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## EDITORIAL.

THIS number, it will be observed, is the first of a new volume. The next number will be the second. The term has been a useful one, uneventful, though "School Notes" form a large item in this issue. The weather of the term has been remarkable for alternations of spells cold and spells warm. Most of the training for the Sports was assisted by dry tracks and bracing breezes, as were the Sports themselves. This was an interesting meeting,

resulting in some very creditable performances and one that may be termed epoch-making. Duncan's hundred, identical in his heat and in the final, would, perhaps, making the necessary allowances, have been 10 3-5ths seconds. He is a sprinter of a high order, and might well hope to be best in a good year at the 'Varsity. We wish him all success in the "Public Schools" Hundred, for which he is entering. Graham, who won the Challenge Cup, should soon be a distinctly good man in the High Jump and long distance events. He was evidently out of condition on the Sports day. The Past v Present Sports of April 7th, were the best meeting hitherto held, both in weather, attendance and athletic performance. The Past won by 6 to 3, but the competition was closer than this suggests, and four records were broken.

## FOOTBALL.

A.S.F.C. v. Old Abingdonians.—This annual match was played on the School ground on Dec. 20th. The Old Boys had a strong team out, and the School was fully represented. We won the toss and played into the Park goal. The Old Boys scored immediately after the start through Payne, and a few minutes later A. W. Miller got another goal. Then the School got one from a shot by Parker, after Smith had sent in a good shot which hit the posts and rebounded into play. This was all the scoring up till half-time. A few minutes after the re-start the Old Boys scored through A. W. Miller. Play continued to be fast, and Smith got a good goal for the School from a difficult angle. Aldridge should easily have saved the next two goals got by the Old Boys, one of them rolling slowly between his legs. A. W. Miller was responsible for these two goals. About 10 minutes from the end, R. V. Weaving collided violently with somebody and had to leave the field. The School played up well and got three goals through Harvey and Leach, while the Old Boys added the odd goal through Payne.

The game was very enjoyable and the School deserved to win, indeed, we would have won had not our goal-keeper let us down.

Present: (Goal) P. J. Aldridge; (backs) G. B. Cooksey and E. F. Berry; (halves) M. G. Brinsmead, N. Duncan (capt.) and G. F. Moore; (forwards) R. R. Parker, R. V. Weaving, W. Leach, E. H. Harvey and F. D. Smith.

Past: (Goal) A. A. Brown (capt.); (backs) R. F. Baker and H. E. Mallam; (halves) T. F. Bowman, N. B. Challenor and M. Caudwell; (forwards) H. G. Habgood, H. J. A. Payne, G. S. Deacon, A. W. Miller and P. C. Miller.

Referee: H. H. Gibson, Esq.

## FOOTBALL SIXES.

The Sixes were drawn during the first week of February, and were as follows:

## SENIORS.

N. Duncan (capt.), E. H. Harvey, L. W. Holland, W. Cullen, J. C. Enoch and G. H. G. Shepherd.

F. D. Smith (capt.), H. L. Neligan, C. J. Butler, T. Aldworth, C. Edgington, G. C. Rice.

M. G. Brinsmead (capt.), W. Leach, P. E. Long, R. M. Cory, D. F. Mortleman, T. Johnston.

E. F. Berry (capt.), W. R. Mortleman, F. W. Holmden, D. M. Johnston, E. B. W. Chappelow, C. C. Painter.

G. B. Cooksey (capt.), R. R. Parker, F. E. Parker, M. A. Butler, L. G. Drewe, B. M. Challenor.

R. V. Weaving (capt.), G. F. Moore, J. H. Bridgewater, G. H. Willis, H. G. Louth, J. H. Habgood.

The Sixes were played in League fashion counting 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw, and resulted as follows:

|                 |   |        |
|-----------------|---|--------|
| M. G. Brinsmead | - | 8 pts. |
| G. B. Cooksey   | - | 7 „    |
| F. D. Smith     | - | 6 „    |
| N. Duncan       | - | 5 „    |
| { R. V. Weaving | - | 2 „    |
| { E. F. Berry   | - | 2 „    |

Berry and Weaving played again for bottom place, and after extra time had been played, Weaving eventually won by 2 goals to 0.

#### JUNIORS.

The Junior Sixes were rather easily won by R. B. Leach.

R. B. Leach (capt.), E. V. Dyke, H. T. Habgood, J. G. Shepherd, A. N. Perrin, P. E. Andrews.

K. G. Stevens (capt.), H. M. Taylor, H. R. Hobday, H. A. Leonard, H. W. B. Burkett, W. N. Hooke.

L. W. Kaye (capt.), B. L. Kaye, G. F. S. Mann, H. L. Donkin, S. Leach, A. G. Shepherd.

R. B. Leach (iii), (capt.), H. G. Aldworth, E. F. King, P. C. Ackling, A. Fawdry, J. E. E. Royland, S. Chanter.

R. J. Goodman (capt.), J. G. B. Fuller, R. E. Greatbatch, L. O. Burge, A. L. Edwards, L. W. S. Booth.

T. M. Layng (capt.), F. C. Woodward, E. F. Harvey, O. E. Cullen, E. C. Dickenson, W. H. Enoch (ii).

J. A. Cobb (capt.), A. W. Collingbourne, H. Mills, J. H. G. Mitchell, F. W. Faulkner, G. H. Short.

The result was as follows :

|                   |   |         |
|-------------------|---|---------|
| R. B. Leach       | - | 12 pts. |
| K. G. Stevens     | - | 9 "     |
| J. A. Cobb        | - | 8 "     |
| R. B. Leach (iii) | - | 5 "     |
| R. J. Goodman     | - | 3 "     |
| T. M. Layng       | - | 3 "     |
| L. W. Kaye        | - | 2 "     |

#### CONCERT.

The School Concert was held in the Gymnasium on December 16th, and was a great success. It is again our privilege to express our gratitude to Miss Hughes, who was invaluable at the Piano, and to our kind friends from the town, who assisted in the orchestra. The skill and verve with which they played were much appreciated by the large audience assembled. Perhaps their most successful effort was the well-known fantasia from *Cavalleria Rusticana*, in which not only an intimate acquaintance with the music, but also a very distinct grasp of dramatic effect was conspicuous. N. Duncan and P. E. Andrews provided Piano Solos that were much above the average, the former's rendering of Mendelssohn's *Liebeslied* being noticeable for sympathy of touch, and Andrews' performance of Chopin's *Nocturne* showing very marked powers of execution. In Dickenson we seem to have discovered a Soprano of great ability. His fullness of tone, clearness of enunciation and power of expression are really remarkable in a boy of his age. He sang German's "Who'll buy my Lavender" in the first part and Handel's "Where e'er you walk" in the second. As an encore he gave us "I'll sing thee songs of Araby," a daring but thoroughly justified choice.

Mr. Martell much delighted his audience with Elgar's "The Pipes of Pan," a song that gave full scope to his large compass. In the second part he gave a sympathetic rendering of Harraden's "Ships that pass in the

night." As encores we had "Three for Jack," "The Little Irish Girl."

The Choir received well deserved applause in a couple of part songs, and there was a good rendering of Schubert's "To Sylvia" by the School Quartette. The hand of time unfortunately necessitated the deletion of their second item, and also brings this account to a close.

The full programme is appended :—

#### PROGRAMME.

##### PART I.

1. Valse "Les Patineurs" *Waldteufel.*  
The Orchestra.
2. Part Song "Night sinks on the Wave" *Smart.*  
The Choir.
3. Pianoforte Solo { "Nocturne" *Chopin.*  
"Spinnerlied" *Mendelssohn.*  
P. E. Andrews.
4. Song "Who'll buy my Lavender" *German.*  
E. C. Dickenson.
5. Quartette "To Sylvia" *Schubert.*  
E. C. Dickenson, J. H. Habgood, E. A. Martell,  
P. J. Aldridge.
6. Song "The Pipes of Pan" *Elgar.*  
E. A. Martell.
7. Three Dances "Nell Gwyn" *German.*  
(1.) Country Dance  
(2.) Pastoral Dance  
(3.) Merry-makers' Dance  
The Orchestra.

##### PART II.

1. Part Song "Fly, singing Bird" *Elgar.*  
The Choir.
2. Pianoforte Solo { (a) "Liebeslied" *Mendelssohn.*  
(b) "Prelude" *Rachmaninoff.*  
N. Duncan.
3. Song "Where e'er you walk" *Handel.*  
E. C. Dickenson.
4. Violin Solo "Meditation" *Bach, Gounod.*  
(with Orchestra).  
E. A. Martell.
5. Part Song "Flow down, cold Rivulet" *Selby.*  
The Choir.
6. Song "Ships that pass in the night" *Harraden.*  
E. A. Martell.
7. Quartette "O hush thee, my babe" *Sullivan.*  
E. C. Dickenson, J. H. Habgood, E. A. Martell,  
P. J. Aldridge.
8. Fantasia "Cavalleria Rusticana" *Mascagni.*  
The Orchestra.

#### THE LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Thursday, Jan. 25th, saw the Society meet for the first time this session in the Pembroke Room, with the Vice-President in the chair.

H. L. Neligan proposed that in the opinion of this house "Members of Parliament should be paid by the state." He argued that England is the only country where Members of Parliament are not paid, and as all other nations think it right to pay their politicians it is very improbable that England should be right. He went on to say, that as it now is, Parliament may be likened to a club which a rich man may strive to enter, not from political motives, but "for the fun of the thing," as the slang phrase expresses it. Another point brought forward by Neligan was that Parliament is only open to the rich, and therefore is not a true representation of the nation, whereas if the sum of £500 were to be given to each member, it would put aside this difficulty, and only increase the income tax by about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a penny.

D. M. Johnston in opposing the motion declared that members were repaid in other ways for the services they rendered to the state, by an increased number of briefs if at the bar, by an increase in commercial value as directors of companies, or by the improvement of their social position, that it has often been proved that one nation may with advantage stand alone in a certain policy. Labour has been represented by labour,

as the late election has shown. It would be a pity to see the dignity of the "Mother of Parliaments" lowered by its members having to receive a paltry annual stipend. Johnston concluded by saying that if every such matter was to be accomplished by public money, the taxes would rise to 20 shillings in the £.

Chappelow seconded the motion. He maintained that Members of Parliament would do their work more thoroughly if they were conscious that their labours were paid for. Socialism was making rapid strides, and why not in England? It would raise the working man to a better sense of his part in the government of the nation.

The following members also spoke:—*Con.*: H. H. Gibson, Esq., R. J. Weaving, B. M. Challenor. *Pro.*: R. V. Weaving. The motion was lost by 4 votes to 13.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room, on Thursday, Feb. 1st., with the Vice-President in the chair.

In the absence of M. A. Butler, D. M. Johnston was called upon to propose that in the opinion of this house "the loss of British supremacy in sport is of very serious importance." His argument ran on the lines that England owed her empire to her Navy, which did not lie in the ships themselves, but in the physique and training of her sailors. He said that this physique was due largely to the sports, which form, to a great extent, a part of every Briton's life.

N. Duncan, in opposing the motion, pointed out that the sons of England

did not look for support in their fights on sea and land, so much to the rowing and football they had engaged in, as to the stern discipline and military training to which they had been accustomed.

T. Johnston, in seconding the motion, said that the loss of supremacy in sport was indeed serious, for unless men engaged in sport, they would soon lose that robust health which had been Britain's boast for so many years. He complained that dwellers in the East End of London had no possible chance of building up their strength.

R. J. Weaving, seconded by H. L. Neligan, proposed as an amendment to the motion that "in the opinion of this house Britain has not lost her supremacy in sport." E. F. Berry spoke against the amendment. The following members also spoke, Rev. T. Layng and Mr. H. Gibson. The amendment was carried by 14 votes to 1.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room, on Thursday, Feb. 8th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

R. V. Weaving, in proposing the motion, that "In the opinion of this house every male adult should be entitled to one and only one vote," said that since there was so much education and higher education among all and even the labouring classes, men who were not rich were quite as competent to have two or more votes, as those who possessed this privilege simply because they owned land in different districts. He went on to say that he did not see why a man should have more votes, because he had more money; and he should like to see

everyone, excepting of course criminals and lunatics, with equal rights.

R. J. Weaving opposed the motion, he said that the proposer's "Higher Education" was an entire misnomer, that the education given to the poor was far from being very good and that what they did receive, by no means in itself made a man competent to deal with problems tasking the intellectual powers of the most learned men.

M. G. Brinsmead in seconding the motion, argued that the voting register would be far less complicated than under the present conditions and would save both time and money if we simplified our system. He also showed that if we were to judge a man's capacity for voting by his property we need not necessarily look to people who owned two houses in different constituencies.

The President proposed as an amendment "That this House would welcome a simple and well-considered system of manhood suffrage, but refuses its assent to the principle of one man vote," this was seconded by R. J. Weaving.

Mr. H. H. Gibson spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was carried by twelve votes to one.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room, on Thursday, Feb. 15th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The motion before the house was that "in the opinion of this house the training of the British Officer is the best in Europe."

G. F. Moore was called upon to propose the motion. He gave with full

details the army training of most of the first class powers on the continent and especially that of Germany. He gave their studies before, during, and after their time at the military colleges; the time devoted to theoretical and practical work, in fact the whole curriculum, and closed by making a comparison with England, favourable to this country.

C. J. Butler opposed the motion; he maintained that England was not training her soldiers well, and as a proof of this statement referred to the late Boer War. In this war, he said that the English officers had by no means shown that efficient training which the proposer had described; they had lacked that staying power so necessary in battle and had no idea of good military management. He went on to say that it was no uncommon sight to see the effeminate young officers dressed in the height of fashion attending balls and operas to the detriment of more warlike exercises.

E. F. Berry in seconding the motion, argued that the British officers had done splendid service in the Boer War. As an extenuation for their accidents, he showed how the Boers had been preparing years before for the war, and that the English were unacquainted with the ground they fought on.

A feature of this debate was a hot controversy between the opposer and seconder, in which each rose to speak several times.

The following also spoke:—*Pro.*: R. A. R. Townsend, E. B. W. Chappelow and D. M. Johnston. *Con.*: Mr. H. H.

Gibson and R. J. Weaving.

The motion was lost by 5 votes to 9.

The Society met on Feb. 22nd, with the Vice-President in the chair.

E. B. W. Chappelow read a paper on the supremacy of Nineveh.

The essayist began his paper with a short sketch of the mythology, government and customs of ancient Assyria. He then gave an account of the rise of Assyria after the breaking up of the Egyptian empire in Syria. He then dealt with the early history of Assyria until the accession of Sargon, B.C. 722, treating at some length of the wars of Tiglath Pileser I., B.C. 1120 and Assur-nazir-pal, B.C. 870. The real subject of the paper was then entered upon. Sargon began a new dynasty. The reader pointed out that this was the most prosperous period of Assyrian history, whose glory reached its culminating point in the reign of Asshur-bani-pal. Some account was given of the captivity of the Israelites by Sargon, of the wars with Merodach-Baladin, king of Babylon, but a much longer account was given of the conquest of Egypt by Sennacherib, 674 B.C., his wars with Tirhakah and the final destruction of the Assyrian power in Egypt by Psamtek, King of Memphis and Sais. Asshur-bani-pal died in the year 626 B.C. The Assyrian empire soon declined and Nineveh fell in the year 605 B.C.

After several questions had been asked and answered, N. Duncan proposed a hearty vote of thanks, which was seconded by D. M. Johnston, and carried unanimously.

## THE SPORTS.

The School Sports were held this year on Saturday, March 31st, and the day though not very warm was sufficiently so to content us after the bitterly cold weather we had experienced during training. The attendance too seemed to us quite up to that of last year, whilst the times and distances in most instances compared very favourably with those of previous years. Duncan's "hundred" was a truly magnificent performance, even allowing for the downward gradient of the track; his heat in the Hurdles quite good and his long jump better than last year's result. Butler did a fine "put" in the weight and should do even better. Smith won the Quarter from the 8 yards mark in really excellent time, for it is no easy matter to run through a field of 40, and Berry finished strongly in the Half-mile. The Old Boys' race produced a tight finish, R. G. Rice just winning.

Mortleman iii won three firsts in the Junior events and was also second in the Weight. Rice iii did well to win the Choir race from scratch, though the time was not so good as last year.

Among the younger boys Napper shews great promise and Kaye ii. and Collingbourne also did well.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Estridge. After this three cheers were given for Mrs. Estridge, for the Ladies of Abingdon, for the Prize Donors and for the Head Master.

The School Mile was run on Monday, April 2nd. There was a large field and most of the starters finished. The

runners kept well together for the first four laps, but on entering the final round Graham and Smith raced away, the former finishing strongly and winning by fifteen yards. Neligan was a good third.

The winner of the Challenge Cup will be decided after the School Steeplechase which is run on Wednesday, April 4th. At present Duncan has 38 points and Graham IV. 30.

The following is the list of events :—

#### LONG JUMP (Open).

(Prizes presented by G. W. Shepherd, Esq., O.A., and J. T. Harris Esq., O.A.) N. Duncan, 1; G. H. G. Shepherd, 2. Distance 19 ft. 3½ ins. Both Duncan and Shepherd jumped exceedingly well, Duncan winning by 3½ in.

#### LONG JUMP (under 15).

(Prizes presented by S. H. Baker, Esq., and J. N. Paul, Esq.) W. R. Mortleman, 1; G. C. Rice, 2. Distance 15 ft. 8½ ins.

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

(Prizes presented by J. T. Morland, Esq., and Player Isaac, Esq.) M. A. Butler, 1; W. R. Mortleman, 2. Distance 30 ft. 9 in. Considering that Mortleman is still under 15, his performance (27 ft. 7½ in.) was decidedly creditable.

#### HIGH JUMP (under 12).

(Prizes presented by M. T. Tatham, Esq., and G. Saxby, Esq.) This event resulted in a tie between B. L. Kaye and A. W. Collingbourne who jumped 3 ft. 7 in.

#### HIGH JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by Rev. A. E. Crawley, and C. A. Pryce, Esq.) R. V. Weaving, 1; P. N. Graham, 2. Height 4 ft. 8½ ins. Graham did not come up to expectations.

#### HIGH JUMP (under 14).

(Prizes presented by The Right Rev. the Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, and H. W. Weaving, Esq. D. Napper, 1; C. C. Painter, 2. Height 4 ft. 2½ ins.

#### HURDLE RACE (under 15).

(Prizes presented by E. M. Challenor, Esq., O.A. and A. K. Loyd, Esq., K.C.) W. R. Mortleman, 1; G. C. Rice, 2. Time 21 secs.

#### HURDLE RACE (open).

(Prizes presented by W. A. Rudd, Esq., and A. K. Loyd, Esq., K.C.) N. Duncan, 1; R. R. Parker, 2. Time 17 3-5 secs.

#### 100 YARDS (under 12).

(Prizes presented by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A.) B. L. Kaye, 1; A. W. Collingbourne, 2. Time 13 secs.

#### 100 YARDS (under 14).

(Prizes presented by E. A. Strauss, Esq., M.P.) D. Napper, 1; E. C. Dickenson, 2. Time 12 2-5 secs.

#### 100 YARDS (under 16).

(Prizes presented by the Mayor and E. L. Shepherd, Esq.) W. R. Mortleman, 1; E. H. Harvey, 2. Time 12 secs.

#### 100 YARDS (open).

(Prizes presented by Mrs. Layng and J. T. Harris, Esq., O.A.) N. Duncan, 1; C. J. Butler, 2. Time 10 1-5 secs. Duncan performed wonderfully well and was a very easy first, although Butler also ran very well.

**QUARTER MILE HANDICAP (open).**

(Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon.) F. D. Smith, 1; E. C. Dickenson, 2; G. B. Cooksey, 3. Smith, who had 8 yards start, soon got away, while Dickenson who had 65 yards start, was hard pressed by Cooksey (20 yards start).

**220 YARDS HANDICAP.**

(Prizes presented by J. F. Downing, Esq., and W. Pierpoint, Esq.) R. B. Leach, 1; H. W. B. Burkett, 2; Time 29 4-5 seconds.

**CHOIR RACE (300 yards handicap).**

(Prizes presented by E. A. Martell, Esq., and Remove Form). G. C. Rice, 1; R. B. Leach, 2. Time 42 secs.

**THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.**

(Prizes presented by Rev. T. Layng and B. Challenor, Esq. O.A.) M. A. Butler, 1; N. Duncan, 2. Distance 77 yds. 4½ ins.

**HALF MILE HANDICAP.**

(Prizes presented by J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A., T. E. Graham, Esq. O.A., and P. Martin, Esq.) E. F. Berry, 1; H. A. Leonard, 2; R. A. R. Townsend, 3. Time 2 mins. 20 4-5 secs. Berry had 15 yards start, Leonard 100 and Townsend 70.

**OLD ABINGDONIANS' RACE.**

(Prize presented by Dr. W. E. Robinson, O.A.) R. G. Rice. Time 11 2-5 secs.

**CONSOLATION EGG & SPOON RACE.**

(Prize presented by Shell & iii & ii forms.) F. W. Holmden.

A list of Officers and of the Committee is appended:—

*President*: The Rev. The Head Master.

*Starter*: E. A. Martell, Esq.

*Judges*: S. H. Baker, Esq., and H. H. Gibson, Esq.

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

*Time Keepers*: The Rev. A. E. Crawley and C. O. Wright, Esq.

*Committee*: (Chairman) W. A. Rudd, Esq.; (Ex-officio) G. F. Moore, N. Duncan, H. G. Louth, P. N. Graham, E. F. Berry.

(Elected) C. J. Butler, T. Aldworth, M. G. Brinsmead, F. W. Holmden, F. D. Smith, L. O. Burge, and A. W. Collingbourne.

**THE MILE.**

(Prizes presented by A. E. Preston, Esq., O.A.) The mile was run on the School Grounds on Monday, April 2nd, at 4.30 p.m. for the "Burkett" Challenge Cup. The weather, as on the Sports' day, was everything that could be desired and some very good running ensued. P. N. Graham, with a splendid sprint for the last lap, came in easily first; F. D. Smith, second, and H. L. Neligan, third. Time 5 mins. 17 secs.

The Athletic Committee have passed the following changes this term, with regard to the sports:—

(i.) In future the School Mile and School Steeplechase are to be included among the open events that count towards the "Heber Clarke" Challenge Cup.

(ii.) Firsts are to count 10 pts. and seconds 5 pts. in all open events, when run from scratch; except in throwing the Cricket Ball the points for which are 6 for the first and 3 for the second.

(iii). The first two scratch men to finish in the Handicap Quarter and Half Mile, count the points for these races.

#### THE STEEPLECHASES.

As usual, Abingdon Common was the scene of the School Steeplechase, which were run on Wednesday, April 4th. The weather was again most favourable.

In the OPEN COMPETITION. (Prizes presented by H. H. Gibson, Esq., VI. and V. forms, and J. G. T. West, Esq., O.A.), P. N. Graham took the lead at the second hurdle and gradually increased it so that he finally won by about eighty yards. F. D. Smith was second, T. Aldworth, third, and H. L. Neligan, fourth. Time 7 mins. 40 secs.

In the JUNIOR RACE (Prizes presented by E. J. Harris, Esq., T. Townsend, Esq., and H. P. Simpson, Esq.,) D. Napper came in first, E. H. King, second, H. M. Taylor, third, R. B. Leach, fourth. Time 5 mins. 40 secs.

#### THE "HEBER CLARKE" CHALLENGE CUP.

The Open Steeplechase decided the keen competition for the Challenge Cup, P. N. Graham winning it with forty points against N. Duncan's thirty eight.

#### SCHOOL NOTES.

The Rev. A. E. Crawley, M.A., has decided to go into residence at Cambridge next term, to undertake some research work and to devote himself more exclusively to writing. He will be succeeded as Sixth Form Master and in the charge of Tesdale House by the

Rev. R. F. Ashwin, M.A., late Scholar of Pembroke College, Cambridge, and Senior Classical Master at Grantham School.

The lecture (Feb 17th) on his tour in Africa, by Mr. Bromley Challenor, O.A., was of remarkable interest, and it is impossible to do justice to it in a note. The salient features of the Country, especially the South, were described by Mr. Challenor in a most interesting discourse. The views exhibited were numerous and excellent. We are glad to record our grateful thanks.

On Thursday, February 22nd, playgoers had an opportunity of attending a theatrical performance in the Corn Exchange. Special interest was taken in it since certain members of the Common Room were taking part. The first piece entitled "Judged by Appearance" was well acted by Mrs. Mather and Mr. Martell. The tableaux which followed, were, however, less successful, many inanimate persons moving and laughing before the curtain fell. "The Shades of Night," a short farce, which concluded the entertainment, appealed more to the audience than the first, Miss Westcombe and Mr. Martell were especially to the fore, while Mr. Baker, in his bright uniform, was a great attraction. All who went enjoyed the evening thoroughly. Thanks to the kindness of the Committee we had excellent seats.

On Wednesday, February 14th, the boarders and a few of the day boys, went to the Abingdon Musical Union's Concert. The Cantatas done were

Rossini's "Stabat Mater" and Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise." Both were excellently rendered by the Orchestra and Chorus. The latter Cantata was appreciated more than the former, the long Symphony being especially very fine.

H. F. Shepherd played Hockey for Oxfordshire in their matches against Berkshire and Middlesex.

The Earl of Dartmouth has appointed the Rev. W. Perowne Holmes, O.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Leicester, to the living of St. Bartholomew's, Sydenham, in succession to the late Canon W. Allan Moberly.

Our best thanks are due to the Master and Governors of Christ's Hospital for the gift of four silver badges which were formerly worn by the Bennett Scholars attending the School.

We have also to thank Mr. W. H. Richardson for a framed mezzotint portrait of James Dawkins, O.A. From Mr. Richardson's "List of Distinguished Abingdonians," we learn that Mr. Dawkins was Hon. D.C.L. of St. John's College, Oxford, and M.P. for Hinton, Wilts, 1754-7. He was a distinguished Oriental traveller and the discoverer with Robert Wood of the ruins of Baalbec and Palmyra—and well known for his Jacobite tendencies. He was born 1723 and died in Dec. 1757.

**MARRIAGE.**—Nicholl—Heberden. On Tuesday, Jan. 10th, at St. Ambrose's Church, Westbourne, Bournemouth, by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, uncle of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. J. I. Patterson and the Rev.

H. Nicholl, Archibald M.C. Nicholl, B.A., of the Royal Naval College, Osborne, youngest son of the Rev. S. H. F. Nicholl, of Lanelay, Alumhurst Road, Bournemouth, to Ethel Beatrice, youngest daughter of the late Rev. J. and Mrs. Heberden, of Orotava, Grosvenor Road, Bournemouth.

**DEATH.**—On March 26th, at Swindon, Percy Cullen, O.A., aged 22.

**BOYS LEFT.**—A. G. C. Rice, P. J. Aldridge, R. C. Gillingham, S. C. Adams, W. S. Badcock.

**NEW BOYS.** (School House) F. C. Woodward. (Day Boys) O. E. Cullen, H. V. Campbell, D. Napper, K. V. King, H. H. Goodyear.

Mrs. Burkett has presented the School with a handsome silver Challenge Cup, which has been assigned by the Games Committee to the Mile Race at the Sports. We wish to record our gratitude for her generous gift.

The following boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford, at St. Helen's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 17th.—M. G. Brinsmead, F. D. Smith, L. W. Winter, H. G. Louth, R. J. Goodman, J. C. Enoch, T. Aldworth, W. Leach, A. N. Perrin, R. A. Barnard, H. Mills, A. L. Edwards.

P. H. Morland and C. T. Graham have gone to Canada.

H. Hughes stroked, and H. W. Weaving coxed, the winning boat in the scratch fours at Pembroke College.

L. S. Mathias played inside right in the Soccer trial match at Durham, and has also been playing regularly in the 'Varsity Hockey eleven.

T. S. Wilding has been playing outside left for Lincoln College.

C. P. B. Montgomery has again been rowing in his togger.

R. G. Rice has again been playing Soccer for the London Hospital.

L. A. Cazelet has passed the Entrance Examination to the Royal Naval College, Osborne.

There are four squads receiving instruction in Fire Drill this year, and Mr. Hellyer reports that their progress is favourable.

H. S. Mathias has passed "Divers," and T. S. Wilding "Mods."

We have been enjoying a course of Lectures this term, given by R. W. Jeffrey, Esq., M.A., of Brasenose Coll., Oxford. The course consists of six

lectures on Representative Characters of the Tudor Period.

In the first lecture Mr. Jeffrey sketched the character and policy of Henry VII. The second lecture described the life and policy of Wolsey. The third dealt with Erasmus and the Oxford Reformers. The fourth described the ministry of Thomas Cromwell. In the fifth lecture which was given under the heading of William Cecil, Lord Burghley, Mr. Jeffrey reviewed the reigns of Mary and Elizabeth. The sixth and last is yet to come, the subject being Sir Francis Drake.

We acknowledge with thanks the—Aldenhamian, Chigwellian (2), Bloxhamian (2), Leightonian, Wyggestonian, Maidenhead Modern School Magazine.

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