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## EDITORIAL.

THE term began under favourable conditions and is running its course prosperously. The 'entrances' exceed the 'exits,' and we are therefore able to record an increase in our numbers.

The results of the Oxford Local Examination compare well with those of former years, in spite of the extension of the age-limit for the Juniors to 17, and the consequent exaction of a higher standard—without regard to the weather. Mr. J. Bernard Baker, who 'visited' us in July on behalf of the Delegates, and

also examined the work done by the candidates, again made a gratifying report, and pronounced the School to be "very much alive." We trust that the Quinquennial Inspection by representatives of the Board of Education, which is fixed for the end of the current month, will discover no diminution of vitality, and prove a source of mutual satisfaction.

We offer our hearty congratulations to the Football Elevens upon their triumphant career, which bids fair to establish another record.

The restoration of the Old Grammar School—which, as our readers are already aware, is being carried out by the munificence of Mr. A. E. Preston, O.A., in commemoration of his Mayoralty—will not now be completed in time for the proposed dinner on the occasion of the Past *v.* Present Football Match in December. It is expected, however,

that the rooms will be available for the Old Abingdonian Dinner—with Mr. Preston as the guest of the evening—in the third or fourth week in January. On such a unique occasion there will doubtless be a goodly muster both of those who received their education in the old buildings, and of those who have carried on the traditions of the School in the new ones.

Several interesting discoveries have been made during the progress of the work. Pieces of carved stone and window tracery in the walls are evidence that the ruins of the Abbey contributed material to this, as to so many other buildings in the town and neighbourhood, while the removal of the panelling disclosed the presence of various less ancient relics, including some Early-Victorian exercises and—a birch. It has been suggested that this venerable weapon (flourished circa A.D. 1840) should be prominently displayed at the inaugural banquet, like the sword of Damocles, to remind the revellers that they, too, are mortal men—with a past. From what we have seen and heard, the Old Schoolroom, with its armorial glass, should present a very handsome appearance, and will certainly prove a most valuable addition to the Corporation Buildings, which are now approaching the period of their thorough and successful restoration.

Contributions to the Christmas Number will be gratefully welcomed, and should be sent in not later than the beginning of December.

## OXFORD

### LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

#### SENIOR CANDIDATES.

Second Class Honours :—H. W. B. Burkett, W. H. Enoch, S. Leach, E. G. Tame.

Third Class Honours :—H. A. L. Donkin, F. E. Spokes, W. C. Williams.

Passed :—W. R. Gilbert, A. E. Trinder, H. W. Short, J. C. Vivian.

Excused Responsions :—H. W. B. Burkett, H. A. L. Donkin.

#### JUNIOR CANDIDATES.

First Class Honours :—D. H. Marcus.

Second Class Honours :—B. S. Marshall.

Third Class Honours :—H. W. C. Barnes, P. F. Clark, E. A. Mortleman, H. E. L. Walker, L. A. Weaving, A. C. Vivian.

Passed :—G. L. Atherton, A. G. Bartlett, A. E. Chivers, A. Davenport, A. Eason, H. E. Gibbs, R. M. Graham, W. W. Leach, F. W. Lupton, A. F. Pratt, W. H. Wood.

Distinctions :—H. E. L. Walker, L. A. Weaving, (Latin).

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### FOUNDER'S DAY.

The pious Memory of our Founder was duly celebrated on July 25th, and there was a large gathering of parents, friends and Old Boys. The Service at St. Helen's, conducted by the Headmaster, was fully choral—the Anthem being "How lovely are thy dwellings fair!" (Spohr)—and the sermon was preached by the Rev. R. G. Parsons, Principal of Wells Theological College and Fellow of University College, upon

the words "Who then is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" After referring to the long and honorable history of the School, the preacher urged the necessity of testing all work and all aims by the Christian Standard, and of cultivating the highest ideals. So long as our modern education inspired the young with the desire of social service, and eliminated the mere selfish craving for success without regard to the general good, our schools would always send out into the world those who would not be least in the Kingdom of Heaven.

A move was then made to the Corn Exchange, where Dr. T. H. Warren, President of Magdalen College, Oxford, presided, supported by Sir Henry Bliss, the Rev. R. G. Parsons, Alderman Shepherd, Mr. H. S. Challenor, the Rev. P. C. Bevan, Mr. H. T. Clarke and the Headmaster and staff.

The Headmaster opened the proceedings with a report of the work done by the School during the past year, and of the successes gained during that period by past and present members, and the prizes were then distributed as follows:—

**FORM PRIZES.**—Sixth Form (Latin), C. E. Cook; Sixth Form (Non-Latin), W. H. Enoch; Fifth Form (Latin), E. A. Mottleman; Fifth Form (Non-Latin), F. W. Lupton. Remove (Latin), R. M. Graham; Remove (Non-Latin), H. E. Gibbs. Shell (Latin), J. Knowles; Shell (Non-Latin), W. W. Tombs. Fourth Form (Latin), P. L. Howard; Fourth Form (Non-Latin), W. W. Gilbert. Preparatory: Third Form, T. P. R. Layng; Second Form, O. B. Saxby.

**MATHEMATICS.**—Div. I., W. C. Williams; Div. II., A. Davenport; Div. III., A. Eason; Div. IV., W. W. Tombs; Div. V., W. W. Gilbert; Div. VI., C. Taylor.

**GREEK.**—Div. II., E. A. Mottleman; Div. III., A. Davenport.

**GERMAN.**—Div. I., S. Leach; Div. II., W. R. Gilbert; Div. III., A. Eason.

**FRENCH.**—Div. I., W. H. Enoch; Div. II., H. E. L. Walker; Div. III., A. Eason; Div. IV., J. Knowles; Div. V., P. L. Howard.

**ART.**—Senior Division, E. G. Tame; Junior Division, W. N. Hooke; Junior Sketching Club, L. A. Lewis.

**LATIN PROSE.**—C. P. Puckridge.

**GREEK PROSE.**—C. E. Cook.

**MUSIC.**—Piano, C. H. Tyrrell.

**SOLO SINGING.**—W. J. Lewington.

**GYMNASTICS.**—Silver Medal, E. G. Tame; Bronze Medal, C. M. Read.

'Average' bats—W. N. E. Bruce and E. M. Graham.

Bat for highest individual score, H. E. L. Walker.

Ball for best bowling average, F. Parker.

Bats given by Mr. Davenport for the encouragement of Junior Cricket:—Batting, E. E. Cook; Bowling, H. J. Edgington.

The donors of the prizes were:—The Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, The Mayor of Abingdon, The Head Master and Mrs. Layng, the Masters' Common Room, Sir W. R. Anson, Bart., The Rev. T. T. Blockley, Herbert Young, Esq., The Rev. H. T. Maitland, C. A. Pryce, Esq., J. Tomkins, Esq., Professor F. Haverfield, W. A. Davenport, Esq., E. L. Shepherd, Esq., Captain H. G. Henderson, M.P., Canon W. M. Meredith.

In his address to the boys, the President of Magdalen described Abingdon as no common or ordinary place, and said that John Roysse had shown his wisdom when he refounded the school amid the educating and informing influences of so ancient and historic a town. "The gallant little College of Pembroke" owed some of its position to its association with the School, which had produced many eminent

men, and was, as he had every reason to suppose, still worthily maintaining its traditions. Speaking of Education he considered Poetry as one of its most important parts, and recommended the study of it as leading to a better understanding of the times in which we lived and of those that had gone before us. In conclusion, he congratulated the School on its present position, and expressed the hope that its intimate connection with the University of Oxford would be fraught in the future, as it had been in the past, with great advantage to both.

After the usual complimentary speeches the company repaired to the School, where it was hospitably welcomed by the Headmaster and Mrs. Layng.

### CRICKET.

#### A.S.C.C. v. ABINGDON TOWN C.C. (Home).

In the return match with the Town the School won the toss and batted first. Mr. Rudd and Graham made a good start, and Walker and Tame afterwards scored freely. The School total reached 154, and the Town were then dismissed for 106, W. T. Morland being their top scorer with 23. Parker bowled well, taking 5 wickets for 24.

#### A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. A. Rudd c Bury b W. T. Morland	22
E. M. Graham c Drew b F. Leach	15
W. N. E. Bruce c & b W. F. Lay	4
F. Parker b W. F. Lay	1
Mr. S. H. Baker b W. F. Lay	10
S. Leach c Bury b Bradfield	13
E. A. Mortleman b Challenor	3
H. A. L. Donkin b Bradfield	2
H. E. L. Walker b Challenor	29
E. G. Tame not out	20
W. C. Williams b Bradfield	2
Extras	33
Total	154

#### ABINGDON TOWN.

S. Mason b Parker	6
G. E. Bradfield b Parker	1
A. W. Morland c Donkin b Rudd	16
W. F. Lay c Donkin b Walker	13
W. Lay b Parker	0
W. T. Morland b Parker	23
J. Drew b Parker	2
G. H. G. Shepherd b Graham	7
F. Leach b Walker	11
B. J. Bury not out	10
O. B. Challenor b Bruce	1
Extras	16

Total 106

#### A.S.C.C. v. OLD ABINGDONIANS.

This annual match took place on July 15th. It was a glorious day and a large number of visitors watched the cricket.

Graham and Bruce opened the innings for the School, but before long Bruce was caught by Stevens. Parker was the next batsman. He made 4 runs and was bowled by W. Leach. S. Leach was caught off the next ball at point, three wickets, captured by W. Leach at the cost of 5 runs, being down for 26. Mortleman gave Graham good support for the fourth wicket, and the score was carried to 68 before they were separated, Graham having made 41 in good style. Donkin, Tame, Bury and B. Harvey were then dismissed in rapid succession, Challenor obtaining three wickets in one over, but Walker hit out pluckily and when lunch came the score stood at 151 for 9 wickets. The last wicket put on 81 runs, Walker being not out with a very useful contribution of 71. The Old Abingdonians began badly, losing Stevens and Holland for 18 runs, and E. H. Harvey was the only man to reach double figures, scoring 59 in clean and forcible style.

In the second innings the School fared very badly, being evidently too confident of success, Mortleman alone

reaching double figures. W. Leach and Edgington bowled well, taking 5 wickets each, and dismissing the School for 65. A close finish was now anticipated, but the O.A.'s. gave an even worse display than their opponents, being disposed of for 65 by Bruce and Parker, who bowled unchanged, the former capturing 6 wickets for 16 runs. The School thus won an uninteresting match by 76 runs, bringing to a close a most successful season.

A.S.C.C. (1st innings).

E. M. Graham b Holland.....	41
W. N. E. Bruce c Stevens b Leach ..	3
F. Parker b Leach .....	4
S. Leach c Stone b Leach .....	0
E. A. Mortleman b baker.....	14
H. E. L. Walker not out .....	71
H. A. L. Donkin c Edgington b Baker	5
E. G. Tame b Challenor .....	6
B. J. Bury lbw. b Challenor.....	0
B. Harvey b Challenor .....	0
W. C. Williams c Shepherd b Baker..	16
Extras .....	16
Total	176

OLD ABINGDONIAN C.C.  
(1st innings).

K. G. Stevens c Donkin b Bruce.....	5
W. Leach c Graham b Bruce .....	9
E. H. Harvey c Williams b Leach.....	59
L. W. Holland b Parker .....	8
N. Duncan c Tame b Parker.....	4
E. F. Harvey c Williams b Walker ..	0
O. B. Challenor c Parker b Walker ..	0
C. W. Edgington c Donkin b Walker	1
R. F. Baker b Leach.....	4
G. H. G. Shepherd b Leach.....	9
H. V. Stone not out .....	0
Extras .....	10
Total	109

A.S.C.C. (2nd innings).

E. M. Graham c & b Leach.....	9
E. A. Mortleman b Edgington .....	13
S. Leach lbw. b Edgington .....	9
H. E. L. Walker c Stevens b Leach ..	8
W. N. E. Bruce b Edgington .....	1
F. Parker b Leach .....	6
H. A. L. Donkin lbw. b Leach .....	7
E. G. Tame lbw. b Edgington.....	2
W. C. Williams b Edgington .....	0
B. J. Bury b Leach .....	4
B. Harvey not out .....	1
Extras .....	5
Total	65

O.A.C.C. (2nd innings).

L. W. Holland c Bury b Bruce .....	14
N. Duncan c Leach b Bruce.....	3
E. H. Harvey b Parker.....	8
W. Leach b Bruce .....	1
K. G. Stevens run out .....	0
O. B. Challenor b Bruce .....	12
E. F. Harvey b Bruce .....	5
C. W. Edgington b Parker .....	4
G. H. G. Shepherd b Parker .....	0
R. F. Baker b Bruce.....	0
H. V. Stone not out.....	1
Extras .....	8
Total	56

THE WATER SPORTS.

The fifth annual Water Sports were held at the Bathing Place during the last week of term, the final day being Saturday, July 22nd.

The weather was glorious, and 'old Sol' tried to infect everyone with his genial spirits. The interval—ostensibly we believe, to allow the kettles of sundry picnic parties to boil in peace and quietness, for how indeed can any self-respecting spirit lamp behave in an ordinary manner when tossed hither and thither by the foaming billows that toss and splash when cleft by the brawny arms of struggling swimmers? Moreover the cooling clouds of spray that fill the air around weigh down the struggling kettle-lid that fain would rise, and silence his subtle little song that cheers the waiting watchers. But, to return to earth, or rather, to water, the interval aforesaid proved quite useless for this purpose. It was the best interval we have had. Instead of calm and silence, save for the subdued hum of the chanting kettle-choir; instead of all the sweet Thames simplicity of picnicing propriety, a scene of wild abandon took place. At a given signal, when all competitors had left the water,

a wild rush was made, and

*"Hi summo in fluctu pendent, his unda dehiscens  
Teriam inter fluctus aperit, furit aestus atenis,"*

and no doubt many mouthfuls were swallowed. The very oldest Abingdonian present disported himself in the water, and an impromptu "over forty" diving competition was held. We believe nearly every O.A. present was in the water, and the School Staff, in spite of our very pious opinion of their merits, certainly sank, in our estimation, every time they left the spring-board. (However, they, without exception, came up again).

A busy week had been spent working off trial heats and some of the finals. There were forty-two entries for the open race, and thirty-three for the open 'Back race,' whilst eighteen entered for the Senior diving, and this latter was reduced to eight for the final day. The form team races were more popular than ever, as many as fifteen teams being entered, VI., V., Remove, and Shell all entering three teams each, though on account of examinations two teams had to be withdrawn, and the distance also for the Senior race was shortened. The time of the winning team (VI. A.) viz.—1 min. 15 2-5th secs. was the best recorded for this distance, though only once previously has the same distance been selected for this event.

For the first time, it was possible to hold a race for boys under 12, and the result was quite encouraging. Mr. Silcox of the Nag's Head, again kindly lent us his raft for the team races, and the only disappointment of the day was the run-away victory by the School

team over the Old Abingdonians. We did not anticipate that they would beat us in any case, but as it was, their team was only completed at the last minute by the very sporting conduct of two Old Boys who had both been unwell, but who none the less turned out without a murmur. The School will be getting altogether too conceited about its swimming if they are always to be allowed to win this race; and, as we heard of several prominent swimmers who had not been asked to swim, it seems a pity that an effort is not made to raise the best possible team. There was close enough competition for the three vacant places in the School team, Enoch, Hooke and Donkin being the only old 'colours' left, and the trial heats had to be carefully watched, and in fact an extra trial was arranged, to eventually decide upon the team.

The times are apparently not as good as usual, but the actual performances were probably better. The drought was responsible for an almost entire absence of stream, and last year it may be remembered, that in the Town Sports the open 100 yards race was won well inside world's record time, thus showing the difference a moderate stream makes. Moreover this year there was very little difference between the 'up-stream' and 'down-stream' times; as a rule there is a wide margin between them. In any case Enoch proved himself to be one of the best swimmers we have had, and Donkin also was swimming in excellent style.

In the holidays Enoch won the Town Club's Pierpoint Challenge Cup

for the annual Quarter-Mile Race, beating the holder with the greatest ease, for he led after the first twenty yards, and was never pressed. He was also persuaded to act as the Town's representative against the Reading and Windsor champions in the Berkshire Quarter-Mile Championship, and his experience in that race should prove useful. The former event, by the by, has always been won by an Old Abingdonian, though this year, as Enoch has returned to us, it was actually won by a "present" boy.

Various members of the School were prominent in the Town Water Sports, which were also favoured with splendid weather.

We give a table of results below. We should mention that in the Diving there was some very close competition, though in two cases competitors had to be disqualified through failing to observe the conditions governing the plunge. This is a dive that needs practice, and it is often this dive that decides between winning or losing a prize.

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS.

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd.

Swimming (under 14) 25 yds. Final.

1. D. Cullen. 2. H. V. Ellison. Time 20 secs.

Swimming (under 12) 25 yds. Final.

Prize presented by S. H. Baker, Esq.

1. D. F. Campbell. 2. A. Ellis. 3. H. W. Hooke. Time 27 secs.

Junior Diving (under 15).

(1) Shallow Dive. (2) Plunge. (3) Spring.  
(4) Running Dive.

1. O. Tubb, 50 points. 2. H. V. Ellison, 49½ points.

School v. Old Abingdonians Team Race (300 yards).

Each to swim 50 yds. \*Denotes "Swim upstream."

SCHOOL. OLD ABINGDONIANS.

1	H. W. B. Burkett	1	A. G. Shepherd
*2	W. N. Hooke	*2	O. B. Challenor
3	A. Eason	3	R. Haywood
*4	W. H. Enoch	*4	H. A. Mills
5	A. G. Ellison	5	P. C. Ackling
*6	H. A. L. Donkin	*6	E. H. King

Res. { 1 J. C. Vivian  
      2 H. N. Rogets

The School won by 35 yards, or by 31 secs.  
Time 4 min. 35 secs.

Open Diving.

(1) Shallow Dive. (2) Plunge. (3) Spring.  
(4) Running Dive. (5) "Free" Dive.

The following qualified:—

1.	J. C. Vivian	5.	W. H. Enoch
2.	T. H. Buswell	6.	A. G. Ellison
3.	O. E. Cullen	7.	W. N. Hooke
4.	A. C. Vivian	8.	H. A. L. Donkin

1st W. N. Hooke, 50 Pts. 2nd O. E. Cullen, 46½ pts.  
3rd J. C. Vivian, 46 points.

FINAL. Junior Forms Team Race (100 yds).

Each to swim 25 yards.

IV. A.—D. Cullen, H. P. Taylor, H. W. Trotman,  
H. V. Ellison.

Shell B.—A. S. Dove, H. M. H. Ashwin,  
E. Ellis, A. Ellis.

IV. A. won by 3 yards. Time 1 min. 44 secs.

FINAL. Open Swimming Race (50 yards).

Prize presented by the Headmaster.

1. W. H. Enoch. 2. H. A. L. Donkin.  
3. H. W. B. Burkett, won by a foot.

Time 42 secs.

FINAL. Swimming on Back (under 16)

50 yards.

Prizes presented by W. H. Hooke, Esq.

1. H. A. L. Donkin. 2. A. Eason.

FINAL. Senior Forms Team Race

100 yards. (Each to swim 25).

Shell A.—B. Harvey, A. G. Ellison, B. J. Bury,  
W. N. Hooke.

VI. A.—J. C. Vivian, H. A. L. Donkin,  
H. W. B. Burkett, W. H. Enoch.

VI. A. won easily in 1 min. 18 secs.

The following events were decided prior to the final day:—

Junior Form Team Races. 100 yards.

(Each to swim 25 yards).

Heat 1.—IV. B. beat Shell B.  
(Won by 18 yds.—Time 1 min. 48 3-5 secs.)

Heat 2.—IV. A. beat Shell C.  
(Won by 14 yds.—Time 1 min. 46 1-5 secs.)

Heat 3.—III. & II. a bye.

Heat 4.—IV. B. beat III. & II.  
(Won by 15 yds.—Time 1 min. 52 secs.)

**Senior Form Team Races. 100 yards.**  
(Each to swim 25 yards.)

1st Round.	Winners.	2nd Round Winners.
1	{ Remove B. } Shell A. { Shell A. } 1m. 26 1-5 s.	Shell A. 1m. 28 secs.
2	{ Remove C. } VI. B. { V. B. } 1m. 39 3-5 s.	
3	{ VI. B. } Remove A { Remove A. } 1m. 21 3-5 s.	
4	{ VI. A. } VI. A. { V. A. } 1m. 15 2-5 s.	

**Open Swimming Race. (Back Stroke). 50 yds.**

1. H. A. L. Donkin. 2. W. N. Hooke.  
3. B. S. Marshall.  
Time 54 4-5th secs.

**Swimming (under 16) 50 yds. Any Stroke.**  
Final.

1. H. A. L. Donkin. 2. A. Eason. 3. H. V. Ellison.  
Time 38 secs.

**TEST LIST :—**

The following additions should be made to the Test List published in our last number.

July 27th. F. E. Spokes and R. E. Gibbs ; July 28th, A. J. Brett and A. F. Pratt.

This brings the total number of new swimmers for the year up to 25, and the total number of swimmers who had passed altogether up to 74, previous bests being 73 and 30 respectively.

**FOOTBALL.**

The first half of the season has been one of success for both elevens, and we congratulate them on their good record. The first eleven lost their first match against a strong scratch eleven brought by Mr. E. R. Winship, but since that occasion have not lost another. All our School opponents have been

beaten, and Pembroke College is among our other victims.

The scoring in most of the games has been high, but the standard of the forward play could be improved. With our defence, on the other hand, we have no fault to find. The halves have all played excellently, in fact, we think it is a long time since the School possessed three so good, and the backs are quite sound, Trinder in particular having played some very good games. We should like to see the forwards show more dash in their remaining matches, particularly the left wing, and make more substantial use of their opportunities in front of goal.

The second eleven has also done well, and at present are unbeaten. As a whole the team are very slow, the speed displayed by the individual members being in the inverse ratio of their sizes. Crook, whose services we are likely to lack for the remainder of the term, is very promising.

We are sorry to note a slackness in the third game. On occasions the number of boys who have turned out has been too few to enable the keen ones to have a game. As our future elevens are drawn from its members they should see to it that they play hard and often. If a boy cannot play on any particular day on which he may be chosen, he must let the Captain know before the end of school, that his place may be filled.

A.S.F.C. v. MR. E. R. WINSHIP'S XI.—This match, the first of the season, was played on the home ground on Wednesday, Sept. 27th. The scratch team was very strong, and included A.



G. H. Kerry, C. G. Hartley, and A. W. S. Wagner, of St. John's College, Oxford. The visitors had matters all their own way at the start, and by half-time were credited with four clear goals. After this they began to tire, the School having much more of the play, and before long Mr. Gibson scored its first goal, and just before the end of the game Trinder put the ball into the net again with a shot from half way. The visitors were thus victorious by 5 goals to 2, but considering the individual brilliancy of some of our opponents, especially that of Kerry, we had no great reason to be dissatisfied with the result, and the team all played well, especially Mr. Baker in goal.

School team—Goal: Mr. S. H. Baker; Backs: C. E. Cook, W. H. Enoch; Halves: E. A. Mortleman, A. E. Trinder, H. A. L. Donkin; Forwards: Mr. H. H. Gibson, W. C. Williams, H. W. C. Barnes, E. G. Tame, A. F. Pratt.

A.S.F.C. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL.—This match was played on the School ground, on Wednesday, October 11th. The visiting team was not very strong, and the School had most of the play, especially in the second half. At half-time the score was 2—0, goals being scored by Williams and Donkin from corners. After the interval two more were added by Tame and Barnes, thus leaving the final score at 4 goals to nil. The School team was disappointing, and not up to their best form, the shooting being decidedly weak, but Trinder played well, and was the best man on the field.

School team—Goal: F. W. Lupton; Backs: C. E. Cook, A. E. Trinder;

Halves: E. A. Mortleman, H. A. L. Donkin, W. D. Price; Forwards: G. J. H. Ashwin, W. C. Williams, E. G. Tame, H. W. C. Barnes, A. F. Pratt.

A.S.F.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.—Played on Saturday, October 14th, at Leighton. An excellent match from beginning to end, and played throughout at a good pace. Some ten minutes from the start Leighton were unfortunate enough to have their centre forward injured, and a great deal more work was thus thrown on their defence. The School play was distinctly good, the combination was satisfactory, and there was also marked individual cleverness, Donkin, Trinder, and Pratt being possibly the most noticeable. The halves, as a line, were good, both in attack and defence: they might to advantage study the weak points in their opponents, and adjust their campaign accordingly. The forwards were, perhaps, a little slow. Williams is here the chief offender. He seems unable to really play himself out. Ashwin must learn to centre sooner. Tame, as he learns to know his men, should prove a very capable centre, and the team, as a whole, should do well in future matches. We won eventually by four to nil, the goals being scored by Tame, Barnes, Williams, and one of our opponents' backs. This result, however, rather flatters us, and the return match should be well worth seeing. The team was the same as that against Bloxham, except that W. H. Enoch played back instead of Cook.

A.S.F.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.—This match was played at Oxford, on Wednesday, October 18th, the School

being without Donkin, Barnes, and Price. For a short time play was level, neither side seeming to settle down very quickly, but after Tame had scored for Abingdon, the ball was very rarely in their territory. A centre from Pratt, which went into the goal off one of the opponents, and a good long shot by Trinder, put Abingdon three up at the interval. After the interval Abingdon were distinctly better than their opponents. Tame added two more goals, and Bruce and Williams also scored. Bolt, the High School outside left, got away before the end and scored with a good shot. The School thus won easily by 7—1.

School team—Goal: F. W. Lupton; Backs: C. E. Cook, W. H. Enoch; Halves: E. A. Mortleman, A. E. Trinder, A. Eason; Forwards: G. J. H. Ashwin, W. C. Williams, E. G. Tame, W. N. E. Bruce, A. F. Pratt.

A. S. F. C. *v.* MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.—This match was played on the School ground, on Saturday, 21st October. The School was not at its full strength, being still without Donkin and Barnes. The match was not conspicuous for the absence of fouls, and was for the most part slow. This was due to some extent to the state of the ground, which was heavy, rain having fallen in the night and during the morning, while there was also a strong wind blowing. The School scored twice during the first half, through Tame and Williams. After the interval Tame added three, and Bruce two more, thus leaving the score 7—0.

School team—Goal: F. W. Lupton; Backs: A. E. Trinder, W. H. Enoch;

Halves: E. A. Mortleman, W. D. Price, A. Eason; Forwards: G. J. H. Ashwin, W. C. Williams, E. G. Tame, W. N. E. Bruce, A. F. Pratt.

A. S. F. C. *v.* PEMBROKE COLLEGE.—Played on Saturday, October 28th, at Oxford. The ground for this match was very slippery, and accurate kicking was difficult. The School early proved their superiority, and led at half-time by three to nil. The Pembroke attacks were not numerous, and were for the most part broken up by the halves, who left the backs but little to do. The second half proved to be a repetition of the first, and the School were left winners by seven goals to one. Pratt played an excellent game: his centres were always judicious and well-placed. Donkin was in good form at centre-half. Williams, though he scored three goals, and did several clever things, has not yet learned how to run. Our goals were scored by Williams (3), Pratt, Tame, Trinder, and one of their backs.

The team consisted of:—Goal: F. W. Lupton; Backs: Mr. H. H. Gibson, A. E. Trinder; Halves: E. A. Mortleman, H. A. L. Donkin, W. D. Price; Forwards: G. J. H. Ashwin, W. C. Williams, E. G. Tame, H. W. C. Barnes, A. F. Pratt.

A. S. F. C. 2ND XI. *v.* NEW COLLEGE SCHOOL, OXFORD.—This match was played on the School ground, on Saturday, October 7th. At the start the sides appeared fairly even, but within the first quarter of an hour New College missed several practically open goals. The School, however, picked up a little, and at half-time the score was 3—1 in favour of the School. After half-time, however, New College drew level, leaving the

result a draw of 4—4. The goals were scored by B. Harvey (2), Bruce, and Bury. Both sides were slow, and missed numerous opportunities. The School team did not appear to get together, and in the first half the forwards, at times, appeared bewildered, but in the second half they improved, and it was the backs who were weak. Price played well at centre-half.

School team—Goal: O. E. Cullen ; Backs: W.H. Enoch, A. Eason ; Halves: J. Harvey, W. D. Price (capt.), A. F. Sheldon ; Forwards: E. E. Crook, W. W. Leach, B. J. Bury, W. N. E. Bruce, B. Harvey.

A. S. F. C. 2nd XI. *v.* BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2nd XI.— This match was played at Bloxham, on Wednesday, Oct. 11th. Soon after the game had commenced Leach got away and opened the score. For a little time matters were fairly even, until Bury scored from a pass from Crook on the wing, and soon after a shot from Bruce was converted by one of the opponents' backs. Bloxham's left wing man then got away and passed to the centre, who scored their only goal. The score at half-time was 5—1. After the interval the play was all in the Bloxham territory, and five more goals were added to the score of Abingdon, who thus won the game by 10 to 1. The goal-getters were Bury (5), Bruce (3), Leach (2).

School team—Goal: O. E. Cullen ; Backs: A. Eason, W.H. Enoch ; Halves: A. F. Sheldon, C. M. Read, J. Harvey ; Forwards: E. E. Crook, W. W. Leach, B. J. Bury, W. N. E. Bruce, B. Harvey.

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI. *v.* A.S.F.C. 2nd XI.— This match was played at home on Saturday, Oct. 14th. At the beginning the game was fairly equal, but our forwards soon began to assert themselves, and by half-time had scored 5 goals to nil. In the second half the ball was nearly all the time in our opponents' half, but only 3 more goals were scored, leaving us victors by 8 goals to nil. Of these, Bury scored 4, and Bruce 3, the other being provided by one of their men, from a corner. All the forwards played quite well, but the defence had little to do. The backs were Graham i., and Cook, in place of Enoch ii., and Eason, the latter playing left-half instead of Harvey iii. Otherwise the team was the same that played against Bloxham School 2nd XI.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI., *v.* OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI.— This match was played at home on Saturday, Oct. 14th. The weather was ideal, and the ground in good condition. Our opponents won the toss and played into the Park goal. In spite of the fact that the School team was at nothing like its full strength, they showed themselves superior to their opponents in all points, and at half-time were leading by 4 goals to nil. In the second half another five goals left us the winners by 9 to nil, the scorers being Spokes (3), Crook (1), Bury (1), Walker (1), Harvey (2), Vivian (1).

The School team was as follows:— Goal: O. E. Cullen ; Backs: H. E. L. Walker, F. H. Abbott ; Halves: J. Harvey, C. M. Read, A. F. Sheldon ; Forwards: E. E. Crook, F. E. Spokes, B. J. Bury, A. C. Vivian, B. Harvey.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of the Abingdonian.*

Dear Sir,

We send you herewith a copy of a letter which we hope it may be possible to publish in an early number of your paper.

Yours truly,

J. BAMFORD,  
(for the Board of Control).

The Agenda Club,  
28, Fleet Street,  
London, E.C.  
28th Sept., 1911.

[ENCLOSURE].

Dear Sir,

THE AGENDA CLUB.

Perhaps some of your readers may have seen in the "Hibbert Journal" for July, 1910, or in the "Spectator" for July 9th, 1910, an "Open Letter to English Gentlemen." That was the first manifesto put forward by a number of Englishmen anxious to advance the welfare of the nation and to increase the sense of social responsibility amongst all classes, but particularly Public School and University men of the rising generation. These men have since formed themselves and others of like mind into the "Agenda Club," which has for its objects the encouragement of all useful philanthropic work. Much is already done by many great and good societies and organizations, but lack of funds and lack of support greatly hamper all these attempts. The Public School boy on leaving his school, the University man going down, have in almost every instance a wish to do

something practical for the good of their fellow citizens, but so often see no means of using their own particular talents and advantages. One of the primary objects of the Agenda Club is to meet this need by providing a bureau of information as to what work there is for such men to do. Here they will be able to find at once in what way they can be immediately useful—the rowing man in coaching boat clubs, the boxer in helping working lads to learn the art of self-defence, the man with a voice in assisting at concerts for the very poor, the born organizer in running Penny Banks, and so forth. The business man can help with his advice as to advertising, the doctor in sanitary schemes, the lawyer in legal difficulties: and all will be given work to do within their own immediate reach, and with as little waste of time and energy as possible.

It is a general maxim that the Public Schools and Universities of this country produce as sound and healthy a type of man both mentally and morally as can be found in the world: and if some of the surplus energy of such men can be easily and practically utilised in helping their less fortunate neighbours to lead healthier, cleaner lives under more sanitary conditions, the gain to the nation will be enormous.

Will any of your readers who care to know more of this Club and its objects apply to the Administrative Secretary, the Agenda Club, 28, Fleet Street, E.C.?

We are,

Yours truly,

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

## VALETTE.

F. Parker (1st XI. Football, 1908-9-10; 1st XI. Cricket, 1908-9-10-11; First Four, 1910-11; Captain of Games, 1910-11; Prefect, Easter, 1910; Vth Form (Modern). S. Leach (1st XI. Football, 1909-10-11; 1st XI. Cricket, 1911; Gymn. VIII. 1911; Prefect, Easter, 1910; Vth Form (Modern). W. N. Hooke (Swimming Colours 1910-11), G. A. Willis, VI. (Modern) 2nd XI. Cricket, 1910-11; 2nd XI. Football, 1911). W. R. Gilbert Vth Form (Modern), H. W. Short Vth Form (Modern), H. N. Rogers, G. L. Atherton, C. H. Tyrrell, A. J. Wigmore, E. G. Deane, W. L. O. Box.

## SALVETE.

School House:—S. Castle-Smith, G. Woods.

Day Boys:—E. G. Ballard, W. B. Coxeter, F. Crossland, C. B. Edwards, W. H. Jackson, H. A. M. Jamieson, T. N. T. Leach, W. Lupton, I. S. R. Miles, F. J. Rutter, R. A. Trotman, W. R. E. Scrivener, W. E. Wheeler.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

The new Bishop of Oxford will hold a Confirmation Service in St. Helen's Church on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3rd.

We congratulate Major H. G. Henderson, M.P., one of our Governing Body, upon his appointment as Unionist Whip.

The Rev. Cyril Hallett, O.A., Vicar of St. Barnabas, Oxford, has been appointed Archdeacon of Rovuma, Diocese of Zanzibar.

The Rev. W. M. Austin, O.A., has joined the Railway Mission in South Africa.

The Rev. Howard Stewart Mathias has been appointed Rector of Cossington, Leicestershire. The patron of the living was his father, the Rev. J. C. S. Mathias.

Arthur Stockton, Esq., O.A., has been chosen to succeed his brother the late Mr. O. J. Stockton, O.A., as Town Clerk of Banbury, and Clerk to the local Education Committee.

The Rev. C. P. B. Montgomery, O.A., on leaving the curacy of St. Margaret's Prestwich, has been presented with a gold watch and Communion Service in recognition of his four years of service in the parish.

C. F. B. Smith, O.A., has received a commission in the Suffolk Regiment.

Mr. E. J. P. Ross-Barker has joined the Staff at Loretto School.

G. Wilson, O.A., has gone to Ceylon.

A memorial window to the late Mr. Slade Innes Baker, has been placed by his many friends in the North Aisle of St. Helen's Church. The window was dedicated on Sunday Morning, October 29th.

T. M. Layng has gone into residence this term at Balliol College, and E. H. Thomas has joined Jesus College, Oxford.

Our best thanks are due to the Rev. F. A. Bartlett, O.A., for presenting printed copies of the School List for 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867.

We also thank Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, G.C.B., for presenting to the Library a copy of his essays on Sea-Power.

The following extract is from the Report of Oxford University Institutions for 1910.

Bodleian Library. Donations of Mss. From Mr. W. W. Richardson. Collections, chiefly in manuscript, relating to the family of Richardson; Roysse's School, Abingdon; and Blewbury. Formed by the late W. H. Richardson, M.A., F.S.A.

The following elections have been made to Scholarships:—Blacknell—No appointment. Senior Bennett—D. Cullen. Junior Bennett—P.L. Howard. Young and Summers—B. S. Marshall (for one more year). Lady Wantage—V. S. Northam.

E. A. Mortleman, H. E. L. Walker, B. S. Marshall, F. W. Lupton, F. E. Spokes, H. W. C. Barnes, G. J. H. Ashwin, have been made School Prefects.

H. W. B. Burkett has been elected Secretary, and W. C. Williams Treasurer, of the Literary and Debating Society.

H. A. L. Donkin has been elected Captain of Football.

E. G. Tame was awarded Cricket Colours, and A. Eason, A. G. Ellison and H. W. B. Burkett were given Swimming Colours at the end of last term.

On Tuesday, Oct. 24th, several of us attended a lecture in the Corn Exchange, on 'Changing China': and on Nov. 2nd, by the kind invitation of the Warden, the Senior Greek Division saw 'The Wasps' acted at Radley College.

The Editorial Committee consists of:—H. W. B. Burkett, C. E. Cook, H. A. L. Donkin, B. S. Marshall, W. C. Williams.

#### CALENDAR:—

- Oct. 9th. Mr. Wood's Dancing Class begins.  
 „ 24th. Lecture on China.  
 Nov. 4-6. Exeat.  
 Dec. 3rd. Confirmation.  
 „ 14th. School Concert.  
 „ 16th. Old Boys' Match  
 „ 18th. School Dance.  
 „ 22nd. Term Ends.

#### BIRTHS.

ROBINSON.—On February 19th, at Gordon Villa, Rochester, the wife of C. M. Robinson, M.A., of a son.

YOUNG.—On July 21st, at 29, Vernon Terrace, Brighton, the wife of E. W. Young, of a Son.

#### MARRIAGES.

GOOD-SAXBY.—On Sept. 13th, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, by the Rev. T. Layng, M.A., assisted by the Rev. C. Crowden, D.D., Uncle of the bride, and the Rev. O. F. Spearing, M.A., Curate of the parish, Cecil Henry Brent Good, M.A., of Heathfield, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, to Irene Fillingham, younger daughter of Mr. George Saxby of Twickenham House, Abingdon.

MATHIAS-COOPER.—On Sept. 21st, at Knodishall, Suffolk, by the Rev. J. C. S. Mathias, assisted by the Rev. Canon Cooper (uncle of the bride) and the Rev. G. W. Daubeny, B.A., the Rev. Howard Stewart Mathias, M.A., Rector of Cossington to Alice Elfreda, eldest daughter of Mr. T. Cooper, of Knodishall Hall.

SELLS—DUNSTERVILLE.—On Sept. 27th, at St. Thomas Church, Verulam, S. Africa, Archibald Jenner Sells, son of Dr. C. P. Sells of Guildford, to Mona Winifred Moiren, daughter of Mr. A. F. Dunsterville of Verulam.

DEATHS.

STOCKTON.—On August 10th, very suddenly at Falmouth, Oliver James Stockton, O.A., Town Clerk of Banbury, age 45.

[Mr. Oliver James Stockton joined the School in May, 1876, and was the eldest of four brothers who were prominent members of the School during the Head-mastership of Mr. Summers. He afterwards practised as a solicitor in Banbury and took a leading part in the public life of the Town. Among other offices he held the positions of Town Clerk and of Clerk to the Borough Education Committee: He was also one of the Directors of the firm of Henry Stone, Ltd.]

MORLAND.—On August 14th, at Swatow, China, of septic poison, Charles Henry Duncan Morland, M.B., F.R.C.S., in his 46th year.

[Mr. Charles Henry Duncan Morland, was the second son of Mr. J. T. Morland, and came to the School in January, 1876. He subsequently went to St. George's Hospital, London, where he had a distinguished medical career. He took his M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. in 1888, became M.B. and Bac. Surg. of Durham University in 1890, and later on became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. After practising for some years as a Consulting Surgeon in Cardiff, he joined Dr. Henry Layng at Swatow in 1900. His great ability as a Surgeon became widely known and valued in that part of China. On Dr. Layng's retirement in 1908, he became Senior Partner in the firm and his early death is a serious loss to the European community at Swatow.]

Playground Improvement Fund,

(To September 14th).

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Subscriptions .. ..	103	17	6
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Stamps .. ..	1	19	2
Stationery .. ..		13	2
Cash Book .. ..		1	0
Printing .. ..	1	9	0
Tools and Barrows .. ..	9	8	3
Grass Seed .. ..	1	2	6
Wages .. ..	63	2	3
Drawing and Carting .. ..	3	16	3
Rolling .. ..	2	2	6
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WM. ARTHUR RUDD.  
J. H. E. MORLAND.