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## EDITORIAL.

THE passing term has enjoyed an exceptional immunity from seasonable epidemics, but an immoderate plague of rain has seriously interfered with games and practice for the sports, as finally with the sports themselves.

The detailed intelligence supplied by our special correspondents renders editorial cackle more than ordinarily superfluous, but we would congratulate the First Four upon its heroic struggles against almost unprecedented difficulties

during its period of training, and upon the hard-fought victory at Saltford that crowned them.

The School Sports, originally fixed for the 23rd inst., were rendered quite impossible by the malice of the weather, and the programme had to be distributed over the first four days of the following week. Considering the state of the ground some of the results were remarkably good.

The levelling of the new playing-field has made good progress during the last six months, but much has still to be accomplished before it can be ready for use.

We offer our felicitations to "The Abingdonian" upon the birth of its fifth volume, and use the occasion to remind members of the School, present as well as past, that contributions to its pages are always welcome. Back numbers and various pictures are still obtainable at half-price.

## FOOTBALL.

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

This annual match was played on the School Ground on Saturday, Dec. 16th.

The Present won the toss and played into the Lodge goal. The ground was very slippery and it was consequently difficult to turn and to control the ball.

The School went off with a rush. In five minutes Williams scored their first goal, and, within ten, Barnes added another. Soon, however, the Past forwards began to give trouble, and, for a scratch eleven, the whole team were well together. For the rest of the half the Present gave a disappointing display except for the last few minutes. Half-time was given with the score 2—0 for the Present. After the interval the School forwards failed to get together at all, while the Past, especially Lay and Brinsmead, frequently baffled the defence. Soon Lay scored for the Past and then Tame, from a shot by Williams, breasted through for the School. Play was at this period of a give and take order, the ball being sometimes one end and sometimes the other. Brinsmead scored for the Past, and soon after Williams headed in for the Present. Lay again scored for the Past and Campbell soon added another. Then ensued an exciting five minutes with the score 5—4 for the Past, and Barnes scored for the Present on the stroke of time, thus leaving the score 5—5.

For the Past, Lay and Brinsmead played well in the forward line and Payne sent in some nice centres.

Duncan and Hewer at half tackled and passed well, and we must also give a word of praise to the goalkeeper. For the School Trinder and Enoch played well, but the forwards were weak and entirely off their game.

Old Abingdonians:—(Goal) O. B. Challenor; (backs) E. F. Harvey, E. H. King; (halves) R. T. Hewer, N. Duncan (capt.), C. J. Ellison; (forwards) A. S. B. Payne, W. F. Lay, M. G. Brinsmead, H. V. Campbell, G. H. G. Shepherd.

School Team:—(Goal) O. E. Cullen; (backs) A. E. Trinder, W. H. Enoch; (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.

Mr. H. H. Gibson kindly undertook the duties of referee.

## SIXES.

It proved impossible to play the Sixes at the beginning of the term owing to the condition of the ground. Consequently the Senior Sixes had to wait until the Rowing was all over, but the Juniors were played off in league fashion in the middle of the term.

In the first round of the Seniors, E. A. Mortleman's VI. defeated A. E. Trinder's by 2 goals to 1, and H. W. C. Barnes' VI. defeated A. F. Pratt's by 5 goals to 2. In the second round H. W. C. Barnes' VI. defeated E. A. Mortleman's by 2 goals to 1, and H. A. L. Donkin's defeated E. G. Tame's by 1 goal to none.

The final was played between Barnes' VI. and Donkin's on Monday, March 18th, in the pouring rain, which made the ball and ground very slippery.



During the first half the game was fairly even and there was no score at half-time, but, as soon as the game was resumed, Williams completely deceived the opposing backs and netted the ball. Soon after this Comfort headed through from a free kick and Williams added two more, thus leaving Donkin's VI. winners by 4 goals to 0.

The winning team was composed as follows:—H. A. L. Donkin, W. C. Williams, F. W. Lupton, W. W. Leach, H. W. B. Burkett, V. Comfort.

The final game in the Junior Sixes took place on Thursday, March 14th. It was rather one-sided, Warwick's VI. leading at half-time by 3 goals to none, and eventually winning by 6 goals to 2. It consisted of the following:—V. C. Warwick, H. J. Edgington, J. F. Ward, H. T. Tombs, W. R. E. Scrivener, H. E. Betteridge.

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## ROWING.

### REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

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Probably no present member of the school can remember a year in which climatic conditions have been so uniformly unfavourable. We returned in January to find the world far and wide covered with floods. Then followed frost, and, when at last we were able to get out, a fortnight of term had already elapsed. Since then every day has provided us with a keen struggle against the elements. Constant rain, though it damped the ardour of neither crews nor coaches, yet kept the river at such a height and made the stream so strong, that adequate preparation

became much more difficult than usual. The shortness of term made it necessary to fix an early date for our race with Monkton Combe, and we were only left with five weeks from the day the first tubs went out to the day of the race. This allowed very little time for selection, and involved getting the crews fit and trained at a faster rate than is really desirable. In consequence, physique and staying power became almost indispensable, and for this reason one or two people failed to gain places they might otherwise have earned.

Another cause of trouble and anxiety was the condition of the second four. She has now seen some ten years active service, and has long been past her best. In spite of innumerable patches and copious supplies of putty she leaks from bow to stern, nor has there been a day on which coach and crew have not had to pull her up out on to the sodden bank and empty her. Quite apart from the extra labour, and no slight labour too—*experto crede*—it is asking too much of a crew to row every day in a boat with the water swishing round their ankles. Yet we cannot do without her, and, it seems, have no means of replacing her.

If we turn now to the actual crews, we are at once struck by the absence of weight. Last year we were a stone a man lighter than our opponents: this year they actually outweighed us by two stone a man. Such a handicap is of course a very heavy one, and the more credit is therefore due to the first four for their plucky victory. Enoch throughout the term has proved himself

a most capable captain, and both by example and precept has shown his crew what whole-hearted enthusiasm may achieve. A word of praise is also due to the veteran of the crew—the cox. Coxes, as a rule, are not spoilt by kindness, nor is there any undue delicacy or reticence in pointing out their misdeeds, and so it sometimes happens that they weary of the barren honours their office brings. Comins has, however, now coxed the crew for three years, and, whatever mistakes he has made, has been always keen, and always eager to learn. In the second crew Bury and Eason are both deserving of praise: the former, though not too well supported by three, always kept the stroke long, and never shirked his work: the latter is for his age one of the most promising oars we have had for some time.

Our future prospects are not very bright. We ought to have the makings of a useful first crew next year, but where the second crew will come from is a problem. The violent stream, which was a hindrance to the oar of some experience, was to the beginner absolutely fatal. For the greater part of the time it has been altogether impossible to tub beginners, and we are bound to suffer for it next year. This we could not remedy, but there is another deficiency for which no excuse can be offered. For years now the day boys have won places in the crew, and have rivalled the boarders in their keenness. At present, however, with one or two honourable exceptions they seem too inert to attempt to win fame on the river, and in some cases have been so

slack as to have not yet passed the swimming test.

The inability of the Old Boys to put on a crew was a great disappointment to everyone. We hope that next year, to make amends, they will put on two, and make that a precedent for generations to come.

#### PRACTICE TIMES.

The following practice times will be useless as a comparison with any performances in a normal season, but future coaches, if the weather again prove so relentlessly unfavourable, may find comfort by reference to the figures given below. In nearly every case the stream was racing, and in some cases the wind was down stream also. It may be noted that the Culham Reach runs about as much West of South as the Wilsom Reach runs to the East of South.

The strong stream gave further evidence of the greater strength of the stream on the Berks side of the river by the Corporation Farm, and on the Oxon side in Culham Reach, most especially so nearing the White Bridge.

\* Denotes strong stream.

\*\* Denotes very strong stream.

† Denotes what was considered the crews' best work.

Feb. 28th. Paddled from Abingdon Bridge to Culham Lock Cut:—11m. 25s., Lock about 17m. 20s.\* Strong S. Wind. Shipped half a boatful in Culham Reach (no canvasses on).

March 1st. Chimney to second gate, 2m. 30s.\* Strong wind S.S.W.

March 2nd. 3 min. row in Culham Reach, getting two lengths past the

fence below the plantation. Strong wind S.S. (Berks side).\*†

March 6th. Paddled to Cut,  
8m. 25s.\*\*†

„ Rowed Culham Reach,  
(Wind N.W.) 5m. 45s.\*\* (Oxon).

March 7th. Chimney to first gate.  
Wind W.N.W. fresh, (Berks). 1m.  
39s.\*\*

March 9th. Rowed 'Course' from upper end of plantation in Culham Reach to last gate but one in Wilsom Reach, reaching first gate 4m. 50s. finish 7m. 12s.\*\*†

March 11th. Paddled to White Bridge, 4m. 38s.\*\*†

March 9th. 2nd Crew 'Course' from the bay near the White Bridge to last gate but one in Wilsom Reach, 5m. 34s.\*\*†

#### THE CREWS AT SALTFORD (Bath).

The annual races *v.* Monkton Combe School were held this year on their course at Saltford, on Wednesday, March 13th. The weather was dull, and a slight drizzle fell at times; what little wind there was blew slightly upstream from over the embankment. The stream was very slight compared to that to which we had been accustomed, but, as the river has open weirs, this had been anticipated, and accordingly the first crew had been taken down to Culham Cut on the previous Monday to practise starts in slacker water.

Having left School at 9.15 a.m. the crews were naturally somewhat sleepy when they reached Saltford just before 2 p.m., our hosts having given us lunch in Bath.

Both crews were then given a good 'shaking up,' the first crew going nearly over the whole course in easy stages, and rowing a minute; whilst cox's attention was drawn to the varied scenery, including masses of driftwood floating down stream. The second crew followed, practising short bursts, and both crews paddled back in good style.

The 1st crew rowed from the gate above the Lock to the Horse Ferry (Regatta starting point) and the 2nd crew from the Clifton Boathouse to the same finishing point. The Kelston station was evidently the better one, especially for the 1st crews, as it also gave the advantage of the wide bend, and Enoch fortunately won the toss, Bury however losing for the second boat.

Meanwhile a train load of Monktonians had arrived, and the Monkton crews indulged in a short preliminary burst, our crews however being none too pleased to find that the enemy's two crews averaged about two stone a man heavier.

After putting out, we were sent back again to wait for various barges to get clear of the course, but at last the crews were started.

Ashwin started at forty, but for the first few strokes Monkton went ahead, though we led after a minute and rounded the bend with almost a half length lead. This was slowly increased till we held almost three quarters of a length lead, and from the tow path it almost looked as though Comins was slightly out of his water. Hereabouts there is a considerable bend in the bank

and cox had been told to cut straight across, which he evidently did. Curiously enough from the tow path, when near the middle of the bend, the curve is not noticeable, and this would make a clever bit of steering almost appear to be a crafty bit of poaching.

The Monkton cox came over a little and the blades seemed to overlap, but our lead was sufficient to prevent them touching. Monkton Combe however spurted hard, and gained on us, but the end of the bend saw us close in by the Kelston bank. "Two" and "three" began to look distressed, and stroke got short and hurried, as Monkton drew closer up.

A signal from the bank saw them steady themselves, and Ashwin lengthened out, still however, rowing about 38, and the two crews now raced stroke for stroke, Monkton still gaining by inches, till at last they pushed their nose in front, and then led by a few feet. 'Two' in our boat was very late but 'bow' was rowing as hard as ever, whereas 'three' looked none too happy; but on reaching the landmark for their final spurt, they pulled themselves together and in the last few strokes snatched a victory by the smallest possible margin;—some said two feet, some one, the official verdict being one foot.

It was a magnificent race from start to finish.

Enoch rowed hard and well from end to end and Ashwin deserves every credit for steadying the crew at a critical moment. 'Two' and 'three' were 'well baked' at the finish, and rowed their last ounce. 'Two,' however, had

not learnt to use his legs and 'three' had always, in practice, been most erratic. Sometimes he rowed well, sitting up and using his weight, such as it was, and he was our 'heavy' man. At other times he missed the beginning, with blade slicing in and body flying back; and then came the tiring 'arm' finish, without recovery; when rowing, the latter style was, alas! the more prominent.

The result was the more satisfactory as the problem of building the crew had been a very difficult one. It was a dangerous experiment trying Ashwin at stroke, bearing in mind his illness of the previous year, and with time so limited there was little opportunity for making many changes. The result was that the crew had to be reared rather delicately, and with stroke having to spare himself, the crew as a whole never acquired the dash and energy one would have liked to see; at the same time it is almost an impossibility to expect a young and light crew, struggling day after day against a racing stream, to get a real firm grip of the fleeting waters. Considering the conditions of training we think the crew have every reason to be proud of their performance.

Comins may get a survey-map and show that he saved more than twelve inches through cutting across that bend, thus proving by the stern laws of mathematics that he alone won the race, and none would deny him the honour. The crew probably do not realise how much trouble and annoyance they have been saved through his clever work in the perpetual flood

stream, and he was as keen as anyone in the boat.

There were no 'crocks' this year and the crew went out every day in the same order. Enoch, however, had to row for about ten days with a festered thumb which prevented his blade work being improved, but, apart from this and the usual minor afflictions of the oarsmen, we had a clean bill of health.

Mr. Baker again coached our 1st crew, and Mr. Filleul, the old Oxford Trials man, coached the Monkton crew.

#### THE SECOND-FOURS.

After the first race we hoped for another strenuous contest between the second crews, more especially as our second crew, adopting more vigorous methods, had shown themselves to be little inferior in pace to the first crew. In fact, when practising starts together, they sometimes got off the mark better than the first crew. They usually paddled at a very slow stroke and kept the boat level, and in rowing used their legs well while rowing a fairly fast stroke, and when we heard that the Monkton crew were reputed to be as good as the first crew we looked forward to a good race.

Bury had lost the toss, and, unfortunately, as the word was given our boat was just drifting backwards; this however could not account for our disastrous start, for, properly speaking we never started at all but eventually the crew found themselves rowing with Monkton Combe out of sight. 'Three' apparently only nervously felt for the water the first stroke, and his blade came out in the air, and the boat

lurched on to stroke-side oars, so that Bury could not get in his second stroke at all, and our rivals were clear of us in a few strokes and were a length ahead before we held them at all; we then engaged in a hopelessly stern chase, Monkton Combe, except for a brief period when we slightly gained on them, going steadily ahead, and at the end of the course they went right away from us, rowing in most vigorous fashion, and certainly giving us the impression that they were better than their first crew. Eventually they won by about six lengths. Our crew certainly did not do themselves justice, and their hopeless start seemed to knock all the heart out of them. Bury stuck to his work gamely and 'bow' was rowing in good style; in fact, through-out practice, 'bow' had rowed as well as anyone rowing and should be useful in the future.

Unofficial times for the two races were, for the

1st crew: 7m. 15s.

2nd crew for the shorter course: 5m. 27s.

Mr. Gibson again coached our 2nd crew, and Mr. Hoare the Monkton Combe 2nd crew, so that while both first crews were coached by Oxford men, curiously enough, both the second crews were coached by Cambridge men.

Names and weights of the crews.

ABINGDON SCHOOL B.C. MONKTON COMBE B.C.

#### 1st Crews.

(bow)	W. H. Enoch	8 11½	A. G. Lynn	11 3
(2)	H. A. L. Donkin	9 0	W. B. Darroll	11 6
(3)	E. A. Mortleman	10 3¾	W. H. Royal	11 10
(str.)	G. J. H. Ashwin	9 8	A. McLaughlin	10 6
(cox.)	R. I. Comins	6 8	A. H. Green	6 3
(coach)	Mr. S. H. Baker.		Mr. L. A. Filleul.	

## 2nd Crews.

(bow) A. Eason .. 8 13 $\frac{3}{4}$	H. C. Apperly 9 12
(2) H. W. C. Barnes 8 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	S. G. Budgett 11 10
(3) W. D. Price .. 9 3	H. G. Anderson 10 12
(str.) B. J. Bury .. 9 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	T. H. Jameson 9 12
(cox.) F. L. M. Harris 6 9	J. A. Tayler 6 2
(coach) Mr. H. H. Gibson.	Mr. E. G. Hoare.

After the races we returned to Bath, where the crews and coaches had tea together. We then had some time to wait for our return train. Owing to the Coal-strike, it seemed doubtful at one time if, having reached Saltford, we could return in the day; but with the express stopping for us at Radley, we arrived at Abingdon about 10.15 p.m., all save the faithful "John Roysse," tired and weary, but with pleasant memories of Monkton Combe's kind hospitality.

## CHARACTERS :—

## 1st Four.

(Bow) W. H. Enoch, 8st. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. (Captain). Colours 1911-12. Most energetic as Captain. A lively and vigorous oar; encouraging to his crew. Was the best oar in the boat, but inclined to row deep, as he feathered as unevenly as the rest of the crew.

(2) H. A. L. Donkin, 9st. 0lb. Colours 1912. Has improved his form a great deal since the beginning of the season. He should use his legs more, especially coming forward, as he is very unsteady over the stretcher.

(3) E. A. Mortleman, 10st. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Colours 1912. A good, hard-working oar. He has supported stroke well. Is apt to hurry the finish and pull in the oar with his arms. Should drive the stroke through with his legs.

(Stroke). G. J. H. Ashwin, 9st. 8lbs. Colours 1912. Sets a good stroke and showed judgment in the race. He has yet to learn to get his weight lifted on at the beginning and is apt to over-reach.

(Cox.) R. I. Comins, 6st. 8lb. Colours 1910-11-12. Has coxed well this season and steered a good course in the race. Needs to watch the time more carefully.

## 2nd Four.

(Bow) A. Eason, 8st. 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Half-Colours 1912. Has very good form and gets a good beginning. He needs to be livelier at the finish. Should be very useful next year.

(2) H. W. C. Barnes, 8st. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Half-Colours 1912. Should use his legs more over the stretcher to get a firm beginning, and needs to get more recovery. He has improved since the beginning of the season.

(3) W. D. Price, 9st. 3lb. Half-colours 1912. Should sit up more at the finish and get his weight lifted on at the beginning of the stroke. He is very nervous in a race and is apt to miss the start.

(Stroke) B. J. Bury, 9st. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Half-Colours 1912. Has rowed well, and gets his crew well together. He is rather slow and needs to get a firmer finish and smarter recovery.

(Cox) F. L. M. Harris, 6st. 9lb. Half-Colours 1912. Has coxed well in practice and steered a good course in the race. Should keep wider awake at times.

GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

There was a good assemblage of parents and friends in the Gymnasium on the evening of Thursday, March 12th, to witness this annual event. Though perhaps not quite up to the level of some of its predecessors, the display was very satisfactory, and its various items evoked frequent and well-earned applause.

As last year, the Head Master's Silver Medal was won easily by Tame with a highly finished performance, and the Bronze Medal by Read, who has improved considerably during the interval.

The following were the marks assigned to the four competitors:—

Maximum Marks.	Hor.Bar. 90	Par. Bars 80	Vault. Horse. 80	Total 250
E. G. Tame	66	73	74	213
C. M. Read	59	61	72	192
A. F. Pratt	56	50	63	169
A. C. Vivian	38	49	54	141

The rest of the entertainment was effectively carried out, some of the items causing considerable amusement and the set pieces being decidedly ingenious and pleasing.

The thanks of all are due to Colour Sergeants Harvey and Parmenter, who were judges, and to Mr. Rudd, who was referee, but especially to Mr. Wright, to whom the proficiency of the performers and the pleasure of the spectators must be ultimately referred.

The programme was as follows:—

Competition for Silver Medal and Bronze Medal presented by the Headmaster.

- Event 1. Horizontal Bar  
(2 slow exercises, 4 quick exercises) } C. M. Read  
" 3. Parallel Bar  
(4 exercises) } E. G. Tame  
" 5. Vaulting Horse  
(4 slow exercises, 4 quick exercises) } A. F. Pratt  
A. C. Vivian

Event 2. Horizontal Bar. Third & Second Forms.

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| S. Castle-Smith | H. E. Betteridge |
| D. S. Campbell  | F. Crossland     |
| C. M. Humfrey   | E. G. Ballard    |
| H. W. Hooke     |                  |

Event 4. Parallel Bars. Shell Form.

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| B. J. Bury      | A. S. Dove      | } Exercises.  |
| D. Cullen       | L. A. Lewis     |               |
| W. T. Smith     | H. V. Ellison   |               |
| P. C. Holme     | H. J. Edgington |               |
| H. M. H. Ashwin | H. F. Dunkin    | } Set Pieces. |
| A. Ellis        | E. Ellis        |               |
| P. L. Howard    | S. E. Clack     |               |
| H. W. R. Cozens |                 |               |

Event 6. Vaulting Horse. Fourth Form.

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| V. C. Warwick | H. P. Taylor       |
| R. H. Candy   | T. N. T. Leach     |
| R. B. Baker   | T. P. R. Layng     |
| J. N. Sanders | W. Lupton          |
| C. Taylor     | W. R. E. Scrivener |

Announcement of Result.

God Save the King.

SHOOTING NOTES.

Firing during this term has taken place as usual at the indoor range of the Abingdon Town Rifle Club. More time has been given to the shooting, and the scores on the whole have been much improved, although the wall above the target is still occasionally 'potted.' Those worthy of mention for their progress towards the 'possible' are H. W. B. Burkett, H. E. L. Walker, H. W. C. Barnes, R. M. Graham, W. H. Wood, W. D. Price and J. Knowles.

The usual match between Masters and Boys will be shot off towards the end of the term if circumstances will allow this. The team for the School will probably be: H. A. L. Donkin, H. E. L. Walker, W. C. Williams, B. S. Marshall, G. J. H. Ashwin and V. Comfort.

It may be mentioned that a Schoolmasters' team, which included four of the members of the School Staff and two old boys, G. A. Willis and C. W. Edgington, has won the Abingdon Trades and Professions Cup. We should also like to congratulate a devoted marksman upon the achievement of his first 'possible.'

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#### LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

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The Society met in the Pembroke Room on Friday, December 15th, with the Hon. Treasurer in the chair.

When the minutes of the previous meeting had been passed, Mr. S. H. Baker was called upon to propose "That, in the opinion of this House, The Tree of Knowledge bears bitter fruit."

Mr. W. Bevir seconded and Mr. H. H. Gibson opposed the motion.

The following also spoke: *Pro.* W. C. Williams, H. W. B. Burkett, B. S. Marshall. *Con.* G. Woods, A. C. Vivian, H. A. L. Donkin, E. M. Graham and C. E. Cook.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 14 votes to 10.

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The Society met in the Pembroke Room on Friday, January 26th, 1912, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The minutes were read and passed after various interrogations, and then A. C. Vivian was called upon to propose "That, in the opinion of this House, Professional Football is injurious to true Sport."

V. Comfort seconded, and E. A. Mortleman opposed the motion.

The following also spoke: *Pro.* C. E. Cook, H. A. L. Donkin, J. Knowles, D. E. Elford, H. E. L. Walker. *Con.* Mr. H. H. Gibson, W. N. E. Bruce, W. C. Williams, H. W. B. Burkett.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 9 votes to 8.

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The Society met in the Pembroke Room on Friday, February 9th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The minutes were read and passed after the usual interrogations, and B. S. Marshall then read a most interesting and enlightening paper on "The History and Growth of British Railways."

The following put various questions to the reader: W. D. Price, H. A. L. Donkin, E. A. Mortleman, Mr. H. H. Gibson, P. F. Clark, C. E. Cook, A. C. Vivian, W. H. Wood.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the reader of the paper by H. W. B. Burkett, seconded by W. C. Williams, and carried unanimously.

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The past session has been an especially successful one, and the interest taken in the Society, and the quantity and quality of the speeches showed no sign of diminishing. We can only hope that next season will be equally successful.



## A CYCLING TOUR (Aug. 1911).

*(Unavoidably held over from our last).*

We started, a party of three, from Wargrave, a beautiful little village on the Thames, and made for Oxford along a road for the most part monotonous and uninteresting, as anyone who has journeyed to Henley from Abingdon will know. From Oxford we went on to Woodstock and fortunately reached Blenheim Palace just as the last party of visitors was being admitted. The magnificent grounds are of themselves well worth a visit, while the Palace is considered by many to surpass even Windsor Castle. Woodstock itself is decidedly disappointing and did not detain us long. After spending the night at Chipping Norton, which is perhaps best known for the manufacture of tweeds, we deviated a little from our course in order to visit Great Woolford a small hamlet not far from Shipston-on-Stour. Thence we came to the Fourshire Stone and duly walked round it. The four shires are Gloucester, Oxford, Warwick and Worcester. The same day we arrived at Hereford, passing through Great Malvern, where we had the only rain during the whole tour. Hereford Cathedral, of which a magnificent view may be obtained from the bridge over the Wye, well repays a visit. The neighbouring country looked very beautiful with its wide expanse of orchards and hop-fields. The next place of interest was Worcester, whose cathedral reminded us very much of that at Hereford. Leaving Worcester we came to Ludlow, which must be one of the prettiest towns in England.

It is situated on a very steep hill, and the entrance is over an old bridge, which only provides room enough for the passage of one vehicle at a time and has alcoves for the safety of foot passengers on either side. The church is a very magnificent one, of cathedral-like proportions, but the old castle is completely in ruins. In the town there are many picturesque oak-timbered houses, which contribute greatly to its beauty. About ten miles from Ludlow we came to Stokesay Castle, which is in an almost perfect state of preservation and still retains many interesting features. We next made for Church Stretton, a very pretty village nestling among well-wooded hills, which completely screen it from view until it is nearly reached. The same day found us at Shrewsbury, which like Ludlow, is remarkable for the number of its timbered houses and its charming old-world appearance. From Shrewsbury we made our way through Oswestry, a decidedly dull and uninteresting town, into the beautiful country round Llangollen, near which we first crossed the Welsh border. The scenery now became very charming—mountains, woods and murmuring streams everywhere. Leaving Llangollen behind us we passed through Corwen and Bettws-y-coed. About half way between these two places we stopped at an inn which was kept by two Welsh women—mother and daughter. They were in a state of great indignation with Mr. Lloyd George because he had taken away their licence and given it to a neighbouring innkeeper, for some trivial reason—as they evidently

thought. Consequently all they could give us was the usual Welsh drink of butter-milk which we did not particularly relish, but which doubtless improves on further acquaintance. We were assured, however, that it was a sovereign remedy for indigestion and indeed for most other complaints. The worthy couple had a piece of antique furniture which they were very anxious to get rid of, but we did not take it along with us. We next reached Bettws-y-coed, a beautiful town amid beautiful surroundings. Among the many delightful spots in its neighbourhood we may mention the Swallow Falls and the Fairy Glen. It is here that one realises the characteristics of Welsh scenery—the constant sound of running waters, the hills and valleys and the wealth of trees—which are full of delight to the dweller in the East of England. The journey from Bettws-y-coed to Barmouth was perhaps the prettiest part of our tour. After passing through Beddgelert we came to Aberglaslyn Pass which again is a good example of peculiarly Welsh scenery. Here the hills become almost mountains, and when a certain height is reached vegetation disappears entirely. We were much struck by the marvellous way in which the Welsh sheep seem to be able to get a firm foothold on the precipitous sides of the hills, hundreds of feet above us. The country now became less interesting, as we drew near the coast at Barmouth. At one of the neighbouring villages we stopped outside a court in which a trial was being held. It was quite open to the air, so that it was possible for any-

one to follow the case—who could understand Welsh. We had intended to make a short stay at Barmouth, but we were so disappointed in the town that we decided to push on to Rugby. Accordingly we set off on the following morning by way of Shrewsbury, beginning our journey with five and a half miles up hill, which had to be performed on foot, and, when we reached the top the descent was so steep that we could not venture to ride down it. These hills were in the neighbourhood of Cader Idris, which is a more dangerous mountain to climb than Snowdon, though it is not quite so high. The rest of our tour through Shrewsbury and Rugby must be left unchronicled, but I have written enough to show that health, enjoyment and instruction may be derived in ample measure from an expedition of the kind I have attempted to describe, and, perhaps, to encourage others to imitate our example.

C.E.C.

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### CRABS.

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We have tasted somewhere a strange concoction of vinegar, whose liquid acidity or acid liquidity became almost congealed by maceration with a highly flavoured lump of cheese, the flavour of which is then subtly hidden beneath a primrose layer of mustard, and lest it then prove too tasty to the epicure the gleaming yellow is softly toned down with sprinkled pepper patches, deftly picked out here and there with bright crystalline spangles of sparkling white salt. The same, we were informed,

was called 'Crab'—'Mock Crab;' but it is not of such that we would now speak. There is no imitation about the Crabs which we now have in mind; unless, indeed, by some strange metamorphosis they become a nightmare.

It would seem that this particular species is of the barnacle type; certainly they have extraordinary holding power, and they lurk hidden beneath *boats!* It seems that they may be found in any water, they are none of your strange island species, though they may be of appalling size—but, perchance they hide in some deep hole, and if any boat put out on the surface of the waters, up they rise, and, like the street arab, who, in ancient days, indulged in illicit carriage-drives, propped up behind the old 'growler,' so our enemy the crab, rising from the depths, would seize hold of the bottom of the boat, and, neatly balanced in the middle, one great claw stretched out on either side, would find strange pleasure in gliding, shooting, speeding onwards. But, woe to the unlucky oarsman who offends him!

If the boat glide not smoothly between the strokes, or if she roll from side to side, or if some wandering blade threaten to intrude in the deep, dark holes where he dwells; or wantonly, heedlessly fling great masses of water catapult-like to the skies—flash! he is out! seizes that erring blade and in a trice, gripped as in a vice, he stays its motion; and every blade must suffer with it!

Yet your crab is not without his merits. If you fear him he pounces on you for a coward.

If you shilly-shally, and gently toy with the water, he is out upon you; for above all he desires that the boat shall shoot forward from the mark, as arrow from a bow.

If the button hug not the back thole-pin, as the word is given to "row," he may find you out! If you give one great 'hoik' he will have his revenge, yet if the 'hoik' be honest and vigorous he may soon leave go. But, if you fear him—oh! if you fear him, he gives no quarter! Let but the blade enter the water gingerly, tremulously, he will show no quarter, but seize first one blade then another.

So if you fear him, practice, practice, practice! Wrists and forearms quickly rising for that first stroke and all the body weight, with shoulders squared, driven hard home; and he may give you peace for your pains.

Maybe, one day, eager for the next stroke and thoughtless of your forward swing, some dancing wave, laughing at the driving wind, for very joy jumps up to kiss your blade, and lo! he has you again!

Maybe with eyes swimming and head bursting, and arms aching, arms alas! and not legs, you forget for one brief moment that there are others toiling in the boat as well as you; and then, oh *then*, he is *cruel!*

S.H.B.

We have received from the publishers copies of the first two numbers of 'The Arena,'—a new magazine dealing with University and Public School Life and Amateur Sport—and have placed them in the Reading Rooms of the two Houses.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

This year the Athletic Sports were fixed for March 23rd, but the weather proved most unkind, and the day turned out quite impossible. We had had a lot of rain during the previous week, and running and jumping had been well-nigh impossible, but the downpour on the day fixed soon made it obvious that the Sports would have to be postponed.

The events were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, and as we had fine weather and a fair amount of sunshine the ground speedily recovered, and several spectators were present on all four days.

The Jumping and Weight Putting was not up to our recent high level, but in the long distance events quite a good standard was maintained. Enoch II. won the Mile in the best time ever accomplished in a School Mile, and his younger brother and Alder showed great promise in the Junior Mile, the time being exceptionally good. Donkin ran very well in the Half-Mile, and finished full of running. Comfort ran with fine determination in the Quarter, and did a good time. Bruce was distinctly unlucky to fall at his last hurdle when winning easily in his Heat in the Hurdle Race, as he was undoubtedly the best performer competing. Among the small boys Campbell ran splendidly, and should be heard of again.

Some of the finishes were very close, notably in the Junior Mile and Open Long Jump.

The Prizes were distributed after the Old Boys' Sports on Saturday, March 30th, by Mrs. Price.

## 1.—LONG JUMP (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by A. Stockton, Esq., O.A. Prizes presented by H.H. Gibson, Esq., and J. F. Downing, Esq.) 1, G. J. H. Ashwin; 2, H. A. L. Donkin. Distance 17ft.

10½in. Only a quarter of an inch separated the first two.

## 2.—LONG JUMP (under 15).

(Prizes presented by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A., and H. Donkin, Esq.) 1, A. Davenport; 2, T. V. Brown. Distance 15ft. 6in.

## 3.—HIGH JUMP (open).

(Prizes presented by G. H. Ashwin, Esq., and C. A. Pryce, Esq.) 1, F. W. Lupton; 2, G. J. H. Ashwin. Height 4ft. 9in.

## 4.—HIGH JUMP (under 14).

(Prizes presented by A. K. Loyd, Esq., K.C.) 1, H. J. Edgington; 2, D. Cullen. Height 3ft. 11½in.

## 5.—HURDLE RACE (under 15).

(Prizes presented by W. Bevir, Esq., and Shell Forms). 1, V. S. Northam; 2, T. V. Brown. Time 23 secs.

## 6.—HURDLE RACE (open).

(Prizes presented by J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A., and Miss Krohn). 1, H.A.L. Donkin; 2, H. W. C. Barnes. Time 19 4-5 secs. A good race; Donkin drew out at the last hurdle and won by a couple of yards.

## 7.—HUNDRED YARDS (under 12).

(Prizes presented by Rev. W. B. Box and Remove Classical). 1, T. N. T. Leach; 2, F. Crossland. Time 14 2-5 secs.

## 8.—HUNDRED YARDS (under 14).

(Prizes presented by E. M. Challenor, Esq., O.A.) 1, A. W. Welch; 2, V. C. Warwick. Time 13 secs.

## 9.—HUNDRED YARDS (under 16).

(Prizes presented by G. W. Shepherd, Esq., O.A., and Remove Modern). 1, V. S. Northam; 2, C. M. Read. Time 12 secs.

## 10.—HUNDRED YARDS (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Price. Prizes presented by the Rev. the Head Master and VI. Forms). 1, V. Comfort; 2, H. A. L. Donkin. Time 11 secs. Comfort got an excellent start and running in good style won by two yards.

### 11.—TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY YARDS (under 13).

(Prizes presented by A. E. Preston, Esq., O.A., Mayor of Abingdon). 1, D. S. Campbell (scratch); 2, J. N. Sanders (12 yds.) Time 32 1-5th secs.

### 12.—PUTTING THE WEIGHT. (16 lbs.) (Open).

(Prizes presented by J. T. Morland, Esq., and H. W. Weaving, Esq.) 1—E. G. Tame. 2—F. W. Lupton. Distance 26ft. 4½in.

13.—QUARTER MILE HANDICAP (Open). (Challenge Cup presented by W. Pierpoint, Esq., Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon). 1—V. Comfort (5 yards). 2—W. H. Enoch (Scratch). 3—B. S. Marshall (8 yards). Time 58 secs.

A good race down the straight, Comfort winning by three yards. Enoch just beat Marshall for second place.

### 14.—CHOIR RACE (300 yards Handicap).

(Prizes presented by S. F. Willis, Esq., and B. Challenor, Esq., O.A.) 1—W.W. Tombs (8 yards). 2—H. E. Betteridge (20 yards). Time 44secs.

### 15.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Open).

(Prizes presented by Miss Sandys). 1—A. F. Pratt. 2—H. E. L. Walker. Distance 82yds. 1ft. 2in.

Pratt threw in very good style and won easily.

### 16.—HALF MILE HANDICAP (Open).

(Prizes presented by Mrs. Layng, M. T. Tatham, Esq., and V. Form). 1—H. A. L. Donkin (scratch). 2—E. Ellis (115 yards). 3—W. H. Enoch (scratch). Time 2mins. 17secs.

### 18.—CONSOLATION RACE (one lap).

(Prizes presented by J. G. T. West, Esq., O.A., and E. L. Shepherd, Esq.) 1—W. D. Price. 2—H. W. B. Burkett.

### ONE MILE RACE (open).

(Run on Tuesday, March 26th). Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Burkett; Prizes presented by H. Burkett, Esq., W. A. Rudd,

Esq., and H. G. W. d'Almaine, Esq., O.A.) 1—W. H. Enoch. 2—H. A. L. Donkin. 3—B. S. Marshall. Time 4m. 58 1-5th secs.

Enoch and Donkin ran in close company until the lap when Enoch raced away and won by twenty-five yards.

### ONE MILE RACE (under 15).

(Run on Tuesday, March 26th). Prizes presented by W. Pierpoint, Esq., H. P. Simpson, Esq., O.A., and Councillor W. Legge). 1—F. V. Enoch. 2—A. Alder. 3—A. Eason. Time 5min. 38 2-5th secs.

A fine finish, Enoch winning by a foot.

### STEEPLECHASE (open).

(Run on the Common, on Wednesday, February 21st. Prizes presented by S. H. Baker, Esq., IV. Forms and G. Saxby, Esq.). 1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, G. J. H. Ashwin; 3, B. J. Bury. Time 12 minutes, 10 3-5th seconds.

### STEEPLECHASE (under 14).

(Run on the Common, on Wednesday, February 21st. Prizes presented by Major Henderson, M.P., and III. and II. Forms). 1, D. S. Campbell; 2, P. N. Miles; 3, E. L. Parry. Time 6 minutes, 10 3-5th secs.

## OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

The Past v. Present Cricket Match has been fixed for Saturday, July 13th, and the Annual Old Boys Dinner will be held on the evening of the same day at Abingdon, in the newly restored Roysse Room.

Tickets for the Dinner can be obtained from the President, James Townsend, Esq., The Park, Abingdon, or from J. H. E. Morland, Esq., the Secretary of the Club.

Applications for a place in the Old Boys Cricket XI., should be made to G. H. G. Shepherd, Esq., "Glyndwr," Abingdon.

## VALETTE.

J.C.Vivian (Prefect 1911, VI. Classical, 2nd Rowing Four 1911); E. M. Graham (Prefect 1911, V. Classical, 1st XI. Cricket 1910-11, 2nd XI. Football 1910-11, 1st Rowing Four 1911); J. Harvey; B. Harvey (2nd XI. Cricket 1911); A. F. Sheldon, H. W. Trotman, H. W. Beak, F. Gwyther-Jones, O. B. Saxby.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

We record with much regret the death of Mr. A. T. Barton. As Senior Classical Tutor of Pembroke College he was for many years the responsible Examiner for the School Scholarship at Oxford. He was for a short time a Member of the Governing Body of the School, and he took a great interest in the new buildings which were erected in 1901. The Latin inscription on the tablet between the windows of the Wantage Room was from his pen. He was buried at Paignton on February 3rd. The first part of the funeral service was held in the Chapel of Pembroke College.

The Venerable Archdeacon H. R. Hayward, O.A., has signified his intention of resigning his Residentiary Canonry at Gloucester. He was admitted into the School on August 4th, 1840, won the School Scholarship to Pembroke College in 1849 and became a Fellow of the College in 1853. He distributed the prizes on Founder's Day, 1904, and was President in 1896 of the O.A. Club.

The Revd. T. Layng has been elected to the Co-optative seat on the Committee of the Head-masters' Conference.

The following Clergy have preached in the School Chapel on the Wednesday mornings in Lent:—

- Feb. 21st. The Revd. Canon Oldfield, D.D., Vicar of Culham.
- Feb. 28th. The Revd. A. P. Hall, M.A., Vicar of Marcham.
- Mar. 6th. The Rev. C.B. Longland, M.A., Vicar of Radley.
- Mar. 13th. The Rev. A.R. Whitham, M.A., Principal of Culham College.
- Mar. 20th. The Revd. J. H. Kirkby, M.A., Vicar of Shippon.
- Mar. 27th. The Revd. O. F. Spearling, M.A., Curate of Abingdon.

J. W. Duncan, O.A., has represented Wales this year in the International Hockey Matches against Scotland and Ireland.

W. R. Mortleman has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

We offer our hearty congratulations to C. E. Cook upon his election to the School Scholarship at Pembroke College.

Also to G. H. G. Shepherd upon winning the 100 yards in the Oxford University Sports and upon receiving his Full Blue.

Also to E. M. Graham upon his nomination to Sandhurst on the recommendation of the Head-master.

Also to H. L. Neligan of Trinity College, Dublin, who was placed second on the list of successful candidates for the Royal Irish Constabulary.

A. G. Ellison has gone to Vernon in British Columbia.

We have received welcome visits from the following Old Boys who are at home on holiday from the Colonies: L. A. Challenor, C. T. Baker, P. R. Taylor, R. F. Baker.

G. Woods has been appointed a School Prefect.

W. C. Williams has been elected Cricket Captain.

E. A. Mortleman, G. J. H. Ashwin and H. A. L. Donkin have been given full colours for Rowing; and the members of the second Four, B. J. Bury, W. D. Price, H. W. C. Barnes, A. Eason F. L. M. Harris have been awarded half colours.

A. F. Pratt and A. C. Vivian have won Gymnasium Colours.

G. H. G. Shepherd (100 yards) and W. Leach (Long Jump) have been invited by the Committee of the Olympic Games to take part in the Trial Sports for the selection of the English Representatives at the Meeting at Stockholm.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. Rudd for presenting to the Reading Room four volumes of "Travel and Exploration."

We have attended the following lectures:—

Feb. 5th. "The making of Modern Italy" by the Rev. W. K. Stride.

Feb. 6th. "Punch" by the Rev. G. L. Morrell.

Feb. 19th. "The relative values of Food" by Mr. T. Skurray.

Feb. 28th. "The Life and Writings of R. L. Stevenson" by Rev. S. M. Butters.

On Feb. 12th, an address was given in the Gymnasium on the National Service League by Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Morland, V.D., O.A., and Lantern Illustrations were shown by Major A. J. Lainson, D.S.O., organising Secretary of the League in Berkshire.

On the evening of Shrove Tuesday we attended a performance of J. F. Barnett's Cantata, *The Ancient Mariner*, by the Abingdon Musical Union.

Compositions for Canon Meredith's Prizes for Latin and Greek Prose should be handed in on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Term ends on Wednesday, April 3rd, and next term will begin on Tuesday, April 30th. Boys in the two Houses return on Monday, April 29th.

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#### DEATH.

THEOBALD.—On March 19th, at Exmouth, S. Devon, Claude James Tennison Theobald, son of the late Theobald Theobald, of The Abbey, Sutton Courtenay, in his 46th year.

[Mr. Theobald joined the School in January, 1879, and left in October, 1883.]

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

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## EDITORIAL.

OUR readers will find our recent doings fully recorded in the ensuing pages, and there is but little to add by way of editorial comment.

As our columns will show, the high reputation of the School for athletic prowess is being well upheld by its past and present members alike, abroad as well as at home. An O.A. was chosen to be one of England's representatives in the Olympic Games at Stockholm, though an injury unfortunately prevented him from

doing himself justice in the actual races, while at the Public School Sports at Stamford Bridge, in April, our runners acquitted themselves with distinction against competitors of exceptional merit.

The past Cricket Season—largely owing to the energy and enthusiasm of the captain—has been one of the most successful on record, and the brilliant fielding of the 1st XI. has evoked unstinted admiration throughout

By an inevitable process a considerable number of our most redoubtable champions will be leaving us at the end of this term, but we are confident that the genius loci will raise up others to fill their places.

We have much pleasure in providing our subscribers with the promised index to Volume IV. This magnum opus is entirely due to the assiduous and painstaking labours of Mr. S. Leach, O.A., and we gladly take the opportunity of expressing our grateful appreciation of the very real service which he has so efficiently rendered us.

### OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

The Business Meeting of the Club was held after the Cricket Match, in the Common Room, on July 13th, and there was a large attendance of members.

The Rev. Canon Meredith was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year. The choice is peculiarly appropriate, as the new President took part in the School tercentenary in 1863, and he hopes to be present at the celebration of the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of John Roysse's foundation next year, thus bridging over a considerable span of the School life. He is known to many of the younger Abingdonians as the donor of the Meredith Prize for Greek and Latin Composition.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. H. E. Morland, tendered his resignation after a dozen years of loyal service to the Club. A resolution was passed recording its appreciation of his long and valuable devotion to its interests. Mr. G. H. G. Shepherd was elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. J. H. E. Morland to a place on the Committee.

At the request of the Chairman, the Rev. T. Layng explained in what way it was proposed to celebrate our three hundred and fiftieth anniversary. The matter is still only pencilled in outline, but it may be put briefly as 'a meal and a service' at some date near to Trinity Sunday, in memory of John Roysse's ordinances. It is hoped that Mr. Benyon, as Lord Lieutenant of Berks and Chairman of the Governors, will preside at a luncheon after prayers in St. Helen's Church. The Prize Giving might follow in the afternoon. The members of the

Club expressed their readiness to support the Committee of the Governors in planning and carrying out the celebration.

Several members suggested that it would be very popular with Old Abingdonians if the Past v. Present Cricket Match could take place the same week, possibly also the Regatta and the Past v. Present Boat Race: in fact to revive the old School Week. This led to an interesting discussion on the rowing term, in which Mr. N. Duncan and others put the Old Abingdonian view in favour of a School Week in the summer term, and Mr. H. H. Gibson expressed the opinion of the Present Members of the School that the rowing is vastly improved by taking place in the Lent term. Just when this amicable discussion was becoming animated and instructive, the President was obliged to apply the closure on the ground that the dinner would be getting cold. It is hoped that further discussion will lead to some happy compromise, in which every one will say "we have got our way at last."

The new Secretary then announced that ten new members had applied for admission.

The Club Dinner was held the same evening in the Old Grammar School, which was beautifully decorated with Hiawatha and Dorothy roses. A company of forty-one sat down to table and we take pleasure in recording the names of these Old Abingdonians and their friends:—

W. Bevir, M. G. Brinsmead, S. H. Baker, S. W. Brown, S. T. Bird, C. E. Cook, H. S. Challenor, B. Challenor, jun., N. B. Challenor, J. W. Duncan, N. Duncan, P. L. Deacon, W. H. Enoch, H. H. Gibson, E. H. Harvey, E. F. Harvey.

H. E. Haywood, J. Hedley, A.H.Lewis, J. T. Morland, G. H. Morland, W. T. Morland, J. H. E. Morland, A. W. Morland, H. A. N. Medd, P. J. Martin, R. Prowde, A.O.C. Pryce, A.S.B. Payne, W. A. Rudd, G. W. Shepherd, G. H. G. Shepherd, J. G. Shepherd, C. R. Scott, R.J.Weaving, E.R.Winship, C.O.Wright, W. W. Ward, The Head-master, The Vicar, and The President (J. Townsend).

The toast of John Roysse, the Founder, was honoured in silence, the company turning to his picture. In toasting the School, the President paid a handsome tribute to Mr. A. E. Preston, the restorer of old John Roysse's room; to Mr. W. J. Sedgefield, the donor of the fine heraldic glass; and to Mr. Harry Redfern, the architect. After touching upon the past glories of the School suggested by the history of the old building and of the eighteenth century Dining Club, the President expressed the pride of its existing successor in the present buildings with their modern equipment, and their confidence in the persistence of the old School tradition of work, sport and good fellowship.

The Headmaster in his reply dwelt on the romance of a schoolmaster's life, repressed during the routine of the year, but breaking out at such re-unions of old pupils.

Mr. A. O. C. Pryce gave the toast of the Governors with much humour, and Mr. J. T. Morland responded with equal spirit.

Mr. H. H. Gibson, in a very graceful and earnest speech, coupled the toast of the Club with the name of the President.

Songs were contributed by Messrs. G. W. Shepherd, P. L. Deacon, W. Bevir,

and G. H. G. Shepherd. The great success of the evening was due in no small degree to the beauty and comfort of the room.

### PAST v. PRESENT ATHLETIC SPORTS.

This meeting was held on Saturday, March 30th and resulted in a victory for the Old Boys by 7 events to 2. The Old Boys brought a strong team and it was only in the long distance events, where training told its tale, that the School were able to claim a victory. The general standard was good throughout and the time in the Quarter has never been beaten. As Rice slowed up down the straight, the record would have gone if he had been extended. In the Mile Enoch set up fresh figures improving on last year's time by 3 seconds.

After a long period of wet weather the day turned out fine and attracted a good number of spectators, who seemed to enjoy the keen contests thoroughly.

At the conclusion of the Sports, Mrs. Price very kindly presented the Burkett Challenge Cup for the School Mile to W. H. Enoch and the Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for the best all round Athlete to H. A. L. Donkin.

The award of these Cups was not made until Thursday, March 18th, on which date the School Mile was decided.

The following is the list of results:—

#### HUNDRED YARDS.

1—G. H. G. Shepherd (O.A.C.); 2—V. Comfort (A.S.A.C.); 3—H. E. L. Walker (A.S.A.C.). Shepherd won by four yards. Time 10 2-5th secs.

## HURDLE RACE (120 yards).

1—R. G. Rice (O.A.C.); 2—G. A. Willis (O.A.C.); 3—H. A. L. Donkin (A.S.A.C.) Won by fifteen yards. Time 17 2-5th secs. The School hurdlers were outclassed.

## PUTTING THE WEIGHT (16lbs.)

1—G. H. G. Shepherd (O.A.C.) 32ft. 4in.; 2—E. G. Tame (A.S.A.C.) 26ft. 2½in.; 3—R. F. Baker (O.A.C.) The putting was not up to the usual standard.

## HIGH JUMP.

1—R. G. Rice (O.A.C.) 5ft. 1in.; 2—G. J. H. Ashwin (A.S.A.C.) 4ft. 10½in.; 3—F. W. Lupton.

## LONG JUMP.

1—G. H. G. Shepherd (O.A.C.) 20ft. 1in.; 2—G. J. H. Ashwin (A.S.A.C.) 19ft. 1½in.; 3—H. A. L. Donkin (A.S.A.C.)

## THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

1—R. F. Baker (O.A.C.) 94yds. 0ft. 9½in.; 2—G. A. Willis (O.A.C.) 90yds. 2ft. 2½in.; 3—A. F. Pratt (A.S.A.C.)

## QUARTER MILE.

1—R. G. Rice (O.A.C.); 2—V. Comfort (A.S.A.C.). Time 55 secs.

Rice won very easily without extending himself.

## HALF MILE.

1—H. A. L. Donkin (A.S.A.C.). Time 2 min. 12 2-5th secs.

Donkin was the only runner to finish.

## ONE MILE.

1—W. H. Enoch (A.S.A.C.); 2—A. L. Edwards (O.A.C.).

Won by 90 yards. Time 4 min. 53 3-5th secs.

Enoch ran splendidly, and lowered by three seconds the School record which he made last year.

## THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

(By an O.A. Competitor).

Looking at the results of the recent Games at Stockholm, the average reader will come to the conclusion that Great Britain's athletes are far inferior to those of America and will give all sorts of reasons for this, in most cases very far from the right one.

I think that, after I have tried to describe the manner in which our Yankee friends were prepared for the Games and that adopted to get the best out of Great Britain's representatives, it will be seen that under present conditions it is absolutely impossible for our men to stand a chance against those from the States. Until a vast change is made we shall not stand the slightest chance in Athletics even against the Continental nations, and at Berlin in 1916 I shall be much surprised if Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, Finland and others do not all finish in front of England. The secret of it all is that Amateurism as understood in this country is totally different to what it is in America or even on the Continent. A young man in England finds that he can run faster than the majority of his fellows, and so decides to take it up as a pastime and for his physical good; and there is no finer exercise in existence than Athletics. If he lives in London he is better situated than anywhere else, both for training purposes and for actual competition. He will find that he has chosen a more expensive hobby than football, cricket, etc., as, to get fit, it is necessary to train at the least three times a week, and he will be a lucky man if it costs him less than five shillings a week to do so, as the fee for use of a track and for a trainer or masseur each

day soon amounts to this sum, apart from any travelling to reach the track. Practically all athletes wish to compete in actual races, and then come the entrance fees for the various events, usually two shillings each. Therefore to compete in a meeting you are lucky if it costs you less than seven or eight shillings, as entering for two races will cost four shillings, reaching the ground another two or three, in many cases considerably more, though, of course, in some less, but, to quote an average, about three shillings. In addition to this there is the trainer's fee again, and the necessary refreshment, which usually includes at least one meal. From all this it will be seen that the expenses are very considerable, and few men can afford them. Receiving them from your club or the sports' promoters would mean instant suspension, probably for good.

We will now take the case of a man in America who finds that he can run. If he has any merit, (for instance, a sprinter who with very little preparation finds that he can run 100 yards in 10 3-5th secs.) he will join a big athletic club such as the Irish-American A.C. He will be entered at one of the Universities, such as Pennsylvania or Yale, and will receive a free education in return for his services as an athlete in inter-University sports. Having finished his University career, and, incidentally, a first-rate athletic training, a post will be found for him somewhere, provided he sticks to athletics, the Club will see that it is possible for him to spend as much time as he requires for running purposes, and, when he runs in a race meeting, all expenses will be defrayed, and I know for a fact that a considerable amount of money will be handed to him

besides. Now, possibly, one will see why Great Britain had to play second fiddle to America at Stockholm. The United States team was got together by a thorough scouring of the country. Half-breeds, Negroes, etc., who could run, were put through a thorough preparation without costing them anything, and absolutely the finest team possible was built up. For the last three months before the games it was seen that, all business worries having been removed, they were trained by expert professionals, who had made athletics their hobby, and then these men left for Sweden on a huge vessel, on which they lived throughout their stay in Stockholm, under very careful supervision. On the other hand, all the members of the British team had to do what training they could at their own expense, and then, a week before the commencement of the games, they left for Stockholm. In very many cases the men were far from fit, and endeavoured to do in a week what the Americans had spent three months over. The result was that a good number of them broke down, and others were far from being in a condition to race against the wonderfully fit Americans and others.

Something will have to be done before the next games, but it is unlikely to be done, and if the Amateur Athletic Association refuse to alter their definition of an amateur, the best thing they can do is to refuse to recognise these foreigners as amateurs, and not to enter a team in the games. The British public should choose the one or the other of these alternatives, and if they choose the former, a vast change *must* be made in the constitution of the A.A.A., and a more democratic body of men elected upon it, who will

keep up with the times. If this is not done, the Olympic Games must not be recognised as for Amateurs only, as according to our present conception of amateurs, the Americans—to mention only one nation—are very far indeed from being so.

Talking the matter over with Americans and Canadians, I found that their opinion is that we have got men in this country equal to the very best they can produce in their own, but they are emphatic that, until an alteration is made in the amateur status in England, our men will stand no chance against the Americans.

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### SWIMMING.

The weather this season has been very variable. Early in the term the water was surprisingly warm, and the mornings bright, but June was not a cheerful month, and for some time there were but few that turned up at the Bathing Place in the early morning. At the beginning of July the temperature had actually fallen below 60 degrees, but the momentary heat wave of 'Local' week sent it up to 70 degrees Fahrenheit, and we anticipate at least warm water for the Sports, if not the sunshine that is our due.

The number of new swimmers is not at present equal to that of last year, but, as most years see some sort of new record established, we may yet end the term with more swimmers in the School than ever before; or maybe the record will be that at last the Old Abingdonians defeat the School team?

We have four old colours left out of last year's 'Six,' and there will be plenty of competition for the vacant places. For the first time we have elected a Swimming

Captain, and the honour of being the first to hold this office most appropriately goes to the Captain of the Boats, W. H. Enoch, who also, it will be remembered, won the Town Club's Quarter-Mile Swimming Race in the last summer holidays.

The following are those who have passed the test this year.—

May 15th:—W. H. Wood; 19th:—F. C. Crossland; June 14th:—G. Woods, E. G. Ballard, C. W. Andrews; 17th:—S. Barraza; 27th:—P. L. Howard, A. W. Welch; July 14th:—A. G. Bartlett, C. M. Humfrey; 15th:—R. A. Trotman, S. E. Clack, C. B. Edwards, R. del Valle, T. N. T. Leach, W. Lupton, I. S. R. Miles, H. F. Dunkin; 20th:—P. N. Miles.

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### THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS.

The Meeting was held on April 17th, at Stamford Bridge.

We had hopes, founded on our School Results, that we might once more win the Challenge Cup, and many past and present members came, some at considerable inconvenience, to encourage our representatives. The fates, however, were unkind. The standard proved higher than usual, and, though in the Mile Enoch beat the winner of the previous year, he could finish no better than third. The winner, Bohenden, only just got home from Causen in the good time of 4 min. 38 4-5th secs., but he then proved his pluck and stamina by easily winning the Steeplechase. Donkin was third. He ran pluckily, and should do better next year. A fresh record was made by Humfrey in the High Jump. The subjoined are the results and records for the fourteen years in which the contests have been held:—

100 YARDS.	HIGH JUMP.	$\frac{1}{4}$ -MILE.	120 YARDS HURDLES.	$\frac{1}{4}$ -MILE.	MILE.	$\frac{1}{4}$ -MILE.	LONG JUMP.
1898. Merchant T.	*Brighton	St. Paul's	St. Paul's	*Merchant T.	Rossall	St. Paul's	St. Paul's
1899. Cheltenham	Repton	St. Paul's	Repton	St. Paul's	St. John's	Repton	Milton Abbas
1900. Great Yarmouth	Rossall Framlingham	St. Paul's	Sherborne	Gt, Yarmouth	*Oundle	St. Paul's	Aldenham
1901. Gt. Yarmouth	Framlingham	Gt. Yarmouth	Framlingham	Gt. Yarmouth	Aldenham	St. Paul's	{ Framlingham Chigwell
1902. Bedford G.S.	Bedford G.S.	Dover	Bedford G.S.	Univ. Coll.	Merchant T.	Merchant T.	Bedford G.S.
1903. Wellingboro'	Bedford G.S.	Wimbledon	Exeter G.S.	Framlingham	Wimbledon	Forest School	Bedford G.S.
1904. Eton	Bedford G.S.	Wimbledon	Exeter G.S.	Epsom	Wimbledon	Merchant T.	Wellingboro'
1905. *Univ. Coll.	Ipswich G.S.	S. E. Coll. (Ramsgate)	Ipswich G.S.	Univ. Coll.	S.E. Coll. (Ramsgate)	Battersea	Ipswich
1906. Harrow	Ipswich G.S.	Highgate	Ipswich G.S.	Battersea G.S.	St. John's	Framlingham	Ipswich
1907. *Abingdon	St. Lawrence (Ramsgate)	*Highgate	Wellingboro'	Horsham	Trent Coll.	*St. John's	St Lawrence (Ramsgate)
1908. Bedford Mod.	King's Coll. School	*Reading	Reading	Derby	Oundle	St. John's	Wellingboro'
1909. Abingdon	King's Coll. School	Oundle	Highgate	Eastbourne Coll.	Oundle	Abingdon	*Univ. Coll.
1910. Merchant T.	Wimbledon	Framlingham	*Highgate	Merchant T.	Brentwood	Whitgift	Highgate
1911. Battersea G.S.	Perse	Perse	Hitchin	Battersea	Emmanuel (Wandsworth)	St. John's (Leatherhead)	St. John's (Leatherhead)
1912. Owen's	Oakham	Haberdasher's	Taunton	King Edward VII. (Sheffield)	Emmanuel (Wandsworth)	Emmanuel (Wandsworth)	Oakham

## \* RECORDS.

*G. H. Weller	* J. Lascelles	*A. J. Williamson	*P. R. Phillips	*L. Cornish	*H. W. Gregson	*J. W. H. Pack	*M. J. Susskind
*N. Duncan		*W. H. Pike					
102-5s	5ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	2m. 3 1-5s.	16 3-5s.	52 2-5s.	4m. 32 2-5s.	4m. 5 2-5s.	20ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

## ROWING.

The Regatta, which was held on June 15th, in bright weather, attracted a considerable number of visitors.

The Heats had been rowed off during the week, when an exciting race had taken place between Ashwin's IV. and Enoch's IV., ending in a dead heat. On the race being rowed again, two successive crabs were caught in the latter boat, and Ashwin's IV. won easily.

The chief event of the day was the race between the Day Boys and Boarders for the Pierpoint Challenge Cup. A close struggle was expected, as the colours were fairly equally divided between the two boats. The Day Boys had two lengths' start to compensate for the older and heavier boat. The Boarders gained a little on the start, but Donkin, lengthening his stroke, held them throughout the race and eventually won by a length and a half.

An exciting race was provided in the semi-final of the Junior Pairs, when Vivian and Graham made a dead heat with Williams and Woods. The race was re-rowed and Vivian and Graham just managed to win by one third of a length. The final of the Senior Pairs was rather disappointing, as a close contest had been expected. Eason and Bury drew away at the start, but Enoch and Barnes were just catching them up, when Enoch's stretcher came out, and the other boat finished alone.

In the final of the School Fours, Ashwin's IV. took the lead about half way and defeated Donkin's IV. by half a length.

## DAY BOYS. v. BOARDERS.

A. Eason (bow)		H. W. C. Barnes (bow)
A. E. Trinder (2)		B. J. Bury (2)
W. H. Enoch (3)	<i>beat</i>	B. S. Marshall (3)
H. A. L. Donkin (str.)		G. J. H. Ashwin (str.)
F. L. M. Harris (cox)		A. C. Vivian (cox)

## SCHOOL FOURS.

*Final Heat.*

## ASHWIN'S IV. DONKIN'S IV.

A. Eason (bow)		A. E. Trinder (bow)
V. Comfort (2)		H. A. L. Donkin (2)
B. S. Marshall (3)	<i>beat</i>	C. E. Cook (3)
G. J. H. Ashwin (str.)		B. J. Bury (str.)
A. C. Vivian (cox)		F. L. M. Harris (cox)

## SENIOR PAIRS.

*Final Heat.*

A. Eason (bow)		W. H. Enoch (bow)
B. J. Bury (str.)	<i>beat</i>	H. W. C. Barnes (str.)
F. T. H. Buswell (cox)		A. Ellis (cox)

## JUNIOR PAIRS.

*Final Heat.*

A. C. Vivian (bow)		T. H. Buswell (bow)
R. M. Graham (str)	<i>beat</i>	T. G. Michelmore (str)
H. M. H. Ashwin (cox)		C. W. Andrews (cox)

## CANADIAN CANOE.

*Final Heat.*

P. F. Clark		V. S. Northam
G. J. H. Ingold	<i>beat</i>	W. H. Enoch

## FORM FOURS.

The Form Fours were rowed during the week following the Regatta. Fewer crews were put on this year than usual, the VI. being the only Form to produce more than one. The V. Form regained their reputation, which they had lost by their defeat of last year, by beating the VI. by a third of a length in the semi-final, and in the final by easily disposing of the Remove, who, however, gave them a good race, considering that none of their crew had ever been in a four previous to the race.

The crews in the final were:—

VTH.		REMOVE.	
A. Eason (bow)		F. V. Enoch (bow)	
H. W. C. Barnes (2)		W. N. E. Bruce (2)	
V. Comfort (3)		V. S. Northam (3)	
G. J. H. Ashwin (str.)		T. G. Michelmore (str.)	
W. W. Leach (cox)		T. H. Buswell (cox)	



## CRICKET.

We began the season with five of last season's colours—Williams, Bruce, Donkin, Walker, and Tame—and one or two others who had played for the 1st XI. occasionally. Of these, only Bruce and Walker were bowlers, and consequently they have had to bear the brunt of the School attack. We were also without a wicket-keeper, but this difficult and responsible position has been well filled by Lupton, who has further developed into a useful and painstaking bat. Bury and Pratt have improved remarkably since last year, and have filled two more places. The latter has become quite a valuable change bowler, and has frequently taken wickets. The competition for the last three places in the team has been very keen, though it has not provoked remarkable promise. Davenport has made runs, but has lately been weak in the field. The fielding of the team as a whole has been exceptionally good—better indeed than for several years past—that of Bury at point calling for special notice by its brilliance. The keenness in this particular has been unquestionably inspired by the captain, who, whether at cover or in the 'long field,' has shown batsmen that it was not advisable to attempt doubtful runs. Pratt is also deserving of especial mention as the possessor of a very safe pair of hands. Except in one or two matches the batting has been for the most part weak, but Bruce and Walker have been very successful in bowling—the former having captured 20 wickets, and the latter 18 for an average of about 6 runs each. We would here remind the bowler of the necessity of getting back to his wicket for the 'throw in,' unless, of course, he is

trying for a 'caught and bowled,' and the 'mid on' must also remember to be always ready to back up at the bowler's wicket. In fact, every fieldsman should invariably put himself into line with one wicket or the other and the actual fielder, as soon as the ball is struck. Neglect of this principle has often led to the loss of valuable runs.

Of the Second XI. Matches, half have unfortunately had to be scratched in consequence of minor infectious illnesses. Of the individual members of the team, Crook has cultivated a strong defence and is very smart in the field. Leach bowls well for a short time, but tires too easily. He has improved in the field. Comfort has been very keen and is now the best fielder in the 2nd XI.

The 1st XI. has won 6 School Matches and lost 1, and the 2nd has won 2 and lost 1.

## 'The Nurseries.'

In the second game Warwick, J. A. Howard, and Elford have shown promise. Warwick must learn to find his length before attempting to bowl fast. Elford has a good idea of bowling, and uses his head, while Howard should eventually make a very good batsman. His strokes are good and he times them well. Northam might be good if he took things more seriously and were not so slack. H. J. Edgington and Smith are quite good if only they were really keen.

In the third game Andrews and Devensish show promise in every department of the game, and, as they are both very young and keen, should do well in the future. Clack is a nice batsman and a useful bowler, and is sure to be good if he practises in the right way.

It is a matter of the very greatest regret that many of the junior boys, especially those belonging to the 3rd game, do not take more interest in cricket. The boarders have been generally regular in their attendance on the appointed days, and we gladly accord them their meed of praise, but the absentees among the day boys are far too numerous. We hope that it may not be necessary to call attention to this in future—not only for the sake of the individual, but for that of the School.

**CRICKET MATCHES.**

**A.S.C.C. v. BRIGHTWELL.**—On Wednesday, May 8th, we visited Brightwell, and winning the toss, batted first. The wicket was far from easy, and, although Mr. Rudd and Bruce gave us an excellent start, we were all out for 61. Bruce played well, and after settling down scored at a nice pace, while B. C. Taylor took 7 wickets for 14 runs for Brightwell. Success seemed a very remote contingency, but so well did Mr. Bevir and Bruce bowl, that Brightwell were dismissed for 33, and the School won by 38 runs. The fielding was very keen, Lupton making a very creditable first appearance as wicket keeper. In the second innings the School made 84 for 6, Walker and Ashwin hitting the weak bowling with great freedom. Mr. Baker and Donkin were absent from the School team.

**A.S.C.C.**

Mr. W. A. Rudd c Wells b Winter ..	12
W. N. E. Bruce c F. Tarry b Taylor ..	34
B. J. Bury st Eggleton b Taylor .....	1
Mr. W. Bevir c Hammond b Taylor ..	0
E. G. Tame b Taylor .. .. .	1
H. E. L. Walker b Taylor .. .. .	3
W. C. Williams st Eggleton b Winter ..	5
R. M. Graham lbw. b Taylor .. .. .	0
G. J. H. Ashwin b Taylor .. .. .	0
A. F. Pratt not out .. .. .	0
F. W. Lupton run out .. .. .	1
Extras .. .. .	4

Total 61

*Bowling.*—F. Tarry, 0 for 18; W. J. Winter, 2 for 10; T. Hammond, 0 for 3; J. Balcombe, 0 for 6; F. G. Tarry, 0 for 6; B. C. Taylor, 7 for 14.

**BRIGHTWELL.**

M. Wells b Bruce .. .. .	6
H. Eggleton c Bruce b Bevir .. .. .	12
C. J. Colquhoun c Lupton b Bevir .. .	0
F. G. Tarry c Bury b Bruce .. .. .	5
W. J. Winter b Bruce .. .. .	0
H. Butler run out .. .. .	2
F. Tarry not out .. .. .	4
J. Balcombe c Pratt b Bruce .. .. .	0
B. S. Taylor c Pratt b Bevir .. .. .	0
T. Hammond c & b Bevir .. .. .	1
G. White c Williams b Bevir .. .. .	0
Extras .. .. .	3

Total 33

*Bowling.*—W. N. E. Bruce, 4 for 13; W. Bevir, 5 for 16.

**A.S.C.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.**

On Wednesday, May 15th, the School journeyed to Reading. Donkin was still absent from the School team. Our opponents won the toss and batted first. Bruce had a wicket to suit him, and, varying his length cleverly, soon had the Leighton batsmen in difficulties. Early in the innings Ashwin slipped while fielding and had the misfortune to put his knee out, taking no further part in the game. The only batsman able to cope with the bowling was Edmonds, who helped himself to 33, 32 being 'boundaries,' before being bowled by Bruce. The School were thus set 70 runs to get, and lost Bury and Graham early, but Walker got going, and collecting 41, made victory practically certain for us. Lupton and Pratt took the total to 78, Lupton playing carefully for 14. The School made a total of 91 for 9 wickets, and won by 21 runs.

The fielding was again excellent, Lupton proving a very smart wicket-keeper. In the second innings Leighton made 136. Pratt bowled well, taking 5 wickets for 36 runs.

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

J. M. Bickerton c Barnes b Ashwin....	13
S. F. Lennard c Pratt b Ashwin .....	3
H. R. Bickerton b Bruce .....	3
J. P. Fox c & b Bruce.....	3
T. W. Hopkins lbw. b Bruce.....	4
E. Cadbury b Walker .....	2
O. J. Malcomson run out .....	0
H. L. Edmonds b Bruce.....	33
C. Smee b Bruce .....	6
F. S. Brain c Davenport b Bruce.....	0
Pearson not out .....	0
Extras .....	3
Total	70

*Bowling.*—Bruce, 6 for 16; Ashwin, 2 for 13; Walker, 1 for 24; and Williams, 0 for 14.

A.S.C.C.

R. M. Graham b Hopkins .....	0
W. N. E. Bruce c H. R. Bickerton b Hopkins .....	13
B. J. Bury c Brain b Hopkins .....	0
H. E. L. Walker b Fox .....	41
W. C. Williams b H. R. Bickerton....	5
E. G. Tame c Lennard b Fox .....	0
A. Davenport b H. R. Bickerton .....	0
F. W. Lupton b H. R. Bickerton .....	14
A. F. Pratt c H. R. Bickerton b Fox ..	6
H. W. C. Barnes not out .....	7
G. J. H. Ashwin did not bat.....	0
Extras .....	5

Total (for 9 wks.) 91

*Bowling.*—Hopkins, 3 for 22; Fox, 3 for 24; H. R. Bickerton, 3 for 12; and J. M. Bickerton, 0 for 27.

A.S.C.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

The return match with Leighton was played on Saturday, May 18th. Abingdon won the toss, and, batting first, scored 123. Tame batted steadily for 32, and Donkin and Davenport made useful scores. Leighton failed completely against the bowling of Walker and Bruce, and were all dismissed for 37, Abingdon winning easily by 86 runs.

A.S.C.C.

H. A. L. Donkin b J. M. Bickerton ..	17
W. N. E. Bruce b Hopkins.....	12
E. G. Tame not out .....	32
F. W. Lupton h. wkt. Hopkins .....	5
H. E. L. Walker c Fox b Lennard....	13
W. C. Williams lbw. b Lennard .....	2
A. Davenport b Hopkins .....	19
B. J. Bury lbw. b Fox .....	0
A. T. Pratt b Hopkins .....	0
H. W. C. Barnes b Bickerton .....	9
A. E. Trinder b Bickerton .....	0
Extras .....	14
Total	123

*Bowling.*—J. M. Bickerton, 3 for 34; Hopkins, 4 for 37; Lennard, 2 for 13; H. R. Bickerton, 0 for 12; Fox, 1 for 11.

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

J. M. Bickerton c & b Walker.....	0
S. F. Lennard b Bruce .....	7
H. R. Bickerton c Tame b Bruce .....	11
J. P. Fox c Donkin b Bruce.....	11
T. W. Hopkins b Walker.....	0
H. L. Edmonds run out .....	1
E. Cadbury c & b Bruce .....	0
D. J. Malcomson run out .....	1
C. Smee b Walker.....	1
F. S. Brain c Bury b Bruce .....	1
C. F. Bilborough not out .....	0
Extras .....	4
Total	37

*Bowling.*—Walker, 3 for 9; Bruce, 5 for 24.

A.S.C.C. v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE, OXFORD.—On Wednesday, May 22nd, we visited Oxford to play Pembroke College. We lost the toss, and Pembroke electing to bat, scored 116, C. B. Ponsonby and C. S. Benson being the only men to cause much trouble. Bruce again bowled well. When Abingdon began their innings, the rain, which had been falling at intervals, came on heavily and the match had to be abandoned.

PEMBROKE COLLEGE, OXFORD.

C. B. Ponsonby c. Bevir b Walker ....	53
J. H. Hutchinson b Bruce .....	0
C. Collis-Labey lbw. b Bruce.....	9
R. W. S. Croft c. Rudd b Bruce .....	14
H. K. Pearce c. Bury b Bruce .....	0
E. W. S. Packard c Rudd b Bruce .....	2
C. F. Baldwin run out.....	0
E. D. Tyndall c and b Bruce .....	0
C. S. Benson b Bevir .....	28
B. Webb b Pratt .....	5
J. L. Jones not out .....	0
Extras.....	5
Total	116

*Bowling.*—Bruce, 6 for 46; Bevir 1 for 30; Walker, 1 for 24; Pratt, 1 for 11.

A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. A. Rudd b Packard.....	5
W. N. E. Bruce not out .....	9
E. G. Tame not out.....	2
Total (for 1 wk.)	17

Mr. W. Bevir, Mr. S. H. Baker, F. W. Lupton, H. E. L. Walker, H. A. L. Donkin, W. C. Williams, B. J. Bury and A. F. Pratt did not bat.

*Bowling*—E. W. S. Packard, 1 for 5; C. B. Ponsonby, 0 for 11.

**A.S.C.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.**—This match was played on Saturday, May 25th. We won the toss, and batted first. Bruce was very uncomfortable, but managed to get 24. Lupton batted soundly for 57, scoring well when set. The rest of the team except Bury and Pratt failed badly. The School score realized 145. Oxford High School did not relish Walker's bowling, and were dismissed just before time for 77, Abingdon thus winning by 68 runs. The School fielding was very keen, and the High School batsmen took no risks when running.

A.S.C.C.

H. A. L. Donkin c Golby b Barnes	14
W. N. E. Bruce c Golby b Barnes	24
E. G. Tame c Davis b Barnes	4
F. W. Lupton c Balk b Davis	57
H. E. L. Walker c Davis b Barnes	0
A. Davenport b Davis	4
H. W. B. Burkett c Baylis b Davis	9
W. C. Williams c Bolt b Hughes	1
B. J. Bury b Barnes	11
A. F. Pratt c Baylis b Barnes	10
A. E. Trinder not out	7
Extras	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>

*Bowling*—Barnes, 5 for 48; Mold, 0 for 38; Davis, 4 for 44; Hughes, 1 for 11.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

W. C. Golby b Walker	10
J. H. C. Morris c Donkin b Walker	9
F. H. Lawrence c Trinder b Walker	10
O. T. Barnes c Donkin b Walker	4
L. O. Hughes b Bruce	10
R. V. Baylis b Walker	13
W. A. Davis b Walker	4
C. A. Bolt c Burkett b Williams	2
H. C. R. Balk not out	6
G. L. Mold b Pratt	0
P. Dolley b Walker	0
Extras	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>

*Bowling*—Bruce, 1 for 26; Walker, 7 for 34; Trinder, 0 for 4; Williams, 1 for 4; Pratt, 1 for 2.

**A.S.C.C. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL.**—On Wednesday, May 29th, the School went to Bloxham. Winning the toss, Abingdon went to the wickets first and scored 153 for 7 wickets, when the innings was declared closed. Everyone made runs—Donkin 20, Tame 39, Lupton 21, and Bury 16, not out, batting quite well. The School bowling proved too good for the Bloxham batsmen, and they were dismissed for 88, though Winch hit well for 31. The School fielding was again very good.

A.S.C.C.

H. A. L. Donkin lbw. b Hicks	20
W. N. E. Bruce b Hicks	14
E. G. Tame lbw. b Hicks	39
F. W. Lupton b Cain	21
H. E. L. Walker run out	6
W. C. Williams b Hicks	13
H. W. B. Burkett b Hicks	0
B. J. Bury not out	16
A. Davenport not out	12
A. F. Pratt	} did not bat
G. J. H. Ashwin	
Extras	12

Total (for 7 wkt.) 153

*Bowling*—Brooks, 0 for 37; Hicks, 5 for 37; Harvey, 0 for 39; Potter, 0 for 8; Cain, 1 for 13; Green, 0 for 7.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

M. Roberts b Bruce	12
M. L. Green b Bruce	10
H. Cain c Lupton b Walker	1
E. J. Harvey c & b Walker	18
B. Brooks c Burkett b Walker	2
W. H. Potter c Burkett b Walker	7
L. Winch c & b Bruce	31
P. E. Read c Bury b Ashwin	1
C. Hicks b Pratt	0
H. Bonnewell not out	2
D. Cain lbw. b Pratt	2
Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

*Bowling*—Bruce, 3 for 43; Walker, 4 for 38; Pratt, 2 for 3; Ashwin, 1 for 2.

**A.S.C.C. v. ST. CATHERINE'S CLUB, OXFORD.**—This match was played at Oxford, on Saturday, June 1st. Winning the toss, the School batted first, compiling a total of 86. The rain came on when our opponents had made about 70, and the wet

ball greatly handicapped our bowlers. Bruce, however, coaxed the batsman into his traps with great skill, securing the splendid analysis of 7 wickets for 41 runs. Bury fielded brilliantly at point, and brought off a magnificent catch. The fielding was good throughout, and the opposing batsmen, with one exception, found great difficulty in getting the ball away.

A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. A. Rudd c Motafram b Kimbell	0
W. N. E. Bruce b Motafram	19
E. G. Tame b Motafram	12
Mr. S. H. Baker b Kimbell	11
H. A. L. Donkin c Morris b Kimbell	3
H. E. L. Walker b Motafram	7
F. W. Lupton b Kimbell	0
W. C. Williams run out	10
B. J. Bury b Morris	5
A. F. Pratt not out	7
G. J. H. Ashwin b Morris	5
Extras	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>

*Bowling*—Kimbell, 4 for 20; Motafram, 3 for 45; Morris, 2 for 13;

ST. CATHERINES' CLUB.

R. S. Morley run out	8
W. H. Price b Bruce	26
A. O. Venn c and b Bruce	3
C. G. M. Morris c Bury b Bruce	2
R. R. Kimbell c Tame b Bruce	10
H. F. Clarke b Rudd	2
H. B. Motafram c Williams b Bruce	19
H. L. Manderson b Bruce	0
C. Lewis not out	9
F. W. Whitlock c Walker b Bruce	8
A. A. C. Burton not out	2
Extras	5
<b>Total (for 9 wkts.)</b>	<b>91</b>

*Bowling*—Bruce, 7 for 41; Walker, 0 for 20; Rudd, 1 for 24.

A.S.C.C. v. BRIGHTWELL C.C.—The return match with Brightwell was played at Abingdon on Wednesday, June 5th. Brightwell having won the toss batted first, but Mr. Bevir and Bruce bowled splendidly, getting plenty of help from the wicket, and dismissed them for 37. Rain began to threaten, but, thanks chiefly to Mr. Bevir, the School made the runs just before it fell for the loss of 6 wickets. After this further play was impossible and the School thus won by 4 wickets.

BRIGHTWELL C.C.

B. Butler b Bevir	2
F. Tarry lbw. b Bruce	0
B. C. Taylor c Bevir b Bruce	4
J. Evrex c Pratt b Bruce	0
H. Wetheral c Bury b Bevir	2
C. Painter b Bruce	1
F. Applebee c Walker b Bruce	6
C. Scott lbw. b Bevir	16
F. G. Tarry b Bevir	3
F. Cantell not out	0
W. Looker c Tame b Bevir	0
Extras	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

*Bowling*—Bruce, 5 for 21; Bevir, 4 for 14.

A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. A. Rudd c Scott b Tarry	2
W. N. E. Bruce c Painter b Tarry	7
H. A. L. Donkin c Applebee b Taylor	1
Mr. W. Bevir b Tarry	13
F. W. Lupton c F. G. Tarry b Taylor	5
H. E. L. Walker b Taylor	5
W. C. Williams not out	0
E. G. Tame not out	4
B. J. Bury	} did not bat
A. Davenport	
A. F. Pratt	
Extras	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>

*Bowling*—Tarry, 3 for 20; Taylor, 3 for 20.

A.S.C.C. v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

OXFORD.—On Saturday, June 12th, Pembroke College visited us for the return match and winning the toss batted first, but Mr. Bevir bowled splendidly and they were dismissed for 87. The task of making this total seemed well within the power of the School batsmen, but they collapsed absolutely, 7 wickets falling for 11 runs. Walker and Lupton improved matters slightly and a plucky stand by Bury and Lupton for the last wicket brought the total to 52, the School thus losing by 35 runs. Whitehead was very successful for Pembroke, bowling fast and keeping a good length. In the 2nd innings Pembroke scored 90 for 7 wickets, Walsh and Hutcheson hitting out at everything.

PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

C. C.-Labey c Williams b Bruce	5
E. D. Tyndell c Bruce b Bevir	3
A. M. Whitehead c Bury b Bevir	5
J. H. Hutcheson b Bruce	13
E. W. S. Packard not out	24
J. P. Walsh lbw. b Bruce	13
E. N. J. Wetley b Bevir	4
C. S. Benson b Bevir	12
B. Webb c Bury b Bevir	0
S. L. Jones run out	0
G. H. G. Shepherd b Bevir	2
Extras	6

Total .. 87

*Bowling*—Bruce, 3 for 48; Bevir, 6 for 33.

A.S.C.C

Mr. W. A. Rudd c Whitehead b Packard	0
W. N. E. Bruce c Labey b Whitehead	0
E. G. Tame c Labey b Packard	0
Mr. W. Bevir c Jones b Whitehead	3
Mr. S. H. Baker b Whitehead	1
H. A. L. Donkin b Whitehead	5
F. W. Lupton not out	15
A. F. Pratt c Tyndell b Packard	0
H. E. L. Walker b Whitehead	13
W. C. Williams c Benson b Packard	5
B. J. Bury b Packard	10
Extras	0

Total .. 52

*Bowling*—Packard, 5 for 35; Whitehead, 5 for 17.

**A. S. C. C. v. ABINGDON TOWN.**—On Wednesday, June 19th, the School played the Town on the School ground. The Town went to the wickets and Bradfield and W. Leach gave them a splendid start scoring rapidly off all the School bowlers. Bradfield was caught in the slips off Mr. Bevir for a delightful innings of 86, and soon after Leach was stumped off the same bowler. After this Walker and Mr. Rudd dismissed the next six men for 50 runs, and at 200 for 8 the Town declared. The wicket was now much more difficult and it was obviously impossible for the School to get the required runs in the time. They had simply to 'sit on the splice,' and at 69 for 7, stumps and the match were drawn.

ABINGDON TOWN.

G. E. Bradfield c Bruce b Bevir	86
W. Leach st Lupton b Bevir	65
A. C. McPherson c Walker b Rudd	13
W. F. Lay c Bruce b Rudd	2
S. Mason c Lupton b Walker	0
J. Bullock b Walker	3
E. F. Simpkinson not out	21
A. W. Morland c Bruce b Rudd	0
A. S. B. Payne b Walker	0
J. N. Drew not out	6
J. Dean did not bat	0
Extras	9

Total .. 205

*Bowling*—Bruce, 0 for 59; Bevir, 2 for 50; Walker, 3 for 42; Pratt, 0 for 8; Rudd, 3 for 34.

A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. A. Rudd c Bradfield b McPherson	18
W. N. E. Bruce b McPherson	5
F. W. Lupton b McPherson	0
Mr. W. Bevir retired hurt	3
S. H. Baker b McPherson	10
H. A. L. Donkin b Bradfield	0
H. E. L. Walker c Dean b Bullock	3
E. G. Tame not out	10
B. J. Bury lbw. b McPherson	11
W. C. Williams } did not bat	
A. F. Pratt }	
Extras	3

Total .. 69

*Bowling*—Lay, 0 for 5; McPherson, 4 for 34; Bradfield, 2 for 15; J. Bullock, 1 for 10; W. Leach, 0 for 2.

**A. S. C. C. v. ABINGDON TOWN.**—The return match with the Town took place on the Town ground on Wednesday, July 10th. The School won the toss and batted first. The bowling was good and only Mr. Rudd and Tame were comfortable with it—the former scoring 50 out of 115. The Town hit out in their innings and knocked off the required runs for the loss of 5 wickets about 2 minutes from time.

A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. A. Rudd b Lay	50
H. A. L. Donkin b Lay	0
F. W. Lupton run out	0
Mr. W. Bevir b Parker	4
W. N. E. Bruce b Parker	0
Mr. S. H. Baker run out	14
E. G. Tame c Parker b Bullock	10
H. E. L. Walker b Lay	9
B. J. Bury c Lock b Lay	12
W. C. Williams b McPherson	4
A. F. Pratt not out	1
Extras	5

Total .. 115

*Bowling*—Lay, 4 for 20; McPherson, 1 for 33; Parker, 2 for 13; Bullock, 1 for 15; Ely, 0 for 21; Lock, 0 for 10.

ABINGDON TOWN.

E. F. Simkinson c Tame b Bevir .....	13	
A. E. Lock c Pratt b Bévir .....	27	
F. Parker b Bevir.....	11	
W. F. Lay st Lupton b Rudd .....	15	
A. C. McPherson c & b Rudd .....	26	
A. W. Morland not out .....	19	
J. Bullock not out .....	4	
R. Ely		
R. B. Long	} did not bat	
J. W. Drew		
J. Godfrey		
Extras .....	5	
Total ..		120

*Bowling*—Bruce, 0 for 26; Bevir, 3 for 55; Walker, 0 for 16; Rudd, 2 for 18.

SCHOOL v. OLD ABINGDONIANS.—The weather was most unkind to us in our annual encounter with the Old Boys, rain falling, sometimes quite briskly, for the greater part of the match. Williams winning the toss the School batted first, and, though Donkin was out to the first ball of the match, Tame and Bruce were not separated till they had added 96 runs. Bruce batted well and hit a 6 and ten 4's in his 63, while Tame proved a steady partner. One of the most pleasing features of the innings was a good stand for the ninth wicket which added 51 runs, Williams and Pratt both bringing off some good strokes. The School innings ended with a total of 232, Parker proving the most successful bowler for the Old Boys. The brothers Harvey opened the innings for the Old Abingdonians, E. F. however was soon dismissed, but his brother started to force the pace, and made some powerful drives, two of which, however, went somewhat near to the men in the long field, and presently Trinder who was right out near the drive, brought off a nicely judged catch, and the most dangerous batsman had been dismissed for a modest score of 20 runs. Parker, last year's School captain, followed in, and played

a vigorous innings, though he was most generously missed at 56. This was perhaps the only blemish in the School fielding, which considering the conditions was extraordinarily good, and excited especial remark amongst our opponents. Lupton kept wicket well, considering how he was handicapped by a bad hit on the knee during his innings, but our bowling certainly seemed very weak, and there were no less than five sixes scored off it. Walker proved most successful, getting 6 wickets for 51 runs. Lupton only allowed two balls, yielding 5 byes, to escape him. The Old Boys made 176 runs, the School thus winning a most enjoyable match by 56 runs.

In spite of the weather a considerable number of spectators assembled under the trees, and quite a large party sat down to lunch in the 'underground.'

A.S.C.C.

H. A. L. Donkin b Parker.....	0
W. N. E. Bruce c Harvey b Brown ....	63
E. G. Tame b Brinsmead .....	23
F. W. Lupton c Edgington b Parker ..	1
B. J. Bury lbw. b Brinsmead.....	19
H. E. L. Walker b Parker.....	5
A. Davenport b Parker .....	0
G. J. H. Ashwin b Parker .....	18
W. C. Williams lbw. b Deacon.....	27
A. F. Pratt not out .....	29
A. E. Trinder b Deacon .....	6
Extras .....	41

Total ..232

*Bowling*—Parker, 5 for 49; Brinsmead, 2 for 53; Payne, 0 for 63; Brown, 1 for 16; Deacon, 2 for 9.

OLD ABINGDONIANS.

E. H. Harvey c Trinder b Walker ....	20
E. F. Harvey lbw. b Walker .....	0
F. Parker c Davenport b Ashwin .....	63
M. G. Brinsmead c Ashwin b Walker..	18
N. Duncan run out .....	5
P. L. Deacon lbw. b Ashwin.....	10
A. S. B. Payne c Bruce b Trinder ....	27
S. W. Brown not out.....	15
C. W. Edgington c Lupton b Walker ..	7
G. H. G. Shepherd b Walker.....	0
H. V. Stone b Walker .....	4
Extras .....	7

Total ..176

*Bowling*—Walker, 6 for 51; Bruce, 0 for 35; Trinder, 1 for 36; Ashwin, 2 for 16; Pratt, 0 for 31.

The Day Boys v. Boarders match resulted in a win for the Day Boys by 4 wickets.

Day Boys; 71 and 98 for 6.  
Boarders; 120 and 48.

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. NEW COLLEGE SCHOOL.—Played at Abingdon on Wednesday, May 22nd. The visitors were too good and had the best of the light, in which they scored 108 for 6. The School having to go in after a heavy storm and in bad light, totally collapsed.

NEW COLLEGE SCHOOL.

Horsler c Barnes b Cook .....	51
Ransen c and b Spokes .....	21
Higginson c Davenport b Spokes .....	7
Wilkins not out.....	15
Hart c Davenport b Cook .....	3
Wenn b Eason .....	7
Buckingham c Cook b Eason.....	0
Taylor not out .....	1
Lomer } Ingles } did not bat. Betts }	
Extras .....	3
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Total (for 6 wkts.)	108

Bowling—Leach, 0 for 12; Eason, 2 for 19; Trinder, 0 for 16; Barnes, 0 for 19; Cook, 2 for 22; Spokes, 2 for 17; Davenport, 0 for 9.

ABINGDON SCHOOL—2nd. XI.

R. M. Graham b Wenn .....	1
E. E. Crook c Hart b Horsler .....	1
A. Davenport b Horsler .....	0
H. W. C. Barnes b Horsler.....	11
C. E. Cook b Horsler .....	5
A. E. Trinder b Ransen .....	0
H. W. B. Burkett lbw. Ransen.....	0
F. E. Spokes c Ingles b Horsler .....	3
F. H. Abbott b Ransen .....	3
W. W. Leach b Ransen.....	1
A. Eason not out .....	0
Extras.....	1
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Total	26

Bowling—Wenn, 1 for 10; Horsler, 5 for 10; Ransen, 4 for 4.

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI.—Played at Oxford on Saturday, May 25th. We went in first, but with the exception of Abbott the School batting failed and only 65 was scored. However, thanks to some good

bowling by Leach, our opponents were dismissed for 44.

A.S.C.C.

F. E. Spokes lbw. b Fletcher .....	9
R. M. Graham b Race .....	8
E. E. Crook b Race.....	1
C. E. Cook b Fletcher .....	0
F. H. Abbott b Race .....	24
V. Comfort lbw. b Fletcher .....	4
V. C. Warwick b Race .....	0
B. S. Marshall b Race .....	4
A. Eason b Fletcher .....	2
W. W. Leach c Chatfield b Fletcher ..	8
C. M. Read not out.....	0
Extras.....	5
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Total	65

Bowling.—Race, 5 for 24; Fletcher, 5 for 34; Herbert, 0 for 0.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Sheppard run out.....	1
Philipps (iii) c Marshall b Leach .....	0
Chatfield c Crook b Leach .....	0
Race c Warwick b Cook .....	23
Herbert hit wkt. b Leach .....	0
Wilson c Spokes b Leach.....	0
Truman c Spokes b Leach .....	0
Liddell not out.....	9
Beck b Cook .....	0
Fletcher b Leach .....	3
Chauncy c Spokes b Cook .....	2
Extras.....	6
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Total	44

Bowling.—Leach, 6 for 10; Eason, 0 for 18; Cook 3 for 3; Warwick, 0 for 2; Spokes, 0 for 2.

A.S.C.C. 2nd INNINGS.

F. E. Spokes b Race .....	4	
R. M. Graham c Beck b Herbert .....	3	
E. E. Crook b Race.....	19	
C. E. Cook not out .....	10	
F. H. Abbott b Philipps.....	1	
V. Comfort c Herbert b Truman .....	16	
V. C. Warwick B. S. Marshall A. Eason W. W. Leach C. M. Read	} did not bat	
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Total (for 5 wkts.)		53

Bowling.—Race, 2 for 12; Herbert 1 for 13; Philipps, 1 for 13; Truman, 1 for 12.

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2nd XI.—Played at Abingdon on Wednesday, May 29th. The visitors went in first and made a very moderate score. The School team batted consistently throughout and put up the useful total of 135.



BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2nd. XI.

Brown b Leach.....	12
Morris c Eason b Leach .....	4
Wooliams b Leach .....	14
Coleman b Cook .....	2
Riddle b Barnes .....	8
Sproule c Leach b Cook .....	5
Crouchley not out.....	6
Drewe c Comfort b Barnes .....	0
Corn c Spokes b Barnes .....	0
May b Eason.....	0
Anderson c Barnes b Eason .....	0
Extras.....	8
Total	59

*Bowling*—Trinder, 0 for 8; Leach, 3 for 32; Cook, 2 for 2; Barnes, 3 for 8; Eason, 2 for 0.

A.S.C.C. 2nd. XI.

R. M. Graham c Anderson b Coleman	3
F. E. Spokes c Sproule b Morris .....	4
H. W. C. Barnes b Coleman .....	14
E. E. Crook b Coleman .....	19
C. E. Cook c Crouchley b Coleman ....	27
F. H. Abbott b Morris .....	14
A. E. Trinder c Drewe b Anderson ....	4
V. Comfort lbw. b Brown .....	14
B. S. Marshall b Brown .....	0
W. W. Leach not out.....	4
A. Eason b Coleman .....	10
Extras.....	22
Total	135

*Bowling*—Morris, 2 for 17; Brown, 2 for 19; Coleman, 5 for 25; Corn, 0 for 13; Anderson, 1 for 21; Crouchley, 0 for 17.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Brown b Marshall.....	4
Crouchley not out.....	18
Morris b Crook .....	1
Sproule c Trinder b Crook .....	4
Riddle b Crook.....	4
Anderson not out.....	3
May	
Wooliams	} did not bat
Corn	
Drewe	
Coleman	
Extras.....	1
Total (for 4 wks.)	35

*Bowling*—Marshall, 1 for 5; Graham, 0 for 4; Crook, 5 for 10; Spokes, 0 for 12; Leach, 0 for 2.

LIST OF MATCHES.

1st XI.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	SCORE.	
		For.	Agst.
May 8	Brightwell .. ..	61	33
" 11			
" 15	Leighton Park School ..	91	70
" 18	Leighton Park School ..	123	37
" 22	Pembroke College, Oxford	17 (1)	116
" 25	Oxford High School ..	145	77
" 29	Bloxham School ..	153 (7)	88
June 1	St. Catherine's Club ..	85	91 (9)
" 5	Brightwell .. ..	44 (6)	37
" 8	University College, Reading	Not played	
" 12	Pembroke College, Oxford	52	87
" 15			
" 19	Abingdon Town ..	69 (7)	205 (8)
" 22	Oxford High School ..	23	45
" 26	Bloxham School ..		
" 29	Magdalen College School	} Not Played	
July 3			
" 6	Magdalen College School		
" 10	Abingdon Town ..	115	120 (5)
" 13	Old Abingdonians ..	232	176

2nd XI.

May 22	New College School ..	26	108 (6)
" 25	Oxford High School ..	65	44
" 29	Bloxham School ..	135	59
June 12	New College School ..		
" 22	Oxford High School ..		
" 26	Bloxham School ..	} Not Played	
" 29	Magdalen College School		
July 6	Magdalen College School		

FIRST XI. BATTING AVERAGES.

Name.	No. Innings	Times Not out	Highest Score	Total Runs	Average
E. G. Tame	13	4	39	154	17.11
W. N. E. Bruce	13	1	63	201	16.75
F. W. Lupton	12	1	57	122	11.09
A. F. Pratt	9	4	29*	52	10.60
H. E. L. Walker	12	0	41	105	8.75
A. Davenport	6	1	19	43	8.60
B. J. Bury	11	1	19	85	8.50
W. C. Williams	11	1	27	80	8.00
H. A. L. Donkin	10	0	20	62	6.20

The following have also batted:—

H. W. C. Barnes	2	1	9	16	16.00
G. J. H. Ashwin	3	0	18	23	7.67
A. E. Trinder	3	1	7*	13	6.50
H. W. B. Burkett	3	0	9	9	3.00
R. M. Graham	2	0	0	0	0.00
W. W. Leach	1	1	0*	0	—

\* Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	M'dens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
W. N. E. Bruce	142	37	412	45	9.15
H. E. L. Walker	101	18	266	28	9.50
A. F. Pratt	16	1	64	5	12.80
W. C. Williams	6	3	18	1	18.00

The following have also bowled:—

W. W. Leach	3	1	3	1	3.00
G. J. H. Ashwin	9	2	31	5	6.20
A. E. Trinder	12	3	40	1	40.00

## CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

**W. N. E. BRUCE.** Colours 1910.—Undoubtedly the best batsman in the XI. Made runs at the beginning of the season, but has lately been out of form. Except in one or two matches has bowled with great success, varying pace and length cleverly, and making good use of his off-break. Fields well in almost any position.

**H. A. L. DONKIN.** Colours 1910.—Started the season well, making runs in every match. Scores off all loose balls, but is apt to be bowled by a good one before he has settled down. Fields balls along the ground well, but is not sure of high catches.

**H. E. L. WALKER.** Colours 1911.—Has not been successful as a batsman, hitting wildly across good straight bowling in his first few overs. His 41 against Leighton, however, won the match for us. Has bowled well against schools and often finishes off an innings quickly, but does not vary his pace and length enough. Is a fairly safe catch, but his ground fielding is not good. Should learn to get back to the wicket when he is not expecting a return catch, and must have mercy on the wicket-keeper's hands when he is throwing in.

**E. G. TAME.** Colours 1911.—Has developed into a very careful bat. Has command over almost every stroke, but does not get enough power into them. Is the most difficult batsman in the school to dislodge. Has been most consistent, and has often taken the edge off the bowling. Fields well and has taken some good catches. Should remember, when batting, not to watch a ball which he has played

behind the wicket, but to wait for his partner's call.

**F. W. LUPTON.** Colours 1912.—Has kept wicket with great success. Stands close up and stops everything, getting his body or pads in front of a leg ball. Has missed few catches, and is always ready for a chance of stumping or running out. By sheer determination has made himself a batsman, and now plays with an absolutely straight bat. His strokes have not much power yet, but will certainly have much more next year. His running between the wickets is not good. Must not hesitate and must ground his bat at the end of a run.

**B. J. BURY.** Colours 1912.—Is a good batsman, but is too anxious to make runs. Must play himself in and try to realize that if he keeps his end up, runs will come. Some of his forward strokes are very half-hearted. Has made a brilliant point. He covers a lot of ground, and picks up neatly. Is a safe catch and has held some very difficult chances.

**A. F. PRATT.** Colours 1912.—A very useful "all-rounder." Bats in a nice style and uses his wrists well. Is a useful change bowler, but must learn to keep off the leg side. Fields well in any position, is a perfectly safe catch, and throws in accurately. Should do well next season.

**A. E. TRINDER.** A medium-paced bowler who usually keeps an excellent length and is quick to take advantage of a batsman's weak points. Cannot bat, but sometimes makes a few runs when others have failed. Is a fairly good field and a safe catch.

G. J. H. ASHWIN. A left-handed, medium-paced bowler who is apt to get short when runs are coming freely. Bats in a nice style with plenty of vigour, but should watch his first few overs carefully. Catches well, but is not always sure of ground shots.

A. DAVENPORT. A plucky batsman who nearly always gets runs. His strokes are original and have plenty of force behind them. Has fielded well, and is a safe catch, but is troubled by weak eyesight. Makes few mistakes when fielding near the wicket.

W. C. WILLIAMS. Colours 1910. (Captain).—Has proved a most efficient captain, and by his own keenness has inspired the rest of the team. His fielding has been brilliant throughout the term, his throwing-in being an object lesson to others. Has improved as a batsman, but should avoid putting his leg in front of a straight ball.

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### OF QUOTATION.

The once fashionable and necessary art of quotation is now gone by the board. This is due, or may be held to be due, if we probe into the sick body politic, to two causes:—

Firstly, the decay of manners does not allow us twentieth century decadents to write a decent letter (like our grandparents) set out with style and circumstance—a scribbled note perhaps, better a wire or phone. The old article of the reviews and journals, developing its ideas through many pages, has fallen from its high estate; the modern article should be a leaderette, curt, snappy, illustrated and devoid of literary manner or value of content.

Conversation, too, and oratory have also notably declined. Who now take comfort in discussing in the manner of those delightful people of Jane Austen's cycle? How skilfully the most trivial incidents were handled and re-handled, until the reader had adopted the whole as part of his mental furniture. When the headings of the morning and evening papers have been dealt with in broken monosyllabic or dissyllabic argot, the mentality of the household or club is exhausted: to be soothed by the narcotic of bridge or auction, or rocked by the aimless wandering of some 40 h.p. Argo. What oratory has this decade to set against the Tullys of the Victorian era? They were sometimes pompous, sometimes smug, falling at times into bathos. Yet they had dignity and were not ashamed to speak well and in a high vein. They inherited and used the Georgian art of quotation. Even Gladstone, could he return, would scarce venture to quote Homer in the Greek to the present House of Commons. With poetry the case is even worse: not merely have poets ceased to create (we except some of the semi-humorous verse, but that is after all very slight), but the world's poetry has ceased to be read. What young lady of breeding keeps now-a-day an album inscribed with fair quotations by her friends? Yet such posies of letters were fragrant once in every boudoir. With the art of quotation, too, has fallen the literary parody; for parody presupposes a public that has at least heard of the thing parodied.

But the second cause is the more important, because it contains and explains this decay of manners. In brief, it is the decay of education. In these days of

enlightenment we learn at school all the sciences and all the arts:—for are not all mysteries and all knowledge comprised within the wide-flung curriculum? The result of it all is that we have no energy left to think, no time to read in any language and remember the “jewelled phrases five words long, that sparkle on the stretched forefinger of time.”

Yet the pleasure of strolling (if we can stroll mentally) in the pleasaunce of quotation is not less great than to escape in the body from the streets and the politicians, and to refresh ourselves in the pleached walks of some garden well-flowered and well-treed. As in the body it is often an unknown or half-remembered flower that causes the most acute interest and pleasure, so in the pleasaunce of letters the liveliest satisfaction blazes up anon from a scrap of quotation that comes back to the mind from untraceable shades of oblivion, some anthological scrap caught at random from a forgotten pen, or from an inglorious tongue, and recalled after a space by some invisible chain of thought. Take for instance this little haunting love-poem translated by I know not whom, from some Eastern original:—

“Who is this love that spareth no one?  
Is she a nymph of the oasis,  
Shrouding in palms—laughing in bub-  
bling water?  
Is she the mirage that beckoneth at  
morning?  
Is she the gazelle that speedeth at  
noonday?  
Ever she flies and I follow.  
Fain would I see her face;  
Fain kiss her hair.  
Stay, O my little one, the coming of  
my steps.

Where is my heart—but now so joy-  
ous?

Alas! woe is me, O my soul!

The eyes of Zaila have enslaved me.

Where is my heart? It is no longer  
here.

Woe is me, O my soul.”

I do not even know where I read it, or how I remember it. Yet it causes me the same sort of pleasure, when it comes back, as to see suddenly amid the second-hand debris an old print of some fragment of noble building, half remembered, half forgotten.

So much of quotation.

#### OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

An Oxford Letter in the Summer Term! We protest! (Chorus of patient readers “Ditto”!)

Well, let us make a beginning by heartily congratulating C. E. Cook on his gaining the Abingdon Scholarship to Pemmy. May his years at Oxford be as successful and happy as those of his predecessors. We must next condole with R. J. Weaving on terminating his quadrennium. We shall look forward to seeing him in his B.A. gown.

As touching Oxford in general. The last term has been most enjoyable. Eights Week this year was as nearly perfect as it possibly could be, both as to weather and excitement. For the various achievements of the Varsity Teams, vide the daily papers. The Oxford Streets are almost clear of scaffoldings at last, but His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will find it difficult to discover the Tower of his new College with the naked eye

when he comes up next term, so cased is it in planks and poles.

From generalities to particulars. E. H. Thomas has been observed, laden with gown and note book, evading the traffic in the High on a bicycle. Apparently he keeps lekkers. We have also met him in flannels.

T. M. Layng has also been seen on a bicycle. But his is a fearsome monster that hoots and snorts. Sometimes he wears the uniform of the O.T.C., and carries a gun.

G. H. G. Shepherd has been very busy. His Full-Blue is now past history to most, but we would once more congratulate him. He has had several kettles of fish to fry this term. He was chosen for the Olympic Trials, in which bad luck and lack of training played a hostile part. We offer our sympathies. He has played in the Pemmy Cricket XI., and has also represented the College in Lawn Tennis, in which game his break service, or, to use an Americanism, his sausage delivery, afforded great consternation to his opponents. But his greatest success has been on the river. There one might have seen him regularly, racing up and down wielding an enormous punt-pole with the energy of a young Hercules. He tells us that such exercise is "awfully good for training." Sometimes he gets grumpy and works.

I. T. Pritchard (New College), who left Abingdon in early youth for Worcester School, is bringing to a close a very brilliant career at Oxford. He has just won his First in the Final Mathematical School. We congratulate him heartily.

R. J. Weaving, as we have said above, is going down this term. He will be very greatly missed by more than one member

of Pembroke as a good fellow and a staunch friend. Schools have robbed him of much of his pleasure during the last term. Hard work and hot weather are anything but a pleasing combination, but that is the fault of the University authorities. When able to spare the time, he has played first-string in his College tennis team, and on rare occasions has been seen on the Cher. He is now taking a well-deserved rest after his labours in the Law Schools. We wish him the very best of luck in his future career.

We remain, dear Mr. Editor,

Sincerely yours,

O.A.

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#### AN OPEN LETTER FROM LORD ROBERTS.

72, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.,  
5th July, 1912.

*To the Editor,*

Dear Sir,

I am desired by Field-Marshal Earl Roberts to forward the enclosed letter to you and to ask you to find space for it in the next issue of your Magazine.

Yours faithfully,

J. BIRD,

Colonel.

Englemere,

Ascot, Berks,

5th July, 1912.

*To the Editor,*

Sir,

Will you kindly allow me to send through your columns the following message to the boys who are leaving school at the end of this summer term?

You boys are about to take your places in a larger life than that which you have hitherto led, and your minds must be greatly exercised as to what the future

may have in store for you. I would like to remind you that, while you are working for your advancement, you must never forget that you owe a duty to the Country and the Empire of which you are members.

You have had great advantages as British public schoolboys, and as British citizens you will have even greater privileges. What do you mean to give your country in return? It is in the power of every one of you to give personal service, that is, deliberately to work for your nation as well as for yourself; but personal service means some sacrifice of self, the giving up of some leisure and of some amusement.

At the present time your personal service is needed to persuade your fellow-country men of the great necessity there is for every able-bodied man being trained to defend his country in time of need. It is difficult to convince people ignorant of war of this necessity, or to make them realize that it is unpreparedness that leads to war, but the lessons of history will have taught you that disaster assuredly awaits the nation whose sons are unable to defend her, and I would earnestly beg of you to do all in your power to bring home to people the fact that if we continue to shirk this, the first duty of citizenship, we cannot hope to retain our great heritage.

As you know, some of our fellow-countrymen across the seas have already adopted the principle that it is the duty of every man to be trained in the use of arms; believe me, boys, you can give no greater service to your country than by doing your utmost to procure the adoption of the same noble principle in the Motherland.

Yours, etc.,

ROBERTS,

F.M.

## OTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

The Universities and Public Schools  
Athletic Club, Ltd.

1, Great Winchester Street,  
16th May, 1912.

*To the Editor,*

Dear Sir,

May I be allowed the privilege of making use of your columns in order to make known to your numerous readers that this Club was formally opened on 4th May last by the Rev. Lionel Ford, M.A., Headmaster of Harrow. Canon the Hon. Edward Lyttelton, M.A., Headmaster of Eton, has kindly consented to become the first President of the Club, and practically all of the leading Headmasters of the Country have given the Directors their hearty support.

I should esteem it a special favour on your part if you would be so kind as to forward to the Steward at the Club-house, Wembley Park, N.W., a copy of your Magazine as soon as each number is published.

Yours very truly,

H. ARNOLD WOOLLEY,  
*Secretary.*

The Universities and Public Schools  
Athletic Club, Ltd.

1, Great Winchester Street,  
E.C.

*To the Editor,*

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly allow me to announce in your columns that the Directors have decided to hold two Public Schools View Days on Saturdays, August 10th and Sept. 14th, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., with the object of making the Club known amongst present members of the Public Schools.

On September 14th, Squash Rackets, Rugby Fives, and Lawn Tennis Matches

will be played between pairs representing the Club and present members of the Public Schools. The Masters in charge of Games at the various Schools have been asked to send me the names of players who would be willing to take part in these matches.

The Directors have decided to allow present or past members of those Public Schools which qualify for membership of this Club, and of which Abingdon School is one, to enjoy all the privileges of membership of this Club between the ages of 18 and 21; on payment of the reduced Annual Subscription of One Guinea, without Entrance Fee, and without any necessity to take up Shares, as Ordinary Members are required to do.

I have much pleasure in enclosing a dozen tickets to admit on either of the dates named above, and shall be happy to send as many as may be asked for by your readers. The Directors hope that a large number of tickets (for which no charge is made) will be applied for.

Yours very truly,  
H. ARNOLD WOOLLEY,  
*Secretary.*

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### SCHOOL NOTES.

#### VALETE.

The following have left:—E. A. Mortleman, (Prefect, VI. Lat., 1st XI. Cricket, 1910-11, 1st XI. Football, 1911, 1st IV. 1912); D. Chanis (VI. Lat.); D. H. Marcus (VI. Non-Lat.); O. E. Cullen (Rem. Lat., 1st XI. Football 1912); R. I. Comins (Rem. Lat., 1st IV. (cox) 1910-11-12); W. D. Price (Rem. Non-Lat., 1st XI. Football, 1912, 2nd IV., 1912).

#### SALVETE.

The following boys have joined the School this term. School House:—C. W. Andrews, R. L. D. Devenish. Tesdale House:—C. G. Parr, R. del Valle. Day Boys:—D. S. Crawford, J. S. Crawford, G. R. Kirkby, R. W. B. Reynolds, R. G. Turner.

Our readers will hear with much regret that Mr. E. A. Martell has met with a serious accident while riding his motorcycle. Our latest news is that, though still very ill, he is making satisfactory progress.

Two oak stalls have been added to the Chapel and were dedicated at the evening service on Trinity Sunday.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Bromley Challenor, O.A., for presenting to the Science Section of the Reference Library the 1911 Report of the British Association for the advancement of Science (Portsmouth). We already possess the Winnipeg (1909) and Sheffield (1910) Volumes, also presented by Mr. Challenor, and they constitute very valuable works of reference. We also thank Mr. L. W. Stone for some historical pictures, which have been framed and hung in the Blacknall Room.

R. J. Weaving (Pembroke College) has been placed in the Fourth Class of the Honours School in Law and Jurisprudence.

I. T. Pritchard (New College) has gained a First Class in the Final Honours School in Mathematics.

W. H. Wood (2nd), A. Davenport (3rd) and A. Eason (4th) have been elected to Senior Scholarships by the Berkshire Education Committee and P. L. Howard (3rd) to an Intermediate

Scholarship. H. A. L. Donkin's Senior Scholarship has been renewed for a third year.

The following boys have been recommended for Entrance House Scholarships:

- 1.—W. R. T. Skinner from Peterborough Lodge, Finchley Road, N.W. (Mr. A. H. Linford), Young and Summers Scholar.
- 2.—C. P. Parigoris from Arnold House School, St. John's Wood, N.W., (Miss Hanson), House Exhibition.
- 3.—G. R. Iles from The Beacon, Bexhill (Mr. W. O. C. Heslop), House Exhibition.

Canon Meredith's prizes for Greek and Latin Composition have both fallen to C. E. Cook. H. W. B. Burkett was second in Greek, and H. A. L. Donkin second in Latin.

R. G. Rice, W. Leach and G. H. G. Shepherd competed in the Trials for the Olympic Games at Stockholm. Rice was selected as one of England's representatives in the 100 and 200 metres and in the Hurdles. Leach was 2nd in the Long Jump at the Trials. P. Aldwinckle was 3rd in Tent Pegging in the open contest at Olympia on May 25th.

The Rev. G. B. Allen, Chaplain of Pembroke College, preached at St. Nicolas Church on June 16th and Dr. Field of Radley on the following Sunday.

Several of us had opportunities of seeing the South Africans and the Australians play against Oxford University and of going in to the Eights. The Upper School journeyed to Henley Regatta on July 6th, the day on which the King was present.

J. F. C. Hertslet has accepted an appointment in the Standard Bank of South Africa, at East London.

P. H. Donkin and E. V. Dyke have gone to Canada, and M. G. Brinsmead to Sumatra.

We congratulate Hugh Goff upon his marriage which took place on June 29th.

H. U. Drayton has been appointed Choirmaster of St. Michael's and All Angels, Oxford.

D. Chanis has joined Edinburgh University. A. M. Clément is studying medicine at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. R. I. Comins has gone to Shrewsbury School.

W. H. Enoch has been elected Captain of the School Swimming Club.

F. W. Lupton, B. J. Bury and A. F. Pratt have been given their Cricket Colours. F. W. Lupton has won a Headmaster's bat.

W. H. Enoch has obtained a place on the Staff of the Bodleian Library.

The Rev. E. B. Mackay has again acted as Presiding Examiner during the Local Week. The Music Prizes were adjudged by Mr. H. U. Drayton, O.A.

Founder's Day will be celebrated on Friday, July 26th. The prizes will be distributed by the Unionist Whip, Major H. G. Henderson, M.P., and the Sermon will be preached by the Venerable W. M. G. Ducat, Archdeacon of Berkshire.

Next term will commence on Tuesday, September 17th. Boys in the two Houses will return on Monday, September 16th.



## OBITUARY.

**EDWARDS.**—On April 21st. John Reginald Edwards, Chartered Accountant, of 119-120, London Wall, E.C., aged 36.

[Mr. Edwards was a son of the Rev. T. E. Edwards, of Abingdon. He joined the School in March, 1891, and left in January, 1892.]

**TOMKINS.**—On May 19th, at 3, Grosvenor Crescent, St. Leonards-on-Sea, John Tomkins, J.P., in his 85th year.

[Mr. John Tomkins, whose name is the first entry in the School Register, joined the School in September, 1840 and left Midsummer, 1843. He had a long and distinguished public career in Abingdon, serving the office of Mayor on several occasions and representing one Ward of the Town on the Berkshire County Council. For many years he was a Governor of the School and acted for a time as Chairman of its Finance Committee. He took a great interest in the School up to the last and was always a generous contributor to the Prize Fund on Founder's Day. He was a very active Freemason and was well known in that capacity in the provinces of Berkshire and Oxfordshire.]

**CLARKSON.**—On June 16th, at Brington Rectory, Huntingdonshire, the Rev. John Mayhew Clarkson, M.A., late R. N., aged 60.

[Mr. Clarkson was a Foundation Scholar of Clare College, Cambridge, graduating in 1875 with Honours in Mathematics and Natural Science, and joined the School as Mathematical Master in the time of Mr. Summers. In 1877 he was ordained by the Bishop of Rochester to the Curacy of West Ham and in the following year he became a Chaplain in the Navy. He retired from the service in 1901, when he was appointed by his College to the Rectory of Brington. His last visit to the School was in July, 1901, when he read the lesson at the Founder's Day Service.]

**MARTIN.**—(By cable). Edward Paulin Martin, second son of Dr. Paulin Martin, of the Clock House, Abingdon, aged 28.

[The news of Mr. Martin's early death reaches us as we go to press. He entered Abingdon School in September, 1894, and after a few years joined the engineering side at Oundle School. From there he entered upon his profession and, as an engineer, had seen much interesting and varied experience for a man of his age. He was well known to recent generations of Abingdon boys and his loss will be deeply deplored by many.]

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—

*The Bancroftian, Bloxhamist, Bracklean, Brighton College Magazine, Chigwellian, Herefordian, Ipswich School Magazine, Laxtonian, United Services College Chronicle, Wilsonian, Wulfrunian.*

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## CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	.. ..	1	12	11	"Abingdonian"	.. ..	7	15	1
Members' Subscriptions	.. ..	6	3	0	Printing	.. ..		15	0
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## BALANCE SHEET.

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Cash in hands of Hon. Sec.	.. ..		10	0	Rev. W. B. Box	.. ..	7	15	1
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RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Balance	.. ..		1	6	350 Copies of Vol. V., No. 1	.. ..	4	10	0
O.A.C.	.. ..	7	15	1	400 Copies of Index to Vol. IV.	.. ..	4	10	0
Governors' Subscriptions	.. ..	3	6	8	Fee for Indexing	.. ..	2	2	0
Boarders' Subscriptions	.. ..	1	1	6	Postage	.. ..		8	2
Other Subscriptions	.. ..	1	5	6	Balance	.. ..	1	15	7
Sale of back numbers	.. ..		2	6					
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## EDITORIAL.

WE may not at all pretend to give adequate expression to the very deep and widespread regret which the announcement of the Headmaster's resignation has occasioned, or to measure with mere words the splendid and enduring service which he has rendered to the school during the twenty years in which he has so serenely controlled its destinies.

The time for parting is happily not yet, but we would use the present opportunity, personally and on behalf of our readers, to offer to him and his our sincerest good wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

Meanwhile we await with anxiety, though not without hope, the appointment of a successor who will worthily continue his work and cherish his aims and ideals.

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An exceptional tale of departures from our midst at the end of the Summer Term has left us with considerably reduced numbers, but there is no escape from the wheels of vicissitude, and we trust that time, as heretofore, will make good the deficit.

The results of the Oxford Local Examinations, held in July, were, in regard to the general standard attained, well above the average and therefore distinctly encouraging.

With only three of last year's colours remaining, the outlook for the present football season might have seemed none too inspiring, but, though we lost the first match to a very strong combination, a succession of decisive victories has effectually silenced the

croak of the croaker, and furnished ample proof that our skill in the game is by no means a thing of the past.

We again invite members of the School—Present no less than Past—to provide us with contributions to our forthcoming Christmas Number. They will be gratefully welcomed and should be sent in not later than the end of the first week in December.

### THE RESIGNATION OF MR. LAYNG.

A meeting of the Governing Body was held on Wednesday, October 16th, to consider the following letter from the Head-Master.

*To the Governors of Abingdon School.*

My Lords and Gentlemen.

I beg to resign on March 31st next, for reasons expressed in my letter to Mr. Benyon, the position of Head-Master of Abingdon School.

I cannot leave work upon which I have spent much thought and affection without thanking you, each and all, for the very great kindness which you have always shewn me. It has brought much happiness and encouragement into a somewhat difficult task.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentleman,

Your obliged and faithful Servant,  
THOMAS LAYNG, M.A.

SCHOOL HOUSE, ABINGDON,

30th Sept. 1912.

The Governors asked the Lord Lieutenant as their Chairman to see Mr. Layng and assure him that it was their unanimous wish that he should continue in office and to ask him to reconsider his decision. After Mr. Layng had explained to Mr. Benyon the reasons which prevented him from withdrawing his resignation, the Governing Body passed the following resolution, and directed that it be

recorded on the minutes, and that a copy of it be sent to Mr. Layng.

The Governors of Roysse's School, Abingdon, accept with profound and sincere reluctance the resignation by the Rev. T. Layng of the Headmastership as from the 31st March, 1913.

They desire to put on record their deep sense of his long and important services to the School, which during his twenty years tenure of the Headmastership, by his ability and devotion and administrative and educational powers, he has raised to an excellence far above that of the School as he found it.

They feel that the termination of such long and effective services must be a matter for the most profound regret to all who have at heart the interests of the School which he has so well governed.

We append a copy of a letter which was sent to Mr. Layng by the Staff of the School.

Dear Mr. Layng,

It is with the very deepest regret that we receive the news of your resignation of the Headmastership and we greatly desire to assure you of our most loyal and affectionate sympathy with you in the causes which have induced your decision.

We feel that to ourselves personally the loss will be irreparable, for we are very highly sensible of your unflinching kindness towards us in all circumstances, and of your constant efforts to ensure our present well-being and to safeguard our future interests.

We fully appreciate also the kind terms in which you speak of us in your letter and the thoughtful consideration which has in the present instance taken us thus early into your confidence.

It is some consolation to us to know that our approaching separation is not yet and that we shall have the privilege of working with you until next Easter.

With our sincerest good wishes for the future welfare of yourself, Mrs. Layng and your children.

We are, dear Mr. Layng,

Yours very truly,

W. B. Box.	H. H. Gibson.
W. A. Rudd.	S. H. Baker.
W. Bevir.	C. O. Wright.
S. F. Willis.	J. H. E. Morland.

8th Oct. 1912.

## FOUNDER'S DAY.

*(With acknowledgment to the Editor of the North Berks Herald).*

Founder's Commemoration was held this year on Friday, August 2nd.

The choral thanksgiving service at S. Helen's Church, which included Tour's Magnificat and Goss' Anthem, "I will Magnify Thee O God," was conducted by the Headmaster. The preacher was the Venerable W. M. G. Ducat, Archdeacon of Berkshire, who, basing his sermon on the words "As a good soldier of Jesus Christ," pointed out that the ideal of the military career, with its three stages of enrolment, training and warfare was especially applicable to school life, in which boys were trained—mentally, morally and physically—to play a good and noble part in the great field of activity and conflict in which their lives as Christian citizens would be spent. If they had not learned to conquer the various forms of evil at school, their victory over them in the world would be impossible or uncertain. Whatever their future calling, they must be prepared to fight as good soldiers—religiously, courageously and unselfishly. For such a warfare, he believed, the boys of Abingdon School were being furnished with spiritual weapons, and they would be worthy sons of the founder and benefactors whom they were that day commemorating, fitted to follow in the steps and in all the traditions of the long roll of Abingdon Scholars. The service concluded with the singing of the school hymn and the pronouncing of the blessing by the Vicar.

There was a large and representative gathering in the Corn Exchange, where Lady Violet Henderson presided in the place of Major H. G. Henderson, M.P., who was prevented by his duties as Junior Unionist Whip from being present.

The Headmaster then proceeded to report on the year's work and, after enumerating the successes won by past and present members of the School, went on to say that next year would be the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the school's endowment by the generosity of John Roysse. Three hundred and fifty years was a very long record of continuous work for any institution, and would be a claim of unusual strength to put before the neighbourhood, when they invited residents to unite with past and present members of the school to celebrate it with fitting enthusiasm. Those who had read what Sir A. F. Leach had written about the history of Abingdon School would remember that he had little doubt that it really dated back to pre-Norman times. If that was so, the benefaction of John Roysse became a comparatively recent event in their history. John Roysse, however, by his munificence gave the school renewed vigour, and it was this which they proposed to celebrate next June. They hoped to choose for the celebration a day very near to Trinity Sunday, as Roysse wished the School to be dedicated to the Holy Trinity. They looked forward to a service in St. Helen's Church, and to have the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire to preside at the gathering on that day. The chair-

man of the Old Abingdonian Club for next year was Canon Meredith—a name well-known in the School—and he also has promised to be present. In his person he, with others, would bridge over a gap of fifty years, as he was one of those who took part in the celebration of 1863. Mr. Layng added that, when he came to Abingdon, two things impressed themselves strongly upon him—that the town and neighbourhood combined a very vigorous activity in the present with a strong fascination for the past. If the representatives of the School would take these two characteristics for an example—vigour in the present and love for the past—they would have a worthy and successful celebration, not merely of the three hundred and fifty years which had elapsed since the days of John Roysse, but of the nine centuries of close, continuous service which this school had rendered to the town and neighbourhood.

The prizes were then distributed by Lady Violet Henderson as follows:—

**FORM PRIZES.**—Sixth Form (Latin), C. E. Cook; Sixth Form (Non-Latin), W. H. Enoch; Fifth Form (Latin), A. Eason; Fifth Form (Non-Latin), G. J. H. Ashwin; Remove (Latin), J. Knowles; Remove (Non-Latin), E. L. Parry; Shell (Latin), P. L. Howard; Shell (Non-Latin), W. W. Gilbert; Fourth Form (Latin), J. Sanders; Fourth Form (Non-Latin), W. R. E. Scrivener; Preparatory III., F. Crossland; II., J. S. Crawford.

**MATHEMATICS.**—Div. I., W. C. Williams; Div. II., A. Davenport; Div. III., W. W. Tombs; Div. IV., W. W. Gilbert; Div. V., W. R. E. Scrivener; Div. VI., F. Crossland.

**GREEK.**—(Below the VI. Form)—Div. II., D. E. Elford; Div. III., J. Knowles.

**GERMAN.**—Div. I., W. H. Enoch; Div. II., A. Eason; Extra, A. F. Pratt; Div. III., F. V. Enoch.

**FRENCH.**—Div. A., W. H. Enoch; Div. B., A. Eason; Div. C., J. Knowles; Div. D., P. L. Howard; Div. E., P. C. Holme.

**DRAWING.**—Senior Division, W. N. E. Bruce; Junior Division, B. J. Bury.

**SKETCHING CLUB.**—Senior Division, V. Comfort; Junior Division, S. E. Claek.

**LATIN PROSE.**—C. E. Cook.

**GREEK PROSE.**—C. E. Cook.

**PIANO PLAYING.**—J. Knowles.

**SOLO SINGING.**—W. J. Lewington.

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

'Average' bat—E. G. Tame.

'Average' ball—W. N. E. Bruce.

Bats given by Mr. Davenport for the encouragement of Junior Cricket:—Batting, D. S. Campbell; Bowling, C. Taylor.

The following were the prize donors:—The Right Reverend the Master of Pembroke College, The Right Hon. Sir William Anson, Bart., M.P., Major H. G. Henderson, M.P., The Mayor of Abingdon, The Recorder of Abingdon, The Vicar of Abingdon, Alderman J. T. Morland, Alderman C. A. Pryce, J. Townsend, Esq., Herbert Young, Esq., Alderman E. L. Shepherd, Miss Layng, The Rev. T. T. Blockley, The Rev. P. C. Bevan, the Rev. Canon Meredith, the Masters Common Room, and the Rev. and Mrs. T. Layng. The wreath for John Roysse's tomb in St. Helen's Church was made by Miss Ethel Challenor.

After the customary votes of thanks had been proposed and acknowledged, the visitors adjourned to the School, where the Headmaster and Mrs. Layng were "at Home."

## OXFORD

## LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

## SENIOR CANDIDATES.

First Class Honours:—H. A. L. Donkin (iii), Enoch (iv).

Second Class Honours:—W. C. Williams (i), L. A. Weaving (ii).

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

Passed:—S. E. Barraza, S. R. Hamblin, F. W. Lupton, B. S. Marshall, F. J. Rutter, F. E. Spokes.

Distinctions:—H. A. L. Donkin, (Greek—20th), S. E. Barraza (Spanish—1st).

Excused Responsions:—H. A. L. Donkin.

## JUNIOR CANDIDATES.

First Class Honours:—A. Davenport (25), A. Eason (33).

Third Class Honours:—A. G. Bartlett, H. E. Gibbs, O. Tubb.

Passed:—A. E. Chivers, E. Edgington, R. M. Graham, V. S. Northam, N. C. Perrin, C. M. Read.

Distinction:—A. Davenport (Mathematics—3rd).

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 THE WATER SPORTS.
 

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A rainy morning suggested that the weather would continue its dull and damp career, with the atmosphere like that of a greenhouse, but, as the hour approached for the final heats of the Water Sports on Wednesday, July 24th, the sun shone out and heralded a delightful afternoon.

There were however, fewer tea-parties and fewer visitors than usual; the

threatening morning no doubt accounting for this, for the Summer of 1912 had not then hopelessly lost its reputation, or gained its notoriety.

The water was pleasantly warm—65.5° F., and many were heard to say that the Sports were the most enjoyable they could remember. No doubt the success of *the* event of the day had much to do with this; for, at last, the Old Abingdonians' Team Race provided a tremendous struggle—brimful of excitement from end to end. However, the School retained its unbeaten record. There was a strong stream but both sides had a strong team to meet it, and the time was very fast; not a record certainly, but the up-stream courses are so much more difficult when a lot of water is coming down.

Comfort, Donkin and Enoch all beat the previous record for the 'open' race, and whilst the stream no doubt, made this possible, when we remember that two years ago Enoch himself set up a record, (later beaten by Wilson) and, remembering also his easy victory last year in the Town Club's Quarter-mile race, it follows that the above form as good a trio of swimmers as we have had.

The shiftings of their 'placings' in the heats and in the 'Final' emphasises this. The other three members of the team were very little slower. Comfort was clumsy but strong, Enoch could swim in excellent style, but could never keep straight when going at full steam, whereas Donkin swimming beautifully went as straight as an arrow.

Thus it happened in the Final of the open race that, although Enoch had done the best time previously, he lost to Donkin, for, although he drew the outside station, he bored all his opponents into the shallow water, and added considerably to the distance he himself had to swim.

Records were actually beaten in all save the Team-races, and even here, in spite of the stream, the VI. with a particularly strong Four, set up a new figure for the Senior Form Team-race, The vanquished Vth had a team good enough to win in most years.

Some of the Juniors showed very good form, and next to the Old Boys' race the most popular event on the programme was the Junior team race, where the "Babies," (average age 12 years 5 months) triumphed with the greatest ease. The 'draw' gave them the apparently strongest team to beat in the first round, but they won without any trouble, and then, beat the IVth Form's 1st team by about six yards. Ballard and Hooke were swimming very prettily.

Other swimmers worthy of mention are Taylor I., who swam well on his back, and Alder who had a powerful breast stroke; he should in future practise the faster type of strokes. Eason, as usual, seemed to get placed in every event for which he entered.

Except for Enoch, the divers were not up to the usual standard, and even the winner's percentage of marks was lower than usual. Very few of the competitors seemed to think it was necessary to bother about the one thing essential to a good dive—namely, perfect balance

before commencing the flight. In all, nineteen divers attempted to capture the Silver Medal, and trials reduced the number to six for the 'Final' day.

The entries throughout were well up to the average. Fifteen teams were entered for the Form races, ten Senior and five Junior. Only a few of those entered for the 'Back' races actually took part, but 'Locals' week' was no doubt responsible for many abstentions, since various competitors were not as fit as they might have been. 36 entered for the open race, and two rounds comprising 9 heats here decided prior to the Final day.

#### SCHOOL v. OLD ABINGDONIANS.

The School team looked most resplendent as they faced the camera before the race. The School Shield,—the dragon on a red ground, had been selected as a badge to represent Swimming Colours. On the blue costumes they looked most effective. They were the product of Miss Krohn's devoted handiwork, and the manner in which dragons emerged from her work-basket at almost a moment's notice, was nothing short of miraculous. The team much appreciated her kindness and skill. The only doubtful problem was "Would they run?" However, they rose above the waves superior, and never a flush on their countenance, even when victory smiled upon them!

The race itself was full of thrills. We hoped to win by five to ten yards, but the O.A.'s team contained some powerful swimmers. The first thrill came at the very start; Burkett lost his balance just before the word was given



and, anxious not to fall in, was clinging to the rye-peck as the word was given; and then, in doubt, looked first at the starter, and then at his opponent, now in the water, and at last dived in nearly twelve feet behind. However, he beat his man by a short length. Then however, Payne (O.A.) going strongly upstream, overhauled Comfort, but just lost the touch; then, Cullen, for the School, going out of his station, got in Habgood's way, and the latter simply swam over him, giving the Old Boys a two length lead. Enoch and Painter (O.A.) fought their way strenuously up stream, but every inch Enoch gained, he lost again by going out of his course, and still the Old Boys held a two-length lead; however, Eason soon overhauled Gilbert (O.A.) and going at a great pace reached the raft two or three lengths ahead and, though King (O.A.) swam well, he could not overhaul Donkin, who finished seven feet ahead.

The Final heat of the Senior team race was also swum on the Wednesday, and so the shorter distance of 25 yards lengths was retained for the race. It should also be mentioned that in the "Free" dives Enoch selected a 'back dive,' possibly his best dive, and Ellison a 'lying somersault'; the other finalists were not so ambitious.

Since we last published a Record Table, the times have been so frequently beaten that we append a table of the best times to-date. Unfortunately, owing to variation in the stream, it does not necessarily follow that these are the best performances.

We should also mention that Enoch again won the Town Club's Quarter-mile Challenge Cup somewhat easily, and whilst it has never yet been won by anyone unconnected with the School, it happened this year, with E. H. King and J. H. Habgood second and third respectively, that the first three places were secured by Old Abingdonians.

Mr. Silcox again kindly lent us his raft for the team races. As usual the Form Committee-members showed considerable keenness, and were well supported by their forms, who contributed generously to the Prize Fund.

The following addition should be made to last term's Test List:—

July 23rd. J. N. Sanders.

Total Swimmers 1912, 74.

Passed:—1912, 20.

Previous 'best':—Total, 74, 1911.

Previous 'best':—Passed, 30, 1906.

#### SWIMMING RECORDS.

Open Race 50 yds. (Any Stroke).	W. H. Enoch	32 3-5th s.	1912
" " " (Back Stroke).	H.A.L. Donkin	40 3-5th s.	1912
Under 16 " (Any Stroke).	D. Cullen	35 1-5th s.	1912
" " (Back Stroke).			
Under 14 25 yds. (Any Stroke).	H. W. Hooke	18 2-5th s.	1912
Under 13 " "	H.A.L. Donkin	20 4-5th s.	1908
Under 12 " "	T. P. R. Layng	22 4-5th s.	1912
Senior Team (4 x 50 yds.)	Wilson's IV.	3 m. 2 2-5th s.	1910
Senior Form Team (4 x 25 yds.)	VIth A.	1 m. 10 4-5 s.	1912
Junior Form Team (4 x 25 yds.)	IVth A.	1 m. 36 1-5th s.	1910
Old Abingdonians' v. the School (6 x 50 yds.)	School VI.	4 m. 8 4-5th s.	1910

## PROGRAMME OF SPORTS.

## COMMITTEE:—

**President:** THE HEADMASTER.**Chairman:** MR. S. H. BAKER.

*Ex-Officio:* W. H. Enoch, (Captain of Swimming, Boat Captain, Senior Swimmer and Hon. Sec.); H. A. L. Donkin, (Football Captain); W. C. Williams, (Hon. Treasurer and Cricket Captain).

*Elected:* VI. Form, H. W. B. Burkett; V. Form A. Eason; Remove, F. V. Enoch; Shell, B. J. Bury; IV. Form, H. P. Taylor; III. & II. Form, D. S. Campbell.

**Judges:***Diving:* MR. S. H. BAKER.*Swimming:* REV. W. B. BOX & MR. J. H. E. MORLAND.**Starters and Timekeepers:**MESSRS. H. H. GIBSON, W. A. RUDD,  
C. O. WRIGHT.**Referee:** Mr. W. BEVIR.

The Committee wish to express their thanks to all who have given their kind assistance, or contributions, to the Water Sports.

Of the heats that took place prior to the "Finals" day, the following were the most important:—

**Open Swimming (50 yards. any stroke.)**

Best Heat's times. W. H. Enoch, 32 3-5 secs., V. Comfort, 33 1-5 secs.

**Junior Form Team Races.**

Shell C. beat IV. B  
IV. A. beat Shell C.  
III. & II. beat Shell B.

**Senior Form Team Races.**

1st Round.—Remove B. beat Vth. C.  
Remove A. beat Remove C.  
2nd Round.—Remove B. w.o. (VI. C. scratched).  
Vth. A. beat Vth. B.  
Vth. A. beat Shell A.  
Remove A. beat Vth. B.  
3rd Round.—Vth. A. beat Remove B.  
Vth. A. beat Remove A.

**FINAL. Open Back Race. (50 yards.)**

1.—H. A. L. Donkin, 2.—A. Eason,  
3.—H. W. B. Burkett. Time 40 3-5 secs.

**FINAL. 50 yards (under 15). Any Stroke.**

1.—D. Cullen. 2.—A. Eason  
3.—F. V. Enoch. Time 35 1-5 secs.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24th.****Swimming (under 14) (25 yards.) Final.**

1.—H. W. Hooke. 2.—E. E. Crook.  
3.—E. L. Parry. Time 18 2-5 secs.

**Swimming (under 12) (25 yards.) Final.**

First Prize given by S. H. Baker, Esq.  
1.—T. P. R. Layng. 2.—E. G. Ballard.  
Won by a touch. Time 22 4-5 secs.

**Junior Diving (under 15).**

(1) Shallow Dive. (2) Plunge. (3) Spring.  
(4) Running Dive.  
1. D. Cullen, 41½ points. 2. D. E. Elford,  
38½ points.

**School v. Old Abingdonians Team Race (500 yards).**

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

SCHOOL.	OLD ABINGDONIANS
1. H. W. B. Burkett	1. A. G. Shepherd.
*2. V. Comfort	*2. A. S. B. Payne.
3. D. Cullen	3. J. H. Habgood.
*4. W. H. Enoch	*4. C. C. Painter
5. A. Eason	5. W. R. Gilbert
*6. H. A. L. Donkin	*6. E. H. King
Res. { H. V. Ellison	Res. { E. M. Graham.
{ B. S. Marshall	{ J. G. Shepherd.

The School won by 7ft. Time 4 mins. 24 4-5 secs.

**Open Diving.**

(1) Shallow Dive. (2) Plunge (3) Spring.  
(4) Running Dive (5) "Free" Dive.  
1. G. J. H. Ashwin, 2. H. V. Ellis, 3. H. W. B. Burkett. 4. D. Cullen. 5. W. H. Enoch.  
6. H. A. L. Donkin.  
1. W. H. Enoch, 53½ points. 2. H. V. Ellison & H. A. L. Donkin tied, 43½ points.

**FINAL: Junior Form Team Race (100 yds.)**

Each to swim 25 yards.

III. & II.—1. D. S. Campbell, 2. F. Crossland,  
3. E. G. Ballard, 4. H. W. Hooke.  
IV. A.—1. C. B. Edwards, 2. R. A. Trotman,  
3. W. Lupton. 4. H. P. Taylor.  
III. & II. won easily by 6 yds. Time 1 min. 48 secs.

**FINAL. Open Swimming Race (50 yds.)**

1. V. Comfort. 2. H. A. L. Donkin. 5. H. W. B. Burkett. 4. W. H. Enoch. 5. A. Eason.  
1. H. A. L. Donkin 2. W. H. Enoch  
3. V. Comfort. Time 33 secs.  
All three finished in a bunch.

**FINAL. Swimming on the Back (under 16)**  
(50 yards).

1. A. Eason    2. H. P. Taylor    Won easily.

**FINAL. Senior Forms Team Race. (Each to swim 25 yards).**

VI. A.—B. S. Marshall, H. A. L. Donkin, H. W. B. Burkett, W. H. Enoch.

V. A.—G. J. H. Ashwin, A. Eason, H. W. C. Barnes, V. Comfort.

VI. A. won by 6 yards in 1 min. 10 4-5 secs.

**FOOTBALL.**

The Football this term has not been without its lessons. After our brilliant team of a year ago, with our ranks very depleted, we were expecting to have to record more losses than wins. So far from this being the case, up to the present the First Eleven have only lost one match, and that against a very strong scratch side that played us early in the term. Our school matches have all resulted in victories for us, that against Bloxham being the most hardly earned.

In the last few matches the forwards have been off colour and the changes made against Mansfield College did not produce the improvement desired.

Our strength has really lain in our defence. Lupton has improved out of all knowledge as a goal-keeper and has often been brilliant. Both our backs, Eason and Read, tackle fearlessly and kick well with either foot. At centre-half Donkin has been untiring both in attack and defence and has led his team with marked skill. Of the forwards Pratt and Williams have shown a great advance on last year's form and the latter has scored heavily, whilst both have played brilliantly at times. Crook has proved that our previous confidence

in his cleverness has not been misplaced.

The junior games have been well attended throughout the term and there is evidence here of much promising material.

We should like to offer Donkin our hearty congratulations on the success that has attended his efforts in team building and to express our hope that the results of the second half of the season may prove as successful as those already past.

A.S.F.C. *v.* E. R. WINSHIP'S XI. This match was played on the School ground on Wednesday, Sept. 25th. The visitors had a strong team out, including Kerry, Cotton, Parker, Painter and Brewerton. The game started off at a fast pace and the School defence was soon put to the test. During the first half the visitors missed several easy chances of scoring, and Lupton played a grand game in goal. Williams scored the first goal of the match for the school, but before half time Kerry equalised. Just before this Read was hurt and consequently a lot more work was thrown upon the halves. After half-time the visitors had much the best of the game, scoring six more goals, while the school could only reply with one, which was secured by Pratt.

School team— F. W. Lupton (goal); C. M. Read, A. Eason, (backs); F. E. Spokes, H. A. L. Donkin. H. W. B. Burkett, (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, E. E. Crook, W. C. Williams, D. Cullen, A. F. Pratt, (forwards).

A.S.F.C. *v.* OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL. This match was played at Oxford, on

Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. The home team did all the attacking at the start, but the backs and Lupton in goal prevented them from scoring. It was not until about twenty minutes had passed that the school team woke up, and, then, until half-time play was level. After the interval, the school did most of the attacking, though the home team broke away several times. The forwards were now playing much better than in the first half of the game, but the backs were not so good. In the end the School won by 4—2, their goals being scored by Williams (3) and Crook.

Williams played a great game throughout, and Pratt also was very useful.

The School team was the same as that which played against Winship's XI., except that C. B. Edwards played inside-right in the place of Cullen.

A.S.F.C. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL. This match was played at Oxford, on Saturday, Oct. 5th. At the start the home team did most of the attacking, but Williams soon scored for the School. Play after this was fairly even until just before half-time when Williams and Crook again scored for the School.

After the interval the School kept up the attack and added four more goals through Williams (3) and Crook. Burkett put the ball through his own goal thus leaving the School victorious by 7—1. The whole team played better than on the previous Wednesday, the forwards showing most improvement. Lupton again played a good game and Williams was really brilliant.

The team was the same as against Oxford High School.

A.S.F.C. v. ALL SAINT'S SCHOOL, BLOXHAM. This match was played at home, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. The school played their worst game so far, everyone being off form. The enemy's goal was being attacked the whole time, yet only two points were scored in the first half and one in the second, while the visitors got through the home defence twice. Williams and Edwards netted the ball in the first half, and Crook scored the winning goal in the second. The School had the upper hand all the game in spite of these many blunders. Towards the end they forced an endless succession of corners, but none of them could be turned to account. The team was the same as that which played against Magdalen College School, except that A. E. Chivers played outside left in place of Reynolds.

A.S.F.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL, READING. The School team visited Leighton Park on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Williams scored soon after the start, after running past the backs, but for the first quarter of an hour the home team did most of the attacking, though Lupton, who was in excellent form, prevented them from scoring. The shooting of the home team was not true, but, whenever the school forwards got a chance, they scored. Reynolds made some fine runs down the wing, but he should learn to centre a little sooner and get the ball square. By half-time three more goals were added by Edwards, Crook and Pratt.

After half-time play was quite even. Leighton Park attacked down hill, but their shooting was weak and they failed to score. Burkett then netted from a drop-shot, but towards the end play became slack. Williams, however, ran through and scored for the School, and the end of the game left it victorious by 6—0. The whole team played well, particularly Reynolds, Lupton and Eason.

The School team was the same as that which played against Bloxham, except that Reynolds took his place again at outside-left.

A.S.F.C. *v.* EXETER COLLEGE CAPOTTERS. This match was played at Abingdon on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd. Rain came on just before the game started, making the ground sticky and the ball greasy. The School did most of the attacking all through the game, and, scoring twice in the first half, through Williams and Mr. Gibson, and once in the second half through Crook, won a poor game by 3—0.

The two backs played their best game of the season and Lupton was again good. The team was the same as against Bloxham, except that Mr. Gibson played left-half in the place of Spokes.

A.S.F.C. *v.* DORCHESTER COLLEGE. This match was played at home on Saturday, Oct. 26th. It had been raining all the morning and afternoon and it was found necessary to use the field across the road. Even then the ground was very slippery and the goal nearest the road soon became a sea of mud. Throughout the game the school asserted their superiority, al-

though it was impossible to kick anything like correctly, and at half-time led by 3 goals to nil. After the interval they pressed more and increased the total to 8, while Dorchester scored once by the courtesy of one of the home backs, who missed his kick. The goals were scored for the school by Williams (5), Pratt (2), and Mr. Gibson.

School team—F. W. Lupton (goal); C. M. Read, A. Eason (backs); R. M. Graham, H. A. L. Donkin, H. W. B. Burkett (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, E. E. Crook, W. C. Williams, Mr. H. H. Gibson, A. F. Pratt (forwards).

A.S.F.C. *v.* PEMBROKE COLLEGE, OXFORD. This match was played at home on Saturday, Nov. 9th. The game throughout was very slow and for the first half very level. The only goal scored in a very uninteresting match was obtained by Crook. During the second half the school were mostly in their opponents half, but accomplished nothing. Reynolds was perhaps the best, of a poor line, which Williams was quite unable to get together. The backs were not as sure, and the halves failed to pass as accurately as usual.

School team:—F. W. Lupton (goal); C. M. Read, A. Eason (backs); Mr. H. H. Gibson, H. A. L. Donkin, H. W. B. Burkett (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, E. E. Crook, W. C. Williams, C. B. Edwards, A. F. Pratt (forwards).

A.S.F.C. *v.* MANSFIELD COLLEGE. This match was played at home on Wednesday, Nov. 13th. The school line of forwards had been changed and the alteration seemed to have some

effect. The game was a great contrast to that against Pembroke, much more dash being displayed. In the first few minutes Crook scored, and added two more goals later, while Williams pushed the ball in from a scrum in front of goal. After half-time the game seemed to become a little slack, but it livened up afterwards, and four more goals were scored before time through Reynolds, Williams (2) and Donkin, while the Mansfield centre got through our defence once, thus leaving the school winners by 8—1. There were several chances missed and Reynolds and Williams took some time to find their places, but on the whole, there was a great improvement throughout. The backs played a good game, especially Read, and the halves were better than in the last match.

School team :—F. W. Lupton (goal); C. M. Read, A. Eason (backs); F. E. Spokes, H. A. L. Donkin, H. W. B. Burkett (halves); T. T. G. Race, E. E. Crook, R. W. B. Reynolds, W. C. Williams, A. F. Pratt (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. *v.* OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL, 2nd XI. This match was played at home on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. The game was very slack throughout, but the visitors always had the upper hand. At half-time the score was 4—1 in their favour and they eventually ran out winners with 7—3. The goals were scored for the school by Graham, Chivers and Iles. The school backs worked hard and so did the wing halves, but Enoch seemed slow and did not keep up enough. The forwards were inclined to muddle and were unable to shoot with the exception

of Chivers. Cullen and Davenport played the best game on the side, but the former must learn to run out.

School team—D. Cullen (goal); J. Knowles, A. Davenport, Capt. (backs); G. Woods, F. V. Enoch, P. F. Clark (halves); A. E. Chivers, A. Alder, G. R. Iles, H. J. Edgington, R. M. Graham (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. *v.* MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, 2nd XI. This match was played at home on Saturday, Oct. 5th. The game was very even throughout and the school were lucky to win as they did by 3—0. The goals were scored by Iles (2) and Chivers. The two backs again worked hard, but were inclined to kick wildly. Graham should develop into quite a good half; he has a good idea of feeding his forwards and remembers to keep his place. The forwards were again weak, Chivers again being the best of them.

School team—D. Cullen (goal); P. F. Clark, A. Davenport, Capt. (backs); G. Woods, R. M. Graham, J. Knowles (halves); A. E. Chivers, A. Alder, G. R. Iles, H. J. Edgington, T. T. G. Race (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. *v.* BLOXHAM SCHOOL, 2nd XI. This match was played at Bloxham on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Although the school were pressing during the whole of the game, they failed to score and allowed the home forwards to break away several times. The latter used their opportunities and scored three goals. The school were beaten solely on account of the inability of the forwards to shoot. The backs did not play such a good game as usual, but the halves were improved.

The school team was the same as that which played against Magdalen College School, except that V. C. Warwick played outside-left in place of Chivers.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL, 2nd XI. This match was played at home on Saturday, Oct. 19th. The school team was probably the strongest 2nd XI. put into the field this season and they certainly played their best game. Enoch was a little lost at back to begin with, but found his place the second half and showed quite good form. He and Creswell undoubtedly strengthened the defence. The home XI. eventually won by 5—0, goals being scored by Chivers (3) and Edgington (2). The forwards showed some improvement, but some of them have yet to learn the off-side rules, and Chivers must remember to centre from the touch line instead of working inwards.

School team—D. Cullen (goal); A. Davenport, F. V. Enoch (backs); L. H. C. Creswell, R. M. Graham, J. Knowles (halves); A. E. Chivers, A. Alder, G. R. Iles, H. J. Edgington, T. T. G. Race (forwards).

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## LITERARY SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

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### The Motions before the House will be:—

NOVEMBER 1st.

In the opinion of this House Fairs have a pernicious influence and should be abolished by law.

Proposer: G. Woods.                      Opposer:  
 Seconder: D. E. Elford.                  P. F. Clark.

NOVEMBER 8th.

In the opinion of this House Modern Life is unromantic.

Proposer: H. A. L. Donkin.              Opposer:  
 Seconder: R. M. Graham                H. W. B. Burkett.

NOVEMBER 15th.

In the opinion of this House Cinematographs are useless and their early disappearance would be eagerly welcomed.

Proposer: L. A. Weaving.                Opposer:  
 Seconder: J. Knowles.                    W. C. Williams.

NOVEMBER 22nd.

This House considers Home Rule for Ireland an unnecessary and undesirable piece of Legislation.

Proposer: H. W. B. Burkett.            Opposer:  
 Seconder: A. Davenport.                G. Woods.

NOVEMBER 29th.

In the opinion of this House the rapid progress of Aviation is detrimental to the future welfare of the world at large.

Proposer: W. C. Williams.                Opposer:  
 Seconder: W. H. Wood.                    H. A. L. Donkin.

DECEMBER 6th.

In the opinion of this House Abingdon-on-Sea would be preferable to Abingdon-on-Thames.

Proposer: S. H. Baker.                    Opposer:  
 Seconder: W. Bevir                        Rev. W. B. Box.

DECEMBER 13th.

E. H. Harvey will read a paper on Count Leo Tolstoi.

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JANUARY 31st.

This House views with regret the decrease of interest taken in Classics.

Proposer: G. Woods.                      Opposer:  
 Seconder: H. W. B. Burkett.              W. C. Williams.

FEBRUARY 6th.

In view of the results of the recent Olympic Games, this House considers English Sport to be decadent.

Proposer: H. A. L. Donkin.              Opposer:  
 Seconder: A. Eason.                        R. M. Graham.

The following were elected new members this term:—F. W. Lupton, A. F. Pratt, C. M. Read, A. Eason, V. S. Northam, W. R. T. Skinner, F. L. M. Harris, T. G. Michelmores, G. J. H. Ingold.

The first meeting of the Session was held in the Pembroke Room, on Nov. 1st, with Mr. H. H. Gibson, Vice-President in the chair. G. Woods proposed "that in the opinion of this

House Fairs have a pernicious influence and should be abolished by law."

D. E. Elford seconded and L. A. Weaving opposed the motion.

The following members also addressed the House:—*Pro.* T. G. Michelmore, A. Davenport. *Con.* H. A. L. Donkin, W. H. Wood, Mr. H. H. Gibson, A. G. Bartlett, W. C. Williams, H. W. B. Burkett.

The motion was lost by 14 votes to 5.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room on Nov. 8th, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. T. H. Buswell, proposed by H. W. B. Burkett and seconded by H. A. L. Donkin, was elected a member of the Society.

H. A. L. Donkin proposed "that in the opinion of this House Modern Life is unromantic."

R. M. Graham seconded and H. W. B. Burkett opposed the motion.

The following also addressed the House:—*Con.* W. C. Williams, A. G. Bartlett, T. H. Buswell and S. H. Baker, Esq.

The motion was lost by 10 votes to 11.

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### VALETE.

C. E. Cook, (VIth Classical ; Senior Prefect, 1911-12 ; Prefect, 1909, 10-11-12 ; Head House Prefect, 1911-12 ; 1st XI. Football, 1910 ; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1911-12 ; Member of the 'Abingdonian' Committee). H. E. L. Walker, (VIth Classical ; Prefect, 1912 ; 1st XI. Cricket, 1911-12 ; Athletics, 1912). E. G.

Tame, (VIth Modern ; Prefect, 1910-11-12 ; 1st XI. Football, 1910-11 ; 1st XI. Cricket, 1911-12 ; Athletics, 1912 ; Gymnasium, 1911-12). A. E. Trinder, (VIth Modern, Prefect, 1910-11-12 ; 1st XI. Football, 1909-10-11 ; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1911-12 ; Athletics, 1912). W. H. Enoch, (VIth Modern ; Prefect, 1910-11-12 ; 1st XI. Football, 1911 ; 1st IV. Rowing, 1911-12 ; Capt. of Boats, 1912 ; Athletics, 1911-12 ; Record for School Mile, 1911-12 ; 1st VI. Swimming, 1910-11-12 ; Swimming Captain, 1912 ; Hon. Secretary School Games Club, 1911-12). A. C. Vivian (VIth Modern ; 1st VI. Gymnasium, 1912). B. S. Marshall, (VIth Modern ; Prefect, 1912 ; Athletics, 1912 ; Member of the 'Abingdonian' Committee). S. E. Barraza, (V. Modern). H. W. C. Barnes. (VI. Classical ; Prefect, 1912 ; 1st XI. Football, 1910-11 ; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1912 ; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1912 ; Athletics, 1912). A. J. F. de C. Williams, (Vth Classical). G. J. H. Ashwin, (Vth Modern ; Prefect, 1912 ; 1st XI. Football, 1911 ; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1911-12 ; 1st IV. Rowing, 1912 ; Athletics, 1910-11-12). E. Edgington, (Vth Modern). O. Tubb, (Vth Modern). W. W. Leach, (Vth Modern ; 2nd XI. Football, 1911 ; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1912). V. Comfort, (Vth Modern ; Athletics, 1912 ; Swimming, 1912). S. R. Hamblin, (Vth Modern). W. N. E. Bruce, (Remove Modern ; 2nd XI., Football, 1911 ; 1st XI. Cricket, 1910-11-12 ; Athletics, 1912). T. V. Brown, (Remove Modern). F. H. Abbott, (Remove Modern ; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1912). N. C. Perrin, (Remove Modern). W. J. Lewington, (Remove Modern). H. M.



H. Ashwin, J. Bond, J. F. Ward. B. S. Bury, (2nd XI. Football, 1911; 1st XI. Cricket, 1912; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1912). W. T. Smith, R. del Valle, D. S. Campbell.

#### SALVETE.

School House:—J. G. Almillategui, A. Décaux, G. R. Iles, T. T. G. Race, W. R. T. Skinner.

Tesdale House:—G. H. Tinegate.

Day Boys:—R. W. Bovan, J. Brafield, E. S. Brown, L. H. C. Creswell, C. T. Gibbs, H. P. Tame, H. Wiggins.

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#### SCHOOL NOTES.

After many years of voluntary service Miss Layng has given up her Division in German. Many Abingdonians will remember with gratitude the enthusiasm which inspired her teaching and the interest which she took in her class.

Our best thanks are due to Dr. and Mrs. Martin and their family for presenting to the Chapel a very handsome Prayer Book in memory of the late E. P. Martin, O.A. The Prayer Book was bound by Miss Dora Martin. It has been placed in the Tesdale Stall.

We have also to thank Professor Mann of New Orleans for his gift to the Museum of a Rattle-snake's skin.

The Rev. C. P. B. Montgomery, O.A., has joined the staff of the Arrow Lakes Mission in Western Canada.

T. S. Wilding, O.A., has been appointed one of the Oxford University Extension Lecturers.

The Right Rev. the Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, has resigned his seat on our Governing Body. He has

been succeeded by Mr. H. L. Drake, M.A., Senior Tutor of the College.

We hear that E. V. Dyke has fallen upon his feet in Ontario. (We remember it needed a clever opponent to make him fall upon anything else when in the Football field). He has joined a rubber factory, and an accident to one of the staff gave him the opportunity of filling an important gap.

The following elections have been made to School Scholarships:—Senior Bennett—H. F. Dunkin. Junior Bennett—F. Crossland. Lady Wantage—V. S. Northam.

A. Eason, A. Davenport, A. F. Pratt, P. F. Clark have been made School Prefects.

C. E. Cook has gone into residence at Pembroke College, Oxford. H.E.L. Walker is taking the engineering course at Leeds University and B. S. Marshall has entered University College, Cardiff, as an engineering student.

V. Comfort and D. Cullen were awarded Swimming Colours at the end of last term.

A. Eason has been elected Secretary of the Games' Committee.

The following are the Officers of the Literary, Scientific and Debating Society for the ensuing Session. President, the Headmaster, Vice-President, H. H. Gibson, Esq., Secretary, H.W.B. Burkett, Treasurer, W. C. Williams.

A. Eason and G. Woods have been elected to the vacant places upon the Committee of the Abingdonian Committee.

G. H. G. Shepherd ran second from scratch in the open 100 yards handicap in the Freshmen's Sports at Oxford.

J. A. Cobb, O.A., has gone to India to take up engineering work near Madras.

On Nov. 6th, several of us cycled to Oxford to see the Rugby Match between the University and the South Africans.

The following dates have been announced:—

Nov. 15th. Lecture by Mr. W. S. Rowntree, M.A., on "Extinct Animals and their Modern Representatives."

Dec. 8th. Confirmation Service in St. Helen's Church.

Dec. 14th. Past v. Present Match.

Dec. 16th. School Dance.

Dec. 18th. School Concert.

Dec. 20th. End of Term.

#### MARRIAGES.

MORTLEMAN—PHILP.—On July 10, at Mount Whitestone, Grantham, Queensland, D. F. Mortleman, second son of Mr. J. Mortleman, of New Barnet, to Isabella Philp.

MORLAND—ESTRIDGE.—On July 31, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, by the very Rev. the Dean of Winchester, assisted by the Rev. H. T. Maitland, Vicar of Abingdon and the Rev. F. Marriott, Vicar of Wootton, Oxon.—William Thornhill Morland, third surviving son of John Thornhill Morland, Esq., of Abingdon, to Elizabeth Dorothy, fifth daughter of E. Estridge, Esq., of The Square House, Abingdon.

ALDRIDGE—BUTLER.—On Aug. 5, at Westgate Congregational Church, Peterborough, Philip James Aldridge, of 14, The Greenway, Uxbridge, to Mildred Lound Butler.

MOORE—THOMSON.—On Sept. 3rd, 1912, at All Saint's Parish Church, East Finchley, by the Rev. Cuthbert E. Holthouse, B.A., of St. John's College (Cambridge) Mission, Walworth—Geoffry Franklyn Moore, son of the late Harold Moore, and stepson of Captain S. M. A. Walker, Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, Kent, to Kathleen Bithiah, daughter of James Thomson, The Cedars, Fortis Green Road, London, N.

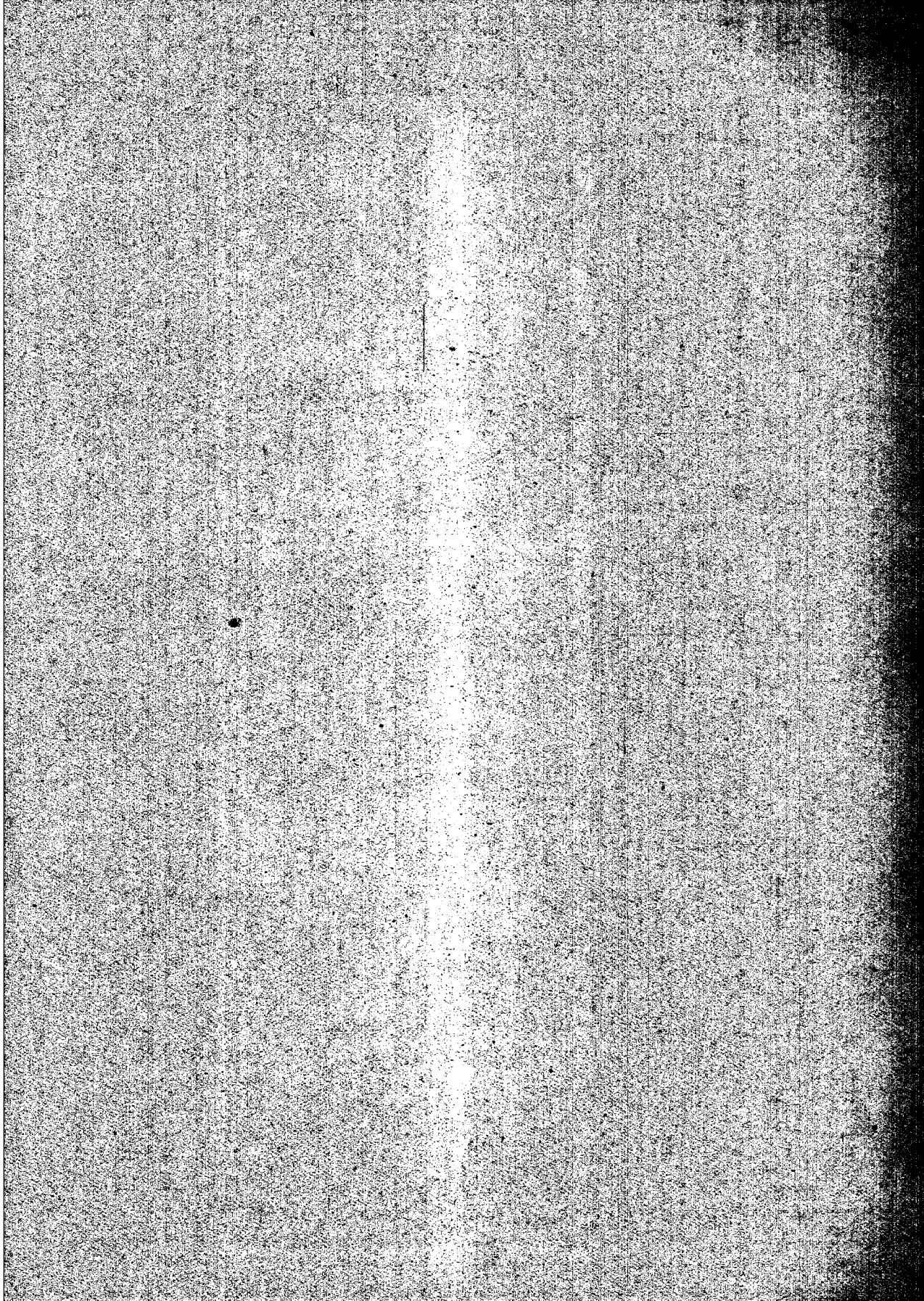
D'ALMAINE—HORSEPOOL.—On Sept. 5th, 1912, by license, at St. Helen's Parish Church, Bishopsgate, E.C. by the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Harry G. W. d'Almaine, of Abingdon, to Edith, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horsepool, of Sutton Surrey.

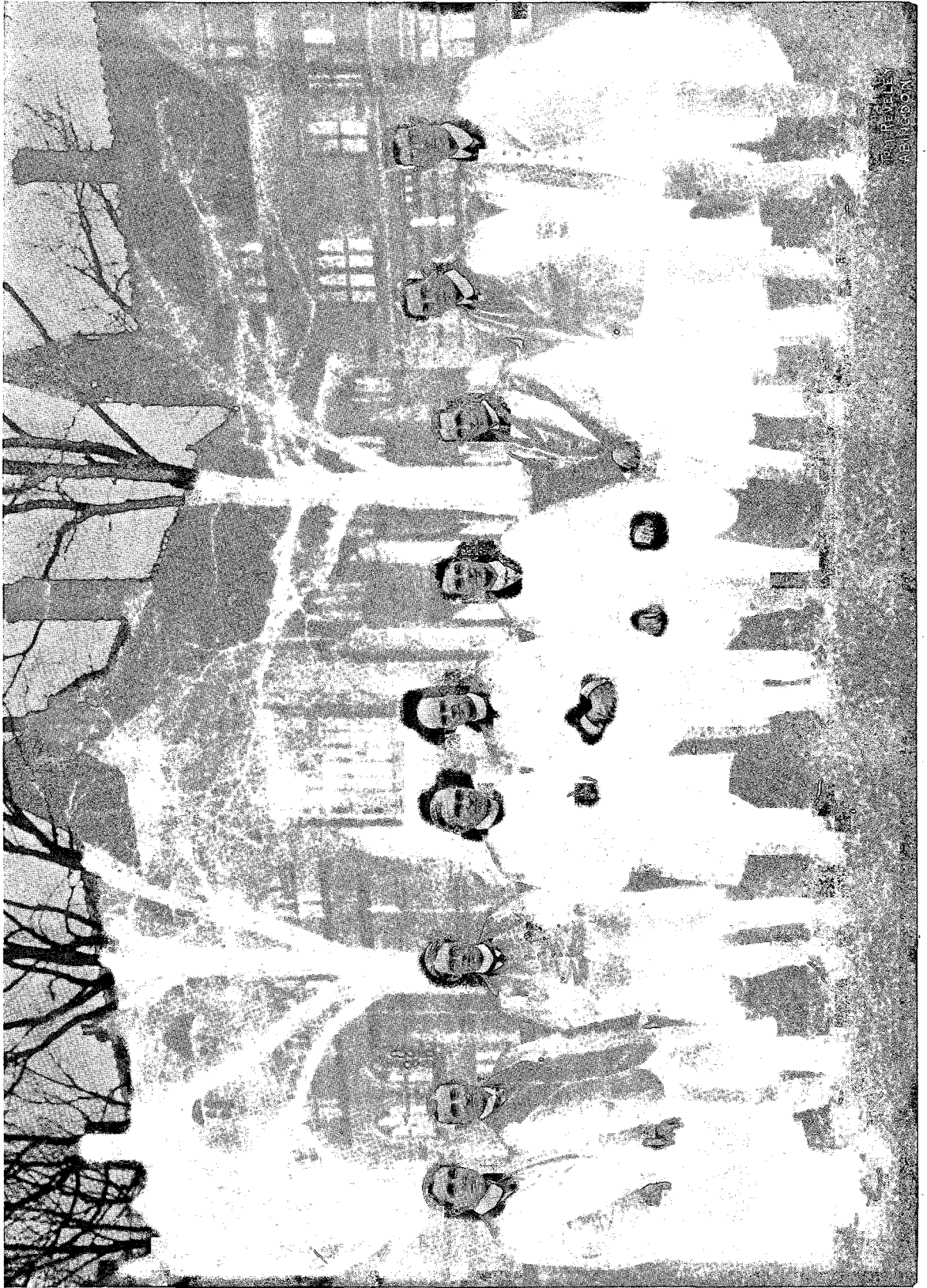
DUNCAN—VALETTE.—On Sept. 26th, 1912, at St John the Baptist's Church, Redyr, Norman Duncan, of Llandaff, to Gladys Marguerite Dauvergne Valette of Redyr.

CHALLENGOR—HUDSON.—On Oct. 16th, at St. Paul's Church, Durban, Natal, Reginald Ferrier Challenor, to Muriel Constance Hudson.

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