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EDITORIAL.

In spite of the leaving of twenty boys last term, new boys have come so plentifully that we number now one more than we did then. If the quality prove, as we have no reason to doubt, as satisfactory as the quantity, we have no need to take a pessimistic view as to the future.

Certainly the football teams have done their best to make us cheerful.

Up to the time of going to press, all three Elevens have won all their matches, generally by a considerable margin. Owing to the presence of W. Leach, together with four other members of last year's first XI., we are certainly stronger than usual; whereas the opponents we have met, with the exception of Leighton Park, seem to be below their usual standard. With the lastnamed team we had a hard fight and the play was more evenly matched than the result would seem to show.

We heartily welcome Mr. W. Bevir who has joined our staff this term. His presence on the football field as well as elsewhere is most welcome. At the same time, we wish all good fortune to Mr. Adcock who has left us. He will long be remembered as the master under whose auspices rifle-shooting was intro-

duced into the school: and we editors are especially grateful to him for leaving behind an article to be published in this number.

In conclusion we would remind all our readers, old and young alike, that 'Christmas comes but once a year': that the Xmas No. of The Abingdonian is a very special feature of our School, and that to keep it at all up to its proper level we are, like some Hospitals, entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions.

CRICKET.

A.S.C.C. v. BRIGHTWELL.

Played at home on July 29th, and resulted in an easy victory for the School, thanks mainly to the spirited batting of Mr. S. H. Baker and Mr. W. A. Rudd. Holland took four wickets for 19 runs and W. Leach three for 20.

A.S.C.C. Mr. W. A. Rudd b Wetheral 65

K. G. Stevens run out	ō
L. W. Holland e Orchard b Tarry	32
Mr. S. H. Baker run out	66
W. Leach b Wetheral	0
Rbt. B. Leach (ii) c sub. b Barrett	o
L. L Edwards c Barrett b Hannon	30
C. W. Edgington not out	3°
F. Parker b Tarry	
D. F. Guarthatak	4
R. E. Greatbatch O. B. Challenor did not bat	
Extras	25
Total (for 8 wkts.) *:	224
*Innings declared closed.)	4
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CRICKET AVERAGES. BATTING. No. of Times No. of Highest Average Inns. not out. runs. score. L. W. Holland TΩ 234 33.4 L. L. Edwards K. G. Stevens 12 22.9 252 11 230 62 20.9 o W. Leach 17.4 12 59 1 192 Rbt. B. Leach (ii) 12 56 154 R. E. Greatbatch 26* 1 34 10.4 F. Parker 18 8.0 O 40 F. E. Parker o 5 I 13 5.7 5·2 W. Edgington 10 2 10 H. V. Stone 5* 17 2.7 O. B. Challenor ō 20 2.5 The following also batted:-G. H. G. Shepherd made 16 & 2, and E. F. Harvey 1 & o. * Signifies not out. BOWLING. Wickets. Average. W. Leach 413 188 10.1 41 F. E. Parker i6 8.11 O. B. Challenor 493 40 12.3 R. E. Greatbatch 74 6 12.3 L. W. Holland 13.5 159 12 F. Parker 17.0 34 2 L. L. Edwards 44 2 22.0 SUMMARY OF MATCHES. SCORE DATE. OPPONENTS. FOR. AGST. W May 13 Brightwell Scratched 16 St. Catherine's Coll. Oxford w Leighton Park School ,, 20 143---101 177-58 23 Oxford High School ,, Leighton Park School 30 53-70 June 3 Abingdon Town 107-200 135-109 Pembroke Coll., Oxford W St.Catherine'sColl.Oxford 172(8)* 61(8) 10 ,, New College Nomads SSTSS 79—259 Scratched ,, 13 20 Bloxham School Magdalen College School 23 • • Old Abingdonians 208--95&108 27 July Bloxham School Scratched W Oxford High School 184(3)*--94 S 11 Magdalen College School 110—96 ٠, w 15 28 Abingdon Town 102--177 (7)* ,, \mathbf{T} Brightwell 224(<)-96 2nd XI. W May 20 New College School 41-70 S June 20 Bloxham School 2nd XI. Scratched MagdalenColl.Sch.2nd XI. 23 S July Bloxham School 2nd XI. MagdalenColl.Sch.2nd XI. 67-98 106-70 17 w New College School 169(4)*--68 An XI. under 14 years of age.

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WATER SPORTS.

These Annual Sports were held at the Bathing Place on Tuesday, July 28th, at 3.30 p.m. The afternoon turned out very fine, and, in consequence, there was a fairly large attendance of visitors. The chief event was the Past v. Present Team Race, which resulted in an easy victory for the School. Other events, provided for amusement only, comprised Canoe-balooning and Tug-of-War in During an interval, Mr. A. T. Punts. Mylles kindly gave an exhibition of fancy diving, which was much appreciated. In the Form Team Races, J. G. Shepherd must be specially mentioned for his very creditable performance against F. G. Buckle.

The following were the results:—
SWIMMING RACE. (under 16). 50 yards
(any stroke) down stream; returning
50 yards (back stroke). 1. C. C. Painter.
2. H. T. Habgood.

Swimming Race. (open). Conditions same as above. First Prize, the Mayor's Medal. 1. G. C. Rice. 2. L. W. Holland.

SWIMMING RACE. (under 13). 25 yds. First Prize, The Mayor's Medal. Second Prize given by Mr. W. H. Hooke. 1. H. A. L. Donkin. 2. E. A. Mortleman.

DIVING. (under 15). consisting of:—
(1) Shallow Dive. (2) Plunge. (3)
Running Dive. (4) Dive from Spring board.

C. C. Painter.
 W. N. Hooke.
 DIVING. (open).
 A. L. Edwards.
 H. T. Habgood.

Past v. Present Team Race. Each to swim 50 yards. The teams were as follows:—

A.S. O.A.

- 1. G. Wilson. 1. H. A. Payne.
- 2. G. C. Rice. 2. E. H. King.
- 3. L. W. Holland. 3. O. J. Couldrey.
- 4. O.B.Challenor. 4. E. F. Clark.
- 5. C. C. Painter. 5. J. L. West.
- 6. W. Leach. 6. F. B. Graham.

The School won.

THE FORM TEAM RACES.

Junior Division. Won by Shell II. The team was as follows:—

F. Parker, H. W. B. Burkett, J. G. Shepherd, H. A. L. Donkin.

Senior Division. Won by V. Form. The team was as follows:—

L. W. Holland, G. C. Rice, W. Leach, H. A. Mills.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

Founder's Day was celebrated on Thursday, July 30th. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance of visitors and friends was numerous. The sermon at the memorial service at St. Helen's Church was preached by the Rev. Canon Swallow, Headmaster of Chigwell School; while the service was conducted by the Head-Master, and the lesson read by the Rev. R. F. Ashwin. Mr. Martell officiated at the organ.

Immediately after the service the prizes were distributed in the Corn Exchange by Sir George Young, Bart., of the Berkshire Education Committee and formerly chief of the Charity Commission.

The following is the list of prizes:-

VI. (Latin), R. J. Weaving; (non-Latin), P. E. Andrews; V., (Latin), L. W. Holland; (non-Latin), V. G. H. Cox; Remove (Latin), C. S. Day; (non-Latin), G. H. Short; Shell (Latin), H. A. L. Donkin; (non-Latin), E. G. Tame; IV., (Latin), E. A. Mortleman; (non-Latin), H. W. Short; III. G. L. Atherton; II., R. I. Comins.

MATHEMATICS.—Div. I., H. Meredith; Div. II., G. A. Willis; Div. III., C. E. Cook; Div. IV., F. Parker; Div. V., E. A. Mortleman; Div. VI., C. W. E. Hoare.

GREEK.—Senior Div., R. J. Weaving; Div. II., C. S. Day; Div. III., R. Haywood,

GERMAN.—Senior Div., P. E. Andrews; Div. II., H. A. Mills; Div. III., S. Leach.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.—C. J. Butler.

FRENCH.—Div. A., L. W. Holland; Div. B., C.W. Edgington; Div. C., G. A. Willis; Div. D., H. A. L. Donkin; Div. E., E. A. Mortleman; Div. F., J. G. Shepherd.

Drawing.—1., C. W. Edgington; 2., H. T. Habgood; Lower Divisions.—V. Comfort; W. N. Hooke.

MEREDITH COMPOSITION.—Latin and Greek, R. J. Weaving.

PIANO PLAYING .- C. S. Day.

Solo Singing.—A. W. Collingbourne.

RIFLE SHOOTING .- C. W. Edgington.

SWIMMING.—Senior, G. C. Rice; Junior, H. A. L. Donkin.

GYMNASTICS.—Silver Medal, W. J. Read; Bronze Medal, W. Leach.

CRICKET.—(Batting Average), L. W. Holland. (Bowling), W. Leach. (Fielding), W. Leach. JUNIORS. --(Batting), C. W. E. Hoare. (Bowling), H. V. Campbell.

The usual speeches were then made, and afterwards visitors and boys adjourned to the School gymnasium, where they were entertained to tea by the Head Master and Mrs. Layng.

SKETCHING CLUB COMPETITION.

The subject for this competition, which was held last term, was a pencil sketch of the School Tower. Three hours were allowed for the work, and there were five duly qualified competitors, who were adjudged in the following order of merit:—1. C. W. Edgington. 2. J. McG. Mitchell. 3. G. A. Willis. 4. A. L. Edwards. 5. G. H. Short.

Our hearty thanks are due to Mr. J. G. T. West for acting as judge, and for the very full, suggestive, and we may add very favourable report he drew up.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATION. SENIORS.

First Class Honours.—C. J. Butler, (34th), G. H. G. Shepherd, (151st). Third Class Honours.—L. W. Holland, T. Johnston, H. Meredith: Passed (First Division), J. A. Cobb, V.G. H. Cox, A. L. Edwards, Rbt. B. Leach, W. Leach, F. E. Parker, H. V. Stone.

C. J. Butler was distinguished in Latin, 12th on the list, and J. A. Cobb, obtained exemption from Responsions.

JUNIORS.

First Class Honours.—C. S. Day, (49th). Third Class Honours.—G. A. Willis. Passed (First Division), C. E. Cook, H. A. N. Medd, K. G. Stevens. (Second Division), E. V. Dyke, H. R. Hobday, G. H. Short.

C. S. Day was distinguished in Latin, 34th, on the list, and in Greek, 9th.

A CYCLING YARN.

[The second part of the following story is vouched for as a fact: the first part is the explanation of the fact as imagined by the fertile brain of our contributor. Ed.]

It was a cold November morning in the year 18—. The market day at Claytonford had been a busy one and Norman Brooks, a gentleman farmer, who owned 1300 acres of farm land five miles or so from the town, had done good business with plenty of profit. It was therefore with a cheerful air that he entered the "White Horse" Inn, where the farmers of the surrounding district congregated on market days.

"Good-evening sir," was murmured from all sides as he entered the bar; for there was no one more popular than "Master Norman," as the old men still called him,—old men who had seen the elder Mister Brooks start as a small farmer, and prosper by dint of perseverance and good business qualities; and "Master Norman" was following closely in the footsteps of his father. "Good-evening all" he answered, nodding to the group of farmers and farm hands, who were sitting or standing in the room.

"Turble cold weather we be having an' no mistake about it," said old Farmer Tomlinson, "the ground be that hard that ye couldn't drive a pick into it."

"You're right," answered Norman; "my cob fell on the slippery road and broke his knees the other day and I had to bike in to-day. It's hard luck as I only bought him a short time ago."

"Ah, but you be a good'un on the bike an' no mistake, Master Norman," answered the old farmer. "The way I saw you come down your hill an' fly in through the gates o' your drive t'other day fair gave me the shivers. Well, good-night to ye sur; good-night to ye all:" and the old farmer got up and left the inn.

Farmer Tomlinson spoke truly when he said Norman Brooks was a "good'un on the bike." It was the time of the growing popularity of the safety bicycle, and there was no more reckless rider than Norman.

After the old man left, the talk turned on the business of the day. During a lull in the conversation a farm hand addressed Norman and said, "Did ye hear, Master Norman, about the robbery larst Saturday, after market, of Mister Jenk just outside his gates.? Two men set on 'im and purty nigh did for 'im an' 'e's still in bed, an' the Doctor's carriage round every day, an' 'im not expected to live." "Yes, I heard something of it" said Norman. "Wot I says" said Tom, the town politician, and incidentally blacksmith, "is 'ow can we expect anything else with this 'ere govviment in power? Why it's a temptation to highway robbery."

"Well, good-night all, I must be off home" said Norman: and, leaving the bar, he went out by a side door to the yard, where his bicycle was standing against the wall. It was a very dark evening and there was not a star to be seen; the sky was covered with clouds, and snow was threatening. After lighting his lamp, our friend got on his bicycle, and was soon going homewards at a rattling pace. The talk of the robbery of Farmer Jenk had not disturbed him much, if one could judge by the merry way in which he sang as he went along.

He was soon a good way from the town, and covering the country road at a great pace. When about three hundred yards from the gates of the drive leading to his house, he began to descend a very steep hill. Reckless fellow as he was, he had taken the brake off his machine; but it had been a favourite trick of his to come down this hill at top speed, and swing into his gateway, which stood in a small recess in the road. To-night he did the same, and turned at top speed towards the The gates were closed! gateway. With a terrible crash he went into them and pitched on his head on the gravel drive on the far side.

Two men stepped out from the shadow of the trees and crept stealthily up to the body of the unhappy fellow. "Turn on the bulls-eye, Bill," said one; and a flood of light flashed out, revealing two villainous looking rascals with black masks over their eyes. They set to work and made a systematic search of their victim's pockets, and extracted a good haul. "His neck's broke, Jim," whispered the one who held the lantern, "an' this is a 'anging job, so we'd best look slippy." Thereupon they both

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stole silently away, leaving the body of the man they had slain and robbed. They got away and were seen no more, in spite of the sums of money spent by the widow of the murdered man in employing special detectives to track them. They had left no traces by which they could be identified.

Last summer a friend of mine and his wife were riding in the county of W-. As they were walking their cycles up a very steep and narrow hill, they drew close to a kind of a recess on the left side of the road, in which stood the drive gates of a large country house. Over the brow of the hill there suddenly appeared a cyclist coming down at a terrific pace. They were astonished at the speed at which he was coming towards them, and moved to the side of the road, to make room for him. What was their surprise to see him turn in to the gateway without lessening his pace in the slightest! They hurried up, thinking there would be an accident. The gates were closed! The avenue was quite straight, and there was no cyclist in sight. If the man had got off to open the gate they would have heard him, and would also have been in plenty of time to see him. The house was miles from anywhere and they could get no information on the subject. What was the explanation? Surely no other except that it was the ghost of a man killed in a cycle accident at that spot.

H. L. NELIGAN.

FOOTBALL.

A.S.F.C. v. E. Winship's XI. This match was played at home on Wednesday Sept. 23rd. The weather was bad and the ball very greasy. Holland opened the scoring for us, but our visitors soon equalised through a penalty. Stevens and Holland gave us two more goals, and at half-time we led by 3-1. In the second period we obtained 4 goals through W. Leach, while our opponents got 2, and we thus won a good game by 7-3. School Team: -(Goal) Mr. S. H. Baker; (Backs) E. V. Dyke and Mr. H. H. Gibson; (Halves) O. B. Challenor, K. G. Stevens and Rbt. B. Leach (ii.); (Forwards) C. C. Painter, L. W. Holland, W. Leach, Mr. W. A. Rudd, C. W. Edgington.

A.S.F.C. 1st XI. v. Oxford High School 1st XI. This match was played at Abingdon on Oct. 3rd, in weather which suggested bathing rather than football. We scored first through Holland, who netted the ball with a fine shot, and shortly afterwards added a second goal to our score. We obtained another point through W. Leach, and at the change of ends led by 3-0. In the second half we were rather more pressed by our opponents. Leach obtained 3 more goals for us, and the High School scored 1, through a good shot from the left wing which completely beat our goal keeper. School Team :-(Goal) T. Johnston; (Backs) E. V. Dyke and J. E. E. R. Chanter; (Halves) O. B. Challenor, K. G. Stevens and Rbt. B. Leach (ii.); (Forwards) C. C. Painter,

L. W. Holland, W. Leach, C. W. Edgington, and F. Read.

A.S.F.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL. This game was played at home on Saturday, October 10th. We lost the toss, and played into the Lodge goal. After some strenuous play in mid-field, we forced a corner, and Painter scored a Soon afterwards Leighton were awarded a free-kick from the six yards mark, but failed to score. Just before half-time Edgington secured our second point. After changing ends we scored through W. Leach and Edgington. Our visitors responded with 2 goals, one from a free-kick; thus we were left winners of a keenly contested game by 4-2.

The School team was the same as that which played Oxford High School, except that C. C. Painter played in F. Read's place, and J. H. Wakefield played outside left.

A.S.F.C. v. MAGDALEN College School. Played on Wednesday, Oct. 14th. We won the toss and played into the Lodge goal. From the start our superiority was evident. After about 10 minutes play W. Leach, (who during the remainder of the game was not quite up to his usual form, gained a goal after a tricky run. then scored through Wakefield, Edgington, and Rbt. B. Leach. At half-time we were leading by 4-nil. After the fresh start we scored twice, both times through Holland, and thus won by Our opponents never made a 6-nil. strong stand against us throughout the game. Painter and Edgington were by

far the best forwards, while Dyke was the best man on the field.

The School team was the same as that which played against Leighton Park School.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. Oxford High School 2nd XI. This match was played at Oxford on Oct. 3rd, under favourable conditions. We scored first through Wakefield, from a centre from the right wing. Harvey soon after added another point to our score. The home forwards then got away, and scored their first goal, but Tame added another point for us, with a good shot. When the whistle was blown for half-time we were leading by 3-1. In the second half we were rather hard pressed by our opponents, who succeeded in scoring two more points to our one, a good goal by Shepherd. No more goals were scored, and at the end of the game we led by 4-3. School Team: -(Goal) G. Wilson; (Backs) A. E. Trinder and F. Parker; (Halves) L. F. W. Robinson, G. H. G. Shepherd and Rbt. B. Leach (iii.); (Forwards) J. H. Wakefield, S. Leach, E. G. Tame, E. F. Harvey and H. V. Campbell.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK School 2nd XI. This match was played at Leighton Park on the 10th of October, under excellent conditions. Having lost the toss we kicked off against the wind. After a few minutes play Harvey scored from a good pass by Tame. After another 10 minutes play Harvey added a second point. Our opponents then managed to break through and score. At half-time we were leading by 2—1. Play being resumed we were

awarded a penalty, which was brilliantly taken by Shepherd. Near the end of the game we were strongly pressed, but our backs showed good form, and it was not until within a few minutes of time that their second goal was scored, through a penalty. Soon after this the whistle was blown leaving us winners by 3—2.

Team:—(Goal) G. Wilson; (Backs) F. Parker, G. A. Willis; (Halves) Rchd. B. Leach (iii), G. H. G. Shepherd, L. F. W. Robinson; (Forwards) L. O. Burge, S. Leach, E. G. Tame, E. F. Harvey, H. V. Campbell.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. MAGDALEN SCHOOL 2nd XI. This match was played at Oxford on Oct. 14th, and resulted in an easy win for the School. We lost the toss. In the first half the game was slow, but Harvey succeeded in scoring a point and his example was followed by Tame. Read then got away and scored, and at half-time the score was 3—0. The second half was much brisker and eight goals were scored, by Tame (4), Harvey (2), and Leach iv. (2); and thus we were left winners by 11—0.

The School team was the same as that which played against Leighton except that H. T. Habgood came in place of L. F. W. Robinson and F. Read in that of H. V. Campbell.

BISLEY.

On August the 3rd, our detachment, consisting of twenty-two boys, under the charge of Mr. Adcock, went to the N.R.A. Camp at Bisley. We were among the first to arrive there, and were allotted a row of tents in a rather good position. From the ordinance

store each of us drew three "biscuits" to sleep on, three blankets, and a hard canvas pillow; a lamp and a bucket also being supplied to each tent. It was a terribly hot day, and by the time we had fixed our tents, and got them into something like order, we were in the last stages of exhaustion. However, someone found the bathing tank, and there was a general rush. It was only about 3ft. deep and 20ft. square, so by the time we got into it, there was more humanity to be seen than water. Soon after, the bugle sounded the luncheon call, and there was another rush, this time to the canteen shed. The food was very good, and continued to be so throughout our stay. On our first afternoon we formed up on the parade ground, nearly seven hundred boys, and each detachment was given its place, while the camp rules were read out, and we were told what was expected of us. We were then dismissed for the rest of the evening, and spent the time playing all sorts of impromptu games. Very few of us slept much that night, owing to the hardness of our beds and the novelty of our surroundings. bugle sounded the reveille at six, and we immediately dressed, and folded up our bedding, and put it outside our tents in a very military looking line, for inspection at 7 o'clock. This ordeal being over, we assembled on the parade ground, each detachment under its own Sergeant, for physical drill, which consisted of various strange motions, including hopping on alternate legs, standing on our hands, and one very favourite motion, which resembled a cake-walk more than anything else. When this was finished we had a well-earned breakfast at 8 o'clock, and at ten assembled again, to go to the ranges. We started at the miniature, but after a day or two got on to the long ranges—200 and 500 yards with service rifle.

After lunch we spent a couple of hours at drill, learning skirmishing movements, and methods of marching. After a short interval, spent by most of us at the bathing tank, we again went on the ranges, and returned in time for tea. In the evening there was a biograph entertainment in a large tin shed, and we were treated to quite a first class performance.

The succeeding days passed in much the same way, with a few variations, including one or two "ragging" episodes by certain unruly detachments, and one or two football matches played against other schools in which we were moderately successful. Tug-of-war, pillow fights and blanket tossing were also in great vogue in spare time, so we rarely had nothing to do, and even on such rare occasions, if one may be permitted to perpetrate a bull, there was always plenty to see and find out.

On the last night we had a grand concert, attended by Lord Cheylesmore, President of the National Rifle Association, and Col. Ricardo, in command at the camp. It was a great success in spite of the efforts of a rival entertainment consisting of a party of rowdies, who marched around the camp, and up

and down outside the concert hall with lanterns, singing the latest popular songs.

On Saturday, our last morning at camp, the various shooting competitions took place, on the long and on the miniature ranges. We entered for nearly everything-individual and team competitions, including the "Frankfort Shield." Our best result was a second, won by G. C. Rice in the moving target competition, but we did well in others, and held a good position in several After this we presented Mr. Adcock with a silver Match-box, suitably engraved, as a slight token of our recognition of the great trouble he had taken on our behalf. After lunch we held our last parade, and assembled with our sergeants for the distribution of prizes. These were to have been presented by Gen. Sir George White, but owing to his unavoidable absence were presented by Lord Cheylesmore. A medal of the N.R.A. was presented as a memento to every boy attending camp. We then collected our baggage, and caught our various trains, and by Saturday night most of us were safe at home, sunburnt and tired, but ready to talk like old soldiers of "battles, stratagems, and spoils."

AN ASSYRIAN TABLOID.

This welcome historical fragment was discovered in a burrow in the underground.

- 1. Now it came to pass
- 2. In the sixth pîhr-yùd hof-breîtdèhz
- 3. That Ouill-yam the mighty, the high priest of Krikh-ètt

- 4. Led forth his forces to conquer or drauh
- 5. ... and Boblich the sleek, the îtah of plúhmdùf
- 6. Knocked up a phîphtèh.....
- 7. And so also did Stîhv-ènz
- 8. Then Jôhs-èf the warlike, the mighty trierarch
- 9. Led out his phlîht.....to make a rèhg-áhtár......
- 10.all the bhoiz played the man, and the Kibdz...... ghôht...
- 11. And the Swîssphahm-li quarrelled
- 12. And Jhù-mbôh held forth on the jehn-eràhl-kwehzchùn
- 13. And Ouáka, the chieftain, won the skúhlphauz
- 14. And the phíphthwún the phawm-faùz
- 15.Then Phisch of the lowlands, the wonderful sig-nlah
- 16.And Ouill-yàm-aph-aurzèd made phîphtèh
- 17. And the ôhldbhoìz were conquered by an îhn-ingz
- 18. And Ouî wor lôhtz of shùh-tîhngz
- 19. And so ended the breîtdèhz

SCHOOL NOTES.

Our best thanks are due to The Right Hon. The Earl of Abingdon, for presenting to the School a valuable collection of Indian Butterflies.

Mr. W. W. Richardson, O.A., has offered a prize for Rifle Shooting to be competed for next summer term.

W. Bevir, Esq., B.A., late Scholar of Magdalen College, Cambridge, has joined the staff this term in the place of Mr. Adcock.

New Boys-School House: D. H. Marcus, E. M. Graham, W. N. E. Bruce, W. Tuson. Tesdale House: E. H. Thomas, J. C. Vivian, A. C. Vivian, W. H. Wood, H. M. H. Т. V. Day Boys:—A. Bowman, Brown, R. H. Webb, A. E. Chivers, H. E. Gibbs, W. J. Lewington, N. C. Perrin, F. V. Enoch, E. G. Deane, Η. Chambers, Ρ. N. Miles, P. C. de Dalmassy.

Boys Left. School House:-C. J. Butler, G. C. Rice. Day Boys :-Weaving, R. J. Ρ. $\mathbf{E}.$ Andrews, H. Meredith, F. E. Parker, V. G. H. Cox, J. C. Enoch, H. A. H. V. Stone, W. B. Busby, G. H. Short, H. R. Hobday, F. W. Faulkner, P. W. East, N. J. Faulkner, W. A. Deane, J. H. Lay, D. Napper, D. E. S. Cousins. The following have been made Prefects:—R. E. Greatbatch, J. McG. Mitchell, K. G. Stevens, Rbt. B. Leach, O. B. Challenor, L. L. Edwards.

The following elections have been made to School Scholarships:—

Young & Summers.—D. H. Marcus.
Entrance House Exhibitions.—J. C.
Vivian, A. C. Vivian.
Blacknall.—G. H. G. Shepherd.
Senior Bennett.—W. J. Cantell.
Junior ,, F. W. Lupton.
Lady Wantage.—W. R. Gilbert.
Roysse.—A. E. Chivers, H. E. Gibbs,
W. S. Lewington.
Municipal.—N. C. Perrin.

The vacancies in the Editorial Committee of the Abingdonian have been filled by O. B. Challenor and L. L. Edwards.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will hold a Confirmation in St. Helen's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 13th.

'Exeat' is announced for Oct. 31st to Nov. 2nd. Concert, December 12th. O. A. Football Match December 16th, and end of term, Dec. 19th.

Mr. Wood's dancing classes are being held, as usual, on Mondays, during this term.

The following corrections of names and addresses in our Supplement to our last number have been sent:

A. E. Cannon, Woodbatch, Egham.

O. S. Challenor, Redhill, Tongaat,

Natal.

R. F. Challenor, 32 Smith St., Nr. Field street, Durban.

Lieut. H. A A. (not H.) d'Almaine, A. Battery, Natal Field Artillery, Durban, Natal.

J. R. Hewer, c/o R. Hughes, Esq.,26 Willow Street, Oswestry.

Rev. G. (not J.) D. Nicholas.

C. A. W. Payne, Conduit Road,

Abingdon.

F. H. Pryce, Rythemead,

Thorkhill Rd., Thames Dilton.

C. S. Day was second on the list of the Berkshire Senior Scholars, and R. Haywood and H. A. L. Donkin won the first and third Intermediate Scholarships awarded by the County Education Committee last term.

Mr. T. J. Roylands-Smith, a former member of the staff, has been given a handsome testimonial in recognition of his services as conductor of the Exeter Diocesan Choral Society. He has acted in that capacity for 22 years.

- E. F. Clark has graduated B. Sc. of London University with First Class Honours in Engineering. He has gone into residence this term at Trinity College, Cambridge.
- H. L. Crudgington has taken Honours in Greats at Oxford. He was placed in the Fourth Class.
- O. J. Couldrey has taken the Diploma in Teaching at Oxford University.
- H. Goff has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Incorporated Law Society.
- C. J. Butler, L. W. Holland, T. Johnson, H. Meredith, A. L. Edwards, and F. E. Parker have matriculated at London University.
- R. J. Weaving and C. J. Butler, have gone into residence at Oxford this term; Weaving to Pembroke College and Butler to Lincoln College.
- P. E. Andrews and H. Meredith have joined University College, Reading.

We omitted to mention in our last issue that C. J. Butler won second place in the 100 yards race, at the Inter-Public Schools Sports last Easter.

It will interest many of our readers to learn that R. E. Walker, the 100 metres champion, comes from Lieut. H. A. A. d'Almaine's section of the Natal Field Artillery, and that one quarter of the cost of sending him to compete at Olympia was guaranteed and raised by Lieut. d'Almaine, (O.A.)

BIRTH.

NICHOLL.—On 15th July, at the Royal Naval College, Osborne, the wife of A. M. C. Nicholl, Esq., M.A., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HARKNESS-CAM.—May 2nd, at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, by Rev. H. Symonds, D.D., Rector, J. Harkness, M.A., Cantab, Peter Redpath Professor of Pure Mathematics in McGill University, to Katharine Emily, eldest daughter of the Rev. W. H. Cam, Rector of Birchanger and Rural Dean, formerly Head-Master of Abingdon School.

DEATHS.

LAYNG.—On October 4th, at Eldorado Road. Cheltenham, Henry Layng, M.R.C.S. Eng., and L.R.C.P. Lond., of Swatow, China, eldest son of the late Rev. Henry Layng, M.A., of Fouldon Vicarage, Norfolk, and Wisbech, Cambs. Aged 48.

TRINDER.—On August 27th, at the Vineyard, Abingdon, George Trinder, for many years Ground-man at Abingdon School. Aged 68.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—Laxtonian (2), Wulfrunian (2), Aldenhamian, Herefordian, Bloxhamist, Bancroftian, Brighton College Magazine.