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EDITORIAL.

WE were glad to find so many new boys amongst us at the beginning of the term. Indeed, our numbers have suffered hardly any diminution in spite of an unusually large Exodus at the end of last term.

To the boys who have done well in the

Oxford Locals we offer our hearty congratulations, and especially to Clark who gained distinction in no less than three of his subjects, being placed eleventh, third and first respectively.

An important alteration has been made in the arrangement of our classes. The Commercial Forms have been abolished and a definite Modern Side has been organized in place of them. Moreover as there is no longer to be any Junior Department in the School, the lowest Form is now the Second. The changes are due to the revised scheme of management suggested by the Board of Education.

Athletic prospects are brighter than might have been expected. The Football Team is acquitting itself creditably; and in all branches of Sport, if growth in stature is indicative of promise, there ought to be no lack of successors to take the places of last year's protagonists.

AGONY COLUMN.

We have been flattered by no less than two enquiries as to the probable date of the publication of our October number. While thanking our friends for their solicitude we must explain that the circumstances have been against us. It would have been unseasonable, surely, in so humorous a month to have published anything so dry as an Abingdonian; and the current issue, unlike the current issuing from the Thames and its tributaries, has been flooded by no contributions whatsoever.

Nay, we have received one, late but welcome, which we publish; and at the risk of appearing ungrateful to the few who do contribute, we must remind the many who do not that without contributions there can be no Christmas Number. It is to Old Boys that we appeal quite as much as to present members of the School; for did not the old School nurse them all, teach them their alphabet, instruct them in the rudiments of grammar? and to what end was all this literary training, if they forget it all as soon as they have left her? We are young and ignorant, very ignorant, but we desire to be instructed: so let them give us of their ripe experience,—messages from the grown-up world or narratives of foreign lands and customs; and we on our part will do our best as we have always done. Only it is not fair to leave everything to the Editorial Staff and then grumble because the Magazine is late or uninteresting.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

Founder's Day, observed this year on Tuesday, July 28th, was not particularly favoured as regards the weather, although the rain fortunately kept off until late in the afternoon.

The commemoration opened with a Service in St. Helen's Church, the choir consisting of past and present members of the School, while Mr. E. W. Young presided at the organ. The musical portion of the service included Stanford's Magnificat in B flat, and Goss' anthem, "Praise the Lord." The Headmaster (Rev. T. Layng) sang the service, Mr. Wimberley read the lesson, and the Sermon, preceded this year by a "Bidding Prayer," was preached by the Rev. Douglas MacLeane, M.A., formerly Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford, the text being Ephesians iv. 13—14.

The Prize Distribution took place in the Schoolroom, after the Service. The Examiner's Report in Mathematics, furnished by Mr. A. E. Jolliffe, M.A., Fellow and Tutor of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, was very satisfactory indeed, and must have been very gratifying both to pupils and masters.

The Prizes were presented by Mr. W. H. Dunn, Chairman of the Committee for Secondary Education in Berkshire, and were awarded as follows:—

Form Prizes: Upper VI., for Classics (given by the Recorder), H. Hughes. Divinity (given by the Vicar of Abingdon) H. Hughes. Lower VI., H. L. Crudgington. V., J. L. West. Shell, F. H. Edey. IV., T. M. Layng. III., F. B. Graham. Commercial i., J. S. James. Commercial

ii., F. E. Parker. Junior Form, R. F. Burge.

Mathematical Prizes: Div. i., (given by Mr. Herbert Young), E. R. George; Div. ii., W. O. Betts; Div. iii., J. S. James; Div. iv., J. P. Fitzgerald; Div. v., J. J. B. Fuller; Div. vi., G. C. Rice.

Greek Prizes: Div. ii., L. C. Davies; Div. iii., W. O. Betts.

German Prizes: Div. i., E. R. George; Div. ii., J. B. Hodgson.

French: Div. A., J. C. Richards; Div. B., A. W. L. Graham; Div. C., H. L. Neligan; Div. D., T. M. Layng; Div. E., H. A. Leonard; Div. F., R. B. Slade.

Science: Div. i., E. F. Clark; Div. ii., J. S. James; Div. iii., R. A. R. Townsend.

Meredith Composition: Latin, H. L. Crudgington; Greek, H. Hughes.

Extra Prize for Latin Prose (given by Mr. Ross-Barker), J. C. Richards.

Drawing Prize: T. Aldworth.

Solo Singing (Prize given by Alderman Shepherd), G. H. G. Shepherd.

Pianoforte Playing (Prize given by Rev. T. T. Blockley), N. Duncan.

The Bat for the best average was won by L. S. Mathias.

The Ball for the best bowling average was won by A. W. L. Graham.

In addition to those already mentioned the donors of prizes included the Master of Pembroke, Vicegerent of Pembroke, the Mayor of Abingdon, Sir W. R. Anson, M.P., Alderman Simpson, Messrs. A. E. Preston, E. H. Bartlett, J. Tomkins, the Headmaster and Mrs. Layng, and the Assistant Masters.

Mr. Dunn, in the course of a short address, urged those who were leaving

school never to forget, whatever post they might have to fill at home or in any part of the Empire, what they owed to their old school, and as they went through life to remember to "Fear God and honour the King."

The guests were, after the distribution of prizes, entertained to refreshments in the new Gymnasium by the Headmaster and Mrs. Layng, the string band of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry being in attendance. The visitors had this year an opportunity of inspecting the School Chapel, which last Founder's Day was in a somewhat incomplete condition.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

The following passed:—SENIORS: H. L. Crudgington, L. C. Davies, J. W. Duncan, E. R. George, H. S. Mathias, C. P. B. Montgomery, R. G. Rice, H. W. Weaving, T. S. Wilding.

Weaving obtained Second Class and Davies, George and Montgomery Third Class Honours. George also obtained a distinction in Mathematics (29th place). Montgomery and Weaving are excused Responsions.

JUNIORS:—W. O. Betts, E. F. Clark, J. Cowburn, N. Duncan, F. H. Edey, I. E. Griffin, C. A. Hancock, J. F. C. Hertslet, R. T. Hewer, J. B. Hodgson, J. S. James, L. S. Mathias, A. W. Miller, E. J. T. Philipps, A. G. C. Rice, R. J. Weaving, J. L. West.

Clark obtained First Class Honours, West Second Class, and Philipps Third Class. Clark and West obtained distinctions in Mathematics (11th and

122nd places), and Clark also in Chemistry (3rd place) and in Electricity (1st place).

THE REGATTA.

Our Regatta this year was held on Thursday, July 23rd, a month later than usual, the abnormally high state of the River making it impossible for a meeting to be held in June. The Preliminary Heats, held on Monday, July 20th, left us a good programme to be decided on the following Thursday. We were favoured, as regards the weather, with an afternoon typical of the "Summer" that has just passed, the rain commencing at three o'clock and continuing in a steady downpour for the remainder of the afternoon. Notwithstanding these unfavourable conditions the racing was distinctly good, each event being well contested and saying much both for the keenness displayed by the competitors and the care bestowed upon the coaching. The Rob Roy race of last year gave place once more to Canadian Canoes, these latter in the Preliminary Heats affording much amusement to the on-lookers, both by the novel watermanship to be seen in many cases, and the striking courses taken by over-enthusiastic competitors.

Unfortunately the Old Boys were not able to get together a representative crew, and considering that they had not been out together before the race, they are to be congratulated upon finishing so well as they did.

Individual mention should be made of Hughes, who besides making an excellent

Boats-Captain rowed well all through the Regatta, thoroughly deserving all the honours which he succeeded in carrying off.

For the Junior Pairs there were twelve entries, some capital racing being seen in each round of this event, which eventually fell to S. H. N. Coxon and E. R. George with G. C. Rice cox, who defeated A. S. B. Payne and R. Louth (W. Cullen, cox) by a couple of lengths.

The Past v. Present race ended in an easy victory for the Present, although the Old Boys rowed pluckily all through. The crews were as follows :—

OLD ABINGDONIANS.

G. F. Neligan	(bow)
E. F. Daw	(2)
A. W. Morland	(3)
G. S. Saxby	(str.)
W. R. Talbot	(cox)

A.S.B.C.

E. F. Clark	(bow)
H. W. Bate	(2)
C. P. B. Montgomery	(3)
H. Hughes	(str.)
R. Bayley	(cox)

In the Canoe Race E. F. Clark and T. F. Bowman met N. Duncan and C. P. B. Montgomery, the two surviving pairs from an entry of fourteen. A close race resulted, both canoes keeping a good course, and it was only by a very narrow margin that Clark and Bowman eventually managed to win.

The School Fours were won by H. Hughes (str.), with J. P. H. Fitzgerald (bow), R. G. Rice, T. F. Bowman, and R. F. Baker (cox), their opponents in the Finals being the Four captained by G.

F. Neligan, who had previously defeated that of Montgomery, after one of the closest races in the Regatta. The Final Heat of the Senior Pairs resulted in the victory of H. Hughes and E. R. George with E. F. Berry (cox), who somewhat easily defeated H. W. Bate and R. Louth (H. Goff, cox), the latter pair defeating Montgomery and Clark in the Preliminary Heat after a splendidly contested race.

Hughes was again successful in the Scratch Fours, when with R. Louth (bow), R. G. Rice, C. P. B. Montgomery, and E. F. Berry (cox), he beat in the Finals a Four stroked by H. W. Bate, W. O. Betts (bow), E. F. Daw, G. F. Neligan, and H. Goff (cox) being its other members.

After this event had been decided, prize-winners and others assembled in the Old Boys' enclosure where the prizes were kindly given away by Mrs. H. S. Challenor, and the usual cheers called for and given; the meeting then broke up, damp, but not depressed.

CHARACTERS OF THE FOUR.

(Bow). E. F. Clark rowed as substitute for G. F. Neligan. The latter has improved somewhat since last year and should be useful.

(2) H. W. Bate. Did not row so neatly as last year when he was bow, but always pulls more than his weight.

(3) C. P. B. Montgomery. His last year's position at No. 2 evidently suited him better. Always works well, but is rather apt to row a short stroke.

(Str.) H. Hughes (Captain). Always sets a long stroke. Is very neat, and has only one fault, which can easily be remedied,—he swings back too far.

(Cox) R. Bayley. Quite a good cox.

CRICKET.

A.S.C.C. v. ABINGDON TOWN.

Played on the School ground on July 25th, this being the last match of the season. The town batted first, Lock and Clarke each making a good stand considering the damp wicket. The School started their innings in good style. Both Mr. Franklin and Mr. Nicholl played good cricket, but when they were separated, the rest of the team showed very poor form. They nearly played out time, however, but our last wicket fell on the final ball of the finishing over.

ABINGDON TOWN.

H. F. Shepherd c and b Nicholl	4
A. E. Lock, run out	25
H. A. Lowe, c Nicholl, b H.S. Mathias	18
A. W. Morland b L. S. Mathias	0
W. F. Lay b A. W. L. Graham	9
— Blomeley b A. W. L. Graham	3
R. J. Clarke b Nicholl	21
N. P. Shepherd b A. W. L. Graham	8
— Blain, st Bowman, b Nicholl	0
R. S. Langford, st Bowman, b Nicholl	1
H. S. Challenor not out	0
Extras	11
Total	100

A.S.C.C.

J. H. Franklin, c Challenor, b Lock	23
A. M. C. Nicholl, c Lock, b Lowe	32
T. F. Bowman run out	6
H. S. Mathias b Lowe	6
L. S. Mathias b Lay	7
J. W. Duncan b Lay	5
V. Adams b Lowe	2
A. W. L. Graham b Lay	1
J. B. Hodgson b Lay	5
N. Duncan not out	3
R. G. Rice, lbw	0
Extras	6
Total	96

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings Played.	Times Not out.	Runs.	Average.
T. F. Bowman	15	—	265	17·6
J. W. Duncan	14	—	156	11·14
J. B. Hodgson	15	2	119	9·15
A. W. L. Graham	15	2	87	9·6
L. S. Mathias	14	1	320	23·53
H. S. Mathias	14	1	249	16·34
P. N. Graham	8	3	56	7
R. G. Rice	9	0	35	3·88
N. Duncan	10	3	82	11·71
A. W. Miller	7	2	42	8·4
V. Adams	10	0	129	12·9

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
T. F. Bowman	19	217	11·43
H. S. Mathias	6	101	16·83
R. G. Rice	32	314	9·81
L. S. Mathias	23	239	10·39
A. W. L. Graham ..	20	146	7·3
A. W. Miller	6	54	9
V. Adams	0	42	—

LIST OF MATCHES.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	SCORE. For. Agst.
May 9	Wallingford Town ..	131 (7)—74
" 13	St. Catherine's, Oxford ..	133—66
" 16	Magdalen College School, Oxford	85—100 (4)
" 20	C. B. Good's Brasenose College XI.	62—83
" 23	Bloxham School	81 (4)—124
" 27	Leighton Park School ..	161 (7)—69
June 3	New College Nomads ..	97—111
" 6	Leighton Park School ..	174 (8)—67 (8)
" 13	Magdalen College School, Oxford	— 24 (2)
" 24	J. H. Franklin's XI. ..	190—138
" 27	Old Abingdonians	105—73
July 1	Abingdon Town	159—97
" 4	Bloxham School	120 (5)—116
" 11	Abingdon Factory	143 (7)—175
" 26	Abingdon Town	96—100

From the above table it will be seen that out of 15 matches played the 1st XI. won 7, lost 4, and drew 4.

The 2nd XI. played 5 matches, of which they won 1, lost 3, and drew 1.

The 3rd XI. played only one match, which they won,

FOOTBALL.

A.S.F.C. v. A. W. L. Graham's XI. Played on the School ground on Wednesday, Sept. 30th. Graham brought a fairly strong scratch XI. to oppose the

School. The School started well and Edey registered a good goal. The visitors however soon equalised, and a few minutes later Payne scored again for them with a good shot. The School forwards then came together and scored through Duncan, but the visitors again pressed and obtained another goal through Challenor. The School scored soon after change of ends, but after they had obtained that point, the visitors bombarded the School goal till time and won an easy victory by 8 goals to 3. The following represented the School:—Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, R. Louth and R. G. Rice; half-backs, C. E. C. Graff, P. N. Graham, and H. S. Mathias; forwards, F. H. Edey, R. T. Hewer, A. W. Miller, N. Duncan, and A. S. B. Payne.

A.S.F.C. v. Abingdon Town F.C. Played on the Town ground on October 3rd. The game ended in a win for the Town by four goals to nil. The School attack was considerably weakened through Mr. Franklin's absence. Edey lost the toss and the School had to play against the wind. All through the first half the Town attacked strongly, but were only able to obtain one goal, thanks to some admirable goal-keeping by Brown, who made several good saves. The second half was very evenly contested but the Town managed to obtain three more goals and won as stated. The following played for the School:—Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, A. M. C. Nicholl, Esq., and R. G. Rice; half-backs, C. E. C. Graff, P. N. Graham, and H. S. Mathias; forwards, L. S. Mathias, A. W. Miller,

E. Ross-Barker, Esq., N. Duncan, and F. H. Edey.

A.S.F.C. v. P. L. Deacon's XI. This match was played on the School ground on Monday, October 5th, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 7 goals (of which P. L. Deacon shot five) to three. The game was fairly even in the first half, both sides attacking in turn, but the visitors scored three times, so that at half-time the score stood School 0, P. L. Deacon's XI., 3 goals. Soon after resuming the visitors got away and scored; then the School played up better and at last registered a point through L. S. Mathias, but the visitors again attacked and added further points to their score. Towards the end the School did better and scored two more goals through L. S. Mathias, but this was the extent of their success, so that when time came they were left losers by 3 goals to 7. The following represented the School: Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, H. L. Crudgington and R. G. Rice; half-backs, C. E. C. Graff, P. N. Graham, and H. S. Mathias; forwards, L. S. Mathias, R. T. Hewer, A. W. Miller, N. Duncan and F. H. Edey.

A. S. F. C. v. Leighton Park School. Played on the School ground on Saturday October 10th. Leighton started strongly and soon registered two goals. The School then began to attack, and were awarded a penalty from which Mathias scored. The game continued to be very even till half-time arrived with the score School 1 goal to Leighton 2. After the game was resumed Mathias and Miller changed places. The forwards quickly got together and equalized through

Edey, who scored with a beautiful shot. This roused the Leighton forwards, who quickly scored three more goals. The School tried hard to get on terms, but could only get one more goal through Duncan, and a hardly contested game ended in a defeat for the School by 5—3. The following represented the School:—Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, H. L. Crudgington and R. G. Rice; half-backs, V. Adams, P. N. Graham, and H. S. Mathias; forwards, L. S. Mathias, R. T. Hewer, A. W. Miller, N. Duncan and F. H. Edey.

A.S.F.C. v. Wallingford. Played on the School ground on Wednesday, Oct. 14th. It had been pouring before the match and the ground was very heavy. Edey won the toss and elected to play into the Park goal. The School began the scoring, Miller being responsible for the goal. Then Wallingford took up the attack and scored four goals before the whistle blew for half-time. The second half was very evenly contested, and neither side was able to score again, so the School had to admit defeat by 4—1. J. E. Montgomery assisted the School and greatly strengthened the defence. The following represented the School:—Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, A. M. C. Nicholl, Esq., and R. G. Rice; half-backs, P. N. Graham, J. E. Montgomery, Esq., and H. S. Mathias; forwards, E. Ross-Barker, Esq., A. W. Miller, L. S. Mathias, V. Adams, and F. H. Edey.

A.S.F.C. v. Magdalen College School. This match was played at Oxford on Saturday, October 17th, when the visitors ran out victors by four goals to one. The game was fairly evenly contested all

through, the School having slightly the better of matters, and scoring two goals before half-time, whereas on the other hand Magdalen were awarded a penalty kick, from which they failed to score. Soon after the interval Magdalen got away and scored their only goal from a good shot by Scott-Tucker; the School, however, were not to be denied, and soon scored again through Edey, and later on Miller scored with a good shot. The following represented the School: Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, H. L. Crudgington and R. G. Rice; half-backs, C.E.C. Graff, P. N. Graham, and H. S. Mathias; forwards, A. W. Miller, H. G. Habgood, L. S. Mathias, V. Adams, and F. H. Edey.

A.S.F.C. v. Oxford High School. This match was played on the School ground on Wednesday, October 21st, and resulted in a win for the School by the large margin of thirteen goals to nil. The School had the best of matters, and had by half-time raised the score to 4 goals to Oxford High 0, although Oxford High were awarded a penalty, from which they failed to score. After resuming, the home team completely out-manceuvred their opponents, scoring no less than nine more goals to their opponents' nil. The School team played well and thoroughly deserved their victory. The visitors made many efforts to score, but could not penetrate the School defence. So when time was sounded the School were left winners by 13 goals to nil. The following represented the School:—Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, H. L. Crudgington and R. G. Rice; half-

backs, C. E. C. Graff, P. N. Graham, and H. S. Mathias; forwards, A. W. Miller, H. G. Habgood, L. S. Mathias, V. Adams, and F. H. Edey.

ON THE WESTERN HILLS.

An Autumn afternoon, and here I am away on the breezy, healthy hills close to the spot where Somerset, Dorset, and Devon join. I love October; precisely why I cannot tell. Perhaps it is in this indefinite something that the charm lies. Certain it is that this month has none of the hope, none of the full promise of Spring. The leaves are withered and falling; the flowers are gone; and winter, the dull, dead season (to so many minds), is fast approaching. But still I love October. These autumn winds refresh me, imparting life and vigour; welcome indeed are they after the heat and languor of summer.

From the cover before me comes the "kah! kah! kah!" of my old friend the carrion crow. I call him my old friend because I found his nest in this very cover last April, high up in a tall fir, and strongly made of sticks plastered with mud, warmly lined with wool, hair, soft strips of fibrous bark, and rabbits' fur. I left his home in peace. Poor old bird! he may be rather a villain now and then, but his enemies are quite numerous enough without any fresh recruits. I knew of his nest here last year too, and full of strong, lusty youngsters it was. Take care of yourself, my friend, you will get little mercy

from Velveteens if you are unwary enough to get within range of his gun. Pigeons flap noisily out in all directions as I stroll through the firs, but corvus has taken himself quietly and quickly off. Were he not a cunning old customer he would not have survived till now, but would long ago have graced the keeper's museum. This latter is usually an interesting collection, consisting of all the evil-doers, or supposed evil-doers, that have fallen to his gun when on his rounds through the woods. Here harmless owls and kestrels hang firmly nailed to some tree in company with such thieves as magpies, rats, jays, crows, stray cats, and a host of others, these lifeless bodies all testifying to the activity of the keeper in the care of his master's game. Alas for these days of pheasant-worship!

There is a colony of jays in the next cover beyond that little overgrown lane. They are making enough noise even now, "rake! rake! rake!" I suppose they heard me coming. It is surprising how clever they are at keeping out of sight though all around one. The firs are very thick here, and they are highly skilled in the art of taking cover. Hark! Did I hear the hounds? Or was that only a shepherd's dog away in the distance? I must have been mistaken; there is nothing to be heard save the jays and the wind whistling through the fir trees overhead. Scrambling over the fence I get out into a wild furze-and-bracken-covered common. The chief inhabitants seem to be linnets, rabbits, and stone-chats. An amusing little chap

is the stone-chat. He sits on the top of a furze bush and regards one with great interest, "chack, chacking" the while. Let one approach too near and off he flits to the next clump of gorse, where the same performance is gone through again, if one cares to follow him, and so on. I always like the linnets, their little songs are charming. It seems a pity to cage them as is so often the case. Their warblings, to me at least, never sound so hearty as when heard on the open commons and heaths. The rabbits, too, do not trust one very much, and they are not to be blamed. But if one lies perfectly still they, and almost all wild creatures, will come quite close, scarcely heeding as long as one remains motionless. Thus much that is pleasing, not to say profitable, can be learnt; but it requires patience and time. Move a finger and the spell is broken. They are gone. Suddenly they have realized that man, dreaded, hated man is in their midst, and that is enough.

This siding is a stronghold of the foxes. The earths run deep back beneath me, but to-day they are securely stopped, for it is a hunting day. And listen! Yes, no mistake this time. I hear the hounds, and coming this way too. I shall very likely see the fox, as from this slope the ground gradually sinks and falls away to the valley yonder. Yes, here he comes, but some way off yet. I crouch in the bracken and watch. He is evidently pointing for these earths. Now I spot him again, jogging up under a hedge, and hounds, too, close upon him. And now he is almost within a stone's throw,

I see that his bolt is shot. The arched back, the dragging brush, the lolling tongue, and the curious swaying action betoken a beaten fox, very different to the long lithe creature of perhaps ninety minutes ago. But scent has evidently been good and the end is not far off. The pack is almost on him, leading hounds catch a view, and run with heads up all bristling for blood. He can scarcely reach the earths in time, and of what avail is it if he can? With a grand effort, however, he gains the holes he knows so well only to find them stopped. He staggers past and with the hounds snatching at his very brush, disappears behind a clump of furze a few yards further on. I jump excitedly out and hurry forward, to find that he has got safely to ground in an unsuspected earth sheltered from view by the gorse. Well done, Reynard, you will live to run another day, for this evidently communicates with the main earths, and they are too strong for you to be dislodged either by spade or terrier. I trust you will at no distant date again lead the way for the lovers of the "sport of kings."

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SCHOOL NOTES.

We are very pleased to be able to record a substantial addition to the revenues of the School in the shape of a grant of £200 from the Berkshire Education Committee.

We have to thank Mr. Percy F. Rowland for presenting a copy of his book "The New Nation" to the School Library.

We have also to thank Mr. W. H. Richardson for a framed copy of his photograph of the Bathing Place.

The two iron garden seats, given by Mr. J. T. Harris, late President of the O.A.C., have been placed in the playground, where they are very useful to onlookers at the matches.

A shadow was cast over the opening days of the term by the news of the death of R. W. Sells, who left us but little more than a year ago. Sells was out shooting with a friend near Loughborough, on Friday September 18th, when, in one of those strange moments of heedlessness to which even the most careful of us are liable, he used the butt end of his gun to club a wounded hare, thus causing the second and unused charge to explode. He received it full in the stomach, and although he remained conscious and was even able to walk for some distance, his case was hopeless from the first, and he died the same evening about five hours after the accident.

The marriage took place on September 17th of Algernon M. Shepherd, O.A., and Miss Beatrice Gill, of Abingdon. Shepherd went out at the beginning of the war to South Africa, where he served for some time in the Imperial Light Horse. He subsequently obtained a Civil Service appointment (Mines department) in the Transvaal. He came home on leave this summer and is returning shortly with his bride to Johannesburg, where we wish them long life and happiness.

A Confirmation is to be held by the Bishop of Oxford in St. Helen's Church towards the end of November.

The collection in Chapel on the first Sunday of the term amounted to £2/2/5, which is to be devoted to the Chapel Furnishing Fund.

We have this term lost Mr. Wimberley and Mr. Rowland from the Staff, but we are glad to welcome Mr. H. H. Gibson, late Scholar of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

Owing to the illness of Mr. Franklin, to whom we offer our sincere condolences, J. E. Montgomery, Abingdon Scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford, has been taking temporary work at the School.

P. L. Deacon has been selected to play for Berks County at Association Football, and N. P. Shepherd has been playing for Sussex against Surrey.

T. F. Bowman has gone up to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge; H. Hughes and E. A. R. Nicholl to Pembroke College, Oxford; C. P. B. Montgomery to Keble College; and H. W. Bate, who has taken the name of W. Bate Preston, to Brasenose College.

E. F. Clark, H. S. Mathias, R. G. Rice, and T. S. Wilding have been made School Prefects.

F. H. Edey has been elected Football Captain, and E. F. Clark Captain of the Boats.

H. S. Mathias and T. S. Wilding have been elected to the Abingdonian Com-

mittee, and H. L. Crudgington has become Secretary in place of H. Hughes, who has left.

Mr. Wood is once more holding his dancing classes. They are taking place this year in the Gymnasium, which is also being used as a Music Room.

The half-term Exeat has been fixed for October 31st; the Old Boys' Match for December 19th; and Break-up for December 22nd.

The Annual Dinner of the Old Abingdonian Club will be held this year in London, on Saturday, December 5th.

The new boys this term are: Fifth Form, G. J. Moore; Shell, E. H. Harvey, M. G. Weaving; Fourth Form, A. N. Perrin, J. H. Bridgwater, A. F. Slatter, P. C. Ackling, A. L. Edwards, W. Leach; Second Form, D. L. Risdon, E. C. Dickinson, J. H. Habgood, A. G. Shepherd, R. Haywood, L. Booth.

The following have left: Upper Sixth, H. Hughes, J. C. Richards, T. F. Bowman; Lower Sixth, J. W. Duncan, C. P. B. Montgomery, L. C. Davies, E. R. George, H. W. Bate; Fifth, J. L. West, E. A. R. Nicholl, J. B. Hodgson, A. W. L. Graham, G. F. Neligan, C. A. Hancock; Shell, S. H. N. Coxon; Commercial I., J. S. James, T. C. Cowburn.

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