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EDITORIAL.

ON returning from the summer holidays we found that another increase in numbers had brought the School to a higher point than it had reached for many years past. There are now 63 names on the books, the exact number for which John Roysse in 1563 in the 63rd year of his age founded the School. To commemorate this fact an old custom has been revived, and each day before morning School the bell rings sixty three times.

An account of the events at the end of last term will be found in the pages of the Magazine. We cannot however with the cricket season still fresh in memory dismiss the subject without a word of congratulation to the Captain on the efficient state into which he has brought his team, and to the Games Committee on the improved condition of the playground. Special mention too should be made of the Solo Singing Competition, which was held a few days before the end of term, at the School, before a large number of visitors. Five boys, P. Deacon, S. Greenwood, H. Shepherd, H. Winship, H. Hughes, were selected to compete, and Mr. Heber Clarke kindly consented to act as judge. The award ultimately went in favour of Deacon and Hughes, and as no extra prize had been provided Mr. Clarke generously offered to give the second prize himself.

CRICKET.

A.S.C.C. v. Lord Williams's School, Thame, played at Thame on July 7th. The game ended in a win for Thame by 31 runs. In the 2nd inning the School made the highest score of the season. Hannay's 64 was an excellent innings.

A.S.C.C.

1st. Innings.		2nd. Innings.	
A. W. Morland c Deane b Wright	0	A. W. Morland c & b Kislingbury	13
N. P. Shepherd b Wright	9	N. P. Shepherd b Wright	10
M. G. Hannay b Wright	18	M. G. Hannay b Wright	64
W. F. Lay c Kaufmann b Wright	2	W. F. Lay b Kaufmann	30
F. L. Dunlop c Mayo b Kaufmann	6	F. L. Dunlop c Kislingbury b Wright	8
C. T. Baker b Wright	0	C. T. Baker b Wright	0
H. Shopland b Kaufmann	13	H. Shopland not out	4
W. R. Noble c Sims b Kaufmann	6	W. R. Noble b Wright	4
H. Morland c Akers b Kaufmann	2		
H. G. Lovett not out	14	H. G. Lovett b Wright	13
P. L. Deacon b Wright	2		
Extras	6	Extras	9
Total	78	Total (8 wickets)	155

THAME SCHOOL.

C. M. Wright b Hannay	18	T. C. Akers b Hannay	7
J. F. Deane b Lovett	13	C. Davis b A. Morland	13
S. Kaufmann c Lovett b Hannay	2	J. Reynolds not out	0
A. V. Kislingbury c Dunlop b Hannay	36	V. Sims b Hannay	0
J. T. Stocker b Dunlop	5	Extras	8
H. Mago b Lovett	6		
T. G. Turner b Lovett	1	Total	109

A.S.C.C. v. Blewbury, July 11th, at Blewbury. The School won the toss but on a very tricky wicket could only make 37, towards which Mr. Milman and Dunlop each contributed 11. Blewbury however only responded with 34, leaving the School victorious by 3 runs. In the 2nd innings the School made 53.—Mr. Cousins 14. Mr. Milman 12.

A.S.C.C. v. Magdalen College School. July 14th at home. We were without the Captain and Magdalen were without Causton, Marks and Harcourt. The School went in first and thanks to a vigorous innings of 48 not out by Dunlop, made 88. For some time it was doubtful if Magdalen would reach this score, but eventually the innings concluded for 109.—Carter 22, Roberts 13, Thompson 11, and Benson 10. Hannay took 6 wickets for 38 runs. In their 2nd attempt the School were all out for 56, Hannay playing a good innings of 31.

A.S.C.C. v. Abingdon 2nd XI. July 21st at home. Our opponents won the toss and batted first but were all out for 69. To this we replied with 76, greatly owing to a useful stand by Mr. Cousins and Lay. In their 2nd innings the Town did better.

ABINGDON SECOND XI.

1st Innings.			
F. R. Jackson b Lay	3	W. Boughton b Hannay	7
J. S. Daly c Lay b Hannay	9	G. Fisher c Dunlop b Hannay	0
H. C. Glanville b Hannay	2	A. Franklin not out	1
H. A. Steptoe b Hannay	3	E. Kirkpatrick b Hannay	1
R. J. Clarke b Hannay	21	Extras	7
F. H. Pryce b Lovett	15		
C. Clarke b Lovett	0	Total	69

2nd Innings.			
F. R. Jackson c Milman b Hannay	7	F. H. Pryce b Lay	6
J. S. Daly l b w b Dunlop	18	A. Franklin b Shopland	21
H. C. Glanville not out	0	Extras	8
H. A. Steptoe not out	10		
R. J. Clarke b Lovett	23	Total (5 wickets)	93

SCHOOL.

N. P. Shepherd c Steptoe b Glanville	0	W. F. Lay b. Pryce	14
M. G. Hannay b Glanville	10	W. R. Noble c Kirkpatrick b Pryce	7
Rev. T. Layng c Steptoe b Fisher	8	H. Shopland c Daly b Kirkpatrick	1
A. W. Morland c & b Pryce	7	H. G. Lovett not out	0
H. C. Milman, Esq. c Steptoe b Pryce	6	Extras	9
C. W. Cousins, Esq. c R. Clarke b Pryce	10		
F. L. Dunlop b Pryce	4	Total	76

A.S.C.C. v. Blewbury played at the School on July 25th. The School batted first but Shepherd was caught at the wicket and Hannay was bowled before a run had been scored. Then the Rev. T. Layng and Morland made a long stand and were not separated until they had made 102 when the School Captain was bowled for 47. Mr. Milman made 10 and the innings was declared closed when the score was 129 for 4 wickets, of which number Mr. Layng had made 64 (not out) in faultless style. Blewbury could do nothing against Hannay and Lovett with the exception of Legge who played a good innings of 28. The whole side was out for 47 leaving the School victors by 82 runs. Hannay took 8 wickets for only 22 runs.

PAST v. PRESENT.

This, the great match of the season was, as usual, played on the day previous to Founder's day, before a large number of spectators. The Old Boys were captained by F. H. Pryce, captain of the School team in 1891. At half-past eleven Pryce, having lost the toss, led his team into the field, and A. W. Morland and Hannay commenced batting against the bowling of W. T. Morland and Pryce. When the score was at 14 Morland was run out and without further increase Hannay was bowled. With the exception of Shepherd none of the batsmen could do anything. The fielding of the Past was very smart, and one of the chief features of the match was the catch brought off by Pryce that dismissed Noble. Lewis bowled wonderfully, taking 5 wks. for no runs.

The few minutes, which were available

before luncheon for the Past to commence their innings, were characterized by the dismissal of Challenor without scoring. After lunch A. B. & W. T. Morland added 15, after which W. T. Morland & Lewis added 21 for the third wicket. On the dismissal of Mallam a collapse ensued, the last 5 wickets only adding 14. The whole side were dismissed for 75. A large item in this score was the number of byes, but this may be accounted for by Shepherd injuring a finger and being unable to keep wicket. His place was taken by the School captain.

With a minority of 16 the Present went in a second time. 25 runs were scored before Hannay was bowled, Morland hit out and made 28 before he was caught and bowled. Shepherd again played well for 17 not out and the last wicket fell at 103.

The Past thus had to make 89 to win.

Challenor seemed very dangerous until he was caught at the wicket; later W. T. Morland and Shepherd scored 36

after which a win was certain, although 7 wickets were down before it was accomplished. Score :—

PRESENT.

1st. Innings.	
A. W. Morland (capt.) run out	2
M. G. Hannay b W. Morland	12
N. P. Shepherd c Baker b Lewis	16
W. F. Lay c A. B. Morland b Pryce	4
F. L. Dunlop c A. B. Morland b Mallam	5
W. R. Noble c Pryce b Mallam	7
C. T. Baker c P. Morland b Lewis	3
H. G. Lovett c & b Lewis	1
A. Shopland not out	6
J. H. E. Morland b Lewis	0
G. Brown c Shepherd b Lewis	0
Extras	3
Total	59

2nd. Innings.	
A. W. Morland (capt.) c & b Baker	28
M. G. Hannay b Lewis	7
N. P. Shepherd not out	17
W. F. Lay run out	5
F. L. Dunlop c P. Morland b Pryce	11
W. R. Noble b Challenor	3
C. T. Baker c Lewis b Pryce	2
H. G. Lovett c & b Challenor	1
H. Shopland b Challenor	0
J. H. E. Morland b Mallam	5
G. Brown b Challenor	4
Extras	20
Total	103

PAST.

1st. Innings.	
H. S. Challenor b Hannay	0
A. B. Morland b Lovett	10
W. T. Morland c Brown b Dunlop	19
A. H. Lewis b Hannay	8
H. E. Mallam b Lay	10
F. H. Pryce (capt.) b Lay	7
P. H. Morland c Shopland b Lay	1
F. J. S. Baker b Lay	0
A. M. Shepherd not out	4
C. H. D. Morland b Shopland	0
J. Townsend b Lay	0
Extras	16
Total	75

2nd. Innings.	
H. S. Challenor c A. W. Morland b Lovett	27
A. B. Morland c Baker b Hannay	0
W. T. Morland not out	22
A. H. Lewis b Lovett	7
H. E. Mallam c A. W. Morland b Hannay	3
F. H. Pryce (capt.) b Lovett	0
P. H. Morland c Dunlop b Lay	0
F. J. S. Baker not out	5
A. M. Shepherd b Dunlop	17
Extras	8
Total (7 wks.)	89

REVIEW OF THE CRICKET SEASON.

In looking back at the past season there is one very noticeable event, namely a change in luck. In the two preceding summers we have not had a stroke of good luck. This year we must own that in spite of the fact that our losses out-balance the number of our wins we have no cause to be dissatisfied.

The complete record of matches is :—
Played 14. Won 5. Tie 1. Drawn 1.

Lost 7. Another thing that attracts our attention is the greater consistency in scoring. The totals have been considerably larger this year; there have been however a few inexcusable breakdowns. Individual scoring as well has much improved. Shepherd and Hannay could always be relied on, while there were several others who often came off. Lay too, has much improved on last year's form. In bowling, we had several in whom we could trust. Hannay and Lovett did the bulk of the work, their

analyses in the end being nearly equal. The fielding improved as the season advanced, but still the team were never really smart. There was no dash and little spirit in the field. There were individual exceptions to this, notably Dunlop who made some very good catches. Next year there should be a very fair team, in spite of losing several of this year's members, as there is considerable talent amongst the younger boys. In concluding we must offer our thanks to the masters, who, besides taking an interest at practice, played for us in the club matches and rendered us valuable assistance.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

** A. W. Morland (capt.) was out of form with the bat in the early part of the season, but improved considerably later on and was batting really well at its close. He fields well at point, and has captained the eleven with energy and success.

** N. P. Shepherd, a steady and much improved batsman, with a very orthodox style. A fair wicket keeper.

** H. Shopland, a moderate bat and a fair change bowler. Rather slow in the field.

* M. G. Hannay, has developed into a good useful bat with plenty of power. A very successful fast bowler and an energetic fielder.

* W. F. Lay, a very promising cricketer. A neat bat though somewhat deficient in power. Bowls with considerable judgment and success; a sharp fieldsman and a good catch.

* H. G. Lovett, an excellent medium-paced bowler and a good field. A disappointing bat.

F. L. Dunlop, a run getting bat with little or no style. A smart fielder, and safe catch. An erratic but at times very useful bowler.

C. T. Baker, promises to develop into a capital all round player. At present he is rather slow. If he only gets over his nervousness he ought to be very successful next year with both bat and ball.

J. H. E. Morland, a good fielder at cover or mid-off. An indifferent left-handed bat.

G. Brown, has not made the improvement he promised a few years back. He owes his place chiefly to his fielding.

Those marked with two asterisks played in 1892 and 1893.

Those marked with one, in 1893.

REMINISCENCES OF ABINGDON SCHOOL IN 1828-31.

In prosecuting the researches I have for some time past been making with a view to the compilation of a Register of the School, I wrote to Mr. Joshua Brookes, one of the Senior Old Abingdonians now living, and for many years resident in the United States, and received from him in reply two letters, which contain so much that is interesting and worthy of preservation, that I feel sure they will be welcome to all readers of the "Abingdonian," and I have therefore much pleasure in submitting them for publication in its pages.

4323, Champlain Ave.,
Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.,
Dec. 2nd, 1892.

Wm. H. Richardson,
2, Lansdown Place,
London.

Dear Sir,

Your letter and papers enclosed reached me a few days ago, in which you desire me, as a former scholar of Abingdon Grammar School, to furnish any information I may possess concerning my contemporaries, together with some reminiscences of that period. I regret to say that my memory does not supply many details; I can recall the names of ten on your list who were more or less my associates, but of whose subsequent life I was ignorant, and now learn for the first time from your Register. The record thus given much interested me, and I hope you may meet with much success in your endeavor to compile and complete a register of those who have been educated in that institution, which I had supposed to be oldest in Berkshire, but from a "Journey Book of Berkshire," which I possess, I find that a Grammar School was founded in Reading, in 1486. Among the names contained in your registry is that of John Collingwood; he is the only one of whom I have a distinct remembrance, and until 1845 we corresponded; I had heard of his career and of his early death; he gave promise of a useful life had he been spared; he was under-master of the school when Mr. Strange had charge, as he wrote me at the time, pleasantly remarking that time's changes had

allotted to him grave duties in scenes which formerly witnessed our mutual school boy pranks. At the time of my entering the Grammar School, the Rev. Joseph Hewlett assumed charge; I well remember my first interview with him; a game of marbles was in progress in the school yard, when a stranger entered; after glancing around the old buildings as if more than ordinarily interested, he approached the players; I happening to be the nearest to him, he in a jocular manner inquired if I was a dabster at Taw? I replied that I was not just then very successful, he smiled as he said, "well, I shall try to help you at Tau," he also asked me how long I had been a scholar, and when I told him I was a "new boy" he said that he was the "new man." At the time I did not see the points contained in his few words, but on the next day I was enlightened, when the discovery was made that he indeed was to be our keeper in mastering "little Latin and less Greek," that he was in fact that important personage in schoolboy eyes, the "New Master."

False accent was an unpardonable offence with Hewlett, as I can to my cost remember. Inadvertently, when construing a passage in which the name of Thalia occurs, I had placed the accent on the first syllable, when down came the cane with the hardly less cutting tone of his voice, as he thundered "Thalía! sir, Thalía!" and that unfortunate muse (for she was by no means "Comic" at that time) has dwelt in my memory ever since.

In my day there were three sessions

a day, the first being held before breakfast, at which time the written exercises previously assigned were returned for correction; many a savage scoring they received, it was always an anxious time for us, we were often kept in suspense, for he was not an early riser; when however it was whispered that the bedroom curtains were withdrawn we knew H. would soon appear, and being in the good old days, the correction sometimes materialised into a birch, a taste of which would occasionally break the fast of some unfortunate.

Residents rarely visited the school, but frequently strangers viewing the noteworthy buildings of a town which had its origin in the time of the Britons, would stray into the old school. In those days regiments moving to different points would march through the towns, or at times halt for several days, the soldiers being billeted on the inhabitants, while the officers would be entertained by leading citizens; one such regiment, numbered among whose officers was the Marquis of Douro, a nephew of the "Iron Duke," being in the town, a few of the officers, in company with the Marquis, paid a visit to the school, and duly welcomed by the master, were admired by the boys. Over the master's desk, which was under a gallery containing the library, was a Greek quotation, and to show that he had not forgotten his Classics, the Marquis drew the attention of his companions to it, saying as he read it aloud "*Γράβη σεαυτόν*" oh! yes—"Take care of yourself"—"a good idea." Though this display of

learning was not quite so brilliant as his uniform, as he requested a half-holiday, the boys were not disposed to criticize his translation, but unanimously voted him to be a gentleman and a scholar.

The removal of the School to another locality having left the old building to be used for other purposes, it would be very appropriate to devote it to the purposes of a Reading Room; the odor of Literature must cling to it still, and fragments of the Classics (badly fractured often in my case) may be yet "lying around." I well remember the appearance of the room in 1828, with its iron-bound desks, consisting of a single oak plank impervious to knife, yielding reluctantly to gimlet, but being bored, received a charge of slate pencil dust, to be discharged by a vigorous blowing; and when detected, other blows followed. The seats were fastened to the wall, the windows, high above the heads, forbade all distraction, except that which was incidental to the lesson. At the lower end of the room stood the rostrum, ascended by steps, and in front of which, mounted on a pedestal, stood a gilded eagle with outspread wings, behind which, on the Annual Exhibitions, orations and recitations thundered or trembled at the case might be, when the public were admitted, and in the presence of Dons and Dignitaries, judgment passed and prizes were distributed. I still cherish a volume of poems awarded me on such an occasion.

To a new comer the eagle referred to was made a subject of mystery; he was gravely informed that every night at

12 o'clock precisely, it would rise from its perch and fly around the room, presumably to emulate the flights of eloquence which had soared above its head. I recall also the portrait of the Founder placed on the wall at the lower end of the room; underneath it was the injunction to "pray for the soul of John Royce;" these prayers I fear had at that time fallen into disuse, even by those of his faith. At that end of the school room a class of boys, uniformed, if I remember rightly, and known by us as the Charity Boys, received instruction from a master, but not connected with the main school; in my time there were not more than twelve of them. The school-yard was a quadrangle, the school and a building of some age occupying one side. This old building, in its lower part, was, or had been a kitchen, as was evident from the huge fire-place, the spits and cranes of which were visible to the prying eye; it seemed to be seldom used, though I remember once a banquet was prepared there on an Election occasion. At one end of the yard was the master's residence, at the other was a large hall used as a polling place and for other public uses; it adjoined a portion of the old abbey, an arch of which spanned the street in the rear of St. Nicholas Church. The side of the yard opposite to the school room was closed by the rear of the buildings on High Street, then called Butcher's Row. At the corner of this street near the entrance to the school yard was a milliner's; in this shop on one Election day, when the successful member was "chaired," it was found

that the chair could not be carried through the door, and an exit was made through a window.

In 1831, my father having resolved to emigrate, I was withdrawn from the School. It was with regret that I discontinued studies which were just becoming interesting to me, and my youthful vision, with Pembroke College in the distance, faded. Among my books are a few worn and battered volumes, but they are regarded with more complacency than many of their more showy companions, for they remind me of the old school days at Abingdon Grammar School. May it continue for centuries to come to carry out the wishes of its founder, and fit future generations for usefulness, and rank high among the educational institutions of the land.

For many years I was in business as a bookseller in Galena, a city distant about 160 miles west of Chicago; as a boy I made the book shop of Caleb Evans in Abingdon my place of resort, and even then determined that should I follow a mercantile life, that such should be my profession, but am spending my declining years in Chicago.

Education occupies an important position in this country, for on the intelligence and virtue of the masses depends the success of the Republic. Enormous sums are expended upon the Public Schools; Colleges abound, some of them are State Institutions, but the majority are under the control of some of the various religious denominations.

In this city is now building a University

which will equal if not exceed in extent and appointments all others; wealthy men and women have made donations with a liberality unprecedented, and Professors of the highest ability are responding to the call for their services. There is provision made for a separate building at the "World's Fair" devoted to an Exhibit of Educational Work and Progress.

I remain,

dear Sir,

yours truly,

JOSHUA BROOKES.

On receipt of this letter I wrote again to Mr. Brookes, pointing out that the Greek inscription on the front of the gallery over the Head Master's desk in the old school room was not as he stated, but runs thus:—

“Ἐὰν ᾗς φιλομαθῆς
ἔση πολυμαθής.”

and that I never remembered or had heard of any other. I also pointed out that the Marquis of Douro of that day, was the eldest son and not the nephew of the great Duke of Wellington, and I called Mr. Brookes's attention to another account of this visit which I had received from Mr. Albert Williams, one of his contemporaries at the school. Mr. Williams, in recounting the incident to me, stated what Mr. Brookes mentions about the visit of the Marquis, but added that there was then in the school a boy named Brome, a nephew of Sir Charles Saxton, Bart. of Abingdon, and who afterwards went into the army, but was even as a schoolboy a magnificent fencer. This young Brome, he said, engaged the crack

sergeant of the Marquis's regiment, in the presence of the Marquis and the regiment, and to the infinite delight of the school, worsted him, in consequence of which, the Marquis, by way of compliment, obtained for the school two whole holidays.

In reply to these remarks, Mr. Brookes wrote again as follows:—

4323, Champlain Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.,

Feb. 10th, 1898.

W. H. Richardson, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Jan. 11th reached me in due season covering reprint of biography of an old Alumnus of the Abingdon School and also a photo' of the present school buildings, for which receive my thanks. As to the matter contained in my previous letter, in which I referred to a visit of the Marquis of Douro to the school about 1830, you are doubtless correct as to the relationship with the Duke of Wellington, and as to the incident itself, namely the reported humorous translation of the inscription. I am now of the opinion that it must be regarded as apocryphal, and go as so many good and time-honored stories are apt to go, to Limbo—my recollection of the event is not vivid, while I can very distinctly recall the visit of the officers; my seat, as I was then in the 5th class, was distant from the Master's desk, and at 12 years of age a boy is more attracted by the uniforms of the military than their conversation, so that I give the playground version of the story and

cannot vouch for particulars. Respecting the fencing match between Brome and the sergeant, I have no recollection, I fancy the younger boys did not have the opportunity of witnessing it. I was interested in the list you sent me, among the names in which my own is included, I well remember those of Collingwood, Badcock and Brazier; Law, Williams, and Butcher, I do not recall. I regret that I can be of so little service to you in your preparation of the Record you propose to publish. Emigrating to this country in 1833, I soon lost sight and knowledge of my contemporaries, doubtless had it been otherwise, I might have been able to contribute reminiscences which would have assisted you, but I retain a lively interest in the success and welfare of the old school within whose walls I received my education. The new school buildings, present an attractive appearance, and the location, I should say, is more suitable for educational purposes than the old building near the S. Nicholas Church; I hope to hear of its continued prosperity. I still have among my books, Grove's Greek and English Dictionary, 1830. Homer's Iliad, 1811, ed. by Samuel Clarke, and Butler's Mod. and Ant. Geog., also a Greek Test., 1829, all of which I used in the old schoolroom, under Rev. Joseph Hewlett. Where can I obtain "A Brief Memorial of Abingdon School by B. Blundell, 1863?" to which you refer in your notes on page 8 of "Olim Alumni."

With best respects and many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

JOSHUA BROOKES.

Brome, as appears from the printed School Lists, did not enter the school till 1830, and was at once placed in the 2nd class, corresponding to the present 5th form, Mr. Brookes and Mr. Williams being then youngsters in the 5th class, and perhaps, as Mr. Brookes suggests, did not witness the fencing match, but it is a little suprising to me that the joy of the "two whole holidays" does not still linger in his memory.

W.H.R.

THE REGATTA.

The annual School Regatta was held on Culham Reach, on Tuesday, August 1st, the preliminary heats and swimming races being decided the previous day. There was a large number of spectators on both days. The weather too was delightfully fine, and the enjoyment of the day was considerably increased by the kindness of various members of the Old Abingdonians' Club, who had a tent erected and entertained there both competitors and friends. Tuesday's programme commenced with the usual four-oared race, the School v. Old Abingdonians. This was, of course, the chief event, and this year was most exciting. Half-way through the course the Old Abingdonians were a good length ahead, but the School four, being in good training, gained little by little and eventually won by a length and a quarter. The School four is much indebted to the coaching of Mr. Zachary, who improved their form wonderfully during the last three weeks.

The two crews were:—

OLD ABINGDONIANS.	THE SCHOOL.
P. H. Morland (bow)	H. Shopland (bow)
G. H. Morland (2)	N. P. Shepherd (2)
H. d'Almaine (3)	M. G. Hannay (3)
W. T. Morland (st.)	A. W. Morland (st.)
A. B. Morland (cox)	A. Payne (cox)

The other events resulted as follows:—

SCHOOL SCULLS.

1st. Heat.

A. W. Morland beat C. Griffith

2nd. Heat.

W. B. Collingwood beat B. Challenor

3rd. Heat.

W. R. Noble beat N. P. Shepherd

4th. Heat.

M. G. Hannay beat F. L. Dunlop

5th. Heat.

H. Shopland beat G. Brown

2nd. Round.

A. W. Morland beat W. B. Collingwood.

Noble, Hannay and Shopland byes.

The semi-finals were won by Hannay and Shopland, and the final by Hannay.

WATER TOURNAMENT.

There were 16 entries for the Water Tournament which was very entertaining. Noble, Baker, Payne and Shepherd were left in the semi-finals, of these Noble and Baker survived for the final, in which Noble beat Baker.

The two Swimming Races, one open, and the other for boys under 15, were decided on Monday. The senior race was won by Hannay, with Shepherd second; the junior one by Greenwood, closely followed by Baker.

CANOE RACE.

There were two heats to this race, with four places in each. Dunlop, Noble, Hannay, Collingwood, Shepherd,

Montgomery and McCreery started in the final. Noble came in first and Collingwood second.

Four very even crews entered for the Scratch Fours and neither heats nor final were won by as much as a length. The winning crew consisted of

H. Shopland (bow)

B. Challenor (2)

H. Challenor (3)

H. d'Almaine (stroke)

S. Greenwood (cox)

The Prizes were given away directly after the Regatta by Miss Cowie.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

The annual Founder's celebration and Prize Distribution took place on Thursday, August 2nd, upon which day the School broke up for the summer holidays.

The function was a complete success, the only drawback being the dulness of the weather, which, though the rain kept off during the afternoon, was nevertheless dull. In this respect, it may be remembered, the School was similarly unfortunate last year.

The first event on the day's programme was the service in St. Helen's Church. The preacher, Rev. W. C. Rowland, delivered a powerful address upon the responsibilities of us all, but especially of boys at School.

Mention must be here made of the singing of the Choir, which shewed a great advance upon previous years, and reflected great credit upon Mr. Cousins who had trained it. The anthem "I waited for the Lord," was very well

rendered, the duet being taken by H. Winship and P. Deacon.

After the service a move was made to the School, where the tastefully decorated schoolroom was soon filled by the large company of parents and other friends. The chair was taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Pott, and after an introductory speech from the Chairman the Head Master read the School Roll, the Prize List, etc. The reports were printed and distributed in the room.

The School was examined in Classics and General Subjects by the Rev. Lonsdale Ragg, M.A., Tutor and Lecturer of Christ Church, Oxford; and in Mathematics by Thomas P. Kent, B.A., late scholar of Christ Church. Captain G. H. Morland of the Abingdon Company, Royal Berks Volunteers, also reported on an inspection of the School in Company Drill.

The reports may be regarded as being on the whole highly satisfactory, for though all that was bad was marked for censure, yet good work received full acknowledgment.

After the conclusion of business in the Schoolroom, Mr. and Miss Layng held an "at home." Refreshments were served in the Hall on account of the dulness of the weather, whilst the string band of the 1st Oxon Light Infantry played a selection of music outside, after listening to which for a time the guests gradually dispersed.

A Prize List is appended:—

CLASSICS—Form VI., J. H. E. Morland. Form V., S. Brown. Form IV., P. L.

Deacon. Form III., H. F. Shepherd.

FORM PRIZES—Commercial Form, W. J. Eagle. Juniors, 1st division, H. Winship; 2nd division, H. Hughes.

MATHEMATICS—Forms VI. and V., M. G. Hannay. Forms IV. and III., P. L. Deacon. Juniors, H. Winship and H. Hughes.

FRENCH—Seniors, J. H. E. Morland. Juniors, W. J. Eagle.

GERMAN—N. P. Shepherd.

SCIENCE—M. G. Hannay.

SOLO-SINGING—P. L. Deacon and H. Hughes.

DRAWING—A. W. Morland.

DIVINITY AND ENGLISH—Form VI., A. W. Morland. Form V., W. B. Collingwood.

ENGLISH LITERATURE—F. L. Dunlop.

AVERAGE CRICKET BAT—M. G. Hannay

AVERAGE BALL—Hannay, who transferred to Lovett.

THE PROSPECTS OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON.

On coming back at the beginning of this term, we found that our Football Team was minus two forwards and a back. With eight of last year's XI there ought not to be much difficulty to fill up the required places but there does not seem to be much material among those outside last year's team. Deacon (I) has greatly improved but the others do not seem to show the improvement that was expected of them. Among the new boys Fruin at times is good and should prove useful in a year or two; Baker also has some idea of the game. Hannay has had the misfortune to sprain

his ankle badly which will prevent him playing for some time. This is a great misfortune, since there seems nobody particularly capable of filling Winship's place, so until Hannay is able to play again, our back division will be exceedingly weak. Among other old "colours" Lovett has perhaps made the greatest improvement, though the others also show to advantage. The team for the ensuing season should, on the whole, be a fairly strong one, but there are many things that should be remembered, such for instance as, getting on the ball smartly without hesitating, and using the head more. If the members of the XI remember this and continue the present form there is no reason why this season should not be successful.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We regret the loss of Mr. H. C. Milman, who for more than a year was Mathematical and Science Master, and of Mr. A. Zachary, who during the latter part of last term held a temporary appointment at the School. Their places have been taken by Mr. W. M. Wilson, of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and Mr. H. C. Orpwood, of St. Catharine's, Oxford.

The following is a list of the new boys who have joined the School this term:—A. J. H. Iles, A. O. E. Pryce, Form IV; N. C. Drewe, G. S. Saxby, J. B. Roberton Form III; A. G. Fruin, Commercials; E. P. Martin, H. J. E. Roberton, Juniors I; T. R. Townsend, R. R. Townsend, W. A. Roberton, Juniors II.

The only boys who have left are H. Shopland and C. Powell, who it will be remembered, won an Agricultural Scholarship given by the County Council, and is now at Reading.

We have to congratulate H. Morland, on his success in the Oxford and Cambridge Certificate Examination, and G. Brown, S. Brown and B. Challenor, on having passed the Oxford Junior Local Examination.

The School Officers for the year are, H. Morland, Captain of the School; M. G.

Hannay of the boats; N. P. Shepherd of the Football; A. W. Morland Treasurer of the Games Fund. These with the Rev. T. Layng as Chairman, compose the Games Committee, and also with Mr. R. Prowdeas Chairman of the Editorial Committee; H. Morland is Secretary of both Committees.

The Officers of the School Company are—Commander of the Company, H. Morland; Commanders of Half-Companies, M. G. Hannay, A. W. Morland; Right Guide N. P. Shepherd; Left Guide, F. L. Dunlop; Markers, G. Brown, S. Brown.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Laxtonian.

On Wednesday, August 1st, after the Past and Present Cricket Match the Annual Meeting of the Old Boys' Club was held at the School and was attended by a considerable number of Old Abingdonians. Mr. Herbert Young was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year, his place on the Committee being taken by the Rev. W. C. Rowland. The other officers of the Club were all re-elected. The retiring President the Rev. Cresswell Strange becomes the first Past-President of the Club. It was resolved that he and other retiring Presidents should remain ex-officio members of the Committee. In addition to other business the scheme for commemorating the founding of the Club and perpetuating the memory of Dr. Strange by fitting up the Science Rooms in a manner worthy of the School was discussed and received unanimous approval.

We give below a list of Subscriptions already promised towards the Memorial, also an abstract of the Club account.

Subscriptions towards the Memorial Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. Cresswell Strange ...	...	3	3 0
„ T. Layng ...	...	5	0 0
E. H. Bartlett ...	...	3	3 0
W. R. Portal ...	...	3	3 0
Ditto ...	...	10	0 0
L. A. Strange ...	...	5	5 0
Ditto if required (additional)	...	5	5 0
J. B. Reeves ...	...	1	1 0
G. H. Morland ...	...	2	2 0
H. G. W. d'Almaine ...	...	2	2 0
H. S. Challenor ...	...	2	2 0
Herbert Young ...	...	1	1 0
Adrian Young ...	...	2	2 0
J. T. Morland ...	...	3	3 0

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS,

1893-4.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Cr.	£	s.	d.	Dr.	£	s.	d.
55 Life Members at 21/- ...	57	15	0	General Expenses as per cash			
14 Annual „ „ 5/- ...	3	10	0	book	9	7	4
	61	5	0	Dinner Expenses	7	15	7
Dinner Tickets	9	15	0	Paid for Ribbon	2	8	9
Ribbon sold to members ...	3	1	6				
Interest on deposit account ...	9	4		Balance	54	19	2
	£74	10	10		£74	10	10

MEMORIAL FUND ACCOUNT.

Cr.	£	s.	d.	Dr.	£	s.	d.
Donations received to date	24	9	0	Balance	24	9	0

BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
General Account, Balance	54	19	2	Memorial Fund	24	9	0
Memorial „ „	24	9	0	Outstanding Accounts	2	2	11
				Balance	52	16	3
	£79	8	2		£79	8	2

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THOMAS LAYNG.
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BALANCE SHEET.

Cr.	£	s.	d.	Dr.	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions	1	3	3½	To Baylis & Co.	4	4	0
„ Copies sold	3	5	6	„ Postages, &c.	3	6	
„ Sale of one back copy and postage			7				
	4	9	4½		4	7	6
„ Balance on No. 14	10	8		„ Balance carried to No. 16	12	6½	
	£5	0	0½		£5	0	0½

October 4th, 1894.

H. MORLAND,
Hon. Sec. & Treas.