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EDITORIAL.

AS this magazine is published in the interests of past as well as present members of the School, it is with great pleasure that we learn that nine new members have just joined the Old Abingdonian Club. We received their names too late to publish them in this number, but shall include them, and the names of any others who join, in our next. From 'The Abingdonian' point of view this is all the more welcome as, owing to the death of some former members and the fact that no efforts have availed to find the address of a few

others who have lost touch with the club, the number to whom copies of this magazine have been sent has decreased from 186 at the end of 1907 to 173 at the end of 1908. It may be well, perhaps, to remind all whom it may concern that either Mr. J. H. E. Morland at the School, or Mr. B. Challenor (junior), of 'The Firs,' Abingdon will gladly receive the names of other 'Old Boys' who may wish to join the club.

The requests we have recently received for bound copies of Volumes I, II and III, or for separate back numbers have been enough to make it necessary for us to reprint several of the latter: but not quite enough to pay for the heavy expense this entails; and after our expensive Xmas number, our balance is lower than it has been for some years. Are there any more of our readers who wish to replenish their stock of back numbers?

if so, we should be glad to hear from them as soon as possible. Each of the first three volumes may be had bound in the School colours for 12s. 3d., or separate numbers thereof at half the published price.

This number is mostly a record of School events. Shooting, gymnastics, football sixes, rowing, and athletic sports form quite a formidable list to tackle in one short term: and when the L. S. & D. Society, the weather, and the consequent succession of colds and other minor complaints is added to the list, it is evident that we have not 'sheathed our swords for lack of argument.' We have nothing in our editorial comments to add to the full descriptions which will be found in the following pages.

CONCERT.

The School Concert was held in the Gymnasium on December 12th, and the very large audience had every reason to be well satisfied. Owing to illness, the Orchestra was not at full strength, and in consequence was, perhaps, not quite up to the high standard of recent years; nevertheless, though somewhat weak in the first item, they gave a very good rendering of Moskowzki's Spanish Dances, and were again heard to advantage in the second part. The part-songs by the choir were excellent. The parts blended well, and all the singers showed a thorough knowledge of time and rhythm. The gradual modulation of the voices in the softer movement was particularly

noticeable. "The Fay's song" and Selby's charming rendering of "Flow down cool Rivulet," were well worth an encore, but, alas, part-songs appeal but little to a modern audience. Collingbourne was the soloist. He has a good compass, considerable power of expression and a delightful tone. He gave an excellent rendering of Goring-Thomas's "Winds in the trees," but "To Anthea" appeared a little beyond his range. Day's piano solo proved that he is fast becoming a capable successor to Duncan. We were glad to welcome Mr. Bevir on the platform. His rendering of "A Sailor's Life" gained him a well-deserved encore.

Mr. Martell was in as good voice as ever. He sang us many songs and sang them all delightfully. Lastly we must once more thank Miss Hughes and our many kind friends in the orchestra for their generous assistance.

The full programme is appended:—

PART I.

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| Valse | .. "Venus on Earth" | .. Lincke. |
| | The Orchestra. | |
| Part Song | .. "The Fay's Song" | .. Smart. |
| | The Choir. | |
| Song | .. "A Sailor's Life" | .. Squire. |
| | W. Bevir. | |
| Piano Solo | { (a) "Frühlingsrauschen" .. Sinding. | |
| | { (a) "Salut d'Amour" .. Elgar. | |
| | C. S. Day. | |
| Song | .. "To Anthea" .. Hatton. | |
| | A. W. Collingbourne. | |
| Part Song | .. "The Singing Bird" .. Elgar. | |
| | The Choir. | |
| Song— | | |
| (a) | "Sing, break into song" .. Mallinson. | |
| (b) | "Phyllis has such charming graces" Lane-Wilson | |
| | E. A. Martell. | |
| Four Spanish Dances | Moskowzki. | |
| | The Orchestra. | |

PART II.

- Part Song .. "Shine out Stars" .. *Selby.*
The Choir.
- Piano Solo .. "La Coquette" .. *Spindler.*
R. Haywood.
- Song .. "Winds in the trees" *Goring-Thomas*
A. W. Collingbourne.
- Quartette .. "Loch Lomond" .. *Traditional.*
A. W. Collingbourne, R. Haywood, E. A. Martell,
and J. McG. Mitchell.
- Part Song "Flow down cool Rivulet" .. *Selby.*
The Choir.
- Song { (a) "A Song of Suney" .. *Lohr.*
{ (b) "Little Crimson Rose" .. *V. Smith.*
E. A. Martell.
- Selection .. "Contes d'Hoffmann" .. *Offenbach.*
The Orchestra.

FOOTBALL.

A.S.F.C. v. OLD ABINGDONIANS. This annual match was played on Wednesday, December 16th. The ground was in a very bad condition, but in spite of this the game proved very fast and even.

The School kicked off into the Park goal and some bustling play was soon seen. The Past quickly attacked, but Painter gave the school the lead with a cross shot. The old boys however soon drew up level with a good shot from Habgood. The play still continued very even when W. Leach gave the School the lead; which however we soon lost again when Harvey scored. No more points were gained before half-time, and so ends were changed with two goals each. In the second half the play became faster than ever, the Past continually severely testing the School's defence. At length however the School were relieved by W. Leach running close in and scoring with a hard shot. Both teams struggled hard now, the Past resorting to con-

tinual rushes, which eventually proved successful, while shortly afterwards they scored again through Habgood. Thus the Old Abingdonians ran out winners by 4—3.

Teams :—Past. R. G. Rice (goal); L. G. Drewe and N. B. Challenor (backs); N. P. Shepherd-Turneham, N. Duncan and J. W. Duncan (half-backs); E. A. H. Nichols, E. F. Harvey (capt.) M. Betteridge, V. Adams and H. G. Habgood (forwards).

Present :—G. Wilson (goal); F. Parker and E. V. Dyke (backs); Rbt. B. Leach, G. H. G. Shepherd and O. B. Challenor (half-backs); C. C. Painter, C. W. Edgington, W. Leach, L. W. Holland (capt.) and J. H. Wakefield (forwards).

SIXES.

The Sixes were played in the usual manner this term, though the Seniors were reduced to five instead of the original six, on account of lack of time and also of sufficient players of the same standard. In spite of this they proved just as interesting and exciting, the winning six eventually being Holland's.

The following is the winning team :

L. W. Holland (capt.) F. Read, F. Parker, G. A. Willis, E. M. Graham and G. J. H. Ashwin.

In consequence of the decrease in the Senior Sixes, the Junior were increased to ten. But it was found impossible to play these in the ordinary manner, so they were played in Cup-Tie fashion. Both Tuson and Mann went through all the rounds without a defeat and so

qualified to meet in the final. Here Mann proved victorious and so ran out winner of the Sixes. The following is the winning team:—G. F. S. Mann (capt.) E. A. Mortleman, R. H. Webb, W. R. Gilbert, W. W. Leach and P. F. Clark.

DAYSPRING.

The swoon-white stars die into the dawn,
 Dark leaves the Chameleon sky,
 The probing sun-fingers awaken the fawn,
 The shadows creep into the hills and the torn,
 Night-mists from the drenched fields fly.

The Zephyr leaps up from his billowy bed
 Far over the fondling foam ;
 He tosses the dew from the flower's dipt head,
 And loads her with numberless kisses instead,
 And sings of his wild wide home.

The vapourless blue looks into the lake,
 And dies of its own sweet love ;
 But the corybant breeze dances down through
 the brake,
 Shrivels over the sheet for the sky's sad sake,
 And beats up the wold above.

The drowsy birds trickle over with song ;
 The springs tinkle into the pool,
 And odorous tissues are winnowed along
 And lodge on the guttering pine's stark prong,
 And melt into drop-lobes cool.

H.W.W.

THE GYMNASTIC COMPETITION.

The Gymnasium was filled on Thursday evening, March 18th, the occasion of the annual Competition for the Silver and Bronze Medals presented by the Headmaster. The display throughout was most entertaining, and the enthusiasm shown afforded a fitting

recognition of the time and trouble that had been spent in perfecting the display.

Special interest was of course centred in the "Medal" Competition, and in the event a very close struggle was seen. F. Read was awarded the Silver Medal, H. T. Habgood, a close second, winning the Bronze Medal; H. A. N. Medd was third and E. F. Harvey fourth. We take this opportunity of thanking Sergt. J. Collins and Col.-Sergt. Instructor Parmenter for so kindly officiating as Judge and Referee respectively.

The above-mentioned four were the only competitors, E. V. Dyke, who with the above-named, has been awarded "colours," being prevented by illness from competing; and we understand the entries would have been larger had not rowing training prevented others from getting the extra practice considered necessary for this competition.

In the chief event, Read showed the greatest power, and he excelled in particular upon the Horse. His performance was suggestive of strength and activity, whereas Habgood's movements were more rhythmical and controlled. On the Parallel Bars, the latter gave an exhibition which was beautifully timed and most graceful in effect.

Medd is to be congratulated on a surprisingly good performance. Harvey seemed to suffer through a lack of confidence, for which, possibly, his position as "leader" was partly responsible; but he proved himself no mean gymnast. All four competitors well deserve the School colours which have been awarded them.

The Junior Forms were highly popular in their "Drill" with its comic *Finale*, and their onslaught upon the Wooden Horse was irresistible.

Another popular feature of the programme consisted of tableaux by the Middle Forms. There were five set pieces, each composed twice, and upon one occasion only did one of the performers fail to get in position at the first attempt. Their efforts were deservedly applauded, for in practice they had frequently been upset through illness of some of the competitors.

Hearty cheers were given for Mr. Wright at the conclusion of the entertainment.

PROGRAMME.

COMPETITION (for the Silver and the Bronze Medals offered by the Headmaster.)

EVENT 1. HORIZONTAL BAR.	Harvey, E. F.
" 3. PARALLELS.	Dyke, E. V.
" 6. VAULTING HORSE.	Read, F.
	Habgood, H. T.
	Medd, H. A. N.

EVENT 2. PHYSICAL DRILL.	II., III. and
" 5. VAULTING HORSE.	IV. Forms.

Webb, R. H.	Chambers, E. H.
Ellison, A. G.	Buckle, F. T.
Atherton, G. L.	Bury, B. J.
Wood, W. H.	Abbott, F. H.
Dove, A. S.	Lewington, W. J.
King, K. V.	Robinson, F. R. H.
Miles, P. N.	

EVENT 4. HORIZONTAL BAR.	Remove and
" 7. TABLEAUX.	Shell Forms.

Ashwin, G. J. H.	Parker, F.
Nowill, C. M.	Burge, L. O.
Tame, E. C.	Enoch, W. H.
Hoare, C. W. E.	Mortleman, E. A.
Vivian A. C.	Leach, S.

SHOOTING.

Since last September we have got rid of a large number of rounds of ammunition—over 10,000 to be exact—with varied success. It is, however, pleasant to be able to state, that the average shooting is improving all round. And one finds many of the smaller boys scoring between 40 and 50, out of 70, with fair regularity, which promises well for the future. With regard to our matches, we have done well. Space forbids the inclusion of scores; but, last term we beat Worcester and the Masters with ease: but lost to the Old boys, who can—and did—raise a very good 8 against us. This term, counter attractions, such as rowing, footer sixes, and sports have prevented many matches; but we have beaten Worcester and Trent College and as this goes to press, we are on the eve of matches with Worcester (return) and Woodbridge. We have been unable, to our regret, to arrange a match with Hereford this term. Last term's event was exciting, ending in a tie, and we would like to enter the lists with them again. We are hoping to entertain a team from the Oxford Banks next term on the outdoor range; they wished to come this term; but our times were limited, and theirs were also, so nothing came of it. This term we have been greatly handicapped by the extreme cold, which stopped shooting for over a fortnight. It is to be hoped that we may have good weather next term on the open-air range, and some good shooting to record in our next "Abingdonian."

ROWING.

The rowing season has been remarkable in more ways than one. In the first place we must record the Head Master's generous gift of a new four. She has been built by Stevens, of Abingdon, and those who have had the pleasure to row in her are loud in her praises.

This year has also been marked by an extension of programme. Three races have been rowed in ten days. The two on home waters ended in victories, but at Oxford we met with a decisive reverse. A full account of all three will be found below. The crew improved very considerably under Mr. Baker's coaching, but might have done themselves more justice had they fully realised the all-importance of careful training. It is most necessary for beginners to grasp at once that rowing is something more than a pastime. It demands patience, perseverance and self-denial from its devotees, and only to those who will make the sacrifice are its real pleasures granted.

We are glad to record considerable keenness in the lower parts of the School, and rumour has it that seven form fours are entering for the regatta: so may it be.

ABINGDON SCHOOL B.C. v. MAGDALEN
COLLEGE SCHOOL B.C.

At Oxford, March 6th. The race was rowed on the Eights' course, but starting from Weir's Bridge. The weather was most unfavourable with occasional storms of sleet; the Red flag was hoisted on the 'Varsity Barge, so

both crews had canvasses fitted. The rough water caused trouble in the boat, for throughout training the water had been smooth. Magdalen won the toss and chose the tow path station, which, with the arrangement of the buoys in the Gut, would appear to be considerably the better. This however made no difference to the result, for Magdalen got right away at the start and increased their lead to the finish, winning by several lengths. Our stroke had been ill the night before, and rowed without any life, whereas Magdalen were a very pretty crew and rowed in lively fashion.

ABINGDON SCHOOL B.C.			
		st.	lbs.
(bow.)	C. C. Painter	9	11
(2)	L. L. Edwards	10	0
(3)	O. B. Challenor	10	11
(str.)	G. Wilson	11	3
(cox.)	R. Haywood	5	12

Time 6 mins. 4 secs.

ABINGDON SCHOOL B.C. v. MONKTON
COMBE SCHOOL, BATH.

March 10th. Crew as before except that G. F. S. Mann, 7st. 3lbs. took Haywood's place as cox.

The course was to have been from the usual starting point at Culham Cut into Wilsom Reach, (about 6 mins.) but the river was almost in flood so the race was held over the usual school course. It was a most exciting race won only by about ten feet. We started well, and kept quite a length ahead, until, when a little past half-way, our opponents put on a spurt and gradually gained on us. We, however, though failing to spurt, managed to pass the flag a few feet

in front. Mann steered an excellent course. Time 4 min. 48 secs.

The strength of the stream may be gathered from the fact that it was only after several attempts that the Monkton Combe crew could get through the Bridge on the return journey.

ABINGDON SCHOOL B.C. v. OLD

ABINGDONIANS.

March 13th. The stream had gone down since the previous Wednesday but was still strong. The Old Boys had had no practice together as a crew, though two of them had been in training at Oxford for their College Torpids. The School got well away at the start, rowing a much faster stroke, and they increased their lead till the finish, winning easily and in good style by about ten lengths. Stroke was rather short, but "three" kept the boat going, and "bow" was rowing well. "Two" also showed remarkable improvement; the form was much superior to that shown in the other two races. Considering the stream, the time 3 mins. 41 secs. was good.

School crew, as against Monkton Combe.

OLD ABINGDONIANS.

(bow.) F. E. Parker

(2) C. J. Butler

(3) B. Challenor, jun.

(str.) B. M. Challenor

(cox.) J. L. West

CHARACTERS OF THE CREW.

(Bow) C. C. Painter. 9st. 11lbs. Has done remarkably well, seeing that he only started tubbing this term.

Has worked hard and has become quite a good oar. Must try to keep his shoulders square at the end of the stroke and his oar longer in the water. Must drop his hands well, in rough water.

(2) L. L. Edwards. 10st. 0lbs. Has greatly improved the latter part of the term. Pulls with his arms and so is slow with his hands and, on the recovery. Must get sharper into the water when forward.

(3) O. B. Challenor. 10st. 11lbs. This year's Captain. Has improved considerably, though inclined to lose his body form when rowing. Is neater with his hands than the rest of the crew and has pulled the boat together when they were likely to go to pieces.

(Stroke) G. Wilson. 11st. 3lbs. Was rowing "2," and took Mitchell's place when the latter fell ill. Seemed likely to set a good rhythm, but fell off during the last ten days. Must not pull in the finish with his arms, but must use his legs more. Has not yet realised that a long and steady stroke will last longer than a short and quick one. At times misses the beginning through not turning off the feather earlier and more gradually.

J. McG. Mitchell. 10st. 0lbs. Was stroking, but owing to illness did not row in any of the races. He had improved on last year's form and set a steady stroke, but rather missed the beginning and got rather short when called upon to row. Should sit up more at the finish.

(Cox) R. Haywood. 5st. 12lbs. steered a good course against Magdalen, and G. F. S. Mann 7st. 3lbs. similarly distinguished himself against Monkton Combe. Both coxes can steer well, but are slack in marking the time. They need to watch their crew more closely, for a good coxswain can do much to keep a boat level, if he knows his business. They also should keep nearer their coach, and must learn to control the boat when eased in a wind.

GENERAL REMARKS:—

The training throughout was of rather an unusual nature, there being practically no wind or stream, but on the other hand there was often ice in the river, Culham Cut being frozen over for some weeks together. The crew was upset by illness, for before his breakdown Mitchell was out of the boat for two or three days, Mr. Baker rowing as substitute; and later on, Wilson had to be given a rest.

For the Magdalen race, a scratch crew took the boat to Sandford, waiting for over half-an-hour outside Abingdon Lock, whilst the ice, in and around it, was with difficulty broken up by the Lock-keeper in his punt; the crew, who had cycled through the snow, rowed from Sandford to Oxford. They rowed from Weir's Bridge to the Red Post in 3 min. 45 secs. The crew consisted of four strong hard workers, who would have improved much more had there been more opportunity for tubbing; none the less, up to the time of the

Magdalen race they had come on considerably, their best piece of rowing, (in a driving snowstorm,) being from the starting point at Culham Cut, to the first Willow in Wilsom reach, in 5 min. 45 secs. They reached the beginning of the plantation, near the finish of the usual School Course, in 2 min. 50 secs.

After the Magdalen race, a scratch crew rowed the boat back to Abingdon, meeting with sleet and rain the whole way, half a gale blowing from the South East. The river promptly rose to flood level, and, in the next few days, the crew developed a short snatchy stroke and failed to make much way against the stream; fortunately for us in Wednesday's race Monkton Combe lay much too far back at the finish, and so did not move much between the strokes either. By Saturday the stream had lessened, and the School crew rowed in much better style, more nearly approaching that of the preceding week, the new boat being evidently a great advantage to us, for she kept very level between the strokes although our crew were none too quick on the recovery.

The most noticeable faults of the crew as a whole, were, first, slowness on the recovery, and heaviness with the hands, the feathering being uneven. They were also unsteady in the last part of the swing forward, getting into the water too slowly, so that the blades generally were *rowed* into the water. Their chief virtues were that generally they could keep the boat level, and, using their legs, rowed hard all the way.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Only two meetings of the Society were held this term.

On Jan. 29th, J. McG. Mitchell was called upon to propose:—"That this House is in sympathy with the Anti-Suffrage League."

G. H. G. Shepherd opposed and C. W. Edgington seconded the motion.

The following members also spoke :
Pro : F. Read. Con : R. Haywood, C. M. Nowill and L. W. Holland.

The motion was lost by 6 votes to 13.

On Feb. 5th, C. P. Puckridge was called upon to propose:—"That in the opinion of this House, Esperanto as a universal language is beneficial to the world at large."

K. G. Stevens opposed and Robt. B. Leach seconded the motion.

The following members also spoke :
Pro :—R. Haywood. Con :—Mr. H. H. Gibson, Richd. B. Leach, L. W. Holland and H. W. B. Burkett.

The motion was lost by 4 votes to 8.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The School Sports were held on Saturday, March 27th, the Steeple-chases and the Mile Race having been run off before. The weather was fine, but rather chilly to the onlookers. The attendance was not so large as usual, but it was by no means small. During the previous week we had had several sharp storms, and the track was rather sticky. Challenor ran extremely well in the Half and Quarter, and Shepherd

did a good Long Jump of 21ft. 3½in., a school record. The Old Boys' race produced a good finish, R. G. Rice just winning.

Among the junior boys, Campbell is very promising for future years, while Brown ran very well in the Hundred under 12.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Layng. Afterwards three cheers were given for Mrs. Layng, for the Prize Donors and for the Head Master.

In the competition for the 'Heber Clarke' Challenge Cup, Challenor and Shepherd came equal, with 40 points.

The following is the list of results:—

LONG JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by Mr. E. M. Challenor, O.A., and Mr. H. W. Weaving.) G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; W. Leach, 2. Distance 21ft. 3½in. Shepherd's was a magnificent jump.

LONG JUMP (under 15).

(Prizes presented by Mr. W. R. Portal, O.A., and Mr. E. A. Strauss, M.P.) A. W. Collingbourne, 1; W. N. E. Bruce, 2. Distance 14ft. 10in.

HIGH JUMP (under 12).

(Prizes presented by Mr. A. E. Preston, O.A.) D. Cullen, 1; F. R. H. Robinson, 2. Height 4ft. 10in.

HIGH JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by Mr. W. A. Rudd, and Mr. H. M. Rudd). W. Leach, 1; L. L. Edwards, 2. Height 5ft. 0¼in.

HIGH JUMP (under 14).

(Prizes presented by Mr. H. S. Challenor, O.A. Mayor of Abingdon). F. W. Lupton, 1; H. A. L. Donkin, 2. Height 4ft.

HURDLE RACE (open).

(Prizes presented by Mr. H. H. Gibson, and Mr. E. J. Harris). G. H. G. Shepherd, 1; F. Read, 2. Time 16 4-5th secs.

HURDLE RACE (under 15).

(Prizes presented by Mr. W. Bevir, and Mr. G. S. Saxby). G. J. H. Ashwin, 1; A. W. Collingbourne, 2. Time 24 4-5ths secs.

100 YARDS (under 12).

(Prizes presented by Mr. J. F. Downing). T. V. Brown, 1; A. Davenport, 2. Time 14 2-5th secs.

100 YARDS (under 14).

(Prizes presented by Rev. R. F. Ashwin and Remove Form). H. V. Campbell, 1; C. W. E. Hoare, 2. Time 13 2-5th secs.

100 YARDS (under 16).

(Prizes presented by Mr. G. W. Shepherd, O.A., and Mr. E. A. Strauss, M.P.) F. Parker, 1; C. C. Painter, 2. Time 12 secs.

100 YARDS (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Price.) Prizes presented by The Rev. the Head-Master and Mr. Player Isaac. G. H. G. Shepherd 1; O. B. Challenor 2. Time 10 4-5th secs.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (Open).

(Prizes presented by Mr. J. T. Morland and The Right Rev. the Master of Pembroke College, Oxford). G. H. G. Shepherd 1; F. Read 2. Distance 32ft. 3½ins.

QUARTER MILE HANDICAP (Open).

(Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon). Heats were run in this on Friday evening so that on Saturday only 18 were left out of 56 entries. O. B. Challenor 1; L. W. Holland 2; Rbt. B. Leach 3. Time 55 4-5th secs.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 13).

(Prizes presented by Mr. W. Pierpoint and Mr. F. Mitchell). F. R. H. Robinson 1; C. W. E. Hoare 2. Time 32 2-5th secs.

CHOIR RACE (300 Yards Handicap).

(Prizes presented by Mr. E. A. Martell and Mr. E. L. Shepherd). R. I. Comins 1; V. Comfort 2. Time 39 2-5th secs.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

(Prizes presented by Mr. J. H. E. Morland, O.A., and V. & VI. Forms). F. Parker 1; G. Wilson 2. Distance 84yds. 1ft. 2in.

HALF MILE HANDICAP (Open).

(Prizes presented by Mrs. Layng, Mr. M. T. Tatham and II., III. and IV. Forms). O. B. Challenor 1; L. W. Holland 2; H. V. Campbell 3.

OLD ABINGDONIANS RACE (100 yards).

(Prizes presented by Mr. W. O. Clayton Heslop, O.A.) Run in ordinary clothes. R. G. Rice 1; N. B. Challenor 2. Time 11 4-5th secs.

CONSOLATION RACE (1 lap.)

(Prizes presented by Mr. C. A. Pryce and Mr. J. G. T. West, O.A.) K. G. Stevens 1; H. T. Habgood 2. Time 47 3-5th secs.

STEEPLECHASES.

The Steeplechases were run on Tuesday, March 23rd. As usual, they were held on Abingdon Common. The ground was very heavy and the water high.

Of the juniors, 18 started. The course was a little over a mile. Lupton took the lead, but at the third ditch was overtaken by Campbell, who pluckily kept the lead for the rest of the race.

Donkin came second, about 15 yards behind. There was a keen contest for third place. Gilbert and E. H. Mann were both level at the last hurdle, when the former put on more pace which Mann was unable to make good. Time 7min. 30 4-5th secs.

There were no less than 21 starters for the Seniors. The course was rather more than two miles over rough country. The start was very exciting, looking almost like a hundred. Holland took the lead, followed by Challenor. Holland soon got away and was a good distance ahead throughout the race. At the last ditch, A. L. Edwards and Challenor were level, but Edwards being exhausted, stumbled, and thus gave the advantage to Challenor, which could not be recovered. Challenor was thus a good second. Chanter came easily fourth. Time 11min. 47 3-5th secs.

The prizes were presented by Mr. S. H. Baker, Mr. F. O. Townsend, O.A., and Mr. W. H. Puckridge for the seniors, and by Mr. Councillor Legge, Shell Forms and Mr. H. P. Simpson, O.A., for the juniors.

THE MILE.

The mile was run on the School grounds on Thursday, March 25th, at 5 p.m. Owing to several sharp storms during the day the ground was rather heavy, but in spite of that fact, some good running was seen. Holland took the lead, but was followed closely by Challenor. Within the last 100 yards, Challenor overtook Holland with a splendid sprint, winning by only a few yards, the finish being very exciting.

A. L. Edwards was a good third. Time, 5min. 20 4-5th secs.

The Prizes were presented by Mr. H. Burkett, Mr. H. G. W. d'Almaine, O.A. and Mr. B. Challenor, O.A., and the Challenge Cup by Mrs. Burkett.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(A BREEZE FROM ASSAM).

Dear Mr. Editor.

I thought perhaps it might interest the readers of the Abingdonian, to hear that the colours of the Old Boys' club, are to be seen in Assam, among the Tea Planters.

I have recently been appointed Chaplain to the Sibsagar District including the sub-divisions of Jorhat, Golaghat and Sonari.

One of the chief games out here is Polo; and a very fine game it is! There is a Sibsagar Polo Tournament every year.

The Tournament games are played on 13.3 ponies, and consist of five "chuckers" of five minutes each, with an interval of three minutes between each "chucker."

Polo is an interesting game to watch. In the match between Sonari v. Jorhat, played last month, I, as an old master, was very interested to find an "Old Abingdonian," W. R. Noble, not only a member of the Sonari team, but also playing quite a first-class game, and scoring two goals for his side.

I believe the last time I saw W. R. Noble was as a boy at Abingdon School, some fourteen years ago.

Noble has now settled down, as a successful Planter and a married man;

with perhaps not quite as much "thatch" on his head as formerly, but, without doubt, more of the right stuff inside.

Success to Old Abingdonians.

Yours truly,

H. C. ORPWOOD,

Chaplain, Sibsagar.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We offer our best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Landale for their generous donation of Ten Pounds to be spent on the chapel.

Also to R. F. Baker, O.A., for his gift of Flint Arrow-heads for the Museum, and to B. Challenor, Esq., O.A., for an interesting old map of Berkshire.

We congratulate heartily G. H. G. Shepherd upon his election to the School Scholarship at Pembroke College.

E. F. Clark won the King's Prize for Mathematics in the Board of Education's Science Examination.

J. W. Duncan represented Wales in the Hockey Match against Scotland and scored a goal for the Principality.

B. M. Challenor has been rowing for Worcester College and C. J. Butler for Lincoln College in the Torpids.

D. F. Mortleman has gone out to Queensland; F. B. Graham has joined his brothers in Ontario; C. A. W. Payne has moved from Singapore to Madras and W. J. Lightfoot has gone to Tasmania.

We wish Mr. W. R. C. Adcock all success in the new duties he has entered upon as Lecturer at the Government Training College, Colombo.

The following boys were confirmed on the last Sunday of last term:—C. E. Cook, E. M. Graham, R. E. Greatbatch, H. T. Habgood, E. F. Harvey, Richard B. Leach, F. Read, K. G. Stevens, C. M. Nowill, W. H. Whitlock, L. H. Enoch, E. G. Tame, H. W. Short.

C. W. Edgington has been made a School Prefect.

Boys left.—School House.—R. E. Greatbatch, T. Johnston, J. H. Wakefield, L. Greatbatch. Day Boys.—J. A. Cobb, P. C. de Dalmassy.

New Boys. School House.—F. L. Baber. Day boys.—W. H. C. Bourchier, W. L. M. Salt.

Our best thanks are due to Miss Layng and the Ladies who helped her for the excellent entertainment which they provided for us on February 22nd.

On February 23rd, most of us went to a Concert given by the Abingdon Gleemen in the Corn Exchange.

The following colours have been awarded:—

Rowing.—G. Wilson, C. C. Painter, L. L. Edwards.

Gymnasium.—H. T. Habgood, E. F. Harvey, H. A. N. Medd, E. V. Dyke.

Shooting.—G. H. G. Shepherd, K. G. Stevens, G. F. S. Mann.

The Subjects for Canon Meredith's Composition Prizes are

Latin Prose: Macaulay's Essay on Lord Clive:—'Clive was in a painfully anxious position'—'Great Britain.'

Greek Prose: Macaulay's Essay on Lord Clive:—'Then was committed that great crime'—'at Moorshedabad.'

Calendar.—

Past & Present Athletic Sports.

April 6th. Entertainment in the evening by the Choir.

April 7th. Term ends.

May 4th. Summer Term begins. Boys in School House and Tesdale House return on the previous day.