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EDITORIAL.

WE cannot describe the course of the expiring term as one of unbroken smoothness. Sickness—in the main of a comparatively trivial nature, though productive in more than one instance of some alarm and anxiety—has from the outset been responsible for an unusual number of absences, and we are at present suffering from an all-too successful invasion of the measles.

As a result work has been considerably disturbed, but the various athletic fixtures have not been seriously interfered with, and our 'Sporting Number' will be found no less sporting than usual.

Cricket matches have already been arranged for nearly every available date next term, and, as the majority of last season's XI. are still with us, the prospect is decidedly encouraging. The new playing field is still in a state of violent eruption and our energies will again be restricted by want of space, but it is hoped that every boy will have the opportunity of a game at least twice a week—and use it.

We commend our Balance Sheet to the sympathetic attention of our subscribers, and would once again remind those who may desire back numbers that these are, in most cases, still obtainable at half the published price.

CONCERT.

The School Concert was held in the Gymnasium on Wednesday, December 14th. The weather was particularly unkind, in as much as a severe down-pour greeted the numerous guests at the time of departure from their homes; nevertheless all who did venture forth were amply rewarded by the musical treat given them by the various performers. Of the items—vocal and instrumental—it would be difficult to say which was the most popular. The Orchestra, numbering 17 performers, under the conductorship of Mr. Willis, was highly appreciated in a selection from *Cavalleria Rusticana*, and also in the selection from *Faust*. The part-songs by the Choir were well rendered,—the best effort being “With a laugh as we go round”—Buswell supplying the solo in an effective manner. Bond gave two solos in good style, his rendering of “Where the bee sucks” deserving the encore which was asked. He has a pleasing voice and with more experience, should prove an excellent soloist, if he remembers that the words have quite as important a part in a song as the tune. Haywood’s piano solos were exceedingly well executed.

All were delighted with the violin duet by Miss M. Hughes and G. Wilson. Puckridge has a good bass voice, and with training he should prove more than an average singer.

Once more must we offer our thanks to Miss Hughes and other kind friends who so generously came forward to assist in the orchestra, and by their

efforts gave us such an enjoyable evening’s entertainment.

The full programme was :—

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Pianoforte Duet “Hungarian Dances” *Brahms*.
(Nos. 2 & 4)
Miss M. Hughes & S. F. Willis.
2. Part Song “When evening’s twilight” *Hatton*.
The Choir.
3. Song “The old black mare” *Squire*.
W. Bevin.
4. Piano Solo “Wedding Minuet” *Sartorio*.
R. Haywood.
5. Song “The May-dew” *W. S. Bennett*.
J. Bond.
6. Part Song “Twelve by the clock” *Lloyd*.
The Choir.
7. Violin Duet “Gavotte” *Elvey*.
Miss M. Hughes & G. Wilson.
8. Selection “*Cavalleria Rusticana*” *Mascagni*.
The Orchestra.

PART II.

1. Part Song “With a laugh as we go round”
The Choir. (Solo : T. H. Buswell). *W. S. Bennett*.
2. Song “Hybrias the Cretan” *J. W. Elliott*.
C. P. Puckridge.
3. Piano Solo “Valse interrompue” *Lack*.
R. Haywood.
4. Song “Where the bee sucks” *Arne*.
J. Bond.
5. Quartette “Sweet and Low” *Barnby*.
T. H. Buswell, R. I. Comins, A. E. Trinder,
S. F. Willis.
6. Part Song. “The Gardener” *Brahms*.
The Choir.
7. Selection “Faust” *Gounod*.
The Orchestra.

God Save the King.

FOOTBALL.

After a very successful season, we crowned our victories by defeating a strong team of Old Abingdonians by 4 goals to 1. It was a very keen game, but by the superior combination of the school team, our opponents, who were a much stronger side, were defeated. The goal-getters for the school were Tame (2), Leach (1) and Parker (1),

while Brinsmead scored for the Old Boys. The teams were as follows :—
 The School :—(Goal) G. Wilson ;
 (backs) E. V. Dyke, C. E. Cook ;
 (halves) A. E. Trinder, F. Parker, H. A. L. Donkin ; (forwards) L. O. Burge, H. V. Campbell, S. Leach, E. G. Tame and H. W. C. Barnes.

Old Boys :—(Goal) L. P. E. Edwards ;
 (backs) R. G. Rice, G. H. G. Shepherd ;
 (halves) O. B. Challenor, N. Duncan, E. F. Harvey ; (forwards) A. S. B. Payne, E. H. Harvey, M. G. Brinsmead, W. R. Mortleman and F. D. Smith.

FOOTBALL SIXES.

On account of the time taken up by rowing, the Senior Sixes were played in the 'knock-out' fashion this year. Most of the games were very keen and exciting. In the first round F. Parker's six defeated H. A. L. Donkin's, S. Leach's defeated E. V. Dyke's, and A. E. Trinder's defeated E. G. Tame's. In the second round Trinder's six defeated Parker's, and Cook's defeated Leach's. In the final Trinder's six defeated Cook's. The winning six was as follows :—A. E. Trinder (capt.), G. A. Willis, E. M. Graham, H. W. B. Burkett, B. J. Bury and O. E. Cullen.

The Junior Sixes were played in league fashion. D. Marcus's six and F. E. Spokes' six qualified for the final. The latter was the winner and consisted of the following: F. E. Spokes (capt.), F. V. Enoch, S. Clack, V. C. Warwick, T. S. G. Shepherd and G. E. C. Dacey.

FOOTBALL IN GERMANY.

It may interest some of our readers to know under what conditions football is played in the next greatest country to their own—Germany.

Football has now existed in Germany for about fifteen to twenty years, and has made great strides since its introduction. At present, under the 'Deutsche Fussball Bund,' there are 109,577 members and 1,361 clubs, which shows an increase of 27,251 members and 308 clubs in the last year. But besides these, there are many smaller clubs not belonging to this 'Bund,' and which are hardly worth counting.

Association is the general game, Rugby being played in only a very few cases in South Germany. There is no professionalism; everything is amateur. The various clubs are divided up into leagues according to their districts and capabilities, and the honour of being top of the league is fought for with as much zeal as in England.

School football has also been introduced, but as yet it has not reached any high standard. The German schoolboy does not know the thrill and excitement of playing against rival schools, and hence the training and experience afforded at school is often lacking here amongst the older players.

Although there is a store of enthusiasm and energy, there is a lack of wide-spread knowledge and experience; and, as the game is still regarded by many with suspicion, as being something rough and ungente-

manly, it does not receive as much support as it might do.

The best football is to be found in South Germany, with Carlsruhe as centre, then comes the middle, with Berlin as centre, then the North, with Hamburg as centre, then the West, with Cologne as centre, and finally the East.

The manner of playing has not suffered much from its transference across the Channel, the chief drawback being the conditions. In some cases these are still very primitive. In the West for example the grounds are very bad. They are, for the most part, very uneven. Grass is a luxury, and where it is found it is generally in excess. The changing-places are just as rough, consisting generally of some cramped and not over-clean room in the nearest inn.

Unfortunately, that offensive officiousness, which pervades the whole country, has not even been able to spare the people in their sports. The whole 'Bund' is ruled by its stern hand, and it is especially personified in the referee. He is regarded as something inviolable, and the only means of complaining against him, should he be bad, is to send in a protest to the league authorities—which happens fairly often.

Considering the little practice which the players get and the mode of living, which is hardly suited to much bodily exertion, the play on the average is good. The spectators are generally fairly numerous, but remain very quiet and do not express their feelings in the manner of an English crowd. But this is made up for by the players, who

often get very excited and indulge in a great deal of arguing. Their dress is practically the same as ours, the only difference being that a sort of woollen cap, mostly white, is often worn, and gloves are also popular with some players in cold weather. The English names of the players, viz., backs, half-backs, forwards, and such terms as 'pass,' 'goal,' etc., are largely employed, but they all have their German forms.

As no summer sport besides tennis is known, football is also played then, together with 'Faustball' and 'Schlagball.' The former consists of punching a ball, a little larger and softer than an ordinary football, over a rope without letting it bounce more than once; and the latter is a sort of feeble imitation of cricket.

It only remains to be said that all sport is played on Sunday.

H.W.L.

ROWING.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

The crews, for their practice, had a considerable variety of wind, weather and stream to knock them into shape; the first month was unusually fine, but then we had some ten days of boisterous weather, and later practically flood streams, though for the Monkton Combe race conditions were ideal. The latter race was a disappointment to us; we do not wish to appear "unsporting" but we confidently believe we ought to

have beaten the visitors. At the same time, we also admit that they deserved to beat us two years ago, so that Fortune has equalised matters. On form we appeared to be capable of as good time as recent crews, and, though much lighter, certainly rowed as a 'crew,' whilst they appeared to us to be four sturdy hard workers in a boat; (they averaged a stone a man more). The fact remains, that we gained three quarters of a length in less than two minutes, and in the next minute our opponents put a length of daylight between their boat and ours. 'Cox.' on the outside station never steered for the bend until the full stream met the boat broadside on, and the boat seemed to stop still, whilst he killed the crew with his rudder.

In practice the crew had been made to race round the bends on both the Berks and Oxon stations, and the set of the stream had been pointed out frequently; seeing that our coxwain has generally proved more than usually quick at realising things, it would appear that a visiting coxwain might be pardoned if he made a similar error. If this be true we can scarcely ask a visiting crew to row on the Oxford station; in other words we must change our course. It must be remembered that owing to floods in 1909, the actual course has never previously been rowed, the only test being when this year's 1st crew going over the course on the Berks side, were paced round the bend by the second crew. The latter started with about half a length's lead and were almost immediately cleared, and left well behind, much to the general surprise.

As a test, to endeavour to gauge the difference between cox. steering well, and making a slip at the first bend, the crew was sent over the same piece twice, on the Monday after the race. The stream was much stronger and this would emphasise any failure of cox. to 'split the stream.' The crew rowed on the *outside*, (Oxon) station both times, and taking a good course; though not a perfect one, and allowing room for a crew on the Berks side the time was 2 min. 40 sec. Cox. was then told to repeat his Saturdays course, and the time was 3 min. 8 sec. The crew did not row so well, but this is precisely what to expect against prolonged rudder. It appears then that the spin of the coin means too much; if, as it would seem the first bend gives such an advantage that you can take the other crews water, it means that one crew gets the advantage of both bends, and also gives the other crew its wash. It is proverbially difficult to gauge the effect and strength of a stream, but we had expected the second bend to considerably neutralise the advantage of the first.

An ideal course, stations practically equal, would be from above Sutton Pools, finishing at the end of Culham Reach; but the absence of a bridge at the mouth of the cut would prevent the race being followed from start to finish, and this idea was abandoned. It would seem though, that we must adopt it, and those at the start would then have to cut across the meadows to the lower bridge and rejoin the crews in Culham Reach.

The fours had fore-canvasses fitted this year, and not infrequently required them. Breakers had to be encountered more than once, especially opposite St. Helen's, and on the day before the race when a crew composed of H. H. Gibson (bow), W. Bevir (2), O. B. Challenor (3), S. H. Baker (stroke) and W. N. Hooke (cox), embarked to practice starts with both crews, the wind was dead up the Culham reach, and with one or two 'seas' shipped in Wilsom reach, the boat was swamped as soon as her nose showed past the White Bridge. The boat was 'beached,' emptied and launched once more to regain the Wilsom reach in safety where they had some useful starts with both crews. When we remember the performances of almost the same scratch crew in their famous Arctic Anabasis to Oxford in 1909 and their horrible experiences, in what we had almost termed their 'Katastrophe' to Abingdon, we are reminded of those melting lines—'Mulum illi et terris jactati et alto.'

We add an epitome of times for past and future comparisons. * Denotes strong stream. ** Very strong stream. † Denotes what was considered to be a good performance.

Feb. 27th Paddled to Cut, 11m. 50s.

March 2nd Rowed Culham Reach,
4m. 38s.

March 4th Rowed from middle fence of Culham Reach (This year's starting point), to the first gate beyond the Corporation Farm Chimney. 5m. 48s.*

March 6th Paddled to Cut, 10m. 5s.

„ „ Rowed Chimney to first gate, 1m.†

March 6th Rowed Double bend,

(Berks) 2m. 11s.†

„ 7th Full course (Finish:—

Second gate) 6m. 20s.†

„ 9th Paddled to Cut, 9m. 50s.†

„ 14th Paddled to Cut,

8m. 20s.**†

„ „ Rowed Culham Reach,

4m. 45s.**†

„ 16th Rowed Chimney to second gate, 2m. 9 3-5s.†

The Season was undoubtedly a successful one, this being due to Parker's energy as Captain of the Boats and the keenness of coaches. Members of the fours in particular have done valuable pioneer work in tubbing, which should show fruit next year. We do not know what the fours might have been. Graham was rowing without any dash at the beginning of term, Burge was ill and came too late to be placed in the first boat, apart from his being the only possible stroke of the second boat, Ashwin had shown promise of being useful at 'two,' and his illness probably lost him his colours. Mortleman who was bow of the second crew was obviously overplaced at '2' in the first boat, and found it difficult to follow the bigger and stronger men in front of him. 'Stroke' thus did not get his full measure of support, and though leading his crew admirably, and doing all that could be expected of him, he hardly improved much in actual style. 'Three' on the other hand was well supported by 'bow' who though short, made use of his legs, and the former was able to improve astonishingly. He had grown much stronger and event-

ually was persuaded to realise that it would be possible to last the course in spite of rowing hard at the start. At times he rowed in excellent style.

The crew only paddled at about 24, and rowed at 32 until a fortnight before the race, and then found no difficulty later in paddling at 28 and starting at 40.

Both 1st. and 2nd. crews were fairly well together. The 2nd. crew rowed a slower and longer stroke but were not so lively at the finish as the 1st crew. Burge gave his men plenty of time to follow his swing, Parker being inclined to hurry over the stretchers. The 1st. crew with one exception used their legs well, but '2' and '3' in the second boat, with whole hearted enthusiasm, used everything they could think of.

Mr. Baker again coached the 1st. crew and Mr. Gibson the 2nd. crew. We must congratulate 'Bow' and 'Stroke' on their prowess in the School Mile. Rowing does not seem to have adversely affected their muscles.

ROWING.

ABINGDON SCHOOL B.C.

v.

MONKTON COMBE SCHOOL B.C.

Rowed on March 11th. There was a fair stream running, with but little wind. The 2nd. crews rowed over the old school course, the 1st. crews from the fence near the big tree in Culham reach to the second gate in Wilsom reach. For convenience the 2nd. crews raced first. Burge won the toss and chose the Berkshire station which was the more sheltered. Owing to a

mistake on '2's' part Monkton Combe went away at the start, but at the end of a minute we were level. Burge kept up a long easy stroke, and by the beginning of the willows we were clear. Stroke then quickened and was well supported by the crew. We drew away fast and won fairly comfortably by 2½ lengths. Time 4 min. 3 secs.

Parker lost the toss for the 1st crew, and Monkton Combe chose the Berkshire side, which owing to the bend and the set of the current gave them a considerable advantage. Parker took his crew off well at 39 and at the end of one and a half minutes we had a lead of half a length. At the beginning of the bend, cox unfortunately failed to realise the importance of getting the nose of the boat well into the stream and, by delaying too long, was eventually forced to put the rudder almost full on, to counteract the force of the stream. Our opponents took full advantage of the mistake, and, going away rapidly on the inside station, they were able to shoot across and take our water at the further bend. A tug coming down stream compelled them to go back to their station, and with a plucky spurt Parker reduced the lead by about a length. Monkton Combe, however, stuck to it gamely and kept their distance till the end, coming in winners by two and a half lengths in 6 mins. 16 3-5 secs. Parker rowed hard and well. He kept a fair length and never lost heart. Graham supported him well at three. He is inclined to miss the beginning, but has much improved since last year. Mortleman at two was disappointing. To look out of the boat during a race is

unpardonable, and he has not yet learnt to row himself out. Enoch at bow was rather short but rowed pluckily.

Burge stroked the 2nd IV. with considerable judgment and was given his colours. Leach was apt to be late on stroke, but rowed hard throughout the race. Hayward at two is apt to lose his head from excitement. He should improve with experience. Vivian rowed very well at bow considering he had been out of the boat for the last three weeks. Hooke coxed well. Our first crew averaged a stone, and our second thirteen pounds a man less than theirs.

Names of the crews and weights.

ABINGDON. MONKTON COMBE.

1st Crews.

(bow) W. H. Enoch	8	8½	J. M. Law	11	3½
(2) E. A. Mortleman	9	5	W. H. Royal	11	4
(3) E. M. Graham	11	7¾	A. F. W. Dixon	11	11½
(str.) F. Parker	11	8	F. G. Collins	11	4½
(cox.) R. I. Comins	5	10	J. H. Boileau	5	11

2nd Crews.

(bow) J. C. Vivian	9	1	J. A. G. Lynn	10	3½
(2) R. Haywood	8	11	A. McLaughlin	10	4½
(3) R. B. Leach	9	5	K. Smith	10	5
(str.) L. O. Burge	9	8	F. T. Burkett	9	8½
(cox.) W. N. Hooke	6	11½	C. Green	6	8

ABINGDON SCHOOL B.C.

v.

OLD BOYS B.C.

Rowed on Culham Reach on March 18th. A fairish stream was still running, and the wind was moderate from the East accompanied by cold rain. The School won the toss and Parker chose the Berkshire side. The School crew were the quicker away and rowing well within themselves led throughout winning by 4½ lengths in 4 min. 11 sec. The School crew was the same. The Old Boys crew (bow) H. A. N. Medd,

(2) A. S. B. Payne, (3) O. B. Challenor, (str.) H. A. Mills, (cox.) E. H. King.

ROWING CHARACTERS.

(Bow). W. H. Enoch. Colours 1911. A good hard-working oar. He is apt to be unsteady over the stretcher, thereby missing the beginning and being late in the time.

(2) E. A. Mortleman. A promising oar. He is rather young, and is apt to be carried away by excitement through lack of experience. He is very keen and should be useful next year.

(3) E. M. Graham. Colours 1911. Has been a very useful man. He has made considerable improvement upon his form at the beginning of the season. He has a good finish, but lacks a good beginning to the stroke. Has yet to learn how to row himself out.

(Stroke) F. Parker. Colours 1910-11. An excellent captain, who has certainly increased enthusiasm for rowing in the School. As an oar he has not improved much on last year's form except as regards strength; difficulties however in building up the crew did not allow him many opportunities for improvement in style. He set a good rhythm, and showed judgment in always keeping his crew awake. In particular he was inclined to over-reach and did not sit up firmly enough at the finish.

(Cox.) R. I. Comins. Colours 1910-11. He has coxed well in practice and has a good idea of bringing a boat in to the raft, but should not lose his head in the race. He should watch the time more carefully, especially '3's'.

THE GYMNASTIC COMPETITION.

This annual event took place in the Gymnasium on the evening of Thursday, March 16th. An interesting programme had been arranged, and its performers fully deserved the frequent and hearty applause which greeted their efforts. Unfortunately some of the competitors had been prevented, either by illness or the claims of the River, from devoting sufficient time to necessary practice, but a marked general efficiency was shown notwithstanding.

The contest for the silver and bronze medals presented by the Headmaster excited the usual keen interest. The former was won, quite easily, by Tame, who is a decidedly promising gymnast, and the second by Read, whose performance compensated for a certain lack of grace by its abundant energy—Burge being a close 'third.' The marks were assigned as follows:—

	Horizontal Bar.	Parallel Bars.	Vaulting Horse.	Total.
Burge, L. O.	50	48	61	160
Tame, E. G.	73	74	68	215
Read, C. M.	59	52	53	164
Leach, S.	50	46	50	147
Pratt, A. F.	49	48	49	146
Haywood, R.	—	—	—	abs.

The exercises done by boys of the Shell and Fourth Forms, as well as of the Third and Second, gave ample proof of careful training, and pleasing effects were also produced by the various 'set pieces'—the manœuvres executed by the representatives of the

Remove being the very poetry of motion, and creating much amusement.

Our best thanks are due to Colour-Sergeant Parmenter and Mr. Rudd, who acted as judge and referee respectively, and especially to Mr. Wright, to whose untiring efforts the success of the display must be mainly attributed.

The following is the programme:—

Event 1 Horizontal Bar	Burge, L. O.	Tame, E. G.
„ 3 Parallel Bars	Read, C. M.	Haywood, R.
„ 5 Vaulting Horse	Leach, S.	Pratt, A. F.

Event 2. Exercises and Tableaux on the Parallel Bars by Boys of the Shell and Fourth Forms.

Bury, B. J.	Tableaux.
Ellison, A. G.	
Harvey, B.	
Tynell, C. H.	
Abbott, F. H.	
Michelmore, T. G.	

Taylor, H. P.	Cullen, D.	Exercises and Tableaux.
Dove, A. S.	Trotman, H. W.	
Buswell, T. H.	Crook, E. E.	
Smith, W. T.	Ellison, H. V.	

Event 4. Exercises and Tableaux on the Vaulting Horse by Boys of the Third and Second Forms.

Warwick, V. C.	Jones, F. G.
Norton, R. L.	Candy, R. H.
Betteridge, H. E.	Campbell, D. S.
Taylor, C.	Saxby, O. B.
	Hooke, H. W.

Event 6. Tableaux by Boys of the Remove Form.

Rogers, H. N.	Clark, P. E.
Price, W. P.	Cullen, O. E.
Campbell, H. V.	Eason, A.
Atherton, G. L.	Elford, D. E.

Announcement of Result of Competition.

God Save the King.

In 1905 we gave a record of the performances in the Annual Athletic Sports and it was not until 1907 that we were able to claim our first victory. A variety of reasons, did not take place. Our present table is intended as a supplement to the former one. It will be noticed that several records have been broken during the last four years. The records created before 1905 are shown, as also are those performances which constitute

	Long Jump. (Record 21ft. 6in.)	100 Yards.	Weight.	Half-Mile.	High Jump.
1905	H. J. A. Payne, O.A.C. 19ft. 4½ins.	W. O. Betts. A.S.A.C. 10 4-5th secs.	R. G. Rice, O.A.C. 29ft. 8½ins.	B. Challenor, O.A.C. 2 min. 14 2-5th secs.	R. G. O.A. 5ft.
1906	H. J. A. Payne, O.A.C. 20ft. 3ins.	*N. Duncan, A.S.A.C. 10 2-5th secs.	M. A. Butler, A.S.A.C. 31ft. 3ins.	*B. Challenor, O.A.C. 2 min. 9 4-5th secs.	R. G. O.A. 5ft.
1907	N. Duncan, A.S.A.C. 20ft. 7¼ins.	N. Duncan, A.S.A.C. 10 2-5th secs.	†W. R. Mottleman, A.S.A.C. 33ft. 9ins.	B. Challenor, O.A.C. 2 min. 13 1-5th secs.	*R. G. O.A. 5ft. 4.
1908	H. J. A. Payne, O.A.C. 20ft. 7½ins.	C. J. Butler, A.S.A.C. 10 3-5th secs.	*W. R. Mottleman, O.A.C. 35ft. 4ins.	B. Challenor, O.A.C. 2 min. 12 secs.	W. L. A.S. 5ft.
1909	G. H. G. Shepherd, A.S.A.C. 20ft. 2ins.	G. H. G. Shepherd, A.S.A.C. 10 4-5th secs.	G. H. G. Shepherd, A.S.A.C. 33ft. 8ins.	L. W. Holland, A.S.A.C. 2 min. 16 3-5th secs.	L. P. E. E. A.S. 4ft. 6.
1910	No Sports.	—	—	—	—

* Record.

† School Record.

against the Old Boys. Until that date the School had always been unsuccessful, the School was successful also in 1908 and 1909, whilst in 1910 the contest, for a moment to the one previously given, and brings the record up to date. It will be seen from the Sports, some of the performances being exceptionally good. Records so far as we can discover, a School record.

	Quarter-Mile. (Record 55 secs.)	Cricket Ball.	Hurdles. Record 16 1-5th secs.	Mile.	
	N. B. Challenor, O.A.C. 58 2-5th secs.	N. B. Challenor, O.A.C. 77yds. 1ft. 8½ins.	H. J. A. Payne, O.A.C. 19 1-5th secs.	W. O. Betts, A.S.A.C. 5 min. 13 1-5th secs.	Past 7 Present.. 2
	N. B. Challenor, O.A.C. 55 3-5th secs.	*R. F. Baker, O.A.C. 98yds. 1ft. 8in.	H. J. A. Payne, O.A.C. 17 3-5th secs.	P. N. Graham, A.S.A.C. 5 min. 12 3-5th secs.	Past 6 Present.. 3
	N. Duncan, A.S.A.C. 55 3-5th secs.	D. Napper, A.S.A.C. 83yds. 2ft. 5in.	R. G. Rice, O.A.C. 17 1-5th secs.	W. O. Betts, O.A.C. 5 min. 24 2-5th secs.	Past 4 Present.. 5
	†C. J. Butler A.S.A.C. 55 2-5th secs.	D. Napper, A.S.A.C. 83yds. 2ft. 2in.	H. J. A. Payne, O.A.C. 17 2-5th secs.	L. W. Holland, A.S.A.C. 5 min. 14 1-5th secs.	Past 4 Present . 5
Is,	O. B. Challenor, A.S.A.C. 56 2-5th secs.	D. Napper, O.A.C. 84yds. 0 ft. 9in.	R. G. Rice, O.A.C. 18 4-5th secs.	*O. B. Challenor, A.S.A.C. 5 min.	Past 2 Present.. 7
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THE VOYAGE WITH ULYSSES.

By leagues and leagues of wind-raked sea,
 With clouds above and clouds below,
 By leagues of calm that laughingly
 Gave the fierce sun a double glow,
 Past islands low and bosomed deep
 In stemmy shade and fruitful boughs,
 And past huge naked rocks that leap
 To levels of eternal snows,
 We sailed with canvas slaut and fat,
 Or broke the brittle glassy tide
 With spleeny oars, or wallowed squat
 With sails but half a fathom wide

Sometimes thick horizontal rain
 Wove in the vast wave-crests, till we
 Shot staggering up to God again
 And took the rain like drifts of sea ;
 Sometimes the brine in twisted spout
 Screamed up into the boiling sky,
 Like straw the busy swain twists out
 To bind his close-packed hay-cubes by
 —And we, aghast, with frantic main,
 All stress of sail, all strength of oar,
 Hardly with fear's heart-bursting strain
 Escaped the terrible downpour.

And sometimes when the night was swart,
 And new-wine-thick the breathless air,
 And heavy as a passionate heart
 That hath no issue for his fire,
 Broad blades of day-bright lightning ript
 The solid dark up to the pole,
 Or branched the sky horizon-dipt
 With crimson arteries of dole.

And once when thunder shook the seas
 And heaped the crowded waves on high,
 And like blown birds from trees to trees
 We shot from crest to crest keel-dry,
 One fell and jagless spout of flame
 Splintered our mast from flag to foot,

As in the forests whence it came
 Splits the straight pine from cone to root.
 And when the gentle day shook out
 The folds of the vexed sea and spread
 Wide level fields of calm about
 And purple safety overhead,
 With pleasure then we gripped the oars
 And smiled upon the creaking tholes.
 For after rest that fear abhors
 Toil fills like wine our thirsty souls ;
 And to their merry triple beat
 We sang such songs—as only they.
 Who lived at the strong heart's last beat
 All night, can bless another day.

Then past long stripes of fiery sand,
 And coral knobs of growing isle,
 And peaks of ocean-buried land,
 We drave for many a dreary mile ;
 Till in the golden dusk we drew
 Towards a long low shore that crept
 A furlong of dark woodland through,
 Then into the last day-shine leapt.
 And crawling by with curious prow
 We found a passage water-hewn
 Between the damp-black rocks, and now
 We threaded to a deep lagoon,
 That, like a space of April sky
 Between dun edgy cloud embayed,
 Hung ether-blue untremblingly
 Between the woodland's doubled shade.

There stable as a house we lay,
 And loosed the wine skin's wrinkled throat,
 And feasted our tired hearts away,
 Till all the western stars broke out ;
 And thus with songs of noble strength
 And gentle deeds and patient stress
 We sang ourselves to sleep at length,
 As once our mothers did for us.
 And in the dawn we hewed a pine
 And flayed his rind with levin-skill,
 And trimmed the ship, and proved each line,

And spread the sails against the hill.
 And there for three fair days we stayed
 Searching for flesh and fruit, each one,
 Within the woodland's serious shade,
 Or in the openhearted sun.

We loved that soft meridian land,
 Where all the sensuous time was wine,
 With kindled meadows, fervid sand,
 And mountains pitched in tented line ;
 And when upon the shore we lay,
 Long after the white sails were spread,
 And yearned across the burnished bay,
 And gazed upon our ship that stayed
 Upon her second self below
 Like wedded butterflies, we spake
 All in one dream-voice, " Shall we go
 For ever on, and never slake
 Our hearts that thirst for rest ? " And He,
 Our skipper that had brought us through,
 With eye of sad reproach and free
 Strong voice, that like a bugle blew
 And woke our sleeping hearts within :
 " And are ye men that ye would rinse
 Life down like draughts of wine, nor win
 For toil an equal recompense ?
 Is it sufficient thus to lie,
 Dim stones beneath a sluggish stream,
 When hearts were made to shine or die,
 And minds to purpose more than dream ?
 Fling off the cloud of pleasure's wine
 That drape the future and the past !
 Fan up the fire of hope divine
 And, as at first, be men at last ! "
 And so we drive for ever on
 Thro' blinding flats and stinging scud,
 In hope or in despair to win
 Our haven twixt the feet of God.

W.W.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room at 4.15 p.m., on Friday, December 9th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and passed, and the minutes of the third were passed provisionally.

Mr. C. E. Cook was called upon to propose that, " This house would welcome the success of the Liberals at the polls." Mr. H. V. Campbell seconded and Mr. C. P. Puckridge opposed the motion.

The following also spoke: *Pro.* Messrs. F. Parker and H. H. Gibson. *Con.* Messrs. B. S. Marshall, E. H. Thomas, E. A. Mortleman, R. B. Leach, S. H. Baker.

The motion was lost by 12 to 3. It was to be regretted that at a debate of such importance so few members took the opportunity of being present.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room, at 4.15 p.m., on Friday, December 16th, with the Treasurer in the chair.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and various business questions discussed and settled, Mr. H. H. Gibson was called upon to propose that, " Free Libraries are undesirable." Mr. W. Bevir seconded the motion and Mr. S. H. Baker opposed. Mr. H. H. Gibson welcomed Mr. E. H. Harvey in his own name and in the

name of the House, as did Mr. W. Bevir and Mr. S. H. Baker.

The following spoke against the motion: Messrs. J. Harvey, R. B. Leach, A. C. Vivian, E. H. Thomas, W. C. Williams, H. W. B. Burkett.

The following spoke for it: Messrs. E. H. Harvey and C. E. Cook.

The motion was lost by 20 to 6.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room, on Friday, January 20th, at 4.15 p.m., with the Vice-President in the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 9th were read and passed.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 16th were read and passed provisionally.

Mr. E. H. Thomas was then called upon to propose that "Party Politics are detrimental to the welfare of the nation." Mr. C. E. Cook seconded and Mr. R. B. Leach opposed the motion.

Mr. V. Comfort supported the motion, which was lost by 6 votes to 4.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room, at 4.15 p.m., on Friday, January 27th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed.

Mr. C. P. Puckridge was then called upon to propose that, "A Punch and Judy show is the highest form of theatrical art." Mr. H. A. L. Donkin seconded the motion and Mr. H. W. B. Burkett opposed it.

Other members spoke: *Pro.* Messrs. H. W. B. Burkett, B. S. Marshall, H. H. Gibson, R. B. Leach. *Con.* C. E. Cook.

The motion was carried by 8 votes to 7.

Mr. R. Haywood then proposed that, "Health is best promoted by a vegetarian diet and total abstinence from intoxicating liquors."

Mr. Leach opposed the motion, and other members spoke: *Pro.* Mr. H. H. Gibson. *Con.* Mr. E. H. Thomas.

The motion was lost by 4 votes to 11.

E. H. Thomas then proposed that, "The Suffragette and the Hobble-skirt are a proof of the decadence of our race." W. C. Williams opposed the motion.

Other members spoke: *Pro.* Messrs. A. C. Vivian, R. B. Leach, H. E. L. Walker, H. W. B. Burkett.

The motion was lost by 6 votes to 8.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR SESSION 1910-1911.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
By Balance ...	...		18	6
„ Subscription ...	...		14	6
		£1	13	0

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
To Burgess & Son ...	...		13	6
„ Corporal Tubb ...	...		2	6
„ Balance in hand ...	...		17	0
		£1	13	0

SHOOTING.—A.S.R.C.

Much progress has been made with the shooting this term. R. M. Graham, W. D. Price and A. Davenport are among those who have greatly improved, while F. Parker, R. Haywood and P. F. Clark have made very good scores. On March 3rd the Shell Modern fired against the Shell Latin, the former winning the contest, though the shooting was poor. On April 4th, there will be a match between the masters and the boys, but unfortunately many good shots are absent from the school. The boys chosen to fire are F. Parker, H. A. L. Donkin, S. Leach, R. B. Leach, V. Comfort and E. M. Graham. Next term inter-form matches will be arranged.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

This year the School Sports were held on Saturday, March 25th, and the weather was typical of the occasion. A biting north-east wind swept over the ground bringing with it occasional showers of hail and snow; fortunately the worst of these squalls came just before and just after the actual time devoted to the racing and the course was in very fair condition. The strong wind that prevailed seriously handicapped the runners and prevented anything like fast times being recorded, though under the circumstances Parker's Quarter Mile was quite good. The High Jumping was not up to our usual standard, but Burge did one very good long jump and with practice should do even better. Willis was unlucky to come down heavily in the Hurdles as he appeared to have the race at his mercy. Parker's throw with the

Cricket Ball was as good as anything that has been done for the School in recent years. Donkin won the Hundred under sixteen with remarkable ease and finished third in the open Hundred. His running is very promising and he should do well next year. The Half Mile Handicap produced an excellent finish, the first three finishing in a bunch. Alder, the winner, also won the Junior Steeplechase, so we ought to hear of him again. Among the younger boys Shepherd and Brown shew promise.

The School Mile was run on Monday, March 20th and produced a fine race, Donkin winning in good time. Enoch ii., who ran second, is capable of better things, as he ran practically untrained owing to his being in the first four.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Layng. Afterwards three cheers were given for Mrs. Layng and for the Ladies of Abingdon.

LONG JUMP (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by A. Stockton, Esq., O.A. Prizes presented by H. H. Gibson, Esq. and H. W. Weaving, Esq.) L. O. Burge 1; F. Parker, 2. Distance 19ft. 2½in.

LONG JUMP (under 15).

(Prizes presented by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A.) C. M. Read 1; T. V. Brown 2. Distance 16ft. 8½in.

HIGH JUMP (under 12).

(Prizes presented by C. A. Pryce, Esq.) D. S. Campbell 1; A. Ellis 2. Height 3ft. 6½in. (After a tie.)

HIGH JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by W. A. Rudd, Esq. and Remove Classical). F. Parker 1; G. A. Willis 2, Height 4ft. 8½in.

HIGH JUMP (under 14).

(Prizes presented by A. K. Loyd, Esq., K.C.) V. S. Northam 1; D. Cullen 2. Height 4ft. 1½in.

HURDLE RACE (open).

(Prizes presented by J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A. and Miss Krohn). A. G. Ellison 1; H. A. L. Donkin 2. Time 19 3-5 secs.

HURDLE RACE (under 15).

(Prizes presented by W. Bevir, Esq., and Major Henderson, M.P.) E. G. Deane 1; V. S. Northam 2. Time 22 4-5 secs.

HUNDRED YARDS (under 12).

(Prizes presented by J. F. Downing, Esq. and III. and II. Forms.) D. S. Campbell 1; O. B. Saxby 2. Time 14 4-5 secs.

HUNDRED YARDS (under 14).

(Prizes presented by Rev. W. B. Box and IV. Forms.) V. S. Northam 1; T. V. Brown 2. Time 12 4-5 secs.

HUNDRED YARDS (under 16).

(Prizes presented by G. W. Shepherd, Esq., O.A. and Remove Modern.) H. A. L. Donkin 1; H. W. C. Barnes 2. Time 11 3-5 secs.

HUNDRED YARDS (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Price. Prizes presented by the Rev. the Head Master and VI. Form). F. Parker 1; G. A. Willis 2. Time 11 2-5 secs.

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

(Prizes presented by J. T. Morland, Esq. and the Right Rev. the Master of Pembroke College, Oxford). G. A. Willis 1; F. Parker 2. Distance 30ft.

QUARTER MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mr. W. Pierpoint. Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon). F. Parker 1; W. D. Price 2; V. Comfort 3. Time 59 3-5 secs.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 15).

(Prizes presented by Shell Forms). R. H. Candy 1; A. W. Welch 2. Time 33 secs.

CHOIR RACE (300 yards handicap).

(Prizes presented by S. F. Willis, Esq. and H. P. Simpson, Esq., O.A.) T. S. G. Shepherd 1; H. W. Trotman 2. Time 45 secs.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (open).

(Prizes presented by Miss Sandys). F. Parker 1; G. A. Willis 2. Distance 90 yds. 8ins.

HALF MILE HANDICAP (open).

(Prizes presented by Mrs. Layng, M. T. Tatham, Esq. and V. Forms.) A. Alder 1; L. O. Burge 2; W. N. Hooke 3. Time 2 min. 19 2-5 secs.

OLD ABINGDONIANS RACE (100 yards.)

(Prizes presented by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A.) R. G. Rice 1; J. G. Shepherd 2. Time 12 1-5 secs.

CONSOLATION RACE (one lap).

(Prizes presented by J. G. T. West, Esq. and Shell Classical). E. A. Mortleman 1; B. S. Marshall 2.

ONE MILE RACE (open).

(Run on Monday March 20th).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Burkett. Prizes presented by H. Burkett, Esq., A. E. Preston, Esq., O.A., Mayor of Abingdon, and A. K. Loyd, Esq., K.C.) H. A. L. Donkin 1; W. H. Enoch 2; F. Parker 3. Time 5 mins. 11 secs.

THE SCHOOL STEEPLECHASES.

This year we made an innovation and held the Steeplechases on February 25th, a month before the Sports, so as to interfere as little as possible with the training of the boats. The weather was fine, but the going was rather heavy. The races were run over the usual course. In the Junior Event Alder was an easy winner, and Campbell ii. did very well. The Seniors provided us with a splendid race, Haywood leading until thirty yards from the tape, when Campbell i. caught him, and a terrific struggle in the run in ended in favour of the latter by half-a-yard.

STEEPLECHASE (open).

(Run on the Common on Saturday, February 25th).

(Prizes presented by A. E. Preston, Esq., O.A., Mayor of Abingdon, S. H. Baker, Esq. and W. H. Puckridge, Esq.) H. V. Campbell 1; R. Haywood 2; H. A. L. Donkin 3. Won by half a yard. Time 12 min. 58 secs.

STEEPLECHASE (under 14).

(Prizes presented by Major Henderson, M.P.) A. Alder 1; D. S. Campbell 2; P. N. Miles 3. Time 8 min. 30 4-5 secs.

"HEBER CLARKE" CHALLENGE CUP.
(Holder—G. Wilson.)

Won by F. Parker with 46 points.

SCHOOL NOTES.

John Roysse's wish that there should be sixty-three boys in the School is fulfilled twofold this term, as there are 126 names on the School Roll.

List of New Boys.—School House—A. F. Sheldon, A. Sandby Coombe, P. C. Holme, R. B. Baker, D. S. Campbell.

Day Boys.—H. F. Dunkin, H. W. Beak.

The following have left :—H. A. N. Medd, G. Wilson, A. G. Shepherd, R. Edgar, M. W. S. Bruce, G. B. Knapp.

The following have been made School Prefects :—H. A. L. Donkin, H. W. B. Burkett, R. Haywood, J. C. Vivian.

The following are announced to preach in the School Chapel on the Wednesday Mornings in Lent.

Mar. 1st. Rev. T. Field, D.D.,
Warden of St. Peter's
College, Radley.

„ 8th. Rev. Cyril Hallett, O.A.,
Vicar of St. Barnabas,
Oxford.

„ 15th. Rev. W. M. Austin,
O.A., Curate of St.
Peter's, Caversham.

„ 22nd. Rev. E. B. Mackay,
Vicar of Sutton
Courtenay.

„ 29th. The Right Rev. J. L.
Randall, D.D., Bishop
of Reading.

„ 5th. The Rev. S. Thomas
late Vicar of Rushton-
Spencer.

The Rev. J. C. Trevelyan, Vicar of St. Saviour's, Luton, preached to us at S. Nicolas Church, on Feb. 5th and Feb. 12th, and the Rev. L. B. T. Chaffey, Assistant Master at Eton College, on Sunday Morning, March 5th.

The Rev. P. C. Bevan, M.A., Rector of Marsh Baldon, Oxon, has been appointed a Member of our Governing Body by the County Council of Oxfordshire, in the place of the late Rev. F. C. Clutterbuck.

Hugh Goff has passed the Final Examination of the Incorporated Law Society.

We announce with much pleasure the appointment of the Rev. W. H. Cam, M.A., our former Head-Master, to the Rectory of Paulers Pury, near Towcester, by the Warden and Fellows of New College, Oxford.

We congratulate the Revd. R. W. de la Hey, M.A., a former Master, on his recent preferment.

We also send our best wishes on their marriage to A. M. Austin, R.N., and J. B. Purves.

We have attended the following Lectures :—

- Feb. 20th. By Mr. Theodore Wood on Birds.
- „ 27th. By Mrs. Wilde on Coronation Ceremonies and Ritual.
- „ 28th. By Mr. Leveson Scarth on Canada.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. P. F. Rowland, M.A., for presenting to the Library a copy of 'The New Nation,' a book which he has written upon Australia.

W. A. Gibbings has been given an appointment at Shanghai.

Rowing Colours have been given to E. M. Graham, W. H. Enoch and L. O. Burge.

We record our sympathy with G. J. H. Ashwin whose illness kept him out of the Boat and prevented him from entering for the Sports, in which we had expected him to take a very prominent part.

C. M. Read has won his Gymnasium Colours.

H. M. Lewington has gone to Canada.

G. B. Knapp has returned to South Africa.

We congratulate G. H. G. Shepherd on being second in the Long Jump in the Oxford University Sports and regret that he did not represent the University in that event as well as in the Hundred Yards.

P. H. Donkin, on March 25th won the Hegan Challenge Cup, of L. C. & W. Bank, in a 4 miles cross-country race.

Compositions for the prizes offered by Canon Meredith for Latin and Greek Prose should be given in on Friday, April 7th.

Term ends on Saturday, April 8th, and next term will begin on Thursday, May 4th. Boarders in School House and Tesdale House return on Wednesday, May 3rd.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Buncroftian*, *Bloxhamist*, *Chigwellian*, *Herefordian*, *Ipswich School Magazine*, *Laxtonian*, *United Services College Chronicle*, *Wilsonian*, *Wulfrunian*.

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