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EDITORIAL.

OUR last number was already in the printer's hands when we heard that Mr. Ingrams, who had been compelled by ill-health to vacate his post in November, had decided on the advice of his doctor to make the separation permanent. Mr. Ingrams had endeared himself to all of us by his sturdy sympathy and many-sided devotion to

our interests, and the circumstances under which he has left us make our sense of regret the keener. We may hope, however, that our loss will eventually prove his gain, and that the school world as a whole will not permanently lose his services.

His place has been taken by Mr. P. F. Rowland, late Scholar of Hertford College, Oxford, by whose advent the literary side of the School life has been considerably strengthened. Mr. Rowland, we understand, under the auspices of Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co., is about to publish a book about Australia, where he has spent some years of his life in educational work. He is also engaged upon a translation of Plato's Republic, to be published by Dent & Co., in their series of Temple Classics.

As Senior Mathematical Master in the place of Mr. Taylor, who sailed for South

Africa in January, we welcome Mr. J. H. Franklin, late Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge. Mr. Franklin has also succeeded to the Chairmanship of the Games Committee, left vacant by Mr. Ingrams' departure, and the School is already indebted to him for a most successful sports meeting, though held under very adverse conditions.

There is little else that calls for comment. Some few more football matches have been played and a certain amount of rowing has been done, but the Scratch Sixes and the Sports have naturally formed the main athletic interest of the term. Indoors there has been the practising for the concert and the furnishing of the new laboratories; and the completion of the latter, if material opulence is really a stimulus to progress, ought to mark an epoch in the history of Science at Abingdon.

NOTES ON SOME GREAT VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS.

The great manifestations of volcanic activity, which have made the past year one of the most memorable in the history of Martinique and St. Vincent, have aroused much interest and have given new energy to the study of volcanoes in general.

The only examples of volcanoes known to the ancient writers were confined to those few scattered around the Mediterranean Sea, and around them grew up innumerable legends. The island of Volcano itself was looked upon

as the forge of Vulcan; Etna was the mountain beneath which the rebellious Tryphon was imprisoned. Again in the book of Genesis perhaps we have recorded the dim tradition of the volcanic activity of which the neighbourhood of the Dead Sea was once the scene.

The Volcanoes of the Mediterranean region are of the greatest interest, from their long period of activity and the care with which their eruptions have been studied: and of these the great volcanic mass of Vesuvius overlooking the Bay of Naples is the best known. Though some early writers had recognised the character of the mountain, yet its volcanic nature was not generally recognised until the great outburst of August 79, when after several earthquake shocks the great eruption took place, and beneath the dust ejected from its craters the towns of Herculaneum and Pompeii were buried. This outburst was witnessed by the younger Pliny, and he has left a most graphic description of the scene in Pompeii, as he supported the steps of his mother in her flight from the doomed city. Since this period Vesuvius has been the scene of many notable eruptions, among which those of 1631 and 1871 have perhaps been the most destructive in their effects.

Situated as it is in the midst of a densely populated district, the eruptions of Vesuvius have always aroused the greatest interest in Europe, and have caused this mountain to be looked upon

as the chief centre of European volcanic activity. But among the dormant and extinct volcanoes we can trace the effects of perhaps far greater activity than that of Vesuvius, and even in our own islands far greater volcanoes have existed. The rocks of the Lake District and of North Wales tell the tale of the most intense volcanic activity in the earliest ages of the earth; while of the eruptions of a later period the islands of Skye and Mull contain the wrecks of volcanoes comparable with the great masses of Etna and Teneriffe.

But the greatest volcanic outburst of which we have any record took place far from our European area. The Malay Archipelago probably contains the most active volcanic belt in the world. Stretching along the Western Coast of the Malay Peninsula, through Sumatra and Java to the Moluccas and the Philippines, and thence to Japan, is the line of volcanoes, dormant and active, which encircles the Western part of the Pacific Ocean. Among them twenty years ago was the volcanic island of Krakatoa, in which only one eruption, that of 1680, had been recorded. But the activity of this eruption soon quieted down: the volcano became covered with the luxuriant vegetation of the Tropics, and was generally regarded as extinct. However, in May 1883, it again became active and an eruption on a large scale took place; but it was not until August of that year that there occurred the great outburst which completely shattered the island. The effects of this tremendous explosion were felt

over the whole globe. It gave rise to a tidal wave which travelled Westward to the shores of France and England and Eastward to the western coast of America; and to this wave and to the showers of ashes the enormous loss of life and property was due. The finer particles of dust travelled round the globe, and were the cause of the beautiful sunsets observed everywhere during that year. The sound of the explosion was heard at many places two thousand miles away from the scene of the eruption; and at Singapore, over five hundred miles away, two steamers were despatched to look for a vessel which was supposed to be firing guns as signals of distress.

Great then as the recent eruptions in the West Indies have been, and terrible the loss of life recorded, we see that in former ages and in our own times also they have been more than equalled in other parts of the globe.

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CONCERT.

The concert took place on December 18th, when a large number of friends and boys' relatives assembled. The programme opened with a march by Mr. E. Walford Young, which was very well received. The Cantata rendered by the Choir was "St. Cecilia's Day" by Van Bree. The treble soloists did not fulfil expectations, but a difficult recitative, "Frascati, clad with beauty," was well rendered by the Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley.

The second part of the programme seemed to be much more appreciated than the first. The piece to receive most applause was a song, "Land of Hope and Glory," sung by Mr. A. M. C.

Nicholl, while a song by Hughes, a duet by Hughes and Bowman, a quartette, and Bavarian Highlands, No. 3, by the Orchestra all deserved the applause they got.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

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|--|---------|--|---------|--------------------------|
| 1. Majestic March | | Orchestra | | <i>E. Walford Young.</i> |
| 2. Cantata | | "St. Cecilia's Day." | | <i>Van Bree.</i> |
| (1) Introduction and Chorus | | "Breathe within this quiet vale." | .. .. . |  |
| (2) Recitative (<i>Soprano</i>) | .. .. . | "Sing praise to her." | .. .. . | G. H. G. Shepherd. |
| (3) Chorus | .. .. . | "Brooks shall murmur." | .. .. . |  |
| (4) Recitative and Aria (<i>Tenor</i>) | | "Frascati, clad with beauty." | .. .. . | Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley. |
| (5) Chorus | .. .. . | "Youth and love." | .. .. . |  |
| (6) Recitative (<i>Soprano</i>) | .. .. . | "Yon silver moon." | .. .. . | G. H. G. Shepherd. |
| (7) Chorus | .. .. . | "Fragrant odours." | .. .. . |  |
| (8) Recitative (<i>Soprano</i>) | | "With gratitude our souls are filled." | | L. C. Davies. |
| (9) Air with Chorus | | "Give way now to pleasure." | | |
| (10) Chorus | | "Holy Music." | | |

PART II.

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| 1. Chorus and Orchestra | | "The Dance." | | <i>Elgar.</i> |
| 2. Song (<i>Bass</i>) | | "King Charles." | | <i>M. V. White.</i> |
| | | H. Hughes. | | |
| 3. Pianoforte Solo | .. .. . | "Prelude." | .. .. . | <i>Rackmaninoff.</i> |
| | | Miss Maybell Hughes. | | |
| 4. Duet | .. .. . | "Trust her not." | .. .. . | <i>Balfe.</i> |
| | | <i>Tenor</i> —T. F. Bowman. <i>Bass</i> —H. Hughes. | | |
| 5. Orchestra | .. .. . | "Bavarian Highlands, No. 2." | .. .. . | <i>Elgar.</i> |
| 6. Song with Orchestra | .. .. . | "Land of Hope and Glory." | .. .. . | <i>Elgar.</i> |
| | | A. M. C. Nicholl. | | |
| 7. Quartette | .. .. . | "The Goslings." | .. .. . | <i>J. F. Bridge.</i> |
| | | <i>Alto</i> —T. G. M. Lewington. <i>1st Tenor</i> —Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley. | | |
| | | <i>2nd Tenor</i> —T. F. Bowman. <i>Bass</i> —A. M. C. Nicholl. | | |
| 8. Orchestra | .. .. . | "Bavarian Highlands, No. 3." | .. .. . | <i>Elgar.</i> |
| 9. Song (<i>Tenor</i>) | .. .. . | "Prigionera ho d'alma in pena." | .. .. . | <i>Handel.</i> |
| | | (From "Rodelinda.") | | |
| | | Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley. | | |
| 10. Carol | .. .. . | "In the fields." | .. .. . | <i>J. F. Farmer.</i> |
| | | Chorus and Orchestra. | | |

FOOTBALL.

A.S.F.C. v. Magdalen College School. Played on the School Ground on Saturday, December 13th. The School were in splendid form and managed to repeat their former victory. At the outset, however, Magdalen attacked strongly and severely tested the School defence; but the School soon pulled themselves together and were leading by three goals at half-time. On resuming they had added four more goals, to which Magdalen could only respond once. Thus the School gained a well-merited victory by seven goals to one. School team:—Goal, P. H. Donkin; backs, R. G. Rice, T. F. Bowman; halves, C. P. B. Montgomery, A. W. L. Graham, E. F. Daw; forwards, F. H. Edey, P. C. Miller, G. S. Deacon, W. N. Hobbs, L. S. Mathias.

A.S.F.C. v. Old Abingdonians. Played on the School ground on Friday, December 19th. The Old Boys brought rather a weak team, being without Stevens and Deacon. The game consequently proved rather one-sided. The School kicked off and immediately notched a beautiful goal through Deacon. This was followed by two more goals in the next five minutes, and the interval came with the School leading by three goals. The second half was more evenly contested, but the School had the upper hand throughout, and won comfortably by eight goals to three. The School team was the same as that which played against Magdalen College School.

A.S.F.C. v. Bloxham School. This match was played on the Bloxham ground on February 4th. The School team was without the services of Bowman and Montgomery, who were on the sick list. Play was very even for a time, but Edey eventually scored by a good shot from the wing, and soon after Mathias responded from the other wing. Thus at half-time the score was 2—0 for the School. After half-time, however, Bloxham soon got through; then play became very exciting, until just before time Bloxham scored a second goal by a fine piece of play, a very good game thus ending in a draw of 2—2. School team:—Goal, J. F. C. Hertslet; backs, R. Louth, R. G. Rice; half-backs, J. B. Hodgson, A. W. L. Graham, J. W. Duncan; forwards, F. H. Edey, P. N. Graham, A. W. Miller, W. N. Hobbs, L. S. Mathias.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. Magdalen College School 2nd XI. Played on the Magdalen ground on December 13th. The ground being very wet, neither team played up to its usual form. The School netted the ball first, but Magdalen soon afterwards scored twice in quick succession. However just before time the School managed to get through again, and thus the match ended in a draw of 2—2. School team:—Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, H. S. Mathias, R. Louth; halves, H. W. Bate, J. W. Duncan, J. B. Hodgson; forwards, L. J. Anns, P. N. Graham, A. W. Miller, H. G. Habgood, T. S. Wilding.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. Bloxham School 2nd XI. Played on the School ground on February 4th, the School team being very weak owing to the prevalence of influenza. The School were the first to score, by Duncan, through a good pass from Habgood. Play after this was very even for a time, until just before half-time James added a second point for the School. After half-time no score resulted; thus the School won by 2—0. School team:—Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, H. S. Mathias, G. F. Neligan; halves, C. E. C. Graff, H. W. Bate, H. L. Crudgington; forwards, A. S. B. Payne, J. S. James, N. Duncan, H. G. Habgood, R. T. Hewer.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. Oxford High School. Played on the School ground on February 11th. Play was rather uneven first half, the weight of the High School proving too much for the small School forwards, and the High School managed to get the ball through from a scrum. The School thus roused, played up pluckily all through the second half, and had bad luck in not scoring. Thus a very good game ended in the defeat of the School by 1—0. School team:—Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, R. Louth, G. F. Neligan; halves, H. L. Crudgington, H. W. Bate, J. B. Hodgson; forwards, A. S. B. Payne, J. S. James, N. Duncan, H. G. Habgood, R. T. Hewer.

There follows a summary of matches and results:—

FIRST XI.

Date.	Opponents.	Goals	
		F.	A.
Oct. 4	Abingdon Town ..	1	8
" 8	S. Ingrams' XI. ..	8	3
" 11	Magdalen College School ..	6	2
" 15	A. O. C. Pryce's XI. ..	3	2
" 25	Dorchester College ..	15	0
" 29	Mansfield College, Oxford ..	3	4
Nov. 5	Leighton Park School ..	10	2
" 12	J. H. E. Morland's XI. ..	5	3
" 15	Pembroke College, Oxford ..	5	1
" 19	Abingdon Town ..	1	1
" 26	Leighton Park School ..	2	3
Dec. 10	Bloxham School ..	8	0
" 13	Magdalen College School ..	7	1
" 19	Old Abingdonians ..	8	3
Feb. 4	Bloxham School ..	2	2

SECOND XI.

Oct. 11	Magdalen College School ..	3	1
" 15	Oxford High School ..	1	1
Nov. 22	Dorchester College ..	4	0
Dec. 10	Bloxham School ..	1	2
" 13	Magdalen College School ..	2	2
Feb. 4	Bloxham School ..	2	0
" 11	Oxford High School ..	0	1

THIRD XI.

Oct. 25	Christ Church School ..	11	1
Nov. 22	Christ Church School ..	0	4

From the above it will appear that the First XI. has played 15 matches, of which they have won 10, lost 3, and drawn 2. 84 goals have been scored for the School and 35 against them. The Second XI. have played 7 matches, with a record of 3 won, 2 lost, and 2 drawn. They have scored 13 goals against 7 by their opponents.

FOOTBALL SIXES.

The Football Sixes were played off in the usual league form. In the senior division Hobbs obtained the highest number of points, beating Bowman in

the last game. In the Junior Division Duncan ran Smith close. The following table shows the results:—

	SENIOR DIVISION.					Goals for agst.	Pts.
	Pld.	Won	Lst.	Dn.			
Hobbs	4	3	0	1	14	5	7
Bowman	4	2	1	1	10	7	5
Mathias	4	2	1	1	10	11	5
Montgomery	4	1	3	0	11	10	2
Graham	4	0	3	1	2	14	1
	JUNIOR DIVISION.					Goals for agst.	Pts.
	Pld.	Won	Lst.	Dn.			
Smith	5	4	0	1	15	14	9
Duncan	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
Nicholl	5	2	1	2	10	10	6
Coxon	5	1	2	2	14	11	4
Davies	5	1	4	0	7	17	2
Philipps	5	0	3	2	4	13	2

The composition of the Sixes was as follows:—

SENIORS.

Hobbs' Six: Brown, Graff, Edey, Payne, Hewer. Bowman's Six: Mathias i., Crudgington i., Miller, Wilding, Challenor v. Mathias' Six: Duncan i., Habgood, Anns, George, Hodgson. Montgomery's Six: Bate, Louth, Graham iv., James, Hertslet. Graham's Six: Cowburn, West, Rice i., Neligan i., Betts.

JUNIORS.

Davies' Six: Goff, Hedley, Berry, Cullen, Mortleman ii. Duncan's Six: Nicholls, Shepherd, Challenor vi., King iii., Stevens. Philipps' Six: Neligan ii., Lewington, Fitzgerald, Slade, Gibbings. Nicholls' Six: Crosse, Rice iii., Parker i., Baker, Long. Coxon's Six: Rice ii., Burge ii., Mortleman iii., Graham v., Dunn. Smith's Six: Crudgington ii., King iv., Hancock, Burge i., Griffin.

The Masters very energetically got together a Six to oppose each of the Senior Sixes, beating Montgomery 6—2, Hobbs 7—3, Graham 4—0, drawing with Mathias 2—2, and suffering defeat at the hands of the Captains' Six, 4—0, and also of Bowman's, 5—4.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

G. S. Deacon (Capt.) Disappointing as a captain, being unable to play a losing game, and not encouraging his side sufficiently. Good in front of goal, but apt to be selfish; a good shot.

T. F. Bowman. A good back, tackles well and has improved greatly. Should learn to keep his place better.

C. P. B. Montgomery. Very hard-working and tackles well, but lacks pace and passing ability.

A. W. L. Graham. Plays a very good game, using his head well; too apt to get flurried at times.

E. F. Daw. Feeds his forwards better than either of the other two halves. Would do better to put more dash into his play.

W. N. Hobbs. At the beginning of the season worked well with his partner on the wing, but latterly has scarcely been so efficient. Shoots well at times.

L. S. Mathias. Plays a very dashing game and centres well, but should not keep the ball so long.

P. C. Miller. Is a persevering and energetic forward. Is clumsy in his passing, being inclined to drive his partner on the line before passing the ball.

F. H. Edey. A plucky and clever little player. Uses his pace to the greatest advantage.

P. H. Donkin. Has improved out of all recognition. He should run out more than he does.

R. G. Rice. Kicks hard, but is decidedly slow in his movements, neglecting to use the pace which he undoubtedly possesses.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Sports took place this year on Saturday, March 28th. We were not fortunate as regards weather, and the concourse of onlookers was in consequence not so large as it has usually been of late years. Those who were bold enough, despite the rain, to appear in time for the first event, were forced by an especially heavy down-pour to take refuge in the Pavilion and the School. After a while, however, the rain stopped and we were able to proceed. On account of the state of the ground the Committee determined to postpone the High Jumps till later in the afternoon; and considering the unfavourable circumstances the performances were distinctly meritorious. The Heats of the Quarter Mile had been run on Monday, March 23rd, the first four in each qualifying for the Final.

The prizes, which were on view in the Pavilion during the afternoon and had been greatly admired by all, were distributed after the last event by Mrs. Layng. The list of prize-winners follows:—

LONG JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by A. M. C. Nicholl, Esq., and F. Franzowitz, Esq.) T. F. Bowman, 1; A. W. L. Graham, 2. Distance 18ft.

LONG JUMP (under 15).

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

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (16lbs.) (open).
(Prizes presented by E. J. Harris, Esq.,

Mayor of Abingdon, and M. T. Tatham, Esq.) T. F. Bowman, 1; R. G. Rice, 2. Distance 26ft. 2in. The slippery ground did not allow Bowman to do as well as last year.

HIGH JUMP (under 12).

(Prizes presented by S. I. Baker, Esq.) G. C. Rice, 1; W. Cullen, 2. Height 3ft. 8in. Both Rice and Cullen jump well for their age.

HIGH JUMP (under 14).

(Prizes presented by A. E. Preston, Esq., O.A.) R. F. Baker, 1; G. H. G. Shepherd, 2. Height 3ft. 9in.

HIGH JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by E. Ross-Barker, Esq., and H. W. Weaving, Esq.) R. G. Rice, 1; P. N. Graham, 2. Height 4ft. 9½in. Considering the difficulties he had to contend with, Rice's achievement was distinctly good.

100 YARDS (under 12).

(Prizes presented by the Rt. Rev. The Master of Pembroke College.) G. C. Rice, 1; W. R. Mortleman, 2. Time 13 1-5th secs.

100 YARDS (open).

(Prizes presented by J. T. Morland, Esq., and J. G. T. West, Esq.) J. B. Hodgson, 1; T. F. Bowman, 2. Time 11 1-5th secs. This was a very close race, Hodgson just beating Bowman, while Hobbs was close behind. Despite the fearful state of the ground the time was only one fifth of a second behind last year's.

100 YARDS (under 11).

(First prize presented by P. F. Rowland, Esq.) J. H. Hedley, 1; E. H. King, 2. Time 15 3-5th secs.

QUARTER MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon). L. S. Mathias, 1; J. W. Duncan, 2; T. F. Bowman, 3. Time 612-5th secs. All the first three ran well, and Mathias (5 yds.) was hard pressed for the first place alike by Duncan, who had the same start, and Bowman who ran from scratch.

100 YARDS (under 14).

(Prizes presented by A. K. Loyd, Esq., K.C., M.P.) G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; D. F. Mortleman, 2. Time 12 3-5th secs.

100 YARDS (under 16).

(Prizes presented by J. H. E. Morland, Esq., and T. E. Graham, Esq.) P. N. Graham, 1; N. Duncan, 2. Time 12 secs. Less than a yard separated the prize-winners.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 13).

(First prize presented by the Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley.) G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; G. C. Rice, 2. Time 33 2-5th secs. Shepherd and Rice are both promising, and we shall look forward to seeing one of them carry off the Challenge Cup some years hence.

HURDLE RACE (under 15).

(Prizes presented by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A.) A. G. C. Rice, 1; R. F. Baker, 2. Time 22 2-5th secs.

HURDLE RACE (open).

(First prize presented by Mrs. Layng.) R. G. Rice, 1; W. N. Hobbs, 2. Time 16 4-5th secs. Rice led the whole way, and his time establishes a record in the School Sports.

CHOIR RACE (300 yards Handicap).

(Prizes presented by E. W. Young, Esq., and Player Isaac, Esq.) H. L. Neligan, 1;

J. F. C. Hertslet, 2. Time 45 4-5th secs. Neligan who received 10 yards start got a good lead at half-way, and kept it throughout, beating Hertslet, who ran from scratch, by some four yards. A. S. B. Payne (scratch) was a good third.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

(Prizes presented by the Rev. T. Layng, and F. Legge, Esq.) C. P. B. Montgomery, 1; R. G. Rice, 2. Distance 80 yds. 1 ft.

HALF MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Prizes presented by The Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, and the Rev. J. C. Montgomery). A. W. L. Graham, 1; A. A. Brown, 2; A. W. Miller, 3. Time 2 mins. 28 secs. Brown (10 yds.) was leading at the top of the 100 yards, but Graham (scratch) made a spurt and came in first by a good two yards. Miller received 40 yards start.

OLD ABINGDONIANS' RACE (100 yards).

(Prize presented by S. Ingrams, Esq., There was quite a number of entries for this race. J. H. E. Morland came in first, and P. L. and G. S. Deacon were not far behind. Time 11 2-5th secs.

CONSOLATION EGG AND SPOON RACE.

(Prize presented by Miss Davis). There were two Heats to this race. The Final was won by A. S. B. Payne, and Fitzgerald, as last year, was an excellent second.

"HEBER CLARKE" CHALLENGE CUP.

The contest between R. G. Rice and T. F. Bowman for the Cup was very keen. Eventually it fell to Rice, who gained 33 points to Bowman's 31.

After the Distribution of the prizes three cheers were given for Mrs. Layng,

for the Ladies of Abingdon, and for the Prize Donors.

A list of the Officers and Committee is appended.

President:—The Rev. the Head Master.

Starter:—A. M. C. Nicholl, Esq.

Judges:—E. W. Young, Esq., and the Rev. C. F. A. Wimberley. *Referee*:—

J. H. E. Morland, Esq. *Time Keeper*:—

E. Ross-Barker, Esq. *Committee*:—

(Chairman) J. H. Franklin, Esq. (Ex-

officio) H. Hughes, T. F. Bowman, C. P.

B. Montgomery, A. W. L. Graham;

(Elected) H. L. Crudgington, J. W.

Duncan, J. B. Hodgson, W. N. Hobbs,

B. M. Challenor, R. Louth, J. S. James,

R. F. Burge.

STEEPLECHASES.

These were held as is customary on the Monday following the Athletic Sports. There was a strong gale blowing right in the faces of the competitors on their outward journey and rendering the conditions anything but pleasant for all concerned. The times were in consequence not so good as in previous years, but there was no lack of pluck and keenness about the running.

The course set for the Juniors (under 14) was somewhat longer than usual, being nearly a mile. There were eight starters, of whom P. E. Long was evidently the best cross-country runner. He had still a good deal left in him at the finish, and won by about 20 yards in 10 minutes and 14 seconds. R. F. Baker and D. F. Mortiean also ran very pluckily and finished second and third respectively, a considerable distance separating them from the next arrival.

For the Seniors' race there were 13 starters. The length of the course was about a mile and a quarter, as in former years, and this was covered in 9 minutes and 29 seconds by A. W. L. Graham, who was followed at no great distance by P. N. Graham. Indeed the latter was leading until near the end, when he fell at one of the jumps and had to yield the first place to his brother. R. T. Hewer ran well and secured the third place, and most of the other competitors finished out the course in creditable style.

The prizes were presented by J. H. Franklin, Esq., and A. H. Simpson, Esq., for the Seniors' race, and by J. F. Downing, Esq., and P. Martin, Esq., for the Juniors'. They were distributed the same afternoon by Mr. J. H. Franklin from the steps of the Tower Entrance.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. A. E. Preston, O.A., has been appointed a Governor of the School in the place of the late Mr. A. F. Blandy.

Mr. P. F. Rowland, B.A., late Classical Scholar of Hertford College, Oxford, and Mr. J. H. Franklin, B.A., late Mathematical Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge, have joined the staff this term in the places of Mr. A. B. Taylor, and Mr. S. Ingrams, who have left us.

We heartily congratulate H. Hughes on winning the School Scholarship at Pembroke College, Oxford.

We also offer our congratulations to T. F. Bowman, who has won a Choral Exhibition at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

We are sorry to have to record an event which all Abingdonians will hear of with regret. The Rev. J. H. Jukes, who has always taken a great interest in the School, died at Oxford on Saturday, March 14th.

The following obituary notice has also a mournful interest for Abingdonians of the past:—On March 21st, at Luddington Rectory, Goole, the wife of Rev. E. T. H. Harper, Rector of Luddington, aged 82.

Our thanks are due to the Rev. F. K. Clarke, O.A., for the School Coat of Arms, which he has carved in wood and presented to the School; and to Miss Layng for the Prayer Book, which she has herself bound, and presented for use in the Chapel.

We have also to thank H. M. Cross, O.A., for presenting to the Library Monsignor Ward's "Life of St. Edmund of Abingdon"; Mr. Ross-Barker for a framed photograph of the School Buildings as they appeared from 1880 to 1901; J. Townsend, O.A., for a framed photograph of a School Group; and B. Challenor, O.A., for the gift of two Indian Clubs for use in the Gymnasium.

W. M. Austin, O.A., was ordained Deacon on Sunday, March 8th, by the Bishop of Lichfield, and has been licensed to a curacy at St. Mary's Church, Smethwick.

P. H. Morland has been appointed Vice-Consul at the Hague and Translator to the British Legation.

The following have been elected to the Magazine Committee:—H. W. Weaving, H. L. Crudgington, L. C. Davies, and A. A. Brown.

A. W. L. Graham has been elected Captain of the Football Club, and E. F. Clark a member of the Boats Committee.

Mr. Franklin has accepted the office of Chairman of the Games Committee.

Our thanks are owing for the framed copies of the Abingdon Herald reports of the Laying of the Foundation Stone and of the Opening of the New Buildings, which have been presented to the School by the Rev. T. Layng.

We have also to thank Mr. B. A. Lyon for the handsome frame which he has given for the portrait of Dr. Strange, which was presented a few years ago by Mr. Layng to the School House Dining Hall.

The new Chemical and Physical Laboratories were fitted up at the beginning of the term, and are now in use.

The passages for the Meredith Composition Prizes are taken this year from George's "Relations of Geography to History":—For Latin Prose, p.p. 10, 11, and 12, "In the beginnings . . . by the same people": for Greek Prose, p.p. 87, 88, and 89, "There is every difference . . . do serious harm."

Fire Brigade Drill has again been resumed under the direction of Mr. Hellyer, late of the London Fire Brigade. The four companies drill in the Old School Yard as in former years.

P. L. Deacon was a member of the Jesus College Eleven which won the Cambridge Varsity First League. He also helped his Association team to win the Relay Race at the Jesus College Sports. During the vacations he has won his County cap for Berks and Bucks at Football.

O. J. Couldrey has been rowing 7 in the Pembroke Boat in the Oxford Torpids this year.

J. W. Montgomery is Captain of the Pembroke Hockey Eleven, in which H. F. Shepherd has also been playing. J. W. Montgomery has also been elected Captain of the Pembroke Cricket Club.

J. W. Murray has been playing regularly for the Barrow-in-Furness Rugby Football Club.

Several of the Dayboys and all members of the School House and Tesdale House down to the bottom of the Fourth Form have been attending a course of Gilchrist Lectures given in the Abingdon Corn Exchange.

On Feb. 5th a very fine Concert was given by the Abingdon Musical Union, to which many of us were able to go. The principal item of the Programme was Coleridge Taylor's "Marriage Feast of Hiawatha."

Practices for the School Concert are

in full swing. The chief item is to be A. R. Gaul's "Holy City."

We are indebted to H. Hughes, the successful Pembroke Scholar, for a half-holiday on Feb. 20th.

The dates of fixtures for the end of term are as follows:—Concert, April 2nd; Past v. Present Sports, April 4th; Break-up, April 7th. Members of the School House and Tesdale House return on May 1st.

The following new boys have joined us this term:—School House, W. V. Heynes; Day Boy, W. S. Badcock.

The following have left:—Upper VI., P. H. Donkin; Lower VI., G. S. Deacon; Fifth, P. C. Miller, E. F. Daw; Shell, M. H. Betteridge; Third, B. H. Dawson, C. C. Caudwell; Commercial I., T. G. M. Lewington; Junior II., L. A. Cazalet.

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