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EDITORIAL.

WE think that we may with justice congratulate ourselves on the success of our last Xmas Number. With respect to its literary merits we will keep a discreet silence, and modestly forbear to blow our own trumpet, even if no one will be kind enough to blow it for us; but its financial success,—and that touches us most closely,—has been great, and we cannot pass it over in

silence. We not only succeeded in extricating ourselves from debt, but we have also a balance in hand.

A subject for more general congratulation is the continued increase in the numbers of the School. When we returned this term we found that our numbers stood at over fifty; eleven new boys had joined the School; whilst Winship was the only one who had left; since then however two others, Newman and Badcock, have gone. Winship has been a great loss to the School team; and his place at back is hard to fill. Since he left, we have noticed with pleasure that he has been doing good service for the town football team. We must wish him and the others every success.

Last term we thanked the Town Council for a grant of £27 in aid of science teaching at the School. We

notice that this term the room has been much improved; it has been provided with the necessary heating apparatus, and with a laboratory bench containing four basins, and in addition gas and water have been laid on. It will be seen then that the judicious expenditure of the grant has enabled the School to satisfy the elementary conditions necessary for the efficient teaching of science.

In another place we have made mention of the generous gift made by Mr. Young to the School. Since Mr. Young made his offer of £500 to found an Entrance Scholarship for Mathematics or Natural Science, the Rev. E. Summers has supplemented the gift by offering to sell to the Governors the land adjoining the School at a price much below that which he gave for it. We anticipate that the sum thus raised will be sufficient to found an Annual Entrance House Scholarship. This Scholarship will be open to boys over thirteen, and under fifteen years of age. We cannot miss the opportunity of thanking the donors on behalf of ourselves and the School.

The interval between the football season, which comes to a close in March, and the end of the term, is as a rule a time of preternatural dullness, broken only by intermittent rolling of the cricket pitch, and more or less energetic practice for the Sports. This year there has been a welcome change. Paper chases which had for some time past become obsolete, have been revived with considerable success; neither has the river been neglected, and the regular

tubbing which has been going on for the last few days, ought to bring to light much good material for next term's crew.

OLD ABINGDONIANS' DINNER.

The first Annual Dinner of the Old Abingdonians' Club was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Jan. 17th, 1894, and proved a successful gathering. The original members of the Club numbered 63, corresponding to the number of Scholars for whom the School was founded. Of these a respectable proportion—upwards of one-third—were present on January 17th, and the generations represented extended over a large period of time. The following we believe to be an exhaustive list of the company: the Revs. Cresswell Strange, President of the O.A. Club (in the chair) T. Layng (Head-Master), and W. H. Cam (late Head-Master), Messrs. J. Tomkins, J. T. Morland (Governors, the former also an Old Boy), Tom Anderson, E. H. Bartlett, B. Challenor, E. M. Challenor, H. S. Challenor, H. G. W. d'Almaine and H. S. Hedges, the Rev. W. Perowne Holmes, Messrs. G. H. Morland, F. J. Morland, A. B. Morland, W. R. Portal, R. Prowde, J. B. Reeves, L. Strange, A. R. Thorn and Herbert Young. Letters were received from the Rev. E. Summers, Mr. Heber Clarke and Mr. W. H. Richardson, regretting their inability to attend. During the dinner the Chairman and the Head-Master in the name of the Club dispatched a message wishing success to

the Old Cranleighans, who were holding their Annual Dinner in an adjoining room, they in turn reciprocating the expression of good-will.

After the health of the Queen had been duly honoured the Chairman, in an interesting speech proposed the toast "Floreat Schola Abendonensis." The Head-Master suitably responded and proposed "Success to the O. A. Club." Mr. T. Anderson, a gentleman well-known in the Civil Service and in sporting circles, responded in an entertaining speech. Mr. J. Tomkins proposed the health of the Chairman, who duly acknowledged the same. These toasts, we believe, completed the toast list as originally intended, but a few others were added on the inspiration of the moment. Mr. J. T. Morland replied for "The Governors," and the services of the Secretary of the Club (Mr. G. H. Morland) were also recognized.

The Chairman subsequently urged the desirability of instituting some permanent memorial of the foundation of the Club, suggesting as a suitable form the foundation of one or more entrance house-scholarships. In the informal discussion that ensued it was adequately shown that any such scheme would be well supported, though no determination was come to as to the best plan upon which to work. A sufficient sum however was guaranteed in the room to show that some scheme or other might be successfully inaugurated if not permanently established. No doubt we shall here in the future of some detailed plan for commemorating

the foundation of the Club, but the matter remains at present in embryo, and it is well to see a clear way to success before taking any definite steps. Meanwhile we have to notice the munificent offer of Mr. Herbert Young, which the Chairman announced during the evening. Mr. Young's name was not mentioned at the time, but the secret was an open one, and has since become public. Mr. Young expressed his willingness to give £500 for the endowment in perpetuity of an entrance scholarship for mathematics, in which branch of study he himself won such distinction. We believe the Governors have since been in communication with Mr. Young, and considerable progress has been made towards bringing his offer into operation. We feel sure that all friends of the School are in accord with us in gratitude to Mr. Young for this liberal recognition of his old school.

THE FOOTBALL SEASON, 1893-4.

RETROSPECT.

Regarding, as a whole, the season of 1893-4, which has now been concluded, the School Football Team may be congratulated on having come through the ordeal successfully. No one expected that anything very much would have to be recorded in the way of victories, and in fact some prophets were found to predict a line of defeats unrelieved by a single win; but that this was not the fate of the XI. everyone connected with the School already knows.

Things did indeed look somewhat black when it was remembered that six of the last season's XI, and those perhaps the most useful six, had left. But when a few practice games had been played, it was at once seen that there was abundant material, though nothing very brilliant, to fill the gaps in the team.

The Captain, well backed up by his subordinates and ably assisted by the Masters, got his men to work in pick-ups and practice matches; a system of games was introduced after school on various evenings in the week, and, when darkness put an end to that, school was held from 3.45 to 5.45 on Monday afternoons to allow of football beforehand.

The thanks of the School in general and the first XI. in particular are due to those Old Boys and friends who so kindly took part in the various games at the beginning of the season, and thus had a very large share in rendering the team as efficient as it did afterwards become. Mention must also be here made of the Masters, who throughout the season have taken the greatest interest in the welfare of the School's football and have rendered valuable assistance to the XI. in non-school matches.

To pass on to the comparison of wins with losses, the most sanguine prophet could not have foretold anything better than was actually achieved. The record for all matches stands at 8 won and 14 lost, one being drawn, and this may be considered as eminently satisfactory.

Of purely school matches we lost six and won two, with 21 goals scored for and 51 against us; in all matches the number is 55 for and 104 against.

THE TEAM.

The characters of the XI. appear in a different place, so that there is no need to criticise them individually. Special mention, however, must be made of one or two who shine out above the rest. The Captain, N. P. Shepherd has been the great support of the team throughout the season; his efforts in matches and in scratch games as well, are worthy of the greatest praise.

Another prominent player is M. G. Hannay. As a back he filled, and filled well, a place that most required filling; having previously played but very little, if any, football, he was not well up in the smaller points and trickeries of the game, but he was instrumental in stopping many a fierce attack upon the goal.

Of old cerises there is less to be said than could be wished; for none of them have quite come up to expectations, though they have all done very good work at times. G. Brown, would doubtless have done much better had he not received an injury to his leg at the very beginning of the season.

It may not be amiss here to give a few hints that may come in useful another time, and also be of use to young players who aspire to future distinction.

The Forwards should learn when it is better to pass and when to shoot; it may safely be said that many a goal was lost during the season by the inside

man passing out to his wing when he had an opportunity of shooting, or by attempting a shot when he was too far off or had the backs bearing down upon him; also they should use all their pace in dribbling or following up a kick.

The Halves have the hardest place in the field and must make up their minds to work hard in proportion. The great point to observe is to feed their forwards more carefully, and not take a violent kick over their heads; they might also take a few more shots at goal when occasion offers. And again, they might be quicker in getting back to help the defence.

The Backs and Goal-keeper when they get the ball should clear as quickly as possible; very rarely can a back do much good by running some way up the field, unless he has pace enough to get back.

SECOND XI.

It is to be hoped that another season a few more matches will be arranged for the second XI., for they hardly get enough opportunities of playing in the practice games and the two or three matches arranged for them.

Amongst the younger players there is abundant material for strong teams in the future, if they stay at the school and keep up the present form.

As to single players, S. Brown, if a little taller, would make a very smart goal-keeper; he has plenty of time, however, to grow. The backs were at times excellent, at others somewhat

the reverse. The half-backs were undoubtedly the weakest point, though showing considerable promise. The forwards, considering their size were very good; and special mention may be made of Rickarby.

NOTES ON MATCHES.

The season was opened with two trial matches against scratch teams organized by R. Prowde, Esq. In both the school XI. was victorious.

Reading School, October 14th. The visitors' powers were more or less unknown as we had not played them for two seasons; they completely outdid us in every respect. Noble played back in the absence of Winship. G. Brown in this match received a kick which incapacitated him for a considerable time.

St. John's School, Oxford. Played on October 18th. The ground was of the switchback variety, but this did not prevent our winning by six to nil. The return match was played on the following Wednesday; up to half time we only secured one point, but in the end won by eleven goals to none, the forwards brightening considerably when they saw a chance of running the score into double figures.

Reading School, (return match). We did rather better than in the first match, though hard pressed nearly all through the game. Winship was off colour, letting the forwards through several times in succession; Hannay, on the contrary, did his work and most of Winship's without a mistake.

Magdalen College School, November 1st. Our team played much better all round and did better than was expected by anyone. The score (3—0 against) fairly represents the merits of the two teams on the day.

Nov. 4th, was a second XI. fixture, St. Michael's being the opponents. Up to half time the play ruled even, each side securing 3 goals; but afterwards St. Michael's ran out winners by 8—3.

Thame School, November 15th. The less said of this match the better. We were certainly weakened by the absence of Winship and missed Shepherd at half-back, he taking Winship's place at back; but this is not a sufficient excuse for the weakness shown all round. We were beaten by ten to one.

Abingdon 2nd XI. The weather spoilt what would otherwise have been a very pleasant game. We were somewhat lucky in obtaining our points, but the team thoroughly deserved their victory of 2 goals to 1.

Pembroke College, November 22nd. Absence of shooting power among the forwards lost us this match. It was evenly contested throughout, and our opponents only secured their single goal close upon time.

Monday, November 27th, was a special half holiday, granted at the request of the newly elected Mayor. We played a scratch eleven under A. B. Morland, Esq. which included the Masters. We were beaten by 3—1.

Thame School, return match, on

November 29th. We did much better than in the former match, and up to half-time had rather the better of the play. Our shooting, however, was not what it should have been and finally we were beaten by four to one.

St. Michael's on our ground, a second XI. match, was the next fixture. The team were rather wild and were beaten by two to one, although having the advantage in play.

Of the next match, Magdalen College School, little need be said. We were without several of our first XI. players and were hopelessly beaten.

On December 9th, we played a scratch Oxford XI. under H. E. Mallam, Esq. The Match was well contested and the result was in doubt until the very end. Victory rested with us by one to nil.

December 13th, another scratch team, organized by A. B. Morland, Esq. They were a heavier lot than we could put in the field, but the match was fairly even. Result, two to one against us.

The Old Abingdonians match was played on December 19th, in fearful weather. The rain never ceased for a moment, and the ground consequently resembled a duck pond. The Old Boys showed their superiority throughout, winning by 6—1.

The first match played in the following term was another match with St. Michael's. This time the second XI. went to pieces, being defeated by sixteen to two.

February 7th, Pembroke College. In this and the following match we were

without our Captain, otherwise we should probably have won both. Our opponents were better together than in the first match, and won by 5—3.

H. E. Mallam, Esq., brought a team over again on February 10th. The match was even and interesting, perhaps slightly in favour of the School. It resulted, however, in a draw of two goals each.

Saturday, February 24th. With a somewhat strong second XI. we defeated St. Michael's by four to three. The result was unexpected by our opponents, and some ill feeling was shown by several of them.

The last match of the season was Lincoln College. The visitors arrived three men short, but substitutes were found who proved by no means the weakest members of the side. Mr. Cousins had injured his leg in a scratch game a few days before, but turned out for us nevertheless. A very pleasant match ended in a victory for us by three to one.

CHARACTERS OF FOOTBALL XI.

J. H. E. Morland (goal). When in form is a good and reliable goal-keeper but his kicking is sometimes uncertain.

M. G. Hannay (back). Considering the little football he has played before this season, he is a wonderfully strong and safe kick, but he does not use his weight quite enough.

G. Winship (back). Is a clever kick but does not always use his powers with

good judgment; might be more energetic at times.

A. W. Morland (half-back). Has not made quite such marked improvement since last year as was expected; but he backs up his forwards well, and is a very promising player.

N. P. Shepherd (half-back). His excellent kicking and tackling more than compensate for his lack of pace. As a captain in the field he is all that can be desired.

B. Challenor (half-back). With his strength and pace should be a very good half-back but he has not found out how to use them. He must learn to kick with his left foot; has improved during the latter half of the season.

S. B. Midwinter (forward). Has fallen off somewhat since the beginning of the season. Considering his want of pace he is a good wing forward. He should learn to dribble more.

W. F. Lay (forward). Passes well, and is a tricky forward, but his shooting lacks power.

H. Shopland (centre-forward). His shooting is, at times, weak and he is not fast enough on the ball, but he has been of very great service to the team.

G. Brown (forward). Is at present a poor shot, but his good passing and swiftness on the ball make him a valuable player.

H. G. Lovett (forward). Is, perhaps, the best forward we have. He centres and dribbles well but does not pass soon enough.

SCRATCH SIXES.

The draw for the Sixes turned out much more equal this year than last, and consequently much excitement was aroused, especially when Morland (II)'s VI., which was considered the strongest, made a draw with Lovett's, which was considered the weakest.

The following is the result of the draw:

(I.) Shepherd (capt.), Noble, Rickarby, Eagle (I), Eagle (II), Challenor (II).

(II.) Shopland (capt.), Brown (II), Coxeter (I), Winship, Aldwinckle (II), McCreery.

(III.) Lovett (capt.), Aldwinckle (I), Coxeter (II), Deacon (I), Deacon (II), Taylor (II).

(IV.) Brown (I) (capt.), Mr. Cousins, Greenwood, Poole, King, Payne (II).

(V.) Morland (II) (capt.), Mr. Milman, Midwinter, Taylor (I), Trafford, Coudrey.

(VI.) Morland (I) (capt.), Mr. Prowde, Lay, Griffith, Collins, Bradfield.

(VII.) Hannay (capt.), Powell (II), Montgomery, Challenor (III), Pogmore, Graham.

(VIII.) Challenor (I) (capt.), Dunlop, Payne (I), Shepherd (II), Harris, Hewer.

1st Round.

Shopland's VI. v. Challenor's VI.

This was a spirited game on both sides; Shopland played especially well, and Challenor fought hard. It ended in a draw (3-3).

When these teams met again Challenor and Dunlop could not work together,

whereas all Shopland's VI. played hard, and eventually won by 3 goals to 1. Shepherd (II) played well in goal for the losers.

Morland (II)'s VI. v. Lovett's VI.

In this match Morland (II)'s team was evidently the stronger, but Lovett played so hard, and shot so well, getting several goals from half-way, that he kept the scoring equal. The game ended in another draw (8-8).

In playing off their tie, however, Morland put Mr. Milman in goal: he was able to save most long shots, while Morland himself scored as fast as he did in the first match, and won by 8 to 1.

Shepherd's VI. v. Brown's VI.

Shepherd started to play forward, but Mr. Cousins soon got 3 goals, whereupon Shepherd came back and stopped further scoring against him, but could not score himself. Mr. Cousins played splendidly.

Morland (I)'s VI. v. Hannay's VI.

After a fairly even, and a very hot game, Morland won by 2 to 1. Lay played very well at back for Morland.

Semi-Final Round.

Shopland's VI. v. Brown's VI.

Unfortunately for Brown Mr. Cousins hurt his leg in the first round, and had to play in goal, and consequently Brown's attack was considerably weakened. Although Brown and Greenwood played up pluckily, Shopland was too much for them, and beat them by 3 to 1.

Morland (I)'s VI. v. Morland (II)'s VI.

The result of this match was doubtful till the second half, when Morland

(11)'s team pulled itself together, and after some good centres by Midwinter, well received by Morland, won by 6 to 3.

Final Round.

The final of the Sixes was played off on Thursday, March 22nd, before a large number of spectators, and a very exciting game was witnessed. The opposing teams were Morland (11)'s and Shopland's. The play was very even all through, and the defence on both sides seemed impassable, but just before half-time, Morland scored from a good centre by Midwinter. But in the first few minutes of the second-half, Shopland equalized from a "hands" near goal. The game continued even to the end, score (3-3). After a short rest it was decided to play on for another ten minutes. Morland's team seemed now to be a little superior, scoring once in each half. Thus the score was 5 to 3. After the game, Miss Cowie kindly consented to give away the prizes to the winners.

A BUNDLE OF OLD LETTERS.

Continued.

"It is dated from Sydenham."

'My dear Signior,

I have not heard anything of you for ages, and I am beginning to fear that your long silence may have a *matrimonial* explanation. It is most distressing how all my bachelor friends are being transformed into family men. There's that daft old Tom Howell (you remember Tom?) has taken to himself a wife whose name was Bertha Jenkins!

(Did you ever hear such names?)

She lived at Milton-on-the-hill near Birmingham (horrible neighbourhood!)

So infatuated was he with this girl—there ought to be Asylums for matrimonial infatuates—that when he got a holiday, some three weeks ago, instead of coming up to London, and enjoying the few days of freedom left to him—

"What a shame to talk like that! you men are so selfish!"

"Yes are n't we? But you must remember that Conolly is deploring that he *can't get* others to think as he does."

'he must needs post off to Milton-on-the-hill to see his future bride'—

"Of course, I should think so. I'm sure 'Jack,' was a nice fellow."

'just as if, as I told him, he wouldn't see quite enough of her when the knot was tied. He could then sit in doors all day long on one chair, and place her on another opposite, and gaze and gaze and gaze and gaze to his heart's content. But no—a man is hopelessly unreasonable when he once gets into that state. You may prove to him with all the eloquence of Cicero, and all the subtlety of Euclid, how he ought to spend the remainder of his bachelorhood, and all you can get out of him is a sickly smile, and a 'No—I must away to Milton-on-the-hill!'

I am ready to exclaim with the prophet 'I only am left!' But I hope you are, too. My dear Signior, do

write and relieve my anxiety. Tell me, O tell me, that you are *still a bachelor!*"

"Oh, I do hope he'll get caught some day!"

"I daresay he will."

'In consequence of the Church Congress, these parts have been full of excitement and full of Clerics—the latter of all sorts—Clerics with hats, and Clerics without hats, with hats with brims, and with hats without brims, hats of felt, and hats of beaver, hats tall and hats short, hats round, and hats square, hats à-la-Cardinal and hats à-la-Waiter! Indeed, my dear Signior, I have been so distracted by the various hats, that when I have next to invest in a capital covering I shall be reduced to the very last stage of conflicting doubt as to which shape, size, colour, and material it is to be. I trust you will be with me to help me make a right choice.

With kindest regards, etc.

"Well I always thought Clerical hats, were very wonderful, certainly. Is that all?"

"No, here is one more letter which I must read you. Conolly had taken a tutorship at Mr. Mc Intyre's, now Bishop of X——."

'My dear Signore too-too-l'amoro!

I am disgusted! I am enragé! I am furioso! I am ros-bif-boul-dorg! I am—don't ask me what I am!—whir-r-r-r-rh!!!

Jones has played me false, the beast!

He said you were coming up to the

Corporeal Halls once more (when he and I go up to take our Degrees) for the Preliminary Exam. And now I hear you are not, and our little reunion is indefinitely postponed. Therefore I am furioso!

How ridiculous of the University to have a centre for the Prelim. at such an out-of-the-way, un-known, barbarous place as *Gloucester!* Why the Examiners might positively bully you to death and the University remain in ignorance of the appalling fact. My dear Signior, it is manifestly ridiculous.

I have been occupying the Rectory in solitary magnificence since Tuesday last. Mc Intyre is away. Shut your eyes, my dear fellow, and picture to yourself an ordinary Rectory. See the 'bigotted Ritualist,' the 'Romanist in Protestant garb,' of Corpus notoriety, reading prayers with two little boys and three female servants. See the same curious combination imparting Classical lore to two very dense little 'cubs' from 9 to 12 o'clock, and discoursing upon the peculiarities of Notation and Numeration from 2.30 to 4.30. Again, draw upon your imagination and see him writing this letter while his two dunderhead pupils revel in Greek Grammar and Delectus from 7 to 8.30. Again Family Prayers, followed by bed for the boys, and supper and ditto for their Tutor.'

"The poor boys don't seem to have had any supper."

"No I don't know how that was."

"How like a dream the dear old Cambridge days appear! The ravings of the terrible Tutor, the scowlings of the cynical Master, the nose-poking of saintly Long, the odd remarks of "Fatty" Stimpson, the shrill cries of unmannerly Philpot, the freezing gaze of Classical Maule, the injured tone of feline Carter, the reckless statements of Protestant Styles, the shining bumps of Socrates Smith, the stuttering repartees of Stuck-up Humphreys, the melancholy wail of coxswain Sherwood, the hussy 'bags' of Elegant Shutter"—

"Well! how much more?"

"Oh, that's nearly all. But if you had known these men you would see how exactly Conolly has hit off their peculiarities."

'the Conservative voice of Mr. Balls, the Radical shouts of furious Jones, the swaggering gait of boating Hall, the gossip voice of Mrs. Binns'—

"An old 'Bed-maker,' you know."

'the ungainly form of Mrs. Croome'—

"Another O.B."

'Ah, Signior, I weep. These are all of the past now, together with the sports of Fenner's, the rows on Parker's Piece, the Boats, the Cricket, Football, and a thousand other things. When shall we smoke another pipe of peace together? who now inhabits our old abodes? who bursts in upon quiet Robinson, the last of our 'set' who is still up? These are questions that recall days never to be forgotten, never to be passed again, never to be experienced any more. I am actually

growing melancholy, but I like to think of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

I have written you a long epistle. Who can tell how much I have enjoyed this little chat? But now, my dear fellow, fare thee well—for a season only, I hope—again farewell!

Believe me, yours sincerely,

T.T.C.'

W. EDKINS.

THE END.

PAPER CHASE.

A paper chase was held on Wednesday, March the 14th, when Mrs. W. N. Powell very kindly invited us to make Garford our destination. The hares chosen were Challenor and Morland, who were joined by Mr. Layng. Starting through Shippon Mr. Layng and Morland turned to the left over the fields, intending that Challenor should continue a false trail and then join them; however he misunderstood his directions and continued the track to Garford. The other two encountered some very heavy ground behind the turf-pits, but the hounds did not follow their trail but continued to run after Challenor. After having to climb three stiff fences, Mr. Layng and Morland gained the Marcham road. At the village they entered the Marcham meadows, here they had to jump several brooks. After crossing the Ock by bridge they waded through the floods and soon came to the road close to the National School. Arriving at Mrs. Powell's house they found Challenor and the hounds waiting for them. Dunlop had run down

Challenor a short distance beyond Marcham. After tea all the boys were sent back by the unused trail, but only five, Dunlop, Hannay, Brown and the two hares, continued the whole way, The remainder losing the trail at Marcham came along the common, through a great many ditches.

OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Sir,

This term has gone by without affording much material for a letter. The Torpids—the most important event of the eight weeks—were rowed Feb. 14th to 21st. Owing perhaps to bad weather experienced during practice, the crews were rather below the average, but some good racing was witnessed; Hertford achieved a great performance in making seven bumps, starting thirteenth they finished off sixth. B.N.C. kept the headship for the ninth year in succession, though they were hard pressed by New who had undoubtedly the best boat on. N. A. Saunders, an Old Abingdonian, rowed 5 in the Pembroke boat.

The 'Varsity seemed to be going very strong before they left Oxford and should have no difficulty in winning.

Both the Football teams have performed well this term and except for their inexplicable defeat by Cambridge the 'soccer' team can boast of a grand record.

Events seem to point to a light blue victory in the sports, but a close contest may be expected.

Abingdonians in Oxford have not shone much in the athletic line this term, but we may mention that Mallam

has been playing tennis for Hertford and Foster keeping goal for Merton. F. J. Robinson, another old boy, has been a constant attendant on the tow-path, and as Captain of the S. Catharine's boat club is to be congratulated on the success of his college in the races. J. Townsend, as an officer of his college debating society has become famous for his wit and brilliant repartee.

P. H. Morland and N. A. Saunders have been in for Honour Mods. and their names, will, or at least, ought to appear in the list at the end of the Vac.

Wishing the School all success in the coming cricket season.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

OLD BOY.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We wish to welcome to the School Mr. C. W. Cousins, of St. Catharine's, Oxford. In addition to other duties he has taken in hand the music of the School; whilst on the playground the Football Team has found in him a most useful assistant. We may reasonably hope that the singing, if we may call it by that name, of the Teams on their way back from a match, will soon begin to show some improvement.

We regret the loss of the following boys:—T. Newman, R. Badcock, (IV. Form); G. Winship (Commercial Class).

The names of the new boys, are F. L. Dunlop (VI. Form); H. O. Winship, L. A. Challenor, R. H. Lord, N. S. Poole (Juniors I.); A. F. Eagle, H. L. Harris, J. R. Hewer, J. R. Lord, J. Pogmore, P. R. Taylor (Juniors II.)

The following officers have been appointed. Captain of the boats M. G. Hannay; Sports Committee, *elected by their respective Forms*, F. L. Dunlop, H. Shopland, W. R. Noble, S. B. Midwinter; *ex officio*, the Head-master, N. P. Shepherd, J. H. T. Morland, A. W. Morland, M. G. Hannay. In the drill squad the following promotions and appointments have been made:—M. G. Hannay and A. W. Morland, commanders of half-companies; N. P. Shepherd, right guide, F. L. Dunlop, left guide; G. Brown and S. Brown, markers.

The Sports are to be held on Saturday, April 7th, at 2 o'clock. Amongst the variations from last years programme three require special mention; the half-mile handicap will be run on the same day as the other events; the 120 yards handicap has been dropped, and a 220 yards flat race for boys under 12 has been introduced.

On Monday, April 9th, there will be two steeplechases, one open, and the other for boys under 14. We understand that the time at which the race is to start, and the course, have not as yet been fixed. For the holiday we have to thank the Govenors, who after their meeting in March made their usual request for a holiday for the School.

On Wednesday, April 11th, the last day of term, there will take place, in the afternoon an athletic contest between representative teams of Past and Present Abingdonians, and in the evening a Concert in the big school-room. The arrangements for the Past and Present Sports are being carried

by a Committee; the members of which are, the Rev. T. Layng, G. H. Morland, H. S. Challenor, F. H. Pryce, N. P. Shepherd, J. H. T. Morland, A. W. Morland.

The Secretary of the O. A. Club requests us again to ask whether there is anyone among our subscribers, who has a copy of the first number of the Magazine, and who would be willing to present it to the Club.

A Concert was held on the 20th of December, the last evening of the Christmas term. As it was the first attempt at anything of the sort, only Old Boys were asked, of whom a large number were present. After the Old Boys' match the two teams had tea together. When tea was over, seats were placed in the Dining Hall, and the Head-master read out the form lists. Several of the Old Boys gave valuable assistance in the concert. The songs were as follows:—

F. J. Robinson	"He wore a worried look."
	"The Four-horsed Char-à-banc."
A. M. Shepherd	"The Long Shoreman."
F. H. Pryce	"John Peel."

Between the songs the Choir sang two excellent glees, "The Fairy song" and "Old England," and concluded the entertainment with "Dulce Domum" and "God Save the Queen."

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Laxtonian and Brightouian.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

MARRIAGES.

On the 17th March, at St. John's, Highgate road, by the Rev. J. C. Cowd, Vicar—James B. Reeves, of Church

Court, Old Jewry, E.C. and Henley-on-Thames, to Josephine, second daughter of Henry Bailey, of 9 Burghley Road, N.W.

At St. Saviour's, Hampstead, Mr. Caryl J. Battersby, M.A. to Eliza A., daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Freeman Morre, of the Inner Temple, Jan. 3rd.

DEATHS.

Algernon Victor Haylar, died Dec. 1st. under cloroform for an operation, at Kimberley, S. Africa.

N.B.—Exhibitor at the Academy for the last few years.

Norman Anwyl died of yellow fever in Brazil.

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