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EDITORIAL.

WHO reads Editorials? We confess that we ourselves never did, till we were installed in the Editorial throne. We suppose it must be that amiable person the 'Gentle Reader.' Therefore, for his sake, though we could not think for one moment of being so boldly original as really to have anything to say, yet we continue to write them.

Besides, the singular fact that we are for the time being plural (in this and in all other numbers of the 'Abingdonian') is quite flattering to our prides and fills us with deep senses of our own importances.

Custom, if we read aight, lays down the inexorable law that we should in this column first make mention of the Weather: then speak right winged words about Football: in the third place make a pun about the L.S. & D. Society: fourthly, cast a cursory eye over the remaining articles of this number: and lastly make the startling announcement (which all are awaiting with breathless expectancy) that we wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

The extraordinary mildness of the weather has had at least one quite interesting result. It has evidently been mistaken by a large number of our contributors for Spring. Spring, we know, is the season for flowers, song-

birds, lovers, poets and all such fowl; and we have had quite an unusual amount of poetry sent to us for this number in proportion to the more solid and wintry prose contributions. We are very grateful to our contributors; and if any one of our readers grumbles that the fare is not sufficiently filling at the price, we can only advise him on future occasions to help to remedy matters by himself sending us an article to publish.

As to football; we can heartily congratulate the energetic captain of our first XI. and the whole team on a quite satisfactory record. The departure of seven of our last year's team left serious gaps to fill in the left wing and in nearly the whole of the defence. After trying several changes we seem to have found a good goal-keeper in F. E. Parker, and reliable backs in H. L. Neligan, who has come on rapidly, and C. J. Butler, who has of late been justifying the high hopes entertained of him last year. For the two vacancies among the 'halves' there has been considerable competition; and we leave comment thereon to our Football column. W. R. Mortleman and L. W. Holland have formed our new left wing and played with credit. Speaking generally, the forward division has been very good. Nothing, for instance, could have been better than their play in the match on our ground against Mansfield College. The defence, on the other hand, was rather weak at the beginning of the term, but has greatly improved. The 2nd XI. have done excellently: better than any previous 2nd XI. for many years at any rate. They have not lost

a single match, and have won all played on their own ground. We heartily congratulate them, and we hope great things of them when they in due turn take their places in the first team. Nor must we withhold the tribute of praise well earned by the spirited play of our 'XI. under 14 years' in their match against Christ Church Choir School, on November 24th.

The L. S. & D. Society (we cannot think of the correct joke) have determined not to mix education (preferring, we gather, to mix the Christmas pudding): and not to give any Christmas tips. They desire moreover to send the Government out in their own rotten navy, and are very learned about India.

We really feel that we must take our stand with those who would discourage the teaching of the use of the rifle at schools. The latest report is that eight boys are to shoot eight masters. It seems very drastic; and should it really be done we should not be surprised if the authorities—such as were left—should prohibit the use of anything more deadly than a pop-gun for the future.

By the time this number is in the hands of our readers, the Index for Vol. III. of the 'Abingdonian' will be printed, and on sale for 6d. a copy. We once more offer our heartiest thanks to that tower of strength among the O.A's. Mr. W. H. Richardson for the infinite trouble he has taken in preparing it. None except those who have had some practical insight into the matter know how much skill is required in such work and how much trouble it gives.

Old numbers of the 'Abingdonian' may be bought for half the published price: and Vol. III., bound complete, will be supplied for the reduced price of 12/6.

We apologise to our readers for having no picture to offer with this number. The Abingdonian Committee was too modest to be photographed: and the Day Boy who spends *all* his pocket money on 'grub' and does not take in his School Magazine was not considered handsome enough.

CONFIRMATION.

Friday, Dec. 7th, was a great day in the annals of our School, a day that will live long in the memories of all of us, and which will always be one of the most treasured memories of life to some. For it is the first occasion on which a confirmation has been held in our School Chapel, which, as our readers will remember, was only opened at a comparatively recent date; and the eight candidates from our number who were privileged then to be confirmed will ever, we are sure, be grateful for the opportunity granted them. At the beginning of the service we sang the beautiful hymn by the Rev. J. H. Skrine, of Glenalmond, 'Lord of the brave, Who call'st Thine own In love's fair name to fearless war': and then, after the introductory address had been read by his Chaplain, the Lord Bishop of Oxford spoke a few inspiring words to the

candidates. He dwelt upon the eternal struggle that from one's earliest years one feels is being waged between right and wrong. He told us that by the answer 'I do' in the confirmation service the candidates pledged themselves to take their stand on the side of God and of righteousness. He urged the necessity of steadfastness in keeping such promise. The service then proceeded according to the set form. The eight candidates from the School were first presented: then the candidates from Tubney and from Sunningwell who had availed themselves of the opportunity of this confirmation. After the Bishop had laid his hands upon each of the candidates, we sang the well-known hymn of C. Wesley, so appropriate to the occasion, 'Love divine all loves excelling,' and proceeded with the service to the end of the last collect before the Blessing.

We then rose from our knees, and after singing T. Mackellar's hymn 'All unseen the Master walketh by the toiling servant's side,' we listened to a second short address from the Bishop. First speaking to the newly-confirmed, he urged them to be consistent in their use of the means of grace if they would live up to the promise of that day; and then turning to their friends who were present, he pleaded with them to do all that in their power lay to help those who had just promised so solemnly to stand on the side of God and of the right. The Bishop then pronounced the Blessing and thus brought the impressive service to its close.

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

A.S.F.C. v. EXETER COLLEGE. For this match, played on our ground on Wednesday, October 24th, our opponents brought over a weak team and were completely out-played by our eleven, which was greatly assisted by Mr. Gibson and Mr. Rudd. The School kicked off towards the Park goal and immediately began to press and were able to put in three goals to our opponents' nil before half-time. After the interval the School were continually round the opposite goal, but chiefly through some excellent work by the Exeter goal-keeper they were prevented from adding more than two points; and as Exeter scored one goal shortly before time the School won by 5 goals to 1. Team:—D. M. Johnston (goal); H. H. Gibson, Esq. and H. L. Neligan (backs); W. J. Read, N. Duncan and L. G. Drewe (halves); W. R. Mortleman, W. A. Rudd, Esq., W. Leach, G. C. Rice and F. D. Smith (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL. This match was played at Oxford, on Saturday, October 27th. The School began with the sun and wind against them. The High School quickly began to press, and were not long in scoring by a shot which completely beat Parker. We then pressed for some time, but were unable to penetrate. Our opponents again got possession of the ball and after a smart run obtained another goal. This was soon followed by a third, and this proved to be the extent of their scoring. Half-time was called

with the School still three goals to the bad. However after the resumption the High School seemed to fail, and as we had improved we had most of the game. Duncan opened our score with a grand shot which the goal-keeper, who played excellently throughout, had no chance of saving. Soon afterwards Leach got possession and, beating the opposing half and back, scored a fine goal. Shortly afterwards Leach put the ball in again as the result of a scrimmage round goal. We made vigorous attempts to gain the lead but they all failed, so the match ended in a draw of 3 goals all. Team:—F. E. Parker (goal); E. G. Cutter and H. L. Neligan (backs); W. J. Read, N. Duncan and L. G. Drewe (halves); W. R. Mortleman, L. W. Holland, W. Leach, G. C. Rice and F. D. Smith (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. MANSFIELD COLLEGE. This match was played at Oxford, on Wednesday, October 31st, and resulted in a victory for our opponents by 5 goals to 1. We were without Parker and Harvey and we missed them badly. As far as play went, the School had really the better, but the shape and lightness of the ball we were playing with militated against good shooting on the part of our forwards. The ground was in a heavy condition and the game consequently slow. By half-time the School were three goals down. After the resumption we were continually pressing, but our shots were very wild and it was not till a few minutes before the end that Leach scored with a very good shot. In the meanwhile Mansfield

had put on two more, and, as this was the extent of the scoring, time was called, leaving our opponents winners by the score stated. The School was represented by the same team as that which played against Exeter College.

A.S.F.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL. This match was played on the School ground, on Wednesday, November 14th. The School did not play up to their usual standard, but still they succeeded in getting 2 goals, and thus won the match.

We won the toss, and played into the Lodge goal first. Several times both sides pressed, but nothing had been scored when half-time came.

On changing ends we played up better than in the first half, and as the result of a good shot by Leach, we got our first goal. Encouraged by this success, the School forwards combined much better, and soon Harvey scored with a good shot.

Shortly afterwards Smith sent in one or two good shots which hit the posts and rebounded into play. Nothing further was scored, so the School won as stated, by 2 goals to 0.

School Team :—F. E. Parker (goal); E. G. Cutter and H. L. Neligan (backs); W. J. Read, N. Duncan and L. G. Drewe (halves); W. R. Mortleman, L. W. Holland, W. Leach, E. H. Harvey and F. D. Smith (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL. This return match was played on the Bloxham ground on Saturday, November 17th. The ground was in a bad condition

owing to the heavy rain during the morning.

Bloxham kicked off, and looked like scoring several times, but Butler on each occasion came to the rescue and relieved by a good kick. About 10 minutes after the start Bloxham got a goal from a long shot which Parker could not easily get at, owing to the bad state of the ground. The School pressed hard, and just before half-time Duncan scored with a long shot. At half-time the score stood at one goal all.

After the recommencement Bloxham rushed down the field and obtained a good goal with another long shot.

The School tried hard to get on equal terms, but the ground was against accurate passing and consequently Harvey and Smith could not get on at all well together.

At last Leach got the ball from a scrum in front of goal, and with a good shot made the score 2—2.

Butler was the best of the School team. The forwards were off their game, but this was owing to the state of the ground. Taking the play all round, we were very lucky to make the match a draw.

School team :—F. E. Parker (goal); C. J. Butler and H. L. Neligan (backs); W. J. Read, N. Duncan and L. G. Drewe (halves); W. R. Mortleman, L. W. Holland, W. Leach, E. H. Harvey and F. D. Smith (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. MANSFIELD COLLEGE. This match was played on the School ground, on Wednesday, Nov. 28th, and

proved to be the best match this season. The School had Parker in goal once more, and to him belongs the honour of saving a draw. He played very well indeed, and saved some exceedingly hard shots.

The first half was evenly contested, though the School missed several chances. The play was fast throughout, more especially so during this first half. There was no score at half-time, but Leach soon got a goal after the recommencement. The School played much better after this, and Smith scored another goal with a fine shot.

Then Mansfield from a corner kick got a goal which was headed in by their centre forward.

The School did not lose heart at this; on the contrary they played up much better, and two more goals were added by Smith and Mortleman—both from excellent shots.

The whole team played a good game. Leach ii. made his *début* for the first XI. instead of Drewe, and a very successful one it was. He is undoubtedly the most promising half-back since Briusmead first came.

School team:—F. E. Parker (goal); H. H. Gibson, Esq., and H. L. Neligan (backs); W. J. Read, N. Duncan and R. B. Leach ii. (halves); W. R. Mortleman, W. A. Rudd, Esq., W. Leach, E. H. Harvey and F. D. Smith (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. MAGDALEN COLL. SCHOOL. This match was played on the School ground on Monday, December 3rd. It was originally fixed for Wednesday, November 7th; then it was postponed

till the following day to enable both Schools to see the South Africans at Oxford. The Thursday, however, was such a terrible day that football was impossible, so the match was definitely fixed for December 3rd. We lost the toss, and kicked off against the wind and the little sun there was. Immediately the ball went out on the right wing to Smith, who, running down the touch line in fine style, centred, and Mortleman shot a good goal. This was all done before the Magdalen team was awake. Encouraged by this early success the School played up, and before half-time Harvey had added another goal, to which Magdalen replied with a good shot which cannoned off Parker's legs into the goal. After half-time Mortleman, Holland, and W. Leach scored for the School, and Magdalen succeeded in getting two more goals. We therefore won a good game by 5 goals to 3. R. B. Leach ii. did not show the same form as he did against Mansfield College. W. Leach was suffering from a hack received on a former occasion. Magdalen were severely handicapped owing to the indisposition of their outside-left, who, like W. Leach, was suffering from an old complaint. The School team was as follows:—F. E. Parker (goal); C. J. Butler, H. L. Neligan (backs); W. J. Read, N. Duncan, R. B. Leach ii. (half-backs); W. R. Mortleman, L. W. Holland, W. Leach, E. H. Harvey and F. D. Smith (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. WALLINGFORD. This match was played at Wallingford, on Wednesday, December 5th, under conditions

ill-suited for football, as the wind was high, and the rain was bitterly cold. The School was without W. Leach at centre-forward, Mr. Rudd taking his place, while Habgood played inside-left instead of Holland, who also was on the sick list. Wallingford began to press hard immediately after the start, and soon got a couple of goals. Smith very nearly scored for the School with a fine shot which hit the cross bar. Wallingford soon increased their total to 3, and that was the extent of the scoring at half-time. The School tried hard to score, and at length Mortleman was rewarded for his trouble by shooting a good goal. Before time Wallingford added another, and thus won a poor game by 5 goals to 1. School team:—F. E. Parker (goal); H. H. Gibson Esq., H. L. Neligan (backs); W. J. Read, N. Duncan, R. B. Leach ii. (halves); W. R. Mortleman, J. H. Habgood, W. A. Rudd, Esq., E. H. Harvey, and F. D. Smith (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd. XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI. This match was played at Oxford, on October 8th. The ground was very heavy and it was not a fast game. For the first half we had most of the game. After some neat passing in the forward line, Rice shot a good goal. Shortly afterwards Leach iii obtained a second point for us by a fine shot from the right wing. At half-time the score was 2—0 for us. The game was slack until the High School obtained a goal from a penalty; our forwards then began to look up, and soon Rice netted

a third goal for us. This was the extent of the scoring and the game ended in a win for us by 3 goals to 1. All our forwards were good but were outmatched in weight by the opposing backs. Team:—T. Johnston (goal); F. W. Holmden and E. G. Cutter (backs); J. C. Enoch, R. B. Leach ii and L. G. Drewe (halves); C. C. Painter, J. H. Habgood, G. C. Rice, C. W. Edgington and R. B. Leach iii (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd. XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd. XI. This match was played at Reading on Wednesday, November 14th. Shortly after the commencement of the game Leighton Park were awarded a penalty, but failed to score, Johnston putting the ball over the bar. The game was very fast up to the interval. Shortly after the interval the home team scored by a good shot from the right wing, which hit the post and bounced into the net. Almost immediately afterwards Leighton successfully appealed for a foul and scored again. Our forwards however started off again with a strong rush and Rice netted the ball with a good shot. Shortly before time we scored another goal through Leach iii. Team:—T. Johnston (goal); C. J. Butler and F. W. Holmden (backs); R. B. Leach ii. J. C. Enoch and R. J. Goodman (halves); C. C. Painter, J. H. Habgood, G. C. Rice, C. W. Edgington and R. B. Leach iii. (forwards).

ABINGDON SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2ND XI. This match was played on our ground on Saturday, November 17th. The home team scored first

after having played round the goal for a considerable time. Bloxham soon got on equal terms and an even game continued until half-time. After the kick off R. B. Leach ii. scored for the School team, and Bloxham's inside left scored soon after. The game went on steadily until about ten minutes before time when G. C. Rice ran through and netted the ball. On both sides goals were missed on account of the bad state of the ground, and rough wind.

School team:—T. Johnston (goal); E. G. Cutter and F. W. Holmden (backs); R. B. Leach ii. J. C. Enoch and R. J. Goodman (halves); C. C. Painter, J. H. Habgood, G. C. Rice, C. W. Edgington and R. B. Leach iii. (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2ND XI. v. NEW COLLEGE SCHOOL. This match which was played at Oxford, on Wednesday, November 21st, proved a draw. The play throughout the match was very equal, though our opponents managed to score three goals during the first half to our two. During the second half, however, we scored another goal and thus put ourselves on equal terms. School team:—T. Johnston (goal); C. J. Butler and E. G. Cutter (backs); R. J. Goodman, J. C. Enoch and R. B. Leach ii. (half-backs); C. C. Painter, J. H. Habgood, C. W. Edgington, G. C. Rice, and R. B. Leach iii. (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2ND XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL 2ND XI. This match was played at Oxford, on Monday, December 3rd. In the first half three goals were scored for Abingdon School. Habgood shot the first and third goals

while the second goal rebounded off the Magdalen goal-keeper. In the second half no goals were scored until nearly at the end when Magdalen's centre-forward scored. The game ended with the score 3—1 for Abingdon School. School team:—T. Johnston (goal); E. G. Cutter and F. W. Holmden (backs); R. J. Goodman, L. G. Drewe and J. C. Enoch (halves); R. M. Cory, C. W. Edgington, G. C. Rice, J. H. Habgood and R. B. Leach iii. (forwards).

A.S.F.C. (an XI. under 14 years) v. CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR SCHOOL. This game was played at Oxford, on October 13th, and resulted in a draw (2—2). Kaye ii. and Leach iv. scored for us. Whilst we had most of the game we were weak in front of the goal or should have scored more often; on the other hand Christ Church came away with some vigorous rushes and had bad luck in not scoring once more, though one of their goals was scored after a centre from just over the line. Harvey ii. was prominent on the left wing, but held on to the ball too long, or shot from impossible distances. Haywood played a vigorous game and Taylor was an excellent back, whilst Tame played very well in goal. Parker iii. on the right wing will improve, if he can make up his mind more quickly. Team:—E. G. Tame (goal); H. M. Taylor and E. H. King (backs); A. W. Collingbourne, F. Read and J. G. Shepherd (halves); F. Parker, B. L. Kaye, S. Leach, R. Haywood, E. F. Harvey (forwards).

A.S.F.C. (An XI. under 14 years of age) v. CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR SCHOOL.

This match was played on our ground

on Saturday, November 24th. We kicked off and for the first quarter of an hour it seemed as if it would be a fairly even game. But Painter opened the scoring with a fine shot. Soon afterwards we got another goal. This was unlucky for the Choristers, for their goal-keeper in trying to save it put a twist on the ball thus causing it to roll back into the net. Painter then shot another goal and by half-time the scoring was 3—0 in our favour. After half-time the game was fairly even again till Leach scored.

We went on gaining till it was 8—0. Then their outside-right scored a splendid goal which entirely beat our goal-keeper. We then obtained our ninth and last goal, the ball bouncing from Kaye's shoulder into the net. On our side Leach iii. Donkin and Painter played very well, Painter succeeding in scoring three times.

School team:—E. G. Tame (goal); E. H. King and F. Parker (backs); H. A. L. Donkin, A. W. Collingbourne and H. T. Habgood (halves); C. C. Painter, E. F. Harvey, B. L. Kaye, S. Leach and R. B. Leach, iii. (forwards).

CHARACTERS OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM.

F. E. Parker—colours, 1906-7 (goal). An excellent goal-keeper. Usually very safe. Should learn to get over his nervousness.

C. J. Butler—colours 1906-7 (left back). Greatly improved since the

beginning of the season. A good kick, and a good tackler. Should learn to kick with his left foot.

H. L. Neligan—colours, 1906-7 (right back). A good back. Tackles well and kicks well. Rather slow. Should learn to keep the ball on the field of play more.

W. J. Read—colours 1906-7 (left half). An energetic half. Greatly improved in feeding the left wing towards the end of the season. Makes good use of his head.

N. Duncan (Capt.)—colours 1904-5-6-7 (centre-half). A clever tackler and pretty player. Is apt on occasions to dribble too much. Has been an excellent Captain, and the mainstay of the team.

L. G. Drewe (right half). Played well at the beginning of the season, but unfortunately fell off. Kicks too hard for his forwards.

R. B. Leach ii. (right half). Very promising at the beginning of the season. He too, after playing exceedingly well in one match, fell off. A very neat player on his day.

W. R. Mortleman—colours 1906-7 (outside left). Improved greatly since half-term. A very hard shot near goal. Might learn to centre sooner.

L. W. Holland—colours 1906-7 (inside left). Combines fairly well with his wing. Passes neatly. A weak shot.

W. Leach—colours 1905-6-7 (centre). Makes an excellent centre-forward. Runs very well with the ball at his feet. A very good shot.

E. H. Harvey—colours 1905-6-7- (inside right). Combines very well with Smith, but does not give his centre enough work to do. His dribbling is neat, but is rather marred by the free use of his arms. Might learn to shoot better.

F. D. Smith—colours 1904-5-6-7 (outside right). A very good outside right. Centres well, and shoots very hard. With Harvey, he forms the strongest point of the School attack. Uses his pace very well.

THE LESSON.

A few glad, youthful years, and we
were fled

Beyond the shelter of thy careful sway,
I impetuous, impatient of delay.

N ow we look back, perchance discom-
fited.

G uide of our youth, how has thy council
sped?

D oubt and discouragement beset the
way!

O child, thou answerest, yet against this
day

N erved I thy heart—Experience guide
thy head!

S o let Dame Fortune make or mar our
plan,

C hanges and chances flatter or befool,
H ere have we learned at least to play
the man,

O urselves at once to reverence and to
rule,

O kindly nurse of all the good we can,
L ady of Discipline, the School, the
School!

R.B.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society opened its session on Friday, November 16th, in the Pembroke Room, with the Vice-President in the chair.

N. Duncan proposed "That in the opinion of this House Mixed Education is advisable." In opening the debate the Treasurer told us that when he first undertook to bring forward this motion, he considered the matter as a joke, but he had in the course of preparing for the debate utterly changed his views and now felt that the matter was one of most serious importance. He then mentioned some of the largest schools in which this "co-education" had been tried, and assured the House that they were an unparalleled success. Then going into detail he explained the curriculum and the way in which the games were managed; sometimes boys and girls played together, at other times they kept to their own amusements. The United States of America, he added, was an example of the excellence of the system; co-education had been tried there in all parts with the best results. He thought that such a system must bring a decrease in the number of unhappy marriages, for boy and girl gained an insight into each other's character when brought up together which would be useful to them later on in choosing a wife or husband.

R. J. Weaving, who opposed the motion, did not seem to think it possible that anyone could be really enthusiastic

about such a scheme ; and, by many witty sketches of the confusion which would be brought about by such an arrangement, he made the whole matter appear so ridiculous, that for the time it appeared as if he would have carried the House with him. He then asked why the Proposer had mentioned America, and said if anything was wanted to show the House what a mistaken idea co-education was, the mention of the United states was the very thing, for divorces were more common there than in any other country. Instead of boy and girl growing up friends we would find that "Familiarity breeds Contempt," and matters would be brought to a worse pass than ever.

H. L. Neligan in seconding the motion, said that he, like the Honourable Proposer, considered the scheme ought at least to be tried. A serious trial would do no harm. The Opposer had ridiculed the idea, but he did not appear to have really thought much on the subject. In America the laws of Divorce were less strict than in any other country, and this, and not co-education, was responsible for the large number of divorces.

The following members also spoke :—
Pro :—The Rev. R. F. Ashwin, W. R. C. Adeock, Esq., R. A. R. Townsend.
Con :—H. H. Gibson, Esq., C. J. Butler, F. B. Graham, G. H. G. Shepherd, D. M. Johnston, W. R. Mortleman.
The motion was lost by 8 votes to 9.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room, on Thursday, November 22nd,

with the Vice-President in the chair. H. L. Neligan proposed that in the opinion of this House, "the tipping system is very undesirable." The proposer showed us how at Restaurants, for instance, the waiter would quickly serve a customer who was likely to tip him, and would neglect a person who did not seem disposed to do so. He thought it therefore very unfair that a man who had paid for his dinner should be thus neglected. He also made some reference to the tipping system on railways, and quoted an instance from his own personal experience. He described how some onlooker had made some remark, which somewhat hurt his feelings, because he had not rewarded him liberally enough. He also declared that he knew instances where the waiter did not get all his tip, but where it went to the management. He showed how there was a sort of tipping system amongst cabmen, for he said that, if you pay the cabman his proper fare, he nearly always uses abusive language, and asks for more. He pointed out that such a practice as this was ruinous to any visitor wishing to see Town.

D. M. Johnston opposed the motion. He said that he had only discovered a short time before the debate that the motion did not refer to the turf; he therefore had no notes, and begged that the house would excuse any errors in his statistics. He also said that, as the porters on railways had such small pay, he thought it right for us to give a

little to help them, especially as many of them had large families. He pointed out that some hotels had tried the system of having a general box for donations, which were to be divided among the servants, but the manager took a large portion for himself. He considered too that the custom was so firmly established, that it could not be rooted out, even if such a thing were desired.

T. Johnston seconded the motion. He said that, as regards railways, the guards were often bribed, in order to allow passengers to have carriages to themselves. He supported Neligan in his words about tipping cabmen.

The following spoke:—Pro. H. H. Gibson, Esq., N. Duncan, G. F. S. Mann, F. A. Bennett. Con:—E. A. Martell, Esq., S. H. Baker, Esq., E. H. Harvey, G. C. Rice.

The motion was won by 7 votes to 6.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room, on Thursday, Nov. 29th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

R. A. R. Townsend proposed, "That in the opinion of this house the Government's Naval Policy involves a serious menace to our supremacy at Sea."

In opening the motion the proposer observed that the Dreadnought was not being given any practice but was being kept in reserve and was lying idle. He also pointed out that the government was selling up old men-of-war to any

purchaser, perhaps a foreigner. He thought this was a source of danger also, as these vessels might quite easily be used against us. He also showed that, at the recent earthquake at Valparaiso, the German and French vessels had already sent in help, before the British vessels had even thought of action. He did not consider that this showed much efficiency. He also made reference to a certain fort which, he said, had cost about £140,000 to build, but which he did not mention. He declared that this fort had been offered for sale, and might be bought by a foreigner, and in such a case he thought that a serious danger would ensue.

P. E. Andrews, in opposing the motion, said he thought the press had been spreading too many rumours concerning the probable trouble with Germany, he also said we were, on the whole, on friendly relations with the other powers, and, if Germany went to war with us, all the other nations would side with Great Britain. He did not consider that, even if a foreigner did get possession of the fort mentioned by the honourable proposer, he could give us much cause for apprehension, as the fort was probably old and useless. He thought we could put perfect trust in Admiral Sir John Fisher and other capable men in the Admiralty, and it was not likely that they would make known to the world their secret plans, as the honourable Proposer seemed to think they ought to do. He furthermore declared that the Dreadnought had

been practising, and he altogether failed to see how the affair at Valparaiso had anything to do with our supremacy at sea.

N. Duncan seconded the motion. In the beginning of his speech the honourable member said that the policy of doing away with our reserve fleet was a great mistake. He complained that Sir John Fisher gave no explanations, and said that he (the seconder) would like to have an explanation, but was met with silence. He thought that if Germany was going to be the rival power, the government should not cut down the naval expenses. He said also that England was building no more battle ships, but that this was kept quiet. It was no use, he declared, for us to build two Dreadnoughts if Germany was going to build eight. He finished his speech by saying that he was so overcome by the Government's Naval Policy, that he was compelled to take his seat again.

The following members also spoke.

Pro:—H. L. Neligan. Con:—H. H. Gibson, Esq., D. M. Johnston, W. R. Mortleman, E. H. Harvey G. F. S. Mann. Of our visitors Mr. T. S. Wilding spoke for the motion.

The motion was won by 11 votes to 7.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room on Thursday, December 6th, with the Vice-President in the chair, and C. J. Butler read a most interesting and instructive paper on "India."

The Essayist began his paper by giving us a brief but clear description of

the geography and climate of Hindustan. He told us that the inhabitants of Hindustan were an Aryan race, which (according to a recent theory) migrated from Europe, conquered Persia, and settled in Northern Hindustan. He then went on to give us a description of the Hindu religion which was originally a form of nature worship, but was changed into its present gross form by the imaginative power of the Hindu. After touching briefly on the career of Sakya Muni who flourished from B.C. 560 to 480, he traced the growth of Buddhism, under Asôka (B.C. 320), until its final overthrow about the tenth century of the Christian era. He then passed on to the various peoples of India, making special mention of the Goorkhas and Rohillas. With a short account of the Persians and Alexander the Great, he proceeded to treat of the various Mahomedan invasions until the time of Timur Begor Tamburlaine, A.D. 1369. He then passed on to the wars of Zehir-ud-din Mahommed Babar.

He then gave us a concise account of the reigns of Humayun and Jal-al-ud-din Akbar, the greatest of the Mughals. With a brief notice of the reigns of Jahangir, Shah Jehan, and Aurungzib, he went on to tell of the British in India. He gave us a short account of the administration of Warren Hastings, and ended his most interesting paper, with a rapid survey of the later Governor-Generals.

The following interrogated the Honourable Member—H. H. Gibson, Esq.,

Rev. R. F. Ashwin, and E. B. W. Chappelow.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Hon. Treasurer, and seconded by the Hon. Secretary.

DRAWING EXAMINATION.

The Board of Education held a drawing examination in the Art Room last June. The following were the successful candidates :—

(a) Model Drawing: 1st class, F. E. Parker, H. Meredith, R. R. Parker; 2nd class, T. Aldworth, A. F. Slatter, P. E. Andrews, W. Leach.

(b) Perspective: 1st class, R. V. Weaving.

(c) Freehand: 2nd class, T. Aldworth.

It will be noticed that there are four first-class places obtained and five second-class. This result is eminently satisfactory, but will come as a surprise to no one who has seen how our walls are adorned with specimens of the artistic work produced at the School.

SONG.

THE ROLL-CALL.

When the fire of spring is a-mounting high,

And the hopes of spring are green :

When laughter echoes, and scarce a sigh
Breaks the blissful joys between :

When the clouds are high and the April-
woes

Scatter athwart the sun,

These names may seem

But a passing dream

In a memory scarce begun !

But hey for the world and come what
may !

And hey for our life and we'll through
it !

The foot's in the stirrup ! The sun's on
the hay !

We've a duty to do—and we'll do it !

When the dreams of spring 'neath a
summer's sun

Disperse to the swelling deeds,

And a sounder joy of a duty done

To the April joy succeeds :

When the verdant hopes of a vanished
spring

Have grown to the golden grain,

These names may bear

A smile or a tear

As the roll-call wakes again !

But hey for the world and our honour
sworn !

And hey for our life and we'll through
it !

We're up in the saddle ! White-ripe is
the corn !

We've a duty to do—and we'll do it !

When the swelling deeds of a summer
gone

Are ripe in the autumn breeze,

And the mellow fruit of a duty done

Hangs close on the bending trees :

When the winds are flaked with the
falling gold,

And the fame-strown fields are grey,

These names will stir

Memories lovelier

Than they did on the summer's day !

But hey for the world and the seasons
three !

And hey for our life, and we'll through
it !

We're yet in the saddle ! the fruit's on
the tree !

We've a duty to do—and we'll do it !

When the wealth of autumn is winter-
stor'd,

And the winter fall is nigh,

And the world is white, and the winter
sword

Sharpens athwart the sky :

When the days are short, and the hand
is weak--

Though never the heart more true,

These names will set

Pictures sweeter yet

Over the failing view !

But hey for the world and we'll meet
no let !

And hey for our life and we'll through
it !

Hurrah ! there is life in the old dog yet !

There's a duty to do—and he'll do it !

H.W.W.

SHOOTING.

A course of rifle shooting has been started this term, and most of us have been initiated into the first principles of the art with an air rifle in the gymnasium. The range in the town has only lately been opened, so it is impossible at present to say how our people will compare with other schools ; some good scores have been made.

An endeavour has been made to combine the drill with the shooting, and this has been attended with a certain

amount of success. When we went to press "class-firing" on the army system was in full swing.

At present the whole thing is in an experimental stage, but we hope to develop it next term, when many of us will have more time to devote to it.

A match was held between trial eights on 7th December, 1906. The following were the scores :—

Lce.-Sgt. R. J. Weaving	...	15.24—39
F. C. Woodward	...	18.19—37
Cpl. F. D. Smith	...	27.28—55
E. H. King	...	14.16—30
H. Meredith	...	20.22—42
Lc.-Cpl. W. J. Read	...	19.19—38
P. F. Clark	...	18.18—36
F. A. Bennett	...	20.20—40
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Col.-Sgt. N. Duncan	...	17.18—35
J. H. Habgood	...	13.15—28
H. A. N. Medd	...	16.19—35
Lce.-Sgt. C. J. Butler	...	23.22—45
F. W. Holmden	...	26.20—46
M. G. Weaving	...	23.28—51
G. H. G. Shepherd	...	18.22—40
G. C. Rice	..	19.17—36
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Lce.-Sgt. Weaving's team won by 1 point.

"DIVA TRIFORMIS."

The long day wanes, and dusky Hecate
Unfolds her starry train o'er land and
sea.

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New Moon : True moon :
Twinkling in the orient,
Little bolder than a star
Greeting Thee above.

Hasten, maiden, gently tripping,
From Latona's kirtle slipping ;
Harbinger of love.

Pale moon : gale moon :
When the winds blow stronger,
Holding revel, savage hour,
Neath dread Auster's eye.
Queen of wreckage : wife of sorrow :
Slitting short life's thread of
morrow :

Deaf to mortal cry.

Bright moon, white moon :
Peeping in the hollows,
Where a great oak's gnarled limb
Slants athwart the night.
Thou hast passed : the chase is ended :
Cupid follows, arrow bended
For the fight.

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And now away, pale maid, and now
away,
Apollo's chariot brings the light of day.

T.S.W.

A DAY ON THE THAMES.

Perhaps there is nothing more pleasant than to spend a day on the Thames in the early summer. The sun shines brightly, the air is cool and balmy, and a gentle breeze is stealing up the river, a breeze which makes one feel lighthearted, with the lightheartedness that is the gift of the summer-time. We make all preparations, and, when we reach our boat, the sun is nearing the zenith of his course. We glide out into the calm stream, with not a ripple on it. The meadows are smiling green, speckled with wild flowers, the daisy

and the golden knobs of the buttercup, resplendent in the noon-day sun. The reflections in the water flash back the green of the banks. Here and there with darker hue the lofty elms rear their leaf-clad heads to the blue of heaven, which spreads above us, calm and infinite, flecked with fleecy banks of snow, which drive their course over its azure vault. A feeling of peace pervades the air. We have our lunch under the silvan shade of a towering elm. After this important function has been fulfilled we row a little up the stream and moor our skiff under the shade of some overhanging willows, and there reclining on soft cushions like luxurious Sybarites, we lie back and muse in delicious idleness. We spend some hours thus in blissful reverie, conjuring up dreams of roses and fairy-palaces. In this dreamy Paradise we spend many a happy hour, until Phoebus drives his chariot well on towards the west. At length he sinks below the horizon in a golden haze of glory, and is gone. The sky is a mass of crimson and yellow like some flaming mantle. Evening begins to fall, and the night wind, with a low murmur, rustles amidst the rushes, and sighs in the tree-tops. We begin our homeward way ; presently the moon comes out and spreads her soft silvery light over the water. Nothing can be heard but the sighing of the wind and the splash of our oars. At length we reach home, charmed and happy in the knowledge of the beauty and harmony of nature.

JALAL-UD-DIN AKBAR.

WELTRÄTSEL.

Oh Pedagogues, Pastors and Masters,
 You're on the wrong tack, to a man!
 If you listen to me,
 You will presently see,
 I've a far more intelligent plan.
 I have lately been reading (in German)
 An erudite treatise on germs,
 Where this world of unrest
 Is succinctly expressed
 In bacteriological terms.
 I had heard of the Bubo Bacillus,
 Of the microbe of Measles, and
 Mumps,
 And I knew very well
 How a septical cell
 May induce an attack of the dumps;
 But this eminent German Professor,
 By experiments made on his wife,
 Has established the working
 Of Parasites lurking
 In every department of life!
 If therefore, good sirs, in his onward
 career
 Your promising pupil should pause,
 And act like an ass,
 And discredit the class,
 You must seek a material cause.
 Should he happen to be
 Rather noisy at tea,
 Or late peradventure for Call Over,
 Or unable to keep
 From falling asleep
 Before Preparation is all over;
 Or should he be driven (prophetic of
 fame)
 To carving his name on a bench;
 Or tempted to suck
 Malodorous "tuck"

In the period allotted to French;
 You may rest just as sure
 As the Genitive Plur—
 al of *Canis* is certainly *Canium*,
 For each single mistake
 Your scholar may make,
 There's a microbe infesting his
 cranium!
 Why waste then your time upon teach-
 ing?
 And the Ratepayers' money on schools?
 Why burden and bind
 The juvenile mind
 With a lot of illogical rules?
 For the commoner mental shortcomings
 of youth
 May be treated in anticipation,
 By extending the praxis
 Of wise prophylaxis,
 Through infantile inoculation.
 Or should conscience, perchance,
 Objections advance,
 You may make pretty sure of un-
 seating
 The mischievous germ
 With a strong hypoderm—
 ical (painless) injection of Keating.
 All forms of forgetfulness, errors of
 taste,
 Or whatever the blunder be called,
 And the consequent strain
 On the pedagogue's brain,
 May thus be adroitly forestalled.
 While, if driven perforce
 To your final resource,
 You may hope for amelioration
 Through a timely and quiet
 Reform of the diet—
 The basis of all education!

For there's idleness buried in butter,
 Disobedience hiding in ham,
 And scores upon scores
 Of inaccurate spores
 In a mouthful of raspberry jam.

So away with your black-boards! away
 with your books!
 And tear your fair copies to tatters!
 Take a German degree—
 A Berlin Ph. D.—
 For there's nothing but Matter that
 matters!

Whatever you do,
 Take a physical view:
 It's the only one truly worth taking;
 And leave to the Bac—
 teriology Quack
 The control of Mankind in the making!
 R.B.

NATURAL HISTORY OF THE SPIDER

(As SHE IS WRIT).

I.

The spider is a clever little insect there are lots of different kinds of spiders as money spider, and the common spider. Some spiders are very hairy and most of those are poisonous, there is one sort of spider, and we nickname it daddy-long-legs, it sometimes jumps about, and they say it brings you good luck. The spider is a clever and artistict worker in weaving its nest, and it is so skilfully made that no man could make one like it, it weaves it in such a manner so as to catch the fly or other insects the more easily. He puts some sticky stuff on the net which he

has woven then when the fly comes along it gets stuck, then the spider comes from its house, which is in the middle, and binds it fast, then takes it into his house and then eats it and then sucks the blood, and so ends the life of the fly, it then waits for another to come along. Some spiders are very large and catch birds in their nets instead of flies, their nets are very strong. The Caniables use the spider's web for fishing nets. (Diagram:—A=a fly. B=the spider. Here you see the spider waiting for his prey.) The spiders themselves are dangerous if you get bitten by one you are bound to die. They are fluffy like a chicken only about twice as small. P.S.—The spiders do not eat the fly altogether but just suck their blood then they throw their bodies away.

II.

The spider is a industius animal who teaches us to try and purserevear. The spider is a nice little creature he doesnt do any harm to you, there is one sort of spider when you hit it, it runs away from, it is called a werb spider, and it makes it nest any where it likes and there are some sort of spider they posing you. If the spider was a big as a man it would want and enormuse lot of food, it would want 7 sheep and 1 oxen for dinner, 8 sheep for breckfast and too oxen and 5 sheep for tea. The garden spider is a difering shape than the house spider it is like this — and the house spider is not so larg it is like this — I have given an exampel of a spiders web of the garden spider and this is like the

house spider —, sometimes when the wind is blowing and the spider wants to make a web he lets his friend blow to where he wants it to go and then he roams across and joins it with a sticky stuff and then he makes his web.

III.

The spider is a very clever animal, it makes its house by making a web, which comes from its body it stays in the exact center of its web, and waits for its prey. Its prey is generally a fly which flies along and does not see the web, and its wings get caught, and it can not get away. Then the spider runs down a long thread, and jumps on it. He bites its head and kills it. Then if it is not his mealtime, he leaves it and goes back to the center and waits for another. There is one thing he does, is that he winds some thread round the fly. Sometimes the spider lives outside.

AENEAS PHOTOGRAPHS HIS COMRADES.

(An unpublished fragment from the Codex Mendaceus of Vergil.)

Tum pius Aeneas tripodis firmavit in alto
folliculum camerae, vitrei cui fulget
ocelli
angulus et latus, brevis et focus.
Haud mora, velum
obduxit capitique suo cameraeque
tremendum,
intenditque aciem crudeliter omnituen-
tem
infandae in socios molis, tenebrisque
remugit.
Haud aliter narrant nautae (gens
credula semper)

monstrum informe aliquando inter
spumosa videri
aequora, quinque uno praetendens
lumine crura
ventriloquum: Teucris non vultus non
color unus
non durae mansere genae, sed inepta
rubescunt.
Quos sic Aeneas cessantes increpat ultro:
'Ne mihi Dardanidae timeatis: primus
Achates
in medio sedeat circo, ridensque puellae
sit memor: at, pro di!, quaeso, nimis,
Iphite, longum
tu compesce pedem, ne jam lictoris
imago
insinuet sese in cameram jactetque
ruinam.'
Tantis Dardanidae monitis cuncti ore
faventes
intenti expectant signum; cum 'pan-
gere voltus
tempus,' ait; 'sphaeram ecce premo,
magnumque dehiscit
attonitae lumen camerae.' Tum daedala
cistae
tectae rapit, furtimque adytos bacchatur
in imos
qua sacra fulgebat croceo rubroque
lucerna,
Colchica nec venena aberant, gallaeque
pirorum.
Deinde pater centum ore deos, Erebum-
que Chaosque
tergeminamque tonans Hecaten, ter
fontis Averni
sparserat in pateram latices, simulacra-
que fixit.
His actis, propere ex adytis effertur
imago

magnanimūm sociorum, argento picta
 nitrato.
 Quam simul aspiciunt, irridendosque
 maritos
 Troades agnoscunt, asinisque simillima
 membra,
 tum vero attonitae monstribus, actaeque
 furore,
 conclamant, rapiuntque manu frangunt-
 que sigilla
 quae turbata volent rapidis ludibria
 ventis.

R. F. A.

ANNIMIL LAND.

(With appolergies to Puntch).

THE VEE. This nice littel annimal is
 is of a luvly grey culler, and has
 a verry sweet voice and a lovly
 crimzon main, witch is nice to
 stroak and warm to the touch.
 Itt livvs in a kennel with a gote
 witch has a norty temper and is
 suppozed to be immortle; butt it
 won't be satt on.

THE DORMOUSE. This annimil hy-
 bernates unless itt is sturred upp.
 Itt takes a lott to rowse itt, butt
 this winter has been so miled
 that itt hazzent been properly to
 sleep yett, butt only doazed. Itt
 is nice to gett on with, and never
 getts ryled. You shudd see it
 shute.

THE DIKK. This littel bird sings
 verry nicely, like the Vee, but itt
 izzen't so retyring: itt won't
 blush unseen, ono. Yon mustn't
 confews itt with the Jumb, witch
 is more modest.

THE ROJJ. This tiny annimil livvs
 in a wood. Itt sings verry sweet-
 ly, and you wudden't beleve what
 a bigg voice itt haz for its size
 unless you cort itt singing. Itt
 haz bewtiful pink plewmage.

THE BOBB. This littel kreeture is
 orfly nice. Itt can play phooter
 wen it trys, butt its phattness
 makes itt slakk unless sumthing
 bukks itt upp. Then itt shows
 you wot itt can do, and itt is
 sumtimes verry good.

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BRITAIN'S BOYS.

(Published in the "Evening Standard" on
 May 24th—Empire Day.)

Wherever the flag is flying,
 There rises the merry hum
 Of boys of the breed of Britain,
 Her men of days to come;
 They know the Island story:
 And never the day shall fall
 When boys of Britain hear not
 The sound of Britain's call.

They need no ensigns flaunted
 To empty shout and song:
 Things sacred bide unspoken,
 And love reserved is strong;
 Where thoughts of "home," thrice
 guarded,
 Glow in the hearts of all,
 There thrills the deep that answers
 The sound of Britain's call.

Cadets in mimic battle
 Who scale the bloodless hill,
 The marksmen true, who offer
 Their silent pluck and skill,

Not boasting their devotion,
Return to bat and ball;
But clear in the bugle ringing
Is the sound of Britain's call.

The soul of Empire, breathing
In each historic page,
Reveals in part and dimly
Their glorious heritage;
There, from that blood-bought picture—
The Map on the class-room wall,
Their silent fathers beckon:—
“Come, *ye*, at Britain's call!”

From dead, from living hero
Flash half-discerned fires;
And the Holy Flame will lead them
Where fell their sacred sires;
When the smoke of the war flame
blackens,
Though thunders of death appal,
They will rise—to lead or follow—
At Britain's trumpet call.

EDWARD F. SHEPHERD.

BALLAD OF KOEPENICK.

To a city by the “Spree”
Koeppenick!
Came a Captain “on the spree”
Koeppenick!
Singing “Hey let's didd'em dee”
Koeppenick!
Commandeers the soldiery
Koeppenick!
Marches through the town with glee
Koeppenick!
Diddles the bureaucracy
Koeppenick!

Bürgermeister, (up a tree)
Koeppenick!
Speeding in a droschky see!
Koeppenick!
(Query, Did he pay the fee?)
Koeppenick!
“Shall I not the till,” quoth he
“Cop-an'-nick?”
(That's to say bold Captain V)
Cop-an'-nick?
“To be rich as rich can be:—
Cop-an'-nick!”
Copped and nicked then, he did flee!
Koeppenick!
From that city by the Spree
Koeppenick!
Laughed the Germans? So did we!
Koeppenick!

OXFORD LETTER.

Michaelmas Term, 1906.

Dear Sir,

We are not able to record the advent of any fresh Abingdonians, but we have seen B. M. Challenor in the High looking suspiciously like smalls and hope to see him up next term.

It is strange how one gets to look like smalls! we would not for one moment appear to scout any one who has had more than one shot at so important a trifle. Rather we would sympathize with him and agree that “great minds” will “from little causes spring.” How frequently one who has failed for his ninety-ninth time has become a member of Parliament or a crossing sweeper! There is always solace in this reflection.

H. F. Shepherd and Bate-Preston have left us, both to indulge pedagogic propensities in England and Wales respectively. Shepherd played soccer, cricket and tennis for Pemmy last season.

Of those who are still up we must first congratulate O. J. Couldrey, who has recurred, upon his success in gaining a place on the Indian Civil Service list and upon his consequent appointment to the Punjaub. Evidently he is in training already. We have seen him riding in the High, on and off. We have seen him in the field, mounted upon an ambling palfrey performing capriole and pesade, curvet and pirouette, leap and somersault with stirrups and without, in true military style, and all other kind of antics necessary to a riding pass. He has already deciphered the hieroglyphics in the Oriental Café and pronounced them to be fudged. He carries a library of Hindoo literature under his arm and almost makes his tea with water from the Ganges. We wish him every success.

A. W. Stevens is still at Mansfield. It is his seventh and last year we understand. For the seventh and last time we record him as an O. A. in residence here. What need have we to say more? Seven long years speak for themselves and speaking merely say "we are seven."

We congratulate H. H. Hughes upon his election to the Organ Exhibition at Pemmy. He stroked the winning scratch four last spring and has been elected president of the Pemmy Debating Society. He is the senior

scholar and busiest man in Pembroke, judiciously allotting due time to 'Greats' work and social duties. He was the guiding principle of the Pemmy Smoker and we congratulate him upon his successful management.

H. L. Crudgington played cricket for St. Catherine's all last summer and it is whispered he is likely to be elected Captain for the next season. We hope for the best. We have heard that he played tennis also for St. Catherine's, but this like the brilliant ebullitions in a respected Daily "is not yet confirmed." He too is engrossed in 'Greats' work. He has been lying low this term; at least we have been optically illuded if he has really been on view. We surmised that he was observing Wordsworth's remark "Wisdom is oft times nearer when we stoop, than when we soar." It is said that the dregs of a cask are a powerful stimulant to intellectual energy, and when we saw we probably didn't.

H. S. Mathias, as usual, has played football and cricket for Teddy Hall. At present he is very apologetic. He is reading theology. He bristles with brilliant excerpts from learned theologians of all ages and is very entertaining. He is trying to crush twenty-six hours' work into every day. We warn him to take care lest he get past the time stated for his examination before it takes place. That would be a difficulty which even an Irishman could not solve. His brother has long since "fabricated his pastoral staff and perambulated his calcareous strata" as Tom Thurnall has elaborated

a trite expression, and is playing soccer for Durham we understand.

We congratulate T. S. Wilding upon his success at the Union. He has "out reddened" (we should have said "out blued" but it is not euphonious enough when we are dealing with dialectics, and moreover in some other constituencies red is the conservative colour) into an ardent and oratorical conservative. He has developed inordinately "the glib and oily art." We suppress the rest of the quotation. It is not nice. His speeches have been "greeted with salvoes of applause." He has elucidated certain obscure national problems. He has received upon his shoulders the falling mantle of Mr. Chamberlain, or we hope he has. He is an ardent supporter of antidisestablishmentarianism and antiundenominationalism. We hope we are telling the truth and doing justice to his sentiments. But his views were elicited between abnormal mouthfuls of College crumpets and sips of China tea, discoloured and scented in London and packed in unintelligible cardboard boxes. He is a protectionist and supports home industries, and so everything he uses wears a British wrapping. The contents are usually made in Germany. He never has any difficulty in catching the president's eye at the Union, though what he does with that banded optic when caught we cannot imagine. Apparently he puts it into his right-hand breast pocket, because he always holds the right side of his coat in a protective way (so does Mr. Chamberlain) when he is speaking. Apparently

too the eye is returned unimpaired. We have seen it wink afterwards. We found him the other day in semi-state (that is, in ordinary English, half dressed) tricking himself out to attend a conservative club dinner with a noble lord in the chair. We give the present misgovernment a warning hint. "Mr. Wilding is vigorous: Mr. Wilding is refreshing" says an esteemed contemporary.

In spite of a complexity of political engagements Wilding finds time to row. He rowed in the Lincoln fours. He is rowing in the Lincoln tigger. Like Demosthenes he has made use of the water. Doubtless the vigour and three-beat rhythm of his oratory were suggested by his exploits upon the Isis. His classical analogies are felicitous. It is strange how history repeats itself.

Betts is figuring largely at the Oxford Musical Union and other musical haunts, notably the café. Strangely enough Betts' presence always suggests cadence and harmony and five finger exercises and scales. In the flat he exhibits his technique especially, at least so we are given to understand. He is, according to the modern phraseology, a musical prodigy. He has the advantage of being extraordinarily original. He possesses a wonderful power of expressing the "heady currents" of his cerebral molecules upon anything from a dinner bell to a tram whistle. He always trips along in sharps and semi-quavers wherever he may be, and his discourse is a series of semi-breves and minims. Apparently he has grown too old to

exercise his stag-like fleetness, at least so we surmise, as our American friend would say, for we have heard of no broken records and no O.A. blue.

It is needless to repeat the success of the Pemmy eight upon the river this summer gone. The proverbial cabbage has been cooked more than twice already, and this is long since old history. This term nothing extraordinary has happened. The trial eights lacked last year's interest because there was no Pembroke man in them.

And so, sir, with the season's wishes to Abingdon School and all relating thereto, and with the hope of a large contingent to swell our depleting ranks next year.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

O.A.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

December, 1906.

Dear Sir,

This term has been one of the most uneventful ever passed by an undergraduate. Whether the donning of "Burberrys" on account of perpetual rain or a new desire to work on account of many "ploughs" in May has seized Cambridge, I cannot say, but for peace and quiet, the term has been unsurpassed.

The question of "Wranglers" is still perturbing those budding mathematicians, who, in all probability, by the vote of the senate, will never get the apple of their desire.

Early in September the Cambridge crew, with D. C. R. Stuart at stroke, easily defeated the American crew.

The Colquhoun Sculls were won by D. C. R. Stuart of Trinity Hall with comparative ease from E. W. Powell, Trinity.

The coxwainless fours were won by Trinity Hall. This is the first time for some years that Third Trinity have not won them.

Casting our eyes forward to "Queen's Club," it will be a surprise to many if a victory is again secured, but K. G. Macleod is a wonder, and nothing is improbable with him on our side.

The "Springboks" played a marvellous game, to many their display seemed far superior to that of the New Zealanders.

The cross-country is very open, but Oxford will find it hard to get the first man home if either B. C. Pearson or F. M. Edwards is in good form.

Rumours of an excellent crew echo around us, but March is a long way distant yet.

At the Theatre we are now enjoying a Greek Play "The Eumenides," which is drawing full houses on account of the excellent acting by members of different Colleges.

Of Abingdon representatives Cambridge still gets by no means her fair share. Why Oxford should so often be chosen is a matter we shall not discuss; but, really, new faces are badly needed here.

T. F. Bowman has played a flying visit; he is now studying law, and seems to be getting on admirably. Every Saturday he helps on the "Emeriti" to victory. The collection of O.A.'s in London is fast increasing; we hear the following have been seen—R. G. Rice, F. H. Edey and J. B. Hodgson and others. Wishing all "Abingdonians" both Past and Present all prosperity.

Yours,
"Cantab."

SCHOOL NOTES.

We regret that through an oversight we omitted in our last number to mention that E. F. Berry, O.A., had passed into Sandhurst last June. We offer him herewith our hearty congratulations.

We congratulate Mr. J. E. A. Cottrell, O.A., upon his election as Mayor of Abingdon. According to time-honoured tradition and by his special request his appointment will be marked by a remission of afternoon school.

The half-holiday promised in honour of O. J. Couldrey's place on the Indian Civil Service List was given on Monday, Dec. 3rd, and enabled us to play the two matches with Magdalen College School which had been postponed.

On Thursday, Nov. 29th, we were let off an hour's work in recognition of T. M. Layng's Scholarship to Clifton College.

The School Shooting VIII. has fixed its first match for December 19th, when it will meet a team of Old Boys.

The following boys were confirmed in the School Chapel by the Bishop of Oxford, on Friday, December 7th:—

F. C. Woodward, W. R. Mortleman, J. H. Habgood, R. M. Cory, G. C. Rice, E. H. Harvey, H. A. N. Medd, L. W. Holland.

The Bishop of Oxford has asked that his visit to the School may be marked by a half-holiday which the Head-Master has promised to give on some convenient date.

The following have received their football colours:—F. E. Parker, H. L. Neligan, W. J. Read, W. R. Mortleman, C. J. Butler, L. W. Holland.

Another museum case—designed also by Mr. Wright—is in place and already filled. We hope that another is projected and that it may as quickly find its store of interesting curios.

The Rev. W. C. Rowland, O.A., Vicar of Puriton near Bridgewater, has been appointed Rural Dean of Powlett.

New Boy:—A. S. Dove (Day Boy) joined the School at mid-term.

We notice that L. F. Gale, who is an O.A. as well as an Old Malvernian, was selected to play for the Old Malvernians in their match against Cambridge University.

We record with much gratitude the following gifts:—

To the School Museum, a further instalment of geological specimens from Mexico, from Mr. B. Challenor, O.A., and a collection of butterflies from Mr. H. W. Weaving, as well as contribu-

tions from Mr. G. F. Layng, W. H. Whitlock, and T. M. Layng.

To the School Library, Descriptive Catalogue of the National Museum of Mexico, from Mr. B. Challenor, O.A.

To the School House Reading Room and Library:—Photograph of the School Cricket XI. in 1878, from Mr. W. H. Richardson, O.A., and The British Empire at Home and Abroad, in six volumes, from Mr. H. Burkett.

The Senior Division has promised its Gymnastic Display on Tuesday, December 18th.

Just as we were going to the press we received a long and most thrilling article from one of our most valued contributors. Unwillingly, but perforce, we hold it over for our next number. We also received an article entitled 'A Valentine,' which, clever though it was, we reluctantly adjudged to be not sufficiently staid for our sober pages.

Next term will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd. Boys in the two Houses return on Monday, the 21st.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Bloxhamist, the Brighton College Magazine, the Chigwellian, the Granthamian, the Ipswich School Magazine, the Leightonian, and the Wyggestonian.

OBITUARY.

Died at Ringshall Rectory, Suffolk, January 10th, 1906, aged 72 years, the Rev. Edw. Wm. Hawkins, M.A., O.A. He was elected Scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford, Aug. 9th, 1852, on the Tesdale foundation, and Fellow Feb. 22nd, 1860, and became Senior Dean in 1865. After holding various curacies he was appointed to the College living of Ringshall in 1870, and held it till his death.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5th, at Abingdon, R. P. Graham, O.A., aged 58.