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EDITORIAL.

THE term which is now drawing to a close has been somewhat uneventful. "Happy are the people who have no History," is a trite proverb, but like many of our proverbs a somewhat hasty generalisation. For granted that the majority of people so circumstanced are happy, yet for all that another proverb—"what is one man's meat is another man's poison," still remains true, and

what is happiness to them, is unhappiness to the unfortunate editors who are called upon to write a history, and are furnished with no events which require special record. We have indeed to chronicle another very satisfactory increase in the numbers of the School, but to those who have followed the fortunes of the School during the last two or three years, that will appear in no way unusual or strange. We have also played a considerable number of Cricket Matches with varying fortunes. At times we have given a team a sound beating, at times we have received the same at the hands of others. But though now and then our bowling has suffered unmerciful treatment, and our batsmen have occasionally gone to the wicket, expecting that the first ball would also be their last, yet if we take the season through, the form displayed by the team as a whole has been superior

to that shown by any of the teams, that the School has put into the field during the last few seasons. It is a curious thing that despite the long continued spell of fine weather, the bowlers have generally had the upper hand of the batsmen, and scores except in a few instances have ruled low. And this is not surprising; for the wickets have been fiery, and owing to the scarcity of water in the town it has been impossible to use much upon the pitch.

It will be remembered that some time ago a subscription was started amongst members of the Old Abingdonian Club for the purpose of commemorating the foundation of the Club and doing honour to the late Dr. Strange, the last headmaster of the Old School. The subscriptions were to be devoted to fitting up the Science Rooms in a manner worthy of the School. The work which was begun at the commencement of the term has lately been completed; and now thanks to the generosity of the Old Boys we are provided with adequate means for the efficient teaching of science,—a subject the importance of which it is impossible to overrate. We take this opportunity of expressing on behalf of the School our gratitude to them for the interest they have taken in the School's welfare.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

v.

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

Athletic Meeting, Saturday, April 6th.

This is the second contest between these clubs; and so we may congratulate

ourselves that this admirable fixture is well established. Wind and rain did their worst, but in spite of this the events were very interesting.

The Old Boys secured 5 events against 4; and this was all the more creditable to them, when we take into account the difficulty they had in getting a team. The Present won 4 events; and as these included the Mile, Half-mile, and Quarter-mile the honours were very evenly divided.

In the LONG JUMP P. H. Morland (O.A.) cleared 18ft. 10in., while W. T. Morland (O.A.) was second with 18ft. 4½in. W. R. Noble and A. W. Morland, who represented the School fell short by a couple of feet.

In the 100 YARDS P. H. Morland (O.A.) won by 2 yards from F. O. Townsend (O.A.), who was well in front of B. Challenor and A. W. Morland, the Present Sprinters. Time, 11 sec.

In PUTTING THE WEIGHT the two Old Abingdonians were again first and second H. A. A. d'Almaine led with 28ft., G. H. Morland came next with 26ft. 5in. and M. G. Hannay and F. L. Dunlop put 24ft. 6in. and 23ft. 5in. respectively.

With the HALF-MILE fortune and merit changed sides. W. R. Noble and H. G. Lovett ran for the School, while F. J. Robinson was the sole representative of the O.A.C. Robinson ran gamely; but training told, and landed Noble and Lovett in the first and second places, after a very close run in. Robinson was a good third. Time 2.37.

The HIGH JUMP then followed. This event suffered more than any from the strong wind. W. E. Noble (A.S.A.C.) was the first to drop out; F. O. Townsend won with 4ft. 11in., a good jump considering the wind and heavy ground. P. J. Martin (O.A.C.) was half an inch lower and M. G. Hannay (A.S.A.C.) half an inch below Martin.

The QUARTER-MILE was then decided. P. H. Morland and F. J. Robinson ran for the O.A.C., B. Challenor and G. Brown for the School. Morland came off with a good lead, and Robinson took second place. But Robinson stopped opposite the Drive Gate; and Challenor got on terms with Morland at the hill. Morland made a good spurt in the straight; but Challenor came away and won by several yards; Brown was about the same distance from Morland. The time, 65 secs. was not bad; for the School ground is a trying one, and the wind did not improve it.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL was won by M. G. Hannay with 81 yards for the School; F. J. Robinson (O.A.C.) was 2½ yards short of this. F. L. Dunlop also threw for the School, and W. T. Morland for the O.A.C.

In the HURDLE RACE A. W. Morland, and H. G. Lovett (A.S.A.C.) ran a very hard race with F. O. Townsend and W. T. Morland (O.A.C.) The two Morlands and Townsend ran abreast right to the finish, when Townsend got home first in the last stride; A. W. Morland beat his brother by 2 yards. This was perhaps the best race of the day.

THE MILE was the last event. Noble, Lovett and Challenor started for the School; Robinson, Townsend and Martin for the O.A.C. The superior training of the Present made them favourites. But Robinson took the lead at the start and kept it till ¼ mile from the finish. Robinson and Townsend both gave a pleasing exhibition of untrained staying powers, but in the last lap Noble and Challenor drew well away and had a hot run down the straight for the first place. Challenor eventually won by 2 or 3 yards. Robinson was a good third. Time, 5.58.

The Sports as a whole were a great success. Both last year and this the Old Abingdonians have won the odd event, and each side has won almost exactly the same events each year. This looks as though the nine events favour the points of the Olim Alumni.

CONCERT.

On April 3rd the School concert took place and the weather being fine the room was well filled with visitors and friends. The Concert opened with Schubert's piano duet, which was admirably played by Mr. Cousins and Collingwood. This was followed by a selection of English songs in which Winship's singing of "Cherry Ripe" and the expressive rendering by the choir of "Since first I saw your face" were particularly pleasing. After this came a vocal duet sung by Messrs. Phillips and Cousins, which received a well deserved encore. Amongst the Welsh songs "Springtime" sung as a duet by Deacon and Mr. Phillips was

well rendered. Greenwood's solo "The Ash Grove" won a well merited and enthusiastic encore. Of the Scotch songs the Jacobite rowing measure "Speed bonny boat" and the plaintive air "And ye shall walk in silk attire," arranged in two parts for the occasion, were sung well. The Piano Solo "The Brook" executed by Collingwood gave much satisfaction and was the gem of the evening. The Minstrel Boy was perhaps the most appreciated of the Irish music. Miss Layng gave valuable assistance with the accompaniments, and great credit is due to Mr. Cousins for the admirable way in which he trained the choir.

PROGRAMME.

National Ballads of England, Wales,
Scotland, and Ireland.

PART I.
PIANO DUET "Marche Militaire" *Schubert.*
W. B. COLLINGWOOD & C. W. COUSINS,
ENGLAND.—"Since first I saw your face,"
"Cherry Ripe,"
"The Banks of Allan Water,"
"Barb'ra Allen."

VOCAL DUET "Ladies flee from love's smooth tale"
[*Balfe.*]
H. E. W. PHILLIPS & C. W. COUSINS.
WALES.—"Men of Harlech,"
"Springtime,"
"The Ash Grove,"
"All through the night."

TWO-PART SONG "Twelve by the Clock"
[*C. H. Lloyd.*]
THE CHOIR.
PART II.

PART SONG "Lullaby of Life" *H. Leslie.*
SCOTLAND.—"Scots wha hae wi' Wallace
bled,"
"And ye shall walk in silk
attire."

"Speed, Bonnie Boat."
"Ye Banks and braes o'
Bonnie Doon."
PIANO SOLO "The Brook" .. *William Pape.*
W. B. COLLINGWOOD.

IRELAND.—"The harp that once through
Tara's Halls,"
"The Minstrel Boy."
"The Meeting of the Waters."
"The Young May Moon."

PLANTATION SONG "Good Night." *Scott Gatty.*
THE CHOIR.

STEEPLECHASES.

The School Steeplechases were decided on Monday, April 8th. The course chosen on the Common was the same as last year; and though there was not much variety in the obstacles, they were more numerous, for all the ditches had been filled by the recent rain. The same cause also made the going very heavy, and it required some considerable staying powers to last the whole course.

The afternoon was fine, but the distance from home prevented more than a small party of friends from being present at the starting (and winning) point.

The Junior race (under 14) was run first, the distance being rather over a mile. Taylor ran very well and came in an easy first, thus repeating his victory of last year. Seven out of the twelve who started completed the course in the following order:—H. A. Taylor, 1; A. T. J. McCreery, 2; J. Aldwinckle, 3; P. L. Deacon, 4; N. Drewe, 5; A. F. Eagle, 6; L. F. Gale, 7. Time, 10 min. 25 sec.

The Open race brought out eleven starters, and ten of these went the full distance (about one mile and three quarters). At the start A. W. Morland went slightly ahead, followed closely by Challenor, G. Brown and Lovett, and they set a pretty good pace. When they re-appeared on the return journey, Challenor and Noble were level and well ahead of all rivals, a position that was preserved until reaching the last ditch. The two named landed abreast but Challenor, who was dead beat, fell and only

just managed to beat Robertson for second place. The latter lost a shoe in the first ditch and completed the course with one only. Order of finishing:— W. R. Noble, 1; B. Challenor, 2; J. B. Robertson, 3; H. G. Lovett, 4; G. Brown,

5; S. Brown, 6; C. T. Baker, 7; C. J. Griffith, 8; A. W. Morland, 9; S. Greenwood, 10. Time, 9 min. 40 sec. Two of the prizes were presented by Mr. J. Coxeter and Messrs. Bradley & Joyner.

CRICKET.

Up to the present time the XI. has done fairly well, but on the whole its successes have been due to the efforts of bowlers rather than batsmen. In the latter department the "tail" is so very long that the head can hardly drag it along, and once or twice has relinquished the effort altogether.

The first match was on May 18th, v. Abingdon C. & F. C. (2nd XI.), at the School. The visitors won the toss but commenced their venture disasterously, F. H. Pryce being bowled by Hannay before a run was scored. The innings realized 74, chiefly due to R. J. Clarke, who scored a vigorous 30, including a six and two fours. Hannay and Mr. Wilson both bowled well. The School innings only realized 49, to which Mr. Orpwood contributed 10 by sound defence. Our opponents scored 68 for the loss of 5 wickets in the second innings before the call of time (F. H. Pryce, 25). Baker, who went on as second change, had an analysis of 2 overs, 2 maidens, 0 runs, 1 wicket. We thus lost by 25 runs on the first innings.

On May 22nd we played Oxford High School at Osney. Morland won the toss but the team could do nothing with the bowling of Horne and Andrews, who took 6 wickets for 16 runs and 4 wickets for 9 runs respectively. Our total was 33. The High School apparently had an easy task before them, but in fact lost 5 wickets before reaching our total and were only left nine ahead. Hannay (5 for 17) and Baker (5 for 21) bowled well. In the second innings we made 55 for four wickets (Morland 27 and Baker 11) and then declared. In the short time left for play four of our opponents were dismissed for 19 runs, so that with more time we should probably have won on the double innings. Hannay (3 for 10) and Baker again bowled well.

On May 25th the match was against the Clothing Factory C.C. on the Fitzharris ground. Mr. Layng could not play on account of an injured thumb. The result was in our favour by nine wickets.

We append a full score :

FACTORY C.C. 1st Innings.

T. Messenger b. Wilson	1	A. Trinder not out	7
H. Brind run out	1	G. Fisher b Wilson	0
H. Cox c Hannay b Wilson	1	A. Kimbrey b Hannay	2
R. J. Clarke b Hannay	0	F. Parker c & b Hannay	1
J. C. Clarke c H. Morland b Hannay	16	Extras	7
R. Weaving b Hannay	2		
Thorogood b Wilson	12		
		Total	50

		2nd Innings.	
T. Messenger b Baker	1	A. Trinder c A. Morland b Baker	9
H. Brind run out	6	G. Fisher not out	7
H. Cox b A. Morland	5	A. Kimbrey b Baker	3
R. J. Clarke run out	4	F. Parker c & b Dunlop	2
J. C. Clarke b Baker	0	Extras	4
R. Weaving c Izard b Baker	8		
F. Thorogood b Baker	0	Total	40

		SCHOOL.	
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
H. C. Orpwood, Esq. b Fisher	11	A. W. Morland c Fisher b Cox	3
A. W. Morland b Thorogood	0	M. G. Hannay not out	5
W. M. Wilson, Esq. b Fisher	14	H. C. Izard, Esq. not out	0
M. G. Hannay c Brind b Fisher	0		
H. C. Izard, Esq. run out	6		
C. T. Baker, c Messenger b Fisher	0		
F. L. Dunlop run out	16		
H. Morland b R. Clarke	6		
W. R. Noble run out	11		
P. L. Deacon c R. Clarke b Parker	0		
G. Brown not out	6		
Extras	14		
Total	84	Total (1 wkt.)	8

On May 29th we played a scratch eleven captained by S. J. Forster, Esq., of Merton College, an O.A. We were again victorious, this time by an innings and 34 runs. Hannay bowled especially well in both innings, taking seven wickets for thirteen runs in the first and five for thirteen in the second. Detailed score :

MR. FORSTER'S XI. (1st Innings.)		2nd Innings.	
A. Collier c Hannay b Wilson	9	A. Collier c Brown b Wilson	0
W. G. King-Peirce c Izard b Hannay	0	W. G. King-Peirce c A. Morland b Hannay	8
F. Hope b Hannay	0	F. Hope run out	5
J. G. Hooper b Wilson	7	J. G. Hooper run out	6
S. J. Forster b Hannay	4	S. J. Forster c sub b Hannay	0
C. Hawkins b Wilson	4	C. Hawkins b Wilson	0
J. Parsons b Hannay	4	J. Parsons not out	4
W. Mirza not out	3	W. Mirza b Hannay	0
A. George c & b Hannay	3	A. George c Noble b Hannay	0
H. Rothfeld st Izard b Hannay	0	H. Rothfeld c & b Hannay	0
J. S. Greenwood b Hannay	0	J. S. Greenwood c & b Wilson	1
Extras	8	Extras	15
Total	42	Total	39

SCHOOL Innings.			
H. C. Orpwood, Esq., b Hooper	9	F. L. Dunlop b Mirza	16
A. W. Morland c Forster b Hooper	27	W. R. Noble b Mirza	13
W. M. Wilson, Esq., c & b Hooper	4	H. Morland not out	3
Rev. T. Layng b Collier	20	G. Brown b Mirza	0
M. G. Hannay c George b Peirce	1	Extras	18
H. C. Izard, Esq., b Peirce	0		
C. T. Baker b Peirce	4		
		TOTAL	115

On June 1st H. E. Mallam, Esq., O.A., of Hertford College, brought an eleven against us. In some respects it was a strong team, and we suffered defeat by 37 runs on the first innings. The School went in first but found the bowling too much for them. Two wickets fell before a run was scored, and six were down before the score reached double figures; Mr. Izard (11) and Brown (9 not out) added thirteen for the last wicket, the innings closing for 28. Our opponents started well but afterwards collapsed utterly, the last seven batsmen only scoring a single run between them. To the total (65) A. M. Bury contributed 33 and W. E. Ley, 13. In the second attempt the School did much better, thanks chiefly to Mr. Orpwood (32), A. W. Morland (22) and Mr. Izard (11, not out). The innings realized 99. At the call of time the visitors had lost one wicket for ten runs.

On June 5th S. John's School, Oxford, came over. The match began late, but we were able to beat them by seventy runs after declaring. They are rather a small team and found Hannay rather too strong for them, especially with the sun behind him: he took eight of their wickets for twenty-one runs. They fielded pluckily, but were sadly in want of a wicket keeper. The School innings is given below:

A. W. Morland b Gough	1	H. F. Shepherd not out	5
C. T. Baker retired hurt	11	G. Brown b F. Venables	9
M. G. Hannay c Rouse b F. Venables	27	J. W. Montgomery c Clinkard b Venables	3
F. L. Dunlop b Gough	13	S. W. Brown not out	0
P. L. Deacon b Rouse	10	Extras	36
W. R. Noble l b w F. Venables	0		
W. B. Collingwood b Gough	4	Total (8 wkts.)	119

June 8th, St. Catharines' Oxford, paid us a visit. Taking first innings they ran up 82, only eight wickets falling as two men arrived late. G. Clack was the chief scorer with twenty-one; whilst A. J. H. Dennis (16) and R. M. Rees (14) also aided the score. Upon the School going in, Morland was at once bowled. Mr. Orpwood however played very steadily for 15 and Mr. Layng scored 12. But nobody backed up the efforts of these two, and the last six men making "ducks," the innings only realized 46. Dennis, the fast bowler, had a remarkable analysis (11 overs and 1 ball, 9 maidens, 5 runs, 9 wickets). In the time that remained for play St. Catharines' made 106 for eight wickets. R. M. Rees compiled an excellent 45, and Heaslop, Miller, and Mackay also did well. The only bowler that met with much success was Baker, whose 5 wickets for 16 runs was an excellent performance. We lost on the first innings by thirty-six.

The fixture for June 15th was with Mr. A. F. C. Weber's XI., but as he was unable to come over Mr. P. J. Boland of Merton College, Oxford, brought a team against us. The visitors went in first, but fared badly against the bowling of Mr. Wilson and Hannay. Five wickets fell for twenty-nine runs; but the second half did better and raised the total to 68. F. J. Salt made 21, whilst T. Blake with

a six and two threes was the only other to reach double figures. The School had not a difficult task set them, and Mr. Orpwood (19) and Morland (18) started well. When the third wicket fell at 50 the match seemed practically won; but P. J. Boland who went on to bowl as second change brought about a collapse and the innings closed for 65, three runs behind our opponents' score. P. J. Boland took seven wickets for five runs.

MR. BOLAND'S XI.		SCHOOL.	
M. H. F. Sutton b Wilson	0	H. C. Orpwood, Esq. c J. Boland b P. Boland	19
W. R. T. Hamley b Wilson	0	A. W. Morland c Hamley b J. Boland	18
F. J. Dessain b Hannay	5	W. M. Wilson, Esq. b Salt	3
T. Blake b Wilson	12	Rev. T. Layng b P. Boland	0
J. P. Boland b Hannay	6	M. G. Hannay c Dessain b P. Boland	0
F. J. Salt b Wilson	21	C. T. Baker b Salt	0
J. Bridge b Wilson	8	H. C. Izard, Esq. not out	7
H. A. Harmsworth not out	4	F. L. Dunlop c Dessain b P. Boland	1
E. St. C. Hill b Hannay	1	W. R. Noble c Dessain b P. Boland	0
St. J. Harmsworth c Noble b Hannay	0	P. L. Deacon b P. Boland	0
P. J. Boland b Wilson	4	G. Brown b P. Bowland	2
Extras	7	Extras	15
Total	68	Total	65

In their second innings the visitors scored 78 for 8 wickets, St. J. Harmsworth and Dessain, with 16 each, being top scorers.

On June 19th we met Abingdon C. & F. C. (A team) on the club ground and obtained our revenge, beating them by six runs, as will be seen from the scores given below. Mr. Wilson (7 for 20) and Baker (3 for 7) both bowled well for us, but Hannay did not come off.

A. C. & F. C.		SCHOOL.	
W. F. Lay b Wilson	1	H. C. Orpwood, Esq. b Pryce	0
H. A. Steptoe b Wilson	11	A. W. Morland c Martin b Pryce	12
F. R. Jackson c Morland b Wilson	0	W. M. Wilson, Esq. c Morland b Ely	19
W. T. Morland b Wilson	5	Rev. T. Layng b Ely	0
W. H. Gillett b Wilson	5	M. G. Hannay run out	2
R. Ely b Baker	22	H. C. Izard, Esq. b Pryce	11
J. Faulkner b Baker	6	C. T. Baker b Pryce	1
P. J. Martin c Izard b Baker	0	W. R. Noble c Lay b Ely	7
R. S. Lacey c Layng b Wilson	3	P. L. Deacon b Pryce	0
A. M. Shepherd b Wilson	1	G. Brown b Ely	3
F. H. Pryce not out	0	H. F. Shepherd not out	1
Extras	11	Extras	15
Total	65	Total	71

In the Club's second innings 65 runs were scored for the loss of four wickets.

On June 22nd the team went to Reading to play Reading School, and received the worst beating suffered by the School for several years. To our score of 49 Morland and Noble contributed 16 each, these two adding 25 for the fourth wicket. The home XI. occupied the wickets for the rest of the afternoon and compiled the large

score of 234 for the loss of 8 wickets; P. L. Mousley made 61 not out and L. E. Todd scored 40 by indiscriminate hitting. Six Bowlers were tried, Dunlop (2 for 24) being most successful.

June 29th, v. Thame School, at Thame. This match was somewhat interfered with by rain, but there was time for our team to beat them by nine wickets after being slightly behind on the first innings. Hannay and Baker, but especially the latter, bowled with great effect, he took 10 wickets for 25 in the double innings and Hannay 8 for 28. Scores are given below.

THAME SCHOOL 1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Davis b Hannay	0	Davis b Hannay	3
Sims b Baker	21	Sims b Hannay	0
Mayo b Hannay	0	Mayo b Baker	5
Stocker c Challenor b Baker	4	Stocker b Hannay	4
Turner b Baker	3	Turner c Noble b Baker	0
Bailey b Hannay	7	Bailey b Baker	0
Birch c Hannay	1	Birch b Baker	0
Wakefield (I.) b Hannay	0	Wakefield (I.) b Baker	2
Akers b Baker	1	Akers not out	0
Reynolds not out	0	Reynolds run out	1
Wakefield (II.) c & b Baker	0	Wakefield (II.) run out	1
Extras	4	Extras	7
Total	41	Total	23

ABINGDON SCHOOL 1st Innings.

A. W. Morland b Davis	1	G. Brown b Davis	5
C. T. Baker b Davis	7	A. P. Ward b Sims	3
M. G. Hannay c & b Sims	0	L. A. Challenor not out	2
F. L. Dunlop b Sims	5	S. W. Brown b Davis	1
W. R. Noble c Sims b Davis	3	Bye.	1
H. F. Shepherd b Davis	3		
J. W. Montgomery b Sims	3	Total	34

In the second innings the score was: F. L. Dunlop not out 16; W. R. Noble, l.b.w. Davis, 9; A. W. Morland, not out 8. Total (1 wkt.) 33.

THE ROWING.

As at present constituted the "Four" consists of:—

- F. L. Dunlop (bow)
- W. R. Noble (2)
- M. G. Hannay (3)
- A. W. Morland (stroke)
- C. A. W. Payne I. (cox.)

There is a great difference between the weights of the two sides and changes

may have to be resorted to, in order to obtain more of an equality.

In the "Tub Four" the above got fairly well together, but on getting into the "School Four" the steadiness disappeared, and the boat rolls far too much to get any pace on it. More attention should be paid to the time and to finishing together.

The main faults to which special

attention must be paid are as follows:—

Bow. Keeps very bad time, rushes forward before getting away his hands and then waits before getting in, thus missing the beginning of the stroke.

Two. Is also very much inclined to be late, should keep hold with his outside hand especially when forward and watch stroke, remembering to get in *with him*.

THREE. Must be ready to pick up the stroke, and not lean too far back at the end of the stroke.

STROKE. "Bores down" over the stretcher and "skies" his oar. Should mark the beginning well and get in square.

In order to turn out a crew to do justice against the strong crew promised by the "Old Boys" at the end of term, every effort must be made in practice.

Most of the other likely members of the Club have had regular tubbing on the boating days. Lately a second Four has been out under the charge of Hannay. B. Challenor is coming on but is very short at present; Collingwood and G. Brown have improved.

There is a good deal of keenness manifested which promises well for the Regatta.

F. J. Robinson, O.A., kindly took the 'Four' last Thursday, and has promised his valuable assistance again.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The names of the new boys who have joined the School this term are A. P.

Ward, H. F. Witty, IV. Form; H. Symonds, III. Form; W. E. Gall, A. W. L. Graham, A. R. West, W. G. Tate, Juniors I.; L. G. Fruin, M. C. Festing, Juniors II.

The names of the boys who have left are H. G. Lovett and E. Coxeter. In the former we have lost a most useful member of both the Football and Cricket Teams.

It gives us much pleasure to congratulate the Rev. W. E. Cousins, O.A. for many years missionary in Madagascar and Chairman of the Revising Committee of the Malagasy Bible, on the honorary M.A. degree, conferred upon him at the Encœnia by the University of Oxford.

We also wish to congratulate A. B. Morland, O.A. on being called to the Bar.

The Meredith Prize both for Greek and Latin Prose has been won by H. Morland.

During the present term half-holidays have been granted on two occasions, the first in recognition of the Pembroke Scholarship gained by H. Morland, and the other at the request of the Master of Christ's Hospital and the Mayor of the town, on the occasion of the laying the chief stone of the Free Library.

We wish to acknowledge a present of books kindly made to the School Lending Library by W. H. Richardson, O.A.—Kidnapped, (R. L. Stevenson), East Lynne, (Mrs. Henry Wood), From the Earth to the Moon, (Jules Verne), Around the Moon, (Jules Verne), All sorts and conditions of Men, (Besant),

Alton Locke, (Kingsley), The Dead Secret, (Wilkie Collins), The Member for Wrothenborough, (A. Beckett), Sense and Sensibility, (Jane Austen), Shirley, (Currer Bell), The Warden, and The Small House at Allington, (A. Trollope). We also wish to acknowledge a gift to the School Library of the Works of Herodotus, (translated by the Rev. Wm. Beloe, 4 vols.), presented by F. L. Dunlop.

We were glad to see that W. G. H. Cam, son of our late Headmaster, and for some time a member of this School had been bracketed first in the examination for entrance Scholarships at Felsted School.

We must congratulate F. L. Dunlop and G. Brown on having matriculated at Trinity Hall and Selwyn College, Cambridge, respectively.

The Right Honorable Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, has kindly consented to give away the Prizes on Founder's Day.

The sermon on Founder's Day will be preached by the Rev. E. Summers, Vicar of Brading, formerly Headmaster.

The Rev. C. B. Drake, M.A., formerly Scholar and Naden Divinity Student of St. John's College, Cambridge, will examine the School at the end of the present term.

Mrs. Slade Baker has kindly consented to award the Prize for the Singing Competition.

The following are the end of term arrangements:—

Capt. G. H. Morland will review the School Company on Friday, July 26th.

Monday, 29th July, Preliminary heats of School Regatta will be rowed on Culham Reach.

Tuesday, 30th July—Past and Present Four-Oared Race and School Regatta on Culham Reach.

Wednesday, 31st July—Past v. Present Cricket Match.

Thursday, 1st Aug.—2.30 p.m. Service in St. Helen's Church; 3.30 p.m., Prize Distribution in the School Room.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following Magazines, Peterite, Cranleighan, The Reading, and The Bury St. Edmunds School Magazines.

OXFORD LETTER.

The past term has been fairly eventful and highly enjoyable.

The fine weather more than made up for the frosts of the previous term. Oxford cricket prospered marvellously, until the match with Cambridge. The two sister Universities seem to be really justifying their recognition as 'first-class' in the cricket-world. N. A. Saunders (O.A.) has been captaining the Pembroke team with great success.

H. E. Mallam (O.A.) has been playing cricket and tennis for Hertford.

The 'Eights' were a vast success: the rowing was unusually fine, and the weather was perfect.

The Sports, as was expected, proved most interesting; the failure of the versatile C. B. Fry in the jump lost us the odd event.

At Henley honours were evenly divided between the Light and Dark Blues.

In the Schools W. B. Prowse (O.A.) of Pembroke has gained a First in Physics; J. Townsend (O.A.) has also been in, but the result is yet unknown—'Omne ignotum pro terribili.'

We are glad to hear that the School is going to be represented at Cambridge.

OLD BOY.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir,

I wish to advocate through your columns the formation of a Literary and Debating Society. There are two sides to school life. There is that side with which all are so well acquainted in the class room. There is also the other side to be looked for in the play ground or on the cricket field. It is as impossible to determine which side of school life is the more valuable, as it is to decide which half of a pair of scissors does the greater part of the cutting. The one cannot do without the other. All work and no play is as bad as all play and no work.

In the ordinary school work proceeds the training of the intellect—one part of education; out of school are carried on those exercises which give health and vigour, as well as discipline to the body,—another and very important part of education. But there is one thing which does not and cannot form part of the ordinary school curriculum, and which can only be effectively secured by the boys themselves. This one thing is the work of a literary, or a debating society, without which much that is valuable and interesting is lost in school life.

Why should not Abingdon School have such a society?

Any boy can tell the feats of "W. G."—can point out the best football player in the School—or even foretell the winner of the Oxford and Cambridge boat race. Such matters closely affect all who take any interest in Sport. But why should the Cricket—Football—or Boating Clubs quite prevent the formation of this new club. Not a slur ought to be cast upon any of the Athletic Clubs; they deserve all the support that can be given them. But they cannot meet that want felt in school life, which can only be supplied by a debating society.

What is this want? What are the advantages of this society?

In the first place there is a want for something, which cannot be obtained in the class or in the play-ground, a want which it is hard to define, and yet none the less exists. It is not a desire to do more Vergil, or to master another book of Euclid. Nor is it an ambition to excel in some out-of-door exercise. It is rather a need for a knowledge wider than that

to be obtained in the school room, and for powers other than mere physical exercise can ever give. A glance at a few of the advantages offered by a literary or debating society will perhaps give a clearer idea of the need such a society would satisfy. It gives the possibility of a wider education than can otherwise be obtained. General subjects, political, social, literary, can be treated of, and so a wider range of thought opened to all.

In the next place practice is gained in speaking and writing. In after years such practice is sure to prove useful in whatever line of life a man may find himself. If any-one is ambitious to reach the "great talking shop of the nation," and go to parliament, or even if he aims far lower, the practice gained at school will stand him in good stead.

Again a debating society compels the use of the judgment and of the critical faculties. Opinions are formed and reasons given, so that the chances are lessened that a boy grows up believing in little, and unable to give any reason for the little belief that is his.

Another advantage to be gained is the exchange of opinions and ideas. New sides of the same questions are shown, and it becomes possible to understand that there can be two opinions on the same subject.

Lastly such a society could not fail to stir up a more lively interest in the works of our great English Authors. Boys will one and all read a story of travel and adventure; and such reading is excellent. But if they never rise above such stories, they will never appreciate the far better things there are to be read.

This letter is written mainly in the hope that a movement may soon be made to form a debating or literary society. Under good management it would be sure to provide useful and interesting meetings, the value of which will never be forgotten in after life by those who care to profit by them.

In one of the preliminary examinations at Edinburgh University, the candidates in one of the papers were requested to criticize the writings of Macaulay. A young medical student after prolonged meditations, produced the following result:—

'Sir, I have not even heard of Mr. Macaulay.' For him there was some excuse as he was a foreigner. Not so however for that English boy who has not read a line of 'Dickens'

and cannot name the Author of 'Ivanhoe.' And yet such lack of interest is not altogether the fault of the boy, when there exists no means for stirring up an interest. Thus there seems to be some call for the consideration of the means, whereby interest may be aroused in subjects that are now too often neglected.

Yours very sincerely,
HISTORICUS.

TO A CHILD.

1. Unto this world-tossed sailor,
As o'er life's path I roam,
There come a strange sad feeling
That draws me far from home.
2. I've seen that life is radiant
And felt its perils nigh,
I've learnt to scoff at danger,
And fear no low'ring sky.
3. I've tasted much that's bitter
And braved the keenest blast,
And learnt by bitterest sorrow,
To abandon hope at last.
4. I've learnt that there is beauty
In e'en the smallest flow'r,

- And Nature is the teacher
To all aspiring Higher.
5. But when at last there cometh,
Before my weary gaze,
A pure, a Heavenly picture,
I stand as one amazed.
 6. 'Tis a dream—'tis a Heavenly vision
For what my heart would pray,
Were suffering sin and sorrow
Banished for aye away.
 7. 'Tis that which ennobles nature
And brings the best to the fore,
And deadens the old, old Adam,
Who gnawest our very core.
 8. It maketh me feel more Godlike
That God is for ever near,
And the Love of my Heavenly Father,
Shall ever be with me here.
 9. I love you sweet Heavenly Picture
Who raises me up from Earth,
Who worships and loves the Father
And is full of innocent mirth.
 10. May-be I have lived in sorrow
May be I have done what's base,
But my life is for ever ennobled
By one glimpse of your Heavenly Face.

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