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EDITORIAL.

WE have been unlucky in our failure to secure any additional Football fixtures after Christmas: the Scratch Sixes however have produced some keenly contested games, and what with these and vaccination and the Sports, our time this term, which has been an unusually short one, has been fairly well filled up. Two of the above-mentioned items are fully described in the pages of this present number. As regards the third, it will be enough to say that it

has been our only serious affliction this term, so that we may well congratulate ourselves on an immunity from sickness which must be almost a record for the time of year.

The New Buildings are progressing rapidly towards completion. The roof-rafters, except those of the Chapel and a part of the corridor, are already *in situ*, and comparatively little of actual mason's work remains to be done. The improvement in the general appearance of the School premises is already most noticeable, their previous unfinished and unbalanced look being entirely removed by the new extension.

From the statement of accounts published on our last page it will be seen that our financial position is now satisfactory. We hope to further reduce expenses by returning with this number to the narrower form of envelope for postage. This will, we believe, prove safer as well as cheaper than the larger size.

ROMAN BRITAIN.

(Continued from page 37).

Among the most interesting Roman buildings of which the foundations have been found are the *Basilicae*, for it is generally agreed that they formed the model for the earliest Christian Churches. At Uriconium, and at Silchester these have been laid bare, and from them we learn the details of their construction. The design was oblong, with a semi-circular recess at either end, and a row of pillars on each side parallel with the longer walls of the body of the hall. It is evident from this that we have here the ground plan of the earliest churches, the recess being adapted as a sanctuary, and the hall becoming the nave with aisles separated by a series of detached pillars. An extremely interesting proof of the truth of this assertion may be seen at Lyminge, a village lying some few miles inland from Folkestone. Here there is a church of very early date, showing distinct structural evidence of a period considerably before the eleventh century. But close outside the walls of the existing chancel have been disclosed the foundations of Roman Masonry, of the semi-circular apse which must have been either the original church itself, or the pagan hall or temple from which it was adapted. At Canterbury, too, it was shown by Professor Willis that there is decided evidence that the first Cathedral was on the basilican model and built on Roman foundations. At Brixworth, in Northamptonshire, is a church which

shows very clearly the effect of the influence of the basilican design, although much difference of opinion exists as to its actual extent.

Of private houses a very large number have been discovered and explored. The plan of these varied, and without the aid of illustrations any description would be unsatisfactory. We may, however, note certain conspicuous features of interest common to them all. The floors were usually formed of tessellated pavement, constructed with *tesserae* about half an inch square, sometimes made from ordinary red bricks, but in the more elaborate specimens cut from chalk and stone of various colours. The designs are in many cases boldly artistic, with foliated borders of excellent workmanship, and panelled representations of well-known mythological subjects. Some good specimens from houses at Silchester may be seen in the Reading Museum, and are so placed that the details of structure and the general effect can alike be advantageously studied. (In the same Museum are several excellent models, from which the arrangement of a number of houses is clearly seen.) These pavements were commonly laid on a floor raised on piles of bricks at regular intervals, and the design of the builders proves that the Romans knew how to counteract the peculiarities of the climate of Britian. For leading into the space beneath the floor were a series of flues, which communicated with a *hypocaust*, or heating-chamber, whence hot air found its way in large

quantities. This warm air was then carried upwards by means of rectangular flue pipes within the thickness of the walls, and the general result must have produced an excellent antidote against damp as well as cold. It seems probable that the living-rooms were not provided with doors, curtains of some kind being used instead: and, the windows being placed high in the wall, ventilation would have been amply secured in spite of the absence of any form of chimney. The flue pipes have been found in great quantities, and often *in situ*, so that the evidence on this point rests on fully adequate information.

It seems most probable that the houses were of one story, evidence to the contrary being scanty and doubtful. If an upper floor existed, it must have been built of wood, and the destruction by fire of so large a proportion of the houses which have been explored has made investigation almost impossible. At Herculaneum and Pompeii it has been found that in town houses the side facing the street was often utilized for shops, even in the case of large private mansions: and there is some reason to suppose that this custom prevailed also in Britain. In other cases, as in the Forum at Silchester, it is clear that the tradesmen lived elsewhere than at their shops, which were only large enough for business purposes. Doubtless the value of the land in the centre of the towns brought about this arrangement, as has often happened in England during the past century. Here we find

one of the fascinations of archæological study, for in no way can we more clearly and easily trace the evolution of civilization—or its retrogression—in a nation, and not the least interesting portion is the comparison of a people of the ancient world with our own in the matter of social usages and customs.

W.

SONNET

*On the neglected state of Seamer Church-yard,
Yorks.*

'Twas at that time, when o'er the Yorkshire
hills
Blue mists the infant breath of autumn
weaves,
And the damp ground, thick strewn with
fallen leaves,
The air with fragrant scent of herbage fills:
The sun's departing light all nature stills;
And, save the drip of moistened trees, no
sound
Disturbs the silence of the burial ground.
This sight, my heart with melancholy fills:
All mouldering down with years the grey
tombstone
Unknown, uncared-for in the church-yard
lies;
Thick beds of rustling nettles round it rise,
O'ershadowing the clay whose soul has flown:
The air seems charged with desolation's
breath,
And the gaunt yew-tree's moan sounds like
the wail of death. R. N. T.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

Last term's breaking-up Concert was held on December 13th, when "The May Queen" by Sir W. Sterndale Bennett was performed by the School Choir aided by an orchestra of friends. Considering the ambitious character of the work,—and Mr. Young is nothing if not ambitious,—the Concert was most successful. We should not dream of

criticising the kind friends who helped in the instrumental parts, if there were room for criticism, which there is not, and we should be casting a slur on our conductor, if we said that the Chorus did not do their best, for he is satisfied with nothing less. The Treble Solos were shared by W. R. Talbot, A. F. C. Davey, H. Goff, L. C. Davies and T. G. M. Lewington, who all tackled their Recitatives and Airs with pluck and success, Lewington showing to advantage in the difficult solo and chorus which.

concludes the work. Mr. Wimberley sang the Tenor Solos with much feeling, while Mr. Ingrams and H. Hughes shared the Bass Solos ascribed to Robin Hood, Hughes scoring the success of the evening and winning a most enthusiastic encore with the air " 'Tis jolly to hunt." The evening was concluded with the National Anthem, and the audience dispersed apparently well satisfied, or at any rate not disappointed, with their evening's amusement.

A programme is appended.

PART I.

Orchestra		Overture.
1. Chorus		"Wake with a smile."
2. Recitative and Air	{ Soprano, W. R. Talbot Tenor, Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley }	"O meadow clad in early green."
3. Chorus		"O melancholy plight."
4. Chorus & Solo	Soprano, A. F. C. Davey, H. Goff	"With a laugh as we go round."
5. Recitative & Duet	{ Soprano, L. C. Davies Tenor, Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley }	"Can I not find."
6. Recitative & Air	{ Soprano, W. R. Talbot Bass, H. Hughes }	" 'Tis jolly to hunt."
7. Recitative & Trio	{ Soprano, T. G. M. Lewington Tenor, Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley Bass, S. Ingrams, Esq., H. Hughes }	"The hawthorn in the glade."

PART II.

8. Recitative & Chorus	{ Soprano, T. G. M. Lewington Tenor, Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley Bass, H. Hughes }	"Ill-fated boy begone!"
Orchestra		Pageant Music.
Chorus		"Hark! their notes the hautboys swell."
9. Recitative, Solo & Chorus	{ Soprano, W. R. Talbot Alto, L. C. Davies }	"What mean the angry sounds."
10. Finale—Soli & Chorus	{ Soprano, T. G. M. Lewington Tenor, Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley }	"And the cloud."

GOD SAVE THE KING.

ORCHESTRA.

1st Violins—Mrs. COULDREY.
Mrs. FAIRTHORNE.
Mrs. HUMFREY.
Miss BAKER.
2nd Violins—Miss C. HUGHES.
Miss M. HUGHES.
Miss POWELL.
J. C. CLARKE, Esq.

Viola— E. L. SHEPHERD, Esq.
'Cellos— Miss PAYNE.
W. WINTER, Esq., JUN.
1st Cornet—F. TOMBS.
2nd „ A. FISHER.
Drum— W. O. BETTS.
Pianoforte—Mrs. WIMBERLEY.
Conductor—E. W. YOUNG, Esq.

FOOTBALL.

A.S.F.C. v. Abingdon Town. Played on the School ground on Wednesday, December 11th. The game was a scrambling one, scarcely any combination being shown on either side. The superior weight of the Town, however, gave them a large advantage on the slippery ground, of which they fully availed themselves, winning by 6-1. Sells and Deacon worked hard for the losers. School team:—J. H. E. Morland, Esq. (goal); H. E. Armstrong, Esq. and R. W. Sells (backs) C. P. B. Montgomery, T. F. Bowman, A. W. L. Graham (halves); F. H. Edey, P. C. Miller, G. S. Deacon, W. N. Hobbs, L. S. Mathias (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. Bloxham School. This match was played at Bloxham on Saturday, December 14th. Tordiffe won the toss, and elected to play towards the hill. Abingdon kicked off. The play was kept in the middle of the field for some time, till the Bloxham forwards gradually worked the ball down, Holiday putting in a good shot. Soon after Bayley saved, but was unable to stop a corner. The wind, however, made corner-kicks fruitless. At last a foul was given against Bloxham and Abingdon got a good shot in, but the Bloxham custodian saved it well. Soon after this Bloxham got the ball down near our goal, and two good shots were put in, but without effect. Abingdon now made a rush and scored through Miller. Bloxham tried hard and at last Hardy equalised, the score at half-time being 1-1. On resuming play the School forwards pressed, but the Bloxham backs kept them out. How-

ever, a foul against Bloxham gave us a good opening, but the Bloxham goal keeper saved it well. Soon after this Tordiffe rushed the ball down, and after a good struggle notched their second point. Abingdon retaliated soon after. Then a great struggle began, Bloxham putting in some good shots, which Bayley saved. Then a corner ensued. Tordiffe brought the ball down, and it went into the net off one of our men. Time was called soon after, with the score:—Bloxham 3, Abingdon 2. The Abingdon team was:—V. Bayley (goal); R. W. Sells and A. O. C. Pryce (backs); C. P. B. Montgomery, T. F. Bowman, A. W. L. Graham (halves); F. H. Edey, P. C. Miller, G. S. Deacon, W. N. Hobbs, L. S. Mathias (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. Old Boys. Played on the School ground on Wednesday, December 18th. The Old Boys brought down an exceedingly strong team. At the start they showed very pretty combination, but the School defence was very good and would not allow them to get through. The School forwards soon got together and, being well backed up by the defence, scored our first point through G. S. Deacon. Almost directly afterwards the Old Boys drew level through P. L. Deacon. The School then got together again and netted the ball twice. Half-time came with the score 3 to 1 in favour of the present. The second half was mainly occupied by defensive work on the part of the School. The Old Boys hemmed them in their goal, but could only manage to score twice, leaving the match a draw,—3 all. School team:—V. Bayley

(goal); R. W. Sells and F. C. B. Keitley (backs); C. P. B. Montgomery, T. F. Bowman, C. S. Louth (halves); F. H. Edey, P. C. Miller, G. S. Deacon, W. N. Hobbs, L. S. Mathias (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. Bloxham School
2nd XI. Played at Abingdon on December 14th, an even game resulting in a win for Abingdon School by two goals to one. Bloxham played down the slope first, and at half-time were a goal ahead. After the re-start the home team played up and eventually won as stated. School team:—A. A. Brown (goal); F. C. B. Keitley and R. G. Rice (backs); H. L. Crudgington, J. W. Duncan, H. S. Mathias (halves); C. S. Louth, F. L. England, E. F. Daw, P. N. Graham, A. S. B. Payne (forwards).

Appended is a list of Matches played during the season, with the goals scored on each side.

Date.	Opponents.	Goals.	
		F.	A.
Sep. 28	Abingdon Town ..	0	6
Oct. 12	Magdalen College School ..	2	3
" 19	Queen's College, Oxford ..	4	6
" 23	Leighton Park School ..	0	6
Nov. 6	Wallingford ..	0	2
" 9	All Saints' School, Bloxham ..	4	1
" 13	Mansfield College, Oxford ..	3	3
" 18	S. W. Brown's Keble Col. XI. ..	4	0
" 20	Leighton Park School ..	0	2
" 27	Mansfield College, Oxford ..	5	4
" 30	Pembroke College, Oxford ..	0	2
Dec. 4	Wallingford ..	4	1
" 7	Magdalen College School ..	2	0
" 11	Abingdon Town ..	1	6
" 14	All Saints' School, Bloxham ..	2	3
" 18	Old Abingdonians ..	3	3

SECOND XI.

Oct. 2	Oxford High School ..	6	1
Nov. 9	All Saints' School, Bloxham ..	2	2
" 27	Oxford High School ..	4	3
Dec. 7	Magdalen College School ..	1	3
" 14	All Saints' School, Bloxham ..	2	1

THIRD XI.

Nov. 13	Christ Church School ..	5	0
" 30	Christ Church School ..	1	1

This gives a record, for the First XI., of 16 matches played, 5 won, 9 lost, and 2 drawn the total of goals being 34 scored for the School and 48 against.

THE SIXES.

This year the Sixes were again played in two divisions, the Seniors, consisting of members of the first three XIs., competing in league form. Entries were sufficiently numerous to complete five teams for the Senior Division, and eight in the Second. The Second Division was played off first, and Louth ii. eventually came out the winner, beating King, the other finalist, in an exciting game by 4 goals to 2. The winning six consisted of:—Louth ii. (capt.), James, Berry, Graff, Habgood, Burge ii.

Shortly afterwards the Senior Division played off their matches amid great enthusiasm. The games were for the most part very exciting and even, though it is to be regretted that the teams were so frequently disarranged by the ravages of vaccination. As practically all the games were so evenly matched it would be invidious to mention any one in particular. After strenuous efforts Deacon secured the championship of the League, being closely followed by Pryce. Appended is a table of the results and the list of the teams.

	Won.	Lost	Drawn.	Points.
Deacon	3	0	1	7
Pryce	2	1	1	5
Bowman	1	1	2	4
Mathias	0	1	3	3
Payne	0	3	1	1

The teams were as follows :—

Deacon's VI. Sells, Edey, Bate, Betteridge, Graham iv.

Pryce's VI. Miller i, Montgomery, Duncan i, England, Donkin.

Bowman's VI. Hobbs, Keitley, Rant, Mathias i, Hodgson.

Mathias ii's VI. Daw, Louth i, Miller ii, Rice i, Payne iii.

Payne i's VI. Bayley i, Graham iii, Crudgington i, Brown, Pratt.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Despite the heavy rainfall of the night before, we awoke on Saturday morning, March 15th,—the day fixed for the Sports,—to find the sun shining brightly and the prospect of a fine day before us. The concourse of parents and friends was not quite so numerous as last year, owing no doubt to the cold wind which prevailed; but if numbers were fewer there was no lack of enthusiasm, and judging from the hearty applause of the spectators, we may say the Sports this year were as successful as they have ever been.

Competition was very keen, especially in the short-distance races, many of which were only won just on the tape; and among the smaller boys there was evident promise of good athletes in a few years' time.

The prizes, which were greatly admired by all present, were distributed from the Pavilion immediately after the last event, by Mrs. Heber Clarke. They were awarded as follows :—

LONG JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by T. Romans, Esq.,

and Rev. J. H. Jukes). H. A. Payne, 1; T. F. Bowman, 2. Distance 18ft. 9in.

LONG JUMP (under 15).

(Prizes presented by C. A. Pryce, Esq.) A. G. C. Rice, 1; G. H. G. Shepherd, 2. Distance 14ft. 2in.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (16 lbs.) (open). (First prize presented by Mrs. Layng). T. F. Bowman, 1; V. Bayley, 2. Distance 27ft. 4in.

HIGH JUMP (under 14).

(First prize presented by H. E. Armstrong, Esq.) A. G. C. Rice, 1; G. H. G. Shepherd, 2. Height 4ft. 2in. Both Rice and Shepherd shew promise as jumpers; their heights were better than the 1st and 2nd in this contest last year.

HIGH JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by A. K. Loyd, Esq., K.C., M.P.) R. W. Sells, 1; R. G. Rice, 2. Height 4ft. 8in. This contest did not produce such good results as in the last few years, but the strong wind was a great drawback to successful high-jumping.

100 YARDS (under 12).

(Prizes presented by the Right Rev. the Master of Pembroke College). G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; O. B. Challenor, 2. Time 12 secs.

100 YARDS (open).

(First prize presented by J. T. Morland, Esq., Mayor of Abingdon). A. O. C. Pryce, 1; H. A. Payne, 2. Time 11 secs. This was a very close race, the first three being within a yard of one another at the finish. The time was better than it has been for the last three years.

QUARTER MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Prizes presented by the Ladies of

Abingdon). F. L. England, 1; A. O. C. Pryce, 2; H. Hughes, 3. Time 59 1-5th secs. England ran a capital race from scratch, finishing in good time with a fine spurt. Pryce (scratch) was a good second; and Hughes (also scratch) just succeeded in passing Bowman, who fell down a few yards in front of the tape.

100 YARDS (under 11).

(Prizes presented by M. T. Tatham, Esq.) R. F. Burge, 1; R. B. Slade, 2. Time 14 1-5th secs.

100 YARDS (under 14).

(Prizes presented by S. I. Baker, Esq.) G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; R. A. Wenn and A. G. C. Rice, 2. The Final Heat of this race was very close; Wenn and Rice ran a dead heat for the second place.

100 YARDS (under 16).

(First prize presented by J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A.) W. N. Hobbs, 1; R. G. Rice, 2. Time 11 secs., i.e. as good as the Open Hundred. The contest for second place, between R. G. Rice and J. B. Hodgson, was decided by a matter of inches.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

(Prizes presented by the Rev. T. Layng and F. Legge, Esq.) R. W. Sells, 1; T. F. Bowman, 2. Distance 82yds. 2ft. 2in.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 13).

(First prize presented by Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley). C. C. Caudwell, 1; R. F. Burge, 2. Both the winners had 10 yards start.

HURDLE RACE (under 15).

(First prize presented by I. Griffin, Esq.) P. N. Graham, 1; A. S. B. Payne, 2. Graham and Payne were even for more than half-way, when the former drew slightly ahead.

HURDLE RACE (open).

(First prize presented by E. Ross-Barker, Esq.) H. A. Payne, 1; W. N. Hobbs, 2. Time 17 3-5th secs. Payne was decidedly best and won easily.

CHOIR RACE (300 yards handicap).

(Prizes presented by E. W. Young, Esq.) N. Duncan, 1; J. W. Duncan, 2. The latter, who ran from scratch, was leading in the last 20 yards, but was again passed by his brother a few feet from the tape.

HALF MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Prizes presented by W. R. Portal Esq., O.A. and A. F. Blandy, Esq.) P. C. Miller, 1; R. A. Wenn, 2; F. L. England, 3. Time 2 min. 23 2-5th secs. Miller, who had 50 yards start, and Wenn, who had 100 yards, both ran pluckily and won their places easily, England ran well from scratch.

OLD ABINGDONIANS' RACE (100 yards).

(Prize presented by S. Ingrams, Esq.) Won by J. H. E. Morland. Time 11 4-5th secs.

CONSOLATION EGG AND SPOON RACE.

This race was won by H. R. Burge. He and Fitzgerald, who was close behind him, evidently know the trick.

"HEBER CLARKE" CHALLENGE CUP.

This was won by H. A. Payne, who secured 28 points. T. F. Bowman came next, with 23 points. Sells and Pryce were not far behind, with 20 and 18 respectively.

After the Distribution of the Prizes, three cheers were called for Mrs. Heber Clarke, for the Ladies of Abingdon, and for the Prize Donors, in which all heartily joined.

Appended is the list of Officers and Committee.

President:—The Rev. the Head Master.
Starter:—E. W. Young, Esq. *Judges*:—E. Ross-Barker, Esq., and the Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley. *Referee*:—T. Romans, Esq. *Time Keeper*:—H. E. Armstrong, Esq. *Committee*:—(Chairman) S. Ingrams, Esq.; (Ex-officio) T. F. Bowman, G. S. Deacon, H. Hughes, C. P. B. Montgomery; (elected) A. O. C. Pryce, H. A. Payne, W. N. Hobbs, A. S. B. Payne, W. R. Talbot, T. G. Lewington, R. Bayley.

THE STEEPLECHASES.

These took place over the usual courses on the Common on Monday, March 17th. Although the ground was somewhat wet and heavy, the conditions on the whole were as favourable as one ought to expect in March.

The Juniors' race (under 14) was run first. The distance covered was about three quarters of a mile, and there were 17 starters, most of whom finished out the course. R. R. Townsend quickly took the lead and maintained it to the end, winning with ease in 6min. 55secs. H. G. Habgood was second, followed at no great distance by C. C. Caudwell, who had overtaken A. G. C. Rice on the return journey and thus secured the third prize.

The Seniors' race was started immediately afterwards, there being 16 runners. F. L. England, who was the favourite for this event, did not disappoint expectations. Taking the lead in the outward journey he easily distanced his competitors, covering the course—about a mile and a quarter—in 8 min. 33 4-5th

secs. At the half-way tree H. Hughes and P. C. Miller were 2nd and 3rd respectively, but they were unable to maintain their advantage. H. A. Payne, who overtook them on the return journey, was himself obliged to yield the second place to P. H. Donkin, who ran a very good race. P. G. Pratt made a plucky effort at the end to overtake Payne, but was unable to do so, the final order being England, 1; Donkin, 2; Payne, 3.

The Prizes, which were presented by J. F. Downing, Esq. and A. H. Simpson, Esq., for the Seniors' race, and B. Challenor, Esq., O.A., for the Juniors', were distributed the same afternoon by Mr. Ingrams outside the School buildings.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We announce with much regret that the Venerable Archdeacon Pott has resigned the position on the Governing Body which he has held for so many years.

The Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, J. H. Benyon, Esq., has been elected a Governor in Archdeacon Pott's place.

Old Abingdonians will hear with regret of the death of the Rev. S. G. Edwards, B.A., who was curate of Abingdon from 1888 to 1896. Mr. Edwards always took a great interest in School matters, and on some few occasions was a contributor to our columns. He died at Gloucester on Feb. 19th, from pleurisy.

The following excerpts from the obituary columns of the newspapers will also have a melancholy interest for Abingdonians:—

CHALLENGOR. On Sunday, Dec. 15th, 1901, at Verulam, Anna Henrietta, the wife of O. Scrase Challenor, of Lower Tugela, Natal, aged 27 years.

CAM. On Jan. 13th, 1902, at her son's residence, Birchanger Rectory, Bishop's Stortford, Emily Anne, widow of William Cam, formerly of Cam, Gloucestershire, aged 83 years.

STOCKTON. On Jan. 25th, 1902, at King's Sutton, near Banbury, Oxon, Arnold Stockton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 29 years.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to A. M. Austin on his well-earned success in the recent examination for Assistant Clerkships in the Royal Navy, where he did honour to himself and his school by securing the first place.

H. F. Shepherd is also to be cordially congratulated on winning the School Scholarship at Pembroke College, Oxford. We wish him all prosperity and happiness in his University career.

In view of the above-mentioned successes the usual hour's work was remitted on three Monday afternoons this term,—one for Austin's success and two for Shepherd's.

Readers of the "Abingdonian" will be interested in the following appointments:—

Rev. H. E. Burgess, B.A.,—Vicar of St. Paul's, Preston.

Rev. H. N. Eales, B.A.,—Rector of Helmdon, Northants, (Patrons—C.C.C., Oxford,) and Rector of Stuchbury, Northants, (Patrons—the University of Oxford.)

Rev. Cyril Hallett, M.A.,—Vicar of St. Barnabas, Oxford.

We are glad to note that B. Challenor, with 12 yards start, gained second place in the Quarter Mile of the Varsity Handicaps at Oxford: also that P. L. Deacon was second in the Long Jump in his College Sports at Jesus College, Cambridge, at which meeting too he assisted the other members of his College Association team to win the Relay Race: also that O. J. Couldrey was rowing in the Torpids for Pembroke, his place in the boat being 7.

C. P. B. Montgomery has been elected Treasurer of the Games Committee, vice H. F. Shepherd retired.

In addition to those mentioned in our last number, Football colours have been awarded to C. S. Louth for his good play in the Old Boys' match.

The School Dance was held on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, and was a very great success. An account of the Concert will be found in another column.

On Feb. 6th the Boarders and many of the Day Boys went to the Concert of the Abingdon Choral Union in the Corn Exchange. Barnett's "Ancient Mariner" was the work performed.

Through the kindness of Mr. Player Isaacs some of the boys enjoyed a good afternoon's skating on his pond during the recent frost. Some also skated on Steventon pool.

We have to thank Mr. R. J. Clarke for a most interesting lecture describing his experiences in South Africa. This was given in the School Room, on Wednesday Evening, March 19th, and was admirably illustrated by lantern views from the lecturer's own photographs.

Besides the School Sports and the Steeplechases, an account of which will be found elsewhere in this number, the following fixtures have been made:—

Past v. Present Athletic Sports, Saturday, March 22nd.

Concert, at which a selection of Sacred Music will be performed by the School Choir, on Sunday, March 23rd, at 3 p.m. in the School Room.

Easter Holidays begin on Wednesday, March 26th.

Summer Term begins on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Our thanks are due to Lady Wantage for her kind present to the School of a large framed engraving of her late husband.

Also to Mr. W. H. Richardson, O.A., for a coloured picture of the War Medal Ribbons of the British Army, which has been hung in the Reading Room, and for a facsimile of an interesting document relating to the Spanish Armada and illustrating his article on the subject in our last Christmas number.

The Old Boys' Boat Committee propose to meet shortly to consider as to the disposal of the balance of the Fund still on deposit at the Bank, as soon as they have ascertained what are the further needs and wishes of the School Boat Club.

Instruction in the management of the Fire Engine is again being given to the Senior boys by Mr. Hellyer, late of the London Fire Brigade. The drill, as in previous years, takes place in the Old School Yard.

The following passages have been selected this year for the Meredith Composition Prizes:—For Latin Prose, from Oman's History of Greece, p.p.

458, 459 and 460, "But however dark years will show." For Greek Prose, from The Temple Reader, (Voyage of Sinbad the Sailor,) p.p. 46 and 47, "All the troubles safely ashore."

The following boys have joined the School this term:—School House, C. A. Hancock, A. W. Miller; Tesdale House, J. F. C. Hertslet; Day Boy, E. H. King.

The following have left:—Lower VI., A. B. West; Shell, F. E. A. Collin; Fourth, A. P. H. Fowler; Commercial I., R. R. Townsend.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of our contemporaries:—Aldenharnian, Bloxhamist (2), Coathamian, Laxtonian, Leightonian, Maidenhead Modern School Magazine, Peterite.

CORRECTION. We are sorry to have again to correct a mis-statement in the Magazine, which in the Christmas number claimed Rear-Admiral J. L. Hammet as an O.A. We have since been informed on the best of authority that, though the Admiral's two brothers were both at the School, he himself was sent away to a Navy "Crammer" at an early age, and therefore cannot claim the honour of being an Old Abingdonian, nor we the honour of fellowship with him on that account.

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