good centre by Venables, Busher got possession and put in a long shot which went just under the cross-bar, registering the second goal for the Visitors (1—2).

Two fruitless corners now fell to the School and some good play by W. Morland kept the ball in the Visitors' territory. A shot from the right wing clumsily handled by the St. John's Goal-keep, enabled P. Holmes who was well up, to charge the ball through, an appeal for 'hands' being disallowed (2—2).

After changing ends the game became very fast and the St. John's Forwards made a hot attack on the School goal; but some capital defen-

sive play by W. Morland, Shepherd and Anwyl enabled the School forwards to break away and form a *melée* in front of the Visitor's goal. W. Holmes neatly headed the ball through, thus placing the School ahead (3—2).

On resuming play, the Visitors pressed hard and gained a corner, but the kick failed, the ball going behind.

Nothing further was added to the score on either side and a very good game ended in favour of the School by 3 goals to 2.

For the School, W. Morland played a capital game and he was well supported by Shepherd, Anwyl, the Holmes' and Mallam.

Among the Visitors, Venables, Busher and Naish were the most prominent.

TEAMS.—ABINGDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Goal—H. Morland; *Backs*—Anwyl and Winship; *Half-Backs*—A. Morland, W. Morland and Shepherd; *Forwards*—A. Batten, W. Holmes, P. Holmes, G. Brown and H. Mallam.

ST. JOHN'S.

Goal—Dodwell; *Backs*—Daly and Wood; *Half-Backs*—Allen, Naish and W. Whitlock; *Forwards*—Venables, S. Lucas, Busher. C. Lucas and Gibbs.

ABINGDON SCHOOL AND MASTERS
v.

ABINGDON TOWN.

This match was played on the School Ground on October 8th, and

ended in a victory for the Town by 3 goals to 2. This result was chiefly owing to the fine play of Skurray at half-back, for the town.

SCHOOL JUNIORS v. TOWN JUNIORS.

On October 12th the Juniors of the School did battle with the Juniors of the Town, a good game resulting in a victory for the School by 6 goals to 2. The Town were by far the heavier lot but lacked the activity and knowledge of the game displayed by the School.

Among the back division Shepherd and A. Morland showed some excellent defence, while among the forwards P. Holmes and Batten showed to great advantage.

PRISONERS OF WAR AT ABINGDON IN 1760.

(Continued from page 78.)

When we come to enquire into the reasons which disposed a number of these exiles to prefer to stay where they were, we find that some had contracted debts, which it might have been difficult for them to leave without paying; but another and more important reason was that others had found the attractions of the fair sex in Abingdon, as usual, quite irresistible, and by consequence had on hand so many and serious "affaires de cœur" that not even for "la belle France" would they abandon their English sweethearts. In a few cases,

perhaps, both reasons were combined, and then, as we know, the state of things becomes correspondingly aggravated. But it would certainly be an interesting quest to turn to the parish registers for this period, and see what weddings of Frenchmen, if any, are recorded, and to discover, if possible, whether any of those who came to Abingdon as prisoners of war, settled down as permanent inhabitants.

The malcontents, some of whom, likely enough, had been rejected or jilted, were determined on a change, and being aware of what was going on, and fearing that it might succeed, forthwith drew up and forwarded the following petition, in which their complaints are set forth at length :—

Aux très droits & très honorables
Seigneurs de L'amirauté d'Angleterre
A Londre.

Messeigneurs,

C'est à l'abri de cette intégrité et de cette justice que nous s'avons qui requent en vos tres illustres Personnes, que nous osons prendre Liberté de leur presenter cette tres humble petition : elle est, MESSEIGNEURS, Pour vous supplier tres instamment de Nous changer de cette ville, ou nous sommes en horreur à tous les peuple & ou nous ne saurions faire un pàs sans etre insulté. Chaque jour nous fournit quelq' exemples de maltraitement, les uns, sont attaqué dans les places publiques, les autres frapéz jusqueschez eux même; ceux cy accablés injustement de sotises les plus atroces, & ceux-la enfin arrachés avec violence du Sein de leur demeures, pour être trainés inhumainement dans une Cage publique qui n'est faite que pour Les malfaiteurs; ce dernier trait, MESSEIGNEURS, Nous fit supplier les princeaux de cette ville d'en vouloir informer vos GRANDEURS & de leurs demander notre changement; ils l'ont faits puisque le 31e passé nous apprimes avec une joye inconcevable, que votre Agent avoit vos Ordres pous nous renvoyer d'ici; mais le delay qu'il met à les exécuter nous faits soupçonner quelques choses & nous venons même d'apprendre q'une trentaine de francais, que des affaires de cœur ou de deptes

retiennent icy avoient de concert avec votre agent suppliés quelques Seigneurs des environs pour engager Vos EXCELLENCES à donner un Contre Ordre.

Nous eussions, MESSEIGNEURS, attendus avec bien du Respect votre decision sur ce sujet, si cequi arriva encore hier au soir ne nous engageoit à redoubler nos instances, pour vous suplier de donner la préférence à notre juste pétition.

Mr. Bordenave, Chirurgien, sortit sur les huit heurs pour prendre de la lumière à une maison voisine de la sienne, a peine y fut il entrez qu'un bargeman l'assommat de coups de baton; il a été saigné & est au lit fort mal depuis ce moment. Voila, MESSEIGNEURS, partie des maltraitements que nous avons souffertes. Et bien loing que la justice qu'on nous a renduë ait rallentié La Rage de nos malfaiteurs, ils nous font au contraire chaque jour de nouvelles menaces; d'aignés, MESSEIGNEURS, d'aignéz nous vous en prions avec toutes la soumissions possible, nous accorder nôtre demande; ce sera le service le plus signalé que vous puissiez nous rendre & nous vous en aurons à jamais toute la reconnaissance imaginable.

Nous avons l'honneur d'etre avec le respect le plus profond,

MESSEIGNEURS,

DE VOS GRANDEURS,

LES TRES HEUMBLÉS & TRES OBEISSANTS

SERVITEURS,

Allemand	Castagnét	A. Lamarque
dauid Masclu	Lafitte	Gidoint
Marquizan	dupuy	Louis allegre
Burler	filaine	francois allegre
Bouet	Bordenave	De brossard
Roubaud	Biroché	Allenet
pornét	Jaure	Cretien
Campoia	Tabourct	Nicolas Gaytté
Vian	J. feüilleteau	V. L. Lardy
Otrabos	Noël poignant	Guinard
Joseph Sibon	De Lafosse	Jantalaux
Bausset	Pierre Durniet	Simon turbé
J. depon	Joannis Detchetto	Sary
M. depon	Betrico Damesquite	Soulingen
Astoier	B. Le Cocq	Megnaul
philip Berbiguer	Servet	Acher
Balaï	hamet	pier patarik
Pignot	pierre Larrea	Jean Gouterau
De La marzellie	Jean farné	peier patarek
tripon	Jean drouet	L'Abbé
R. Delbreil	Charles Flamand	f. Guiochet

Abingdon, ce 4 7bre, 1760.

But for evidence to the contrary, one might certainly suppose from this document, that the prisoners were disliked and ill treated by the whole population.

For the credit of Abingdon, it is pleasing to know that this was not the case, but it must be admitted from the instances given, that they had good reason for resentment. The "cage publique" to which some of them, they say, had been dragged, was, I take it, the common gaol or lock-up; but how they could have been put there, save for misbehaviour, I can hardly see. As to the "bargeman" who cudgelled M. Bordenave so unmercifully, we know the race to which he belonged, and if, as is quite likely, he joined in the Oxford "Gown and Town" of the ensuing November, we may hope that his barbarity was duly rewarded.

The petition is dated 4th September, and on the 17th an official letter was despatched from the Admiralty, enclosing it and the other petition from "the principal inhabitants," for the information of the Commissioners for the Sick and Wounded, who received all three next day "at 10 o'clock p.m." (being clearly hard-worked), and they annotated the letter with the remark that "the Prs of War being removed from Abingdon before Rec^d of this Letter made, it is not necessary to do anything in Cone." Whither they were sent, is not stated, nor do we know whether a remnant was left, or whether all were alike torn away from their persecutors, the clutches of despairing creditors, and the embraces of "the girls they left behind them."

I find from the "Annual Register" that in 1759-61, the total number of French prisoners in England, Officers

included, was estimated at 25,000, and that subscriptions were opened in London and in various towns and counties for clothing them. In April, 1763, the balance due to the British Government from France for the maintenance of prisoners amounted to £1,200,000; but the House of Commons, to whom the matter was referred by the King, eventually accepted a composition of £670,000 offered by the French Ambassador.

I have to thank Hubert Hall, Esq., F.S.A., of the Public Record Office, for his kind assistance in obtaining for me the M.S.S. from which this article has been written.

W. H. RICHARDSON.

ODE.

Yer axes me to come an' set
Upon the bank wi' thee.
An' then yer goes an' sets yerself
Upon a Bumble Bee.
If I'd a-gone an' set me down
A-top o' that 'ere Bee,
I thinks as 'ow yer'd not a-bin
So well beloved by me.
I tells yer this, my dearest one,
That you may careful be;
In future, when yer takes repose,
Fust brush away the Bee!

PHYLLIS.

EXAMINATIONS.

Oxford and Cambridge Certificate.

H. E. MALLAM with distinction in Mathematics.
W. T. MORLAND. W. L. RUSSWURM.

Oxford Junior Locals. (2nd class).

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