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EDITORIAL.

THIS has been a very short term and an uneventful one too, so that there is not much need for editorial comment.

It was unfortunate that the one wet afternoon in a long spell of fine weather should have coincided with our Athletic Sports; but we managed to enjoy them

all right and are all the more grateful to the numerous visitors, especially the ladies, who honoured us with their presence notwithstanding.

There has been very little Football apart from the Scratch Sixes, which were as interesting as ever though the Masters did not again venture to put on a Six. They talk of opposing us at Athletics, but we do not think they will come up to the scratch.

We hope to do well on the river next term, but hitherto rowing has been practically impossible owing to the floods. That is the worst of living beside a river. It is so difficult to do so in moderation.

Under any circumstances we intend to do well at Cricket. With about half last year's Colours remaining we ought to have a very good chance.

CONCERT.

The annual concert took place on December 16th in the newly-erected Gymnasium, and was well attended by a large audience. A song by P. C. Ackling gave promise for the future and Mr. A. M. C. Nicholl's "Reconciled" was well received. Four English dances by the orchestra and a pianoforte solo by Miss M. Hughes were also well rendered and received encores. A new feature this year was the School Song, "The Golden Age," the words of which were written by Mr. W. H. Richardson and the music by Mr. E. W. Young. The chorus of this song was sung by the whole school.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Orchestra . . . March No. 2.
"Pomp and Circumstance." *Elgar.*
2. Song "What does little Birdie say" *Parsons.*
P. C. Ackling.
3. Part Song "Christmas Carol" *Reinecke.*
Chorus.
4. Song "Reconciled" *E. W. Young.*
A. M. C. Nicholl.
5. Four English Dances, Orchestra *Cowen.*

PART II.

1. Orchestra . . . March No. 1.
"Pomp and Circumstance" *Elgar.*
2. Song "Mine own Country" *Somervell.*
G. H. G. Shepherd.
3. Part Song "Summer Song" *Campbell.*
Chorus and Orchestra.
4. Pianoforte Solo "Troika" *Tchaikowsky.*
Miss M. Hughes.
5. Duët "Autumn" *Mendelssohn.*
P. C. Ackling and G. H. G. Shepherd.
6. Part Song "The Snow" *Elgar.*
Chorus and Orchestra.
7. Orchestra "An Autumn Reverie" *E. Walford Young.*
8. Part Song "Good Night" *Reinecke.*
9. School Song "The Golden Age"
(Words by W. H. Richardson, Music by
E. W. Young).

FOOTBALL.

A. S. F. C. v. Old Abingdonians. Played on the School ground on Saturday, December 19th, and resulted in an easy win for the Old Abingdonians. They were much the better team and scored four goals before half-time. On resumption they added seven more, and the School, only being able to respond once, through Adams, had to admit defeat by 11 goals to one. School Team:—Goal, A. A. Brown; backs, R. G. Rice and H. L. Crudgington; halves, H. S. Mathias, C. E. C. Graff and T. S. Wilding; forwards, A. W. Miller, H. G. Habgood, L. S. Mathias, V. Adams, F. H. Edey.

A.S.F.C. v. Dorchester. Played at Abingdon on Saturday, February 6th. The School was represented by a scratch XI. and won somewhat easily by 5-2. Adams (4) and Fitzgerald (1) obtained goals for the School. A.S.F.C.:—Goal, J. F. C. Hertslet; backs, A. W. Miller and F. H. Edey; half-backs, E. J. T. Philipps, C. E. C. Graff and H. S. Mathias; forwards, R. T. Hower, W. R. Mortleman, V. Adams, N. Duncan and J. P. H. Fitzgerald.

A.S.F.C. v. Dorchester. Played at Dorchester on Saturday, February 13th. The School sent a much weaker XI. than that which had represented them on the previous Saturday and suffered defeat by 5-0. The game was stopped twenty minutes before full-time owing to a heavy downpour of rain. A.S.F.C.—Goal, J. F. C. Hertslet; backs, R. Louth and P. J. Aldridge; half-backs,

E. J. T. Philipps, G. F. Moore and W. O. Betts; forwards, R. T. Hewer, H. G. Habgood, F. D. Smith, W. R. Mortleman and N. Duncan.

SCRATCH SIXES.

The Senior Sixes were very evenly matched, but Mathias ii's team proved successful, winning all but one of its matches, which was a drawn game. The winning Six was as follows;—L. S. Mathias (*Capt.*), J. F. C. Hertslet, H. S. Mathias, H. L. Neligan, R. Louth, E. J. T. Philipps.

Summary of Results—Seniors.

	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
Edey	1	1	2	4
Crudgington	0	4	0	0
Graff	2	1	1	5
Miller	2	2	0	4
Mathias	3	0	1	7

The Junior Sixes did not prove so interesting as the Senior. Berry's Six was much the strongest and won easily. It was constituted as follows:—E. F. Berry (*Capt.*), R. F. Burge, R. C. Gillingham, W. Leach, S. C. Adams, H. R. Burge.

Summary of Results—Juniors.

	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
Berry	4	0	0	8
Rice	1	1	2	4
Graham	0	4	0	0
Bayley	2	1	1	5
Shepherd	1	2	1	3

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual School Sports were held on Saturday, March 19th. The weather did not prove as favourable as might

have been expected from the glorious sunshine we enjoyed during the preceding week, and the rain, as last year, came as an unhappy surprise to all, damping our clothes but not our spirits. The on-lookers bold enough to be present at the first event were few; but in spite of the rain the assemblage increased somewhat rapidly, and by the time the Sports were "well under weigh" had amounted to a considerable number, though not so large as usual. Considering the state of the ground, especially the near corner at the bottom of the field, which, owing to the lack of grass, was exceedingly slippery, the performances were certainly praiseworthy. The prizes, on view in the pavilion during the afternoon, were greatly admired, and were distributed immediately after the last event by Mrs. T. E. Graham. The list of prize-winners was as follows:—

LONG JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by J. T. Harris, Esq., O.A., and F. Franzowitz, Esq.) L. S. Mathias, 1; A. W. Miller, 2. Distance 17 ft. 3½ in.

LONG JUMP (under 15.)

(Prizes presented by A. E. Preston, Esq., O.A.) G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; W. Leach, 2. Distance 16 ft. 3 in. Shepherd, who is not yet 14, accomplished a very creditable performance.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (16 lbs.) (open).

(Prizes presented by J. T. Morland, Esq., and A. M. Shepherd, Esq., O.A.) R. Louth, 1; F. H. Edey, 2. Distance 27 ft. 1 in. The falling rain and slippery ground did not allow Louth to put last

year's distance. Crudgington did not do himself justice.

HIGH JUMP (under 12).

(First prize presented by M. T. Tatham, Esq.) A. G. Shepherd, 1; L. W. S. Booth, 2. Height 3 ft. 1 in. Shepherd and Booth were very close, and both jumped well for their age.

HIGH JUMP (under 14).

(First prize presented by the Right Rev. the Master of Pembroke College, Oxford) G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; W. Leach, 2. Height 4 ft. 1 in. Shepherd jumped well, easily beating 3 ft. 9 in., the height cleared last year.

HIGH JUMP (open).

(First prize presented by E. Ross-Barker, Esq.) T. S. Wilding, 1; H. L. Crudgington, 2. Height 4 ft. 9½ in. Considering the unfavourable circumstances and the fact that he has not jumped before this year, Wilding's feat was distinctly meritorious. Crudgington did not fulfil general expectations.

HURDLE RACE (open).

(Prizes presented by A. M. C. Nicholl, Esq., and Player Isaac, Esq.) F. H. Edey, 1; R. T. Hewer, 2. Time 20 1-5th secs. Edey was easily first.

HURDLE RACE (under 15).

(First prize presented by H. H. Gibson, Esq.) G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; G. C. Rice, 2.

100 YARDS (under 12).

(Prizes presented by E. M. Challenor, Esq., O.A.) E. C. Dickinson, 1; J. F. Hedley, 2. Time 14 1-5th secs.

100 YARDS (open).

(Prizes presented by Mrs. Layng and J. F. Downing, Esq.) H. S. Mathias, 1; A. A. Brown, 2. Time 11 secs. Mathias ran excellently, just beating Brown, who might have done better had not he and Betts "fouled" half-way down the course. Despite the slippery ground Mathias succeeded in reducing last year's time by one fifth of a second.

100 YARDS (under 16).

(First prize presented by J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A.) V. G. Adams, 1; F. D. Smith, 2; Time 11 4-5th secs.

100 YARDS (under 14).

(Prizes presented by E. J. Harris, Esq.) G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; W. R. Mortleman, 2. Time 12 3-5th secs.

100 YARDS (under 11).

(Prizes presented by A. H. Simpson, Esq.) J. F. Hedley, 1; B. L. Kaye, 2. Time 15 1-5th secs.

QUARTER MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon). W. O. Betts, 1; L. S. Mathias, 2; H. S. Mathias, 3. Time 61 2-5th secs. All the first three ran well. Betts (3 yards) soon gained the lead and came in a good first, though hard pressed by L. S. Mathias, who ran from scratch.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 13).

(First prize presented by H. W. Weaving, Esq.) W. R. Mortleman, 1; R. F. Burge, 2. Time 31 secs.

CHOIR RACE (300 yards handicap).

(Prizes presented by E. W. Young, Esq., and E. L. Shepherd, Esq.) D. F.

Mortleman, 1; H. G. Habgood, 2. Time 44 1-5th secs.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

(Prizes presented by the Rev. T. Layng and B. Challenor, Esq., O.A.) V. G. Adams, 1; A. W. Miller, 2. Distance 73 yards 2 feet.

HALF MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Prizes presented by S. I. Baker, Esq., and J. G. T. West, Esq., O.A.) A. A. Brown, 1; E. A. H. Nicholls, 2; V. G. Adams, 3. Time 2 mins. 21 3-5th secs. Nicholls was leading at the top of the 100 yards, but Brown, who had been gradually gaining ground from the beginning, made a spurt and succeeded in winning by a good three yards. Nicholls received 80 yards start. Brown and Adams ran from scratch.

OLD ABINGDONIANS' RACE (100 yards).

(Prize presented by C. A. Pryce, Esq.) The large number of entries for this race resulted in a very close contest between J. H. E. Morland and P. L. Deacon. J. H. E. Morland came in first, as last year. Time 12 1-5th secs.

CONSOLATION EGG & SPOON RACE.

(Prize presented by J. F. Downing, Esq.) The final was again won by A. S. B. Payne, Fitzgerald again proving an excellent second.

"HEBER CLARKE" CHALLENGE CUP.

The cup this year fell to A. A. Brown, who gained 18 points to 15 scored by L. S. Mathias and F. H. Edey.

After the distribution of prizes three cheers were given for Mrs. Graham, 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 H. H. Gibson, Esq.

Referee: J. H. E. Morland, Esq.

Time Keeper: E. Ross-Barker, Esq.

Committee: (Chairman) J. H. Franklin, Esq.; (Ex-officio) H. S. Mathias, E. F. Clark, F. H. Edey, P. N. Graham; (Elected) T. S. Wilding, A. A. Brown, N. Duncan, A. S. B. Payne, R. Louth, F. D. Smith, E. C. Dickinson.

STEEPLECHASES.

The Steeplechases were held under more favourable conditions than have attended them for some years past. There was a light breeze and quite a cheerful amount of sunshine, with the result that a good many ladies turned out to watch the competitions.

The Juniors (under 14) covered the same course as the Seniors—about a mile and a quarter. There were six starters, among whom P. E. Long, last year's winner, soon took the lead, which he maintained till the end, winning the race in the creditable time of 9 mins. 57 secs. H. Goff was a good second and E. H. Harvey an equally good third.

Fourteen competitors started for the Seniors' race. R. T. Hower, who secured the third place last year, was the favourite, and justified his selection by winning in 8 mins. 50 3-5th secs., the time being distinctly better than last year, as was only to be expected con-

sidering the improved conditions. V. G. Adams also ran well and pressed the winner fairly closely, though at no point did he look like overtaking him. F. D. Smith secured third, and A. A. Brown fourth place. We condole with P. N. Graham, who was second in last year's race, on his inability to compete this year owing to an unfortunate accident which befel him in the football field last term.

The prizes for the Seniors were presented by J. H. Franklin, Esq., and T. E. Graham, Esq., and those for the Juniors by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

"Keep the command of the sea as you value national life. With it you can do everything. Without it you will be speedily blotted out of the list of nations."—*Admiral P. H. Colomb.*

13 VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, S.W.

January, 1904.

To the Editor of the Abingdonian.

SIR,—May I appeal to your sense of patriotism in venturing to ask if you will allow me space, on behalf of my Committee, to bring to the notice of your readers a Society which has existed since 1895, and whose object, stated shortly, is to ensure to the British Empire the maintenance of British supremacy at sea?

It is probable that, owing to the lectures given in most of the public schools of Great Britain during the last few years, the name of the NAVY LEAGUE may not be entirely unknown to you, but you will perhaps permit me,

notwithstanding, to quote briefly from the articles of its *Constitution and Programme of Action*.

- "1. This Association shall be called 'The NAVY LEAGUE.' Its purpose shall be to secure, as the primary object of the national policy, 'The Command of the Sea.'
- "2. The general aims of the NAVY LEAGUE shall be:
 - (a) To spread information, showing the vital importance to the British Empire of the naval supremacy upon which depend its trade, empire, and national existence.
 - (b) To call attention to the enormous demands which war would make upon the Navy, and to the fact that the Navy is not strong enough to meet them; and at all times to point out any shortcomings in this respect.
 - (c) To call attention from time to time to such measures as may be requisite to secure adequate preparation for the maritime defence of the Empire.
 - (d) To urge these matters on public men and, in particular, upon candidates for Parliament.
- "3. The LEAGUE shall be absolutely distinct from all *party* politics.
- "4. The LEAGUE reserves to itself the right to support candidates for Parliament pledged to promote, irrespective of party, the adequacy and efficiency of the Navy."

The main object of the LEAGUE is to spread information as to the vital importance to the British Empire of the Naval Supremacy upon which depend its trade, its food supply, and its national

existence, and thereby to ensure always to the Government of the day the support of the people for the expenditure necessary for providing an adequate navy.

Indeed, the expenditure of the years prior to the foundation of the NAVY LEAGUE had proved to demonstration that, no matter which Party was in power, adequate measures for the proper maintenance of the British Navy were but rarely, if ever, taken, *except as the direct result of an outburst of popular opinion and feeling—commonly known as a "scare"*—and the LEAGUE was therefore founded in January, 1895, with the express aim of educating and voicing public opinion on all matters of import connected with the Navy and our dependence thereon, with the view to assisting in future the good intentions of the Governments of the day—as well as of *keeping such Governments up to the mark.*

Recent events have shown us what unpreparedness for war means. We know—and our public schools know only too well—what the late South African war cost, not only in gold, but in the young and promising lives of which we are so justly proud. In the case of a *Naval War*, the issues would be incalculably more serious. If our fleet were once defeated and we lost command of the sea, our supplies of food and raw materials would be cut off and the only alternative to starvation would be ignoble and humiliating surrender. How far are our Navy and our organisation equipped for the strain? That is the question which really affects every man, woman and child throughout the

Empire; that is the question to which we must have a reassuring answer. It is the endeavour of the NAVY LEAGUE to ensure the possibility, nay, the certainty, of a satisfactory reply to that question.

With regard to the bearings of this question on the youth of the country, I can perhaps hardly do better than quote the words of one who is the idol of the "man in the street," one who intensely realises the importance of the matter, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford. What does he say? "In his future life a boy must play some part, however small, in guiding the destinies of the Empire. Some of the boys who are to-day at our public schools may fill important positions of enormous responsibility where success is only to be obtained by brilliant leadership. It is the duty of the nation to see that its sons are sent out well equipped with knowledge, so as to start them fair in their work for their country, whatever that work may be. They should be instructed in those fundamental facts that govern and concern the well-being of the Empire, and it must be impressed upon them that *the existence of the Empire to which they belong depends absolutely and entirely upon that Empire's supremacy at sea.*

This Empire was mainly created, and is only maintained, by the power of the British Fleet, and the NAVY LEAGUE would have justified its existence had it never done any other work than to bring this fact home to the youth of our public schools."

There are *Branches of the League* already in many of the schools of the

country, including Bradfield, Radley, Tonbridge, Merchant Taylors', Eastbourne, Sedbergh, Repton, West Downs (Winchester), Ludgrove, S. Christopher's (Eastbourne), S. Aubyn's (Rottendean), whilst among the *Vice-Presidents* of the LEAGUE will be found also the Headmasters of Harrow, Wellington, Lancing, Rossall, Radley, Repton, Bradfield, Tonbridge, Sedbergh, Eastbourne and Dover Colleges. Further, the LEAGUE has offered and continues to offer many *Prizes* annually in schools for essays on naval subjects—in addition to having published three editions of the well-known *Navy League Map of the World*, now adorning so many a school wall—and it is hoped that the interest, thus early aroused in naval matters at school, may be retained subsequently at the Universities, and later in the manifold walks of public life.

In respect to the last preceding sentence let me add that at the Universities of both Oxford and Cambridge there are flourishing Branches of the LEAGUE; whilst there are also equally vigorous Branches in the following University cities and towns: London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Cambridge (Town), Edinburgh, Leeds and Manchester—to say nothing of many another Branch doing admirable work within these Islands.

But that is not all. Let me, ere I close, draw especial attention to the following fact—one of extreme interest and importance, one of striking significance—the fact of *the warm and energetic support which the NAVY LEAGUE is receiving in the Colonies as well as in the*

United Kingdom. Many a Branch of the LEAGUE has sprung into vigorous being upon Colonial soil: (1) *On the North America and West Indian Station:* Toronto (two branches), Montreal, Kingston (Ontario), Halifax (Nova Scotia), St. John (New Brunswick), Summerside (Prince Edward Island), Winnipeg, Ottawa, Barbados, British Guiana. (2) *On the Pacific Station:* British Columbia and City of Vancouver. (3) *On the Australian Station:* Sydney, Perth (West Australia), Adelaide, Auckland (New Zealand), Canterbury (New Zealand), Northern Tasmania. (4) *On the China Station:* Hong Kong, Chinkiang, Shanghai, Singapore, Perak (Federated Malay States), and Tokio (Japan). (5) *On the East Indian Station:* Mauritius. (6) *On the Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa Station:* Capetown, Durban (Natal), Kimberley, and (7) *On the Mediterranean Station:* Malta. No less than thirty Branches in all outside these islands.

May we not truly say: *It is the voice not only of Great Britain, it is the voice of "Greater Britain" that we hear?*—And he that hath ears to hear, let him hear!

In conclusion let me say—for the information of all who may care to join the LEAGUE—that *on payment of a total sum of 5s. 0d. any person (ladies included) becomes an Associate of the NAVY LEAGUE, receives the Diploma of Association and the tastefully devised bronze badge or medal of the LEAGUE, and is entitled for a year to the monthly receipt of a copy of the NAVY LEAGUE JOURNAL* (our illustrated magazine which gives an immense amount of

interesting information on Naval subjects). The year, it should be observed, begins to run, not from January 1, but from the actual date at which each subscription is received by the Secretary of the LEAGUE.

This appeal, Sir, is made in your paper in the assured hope that, with its wide circulation amongst your present members and amongst your "Old Boys" the world over, many a reader of this letter may be stimulated to add his support to a League for whose continuous and continuously vigorous existence there is admittedly such ample need.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WM. CAIUS CRUTCHLEY,

Secretary.

ABINGDON SCHOOL EAGLE.

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All the above names are those of O.A.s, who were at the Old School, with the exception of Mr. J. B. Stone, who kindly desired to contribute in memory of his brothers.

WM. H. RICHARDSON,

Hon. Sec.

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The Mayor of Abingdon (Mr. J. G. T. West)	10	10	0
Mr. W. F. Smith	10	0	0
The Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson ..	5	5	0
Mr. E. J. Harris	5	5	0
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Contributions may be sent to the Head-Master or paid into the Account at either of the Abingdon Banks.

March 15th, 1904.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We are indebted to *South Africa* for the following extract, which we reproduce with sorrow:—"We regret to record the death, which took place at sea on December 30th, from enteric fever, of Mr. Frederick George Robinson, R.N.R., second officer of the *Dunolly Castle*. The deceased, who was only 32 years of age, was the second son of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon, and a very capable and promising young officer."—Mr. Robinson was an O.A., who left the School in 1887, when he was apprenticed

to the firm of Elder, Dempster & Co. In July 1897 he joined the Union Castle Line as fourth officer of the *Gaika*, being promoted to third officer in the course of the same year. He was subsequently transferred to the *Mexican* and the *Briton*; and then, after several months' drill for the Royal Naval Reserve and a year's training in the Royal Navy, he was promoted to be second officer of the *Dunolly Castle* in July 1903.

Marriage.—On January 19th, at St. Mary's Church, Caterham, by the very Rev. the Dean of Ely, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Wilson, D.D., Rector of Tackley, Oxon, and by the Rev. F. A. Bright, Rural Dean and Rector of the Parish, Louis William Paul, M.A., son of the late Alfred Paul of Faversham, Kent, to Lilian Mary, daughter of the late J. B. Gill, of Stone House, Caterham.

We congratulate J. W. Veysey, O.A., on the birth of a daughter, on December 27th last.

The Rev. T. Romans and the Rev. W. M. Austin, O.A., have been ordained Priests, and the Rev. G. E. Summers, the younger son of a former Headmaster, has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Worcester, and licensed to the Curacy of Kidderminster.

In another column will be found a list of the O.A.s who have so kindly subscribed towards the re-gilding of the old Eagle Lectern in the chapel. We offer them our sincere thanks on behalf of all members of the School, past and present. When the lectern was taken

to pieces by the gilder, a most interesting discovery was made, namely that the date 1694 was found carved inside the central band round the pedestal. There seems to be no reason to doubt that this is the genuine date of the Eagle, though it was not previously supposed to be so ancient.

In the above connection we owe a special debt of gratitude to Mr. W. H. Richardson, at whose initiative the repairs were undertaken, and who kindly took upon himself the arduous duties of secretary and treasurer to the Fund: and we have also to thank Mr. J. G. T. West for the gratuitous assistance of his valuable services in the matter.

Our best thanks are due to Mrs. E. S. Price for the gift of a beautifully carved Bishop's Chair for the Chapel.

We offer our sincere congratulations to Dr. H. S. Challenor, O.A., on his recovery from a serious operation.

On January 28th the elder boys of both houses attended a performance in the Corn Exchange of the last two parts of Coleridge Taylor's "Hiawatha" by the Abingdon Musical Union. The concert was much appreciated.

On Monday, February 15th, we enjoyed the extra quarter holiday promised us last term, in honour of the fact that the present Mayor of Abingdon is also an O.A., and given at his special request. Mr. West, we beg humbly to submit, has established an excellent precedent.

We have also to thank Mr. West for his generous hospitality to us on March 16th, when, on the occasion of the meet of the Old Berkshire Hounds in the

market place, he provided us with welcome refreshments in the Old Grammar School. In order that we might witness the meet of the hounds we were excused the last period of morning school.

For this year's Meredith Composition Prizes have been selected—for Latin Prose, Oman's History of Greece, from page 530 to page 533; and for Greek Prose, a portion from Daniel Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe."

There were six competitors for Mr. Ross-Barker's English Literature Prize, and we understand that the papers sent in reached a very fair standard of merit.

Our congratulations are due to H. Hughes and C. P. B. Montgomery. The former stroked the Pembroke "Togger," and the latter rowed "two" in the first Keble "Togger."

In order to complete the equipment of the new buildings and to discharge the final liabilities upon them, it has been deemed advisable by the governors to open a "Supplementary Fund." In another column we publish the first Subscription List.

We are publishing in this number a letter received from the Secretary of the Navy League, which, in view of the war in the Far East, ought to prove of great interest to all our readers, and will, we hope, induce some of them to concern themselves more actively in the welfare of the Fleet, which Lord Tennyson has called our "all-in-all."

Those who support the School Magazine will be interested to learn that two copies of our last Christmas Number will be on view, amongst exhibits of

a similar nature from other English Public Schools, at the forthcoming St. Louis Exhibition.

Fire Drill in the Old School yard has been resumed this term, as in previous years, instruction being given, as formerly, by Mr. Hellyer, late of the London Fire Brigade, with an engine kindly lent to us by the Corporation.

Saturday March 19th is the day fixed for the School Athletic Sports; Monday the 21st for the Steeplechases; Saturday the 26th for the Past v. Present Meeting. Term ends on Tuesday the 29th.

The following new boys have come this term:—E. B. W. Chappelow, Shell; G. B. Cooksey, J. Enock, and R. C. Gillingham, Fourth.

The following have left:—R. G. Rice, Sixth; W. A. Gibbings and D. G. King, Shell; R. B. Slade, Second.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: Aldenhamian, Bloxhamist (2), Chigwellian, Diocesan College Magazine (Cape Colony), Gillingham School Magazine, Laxtonian, Leightonian, Maidenhead Modern School Magazine.

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