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EDITORIAL.

WE follow the time-honoured custom of having nothing to say,—and saying it. A long list of school hours has been negotiated, but we are not yet so bored as the Education Office must be. A good deal has also been done elsewhere. The Football Team is decidedly above the average; it has shown itself quite a class above the School Elevens it has met. With more regular practice, a few more and better chosen matches and more permanence in its composition it would be a most efficient fighting machine, and might easily

neutralise by combination the advantage in weight shown by some of its opponents. There is some very promising material in the second eleven and lower strata.

The gymnasium is already popular; under the direction of Mr. Wright we are developing those muscles which otherwise would waste their suetness on the desert-air, not being employed in so-called games or the avocations of practical life.

Lord Roberts is asking the public Schools of the country to establish a system of national defence, based on the principle that every schoolboy should be instructed in physical training and rifle-shooting. The "Empire Review" for November, containing an article on this appeal, has been sent to us. The opinions of various Head Masters are given. The miniature rifle-range is suggested as solving many difficulties,

while the Warden of Bradfield deprecates the "militarism" which is so apt to infect school "armies"; they should be "citizen" armies. We agree, and note a close connection between red trousers and red-tape; and may remind our readers of Walter Emanuel's definition of soldiers—"Soldiers are men dressed up. Some of these are very pretty." Nothing is said about physical training; this is a pity, for the traditional "drill" is quite useless for any purpose whatever, as the Boers and the Japanese have shown us. Something more scientific must take its place; to alter its superficial appearance and label it "physical training" will not deceive the school-boy, though it may hoodwink the rate-payer.

Several students of Hellenic culture saw "The Wasps" at Radley, and much appreciated the Greek humour and the English acting.

On November 10th, Mr. Stafford Webber gave us a most delightful lecture on "Punch." The School Room was crowded, many residents of Abingdon being present. The lecturer touched on the literary as well as the pictorial side of "Punch," its pathos as well as its humour. He complimented the lime-light man—the pictures were excellent—and criticised somewhat unfavourably the sense of humour shown by the audience.

OXFORD SENIOR LOCALS.

Second Class Honours.—H. L. Neligan. Third Class Honours.—R. J. Weaving. Passed (First Division), T.

Aldworth, W. O. Betts, D. M. Johnston, A. G. C. Rice, R. V. Weaving.

H. L. Neligan and R. J. Weaving, obtained exemption from Responsions, and Weaving was also distinguished in Greek and stood 22nd on the list.

OXFORD JUNIOR LOCALS.

Second Class Honours.—P. E. Andrews, E. B. W. Chappelow, T. M. Layng, H. Meredith. Third Class Honours.—L. G. Drewe, R. A. R. Townsend. Passed (First Division). J. H. Bridgwater, V. G. H. Cox, A. L. Edwards, P. E. Long, F. E. Parker, G. H. G. Shepherd. Passed (Second Division). H. M. Lewington.

The following distinctions were obtained.

ENGLISH LITERATURE. E. B. W. Chappelow (27th).

LATIN. E. B. W. Chappelow (17th), G. H. G. Shepherd (54th).

GREEK. T. M. Layng (17th).

FOUNDER'S DAY.

Founder's day was commemorated this year on Friday, July 28th. We had a most beautiful day for the proceedings and consequently a very large number of visitors were present.

As usual the functions began with a Service in St. Helen's Church, where Mr. E. A. Martell presided at the organ. The service was conducted by the Head Master and the Rev. T. T. Blockley, and the sermon preached by Dr. Field, Warden of Radley College.

The prizes were then given away in the Schoolroom by the Provost of Queen's, when the report of the School Mathematics, by Mr. A. E. Jolliffe,

fellow and tutor of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, was circulated in printed form. The report was again exceedingly good and encouraging.

The following is the list of prizes:—

FORM PRIZES.—VI., H. W. Weaving; V. (Classical), E. B. W. Chappelow; V., (Modern), T. Aldworth; Shell (Classical), T. M. Layng; Shell (Modern), J. H. Bridgwater; IV., (Classical) G. C. Rice; IV., (Modern), J. C. Enoch; III., E. C. Dickinson; II., H. A. L. Donkin.

MATHEMATICAL PRIZES.—(Prize given by Mr. Herbert Young) Div. I., W. O. Betts; Div. II., C. J. Butler; Div. III., J. H. Bridgwater; Div. IV., W. Cullen; Div. V., C. W. Edgington; Div. VI., L. W. S. Booth; Div. VII., H. A. L. Donkin.

GREEK PRIZES.—Div. I., H. W. Weaving; Div. II., D. M. Johnston.

GERMAN PRIZES.—Div. I., N. Duncan; Div. II., E. B. W. Chappelow; Div. III., P. E. Andrews.

FRENCH PRIZES.—Div. I., N. Duncan; Div. II., T. M. Layng; Div. III., J. H. Bridgwater; Div. IV., J. H. Habgood; Div. V., C. W. Edgington; Div. VI., H. A. L. Donkin.

SCIENCE PRIZES.—Div. I., T. Aldworth; Div. II., P. E. Long.

ART PRIZES.—Div. I., A. F. Slatter; Div. II., F. D. Smith; Div. III., E. C. Dickinson.

MEREDITH COMPOSITION PRIZES.—Latin and Greek, H. W. Weaving.

DIVINITY.—T. S. Wilding.

PIANOFORTE PLAYING.—N. Duncan.

SINGING PRIZES.—I., E. C. Dickinson; II., P. J. Aldridge.

CRICKET.—Batting Average: P. N. Graham.

BOWLING AVERAGE.—I., A. G. C. Rice; II., A. S. B. Payne.

The following is the list of prize donors:—

The Right Rev. the Master of Pembroke College, Sir W. R. Anson, Bart., M.P., The Mayor of Abingdon, the Recorder of Abingdon, the Vicar, the Head Master, the Masters' Common Room, Aldermen Morland, Harris and Pryce, Mr. John Tompkins, Mr. A. E. Preston, the Vicegerent of Pembroke,

the Revs. Canon Meredith and T. T. Blockley, Mr. Herbert Young, Mrs. Layng and Miss Levy.

After the distribution of the prizes the usual speeches were made. Dr. Magrath assured us that it was with very great pleasure that he accepted the Head Master's invitation to come among us. He was particularly interested in the School since it was connected with one of the Colleges at Oxford, and was also founded in the same year as his old School, Elizabeth College, Guernsey. Besides this he had met many Old Abingdonians up at Oxford among whom was Canon Cresswell Strange, whom he knew forty-five years ago as an Abingdon Scholar at Pembroke. He was very glad to hear that the School had done well in Cricket and Boating and in conclusion he congratulated the School on the number of boys sent to the Universities. He hoped to renew acquaintance with those who were going to Oxford.

The Visitors then adjourned to the gymnasium where they were entertained to tea by the Head Master and Mrs. Layng.

CRICKET.

A.S.C.C. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

This match was played at Oxford on July 15th, and resulted in a win for us by 36 runs. Payne and Graham batted well for the School, and Brown was in a long time for his six runs. Dawes was again the principal scorer for Magdalen, his 82 runs being made in good style.

A.S.C.C.

P. N. Graham b Dawes	22
N. Duncan b Austin	0
A. A. Brown c & b Dawes	6
A. S. B. Payne b Dawes	36
G. F. Moore b Salisbury	25
H. L. Neligan st Pitts b Salisbury	9
H. G. Habgood c Dawes b Bell	17
E. H. Harvey c Pitts b Bell	9
M. G. Brinsmead c Venables b Salisbury	18
R. R. Parker c Underhill b Salisbury	12
A. G. C. Rice not out	7
Extras	15
Total	176

M.C.S.C.C.

H. H. Dawes c Parker b Payne	81
J. F. Venables c Duncan b Payne	17
H. T. Moore c and b Brinsmead	10
S. Woodhead c Harvey b Parker	2
C. B. Clayton b Graham	0
A. P. Bell b Graham	4
F. B. Pitts c Duncan b Payne	5
C. V. Salisbury b Payne	0
L. K. Underhill c Brinsmead b Parker	8
W. H. Pearson c Harvey b Parker	0
S. F. Austin not out	0
Extras	13
Total	140

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

This match was played on the Town ground on July 22nd. Scoring on both sides was poor, Mr. Rudd doing best for the School, and Gladwell for the Town. The Town eventually won in spite of some very good bowling by Payne, who took six wickets for 31 runs.

A.S.C.C.

W. A. Rudd, Esq. c Bowen b Hamlet ..	27
A. A. Brown b Hamlet	13
A. S. B. Payne c Donkin b Hamlet ..	8
H. G. Habgood b Pratt	1
N. Duncan b Hamlet	1
S. H. Baker, Esq. c Shepherd b Hamlet ..	0
G. F. Moore b Hamlet	0
E. H. Harvey c Shepherd b Hamlet ..	4
F. D. Smith b Hamlet	5
G. B. Cooksey not out	3
A. G. C. Rice b Weaving	3
Extras	4
Total	69

ABINGDON TOWN.

H. F. Shepherd c Rice b Rudd	4
H. Donkin c Smith b Payne	0
H. E. H. Pratt b Payne	0

A. E. Gladwell c Duncan b Rice	20
W. Keates b Payne	8
A. W. Morland c Habgood b Payne	8
T. D. Bowen lbw, b Payne	6
W. Simmons c Duncan b Rice	6
A. W. L. Graham c Rudd b Smith	5
M. W. Weaving b Payne	17
E. Hamlet not out	3
Extras	10
Total	87

A.S.C.C. v. R. G. RICE'S XI.

This match was played on Wednesday, July 26th. The School batted first and had soon lost three wickets for eight runs, but Mr. Baker and Brown made a good stand for the fourth wicket, when Brown was out for 45 runs. Mr. Baker soon followed with 25 runs to his credit. The sixth wicket again made a good stand, and when eight wickets were down we declared with 187 runs. Rice's team quickly put together 126 runs for four wickets, of which the Rev. H. B. Gibson made 66. Stumps were then drawn and the game resulted in an even draw.

A.S.C.C.

W. A. Rudd, Esq. b Rice	1
A. S. B. Payne b Hill	5
A. A. Brown c Lock b Gibson	45
P. N. Graham b Rice	0
S. H. Baker, Esq. run out	25
H. L. Neligan b Hill	33
N. Duncan b Graham	26
H. G. Habgood b Hill	4
G. F. Moore not out	8
M. G. Brinsmead not out	11
A. G. C. Rice did not bat	
Extras	20
Total	187

R. G. RICE'S XI.

Rev. H. B. Gibson c Rudd b Brinsmead ..	66
A. E. Lock c Baker b Rudd	14
T. Hill b Rice	14
A. W. L. Graham not out	8
H. F. Shepherd b Rice	10
H. Donkin not out	13
G. D. Anderson	
F. Jones	
H. H. Smith	} did not bat
P. H. Morland	
R. G. Rice	
Extras	1
Total	126

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Our Second XI. met Magdalen 2nd XI. on our ground on Saturday, July 15th. The visitors batted first, and were dismissed for 77 runs. The School started well, Leach scoring 12, and Weaving 59, but the rest of the team did not do much, and were all out for 120 runs. In the second innings Magdalen made 67 runs, while we made 44 for five wickets, thus winning by 20 runs with five wickets in hand.

M.C.S.S. 2nd XI.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
H. H. Annetts	b Weaving 15	c Shepherd	
L. A. H. Isaac	c Adams	b Weaving 6	
	b Weaving 6	b Wilding.....	0
F. R. Turner	b Adams....	8 lbw, b Adams ..	17
E. A. Tarbet	b Adams ..	3 b Weaving	13
T. A. Lee	b Weaving	1 lbw, b Weaving	11
O. Mallaby	b Adams	8 c Shepherd	
		b Wilding	5
G. H. Mawson	b Leach ..	0 c & b Weaving	1
L. M. Shadwell	b Wilding 15	b Weaving	0
C. L. Robertson	not out..	6 b Weaving	2
J. E. V. Crofts	c & b Wilding	3 b Wilding.....	1
L. H. Fox	b Wilding	6 not out	4
Extras	6	Extras	7
Total	77	Total	67

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

W. Leach	lbw, b Shadwell 12	c Tarbet	b Mawson 1
R. V. Weaving	b Shadwell 59		
S. C. Adams	c Fox b Crofts 3	c Crofts	b Annetts
T. S. Wilding	b Crofts ..	1 c Tarbet	b Annetts 3
G. H. G. Shepherd			
	c Mawson, b Crofts 8	c Turner	b Lee .. 0
W. R. Mortleman	b Fox..	6 c Lee	b Mallaby 23
L. G. Drewe	c Mawson b Fox 3		
J. H. Bridgwater	c & b Fox 7	not out.....	3
P. E. Long	b Turner	1	
F. E. Parker	b Turner	0	
H. B. Graham	not out	0 not out	0
Extras	20	Extras.....	2
Total	120	Total (5 wkts.)	44

LIST OF MATCHES.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	SCORE	
		FOR.	AGST.
May 20	Pembroke College, Oxford	61—214(6)	
" 24	New College Nomads ..	65—170(6)	
" 27	Magdalen Coll. School ..	62—75	
" 31	Leighton Park School ..	140—95	
June 3	Abingdon Town ..	166(7)149	
" 7	Leighton Park School ..	173(4)68	
" 14	St. Catherine's, Oxford ..	81—194(8)	
" 17	Bloxham School ..	83—190(5)	
" 24	Brightwell ..	25—60	
July 1	Old Abingdonians ..	40—189	
" 8	Bloxham School ..	166—87	
" 15	Magdalen Coll. School ..	176—140	
" 22	Abingdon Town ..	69—87	

2nd XI.

May 24	Oxford High School ..	32—80
" 27	Magdalen Coll. School II.	238(6)66
" 31	New College School ..	83—103
June 7	New College School ..	79—84
" 17	Bloxham School II. ..	74—63
July 8	Bloxham School II. ..	196—91
" 12	Oxford High School ..	81—146
" 15	Magdalen Coll. School II.	120—77

An XI. under 14 years of age.

June 13	Christ Church Choristers	16—38
" 21	Christ Church Choristers	143(3)42

FOOTBALL.

A.S.F.C. v. R. G. Rice's XI. This match was played on our ground on September 27th, and resulted in a win for the School by 6 goals to 0. All the School team played well. At half-time the score was 3—0, the goals being shot by Mortleman and Harvey. On resuming, the School quickly added a couple of goals through Harvey and Weaving, and just before time Mortleman made the score up to 6. School team:—(Goal), P. J. Aldridge; (Backs), G. B. Cooksey, E. F. Berry; (Halves), M. G. Brinsmead, N. Duncan (Capt), G. F. Moore; (Forwards), R. R. Parker, R. V. Weaving, W. R. Mortleman, E. H. Harvey, F. D. Smith.

A.S.F.C. v. Bloxham School. This match was played at Bloxham on Sept. 30th. Immediately after the start, Bloxham got a goal through a misunderstanding between our backs, but we soon equalised through Harvey, and before half-time the score stood 3—1 in our favour. The School forwards played very well, and soon there were added 4 more goals for which Mortleman, Smith, Harvey and Duncan were responsible. Aldridge played very well in goal, and Smith was quite the pick of the forwards. School team:—(Goal), P. J. Aldridge; (Backs), G. B. Cooksey, and E. F. Berry; (Halves), M. G. Brinsmead, N. Duncan (Capt), G. F. Moore; (Forwards), R. R. Parker, R. V. Weaving, W. R. Mortleman, E. H. Harvey, F. D. Smith.

A.S.F.C. v. Dorchester College. Played on the School ground on Oct. 4th. At half-time we were leading by 3 goals to 1, Mortleman, Harvey and Weaving being responsible for our goals. After half-time we fell to pieces, and although the wind was against the Missionaries, they added 4 goals to their score, and thus won by 5 goals to 3. School team:—(Goal), P. J. Aldridge; (Backs), G. B. Cooksey, E. F. Berry; (Halves), A. G. C. Rice, N. Duncan, G. F. Moore;—(Forwards), R. R. Parker, R. V. Weaving, W. R. Mortleman, E. H. Harvey, F. D. Smith.

A.S.F.C. v. Wallingford. This match was played on the School ground on Oct. 11th. The School team played up well, and twenty minutes from the start

Mortleman got a goal for us with a very nice shot. This was all the scoring during the match. Wallingford made occasional rushes, but were seldom dangerous. School team;—(Goal), P. J. Aldridge; (Backs), G. B. Cooksey, E. F. Berry; (Halves), M. G. Brinsmead, N. Duncan, C. J. Butler; (Forwards), R. R. Parker, W. A. Rudd, Esq., W. R. Mortleman, E. H. Harvey, F. D. Smith.

A.S.F.C. v. Leighton Park School. This match was played on the School ground on Oct. 14th, and ended in a win for us by 7 goals to 1. We started pressing, and soon Mortleman and Harvey had obtained goals for us. At half-time the score stood 3—1. On changing ends, we soon started scoring again through Mortleman (2), and Smith. This proved to be all the scoring. School team:—(Goal), P. J. Aldridge; (Backs), G. B. Cooksey, E. F. Berry; (Halves), M. G. Brinsmead, N. Duncan, G. F. Moore; (Forwards), R. R. Parker, R. V. Weaving, W. R. Mortleman, E. H. Harvey, F. D. Smith.

A.S.F.C. v. Oxford High School. Played on our ground on Oct. 18th. The School forwards shone in this match, and in spite of the fact that Oxford High School got the first goal, we soon got 3 goals. After half-time four more goals were added through Weaving and Mortleman (3). School team:—(Goal), D. M. Johnston; (Backs), G. B. Cooksey, E. F. Berry; (Halves), R. G. Brinsmead, N. Duncan, G. F. Moore; (Forwards), R. R. Parker, R. V. Weaving, W. R. Mortleman, E. H. Harvey, F. D. Smith.

A.S.F.C. v. Magdalen College School. This match was played at Oxford on Saturday, Oct. 21st. and resulted in a win for us by 6 goals to 0. At half-time the score stood at 3—0, of which Harvey got 1, Weaving 1 and Brinsmead 1. After half-time, both teams seemed to go to sleep, and it was not until about a quarter of an hour from the end of the game that we got a goal through Mortleman. Mortleman and Harvey then got goals. School team:—(Goal), P. J. Aldridge; (Backs), G. B. Cooksey, E. F. Berry; (Halves), M. G. Brinsmead, N. Duncan, G. F. Moore; (Forwards), R. R. Parker, R. V. Weaving, W. R. Mortleman, E. H. Harvey, F. D. Smith.

A.S.F.C. v. Exeter College. The above match was played on the School ground on Wednesday, October 25th, and resulted in an easy win for the school by 7 goals to 1. The School were without Aldridge, the goal keeper, and also Johnston the 2nd XI. goal keeper, Parker filled the vacancy. The School scored 3 good goals in succession through Mortleman (2) and Harvey (1). The College left-back then put in a shot from a corner kick over his head. This made the score 3-1, at which it remained at half-time. After the interval the School put on 4 goals through Rudd, Harvey, Smith, and Mortleman; the school were left winners by 7 goals to 1.

(Goal), F. Parker; (Backs) E. F. Berry, and G. B. Cooksey; (Halves), G. F. Moore, M. G. Brinsmead and R. V. Weaving; (Forwards), F. D. Smith, E.

H. Harvey, W. R. Mortleman, W. A. Rudd, Esq. and R. R. Parker.

A.S.F.C. v. Oxford High School. This return match was played at Oxford, on Saturday, October 28th, and resulted in a win for the School by 3 goals to 1. In the first half, Harvey and Mortleman scored for the School, and Coggins for the High School. The game was very even indeed after the interval, but the High School's backs cleared time after time from the School rushes. Three minutes from time Weaving put in a good goal from a corner. School team:—(Goal), P. J. Aldridge; (Backs), E. F. Berry and G. B. Cooksey; (Halves), G. F. Moore, N. Duncan, and M. G. Brinsmead; (Forwards), F. D. Smith, E. H. Harvey, W. R. Mortleman, R. V. Weaving, and R. R. Parker.

A.S.F.C. v. Mansfield College, Oxford. The above match was played at the "White House," Oxford, on Wednesday, November 1st, and resulted in rather an easy victory for the homesters by 8 goals to 1. The School played almost the same team as in previous matches, H. H. Gibson, Esq., coming in the place of E. F. Berry at full-back and Leach in place of Mortleman, W. A. Rudd, Esq., playing centre forward. The ground was very slippery and treacherous and the School found it difficult to keep their feet. Mansfield who kicked off first ran up the field and Thomas scored for them in the far corner. The School tried hard to score but were unable to penetrate the homesters' defence. When they did penetrate they shot rather wildly. Mansfield on the

other hand scored 2 more goals, when half-time was called. After the interval the School were mostly engaged in defence, but after Mansfield had scored 3 more goals Harvey after a run by the forwards put in the School's only goal. Mansfield College added 2 more goals before time was called and thus won by 8 goals to 1.

School team:—P. J. Aldridge, (goal); H. H. Gibson, Esq. and G. B. Cooksey, (backs); N. Duncan, M. G. Brinsmead and G. F. Moore, (halves); F. D. Smith, E. H. Harvey, W. A. Rudd, Esq., W. Leach, and R. R. Parker (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. Abingdon Town. This match was played on the Town ground on Saturday November 4th. It was arranged for the following Wednesday originally, but the date was altered because the Town were playing a Cup-tie. A few minutes after the start, Mortleman got a good goal for us, but soon after the Town attacked, and at half-time the score was 5 to 1. The Town continued to have all the best of the game, and finally came out victors with the score 10—1. It was a disappointing display; the School team made no attempt to use combination against superior weight. Individually they are as quick as the Town eleven, but on the day they seemed paralysed.

School team:—P. J. Aldridge, (goal); H. H. Gibson, Esq. and G. B. Cooksey, (backs); M. G. Brinsmead, N. Duncan, and G. F. Moore, (halves); R. R. Parker, R. V. Weaving, W. R. Mortleman, E. H. Harvey and F. D. Smith, (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. Exeter College. This return match was played at Oxford, on a fearfully slippery ground, on Saturday, November 11th. The Exeter team contained only one man who had played against us on our ground a few weeks ago. At the end of the first five minutes, Exeter were leading by 2 goals owing to our goal-keeper being asleep. At half-time the score was 5—0, and after that we got 3 goals through Mortleman, Harvey and Mr. Rudd. Exeter added one more goal, winning by 6 goals to 3.

School team:—P. J. Aldridge, (goal); G. B. Cooksey and E. F. Berry, (backs); M. G. Brinsmead, N. Duncan and G. F. Moore, (halves); R. R. Parker, W. A. Rudd, Esq., W. R. Mortleman, E. H. Harvey and F. D. Smith (forwards).

2nd. XI. MATCHES.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. Bloxham 2nd XI. This match was played on our ground on September 30th. We won easily by seven goals to none, Leach scoring 6 and G. C. Rice 1. School team:—(Goal), T. Johnston; (Backs), D. F. Mortleman, F. W. Holmden; (Halves), A. G. C. Rice, M. A. Butler, C. J. Butler; (Forwards), J. H. Bridgwater, P. E. Long, W. Leach, G. C. Rice, H. L. Neligan.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. Leighton Park School 2nd XI. Played at Leighton Park on October 14th. We again won by 8 goals to nil, Leach 4, Long 1, Bridgwater 1, G. C. Rice 1, Neligan 1. School team:—(Goal), T. Johnston; (Backs), D. M. Johnston, F. W. Holmden; (Halves), A. G. C. Rice, M. A. Butler, C. J. Butler; (Forwards), J. H. Bridg-

water, P. E. Long, W. Leach, G. C. Rice, H. L. Neligan.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. M.C.S.F.C. 2nd XI. This match was played at home on October 21st. We again came off winners scoring six goals to one, Leach 5, Rice 1. The score does not do justice to our opponents' play, but our defence was very sound, Holmden and Drewe doing good work at back. School team:—(Goal), F. R. Parker; (Backs), F. W. Holmden, L. G. Drewe; (Halves), G. H. G. Shepherd, M. A. Butler. C. J. Butler; (Forwards), J. H. Bridgwater, P. E. Long, W. Leach, G. C. Rice, H. L. Neligan.

The following matches are arranged for this season:—

DATE	OPPONENTS.	GROUND.
W Sep. 27	R. G. Rice's XI. ..	Home
S " 30	Bloxham School ..	Away
W Oct. 4	Dorchester College ..	Home
W " 11	Wallingford Town ..	Home
S " 14	Leighton Park School ..	Home
W " 18	Oxford High School ..	Home
S " 21	Magdalen College School ..	Away
W " 25	Exeter College (Oxford) ..	Home
S " 28	Oxford High School ..	Away
W Nov. 1	Mansfield College (Oxford) ..	Away
W " 8	Abingdon Town ..	Away
S " 11	Exeter College (Oxford) ..	Away
S " 18	Pembroke College (Oxford) ..	Home
W " 22	Jesus College (Oxford) ..	Away
S " 25	Bloxham School ..	Home
W " 29	Mansfield College (Oxford) ..	Home
S Dec. 2	Wallingford Town ..	Away
W " 6	Abingdon Town ..	Home
S " 9	Magdalen College School ..	Home
W " 13	Dorchester College ..	Away
S " 16	Leighton Park School ..	Away
W " 20	Old Abingdonians ..	Home

2nd XI.

S Sep. 30	Bloxham School 2nd XI. ..	Home
S Oct. 14	Leighton Park Sch. 2nd XI. ..	Away
S " 21	Magdalen Coll. Sch. 2nd XI. ..	Home
W Nov. 15	New College School ..	Away
S " 25	Bloxham School 2nd XI. ..	Away
S Dec. 2	Leighton Park Sch. 2nd XI. ..	Home
S " 9	Magdalen Coll. Sch. 2nd XI. ..	Away
S " 16	New College School ..	Home

An XI. under 14 years of age.

S Oct. 28	Christ Church School ..	Home
W Dec. 13	Christ Church School ..	Away

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

At a meeting held the 30th October, the following were re-elected:—

President:—The Headmaster.

Vice-President:—H. H. Gibson, Esq.

Honorary Treasurer:—N. Duncan.

D. M. Johnston was elected *Hon. Sec.*

The following new members were elected:—M. A. Butler, C. J. Butler (ex-officio), R. R. Parker, T. Johnston, M. G. Weaving, R. M. Cory, H. G. Louth F. W. Holmden.

Debates have been arranged for the following dates:—

NOVEMBER 2nd.

That in the opinion of this House modern dress is neither comfortable, healthy, nor picturesque.

Proposer: N. Duncan.

Seconder: H. L. Neligan.

Opposer:

E. F. Berry.

NOVEMBER 16th.

That in the opinion of this House modern leaders have ceased to lead.

Proposer: D. M. Johnston.

Seconder: H. L. Neligan.

Opposer:

R. J. Weaving

NOVEMBER 23rd.

That this House advocates the institution of Municipal Theatres.

Proposer: E. B. W. Chappelow.

Seconder: N. Duncan.

Opposer:

G. F. Moore.

NOVEMBER 30th.

That in the opinion of this House the recent re-arrangement of the Indian troops is impolitic.

Proposer: C. J. Butler.

Seconder: R. V. Weaving.

Opposer:

M. A. Butler.

DECEMBER 14th.

That in the opinion of this House, "A policeman's life is not a happy one."

The Speakers at this debate will be drawn.

Papers will be read by the following:—

NOVEMBER 9th.

C. J. Butler will read a paper on Napoleon I.

DECEMBER 7th.

W. H. Richardson, Esq. O.A., will read a paper on Heraldry, with particular reference to Abingdon School.

On Wednesday, the 1st of November, 1905, this Society met in the Wantage Room, with the Vice-President in the

chair. As a result of this meeting the following new members were elected.

M. A. Butler and C. J. Butler (ex officio), R. R. Parker, M. G. Weaving, T. Johnston, R. M. Cory, H. G. Louth, F. W. Holmden.

The Society met on Thursday, the 2nd November, with the Vice-President in the chair.

N. Duncan proposed the following motion:—

“That in the opinion of this house Modern Dress is neither comfortable, healthy nor picturesque.” The mover showed the uselessness of many articles of apparel which it is customary for men to wear, the expense they incur in getting them and the proportionately small good they derive from them. He also mentioned that ladies’ attire was very costly and, considering the fickleness of fashion, put their husbands to great expense in defraying its cost. He went on further to say that young officers, who ought to be thinking of the defence of their country, were stalking about in fine clothes with feminine vanity.

E. F. Berry opposed the motion. He said he could not see that any article of modern dress was useless, if it was not comfortable it added to one’s good looks, and that if a man could not keep up with the fashion he was not compelled to, that it was a matter left entirely in his own hands. Nothing could be more absurd than to see officers of the British Army dressed carelessly and without a proper uniform.

H. L. Neligan seconded the motion.

He said that modern feminine attire was more comfortable and picturesque than that of the opposite sex. He showed the absurdity of certain hats and the encumbrances due to the modern style of dress.

The following members also spoke:—

PRO. S. H. Baker, Esq., C. J. Butler.

CONTRA. P. N. Graham, H. H. Gibson, Esq., D. M. Johnston.

The motion was carried by 19 votes to 4.

The Society met on February 16th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

C. J. Butler read a paper on Napoleon.

The essayist began by denouncing those historians who have stigmatized Napoleon as a usurper. He maintained that the French people placed him on the throne of their own accord, and that he was always beloved by his subjects. He denied that Napoleon was—as he is often described—a blood-thirsty monster, who looked on his men merely as food for powder, and he affirmed that he used to weep over the carnage of the battle-field and tenderly press the hand of the dying. He was not a traitor to Italy; he never used his power for his own aggrandizement, nor were his wars provoked by his arrogance.

Before turning to Napoleon’s life the reader informed the House that he was his ardent admirer, and begged to be excused for any statement which might savour of prejudice; but that he firmly believed that all he had written was true. He then gave us a most interesting and instructing account of Napo-

leon's life. He made the most of Napoleon's good points, and suggested various excuses for his defects. He maintained that when Napoleon had practically conquered Europe, all the other powers found it necessary to prove that he was a tyrant, and by spreading false reports to turn the people against him. The essayist, after giving us a pathetic description of Napoleon's life in exile at St. Helena, closed his paper by stating that the liberties of Europe were *lost* at Waterloo.

After various questions had been asked and answered, N. Duncan proposed and D. M. Johnston seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the author of paper.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We record with much regret the death of the Venerable Archdeacon Austin, which took place at Ock House on Sunday afternoon October 1st. He was for several years a familiar figure at all School gatherings and his friendliness and interest in our doings will not soon be forgotten.

The Gymnasium has been equipped, and the 'Pit' is being furnished with lockers and will serve as a Dressing Room. The care of this new department is being undertaken by Mr. Wright.

O. J. Couldrey was placed in the 3rd class of Literæ Humaniores at Oxford.

We congratulate E. F. Clark on winning an open scholarship of £40 a year offered by the Drapers Company at London University for Science and

Mathematics. He stood second on the List.

The following awards have been made to School Scholarships.

Blacknall Scholar. G. H. G. Shepherd.
Senior Bennett Scholar.—W. Cullen.
Junior " " L. W. S. Booth.
Lady Wantage " W. S. Badcock.

We record our thanks to Mr. A. W. Morland, O.A., for a framed copy of an old print of Pembroke College which has been hung in the Pembroke Room : also to Captain Roger Miller, R.A., for an excellent photograph of the Past and Present Boatrace last term.

Mr. Wood is taking this term on Mondays his annual Dancing Classes. There is an unusually full attendance this year.

MARRIAGE. On August 29th, at Kidderminster Parish Church the Rev. G. E. Summers, B.A., son of the Rev. E. Summers, B.D., Vicar of Brading, to Dorothy Margaret, youngest daughter of the Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar of Kidderminster.

DEATH. On September 17th, at his country residence Beach Court, Deal, after a long illness, Frederick Percy Lysaght, O.A., Barrister-at-Law, aged 42.

A. F. Slatter and F. E. Parker have won First Class and T. Aldworth, W. Leach, H. M. Lewington and R. R. Parker Second Class Certificates in Freehand Drawing.

P. E. Andrews and A. F. Slatter have obtained Second Class Certificates in Model Drawing.

M. A. Butler, E. F. Berry, D. M. Johnston, G. F. Moore and R. V.

Weaving have been made School Prefects.

The following dates have been announced:—

Mid-term Exeat. Nov. 4th to Nov. 6th, Lecture by Mr. Stafford Webber. Nov. 10th, School Concert, (Provisional Date) Dec. 16th. Term ends Dec. 21st.

A Confirmation will be held on the last Sunday of term at 3 p.m., in St. Helen's Church.

The following boys have joined the School this term:—School House, T. Johnston, R. E. Greatbatch, J. E. E. Roylands-Chanter, L. W. Holland, H. T. Habgood, A. W. Collingbourne. Day Boys, E. V. Dyke, G. H. Short, F. W. Faulkner, H. R. Hobday, G. A. Willis, S. Leach, W. Enoch, C. C. Painter, L. A. Weaving.

The following have left:—H. W. Weaving, T. S. Wilding, W. O. Betts, A. A. Brown, A. S. B. Payne, R. Bayley, H. M. Lewington, A. G. Crook, R. Ballard, H. G. Habgood, R. F. Burge, R. F. Baker.

H. W. Weaving has gone to Pembroke College, T. S. Wilding to Lincoln College, and W. O. Betts to St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford. A. A. Brown has entered at Caius College, Cambridge and E. F. Clark has joined the London University.

School Officers:—Senior Prefect, N. Duncan. Captain of Football, N. Duncan. Secretary of Games' Fund, G. F. Moore. Treasurer of Games' Fund, A. G. C. Rice.

Editorial Committee of the Abingdonian. Chairman, Mr. Crawley. R.

J. Weaving has been elected Hon. Secretary; A. G. C. Rice and G. F. Moore have been elected members.

Literary, Scientific and Debating Society. President, The Head-Master. Vice-President, Mr. H. H. Gibson. Hon. Treas. N. Duncan. Hon. Sec. D. M. Johnston.

J. E. Montgomery, B.A., has been appointed to an Assistant-Mastership in Felsted School.

Alan M. Austin, R.N., is serving on H.M.S. Renown, which is taking the Prince and Princess of Wales to India.

Lieutenant R. A. Sparkes, 3rd Battalion, West Surrey Regiment, was third in the list of those awarded Commissions in the Army.

On Tuesday, the 7th November, we took advantage of Clark's half-holiday to see the New Zealanders play Oxford.

We record our best thanks to B. Challenor, Esq. O.A., for his gift to the School of an interesting collection of shells and other curios which he has brought home from South Africa. He hopes that his gift may serve as a nucleus for a School Museum.

We are glad to report that the School is now recognised and approved by the Army Council. The fact guarantees that we are fully equipped and efficient for the preparation of candidates for Woolwich and Sandhurst, both in the ordinary curriculum and especially in the laboratory accommodation and apparatus required for the practical teaching of Science.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of:—Aldenhamian, Laxtonian (Oundle School Chronicle), Chigwellian (2), Bloxhamist (2), Leightonian, Townsville School Magazine.