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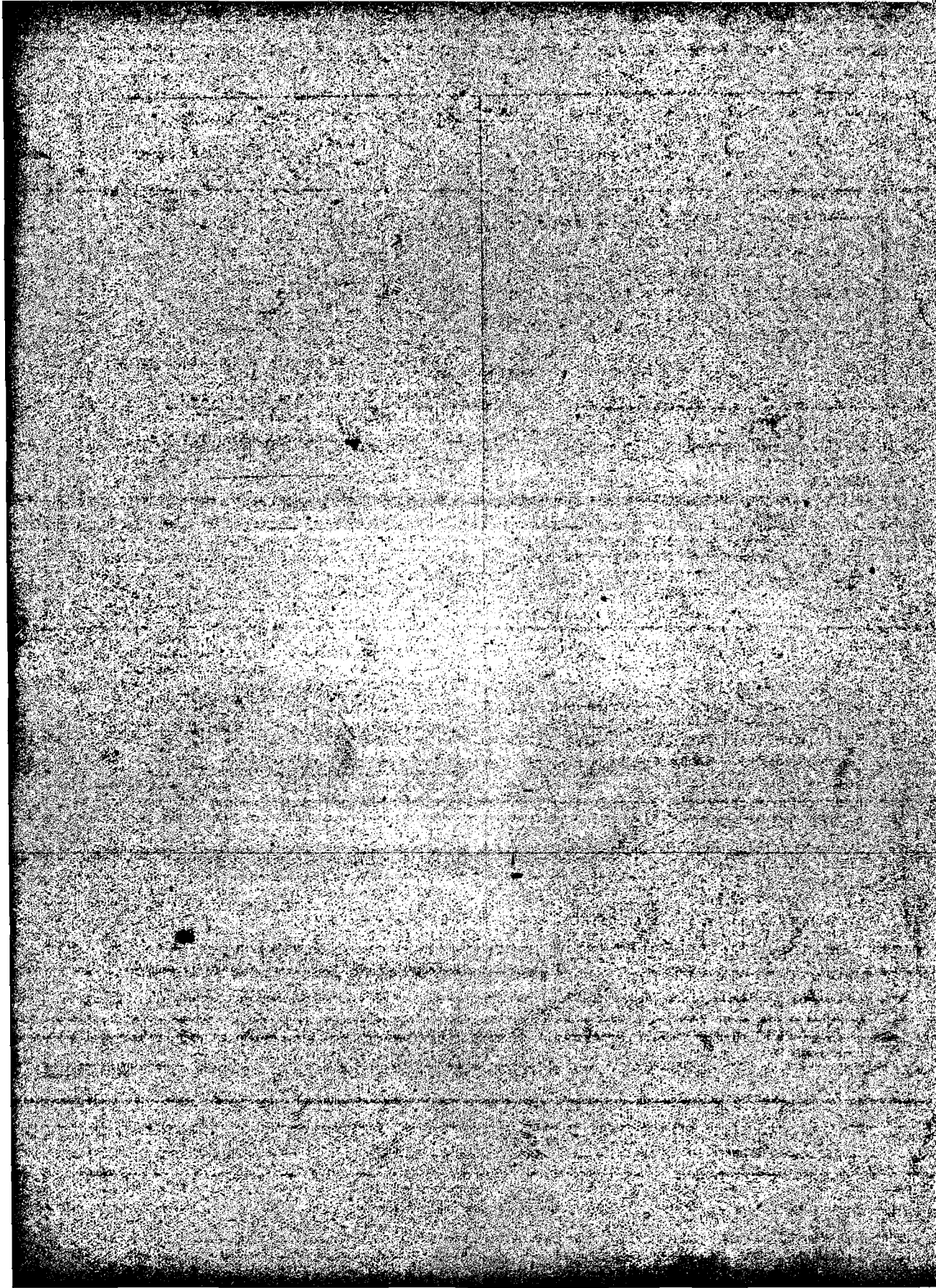
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EDITORIAL.

THE solemn events with which this term began will render it ever memorable. They call for no comment of ours: indeed the sincerity of our mourning will be best expressed by a reverent silence.

In the life of the School but little has happened lately that needs Editorial comment. Our doings at Football are reviewed elsewhere in this number and a summary of results will also be found. We

were unfortunate in having nearly all this term's fixtures scratched by reason of the inclement weather, which rendered even ordinary games for the most part impossible. The Sixes however were decided under more favourable conditions.

The Building authorities are not, as some may suppose, asleep. On the contrary several business meetings have been held and many important preliminaries settled. Before the end of next term we are hoping to see the playground in a healthy state of masonic chaos.

As regards ourselves, this is the first number of Vol. 3. We hope our readers will approve of the altered arrangement of our motto on the title page. The index to Vol. 2, so kindly compiled for us by Mr. W. H. Richardson, is now ready and may be obtained from the Secretary. Back numbers of the Magazine can also be supplied.

ROMAN BRITAIN.

(Continued from Vol. 2. p. 290.)

Among the remains which prove the energy and resources of the Romans are those of the series of fortifications known as Hadrian's Wall. Stretching across the Country from Wallsend, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the Coast west of Carlisle, a distance of seventy-three miles, it affords striking evidence of the military genius of the conquerors, and of the danger to their power of the northern tribes whose inroads made such defences necessary. The whole district in this neighbourhood teems with relics of the Roman rule. Besides the Wall itself, roads and bridges, there may be seen inscriptions, votive altars, pottery, glass, coins and carvings in public and private collections, and the supply seems to be practically inexhaustible. The Wall itself was probably at least twelve feet high, some authorities think fourteen or fifteen feet high, with a thickness varying between six and ten feet. It was faced on both sides with squared stones, and the centre was filled in with rubble firmly cemented with mortar of remarkable hardness. On the Northern side is a ditch which probably averaged thirty-six feet in breadth and fifteen in depth. On the Southern side, at intervals of about four miles, were fortified camps (*castra*); these covered an area of from three to five acres, and were arranged on the ordinary plan. Between them, a Roman mile apart, were quadrangular "mile-castles" (*castella*), about sixty feet by fifty, with walls six feet thick, and with gateways to the North

and South. Between the *castella* were four solidly built stone sentry-boxes about ten feet square. These details show the completeness of the design, and also the extraordinary strength of the defence thus provided. But in addition there was on the South side an immense triple earthwork (*vallum*) constructed to suit the nature of the ground from a military point of view, two lines of which were probably twenty feet broad and ten feet high, and the third rather smaller. Between the *vallum* and the *muris* ran a paved military road, and local tradition insists that the stations were connected by speaking-tubes—though of these no trace has yet been found. An idea of the strength of the wall as it now stands may be illustrated by personal experience. The best way to explore this region is by bicycling along the military road made in the 18th century after "the Forty-five," which follows the line of the Roman works from Carlisle to Newcastle. At a distance of about twenty miles from the latter town, two investigators on one occasion suddenly became aware that the Wall was nowhere to be seen. Excursions on either side proved fruitless, and the journey was resumed. All at once one of the riders dismounted and carefully examined the road. It then became apparent that the modern road, which seemed to be on an embankment, was really running on the top of the Wall some feet above the level of the ground. The metal of the roadway had been worn through, and the Roman masonry was clearly visible, forming a foundation which the engineers had

found sufficiently strong to carry their work and any possible traffic! This fact speaks well for the Roman mortar after a lapse of nearly two thousand years.

Of the numerous special curiosities three are worthy of mention. Some distance westward of Hexham, near the station Vindolana, is to be seen almost, if not quite, the only Roman mile-stone in Britain still standing in its original position. It is about six feet high, and was formerly covered with inscriptions, now entirely illegible. Another, a mile distant, with the inscription "*Bono reipublicae nato*" remained until modern times, and is known to have been split into gate-posts. Another treasure is a silver dish, found in 1735. This measures nineteen inches by fifteen, is surrounded by a floral border, and is embossed with a design representing Diana, Minerva, Juno, Vesta and Apollo. The third consists of the remains of a draw-bridge across the Tyne, of which the machinery, in the shape of the pillars and weights used to raise and lower the movable portion, has been found. The bridge itself was of considerable size, and had three piers, the foundations of which are still visible. The stonework was cramped together by bars of iron embedded in lead. Military defences existed at either end, and the whole structure must have been worthy of the best traditions of Roman architecture and engineering.

Hadrian's Wall and its neighbourhood may well be reckoned one of the most interesting portions of England to the Archæologist, the Historian, and the

Classic. To those who seek a holiday and are not un-instructed in any of these branches of learning, a prolonged tour of exploration amid the wild Northumbrian moors should be at least as attractive as a rush to Switzerland or Norway, or a sojourn in Paris or Brussels. The purity of the bracing air, the peaceful stillness, broken only by the whistle of the curlew or the bleating of the moorland lambs, the wild beauty of the expanse of hill and dale, afford a sense of contrast to the rush of every-day life which is a tonic to nerves and brain such as can scarcely be surpassed. W.

(to be continued.)

SCHOOL CONCERT.

A Concert was given in the School Room, on December 17th, 1900. The room was well filled. We offer our best thanks to those who helped to augment the Orchestra. The chief item in the Programme was the Cantata, "*Merrie Men of Sherwood Forest*," by W. H. Birch; for Soli, Chorus, and Orchestra. The Choruses were well sung, being well kept together by the Orchestra. All the Instrumental portions were greatly appreciated.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

CANTATA "*Merrie Men of Sherwood Forest*."
Birch.

SOLOISTS.

SOPRANO—L. C. Davies, T. G. M. Lewington.

TENOR—Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley, H. F. Shepherd.

BARITONE—P. L. Deacon.

BASS—S. Ingrams, Esq., O. J. Couldrey, H. Hughes.

ORCHESTRA.

1st VIOLINS—Mrs. Humfrey, Mrs. Couldrey, Miss C. Hughes, Miss Baker.

2nd VIOLINS—Miss M. Hughes, Miss Hayman,
S. Cullen, P. E. Mobbs.

VIOLA—E. L. Shepherd, Esq.

'CELLO—W. Winter, Esq., Jun.

PICCOLO—H. Molden.

CLARINET—E. Molden.

DRUM—G. Palmer.

PIANOFORTE—Mrs. Wimberley.

HARMONIUM—Miss Layng.

CONDUCTOR—E. W. Young, Esq.

PART II.

1. PIANOFORTE DUET "Dances from Henry VIII."

German.

E. W. YOUNG, ESQ. AND H. F. SHEPHERD.

2. PART-SONG "As torrents in summer" *Elgar.*
THE CHOIR.

3. DUET .. "All's well" .. *Braham.*

Soprano—T. S. Wilding.

Alto—J. W. Duncan.

4. CAROL .. "In the fields" .. *Farmer.*

ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS.

FOOTBALL.

Seven old Colours formed the nucleus of this season's team. The new comers were not quite up to the standard required but they were mostly hard workers. Noticeable improvement was observed in most of the old set, Pryce, Saxby and Austin having particularly come on. P. L. Deacon again captained the team and as a rule played centre forward. He was well supported by the left wing. Austin and G. S. Deacon, partners of two seasons, combined well together and perhaps showed the only combination in the team. The right wing did their work, but had not the pace of the others and did not work well together. At half-back we had material which will be most useful next season with the experience gained. The back division consisting of Pryce and Sells was as a rule very reliable, both being hard

workers and good kicks, the former also being a very good tackler. We wish for no improvement on Saxby in goal. He seldom loses his head and generally clears very well. We played 14 matches with the result of 7 won, 6 lost and 1 drawn. The Second team performed rather badly winning one out of four matches played. The Sixes were played on a different system this year, being divided into Junior and Senior. There were five Sixes in the Senior, which were played on the League system, each team getting four games. These were won by P. L. Deacon with four wins to his credit, Saxby's team being a good second with three. The Juniors had nine sets out and after some interesting games the final went to Betteridge's team.

A.S.F.C. v. Abingdon Town. This return match was played on the Town ground on Saturday, December 15th, when the Town team appeared in some force but with a rather mixed team. Starting with the wind the home right immediately ran down, and, from a centre by Stevens, Randall scored in the first minute. This early reverse seemed to rouse the School, and after some vigorous clearing by the halves and backs, the left wing got away, but the final shot was weak and the ball soon returned to the School quarters. After a little tussle on the left wing Lay got away, and scored well with a cross shot. P. L. Deacon was in the meantime playing a good game for the School, but the Town halves upset calculations, and pressure was maintained by the home-sters, against whose attack Saxby offered

a smart defence. Brackett, however, having hit the bar, Lay caught the ball and notched No. 3. In the second half play was slack, but after a while the cerise and white showed round the Town goal, and Bowman, taking advantage of a partial clearance, obtained the first and only point for the School. Just before the whistle sounded, Deacon with a good shot hit the cross-bar, but the Abingdon custodian cleared well, and Stevens receiving the ball scored another goal for the Town. The Town thus ran out winners by 4-1. Teams:—Abingdon: W. Keates, goal; F. Lee and T. Pratley, backs; J. & G. Hemmings, W. Witham, half-backs; A. W. Stevens, W. N. Brackett, H. Randall, R. F. Challenor, W. F. Lay, forwards. School Team: G. S. Saxby, goal; S. Ingrams, Esq. and A. O. C. Pryce, backs; H. E. Armstrong, Esq., L. Bayley, J. R. Hewer, half-backs; E. Ross-Barker, Esq., T. F. Bowman, P. L. Deacon, A. M. Austin, G. S. Deacon, forwards.

A.S.F.C. v. Old Abingdonians. The Past and Present match was played on the School ground on Wednesday, Dec. 19th. The Old Boys appeared this year with a stronger team than they have brought for several seasons, and included in their ranks some very good players, among whom Shepherd was conspicuous. The School felt the absence of P. L. Deacon very much. With wind and sun behind them the Old Boys soon became aggressive, and Cottrell after ten minutes play opened the scoring from the left wing. Stevens was the next to get through, and then the School forced a

corner, but the ball went behind. The second half was very uninteresting, and the play on both sides was slack. The Present had more of the play than before the interval, but their forwards were not sufficiently strong to carry the ball through, although several shots were sent in. Before time was called three more goals were scored by the visitors who retired victorious by 5-0. Teams:—Past: P. J. Clayton, goal; R. Talbot and J. W. Montgomery, backs; S. W. Brown, N. P. Shepherd, and N. B. Challenor, half-backs; R. F. Challenor, J. E. Montgomery, A. W. Stevens, B. Challenor, W. Cottrell, forwards. Present: G. S. Saxby, goal; R. W. Sells, and A. O. C. Pryce, backs; H. A. Payne, L. Bayley, J. R. Hewer, half-backs; E. F. Daw, T. F. Bowman, G. S. Deacon, A. M. Austin, and F. H. Edey, forwards.

A.S.F.C. v. W. M. Austin's XI. This match was played on the School ground on February 27th, and was the first of this Term as well as the last of the season. It was a hard game and resulted in a draw. Throughout the game there was more individual play than should, perhaps, be seen, and the combination was poor on both sides, but the match was most exciting. The School, of course, played much more together than the visitors, but the latter were vastly superior in weight. The visitors won the toss and played down. After some time the School managed to score in front of goal, but during the greater part of the first half the ball was among the half-backs of the scratch team. After half-time Foulkes pulled together

with his outsides and notched two goals in quick succession. Bowman then equalized for the School with a good shot, which was followed by a pretty piece of combination on the part of the homesters, who scored once more, thus gaining the lead. There was now considerable excitement, the visitors using their weight and crowding the School goal; but they did not succeed in scoring till just before time, when Foulkes again scored, and the game resulted in a draw of 3 all. For the School Deacon put in some excellent shots, while Pryce and Payne played a steady useful game, at back and half-back. For the visiting team Foulkes did good work, and was ably seconded by Medley at back. Teams:—Austin's XI.: C. A. W. Payne, goal; W. M. Austin, H. Medley, backs; H. Parker, W. Hutchings, L. Smith, half-backs; H. A. Creyke, F. T. Martin, F. Foulkes, P. J. Aldwinckle, R. F. Challenor, forwards. School: G. S. Saxby, goal; R. W. Sells and A. O. C. Pryce, backs; A. W. L. Graham, H. A. Payne, and J. R. Hewer, half-backs; E. F. Daw, T. F. Bowman, P. L. Deacon, A. M. Austin, G. S. Deacon, forwards.

A.S.F.C. 2nd. XI. v. Bloxham School 2nd. XI. The return match, played at Abingdon on Nov. 28th, proved a most exciting struggle. Our representatives had braced themselves up for a great effort to avenge their defeat at Bloxham; and though they were unsuccessful in doing this, they managed nevertheless to make a very creditable show, a hard and well-contested game ending in a draw of 3 goals all. Bloxham

scored the first point but Sparkes soon equalized. Before half-time from some good combination Bloxham added another point, and shortly after changing ends they further increased their lead. But our forwards were now playing well together, and soon proved too good for the Bloxham defence, Sparkes again scoring; and just before the call of time Cullen equalized by a long shot from the outside left. The team as a whole played distinctly well, in spite of the slippery state of the ground and ball. Payne was again conspicuous at centre-half, while of the forwards Cullen put in some useful centres and, especially after half-time, Edey and Ardagh showed excellent combination. School Team:—V. Bayley (goal); R. N. Turnbull and R. G. Rice (backs); B. Abbott, H. A. Payne (capt.) and A. W. L. Graham (half-backs); F. H. Edey, A. W. W. Ardagh, R. A. Sparkes, J. W. Duncan and S. Cullen (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd. XI. v. Oxford High School. This match was played on the home ground on February 23rd. In point of size the teams were fairly evenly matched. Although Abingdon started against the hill, it was soon apparent which team was the better combination. Three goals were scored in the first half, by Montgomery, Duncan and Abbott, while the Oxford Boys, in spite of some good individual play, failed to take advantage of the few chances that were given them. After half-time the disparity in the teams was even more noticeable, the visiting forwards being

seldom able to break through their opponents' half-back line, while for the School Louth added a fourth goal from a corner and Payne a fifth. This left the 2nd XI. victorious by 5 to 0. Payne and Abbott played an excellent game in both attack and defence, while Edey and Duncan were in good form forward though against a considerably heavier resistance. These were perhaps the best of a very fair lot. School Team:—A. A. Brown (goal); R. N. Turnbull and R. G. Rice (backs); B. Abbott, H. A. Payne (capt.) and W. E. Jarman (half-backs); F. H. Edey, C. S. Louth, C. P. B. Montgomery, F. L. England and J. W. Duncan (forwards).

Appended is a list of the 1st XI. Matches played during the season, with a record of goals scored.

Date.	Opponents.	Result.	Goals.	
			F.	A.
Oct. 17	Wallingford	Won	5	4
" 27	Bloxham School	Won	7	1
" 29	S. W. Brown's Keble	Lost	4	9
	College XI.			
" 31	Pembroke Coll., Oxford ..	Won	3	1
Nov. 3	Abingdon Town	Lost	1	3
" 7	Mansfield Coll., Oxford ..	Won	3	2
" 10	Queen's Coll., Oxford ..	Won	3	0
" 14	Wallingford	Lost	1	6
" 17	A. E. Cannon's XI.	Won	5	2
" 26	Wadham Coll., '98 Club ..	Won	6	1
" 28	Bloxham School	Lost	1	4
Dec. 15	Abingdon Town	Lost	1	4
" 19	Old Abingdonians	Lost	0	5
Feb. 27	W. M. Austin's XI.	Drawn	3	3

From the above it will be seen that out of a total of 14 Matches, we have won 7, lost 6 and drawn 1, 43 goals have been kicked for the School and 45 against, a result which will compare less unfavourably with last year's record, when it is remembered that the contests with Leighton Park School and Oxford High School are counted this year among the 2nd XI. fixtures.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

P. L. Deacon (capt.) (1894). Centre forward. Has fully maintained the best of the characters given him for some

years now. Often tries, though, to do too much on his own account, and starves his wings and weakens himself in front of goal. Should try to get over this drawback to sound play by feeding his wings more in mid-field and reserving his strength for the final effort.

G. S. Deacon (1898). Outside left. A clever forward, whom an increase of dash and pluck would convert from a moderate to an excellent player. Is very neat in his passing and centreing and is also a good shot. His play however suffers from a tendency to lose heart in a losing game, but if he gets over this, he should certainly develope into a first class player.

H. F. Shepherd (1899). Centre half. Still sorely handicapped by lack of speed, though not much inferior in this respect to most of this year's team. Consequently in a fast game he is not so useful as he deserves to be. On his day, however, he is very conspicuous in the half-back line. A sure kick and a good shot at goal.

A. M. Austin (1899). Inside left. Plays a pretty, combining game, and shoots well, although he sometimes misses opportunities by hesitation. Only requires dash to make a really good player, but perhaps this will come with more weight and experience.

G. S. Saxby (1899). Goal. A goalkeeper of exceptional ability. Remarkably quick in clearing, even when surrounded by the opposing forwards. Has been consistently safe. Might still improve his kicking.

A. O. C. Pryce (1900). Back. Plays a plucky game at back, but is somewhat light for so important position. A good kick.

R. W. Sells (1900). Back. His keenness has greatly improved his play. He is now a safe kick, and should be exceedingly useful next year.

L. Bayley (1900). Right half. Plucky in defence but neglects the other duty of a half to look after his forwards. Uses his head well literally, if not figuratively.

J. R. Hewer (1900). Left half. Much improved latterly. Always plays his hardest, and with more experience should be very useful, but at present cannot cope with a fast wing. Feeds his own wing well, but his kicking is far from perfect.

T. F. Bowman (1900). Inside right. Has not been so successful a player as a secretary. Suffers through want of keenness. Works hard in the field, and shews plenty of dash, but is a poor shot simply through unwillingness to practice.

E. F. Daw (1900). Outside right. Really a half-back, but was put in at outside right in an emergency, where he fairly satisfied requirements. Centres and passes well, but is inclined to hesitate through nervousness. Rather slow and lacking in dash, but should be useful next year.

The following have also played :—

H. A. Payne. The best of a good line of halves in the 2nd XI. Passes very neatly, and is faster than any of the first XI. halves. With an increase of weight he should be extremely useful.

F. H. Edey. Outside right. An extremely promising forward. Kicks and centres in good style, and is smart at getting past an opponent. In future years much is to be expected of him, but at present he is on the small side.

FOOTBALL SIXES.

A new departure was made this year in the Sixes, which was attended with success. Two divisions, Senior and Junior, were made, and as a result of this the games were much more even than was usually the case under the old arrangement. The Junior Sixes, numbering nine, produced some exciting struggles, Betteridge ii. eventually proving successful over Miller in the Final. In the earlier rounds Graham showed very good form.

JUNIOR SIXES.

The following was the result of the draw:—

Wilding's VI. King i, Wearing, Philipps, Stevenson, Challenor vi.

Davies' VI. Hewer ii, James, Shepherd iii, Berry, Barnett.

Graham iii's VI. Duncan ii, Fowler, Jones, Townsend iii, Goff.

Miller's VI. Challenor v, Crosse, Milward, Bowe, Wenn.

Pratt's VI. Cannon, Gibbings, Fitzgerald, Mortleman, Cullen.

Betteridge ii's VI. Gall, Cowburn, Purves, King iii, Dunn.

Rant's VI. Talbot, Neligan, Rice ii, Mobbs, Hunter.

Payne iii's VI. Collin, Coxon, Griffin, Graff, Harris i.

Anns' VI. Hodgson, Lay, Baker,
Crudgington ii, Pritchard.

First Round.

Betteridge beat Wilding, 3-0

The rest were byes.

Second Round.

Miller beat Davies, 9-0

Rant „ Payne, 1-0

Graham „ Pratt, 3-0

Betteridge „ Anns, 1-0

Semi-final.

Miller beat Graham, 2-1

Betteridge „ Rant, 1-0

Final.

Betteridge beat Miller, 4-1

SENIOR SIXES.

The Senior Sixes numbered five in all, and were fairly evenly matched. The Competition was played according to the League system, each team meeting the others in turn, a win counting 2 points, a draw 1. Every team won at least once, except Deacon ii's, whose six was better on paper than in the field. He was also very unfortunate in losing the services of Payne. Saxby and Deacon, having been successful in all their previous encounters, met to decide which should be the winners. After an exciting struggle, Deacon was again returned the winner by 2-0.

The draw was:—

Deacon i's VI. Hewer, Graham ii,
England, Crudgington, Bradfield.

Deacon ii's VI. Payne ii, Turnbull,
Jarman, Bate, George.

Saxby's VI. Sells, Abbott, Duncan i,
Bayley, Townsend.

Pryce's VI. Bowman, Rice, Edey,
Good, Donkin.

Austin's VI. Daw, Montgomery,
Louth, Palmer, Brown.

Result:—

Teams.	Pld.	Won.	Dwn.	Lost	gls for	gls. agst.	pts.
P. L. Deacon	4	4	0	0	18	3	8
G. S. Saxby	4	3	0	1	9	2	6
A. O. C. Pryce	4	2	0	2	10	13	4
A. M. Austin	4	1	0	3	4	11	2
G. S. Deacon	4	0	0	4	4	13	0

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Sports took place on Saturday, March 23rd, before a large and appreciative audience of parents and friends. The weather, which had been exceedingly wintry earlier in the week, luckily improved, and owing to the rapidity with which the executive worked off the events the spectators (to say nothing of the competitors) had but little time to remark on the freshness of the day.

A few alterations were made in this year's programme. Owing to the lack of entries the High Jump under 12 was dropped, instead of which a new event in the shape of 100 yards under 16 was inserted. For the Consolation Prizes the substitution of an Egg and Spoon Race for the conventional Sack Race was very popular, judging from the number of competitors and the laughter of the on-lookers.

Appended is the list of events:

LONG JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by T. Romans, Esq., and Rev. J. H. Jukes). P. L. Deacon, 1;
T. F. Bowman, 2. Distance 19ft.

LONG JUMP (under 15).

(First prize presented by E. L. Shepherd,

Esq.) V. Bayley, 1; J. B. Hodgson, 2. Distance 14ft. 10in.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (16 lbs.) (open). (First prize presented by Mrs. Layng). G. S. Saxby, 1; P. L. Deacon, 2. Distance 26ft. 10in.

HIGH JUMP (under 14).

(First prize presented by H. E. Armstrong, Esq.) P. N. Graham, 1; A. G. C. Rice, 2. Height 4ft. 1in.

HIGH JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by the Rev. T. Layng and E. M. Challenor, Esq., O.A.) P. L. Deacon, 1; A. M. Austin, 2. Height 5ft.

100 YARDS (under 12).

(Prizes presented by the Right Rev. the Master of Pembroke College). D. F. Mortleman, 1; O. B. Challenor, 2. Time 14 2-5th secs. This was a very close race.

100 YARDS (under 16).

(First prize presented by J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A.) R. G. Rice, 1; J. B. Hodgson, 2.

100 YARDS (Open).

(First prize presented by J. T. Morland, Esq., Mayor of Abingdon). A. O. C. Pryce, 1; P. L. Deacon, 2. Time 11 2-5th secs. This race produced as usual an exciting struggle.

100 YARDS (under 11).

(First prize presented by E. M. Challenor, Esq., O.A.) G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; O. B. Challenor, 2.

100 YARDS (under 14).

(Prizes presented by S. I. Baker, Esq.) P. N. Graham, 1; N. Duncan, 2. Time 13 4-5th secs.

QUARTER MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Prizes presented by the Ladies of

Abingdon). A. O. C. Pryce, 1; T. F. Bowman, 2; H. Hughes and C. B. Good, 3. Time 60 2-5th secs. Pryce ran a good race from scratch, and won well. Bowman was a good second, receiving 10 yards at the start. Hughes and Good starting from the same mark ran a dead heat for third place.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

(Prizes presented by T. Townsend, Esq. and F. Legge, Esq.) R. W. Sells, 1; W. E. Jarman, 2. Distance 90 yards.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 13).

(Prizes presented by A. F. Blandy, Esq. and A. H. Simpson, Esq.) O. B. Challenor, 1; A. P. H. Fowler, 2. Challenor received 8 yards start, Fowler 5.

HURDLE RACE (under 15).

(Prizes presented by E. H. Bartlett, Esq., O.A. and Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley). P. N. Graham, 1; V. Bayley, 2. C. F. Lay ran pluckily and was almost level with Bayley at the finish. Time 24 secs.

HURDLE RACE (open).

(First prize presented by E. Ross-Barker, Esq.) P. L. Deacon, 1; A. M. Austin, 2. Time 18 3-5th secs. Deacon won easily by a good 10 yards.

CHOIR RACE (300 yards handicap).

(Prizes presented by E. W. Young, Esq.) D. F. Mortleman, 1; J. W. Duncan, 2. Time 42 2-5th secs.

HALF MILE HANDICAP (Open).

(Prizes presented by E. J. Harris, Esq. and B. Challenor, Esq., O.A.) R. A. R. Townsend, 1; A. O. C. Pryce, 2; R. W. Sells, 3. Time 2 min. 21 secs. Townsend, who received 150 yards start, ran extremely pluckily. Pryce also ran well from scratch. Sells received 15 yards.

OLD ABINGDONIANS' RACE. (100 yards). (Prize presented by S. Ingrams, Esq.) Ten or a dozen competitors entered for this race, which was won by B. Challenor, J. H. E. Morland being a good second.

CONSOLATION EGG AND SPOON RACE. (Prizes presented by the Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley). R. R. Townsend, 1; P. E. Mobbs, 2. Townsend won the Final Heat easily; neither he nor Mobbs dropped their 'eggs' once.

"HEBER CLARKE" CHALLENGE CUP.

The Challenge Cup was won for the third time by P. L. Deacon, who secured 40 points. Pryce came next with 25 points.

Immediately after the last event the prizes, which were much admired by competitors and visitors alike, were distributed from the Pavilion by the Mayoress of Abingdon. Cheers were afterwards given for the Mayoress, the Ladies of Abingdon, and the Prize Donors.

THE STEEPLECHASES.

These were run upon the Common on Monday, March 25th. Frequent snow-storms during the day had rendered the ground somewhat heavy, and a bitterly cold wind in the faces of the competitors on the home journey did not render the conditions any easier. Nevertheless there were good entries, 12 starting for the juniors' race and 17 for the seniors'. The courses were of the usual length, about three quarters of a mile and a mile and a quarter respectively, with the customary hurdles and water-jump.

The juniors' race (under 14) was won by P. N. Graham with some ease in 6 mins. 38 3-5th secs. F. E. A. Collin,

who ran pluckily and was leading at the half-way post, came in second, and R. T. Hewer third.

In the open competition J. R. Hewer set the pace at first, but at the turning-point the competitors were all near together. H. Hughes and A. O. C. Pryce then took the lead and cleared the first hurdle on the homeward course together, A. M. Austin and Hewer being not far behind them. Pryce then drew ahead and, Austin dropping out, Hughes and Hewer were left to contend for the second place. This finally went to Hewer, who caught Hughes at the last hurdle, Pryce being an easy first in 8 mins. 38 2-5th secs.

The prizes, which were presented by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A. and A. H. Simpson, Esq., for the juniors, and by J. F. Downing, Esq., and H. U. Drayton, Esq., for the seniors, were distributed afterwards by Mr. Ingrams from the School steps.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Layng on the birth of a son on Sunday, March 24th, at the School House.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. W. C. Coles, O.A., late of Pembroke College, Oxford, and Vicar of Denford-with-Ringstead, Northants, which took place in November, 1900.

The Rev. J. M. Clarkson, M.A., who was formerly a member of the School Staff, has been appointed to the Rectory of Brington-with-Bythorn, Huntingdonshire, by the Master and Fellows of Clare College, Cambridge.

We heartily congratulate O. J. Couldrey on winning the School Scholarship at Pembroke College, Oxford.

W. B. Collingwood has been elected Organ Exhibitioner of Jesus College, Oxford.

A. J. H. Iles has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Incorporated Law Society.

The Deputy-Mayor, Mr. A. H. Simpson, J.P., has been appointed a member of the Governing Body by the Mayor and Corporation of Abingdon.

The Rev. T. T. Blockley, Chaplain of Magdalen College and of New College, Oxford, has offered a prize for Piano-forte playing, which will be competed for next term.

The Abingdon Technical Education Committee has voted, subject to the sanction of the Mayor and Corporation and of the County Council of Berkshire, a sum of £750 to found three free Scholarships in the Junior Department of the School.

We record our gratitude to the Mayor and Corporation of Abingdon for the gift of the copy of the School's Ordinances, which handsomely framed and engrossed, has hung for many years in the smaller Council Chamber of the Borough. We hope in a future issue to print these Ordinances, which are very quaint and interesting.

Portrait engravings of the Rt. Hon. Lord Wantage, V.C., and of the late Sir W. W. Hunter, K.C.S.I., two well known members of our Governing Body, have been presented to the School by the Headmaster and hung in the Common Room.

Among portraits of distinguished O.A.s presented to the School but not hitherto mentioned are those of John, 7th Viscount Tracy, D.D., Warden of All Souls' College, and of the Rev. G. W. Hall, D.D., Master of Pembroke College and sometime Vice-Chancellor

of Oxford University. These were presented by Mr. W. H. Richardson.

The following O.A.s, in addition to those already mentioned, have proceeded to South Africa in their Country's service:—B. Shopland, Baden Powell's Police; A. P. Ward, Sharpshooters' Corps; A. J. Sells and H. F. Witty, Natal Mounted Police. Another O.A., whom we mentioned in our last number as *Captain* E. F. Taylor, was promoted to the rank of *Major* in May, 1900. He is still in South Africa with the Royal Engineers.

At a Masters' Meeting held on March 5th T. F. Bowman was elected a School Prefect.

A set of 40 Carbines has been provided for the use of the School, and the senior boys are instructed in the use of them by Sergeant Parmenter on Wednesday mornings. Drill for the whole School is held now on Mondays and for the junior boys only on Saturdays.

As in former years the senior boys are this term instructed in the management of the Fire Engine by Mr. Hellyer, late of the London Fire Brigade. There are four companies which drill on four evenings a week in the Old School yard, making use of an Engine and Fire Escape kindly lent for the purpose by the Mayor and Corporation.

The following passages have been selected this year for the Meredith Composition Prizes:—For Greek Prose, from How & Leigh's History of Rome, p.p. 304 and 305, "Here and there * * * * * signs and symptoms." For Latin Prose, from Oman's History of Greece, p.p. 31, 32 and 33, "The internal evidence * * * * * a whole army."

The School House and Tesdale House Boys with some of the Day Boys attended a performance of Handel's "Messiah" given in the Corn Exchange by the Abingdon Musical Union, on March 14th. The performance was greatly enjoyed.

King Edward VII. was proclaimed in Abingdon on Friday, January 24th. Morning school was curtailed in order to enable the boys to be present at the ceremony.

We are indebted to O. J. Couldrey, the successful Pembroke Scholar, for the enjoyment of two Monday half-holidays this term.

We congratulate B. Challenor on his fine performance in winning the Quarter Mile (53 secs.) and the Half Mile (2 mins. 3 secs.) for Pembroke College, Oxford, v. Sidney Sussex, Cambridge.

N. P. Shepherd was a member of the United Hospitals Football team in their matches v. Surrey County and v. London, and W. Cottrell has been playing for Durham University.

A Concert will be given in the Big School on Tuesday, March 26th, under the direction of Mr. E. W. Young, when

Sir John Stainer's "Daughter of Jairus" will be performed.

Other end of term arrangements are:—Past v. Present Sports on March 30th; Break-up on April 2nd.

The date of return after the Easter Holidays is Friday, April 26th.

The following boys have joined the School this term:—Tesdaie House, G.G. R. Hunter; Day-boy, R. E. Scott.

The following have left:—Lower sixth R. A. Sparkes; Fifth, R. G. M. Gabriel; Shell, A. W. W. Ardagh, L. Bayley; Fourth, C. F. B. Smith; Commercial I., S. Cullen, W. E. Staniland; Commercial II., A. Winship.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of our contemporaries: Bloxhamist (2), Ipswich School Magazine (2), Khedivieh School Magazine, Laxtonian, Sedberghian.

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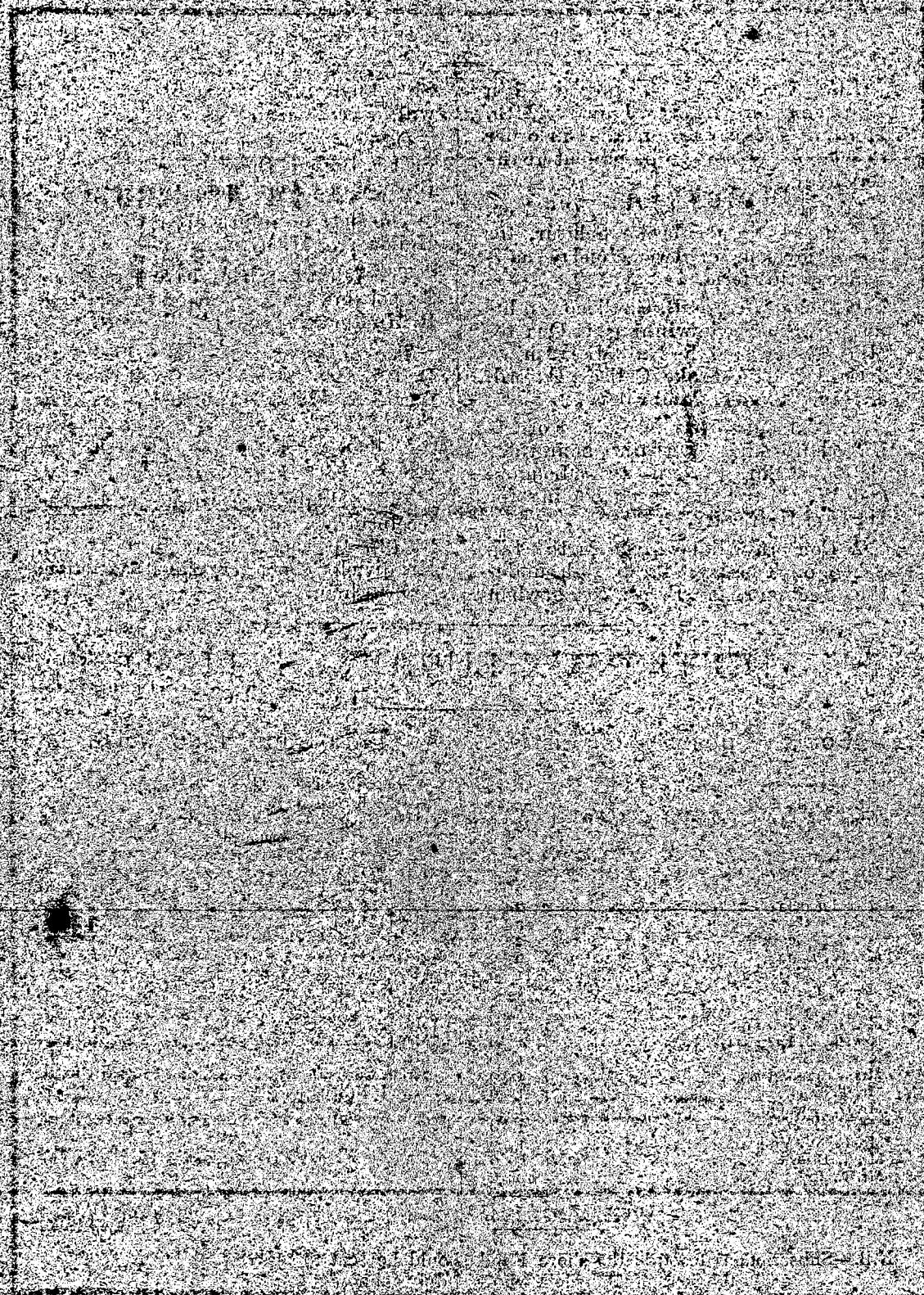
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N.B.—Subscriptions towards the above Fund should be sent to the Rev. T. Layng, M.A., at the School, Abingdon, who will duly acknowledge the same.



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EDITORIAL.

WE hope that readers will be grateful for the brevity of our comments ; or, if not grateful, that they will count up our intelligence columns and at least be satisfied. Let them remember too that, though criticism is cheap enough, printing is dear ; in fact that we have much to chronicle and little to discuss. We beg them to notice, therefore, that we are abreast of events—the only July number that has ever been up to date ; and with this boast we leave them to the enjoyment of us and of their holidays.

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School, on June 29th, at the conclusion of the Past v. Present Cricket Match. The President, G. H. Morland, was in the chair, supported by Rev. T. Layng, Vice-president, and about twenty other members of the Club.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the accounts for the year 1900-1901 were presented, shewing a slightly increased balance, £46 11s. 2d. as against £43 3s. 10d. in June 1900. The number of new members who joined during the year was 16. The accounts had been previously audited by the committee and were now adopted as correct.

The next business was the election of a President, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by A. R. Thorn, Mr. Bromley Challenor was unanimously elected. After a few words from Mr. Challenor, accepting the duties of his

office, the Vice-presidents, Hon. Secretaries and Committee were all re-elected, which concluded the routine business.

A. R. Thorn then submitted to the meeting a lengthy communication from Mr. W. H. Richardson, who was prevented from attending, calling attention to the slow growth of the Club since it was formed in 1893. He also suggested that, as there is now a considerable number of Old Abingdonians residing in or near London, the annual dinner and meeting should be held in London every two or three years; and commented on the manner in which the arrangements for the Past v. Present Cricket Match, etc., are announced to Members of the Club.

Mr. Richardson's suggestions were referred to the Committee for consideration.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President brought the meeting to an end.

CONCERT.

Stainer's "Daughter of Jairus" was performed at the end of last term by the School Choir. The Orchestra was again augmented by the same friends who helped last Xmas. The programme consisted of the Cantata and an instrumental piece. It was the first time that the Orchestra had played a selection at the School Concerts, and it was much appreciated. It is hoped that with a slightly increased Orchestra, we may have a few items for Instruments alone in every Programme. The Choir sang some of the Choruses very well, the last chorus, which contains the hardest parts in the

whole Cantata, being sung with precision and bold attack. The Solos were sung by Lewington, Davies, Talbot (who sang for the first time and is quite promising), Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley (Tenor), S. Ingrams, Esq. and P. L. Deacon (Bass).

PAST v. PRESENT SPORTS.

This annual fixture took place on Monday, April 1st, the wet weather having necessitated a postponement from Saturday. Owing to the stormy aspect of the day fewer spectators than usual attended, but the boisterous west wind and damp ground interfered but little with the competitors. As usual the Past easily ran out victors, though in most events the competition was of the keenest description. The nine events recorded on the card resulted as follows:—

LONG JUMP.

1, W. T. Morland (O.A.); 2, W. Cottrell (O.A.). P. L. Deacon and T. F. Bowman, who represented the School, could not hold either of their opponents. Distance 19ft. 10in.

100 YARDS.

1, B. Challenor (O.A.); 2, A. W. Stevens (O.A.); 3, P. L. Deacon. A close race, Challenor winning by about 2 feet. Time 11 2-5th sec.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

1, C. A. W. Payne (O.A.); 2, F. J. S. Baker (O.A.); 3, G. S. Saxby. Distance 28ft. 7in.

HALF MILE.

1, B. Challenor (O.A.); 2, A. M. Austin (A.S.A.C.) R. F. Challenor (O.A.), who also ran, made the pace, but he soon retired, leaving B. Challenor to win a capital race by 4 yards. Time 2 min. 18 sec.