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EDITORIAL.

NOW that the sixes are over, we leave our winter game behind, but with feelings of satisfaction, as may be judged from our record. The sixes produced several good games. A suggestion that they should be played another year in League, instead of Cup form, has been received with some favour.

The Games Committee wish to express their thanks to Mr. Layng for kindly presenting the goal nets, that have added to the businesslike appearance of the field this term.

The possession of the new ground has enabled us to give the old field a rest, and the fine weather has afforded an opportunity for re-turfing and rolling the cricket-pitch.

Our thanks are again due to the friends who have kindly lent us various articles for the sports, and in particular to Messrs. Aldwinckle and Matcham.

It is with great pleasure that we publish Mr. W. H. Richardson's continuation of his account of Dr. Johnson's connexion with Abingdon School. We must add our testimony to the value of the great man's counsel to a "young gentleman"—we say "fellow" now-a-days—studying at this "academy."

Especially valuable do we consider his advice to extend one's reading beyond work done in School, though we should be less inclined than the Doctor to limit the reader to the same books or subjects.

REVIEW OF FOOTBALL SEASON.

A fairly long review having appeared in our last magazine, it is necessary to say little now. In spite of a somewhat unlucky start, we have had a most successful season as the following record will show:—played 21, won 14, lost 6, drawn 1, goals for, 96, goals against, 43. Our victories included two each over Oxford High School and Brightwell, and one each over Reading School, Leighton Park School, Bloxham School, Old Abingdonians, Cygnets, Pembroke College, Wallingford and three scratch teams got together by Messrs. Orpwood, Baker, and Madden. Our reverses came from Abingdon Town (twice), Reading School, Bloxham School, Worcester College and the Cygnets, and the one drawn game was at Leighton Park.

The Second XI. only played 4 matches of which they won 2, lost 1, drew 1, scoring 21 goals against 5.

MATCHES.

A.S.F.C. v. Leighton Park School. This return match took place at Leighton Park on December 3rd. A hard and fast game resulted. Leighton pressed first and led at half-time by 1-0, Abingdon missing several chances. During the second half the visitors had

almost all the play. The forwards however seemed off colour and were time after time robbed when in easy shooting distance by the Leighton backs, who with Hills at centre half defended well. Several corners fell to Abingdon from one of which Montgomery headed a goal. The School then strove hard to obtain the lead, but without avail, and the match thus ended in a draw.

A.S.F.C. v. Pembroke College, Oxford. Played at Abingdon on December 7th. The School from the outset had the best of matters and soon scored. Before half-time they had added two more and in the closing stages had all the play. Eventually Abingdon won by 8-0, Mr. Orpwood and Baker scoring 2 each and Deacon 4. Short time was played.

A.S.F.C. v. Cygnets. The Cygnets brought over a hot team to oppose the School on December 10th. This time however their backs were the strong point, their forwards being weak. The School forwards immediately attacked and Deacon headed through a nice centre from his brother. For the rest of the first half and for a considerable time subsequently, the Cygnets had quite as much of the play as the home team, but Taylor succeeded in stopping the rushes of their forwards. Close on time the School forwards became more aggressive, and Mr. Orpwood obtained two goals after fine play and Taylor one from a long shot at back. The School retired winners by 4-0. For the Cygnets Holloway, Baines and Phillips defended well.

School v. Old Abingdonians. Past and Present met on the School ground on Saturday, December 17th, in calm and favourable weather, and the game was watched by a fair number of spectators both in the enclosure and from the Park road. The Old Boys were generally considered to have a better chance this season, but they showed a lack of combination, and the Present won by a wide margin. The School broke through in the first five minutes, and Montgomery opened the scoring by heading through. Morland saved the next shot, and then H. Baker headed outside. G. Brown made the strongest opening for the Past, and dribbled twice close to goal, but failed to centre the first time, and on the second occasion C. T. Baker gave the ball a bad reception. The School responded with some pretty passing, ending in P. L. Deacon putting the ball behind from a pass by his brother. The same tactics were repeated in the next rush with no better success, but the defenders of the visitors' goal did not shine at this stage, the School forwards breaking right through on three occasions. After G. Brown had given the Past a fruitless look in, Austin kicked out to G. Deacon, who enabled his brother to score again. Ward next headed out from R. Challenor, and Morland fisted a shot by S. W. Brown. The boys, however, were not to be denied, and three goals followed in quick succession, P. L. Deacon, after tricky play, being credited with two points, and Montgomery with one (5-0). Play then ruled even, and both goals were attacked

in turn. Clayton dealt with a shot from G. Brown, and after the O. A. goal had been attacked by P. L. Deacon and S. W. Brown with long shots, Lay got through for the Old Boys and hit the side net, when Clayton conceded a corner. This was cleared, and some desultory kicking, rather in favour of the Past, brought the players to half-time, when the Present led by 5-0. Soon after the re-start, G. Brown centred to C. T. Baker, who made the first point for the Old Boys. R. Challenor responded with a run on the School right, and passed to H. S. Baker, who kicked the sixth goal for the home side. Ding-dong play ensued, but the Present were more together. Veysey continued to do a lot with his head among the visiting halves, and Lay, being given more chances than in the first half, also gave the Past more than one look in, eventually bringing the ball close in and scoring the second goal. Clayton cleared two more shots, and then the School again attacked, P. L. Deacon adding another point for the School, who won by 7-2. Teams—Present: P. J. Clayton, goal; W. M. Austin and P. R. Taylor, backs; A. E. Cannon, S. W. Brown and H. U. Drayton, half-backs; R. F. Challenor, P. L. Deacon, J. E. Montgomery, H. S. Baker, and G. Deacon, forwards. Past: J. H. E. Morland, goal; A. P. Ward and N. P. Shepherd, backs; A. W. Morland, H. V. Veysey, and B. Challenor, half-backs; G. Brown, W. O. Holmes, C. T. Baker, W. F. Lay, and C. A. W. Payne, forwards. Referee, Mr. H. C. Orpwood.

Abingdon School v. Brightwell F.C. On Wednesday, February 8th, a fairly representative team from Brightwell met the School at Abingdon, in rough and rainy weather. The School soon opened the score, P. L. Deacon putting in a corner shot. Mr. Orpwood soon followed with another, and play remained round the visitors' goal for some time, and some chances were missed. The play then became more even, until from a centre by H. S. Baker, Brightwell scored their first goal. Half-time was then called, with score 2-1 in favour of Abingdon. On resuming, Brightwell, with the wind behind them, pressed. H. S. Baker succeeded in netting their second. The School then got possession, and P. L. Deacon scored again, another goal following off one of the visitors' backs. In spite of good defence by the backs, Deacon got home twice more before the close, leaving the score 6-2 in favour of the homesters. Teams—Abingdon School: P. J. Clayton, goal; W. J. Eagle and P. R. Taylor, backs; W. M. Austin, Mr. H. W. Palmer, and A. E. Cannon, halves; G. S. Deacon, J. E. Montgomery, Mr. H. C. Orpwood, P. L. Deacon, and R. F. Challenor, forwards. Brightwell: L. Batten, goal; R. Wells and C. T. Baker, backs; J. Yates, M. Kenman, and F. Hammond, halves; W. Cooper, E. Herbert, C. Sadler, H. S. Baker, and R. Hammond, forwards

A.S.F.C. v. Bloxham School. Played at Abingdon on February 11th. In this match the School avenged their unlucky defeat at Bloxham in November. From the start it was evident which was

the stronger team and although the visitors' forwards showed some pretty combination, the School soon scored and at half-time led by 4-1. Challenor was responsible for some good runs and centres, but the left wing was rather weak during the second half. The School added 5 more and Bloxham obtained one, victory resting with the home team by 9-2. For the School Taylor and Eagle were in good form at back, and Brown and Challenor did some useful work. The goals were scored by Deacon (5), Montgomery (2), Austin (1), the other being kicked through by one of the visitors' backs.

A.S.F.C. v. Abingdon. Played on the School Ground on February 18th. In the initial stages the game was very even, both goals being visited in turn. The Town backs however were the safer and the School could not score, while the Town obtained 2 goals before half-time. Afterwards the superior weight of the Town told, Hemmings and Lock being impassable. The School attacked hotly for a few minutes at the beginning of the second half and Deacon shot one into the corner of the net, but the Town responded with three more and won by 5-1.

Abingdon School v. Oxford High School. Played at Abingdon on Saturday, February 26th; ended in an easy win for the home team by 9-1; only short time was played or Abingdon would probably have scored their hundredth goal, for which they only required 4 more. For Abingdon Eagle played a good game at back and Deacon and Challenor were

the pick of the forwards; for Oxford Salter at outside right played a useful game, and Mayo at back defended well. Goals for Abingdon scored by Deacon (6) and Montgomery (3).

THE SIXES.

The Sixes took place as usual this term after the conclusion of the Matches fixed on the card. The entries were sufficiently numerous to allow of thirteen teams, one more than last year. The games were contested with great spirit; in particular that between Deacon and Stevens in the first round, and the original game in the second between Eagle and Challenor, which resulted in a tie.

The draw resulted as follows:—

Deacon i.'s VI. Harragin, Rice, Donkin, Crosse i, Barnett.

Brown's VI. Sells ii, Challenor ii, Pritchard, Clark i, Chambers i.

Clayton's VI. Austin ii, Montgomery ii, Graham i, Purves, Crosse ii.

Montgomery's VI. Hewer i, Chambers ii, Graham iii, Hughes ii, Greenwood.

Pryce's VI. Abbott, Sparkes, Taylor iii Graham ii, Long.

Challenor's VI. Murray, Cullen ii, Bradfield, Harris, Collin.

Cannon's VI. Talbot, Cullen i, Bayley ii, Crudgington, Wenn.

Deacon ii's VI. Symonds, King i, Gabriel, West ii, Hewer ii.

Stevens' VI. Davey, Ardagh, Hodgson, Winship, Martin.

Taylor's VI. Sells i, Betteridge ii, Gall, Lewington, Staniland.

Eagle's VI. Bayley i, Payne iii, King ii, Griffin, Townsend ii.

Drayton's VI. Saxby, Turnbull, Palmer, West i, Baker.

Austin i's VI. Clarke ii, Mortleman, Festing, Hughes iii, Mobbs.

The first round results were as follows:—

Deacon i. beat Stevens 8-5

Deacon ii. „ Cannon 4-2

Brown „ Pryce 7-3

Challenor „ Taylor 3-2

Austin „ Clayton 6-4

Montgomery, Eagle and Drayton drew byes.

The second round resulted as follows:—

Deacon i. beat Drayton's VI.

(captained by Stevens) by 10-2

Deacon ii. beat Austin by 6-3

Brown „ Montgomery by 8-5

Challenor „ Eagle by 7-0

In the semi-finals Deacon i. beat Challenor after a very hard game by 2-1 and Brown easily accounted for Deacon ii. by 13-6.

The final between Brown and Deacon was played on Monday, March the 6th. A capital game resulted in a win for Deacon i. by 6-3 but the game was more even than the score indicated.

CHARACTERS OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM.

P. J. Clayton. A really first-class goal-keeper; very quick with his hands, and fists out well; has brought off some splendid saves.

P. R. Taylor. A capital back; tackles well and is a powerful kick; makes good

use of his weight; has played consistently well all through the season.

W. M. Austin. Back. Tackles well and is fast, but cannot expect to retain his place unless his kicking improves.

A. E. Cannon. Right-half. Has the making of a good half. Passes neatly and tackles well. Rather slow in the field, but on the whole extremely useful.

S. W. Brown. A hardworking and very useful centre-half. Is good both in defence and attack. Uses his head very well and passes accurately. Shoots well.

H. U. Drayton. At left-half was very useful in defence by reason of his pace. Tackles well, but is a very poor kick and consequently not very accurate in his passes.

R. F. Challenor. A fast and tricky outside-right. Has brought off many brilliant runs and centres very well. Combines neatly, but might improve his play by using his head, more especially in front of goal.

P. L. Deacon. An excellent Captain. Dribbles well and has plenty of pace; passes accurately and has played a sound game at inside right, scoring 55 goals during the season.

J. E. Montgomery. Centre-forward. Has been useful at times. Passes well and has improved considerably in his shooting. Should make much more use of his weight in rushing.

H. S. Baker. Inside left. A very useful and unselfish forward, feeds his outside man neatly and is a good shot at goal, though he might shoot more often. Has been greatly missed this term.

G. S. Deacon. Outside left. Though rather slow, was very good last term, when he combined well with the inside man and put in some good centres. Seemed to feel the loss of Baker this term.

The following also played:—

A. F. Eagle, back. Volleys well and rarely misses his kick. Can kick well when in any position and generally stops his man. Was unfortunately kept out of the 1st XI. during last term by an injury.

A. W. Stevens. Unfortunately came very late in the season. A good forward, passes and dribbles neatly and shoots well. Should be very useful next year.

J. Murray. At times passed very well and always worked hard, but lost his head in front of goal.

DR. JOHNSON & ABINGDON SCHOOL.

As a sequel to the article on this subject which appeared in the Christmas Number of the "Abingdonian," I am glad, with the permission of the Editor, to contribute a series of letters addressed by Dr. Johnson to George Strahan during his residence at Abingdon and subsequently. Apart from the extreme interest one naturally feels in reading letters written by so eminent a man to an Abingdon schoolboy, I think it will be allowed, by those capable of forming a judgment, that much of the advice they contain may be equally accepted by the schoolboy of the present day. They also tell us a little about the school-

books then in use. William Turner, whose works the learned Doctor says he does not know, was Master of Colchester School, and compiled a Latin Accidence with Exercises, which from about 1720 to 1774 ran through thirteen editions. John Clarke, his contemporary, was Master of the Grammar School at Kingston-upon-Hull from 1720, and besides collaborating with Turner, he brought out various editions of Latin historical writers, such as Eutropius, Nepos and Florus, wrote translations of Suetonius and Sallust, and edited Cordery's highly popular "Colloquies," the thirteenth edition of which, published in 1749, is in the Abingdon School Library. William Walker, B.D. the author of "A Treatise of English Particles" was Master of the Free School at Grantham, 1671-84, and various editions of this work were published from 1663 to 1770. Mr. Bright was of course the Head Master, and Miss Page was probably his housekeeper, as Mrs. Bright died in 1761.

W^{LL}. H. RICHARDSON.

1. Dr. JOHNSON to GEO. STRAHAN, when at ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Feb. 19th, 1763.

Dear George,

I am glad that you have found the benefit of confidence, and hope you will never want a friend to whom you may safely disclose any painful secret. The state of your mind you had not so concealed but that it was suspected at home, which I mention, that if any hint should be given you, it may not be imputed to me, who have told nothing but to yourself, who had told more than you intended.

I hope you read more of Nepos, or of some other book, than you construe to Mr. Bright. The

more books you look into for your entertainment, with the greater variety of style will you make yourself acquainted. Turner I do not know; but think that if Clark be better, you should change it, for I shall never be willing that you should trouble yourself with more than one book to learn the government of words. What book that one shall be, Mr. Bright must determine. Be but diligent in reading and writing, and doubt not of the success. Be pleased to make my compliments to Miss Page and the gentlemen.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours affectionately,

SAM. JOHNSON.

2. TO THE SAME.

March 26th, 1763.

Dear Sir,

You did not very soon answer my letter, and therefore cannot complain that I make no great haste to answer yours. I am well enough satisfied with the proficiency you make, and hope that you will not relax the vigour of your diligence. I hope you begin now to see that all is possible which was professed. Learning is a wide field, but six years spent in close application are a long time; and I am still of opinion that if you continue to consider knowledge as the most pleasing and desirable of all acquisitions, and do not suffer your course to be interrupted, you may take your degree not only without deficiency, but with great distinction.

You must still continue to write Latin. This is the most difficult part, indeed the only part that is very difficult of your undertaking. If you can exemplify the rules of Syntax, I know not whether it will be worth while to trouble yourself with any more translations. You will still more increase your number of words, and advance your skill in phraseology, by making a short theme or two every day; and when you have construed properly a stated number of verses, it will be pleasing to go from reading to composition, and from composition to reading. But do not be very particular about method; any method will do if there be but diligence. Let me know, if you please, once a week, what you are doing.

I am, dear George,

Your humble servant,

SAM. JOHNSON.

3. TO THE SAME.

April 16th, 1763.

Dear Sir,

Your account of your proficiencie is more nearly equal, I find, to my expectations that your own, you are angry that a theme on which you took so much pains was at last a kind of English Latin: what could you expect more? If at the end of seven years you write good Latin, you will excel most of your contemporaries: *Scribendo discas scribere*. It is only by writing ill that you can attain to write well. Be but diligent and constant, and make no doubt of success.

I will allow you but six weeks for Tully's Offices. Walker's Particles I would not have you trouble yourself to learn at all by heart, but look in it from time to time, and observe his notes and remarks, and see how they are exemplified. The translation from Clark's history will improve you, and I would have you continue it to the end of the book.

I hope you read by the way at loose hours other books, though you do not mention them; for no time is to be lost; and what can be done with a master is but a small part of the whole. I would have you now and then try at some English verses. When you find that you have mistaken anything, review the passage carefully and settle it in your mind.

Be pleased to make my compliments, and those of Miss Williams, to all our friends.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours most affectionately,

SAM. JOHNSON.

(To be continued.)

FAREWELL TO ALCESTIS.

God grant thee aid divine,
Daughter of Pelias,
When thou from earth shalt pass
To Hades' sunless shrine.
These tidings tell yon God with tresses dark,
Hell's monarch: be it known to Charon old,
Who grasps his oar and guides the corpse-
strewn bark—
"No truer wife could Acheron's mists enfold."

Minstrels shall chant thy fame
With seven-stringed mountain lyre
And in sad dirge conspire
Full oft to laud thy name.
When Sparta's sons proclaim Carnean feast
With welcome orb aflame till dawn appear,
And through sweet love-lit Athens, bard and
priest
To sacred melody shall hold thee dear.

Could I but bring thy soul
Forth from Hell's hideous halls,
Whence grim Cocytus' falls
Sweep o'er the wave-beat shoal!
Dearest of women venturing alone
By death thy spouse to rescue: lightly fall
The Earth upon thee: should another own
Admetus lord, scorned were our King by all.

EUR: ALC: 805.

THE LEGEND OF THE IRON
CASQUE.

Draper had made his first appearance at the school at the commencement of the summer term, but to us third-form youngsters of Judson's he was a person of no small interest. His father was president of a psychical club or something of the sort up in town, and young Draper inherited all his father's spiritualistic tastes. So that, as he also possessed, at least in our opinion, considerable powers of narration, he soon became a lion among the story-tellers of the upper dormitory.

I remember one particularly sultry evening at the end of June, when we looked forward to his story with exceptional interest. He had promised to relate to us the legend of the Iron Casque,

which was said to haunt a large manor-house in the vicinity. We must have displayed an unusually eager desire to retire to rest, and young Hadleigh minor actually gave a chum's monkey, Jacko, whom the Doctor allowed us to keep as a great favour, his evening meal. Eagerly we went upstairs, and when the bell sounded "Lights out," it was for once a welcome signal to the inhabitants of Judson's upper dormitory. It was not long ere Draper was in full swing.

The details of that wonderful story I have quite forgotten. It had the usual tales of wrong and robbery, with a judicious sprinkling of amputations, murders, and sudden deaths to flavour it. From the eloquence with which he declaimed, Draper had evidently prepared his oration. It was certainly a great success, for it froze the blood of the boldest among us: and when it came to the last sentence (which he must have learnt by heart) I do not think any of us would have had the pluck to have got out of bed and shut the dormitory window. "And now every year, as that night comes round,"—so ran the famous conclusion, "the weary night-watcher may still behold that trunkless skull, enveloped in the Iron Casque, pass slowly through the silent Manor."

The orator stopped, and a death-like silence reigned. What the thoughts of the majority of us youngsters were, I cannot say. For myself I know I was reckoning the distance of the school from the ancient manor, and vaguely wondering whether the difficulties of locomotion would be any consideration

to the world of shadows. I looked across at the open window, through which a flood of moon-light streamed, and wished to goodness someone would speak. Young Hadleigh, in the next bed, was apparently of the same mind, for he cleared his throat loudly, and was, I think, going to attempt to say something funny, when in the yard below rang out a sound which sent our hearts into our mouths. Unmistakeably the clang of steel, loud and clear! Again, and then again, each time nearer than before. It was ascending the sheer wall of the building; Hadleigh gasped audibly, and little Bingham at the other end of the room began to snivel. As for the others, they were paralysed, while I began to think of all the ghost-stories I had read, of moving statues, of animated armour, and of the Iron Casque itself. Nearer and nearer sounded the clanging: now it was under the window. One loud clang more, and a flash of metal shone through the window, and a globe of steel poised itself upon the sill, and stayed, swaying gently from side to side.

There was a general exclamation of terror, and then we were all out of bed, and struggling in a heap at the door. Outside we paused, and some of the bolder spirits bolted to Mr. Judson's quarters. Meanwhile, we stole a look into the room. Still the thing was on the sill; and as we gazed, it fell forward with a hollow, distant-sounding shriek, and crashed upon the floor. We bolted.

In the corridor we met with Mr. Judson the house-master; he was armed with a hockey-stick and a candle, for ghosts

were "not in his line," and the spirits with which he came in contact were distinctly temporal, if not temperate, in character. In his train we returned, very gingerly pushed open the door, and looked in. The metal ball lay motionless on the floor. The valiant master stalked boldly in, kicked it with his slipper, held the candle over it, and uttered a grunt of disgust. As we crept up we beheld upon the floor a canister of tin, and it was half-full of nothing more or less than *nuts*! Our protestations of innocence soon calmed the master's wrath. With the help of some of the seniors, and other school hands who had by this time arrived, the room was thoroughly searched, and then the mystery was explained. Right under the farthest bed from the window, frightened out of his wits, we found—Jacko, the monkey. All was clear as daylight now. The little wretch had got his head fixed in the canister of nuts, which Hadleigh had left lying within reach, and in his fright, had got loose.

We would gladly have kept from Judson this explanation, for he was still possessed with the idea that he was being imposed upon. However, we could not conceal the fact; and when at last he did know it—well, so did we. C.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

The Annual Christmas Concert took place on Thursday, December 15th, and was patronised by a large number of friends of the School who formed an appreciative audience, which filled the

School Room to overflowing. The Programme as usual consisted of two parts, the first comprising the Cantata 'Zitella' by Orlando Morgan, which was effectively sung by the Choir under the able direction of Mr. Robinson. The latter presiding at the piano executed the most difficult passages with consummate skill: while the spirited and musical rendering of the choral work bore witness to the untiring care and attention which he had bestowed upon his pupils. The 'Gipsy' and 'Anvil' choruses were specially noticeable, while the finalé 'Happy wakes the bridal morning' fully confirmed the favourable impression created by the rest of the performance. The solo work was undertaken by G. Palmer, C. Greenwood and A. J. H. Payne, who sustained their parts with creditable accuracy which won them well merited applause.

The second part was of a miscellaneous character; and was chiefly noticeable for the masterly rendering of the Piano-forte Duets from 'Henry VIII.,' by H. U. Drayton and C. M. Robinson, the latter of whom gave us a memorable display of vocal talent, in his spirited rendering of 'Gipsy John.'

The various items were as follows:—

PART I.

CANTATA "ZITELLA" *Words by D. H. Parry.*
Music by R. Orlando Morgan.

Zitella	G. Palmer.
Dolores	C. Greenwood.
Don Alvaro	A. J. H. Payne.

1. INTRODUCTION
2. HUNTING CHORUS "St. Hubert on this merry [morn.]"
3. SOLO (Don Alvaro).. "Weary and faint am I."
4. GIPSY CHORUS "Whom have we here."
5. RECIT. (Zitella) "This simple flower."
6. SOLO (Zitella) "Come, silver daisy."

7. CHORAL RECIT. "For our nightly revel."
8. CHORUS "O'er the velvet sward we fly."
9. SOLO (Dolores) "Lullaby."
10. RECIT. AND AIR (Don Alvaro) .. "List while I
[give a sequel."
11. INTERMEZZO
12. ANVIL CHORUS "Clang, Clang."
13. DUET (Dolores and Don Alvaro) "What joy is
[this."
14. CHORUS OF REVENGE "Our captives are gone."
15. STORM
16. TRIO & CHORUS. . "Hear our prayer of thanks."
17. SOLO (Zitella) AND CHORUS "Happy wakes the
[bridal morning."

PART II.

- SONG "Killarney" .. *Falconer.*
W. S. AIRY.
- SONG "Angels, ever bright and fair" *Handel.*
C. GREENWOOD.
- PIANOFORTE DUET "Henry VIII." .. *E. German.*
(a.) "Morris Dance." (b.) "Shepherd's Dance."
(c.) "Torch Dance."
- H. U. DRAYTON AND C. M. ROBINSON.
- SONG .. "A Jovial Monk am I" .. *Audran.*
H. C. ORPWOOD.
- SONG .. "The Conscript" .. *Parker.*
H. S. BAKER.
- SONG .. "Gipsy John" .. *Frederic Clay.*
C. M. ROBINSON.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The School Officers this term are:—
Prefects, S. W. Brown (Captain of School)
P. L. Deacon, W. M. Austin, O. J.
Couldrey, H. F. Shepherd, J. E. Mont-
gomery.

Games Committee:—Mr. H. C. Orp-
wood (Chairman); H. F. Shepherd,
(Secretary); S. W. Brown, (Treasurer);
P. L. Deacon.

Magazine Committee:—Mr. de la Hey
(Chairman); O. J. Couldrey (Secretary);
S. W. Brown, P. L. Deacon, W. M. Austin,
A. O. C. Pryce, A. M. Austin.

The following boys have joined the
School this term: VI. Form, A. W.
Stevens; IV. Form, B. A. Crosse; III.
Form, W. P. Harragin; Commercial II.,
T. Lewington; Juniors, I. T. Pritchard,
R. F. Baker, C. M. Crosse.

The following have left:—V. Form,
H. S. Baker; Shell, J. Murray, R. H.
ForesheW; IV. Form, Y. D. Aldwinckle,

R. F. Brooks; III. Form, C. A. ForesheW;
Commercial I., E. G. Thatcher.

The Reverend T. Layng, Headmaster
of Abingdon School, was married to
Miss Margaret Gertrude Allen at Saint
Paul's Church, Cambridge, on Tuesday,
January 3rd. In the list of presents
we note a Pair of Silver Candlesticks and
a Silver Inkstand from the Governors
of the School, a Revolving Bookcase
from the Masters, a Dresden China
Clock from the Boys, and a Silver Cake
Basket from the Old Abingdonian Club.

Mr. Charles Moreville Robinson was
married to Miss Mary Goldesbrough
Bennett at S. Mary's Church, Bruton,
Somerset, on December 28th, 1898.

Mr. Robinson has left us to take up a
House Mastership at Ashton Grammar
School, Dunstable.

Mr. W. S. Airy, B.A., has succeeded
to the post vacated by Mr. Robinson.
Mr. Airy was formerly an exhibitor
of Exeter College, Oxford, and rowed
in his College Eight.

It is with deep regret that we record
the death of the Rev. Bartholomew
Price, D.D., F.R.S., Master of Pem-
broke College, who was buried on
January 3rd, 1899.

The Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson,
D.D., Archdeacon of Leicester, has been
elected to the Mastership of Pembroke
College, Oxford, and succeeds Dr. Price
on the Governing Body of the School.

We regret to record the death on
January 31st, after a brief illness, of
Daniel Iles, M.R.C.S., of the Retreat,
Fairford, aged 57. Mr. Iles was an O.A.,
and one of the original members of the
O.A. Club.

A series of Saturday evening entertainments has been given this term under the direction of Mr. Airy by members of the staff and School.

Fire Brigade Drill has been resumed this term in the Old School Yard by teams captained by P. L. Deacon, P. J. Clayton and G. S. Saxby.

The subjects for the Meredith Greek and Latin Composition Prize are as follows:—

Latin: Smith's History of Rome, p. 130, "The victory of Zama" to p. 132, "other generals."

Greek: Oman's History of Greece, p. 203, 'Leonidas' to p. 204 'Thermopylae.'

Compositions are to be shown up to Mr. de la Hey on Monday, March 27th, under cover of a Motto, and in other handwriting than that of the author.

Prints of competitors for the Photography Prize offered by Mr. Richardson are to be sent in to Mr. Palmer on June 30th.

We have once more to thank Mr. W. H. Richardson for a gift of books to the Library.

W. B. Collingwood (O.A.) of Pembroke College, Oxford, rowed bow in his College Torpid, which went up five places.

B. Challenor (O.A.) of Pembroke has been running again this term. In the O.U.A.C. sports he came in fifth in the mile. He also ran second in the Wadham College Strangers' Race.

At a recent sitting of the Portarlington Petty Sessions A. J. T. McCreery (O.A.) was presented with the vellum certificate of the Royal Humane Society for saving a boy from drowning on August 15th last. In returning thanks McCreery expressed the hope that he would never be in Court for anything worse!

The following dates have been fixed:—

School Sports, Saturday, March 18th.

Steeplechases, Monday, March 20th.

School v. O.A.C. Sports, Wednesday, March 22nd.

School breaks up, Tuesday, March 28th

Errata. In Vol. II. p. 132, col. II., line 4, the name "Newman" is a misprint for "Newcome." p. 183, col. II., line 4 from foot, "Recitations" should be "Meditations."

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