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2. Next, it is important to gather information. This can be done through research, interviews, and data analysis.

3. Once the information is gathered, the next step is to develop a plan. This plan should outline the steps that need to be taken to achieve the goals.

4. After the plan is developed, it is time to implement it. This involves putting the plan into action and monitoring progress.

5. Finally, it is important to evaluate the results. This involves assessing the outcomes of the plan and determining if the goals have been achieved.

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EDITORIAL.

As we announced in our last issue, the first volume of the Abingdonian has been brought to a conclusion. Since this Magazine was first published, more than five years ago, the School has seen many vicissitudes of fortune. After sinking to a low ebb, it has gradually risen to a higher level than it has

attained for many years, and when we see so much in the School that has made, and is still making for success, we may confidently hope that it will not be long before it has reached and passed the highest point to which it has ever attained. One of the chief factors of this success has undoubtedly been the drawing closer of the ties which bind together the Past and the Present. The Old Abingdonian Club, which was founded soon after Mr. Layng's accession to the Head Mastership, is the visible sign of a connection, that has become more intimate each successive year. Instances of this are not far to seek: two members of the Club, an Old Boy and an Old Head Master, have founded entrance Scholarships at the School; the Club itself has fitted up Science Rooms; and in out-of-school life, besides the Annual Past and Present

Cricket and Football Matches, it arranges for Past and Present Athletic Sports and assists us at the Regatta. Without arrogating to ourselves too much importance, we may at any rate claim for the Abingdonian, that if it serves for no other useful purpose, it does provide a continuous record of the doings of the Present, and as far as possible of the Past as well. We could not, however, have called the volume which we have just brought to a conclusion, in any way complete—in fact as a book of reference it would have been worthless, if it had been issued without an index, the compilation of which we need hardly say is a laborious task, and in inexperienced hands the result achieved is in no way commensurate with the trouble expended. We have, however, been relieved of this onerous duty by the kindness of Mr. W. H. Richardson, O.A. The index, with which he has provided us, is now in the press, and can shortly be obtained from the Secretary of the Abingdonian. We wish to take this opportunity of conveying to Mr. Richardson, on behalf of ourselves and our readers, our sincere thanks and hearty appreciation of this further proof of the interest, which he takes in his Old School.

In addition to the index our readers will also be able to obtain from the Secretary copies of the first number of the Abingdonian, which has been now for some time out of print. It had long been our intention to re-issue this number as soon as our funds would allow. We are now pleased to say

that we have found ourselves in a position to carry out our intention.

On our return from the Xmas Holidays we were struck by the unfamiliar appearance of the playground. The row of elms, which cut the playground in two, had disappeared to the regret of none who had ever played cricket under the shadow which they cast in the setting sun. The cutting down of trees is as irremediable as the fall of Humpty Dumpty from his classical wall. When the action is done, it is useless to make an outcry; there is no longer room for repentance; yet if we were called upon to sum up the case for and against, we would say that these particular trees were beautiful always, were of use one day of the week,—Sunday, and an unmitigated nuisance for the other six. After the trees were cut down, the authorities at once set about improving the cricket pitch. In this Mr. Y. Aldwinckle, of Shippon Manor, gave them great assistance by generously providing turf, cartage, &c. The cricket season will certainly begin under most favourable circumstances, and we hope to see great improvement on the part of the Team.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

In opening the season our prospects did not seem very encouraging as we were minus most of our last year's team—conspicuous among the absentees being Mr. H. C. Izard, M. G. Hannay, N. P. Shepherd, H. G. Lovett, who were

very reliable in their respective places—but we arranged a good lot of fixtures, including several 'Varsity teams, in the hope of working up the team, and got our first fixture on almost a month earlier than last year.

By the end of the Xmas term the team had distinctly improved. For School matches the team had a record of 5 matches won, 1 drawn, 1 lost; when the Old Boys match came on, the School played a very neat game, and after an exciting match drew with them at 1 goal all.

On resuming play after the Xmas holidays we still had several fixtures to work off, and the first match with Mr. L. E. S. Ward's XI. proved one of the best of the season, when we finished at 2 goals each. After this came three matches, when the team seemed "dead off colour;" this may be accounted for by the absence of the Captain from the half-back line, and consequently to a lack of remarks to the forwards who seemed to have developed the bad habit of passing back and the insides working much too near the centre. For the last match the team seemed to get together again and played a really good game—probably the fact that we were level in wins and losses and four points to the bad, put them on their metal—the forwards worked well together and we won the match by 5 goals to nil. We thus brought the season to a close with a record of 9 matches won, 8 lost and 2 drawn, and 48 points for and 47 against us.

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

A.S.F.C. v. New College School. On November 30th, we took a weak team over to Oxford to play New College School on the New College ground. We had the best of the match and should have won by considerably more than we did, but their backs and halves played a good defensive game and managed to keep the score down to 3-1.

A.S.F.C. v. Mr. L. E. S. Ward's XI. On December 7th, Mr. L. E. S. Ward brought a strong team mostly composed of local players. We won the toss and began to play with a strong wind in our favour. The visitors began at once to attack, and some smart play was shown by the left wing and centre, which resulted in Izard scoring the first goal. After some even play, our opponents again attacked, but without result. Then by a smart run by the right, Greenwood equalised. Just before half-time Izard added another goal. In the second half the visiting forwards made several attempts, but most of the shots went wide; one more goal was gained, while just before the whistle blew, Greenwood by a single handed run, passed the backs and gained our second goal. The game ended 3-2.

A.S.F.C. v. Lord William's School, Thame. On December 11th, our team drove to Thame to play the return match. The home side showed great improvement since we met them last, while our play was very disappointing. We scored two goals in the first five minutes but then Thame played up and gained

a point. Soon after the commencement of the second half they scored another. Our team was all to pieces and only gained the winning point within a few minutes of time.

A.S.F.C. *v.* Reading School. Played at Reading on December 14th, resulting in a win for the home team by 4-1. Reading showed their superiority from the first, but Abingdon were the first to score from a very long shot by Johnson. Reading scored two points before half-time. In the second half the weight of the home side told, and they pressed continually. A drizzling rain made the ball and field very slippery. Had it not been for their erratic shooting Reading must have scored heavily but they only added two more points.

Teams :—A.S.F.C.—S. W. Brown, goal; B. Challenor and J. W. Montgomery, backs; H. E. Johnson, A. W. Morland (captain), and W. R. Powell, half-backs; P. L. Deacon, J. S. C. Greenwood, right wing; C. T. Baker, centre; C. A. W. Payne, and J. Aldwinckle, left wing, forwards. Reading School—J. Hodge, goal; A. Austin and J. R. Rowley, backs; V. Cliff, F. Hanley, and H. A. Turner, half-backs; P. L. Mousley (captain), H. B. Corry (right wing); H. S. Davis (centre); F. G. Clarke and H. S. Silver (left wing). Referee: Mr. S. W. Cocks.

Abingdon School *v.* Old Abingdonians. Played at the School, on December 18th, resulting in a draw (one goal each). The Old Boys, who had a rather strong back division, began to press from the start, and Lovett scored for them. This

reverse had a rousing effect on the School, but although they kept up the pressure on their opponents' goal they could not score owing to the good saves by Graham. The Old Boys crossed over leading by one goal. The School then tried hard to get through the defence of the Past, but could not score until Greenwood beat Shepherd with a good shot just before time, the game thus ending in a draw. Teams :—Abingdon School—S. W. Brown, goal; B. Challenor and J. W. Montgomery, backs; H. E. Johnson, A. W. Morland (captain) and W. R. Powell, half-backs; P. L. Deacon, S. Greenwood, C. T. Baker, C. A. W. Payne, and J. Aldwinckle, forwards. Old Abingdonians—C. T. Graham, goal; H. E. Mallam, and G. Winship, backs; R. G. Brown, N. P. Shepherd, and C. R. Powell, half-backs; P. H. Morland, P. J. Martin, H. G. Lovett, A. M. Shepherd, and F. O. Townsend, forwards.

A.S.F.C. *v.* Mr. L. E. S. Ward's XI. Played at the School, on Jan. 29th, resulting in a draw of two goals each. The visitors were a heavy and strong team, but the School soon became the aggressors, and at length after some pretty play by the right wing and centre-forward, Baker scored the first goal. This reverse roused the visitors, and Legge did the needful by heading through. The School again attacked, but half-time arrived with the score unaltered (1-1). On the re-start, the visitors kept up a regular siege on the School goal, but it was some time before Clarke scored their second goal. Mr. Cousins after a

smart bit of play, equalised. For the School, Mr. Orpwood was in good form, and Morland, Mr. Wilson, Baker, and Mr. Cousins put in some useful work. For the visitors, Skurray, Ward, Mallam, and Legge were the pick. Teams:—Abingdon School: S. W. Brown, goal; B. Challenor and Mr. W. M. Wilson, backs; A. W. Morland, (captain); Mr. H. C. Orpwood and W. R. Powell, half-backs; P. L. Deacon, S. Greenwood, Mr. C. W. Cousins, C. T. Baker, and Mr. R. Prowde, forwards. Mr. Ward's XI.: H. E. Cates, goal; W. H. Abel and H. E. Mallam, backs; G. Winship, L. E. S. Ward, (captain), and R. Ely, half-backs; T. Barnett, W. Legge, T. Skurray, J. C. Clarke and A. M. Shepherd, forwards. Referee: Mr. H. A. Steptoe.

A.S.F.C. v. Abingdon. On Feb. 5th, we played the return match with the Town on their ground. They were not very well represented, while Morland was away from the School team. The School began the attack but Abel cleared and the game was transferred to the School goal, where after a sharp tussle Lovett scored. The School team played rather slackly, and most of the play was on the town side, who after Brown had saved one or two smart saves, scored a second goal. Mr. Cousins made a determined attempt to score but his shot went wide.

In the second half play was rather more even, but the School team seemed all abroad on a ground, which is larger than what they are accustomed to. Ward, at centre half, played excellently

for the town, who ultimately won by 3-0.

Teams :—A.S.F.C.—S. W. Brown, goal; Mr. W. M. Wilson and J. W. Montgomery, backs; B. Challenor, Mr. H. C. Orpwood and H. E. Johnson, half-backs; W. M. Austin and C. T. Baker (left), Mr. C. W. Cousins (centre), J. S. C. Greenwood and P. L. Deacon (right), forward. Abingdon—Viney, goal; W. H. Abel and G. Winship, backs; T. Barnett, L. E. S. Ward and H. A. A. d'Almaine, half-backs; H. Tripp and Faulkner (left), H. G. Lovett (centre), A. T. J. McCreery and Clark (right), forwards.

A.S.F.C. v. Mansfield College, Oxford. On Wednesday, Feb. 12th, we drove over to Oxford to play against Mansfield College, at Osney. Morland was still absent from the School team. At the start Mansfield playing with the help of a strong wind at once assumed the aggressive, taxing the visitors' defence to the utmost, but it was some time before they scored their first goal. Roused by this reverse the visitors played up and from a neat dribble and centre by Deacon, Mr. Cousins scored. Mansfield again took up the attack, but nothing further was scored up to half-time, the score then being, Abingdon 1 goal, Mansfield 1. The visitors now became the aggressors, but in spite of all efforts they were not rewarded with success, although a long shot by Mr. Wilson narrowly missed scoring. The School now began to fall all to pieces and the play became very slack. Mansfield, just before time, came with a rush and scored. Encouraged by this success

they made another incursion into the visitors' territory and again scored, thus placing the result beyond doubt. Towards the end of the game the School made strenuous efforts to decrease their opponents lead but were unsuccessful.

Teams :—A.S.F.C.—S. W. Brown, goal; J. W. Montgomery, Mr. W. M. Wilson, backs; B. Challenor, Mr. H. C. Orpwood, W. R. Powell, half-backs; P. L. Deacon, S. Greenwood (right wing), Mr. C. W. Cousins (centre) C. T. Baker, W. M. Austin (left wing). Mansfield College—W. P. Haines, goal; T. H. Cooper, F. Williams, backs; R. J. Evans, D. S. Crichton (captain), J. D. Maynard, half-backs; S. A. Parsons, R. H. Coats (right wing), E. Shillits (centre), F. W. Collyer, M. Farline (left wing).

A.S.F.C. v. Reading School. The return match was played on the Factory ground, on February 22nd, our ground not being available owing to the pitch being relayed. The visitors were much heavier and bigger than the School who, moreover, had not even played once together this term. The Reading forwards, after the start, quickly took the ball into the home quarters but could not quickly penetrate the home defence; at length, however, the ball was put through by Clarke from a scrimmage. Soon after the re-start Reading came again and Davis scored with a good shot. These reverses roused the School who made one or two incursions into the visitors' quarters, but to no purpose. Half-time now arrived with the score:—Reading 2 goals, Abingdon nil.

Abingdon although playing down hill, had to act mainly on the defensive, all their energy having apparently been expended in keeping Reading from scoring heavily at first. Reading consequently made rings round their opponents, and goals came in quick succession. Towards the end of the game the home right got away, and Greenwood scored with a well-directed shot. Reading came again and increased their lead to seven goals. The score at call of time was: Reading 7 goals, Abingdon 1. For the losers, Brown, Morland, Deacon, and Baker were the best. Clarke (1), Davis (2), Corry (2), Silver (2) scored for Reading.

Teams :—A.S.F.C.—S. W. Brown, goal; B. Challenor, J. W. Montgomery, backs; H. E. Johnson, A. W. Morland (captain), W. R. Powell, half-backs; P. L. Deacon, S. Greenwood (right wing), C. T. Baker (centre), W. M. Austin, J. Aldwinckle (left wing). Reading—C. Love, goal; L. E. Todd, J. R. Pouley, backs; J. Fuller, F. Hauley, H. A. Turner, half-backs; P. L. Mousley (captain), H. B. Corry (right), H. S. Davis (centre), F. G. Clarke, H. Silver (left).

A.S.F.C. v. Abingdon Clothing Factory F.C. This match was played on the Factory ground on March 14th. Special interest was attached to it as it was the last match of the season. Mr. Cousins was "hors de combat" owing to an injury which he received when playing for Abingdon the previous week in the Final of the Henley Charity Cup. Morland went centre forward and

Challenor played right half. The School won the toss and selected to play with their backs to the sun. Even play ensued for some time, and both lines of forwards attacked in vain until Morland put the ball through. The School continued to press, and good play by Mr. Orpwood enabled Morland to put in a hard shot, which the goal keeper just managed to turn outside the post. From the corner that ensued a scrimmage took place and the goal-keeper was forced to take the ball over the line. After a rush by the home left wing and centre and some more brilliant play by Mr. Orpwood, Baker added a third goal. Deacon then did some tricky work and Morland shot just over. At half-time the score was School 3 goals, Factory 0. On resuming play R. Clarke headed a sharp attack for the Factory, which was well stopped by Mr. Wilson. J. C. Clarke showed good play at centre-half, and then after a combined run by the School forwards, Baker kicked a fourth goal very prettily. The Factory continued to make plucky attempts to score, but Mr. Orpwood and Mr. Wilson were always on the spot. Two or three runs by our forwards were frustrated by Fisher; at length, from a pass from the right wing, Morland put on a fifth goal. Play ruled even for a time, then Deacon nearly scored by a good shot. Both sides made further attempts but the game ended School 5 goals, Factory 0.

Teams :—A.S.F.C.—S. W. Brown, goal; J. W. Montgomery and Mr. W. M. Wilson, backs; B. Challenor, Mr.

H. C. Orpwood and W. R. Powell, half-backs; A. T. J. McCreery and C. T. Baker (left), A. W. Morland (captain) (centre), J. S. C. Greenwood and P. L. Deacon (right); forwards. Abingdon Factory—E. Blake, goal; P. Fisher and P. Thorogood, backs; R. Thomas, J. C. Clarke and C. Fisher, half-backs; A. Porter, A. Webb (right wing), R. J. Clarke (captain), (centre), A. Woodley, A. Pratley (left wing).

LIST OF MATCHES.

Played, 19; Won, 9; Lost, 8; Drawn 2.

Date.	Opponents.	Gr'nd.	Goals.	
			For	Ag.
Oct. 2	Cygnets ..	Home	4	2
" 16	Abingdon ..	Home	5	2
" 23	Cygnets ..	Home	1	5
" 26	Factory F.C. ..	Home	4	2
" 30	Lincoln College ..	Home	2	3
Nov. 2	Thame School ..	Home	5	0
" 13	Oxford High School ..	Home	2	1
" 20	Mr. H. E. Mallam's XI. ..	Home	2	4
" 23	Oxford High School ..	Away	3	2
" 30	New College School ..	Away	3	1
Dec. 7	Mr. L. E. S. Ward's XI. ..	Home	2	3
" 11	Thame School ..	Away	3	2
" 14	Reading School ..	Away	1	4
" 18	Old Abingdonians ..	Home	1	1
Jan. 29	Mr. L. E. S. Ward's XI. ..	Home	2	2
Feb. 5	Abingdon ..	Away	0	3
" 12	Mansfield College ..	Away	1	3
" 22	Reading School ..	Home	1	7
" 29	Factory F. C. ..	Away	5	0

FOOTBALL SIXES.

Sixty boys entered this year for the sixes, a larger number than hitherto, while none of the Masters entered. The teams were as evenly matched as could be expected, and some interesting games were seen.

1st Round.

(A.) Morland's vi. (Morland, Ward, Deacon ii, Thatcher, Harris i, and Foreshevi) beat Johnson's vi. (Johnson, McCreery ii, Challenor ii, Challenor iv, Martin, Hewer). Score 7-2.

(B.) Powell's vi. (Powell, Shepherd, Taylor, Couldrey, Symonds, Mc.Creery i) beat Aldwinckle's vi. (Aldwinckle i, Challenor iii, Iles ii, Trafford, Rice, Festing). Score 4-2.

The rest were byes.

2nd Round.

(C.) Morland's vi. beat Baker's vi. (Baker, Payne i, Austin ii, Payne ii, Fruin, King ii). Score 7-3.

(D.) Deacon's vi. (Deacon i, Lodge, Eagle i, Coxeter, Pritchard, Russell) beat Brown's vi. (Brown, Drewe, Cookson, Caudwell, Winship, Gale ii). Score 6-1.

(E.) Montgomery's vi. (Aldwinckle ii, King i, Eagle ii, Foresheew ii, Cannon) beat Powell's vi. Score 4-2.

(F.) Challenor's vi. (Challenor i, Witty, Gale i, Lawrence, Aldwinckle iii, Graham) beat Greenwood's vi. (Greenwood, Austin i, Griffith, Iles i, Bradfield ii, Hughes). Score 3-2.

Semi-final.

Deacon's vi. beat Montgomery's vi. Score 6-2. Challenor's vi. beat Morland's vi. Score 4-3.

Final.

Deacon's vi. beat Challenor's vi. Score 4-2.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

S.W. Brown (goal.) A very promising goal-keeper. Does not get flurried, and gets rid of the ball quickly. Is handicapped a great deal by want of reach.

** B. Challenor. Still very uncertain in his kicking, but is very useful at times.

J. W. Montgomery. A stubborn back, but at times rather unreliable. Should learn to play more with his fellow back.

* W. R. Powell. A hard-working half, but very slow.

*** A. W. Morland. A really reliable half. Works very hard, and keeps the game well together, and is a good shot at goal.

o H. E. Johnson. Promises to become a very useful player, at present his play is rather wild.

* P. L. Deacon. A very tricky forward, very smart at dodging an opponent, but inclined to try it too much.

J. S. C. Greenwood. Did not play so well latterly as he did at the beginning of the season. Passes and dribbles well, but requires a little more pace.

C. T. Baker. Has much improved since last year, and made a good centre-forward, though somewhat lacking in pace. His passing is generally accurate, but he often shoots wildly.

C. A. W. Payne. Shews considerable promise, but is rather inaccurate in his play, and does not use his pace as much as he might.

J. Aldwinckle. Has much improved since last year, and should greatly improve as he grows older. Inclined to play too selfishly.

* Means a member of the team in 1893-4.

** A member of the team in 1893-4 & 1894-5.

*** A member of the team 1892-3, 1893-4 & 1894-5.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

The Annual Christmas Concert was given on December 18th, 1895, in the Schoolroom. There was a large and appreciative audience, consisting of the parents and friends of the boys. The Choir, who had been well and conscientiously trained by Mr. Cousins, sang in a most creditable manner, a Cantata, "The Star of Hope," by Franz Abt. This, with two Pianoforte Solos by W. B. Collingwood, formed the first half of the programme. The various Solos in the Cantata were nicely sung by P. L. Deacon, H. Winship, and H. F. Witty, and the way in which the choruses were sung quite repaid the amount of care and pains taken in training the Choir. A small Orchestra played the accompaniments with taste and ability—we have to thank them for so kindly lending their services. The Orchestra consisted of the following:—

1st Violins.	{	MRS. COULDREY.
	{	MISS N. BAKER.
2nd Violin		MR. J. C. CLARKE.
Viola		MR. SHEPHERD.
'Cello		MISS BAKER.
Double Bass		MR. A. F. KERRY.
Pianoforte		MISS LAYNG.
American Organ ..		W. B. COLLINGWOOD.

The second half of the programme was miscellaneous, consisting of Songs, Duets and Glees. Mr. Orpwood received a well-deserved encore for "The Old Cathedral," and responded with the last verse. Mr. Kerry showed that he possessed a powerful and cultivated Bass voice, in his rendering of "To Althea,"

by Whinfield. Being most enthusiastically encored, he gave a spirited rendering of the "Bay of Biscay." H. F. Witty was also encored in his song "I Love the Merry Sunshine." H. Winship and P. L. Deacon deserve praise for their singing of Rubinstein's exceedingly pretty duet "The Angel." The glees were also nicely sung by the Choir. The accompaniments were played by Mr. Cousins, with the exception of "The Old Cathedral" and "Know'st thou the Land;" these were accompanied by the Orchestra.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The School Sports took place on March 25th before a fair company of visitors. The weather was genial and pleasant, in spite of a slight shower in the early part of the afternoon. The officials deserve great credit for the speedy manner in which the programme was carried through; and in this respect there was a marked improvement even upon last year.

The form shown was in some cases good and in others the reverse, the best performers being found among the juniors. Some of them are decidedly promising, especially A. T. J. McCreery and A. M. Austin, both of whom we shall expect to see winning the Challenge Cup in a few years time.

The only alteration in the programme was the addition of a High Jump under 12; whilst the same system was adopted as last year of previously disposing of

some of the rather numerous entries for the various jumps, etc. The arrangements were in the hands of a Committee composed of the following:—Chairman, Rev. T. Layng; Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. C. Orpwood; ex-officio, A. W. Morland, B. Challenor and W. R. Powell; elected, S. W. Brown, C. T. Baker, H. F. Witty, W. J. Eagle and A. H. J. Payne. The other officials were Mr. C. W. Cousins, Starter; Mr. R. Prowde, and Mr. H. C. Orpwood, Judges; Mr. G. H. Morland, Referee; Mr. W. M. Wilson, Timekeeper.

A full account will be given in our next number.

OXFORD LETTER.

My previous experience of Oxford Letters has been one long endeavour to extract them from correspondents up to date. Knowing, therefore, what your tribulations are I will do my best not to keep you and the printer waiting.

In a not too exciting term, chief interest centres round O. A's. in residence. They, however, have been doing nothing that is remarkable—unless it be work! H. E. Mallam has received his colours (soccer) for Hertford College.

On the river, the Torpids brought us a surprise in the shape of weather that was endurable. B.N.C. lost the headship that they have held for nine years, New now holding the proud position. Pembroke, in whom you take (or ought to take) most interest, lost one place. As for the 'Varsity race, both crews are very heavy and also clever; and

the critics have told us to expect a close and exciting race. I will not indulge in prophesy, for I know how seldom amateur prophets are correct.

The Soccer XI. by defeating Cambridge (1-0) atoned for a somewhat unsuccessful season. Some people called that result a fluke; but the great *we*, who know all about it, say that it was no such thing. The XV. finished their season in fine style, and it is a pity they did not play as well last term, for in that case they would probably have beaten Cambridge. A team from the Racing Club de France came over and accepted an honourable defeat at the hands of a scratch 'Varsity XV.

Six athletic matches have been brought off between Oxford and Cambridge Colleges, in which the honours were about evenly divided. Some good performances were seen at the 'Varsity Sports, and on the whole they were better than those at Cambridge. We hope to win on the 28th.

Congregation in its bigotry (or enlightenment?) refused to grant the B.A. degree to women.

The performance of the "Merry Wives" by the O.U.D.S. was excellent in every way, and the acting was much superior to that of most of the professional companies we see down here.

Two distinguished visitors have been seen amongst us during the term, Mr. Asquith at the Union and Mr. J. L. Toole at the Theatre.

Yours,

OEDIPUS.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The names of the new boys who have joined the School this term are, A. E. Cannon, III. Form; E. G. Thatcher, Commercial II.; R. H. Foresheaw, Junior I.; C. A. Foresheaw, and R. G. Taylor, Junior II.

The following boys have left, A. G. Fruin, W. C. Townsend.

We must congratulate Mr. H. C. Orpwood and F. J. S. Baker on gaining their Oxfordshire County Caps. They represented Oxfordshire in its three matches against Oxford University, Surrey, Berks and Bucks.

We have to thank the Governors of the School for the half holiday which according to custom they asked for after their annual meeting. The holiday was given on Friday, March 27th.

On Saturday, March 7th, all the boarders and a good many day boys went to Henley to see Abingdon meet the Cygnets in the Final of the Henley Charity Cup. Our interest in the event was natural, for no less than five members of the Abingdon Team were connected with the School. Zeal however went unrewarded. Abingdon provided a special train, the greater part of the spectators, and yet their team was decisively beaten. In spite of everything however the day was not unenjoyable.

The O. A. Club held their Annual Dinner at the Holborn Restaurant on January 15th of this year. The President

Archdeacon Hayward was unfortunately not able to be present, and his place was taken by the Rev. Canon Strange, the first president of the Club. About twenty-five in all sat down to a dinner, which must be pronounced in every way a success. In the speeches that were made after the dinner reference was made to the continued prosperity both of the Club and of the School: in numbers it is a close race between the two, but up to the present the Club has a slight lead.

By the kindness of Mr. J. T. Morland and the Mayor an opportunity has been given the elder boys in the School of receiving instruction in Fire Brigade Drill under the Town Fireman. Two companies have been formed out of those of the boys who have represented the School at Football in any representative match. We hope that it will be found possible to arrange a competition between them.

Sir W. W. Hunter, K.C.S.I., has been elected a Co-optative Governor of the School in place of the late Mr. Creemer Clarke.

Mr. J. T. Morland has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body, and Chairman of the Finance Committee in the place of Mr. J. Tomkins.

Our thanks are due to Sir William Hunter, for the Prize of two guineas worth of books which he has offered for the best essay on "The Rise and Growth of the British Power in India."

The subjects for the Meredith Prize are, Latin Prose, Merivale's History of Rome p. 57, "According to our account" to "august assembly," p. 58; Greek Prose, Oman's History of Greece p. 365, "Meanwhile at Syracuse" to "Athenian blockade," p. 366.

The following are the end of term arrangements:—

March 25th, 2 p.m. The Athletic Sports on the School Ground.

March 28th, 2.30 p.m. Past v. Present on the School Ground.

March 28th, 8 p.m. Concert in the big School Room.

March 30th. Steeplechases (Senior and Junior) on the Common.

April 1st. School breaks up for Easter Holidays.

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

MARRIAGE.

On February 5th, at the parish church Kingston Bagpuize, by the Rev. J. H. S. Escott, M.A., Rector, assisted by the Rev. C. T. Burgess, M.A., Vicar of Fyfield, James Ethelbert Kimber, O.A., son of James Weaving Kimber, J.P., of Fyfield Wick, to Clara, youngest daughter of the late Richard Noddings, of Southmoor House, Abingdon.

OBITUARY.

On January 11th, 1896, at Bloemfontein, of typhoid fever, William Walter Powell, O.A., son of the late Mr. Walter Powell of Abingdon, aged 23 years.

At Johannesburg, of typhoid fever, Herbert Drewe, O.A., son of the late Mr. G. A. Drewe of Abingdon, aged 23 years.

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