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EDITORIAL.

WE have this term lost Mr. Hill, whom we shall greatly miss on the Editorial Committee and in the Cricket Field. We wish him well in his new work at Cairo.

We congratulate the Football Team on their very successful season. It is a great pity that they did not reach the

total of a hundred goals, for which we were all hoping at the beginning of this Term. That they would have succeeded in doing so, if last term's full team had been available throughout the season, we do not doubt; and even as it was, they would probably have succeeded but for the heavy wind, which spoiled the match with the Cygnets. We must hope for better luck next time.

The School has received several desirable gifts lately, the details of which will be found recorded in the School Notes. They include portraits and memorials of Abingdonians of the past.

We have to thank Mr. W. H. Richardson, O.A., for the excellent print accompanying this issue of the Magazine, and illustrating his article on the School Motto.

Our thanks are due also to those friends who have kindly lent various

articles for the School Sports, and in particular to Messrs. Aldwinckle and Matcham, and the Committee of the Abingdon Cricket and Football Club.

FOOTBALL REVIEW.

The School football season is now ended, and the record of first eleven matches stands thus:—Matches played, 22; won, 18; lost, 3; drawn, 1. The team must be congratulated on having had a most successful season.

It is a matter of great regret that we are not able to record our century of goals, which we must have done, but for the scratching of three matches, Lincoln College and St. Catharine's last term; and the unavoidable scratching of the Factory match, this term.

We must congratulate the School team on having beaten Reading School twice; High School, twice; Leighton Park, and the Old Abingdonians. Their defeat by Bloxham School is inexplicable unless it resulted through the weather, the day being extremely wet and windy; the return match, when the School suffered defeat by 1 goal, certainly showed, either vast improvement in the School team, or that there could not have been the difference, which the score indicates when they first met.

The Club team of Masters and Boys has shown very even form, having gone through the season without a single defeat, and won 13 matches with one drawn.

In the matches with Abingdon Town Club, and the Cygnets, the club team showed very good form; the highest scoring was done against two scratch teams from Oxford; Mr. Madden's XI. (10-0); and Mr. Simpson's XI. (8-0).

The Second XI. had only 2 matches arranged for them, against Reading School 2nd XI., of which they won one, and made a draw of the other. They really played a good game, and deserved more fixtures.

To revert to the First XI., both back and forward divisions played consistently well; Johnson and Ward at back were nearly always safe, and on several occasions were distinctly brilliant; of the halves, Trafford was certainly superior in all round form; Deacon, Eagle and Payne of the forwards played exceptionally well, Deacon scoring no less than 57 goals during the season. Of the second XI. Aldwinckle in goal seemed very safe and Eagle ii. should develop into a sound back, Cannon tackles very smartly at half, whilst Gale and Challenor iv should make very neat and fast forwards.

MATCHES.

School v. Factory.—Played on School Ground, Saturday, December 11th. The Visitors' captain having won the toss, decided of course to play with the strong wind which was blowing. Thus aided the Factory pressed, and gave the home defence a lot of work to do at first, but the School on settling down had almost as much of the game as their opponents. The visitors' left wing took the ball down, and from a centre R. J.

Clarke had no difficulty in scoring the first goal. Encouraged by this the Factory played up, and still continued to keep up a heavy pressure, whilst the School team seemed a bit off-colour. At length Taylor and Eagle got well away, and Deacon, from a good pass by Taylor, made the score level. Immediately after the ball had been re-started, Mr. Orpwood wound up a splendid run by scoring a second goal, both points being obtained within a minute, and half-time arrived with the score 2 to 1 in favour of the School. The home team now had the wind, and with a great chance of scoring heavily they kept up a regular bombardment on the visitors' goal, but failed to score owing to the good play of both backs and to the superb goalkeeping of J. C. Clarke, who effected some remarkable saves. The shooting of the School was, perhaps, indifferent. The Factory had a few rushes which were useless, Brown being only called upon to touch the ball twice in the second half. The School later on increased their lead by a goal through Deacon, and time arrived with the score 3 goals to 1 in favour of the School.

School v. Brightwell. — Played at Brightwell on December 15th. On the start the School pressed, but failed to score owing to the good defence of Morty. Brightwell then had almost as much of the game as their opponents, but the defence of the School was good. At last Eagle and Taylor took the ball down, and from a splendid centre by the former Baker headed neatly through. The School again pressed, and Deacon

at close quarters scored the second goal with a cross shot. Brightwell tried hard to score, but half time arrived with the score 2-0 in favour of the School. The second half was mainly notable for the way in which the School penned their opponents, who very rarely crossed the half-way line, and ten minutes before the close Eagle scored the third point. Morty unfortunately collided with one of his own side, and had to retire. The School kept pressing, but failed to take advantage of his absence, and time arrived with the score unaltered, the visitors winning by 3 goals to nil. Eagle showed vast improvement. Deacon was better than in the last match, while Challenor, Trafford, Ward, and Johnson showed capital defence.

School v. Mr. H. C. Orpwood's XI. — This match was played on the School ground, on Saturday, December 18th. The scratch XI. started well, and, owing to a weak clearance by Johnson, Aubertin scored with a high shot, right in the corner. This woke up the School, who began to press the visitors, and Baker eventually just got the ball over the goal line. The pressure was kept up, and Taylor put us ahead, so that at half-time the score was 2-1. In the second half Taylor and Eagle did some good work on the right, and Deacon put in the third goal. The School pressed all the rest of the time, winning by 3-1. Among the backs Trafford and Ward did most to feed the forwards.

School v. Old Boys. — Played Tuesday, December 21st. The Old Abingdonians, who were rather the heavier, had a

slight advantage with the wind in the first half, but the play was fairly even, the teams pressing alternately without making much of a display in front of goal. After ten minutes of the up and down order, Trafford collared, and passed to Eagle, who centred, and Deacon shot outside. The School came again, this time on the left, where Payne sent in a capital drop shot, which Baker saved cleverly close under the bar. N. P. Shepherd was then valuable in defence, but the ball hovered within the twelve yards' line, and eventually Deacon opened the scoring for the Present. The Old Boys attacked vigorously until Aldwinckle shot over, after which the School left ran up, and Baker called on his namesake, who shortly after ran with the ball, and in the scrimmage following the penalty Deacon shot over. Play was then transferred to the School territory, where Aldwinckle shot behind. A. W. Morland, however, was more successful, and with a long shot equalised. The Present responded with several runs on the right, and Baker punched out in gallant style, saving difficult shots. Brown next shot behind for the Old Boys, and the present then came again, but could not score, and half-time arrived with the teams on equal terms. The second half opened with play of a give-and-take description, but soon Taylor passed the ball to Deacon, who gave the School the lead (2-1). Next, Eagle shot over. The Old Abingdonians then made a vigorous onslaught, and missed several good chances, the ball passing in front of goal several

times. Hands near goal against the School—following some tricky half-back play by N. P. Shepherd—looked dangerous, but the forwards were not smart enough, and Johnson eventually sent the ball to mid-field, where the forwards collared, and Deacon headed through. The Old Boys, however, were not discouraged. At last the Past forwards worked the ball close to goal, and S. W. Brown saved two swift shots in quick succession. On another occasion the ball hit the post close to the ground, and then Johnson cleared a fourth shot almost on the goal line. A corner fell to the Past, who did not again become dangerous, and the Present were having the best of it when the whistle sounded, the score then being 3-1 in favour of the School. Both sides showed to more advantage in defence, but all round it was a good game. Teams—Present: S. W. Brown, goal; A. P. Ward and H. E. Johnson, backs; S. Trafford, V. E. Cock, and B. Challenor, half-backs; W. Eagle, H. A. Taylor, P. L. Deacon, H. S. Baker and C. A. W. Payne, forwards. Past: F. J. S. Baker, goal; J. S. C. Greenwood and J. E. Robertson, backs; A. W. Morland, N. P. Shepherd, and A. M. Shepherd, half-backs; J. H. E. Morland, J. Aldwinckle, E. E. Insley, N. G. Powell, and G. Brown, forwards. Referee:—T. Skurray, Esq.

School v. Abingdon—Saturday, Feb. 5th. Played on the School ground, which was heavy and greasy. The town club failed to get a thoroughly representative team. The School too were weaker than last term, having lost Ward

and Eagle. The home team started off well, and gave the visitors' defence a lot of work. The ball was repeatedly taken to the Town goal, which had many narrow escapes, and the School had very hard luck in not scoring on more than one occasion, whilst opportunities were missed through faulty shooting and the forwards getting off-side. Abingdon had occasional rushes, but nothing resulted, and half-time arrived with the School pressing but with no score. On play being resumed the home forwards took the ball down to the town goal, but Lock, who played a good game throughout, robbed his opponents when in front of goal. The School, however, were not to be denied, and Payne opened the scoring when within a foot of the post. The Town then played with greater dash, and Lay, after a fine dribble, equalised. The School returned to the attack and obtained several fruitless corners, but at last Mr. Orpwood, after a good run down the length of the field, passed to Deacon, who put his side again ahead amid much excitement. The Town made desperate efforts to equalise, but time arrived with the score 2-1 in favour of the School. All the winning team worked hard, but were not in last term's form. Trafford played a splendid game, and Austin (back), considering he was quite new to the place, shaped very well.

School v. All Saints' School, Bloxham. Played on the School ground, on Saturday, February 12th, and ending in a win for the visitors by the narrow margin of one goal. Bloxham were by far the

heavier team, and the home side might reasonably have anticipated a severe beating. When play settled down, the game ruled very fast. The home side pressed at the start, and looked like scoring, but shots sent in by both sides were well saved, and the first half brought no score. After the interval, Abingdon pressed again, and Deacon sent the ball through, but unfortunately was ruled off-side. The home goal was then attacked, and Brown saved some fine shots. No point was scored until the last eight minutes, when Croome obtained a goal for Bloxham. The home side then pressed, but played out time without further score, and the result was: Bloxham, 1; School, 0.

School v. A Cygnets' Team.—Played on the School ground on Wednesday, February 16th. A strong wind was blowing at the start, and Deacon gained the advantage of the toss. The School at once forced the game, and were soon around their opponents' goal, but missed some easy chances. The visitors rarely crossed the half-way line. At last Baker scored for the School, whose forwards, encouraged by this, sent in several shots, which were well saved by the goalkeeper, who played a fine game. Baker again scored, and at half-time the School were leading by 2-0. In the second half the Cygnets were nearly always on the attack, whilst the School had a few rushes. The School offered a stout and determined resistance, so that the visitors only scored once, the final score being 2-1 in favour of the home side, of whom Trafford, at half, was the best.

THE SIXES.

The sixes this year proved much more even than usual and consequently much more interesting, some very good games being seen. Seventy-two entered, thus allowing of 12 teams. The draw was as follows:—

Deacon's VI. Cannon, Saxby, Harris i, King i, King ii.

Challenor i's VI. Challenor iv, Payne ii, Hewer, Bradfield ii, Betteridge i.

Brown's VI. Gale, Downer, West ii, Mortleman, Couldrey.

Johnson's VI. Taylor ii, Brooks, Turnbull, Sparkes, Greenwood.

Cock's VI. Eagle ii., Aldwinckle iii, Payne iii, Martin, Purvis.

Trafford's VI. Aldwinckle ii, Davey, Foresheew i, Pritchard, Betteridge ii.

Baker's VI. Shepherd, Talbot, Bradfield i, Hughes ii, Silvester.

Payne i's VI. Clayton, Foresheew ii, Graham i, Taylor iii, Montgomery.

Austin i's VI. Drayton, Deacon ii, Long, Graham iii, Festing.

Murray's VI. Drewe, Pryce, Graham ii, Cullen ii, Webb.

Montgomery i's VI. Austin ii, Symonds, Chivers, Hughes iii, Challenor ii.

In the 1st round Deacon just beat Montgomery by 2-1. Challenor after a fast game defeated Taylor by 7-4. Johnson disposed of Cock by 4-2 and Austin beat Brown by 4-3. Trafford, Payne, Baker and Murray were byes.

In the 2nd round Deacon defeated Austin fairly easily by 6-3. Challenor beat Johnson 5-3. Trafford beat Payne 2-0 and Baker beat Murray by 3-1.

The Semi-finals were marked by very even games.

Deacon after a hard game just beat Challenor by 1-0, and Baker defeated Trafford by the same margin.

The Final was played on March 14th. The game was very even before half-time, the score being 2-2 at the interval.

Afterwards Deacon ran through and scored 4 times, thus winning by 6-2.

CHARACTERS OF TEAM, 1897-8.

S. W. Brown, goal. Has much improved on his last year's form, fists out well; also uses his feet and keeps his head, has proved one of the most useful members of his side.

H. E. Johnson, back. Tackles and kicks well and has played a sound game throughout, volleys nicely and uses his weight. Should make a fine back.

A. P. Ward, back. A sturdy and reliable player, uses his weight well and is a safe kick. Has proved invaluable to his side; found his place quite suddenly.

S. Trafford, right half. Has improved all the season and is now a reliable half. Tackles well, heads well, and kicks well. Feeds his forwards carefully. Has played a sound game.

V. E. Cock, centre half. Tackles well but can only kick straight, worries his opponent a great deal. Has improved, but learnt the game late in life.

B. Challenor, left half. Has much improved this season, tackles well and feeds his forwards, passing the ball well along the ground. Has played a good game.

W. J. Eagle, outside right. A very neat and tricky forward, with plenty of pace. Centres well and plays a good game with the inside man.

H. A. Taylor, inside right. Much improved since the beginning of season. Has plenty of dash, but shooting is erratic. Hardly yet knows his place. Should do well next year.

P. L. Deacon, centre forward, Captain. Has captained the team very successfully. Tricky with plenty of pace. Keeps the line well together and shoots hard. Is a difficult man to stop, and should make a first class player.

H. S. Baker, inside left. Plays a pretty game with plenty of dash, and combines well with the outside. Might shoot harder and more frequently.

C. A. W. Payne, outside left. Has much improved this season. Uses his pace well and centres very neatly. Quite understands his place.

W. M. Austin, back. Only recently, played back and should be useful; very energetic, but does not kick hard enough. With more experience will make a good back.

J. Murray, inside right. Started the season in great style, but lost his form entirely. Plays with dash but shoots badly. Should do well next season.

THE SCHOOL MOTTO.

In the remarks I made about the School Motto in the Christmas Number,

I ventured to say that there was no earlier authority for its connection with the School than the panel painting of the Founder's Arms erected by the Rev. Henry Bright at the Bicentenary in 1763, although I was then unable to suggest the source from which it had been derived; but circumstances have since come to my knowledge, which both confirm my opinion, and seem to fix with approximate certainty the source of the motto, and the reason for its adoption.

I find in the first place that Mr. Bright was educated at Winchester College, (1738-43) proceeding thence to Trinity College, Oxford, and afterwards, and more naturally, to New College, where he was acting as Under Master of the College School at the time of his appointment to Abingdon. Near Winchester is the village of Headbourne Worthy, in the church of which is a brass with effigy to John Kent, of Reading, a Winchester Scholar, who was admitted in 1431, and died in 1434. The figure is habited in a *toga taliaris* or long gown, and from the mouth proceeds a scroll, bearing the legend "*Miserericordias dni inefum cantabo.*" It cannot be doubted that Mr. Bright, during his five years as a boy at Winchester, must often have seen this brass and regarded it with interest, and nothing, I think, can be more natural or probable, that when in 1763, he wanted a motto for the School, he should have chosen the words so fitly put into the lips of one of his early predecessors at Winchester.

T. F. Kirby, Esq., M.A., F.S.A., and Bursar of Winchester College in a letter I have received from him on this subject, remarks as follows:—

"Your suggestion that the Rev. Henry Bright may have adopted the motto of Abingdon School from the brass of the Scholar who is buried at Headbourne Worthy near Winchester is a very interesting one, and probably correct, seeing that Headbourne Worthy is within a walk of Winchester. The motto may indeed be earlier even than this brass, seeing that a Scholar was required to be proficient in plain song, the test of which in the last century consisted in repeating the first verse of the 'Old Hundredth' after the Warden of New College, in that 'his song should be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord.' Ps. LXXXIX. i., from which this motto is taken."

By the kindness of Mr. Kirby, and the obliging courtesy of Horace Hart, Esq., Controller of the Oxford University Press, I am enabled to present with this an illustration of the brass referred to, which originally appeared as the frontispiece to Mr. Kirby's "Winchester Scholars," published in 1888. It will, I am sure, be regarded with interest by every reader of the "Abingdonian," not only because it supplies an obvious source of the School Motto, but also because the Scholar thus commemorated was a Berkshire lad, and belonged to a family well and honourably known both in the town of Abingdon and the School, to which, in 1604, a later John Kent, once an Abingdon school-boy, was a substantial benefactor.

WILL. H. RICHARDSON.

PAPER-CHASE.

At the meeting of the Governors this term, the usual request was made to the Headmaster for a half-holiday, which

was granted, and spent in a paper-chase. The two hares were B. Challenor and C. A. W. Payne, who had ten minutes start of the hounds, starting at 2.45 p.m. The course taken by the hares was straight for Radley, by way of the fields on the Oxford Road. After crossing Radley Park, some time was lost by the hounds in searching for the track. It was soon found that the hares had made towards Sunningwell, crossing the Oxford Road. The track shortly branched off to the left, thence across meadow-land to the bridle path leading to Northcourt. The hares here took to the fields again, making for the Wootton Road; they then followed the road to the School, without being caught, though two or three hounds were close on their heels at the Springfield.

Appended are the times of the hares and a few of the leading hounds.

B. Challenor	in at 3.50
C. A. W. Payne	„ 3.50
R. F. Challenor	„ 3.53
S. W. Brown	„ 3.53½
V. Cock	„ 3.54

The Junior Paper Chase resulted in most of the hounds losing the track, but a few succeeded in following it out.

The hares were:—P. Aldwinckle, W. M. Austin.

The first hounds home:—R. H. Foreshew, A. M. Austin, R. A. Sparkes, N. B. Challenor.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

On Wednesday, December 15th, 1897, the Schoolroom was filled with visitors, who formed a very appreciative audience



BRASS TO

JOHN KENT,

A WINCHESTER SCHOLAR, d. 1434,

AT HEADBOURNE WORTHY, NEAR WINCHESTER.

to the Annual Christmas Concert. The different items of the Programme were entirely given by Boys and Masters. The Overture of the Concert was a pianoforte duet performed by H. U. Drayton and Mr. Robinson. It was well received and followed by a solo very nicely rendered by H. L. Harris. The School Choir contributed five Part-songs, which were carefully sung and reflected credit on their conductor. A quartette given by H. L. Harris, G. S. Deacon, and Messrs. H. C. Orpwood & C. M. Robinson added to the variety of the Programme; as did also a duet by H. L. Harris and A. J. H. Payne, which was loudly applauded. R. H. Foreshow and A. J. H. Payne both sang solos. The latter deserves praise for his tasteful performance of "Cleansing Fires." Valuable contributions to the Evening's Entertainment were different songs given by Messrs. W. J. G. Lasseter, H. C. Orpwood and C. M. Robinson, all of whom received encores.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

PIANOFORTE DUET "Country Dance." *E. Nevin.*

H. U. DRAYTON & C. M. ROBINSON.

SONG "Kit." .. *Stephen Adams.*

H. L. HARRIS.

PART SONG "A voice of Spring." *John Acton.*

SONG "Mona." .. *Stephen Adams.*

W. G. LASSETER.

SONG "The Yeoman's Wedding Song." *Poniatowski.*

C. M. ROBINSON.

DUET .. "Go, Pretty Rose." *Theo. Marzials.*

H. L. HARRIS & A. J. H. PAYNE.

SONG .. "Beauty's eyes." .. *Tosti.*

R. H. FORESHEW.

SONG .. "Tell her I love her so." *P. de Faye.*

H. C. ORPWOOD.

PART SONG .. "Barcarolle" .. *Tosti.*

PART II.

PART SONG "Pack clouds away." .. *Hunt.*

SONG .. "In Old Madrid." .. *H. Trottere.*

W. G. LASSETER.

QUARTETTE "Brightly Dawns." .. *Sullivan.*

H. L. HARRIS, G. S. DEACON, H. C. ORPWOOD

AND C. M. ROBINSON

SONG .. "Cleansing Fires." .. *Gabriel.*

A. J. H. PAYNE.

PART SONG .. "Hesperus." .. *Strelezki.*

SONG .. "The Promise of Life." .. *Cowen.*

H. L. HARRIS.

SONG .. "The Riderless Steed." .. *Hussel.*

C. M. ROBINSON.

PART SONG .. "Ring out." .. *H. F. Sharpe.*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

DUTY.

Not once nor twice in our rough island
story

The path of duty was the way to glory.
[*Tennyson.*]

What encouragement to us all is contained in these well-known lines! Though our duty is sometimes unpleasant, and most of us often find it so, yet the poet encourages us to follow in that 'steep and thorny way': for often in the roll of England's triumph, he reminds us, has the seemingly thankless task fulfilled brought honour to the doer, often have the laurels of real glory been awarded to 'one who sought but Duty's iron crown.'

The thought gives encouragement not only to the brilliant and gifted, but even more so to the steady 'plodder.' It is not mere ability which can bring glory to a man, nor is it always the most gifted who win the most honour. Power indeed may for a time fall to the ambitious and selfish man who gains his place by the sacrifice of others. But

the truer glory rests, not with the selfish greatness of an Alexander or Napoleon, but with the less showy abilities, and the determined devotion to duty of a Wellington or a Nelson.

If we glance back over the pages of English history we shall see how often this has been the case. Conspicuous among the many examples of duty done stands the immortal story of the advance of the British troops at Fontenoy. They saw their cowardly allies in retreat; they knew that they had no chance, that the odds were too heavy. Yet they pressed on unflinchingly. And when by sheer weight of numbers they were forced to halt, not a man left his place in the ranks, and they made a masterly retreat. Though they failed they had their reward. The splendid advance shews a devotion to duty almost unrivalled in the history of any other nation. It was the same spirit as this which enabled our troops to withstand so well the terrible strain of the Indian Mutiny, and enabled them to win a triumph which ranks with England's greatest. It was the same spirit which prompted the sick and weary troops before Sevastopol to drag their suffering and ill-clad forms down to the trenches and work with the heroic courage which has always characterized the British Soldier. And our soldiers are far from losing their knowledge of their duty, as their gallant conduct on the Indian Frontier, testifies, especially at Dargai; and a nobler testimony no one can desire than the one given by the Gordons on that deadly hill-side. The gallant action will become historical as

one of the proudest achievements of the British Army, on a level with the gallant Balacava charges or the defence of Rorke's Drift. If we throw our eyes back over these annals of war, we shall find that on sea and land alike, through all the battles of the Peninsular War, at the great field of Waterloo, at Trafalgar, and in all our victories, down to the present time, it is their devotion to duty that has won for Britain's soldiers and sailors such glory as they now enjoy.

O. J. C.

APPENDED IS A LIST OF 1st XI. MATCHES
With a record of goals.

Date.	Match	Result	Goals.	
			For	Ag.
Sep. 29	Oxford High School ..	Won	9	0
Oct. 2	Leighton Park School ..	Won	1	0
" 13	Cygnets ..	Won	4	1
" 20	Brightwell F.C. ..	Won	7	0
" 23	Reading School 1st XI ..	Won	5	3
" 30	Abingdon ..	Won	7	1
Nov. 6	Wycliffe Hall, Oxford ..	Won	4	2
" 10	Mr. C. H. Madden's XI ..	Won	10	0
" 13	Leighton Park School ..	Lost	4	5
" 17	Oxford High School ..	Won	6	0
" 20	Reading School 1st XI ..	Won	5	2
" 27	Bloxham School ..	Lost	0	9
" 29	Pembroke Coll., Oxford ..	Drawn	4	4
Dec. 1	Cygnets ..	Won	5	1
" 4	St. Catharine's, Oxford ..	Scrt'ed		
" 8	Lincoln Coll., Oxford ..	Scrt'ed		
" 11	Factory F.C. ..	Won	3	1
" 15	Brightwell F.C. ..	Won	3	0
" 18	Mr. H. C. Orpwood's XI ..	Won	3	1
" 21	Old Abingdonians ..	Won	3	1
Feb. 5	Abingdon ..	Won	2	1
" 9	Mr. Simpson's XI ..	Won	8	0
" 12	Bloxham School ..	Lost	0	1
" 16	Cygnets ..	Won	2	0
" 19	Factory F.C. ..	Scrt'ed		

SCHOOL NOTES.

The School has suffered a very serious loss through the death of Mr. J. Heber Clarke. He had been for some years a member of the Governing Body, and had largely identified himself with its interests. He welcomed especially the

development of the School's music, and on more than one occasion took an active part in our Concerts. We also owe to his liberality the Athletic Challenge Cup. When the old Cup was won outright a few years ago, he presented a new one, with the condition that it should always remain a Challenge Trophy, and in no case become the property of the holder.

The school officers this term are:—
Prefects: S. W. Brown (capt. of school),
B. Challenor, P. L. Deacon, W. M. Austin.

Games Committee: Mr. H. C. Orpwood (chairman); B. Challenor (secretary); S. W. Brown (treasurer); P. L. Deacon.

Magazine Committee: Mr. de la Hey (chairman), V. E. Cock (secretary), S. W. Brown, B. Challenor, P. L. Deacon, O. J. Couldrey.

The following boys have joined the School this term: III. Form—R. F. Brooks, J. Sells; Commercial II.—A. Harris; Juniors—P. Graham, A. E. Hughes, J. Hughes, A. Winship, R. T. Hewer.

Mr. R. Prowde formerly VI. Form Master of this School, has been appointed Sixth Form Master at Heversham School, Westmoreland.

The Venerable H. R. Hayward, O. A. Archdeacon of Cirencester, has been appointed Canon Residentiary of Gloucester Cathedral. In 1849 he won the Pembroke Scholarship from this School, afterwards becoming a Fellow of his College. He was President of the O.A. Club in 1896.

We have again to thank Mr. W. H. Richardson (O.A.) for further gifts to the School. He has presented to the Library a fine print of Archhishop Newman (O.A.), Primate of Ireland. The frame is surmounted by a mitre, the gift of Mr. H. Redfern (O.A.), made from a table which belonged to Cardinal Wolsey. Mr. Richardson has also presented to the Library a framed photograph of the School Roll for 1732, which he has annotated, and we have also to thank him for defraying the cost of the repair of the two heraldic glass panels which were formerly in the old school, and are now hung in the windows of the Hall. It is to Mr. Richardson also, that we owe the portrait of Lord Chief Justice Holt (O.A.)

Our thanks are due also to the Rev. E. Summers for a very handsome die of the School Arms.

We thank Mr. E. H. Bartlett, President of the O.A. Club, for a copy of 'Maclean's History of Pembroke College' which contains a very interesting chapter on the School, and also much valuable matter relating to Abingdonians of the past.

Mr. W. H. Hill, who was Sixth Form Master at this School during the summer and autumn terms of '97 has joined the Khedive's School at Cairo.

Mr. R. W. de la Hey, B.A., has succeeded Mr. Hill in the charge of the Sixth Form. Mr. de la Hey is an old Rossall and Oundle Boy, and formerly an open Classical Scholar of University College, Oxford.

W. R. Noble (O.A.) ran for the South London Harriers against Oxford University. He came in second, and in advance of all University runners.

The Fire Drill has been resumed this term. There are two bodies of boys, captained respectively by P. L. Deacon and C. A. W. Payne, who practise at the headquarters of the town Brigade in the Old School Yard.

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WILLIAM WARRICK,

DIED FEBRUARY 26TH, 1898,

Aged 64 years.

The following fixtures in cricket have been already arranged :—

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	GROUND.
May 14	Abingdon	Home
" 21	New College Nomads	Home
" 25	C. T. Baker's XI.	Home
" 28	Leighton Park School	Home
June 4	Reading School	Home
" 8	Oxford High School	Away
" 18	Bloxham School	Home
" 29	Brightwell C.C.	Away
July 2	Bloxham School	Away
" 9	Abingdon	Away
" 13	Oxford High School	Home
" 16	Leighton Park School	Away

The following arrangements have been made for the end of term :—

The School Athletic Sports on the School Ground, on Saturday, March 26, at 2 p.m., (postponed till March 29th).

Past v. Present Sports are fixed for Saturday, April 2.

The School breaks up on Tuesday, April 5.

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