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THE REV. T. LAYNG.

The end of this Easter Term, as our readers are already aware, brings with it a loss to the School of no ordinary character. Mr. Layng has been with us now for twenty years, and he has become an integral part not only of the School, but of the Town and of the whole County, throughout the length and breadth of which his name is known and respected, as indeed it is in larger educational circles.

To possess a Headmaster of so wide and honourable a reputation is, from the point of view of prestige, no slight advantage to a school such as ours; and in losing Mr. Layng we feel that we are losing an asset of great material value. But this is not the chief part of our loss. It is the severance of the personal ties that we shall feel the most. We shall miss Mr. Layng as a friend: we shall miss his unwearied kindness, his wise direction and encouragement, his ready interest in our affairs and large-hearted sympathy with our difficulties and troubles. And withal we shall miss the friendship of Mrs. Layng, who from the first day that she came among us has made our concerns her own, taking ever a lively interest in the manifold activities of the School, and making us feel that she cared for us personally and was glad to know and welcome us. It is a consolation to think that they will still be our friends, though absent, and to hope that we shall often

see them among us as honoured guests on the scene of their former labours.

But in bidding farewell to Mr. Layng we feel that our regret, natural and inevitable though it is, should give place to other sentiments of a wiser and manlier tendency. The retirement of a tried and trusted skipper is always a melancholy thing for a ship that has long obeyed his will ; but fortunately the life of a school is something more than the passive obedience of a ship ; and therefore we feel that Mr. Layng is leaving us not merely the memory of past services, but an inheritance and an inspiration for the future.

Our first thought then is one of gratitude. The School as Mr. Layng leaves it, both outwardly and inwardly, is a very different place from what it was when he took it over. Its history under his government has been chronicled from term to term in the pages of this Magazine, and a summary of the period is given elsewhere in the present number : but perhaps it is only those who have been on the spot, and in some measure behind the scenes, who can fully appreciate how great our debt of gratitude is—how largely and vitally the ambitions and the progress of the past twenty years have been inspired by Mr. Layng's personality.

For above all things his is a large personality, and it is to a combination of many qualities that he has owed his success. What strikes a stranger most forcibly is the geniality of his manner. "Expansive" is, or was at one time, a favourite word with Mr. Layng, and to nobody is it more applicable than to himself. With a wide range of interests and a large fund of general knowledge, he has

never found it difficult to make his mark in conversation. Indeed he appears capable of discoursing with equal ease upon almost any subject, practical or academical ; for although, like most busy men, he has no one absorbing hobby apart from his work, he is nevertheless a man of cultured taste in literature and art, and of wide and varied experience of men and movements. He is not, however, one of those who monopolise the talk, or turn it always upon lines of their own choosing. He likes others to take their part, his guests especially ; and while possessed of a wonderful power of throwing himself into the concerns of others, even matters about which he may be thought to know comparatively little, he is never satisfied unless he feels that those in his company are really interested too.

But one point in his conversation stands out pre-eminent, and it is this perhaps more than anything that has won for him the respect and confidence of his hearers. Though often personal, it is never uncharitable. Of those whom he admires it clearly pleases him to speak, and of the qualities and achievements for which he most admires them. About those whom he does not admire he manifestly prefers to be silent. Hence it comes about that he has a wide circle of friends, who feel in his company not only that he is giving them of his best, but that in some subtle manner he is drawing the best out of them.

And this, as one gets to know him better, one finds to be due to a real goodness of heart, which makes itself felt in other and more practical ways than mere conversation. One might mention many kindly acts, done secretly, or done so naturally that they appeared mere

matters of course, and were no doubt really such to the doer. But that he is a kindly, large-hearted man is self-evident; and as might be expected of such a man, he set himself from the first to order the School upon liberal principles. To all snobbishness and petty exclusiveness he has proved himself a resolute opponent. Not that he has ever under-valued the great importance of polish and refinement. Far from it. But he feels most strongly that it is real, sterling merit that best repays education, and that real merit is not the prerogative of any one class rather than of another.

But Mr. Layng is a prudent man, and though the changes that have come over the constitution of the School during his tenure of the Headmastership are in the main such as he had desired, yet he saw from the first that there would be difficulties—risks to be faced and prejudices to be overcome. And so he combined boldness with tact; and while holding strong views himself, he employed ever the methods of "sweet reasonableness," and above all a certain power of suggestion, by which an idea, distasteful at first to his opponents, came to present itself to them not only as intrinsically right, but as the natural expression of their own more generous convictions. "We needs must love the highest when we see it," and Mr. Layng has a remarkably persuasive way of making us see it. And so it has come to pass that the changes at Abingdon, great though they have been, have been brought about with less friction than at many other similar schools, and that a larger number of those who love the School are persuaded that on the whole they have been for the best.

The same breadth of outlook is apparent in Mr. Layng's manifold activities outside the more immediate concerns of the School. These have all been of an educational kind, and when we mention that he has served for fourteen years on the Abingdon School Board, for seven years on the Berkshire Education Committee, and that a year ago he was co-opted to a seat upon the Committee of the Headmasters' Conference, besides holding various other offices,*it will be at once apparent how genuine is his interest and how keen his devotion to public service in the cause of education. Further than this, he has proved himself in the performance of this work to possess a very marked capacity for the conduct of public business. A good speaker he undoubtedly is, as all who have heard him at Old Abingdonian dinners and elsewhere can testify. And none who have seen anything of the inner working of the School under his direction can have failed to appreciate his talent for organisation. The work and arrangements for each day seemed always to have been considered in advance. Every detail was provided for, so that to boys and masters alike a sojourn at Abingdon School became a practical training in business-like method and order. And it is, no doubt, to these qualities, combined with his unfailing courtesy and moderation, his clear grasp of essentials, and other powers of which we at school had less opportunity to judge, that he owes his reputation as a valuable colleague, where there has been any public work to be done.

* Abingdon Higher Education Committee (Chairman 1910-1913); Manager of Church Schools; Committee of Abingdon Free Library and Cottage Hospital; Headmasters' Association (Member of Council 1902-1905); Chairman of Berks, Bucks and Oxon Division (1908-10).

It was not the present writer's privilege to be a boy under Mr. Layng's charge, but he has nevertheless had excellent opportunities of observing his methods in dealing with boys. In the first place he was an inspiring teacher. Whether the subject were Scripture, or Literature, or merely Latin Grammar, it was treated in a stimulating manner; so that a lesson with him was no mere task to be gone through, but a living testimony to the value of sound learning. Thorough and accurate he is in all things, and he demanded thoroughness in his pupils: but he did not, like some teachers, make the mistake of sacrificing interest to detail. Hard facts had to be learnt, but greater than the facts was the idea that underlay them.

Out of school he was the kindest of friends, anxious for the welfare of his boys, with an interest in them and their careers that did not stop when they left the School, and indeed is not likely to stop now that he himself is leaving it. The Old Abingdonian Club, which was started about the time of Mr. Layng's arrival, itself owes much of its present vitality to his support and sympathy.

But his kindness was not such as ever sank to the level of indulgence. He is not, one may suppose, even in theory, a believer in the virtues of monotonous placidity. At all events he could be wrathful on occasions, and that with an emphasis which kept us all acutely awake, even if it did not always commend itself at the moment. But for the most part he was tolerant of stupidity and patient even with perversity; and many a boy has owed new effort and improvement to wise words spoken in season.

And he knew when to speak and when

to be silent. While taking all reasonable precautions, he was opposed to anything like meddlesome supervision. In this as in all things he is a courageous optimist, and as such believes rather in positive encouragement to good than in negative protection against evil. Sooner or later the risks of life must be faced, and a strong manhood, he would argue, is hardly to be engendered from an unduly shielded youth. Over-anxiousness in this matter would present itself to his mind as savouring of want of trust in God.

To this care for his boys he added a strong sense of responsibility for the welfare of those working under him. Whether assistant masters, or servants employed about the school premises, all were considered, and all felt that they were in the care of one who would do his best to forward their best interests, regardless of self-advantage. And withal Mr. Layng is an eminently sociable man. Nothing seemed to please him more than to discuss his schemes and prospects with his colleagues. The result was that each felt himself to be an integral part of the School, and was thus led, almost unconsciously, to identify its welfare with his own. There are few Schools that inspire a warmer affection than Abingdon in the hearts of their assistant staff, both past and present.

Of the religious earnestness of Mr. Layng's character it is needless to write at length. All those who know him, even those who know only his original and powerful sermons, can feel instinctively from what source he derives his strength. His courage under adverse fortune, under ill-health, and too often, alas! under heavy personal sorrow, must otherwise

appear amazing. In the theoretical questions of religion he takes a keen interest, and having grappled with difficulties for himself, he has used his experience to strengthen the faith of others. His attitude has ever been a bold one, speaking out fearlessly what he believes and distinguishing the abiding truth from the forms under which it is presented.

And now that we are to lose him, we yet dare to welcome with confidence his successor, praying, in the words of Mr. Layng's own prayer, that the same Spirit which has guided our past may continue still to "enlarge our usefulness, exalt our ideals, build up our faith, that this School may grow with fresh hope and power to His glory and in His service."

A PAGE OF OUR HISTORY.

The following extract from "A History of Abingdon," (1910) by Mr. James Townsend, O.A., will be of renewed interest to our readers.

Under the present Head Master, the Rev. T. Layng (1893), like Mr. Summers a Cambridge man in the long line of dark blue, the School has passed through the crisis that many old foundations have had to face. Its popularity and numbers indicate that it has done so with success. It has in fact been modernised. It is with regret that we see the encroachment of new subjects upon the older learning—so thorough, and sometimes so narrow. But as the age moves on institutions must reform themselves, or cease to live.

The numbers have grown steadily—in spite of one serious set-back, owing to the policy of the Board of Education—and in 1910 reached 122, with eight assistant

masters.* In 1893 a flourishing Old Boys' Club was founded. In 1895 the 'Young and Summers Scholarships' were founded for boarders in mathematics or science. In 1896-7 the Lodge was built to accommodate more resident assistant masters. In 1898 and 1910 two playing fields, to the south of Park Road, acquired to protect the School from building developments, were brought into use for school games. In 1900 Tesdale House was opened as a second boarding house. In 1902 the School was re-admitted as a Public School to the Head Masters' Conference. In the same year was added, at a cost of about £6000, a large block of buildings to the east including a chapel, gymnasium, class-rooms, an art-room and laboratories. Quite recently a workshop has been added. The school music and games have been encouraged with success. The School has now adopted the policy of accepting grants from the Board of Education, the County Council and the town. These generally carry with them heavy burdens and responsibilities. The Roysse, Bennett and Blacknall Scholarships, re-organised in 1878, are now supplemented by County Council Scholarships and an increased number of local scholarships and free places. Finally the success of the old School in solving its modern problems of harmonising the Classical and Modern sides in a mixed school of boarders and day boys is due partly to advisers like Mr. J. C. Clarke and Archdeacon Pott in 1870, partly to the strong body of partly representative Governors, dating from 1878, and partly—perhaps chiefly—to the many gifts of the present Head Master.

* In 1911 the number of boys was 126—twice that provided for by the munificence of John Roysse.

THE HEADMASTER-ELECT.

At a meeting of the Governing Body held at Christ Church, Oxford, on Tuesday, December 17th, Mr. W. M. Grundy, B.A., Sixth Form Master of Loretto School, was chosen to be our new Head-Master.

Mr. Grundy was born in November, 1881, and was educated at Malvern College and at All Souls' College, Oxford, where he held a Bible-Clerkship from 1900 to 1904. He was placed in the 2nd Class of Classical Honour Moderations in 1902 and in the 2nd Class of Litt. Hum. in 1904. He represented Oxford University at Chess and also at Golf and he holds the rank of Lieutenant in the Loretto Company of the O.T.C. From January 1906 to July 1908 he held the position of VI. Form Master at Oakham School, and for a year previously he had been Classical Tutor of Borough Road Training College, Isleworth.

The above record shews not only wide interests, but considerable variety of educational experience.

The son of an Old Blue and a former Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, who was a most successful Headmaster of Warwick School and Malvern College, Mr. Grundy seems to have inherited much of his father's conspicuous gifts as a Scholar and an Athlete. There is every reason to hope that he will also follow in his steps as a great Headmaster. He will start his work here with the good wishes and confidence of us all. The fact that he is an intimate friend of Mr. Ross-Barker will insure for him a special welcome from many Old Boys.

350th ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN ROYSSE'S ENDOWMENT.

Committee.—H. S. Challenor (Chairman), W. M. Grundy (Headmaster-elect), Rev. T. Layng, Rev. Canon Meredith, G. H. Morland, W. A. Rudd, G. W. Shepherd, J. Townsend (Hon. Treasurer), A. O. C. Pryce (Hon. Secretary), Helnestow, Abingdon.

The above Committee has been formed to carry out the commemoration on June 24th and 25th. It is desired to celebrate the event by as large a gathering as possible. Old Boys and all friends of the School are asked to keep these dates free from other engagements and to communicate with the Secretary if they have not received already a notice from him.

Provisional Programme.

Tuesday, June 24th.

Past v. Present Cricket Matches.

The Old Boys will place Two XI's in the field.

*Reception in the evening in the Council Chambers by the President and Members of the Old Abingdonian Club.

Wednesday, June 25th.

Procession from the Old School to St. Helen's Church.

Founder's Day Service.

The Sermon will be preached by the Rev. T. Layng.

*Lunch to Guests, Boys, Parents, and Old Abingdonians.

The Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire will preside.

Prize Giving and Tea at School.

*Ladies will be present at the Reception and Lunch.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

The School Concert was held in the Gymnasium on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, and once more proved a great success.

The Orchestra was quite up to its usual high standard and gave spirited renderings of those old favourites, "The Gondoliers" and "Il Trovatore," though we liked them best in the overture of the "Son and Stranger," in which their skill and tone was much appreciated by the very large audience assembled. Mr. Willis and Miss Hughes played some of Brahms's "Hungarian Dances," as a pianoforte duet, with great taste and feeling. J. Knowles gave us a piano solo that proved him to be greatly gifted. "The Harvest Field" and "The Maybell and the Fairies" were both well sung by H. T. Tombs and R. E. Gibbs, especially the former song, in which both boys displayed good tone and power of expression. Gibbs also sang Schubert's "Ode to Joy" very sweetly.

The Quartette in the first half of the programme was exceptionally well rendered. Mr. Bevir sang "Drake goes West" and delighted his audience so much that an encore was demanded of him. One of the most popular items of the evening was the glee "Mynheer Vandunck," sung by Messrs. Bevir, Baker and Willis; the demands for an encore being very enthusiastically expressed.

The Choir sang admirably. Their powers of restraint and attack were finely displayed, and their tone was excellent. Their most successful efforts were perhaps "The Chorus of Fairies" and "The Night Wind."

We take this opportunity of expressing our warmest thanks to those friends who,

by their kind help in the orchestra, contributed so much to our evening's enjoyment.

The full programme is appended.—

PART I.

1. Pianoforte Duet "Hungarian Dances" *Brahms*
(Nos. 5 & 6)
MISS M. HUGHES AND S. F. WILLIS.
2. Part Song "The Fay's Song" .. *Smart*
THE CHOIR.
3. Song .. "The Mermaid's Song" .. *Haydn*
H. T. TOMBS.
4. Piano Solo (1) Aubade *Cheminade*
(2) Lied ohne Worte *Mendelssohn*
J. KNOWLES.
5. Duet .. "The Harvest Field" *Mendelssohn*
H. T. TOMBS AND R. E. GIBBS.
6. Quartette "Since first I saw your face" *Ford*
H. P. TAME, R. E. GIBBS, S. H. BAKER
AND W. BEVIR.
7. Part Song "Chorus of Fairies" *Mendelssohn*
THE CHOIR.
8. Selection "The Gondoliers" .. *Sullivan*
THE ORCHESTRA.

PART II.

1. Overture "Son and Stranger" *Mendelssohn*
THE ORCHESTRA.
2. Part Song "Flow down cool rivulet" *Selby*
THE CHOIR.
3. Glee .. "Mynheer Vandunck" *Bishop*
W. BEVIR, S. H. BAKER AND S. F. WILLIS.
4. Song .. "Ode to Joy" .. *Schubert*
R. E. GIBBS.
5. Song .. "Drake goes West" *Sanderson*
W. BEVIR.
6. Duet "The Maybells and the Flowers"
H. T. TOMBS AND R. E. GIBBS. *Mendelssohn*
7. Part Songs .. (1) Autumn Song *Campbell*
(2) Night Wind
THE CHOIR.
8. Selection.. "Il Trovatore" .. *Verdi*
THE ORCHESTRA.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

ORCHESTRA.

- 1st Violins*.—Mrs. Fairthorne, Mrs. Humfrey.
Miss Spokes, Miss M. Hughes.
- 2nd Violins*.—Miss E. Spokes, W. H. Puckridge.
C. P. Puckridge, L. Parker.
- Violas*.—Mrs. Couldrey, Alderman Shepherd.
- 'Cellos*.—Miss Payne, W. Ackling.
- Double Bass*.—Miss L. M. Layng.
- Trombone*.—C. Pincock.
- Piano*.—Miss G. Baden.
- Conductor*.—S. F. Willis.

FOOTBALL.

A.S.F.C. v. OLD ABINGDONIANS.—This match was played on the School ground on Saturday, Dec. 14th. The Present won the toss and played with the wind. The game for some time was very even, but afterwards the School pressed and Williams scored from a fine corner by Pratt. Three more goals were added before half-time, Pratt—from another fine corner—Race and Crook adding one each. Immediately after the re-start Pratt scored a fifth goal. The Past, who were now playing against the wind, began to tire, and towards the end the game became very slow. Williams, however, did some pretty things and finished up by scoring a goal, thus leaving the Present winners by 6—0. The backs were very safe, Lupton being as sound as ever, while the halves as a line were improved. Reynolds was good at times, and Crook passed well. Williams had not much to do, but played well towards the finish, and Pratt distinguished himself as usual by his brilliant corners.

The Old Boys had quite a strong team out and their backs played a good game. The halves got very tired towards the

finish and the forward line was spoilt by too much individualism.

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, A. F. Pratt, T. T. G. Race (forwards).

Old Abingdonians.—O.E.Cullen(goal); W. J. Read, C. E. Cook (backs); W. D. Price, F. Parker (Capt.), W. H. Enoch (halves); J. G. Shepherd, W. F. Lay, H. W. C. Barnes, E. H. Harvey, B. J. Bury (forwards).

Referee.—W. A. Rudd, Esq.

SIXES.

Owing to lack of time the Senior Sixes were played this year in Cup-tie instead of in League fashion. The results were as follows:—

In the first round

Donkin's VI. beat Eason's VI. 5—0.

Williams' VI. beat Read's VI. 8—2.

Lupton's VI. beat Pratt's VI. 5—0.

In the next round

Donkin's VI. beat Williams' VI. 4—2.

The final between Lupton and Donkin was quite a good game. At half-time the score was 3—0 for Donkin, but after half-time Lupton came out of goal and both sides pressed in turn, each adding two goals. Donkin's VI. were thus winners by 5—2.

The winning Six was as follows:—H. A. L. Donkin, E. E. Crook, F. V. Enoch, V. S. Northam, C. W. Andrews, A. G. Bartlett.

The Junior Sixes were played in League form and produced some interesting games. The most exciting were those between

Buswell and Weaving for the last place, and between Miles i. and Betteridge i. for the first. The former ended in a draw, and the latter in a win for Miles by 4-2.

The order was as follows:—

1. Miles i.	...	11 points.
2. Betteridge i.	...	10 points.
3. Howard i.	...	9 points.
4. Gibbs i.	...	6 points.
5. Lewis	...	4 points.
6. Weaving	...	1 point.
6. Buswell	...	1 point.

The winning Six consisted of P. N. Miles, H. T. Tombs, H. E. Betteridge, C. Taylor, H. W. Hooke, R. D. L. Devenish.

ROWING.

Rowing this term has been carried on under very great difficulties. This was anticipated last year when adverse conditions prevented tubbing, and so reduced the number of possible oarsmen for this year's crews to an absolute minimum. Of this, more anon, but we were handicapped more severely yet, for it had not been anticipated that we should lose Mr. Gibson's valuable services, and find no one to succeed him.

For some ten seasons Mr. Gibson managed the School rowing, and coached one or other of the crews, and it is difficult to say how much the Boat Club owes to him for its present position, and for the whole-hearted keenness for the sport that unquestionably exists in the School.

It was largely due to him that the Boat Club went through an important change. At one time Rowing was, so to speak, a rival to Cricket. That is, all Rowing took place in the Summer term, so that the School Four usually consisted of non-

cricketers, and rowing aspirants were limited in number. The new arrangement was not altogether popular with some Old Abingdonians, but, lives there an Old Boy so unpatriotic as to willingly concede that the customs of his day can be improved upon? Suffice it to say that, though it was stated that it would be impossible to get a crew of Old Boys together in the Lent term, yet this year it has not only been done, but further their crew has been out regularly,—they have actually rowed trial courses, and finally, have been beaten by the School; whereas it is doubtful whether under the old regime, a crew could have been found to live with them.

Mr. Gibson's departure thus leaves a gap that has not been filled. Mr. Baker therefore enlisted the help of the two old colours, viz., Donkin, the captain, and Eason for the preliminary tubbing. It is of course a bad plan to get those who are themselves being tubbed to take other tubs, because either they get stiff before going out, or get chilled after having been out. Occasionally Mr. Rudd and Mr. Bevir were able to assist, and we had further valuable help from two Old Boys, namely Messrs. Medd and Enoch. The latter took the second crew in charge whenever he could, although he was also rowing in the Old Boys' crew. On other occasions Mr. Baker had both crews out together and adopted various means of showing which member of which crew was meant, or which 'cox.' Whilst both "three's" seemed willing to admit they might be in fault,—we must in charity suppose each 'cox' thought the other was meant, as they uniformly showed a sublime indifference to any remarks addressed to them. This however is the way of 'coxes.'

The plan, if daring, was not, we believe, altogether a failure; in any case it gave an opportunity of manoeuvring together, and even of competing against each other, e.g., in turning in the stream; moreover the crews got used to rowing alongside another crew.

It appears to be the usual custom for the Rowing Correspondent to give some account of the general experiences or vicissitudes of training throughout the Lent term, but it would seem that in the latter years the stock of adjectives that may conjure up the terrors of the stream or portray the spitefulness of the weather has been already more than exhausted.

If readers will refer to last year's notes they will read that "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;*" and these same words apply now with even greater force. There were but sixteen days left to the date of the Old Boys' race when a Four first ventured below the Bridge, and for a week after that no four succeeded in returning through it. In fact it was not till Monday in the week before the Monkton Combe race that at last the First Four returned through the Bridge and then only by the Coach taking the rudder lines. The Old Boys' crew found the task equally impossible; so that sometimes the boat was carried back by the crew, or had to be left for the watermen to fetch in the morning.

We were left with one survivor of last year's first crew,—Donkin who rowed '2' and one of the second crew—Eason, who

rowed bow, and both 'coxes' had gone. The latter fact provided a difficulty as great as any, for 'coxes' of age and experience often fail lamentably when tackling the Thames in flood; and yet, if anything stands out clearly as one reviews the past term, it is the keenness of the 'coxes.' Each 'tub' went out with a cox-wain as well as a coach, and in all, eight coxwains were given a good trial, six of them certainly showing promise; so that in this respect, some provision has been made for the future, but no new hands could be tubbed, and with term ending so early there will be little chance of any pioneer work in the closing days of this term.

It must be many a year since the river was in flood for so long a period. From Christmas day till the end of January the tow-path was under water, and the stream was racing up till the third week in February.

In the early days of the term it was perpetually raining, and tubbing was no congenial task. Occasionally we had the customary squalls and gales, with a regular 'sea' near the bathing place, though after the fours got out we had practically no rough water to contend with, as the wind usually came from the East or North-East, sometimes freezing the water on the oars (and wrists as well) and giving the crews a cruel journey home against wind and stream. Down-stream it was almost impossible for the coaches to keep near the crews, the tow-path for the greater portion of the time being a mere quagmire, whereas up-stream a walking pace sufficed. With the conditions then so adverse to the oarsman it was very difficult to correct faults or to teach him how to get hold

of the water.

Apart from a few six-stone juniors, who had been in a tub, we commenced the season with ten oarsmen of a sort. Two of these decided not to row and so the eight remaining had to form the two crews. This simplified matters to some extent, but left no reserves, so that when the stream subsided somewhat, two 'heavy' weights—(a few pounds over seven stone and eight stone respectively) from last year's nursery were tubbed as 'reserves.'

As the old second four, presented to the Club many years ago by a number of Old Abingdonian enthusiasts, had to be discarded last year, we were left with only one 'four'—the 'John Roysse,' which Mr. Layng so generously gave the Club, as a surprise gift in 1909. We therefore had to hire a 'four' from Salters' and the two crews went to Oxford on Saturday, Feb. 8th, and rowed her down, coming through Iffley Lock with the 'Varsity crew and launch, so that they were enabled to see something of the Oxford boat doing the long course. Ellis coxed the boat down; and any who know the Oxford course will scarcely believe it possible, but, through a misunderstanding, leaving their coach at Salters', he took the crew right down to Iffley without an easy—the river meanwhile swarming with Torpids, either rowing or preparing to row their final practice course. The 'Varsity launch was on ahead of him and the 'Varsity crew was getting out as they passed the Boat-house. Their unhappy coach had to run full speed to Iffley to endeavour to over-haul them e'er the expected catastrophe should occur. The crew had never of course been on this water before, and although 'cox' had been informed as to the

rule of the river, it was not supposed that he could remember all its intricacies.

The stream was very strong and with glorious weather the journey was so rapidly accomplished that the first crew were given a spell of up-stream work and then disembarking walked or trotted some distance up stream with the 'Varsity crew. Their President had kindly sent us word of their journeys below Sandford and we were thus twice enabled to see them row, though in spite of their five 'Olympic' oarsmen they could not be held up as a model crew to inspire beginners. A scratch crew with F. Parker at stroke, S. H. Baker (2) and H. A. N. Medd (bow) took the boat from Nuneham to the Abingdon Horse Ferry, and then in taking the punt across the stream to fetch the School crews, got held in mid-stream, by the force of the current against the chains. The latter fortunately held against the enormous pressure and after an 'easy' to recover from their efforts the stern was shoved up-stream, and with the chain unshipped from the stern pin the journey was easily completed.

A magnificent sunset greeted us at Abingdon Lock.

The 'Salter' boat suited us admirably, and though eleven years old was quite a fast one. Strange to say this added to our difficulties. Being bigger and heavier than the 'John Roysse' she was easier to sit, but no matter what changes were made in the two crews, after a day or two together, the second crew always beat the first! This, though very exasperating, proved a most fortunate thing in the end. Various alterations were made, but still, if anyone were banished from the first crew and put in the 'Salter' boat, he

promptly rowed like a new creature and his successor as promptly deteriorated. Eventually in the last full course on the Saturday before the races, the second crew ran right away from the first, the latter rowing in the 'John Roysse.' Mr. Baker therefore spent some hours measuring both boats throughout, and he promises us an article concerning the same, so that all we need say here, is that further important alterations were made, the height of the seats was altered by putting in new pieces, and seats and stretchers were all moved two inches farther aft, thus of course altering the centre of gravity of the boat, when manned, and again, altering the height of the work, and of the bodies above the heels.

On the Monday various trials were repeated, and at last a first crew was found that could, in the School boat, beat the second four by a full length in rowing for one minute, and at last the constitution of the crews was fixed.

We have never previously had a boat that could compare with the 'John Roysse' in point of speed, and the above has certainly afforded information that should prove very valuable in the future as showing the rig of a boat suitable for a school-boy crew. The above details do not affect the workmanship of the boat, which is first class, and after five seasons she is still in excellent condition, and, with the alterations, she runs lighter than ever before.

A new set of Ayling's double-girder oars were used in the races, the colours being laid on this year with a white spike down the shaft of the cerise coloured blades.

Some of the difficulties above mentioned arose through the eight oarsmen being with all their various faults, and weights, and styles, extraordinarily equal in merit, though of course inexperience made it difficult for them to sit a lighter boat. At first Eason stroked the first crew, with Lupton at 'three'; nearly everyone else was tried at 'two.' The crew did not go well, and eventually Donkin was tried at stroke, Eason going bow, and a considerable improvement was shown for a time. Lupton however, was in bed for three or four days, and was not fit during the following week, so he was put in the second crew who were doing lighter work. Michelmores was obviously the most strenuous worker of both crews, but it seemed impossible that he would not upset a crew if he were put into the lighter ship. Eason however had so lost his form, rowing in lifeless fashion that the 'last minute' change saw Michelmores installed at '2' with Davenport stroking and Donkin back at his place at bow, where he again rowed in much improved style. Lupton having recovered, again went '3.'

Graham stroked the second boat in good style and was as good as Davenport, save that he proved hardly able to last the full course. Northam also did well over the short course, but failed at the long course; he was however commendably keen, and occasionally rowed remarkably well.

We believe the two fours combined would have made a remarkably good 'eight' for a school of our size.

Enoch when a little older should prove a useful oar. At present he seems afraid to let himself go. Ballard 'coxed' the second boat for a long period, but could not keep the boat straight, he was how-

ever very keen and will be useful later on, when he has more experience.

Ellis should have boldly gone for the Monkton crew in the race, and have driven them over to their station, with a shout to his crew to let them know what he was doing, for the oars overlapped before they led by their canvas, and their side of the river was deserted. He can hardly be blamed however for keeping on his shortest course. We hesitate to think what would have happened to the Monkton Combe crew had they had to row in the exposed water without fore-canvasses. As it was, even when they had captured the sheltered station, the water frequently ran over the fore-canvas. The conditions for the race were unfortunate, as the crews of both Schools had not had a similar experience; we however, naturally, with the more open water to practise on, showed the better watermanship; but the Monkton Combe 'first' crew was far superior to ours and thoroughly deserved their fine victory.

We wish we could match them in weight!

Their second crew on the other hand, was much lighter than ours.

If we can get recruits tubbed, our prospects for next year will be quite favourable.

The first crew did very well to beat the strong Old Abingdonian crew; we cannot remember a more exciting race against the Old Boys, and we look forward to another similar struggle next year.

Miss Krohn worked a most beautiful flag for the School boat. The silver dragon on the red shield—we will not attempt to speak 'heraldically'—was placed on a white silk ground, with vertical cerise

stripes on either side, the whole being fringed with white silk feathering.

It is whispered that the 'coach' was a fearful martinet as to certain details, but however that may be, the resulting product was a testimony, not merely to Miss Krohn's perseverance and her artistic craft, but also to her devoted interest in the School.

In previous years a series of practice times have been given as a guide for coaches, and there is little need to add to them this year, save perhaps to mention some of the '2nd crew' times. With a strong stream they paddled to the Cut in 8 min. 40 secs., paddling the course down stream in 3 min. 30 secs. more than once, and on the day of the Old Boys' race when the stream had subsided, rowed a practise course in 4 min. 14 secs. The 1st crew, on a calm day with a slight stream got within half-a-length of the 1st gate in 1 minute, starting from the Chimney.

We take the following accounts from the "Field's" issue of March 8th.—

A.S.B.C. v. OLD ABINGDONIANS.

The annual race between Abingdon School and the Old Abingdonians took place on Culham Reach on February 26. The conditions were ideal and there was practically no wind. The O.A.'s won the toss and chose the Berks station. However, the School crew getting off smartly took a lead of nearly a length in the first half-minute and holding this over half the course were hotly pursued for the rest of the journey. With the station favouring them the O.A.'s slowly drew up, but the School put on a final spurt and won by one-third of a length. The crew representing the Old Boys had been practising

regularly and contained three former boat captains.

PRESENT.	PAST.
(bow) H. A. L. Donkin (Capt.)	W. H. Enoch
(2) T. G. Michelmores	H. A. Mills
(3) F. W. Lupton	O. B. Challenor
(str.) A. Davenport	F. Parker
(cox) A. Ellis	W. N. Hooke

Time 4 min. 1 sec.

A.S.B.C. v. MONKTON COMBE B.C.

The annual races between the above Schools' first and second fours took place at Abingdon, on March 1st, over the Culham Reach course. The first crews started near Sutton Pools, rowing about six furlongs, and the second crews a course of 1000 yards. The conditions, though favourable to fast times, were not very pleasant for the fairly large numbers of spectators assembled on the bank, and a very cold wind from the south-west blew up the course and the water proved unexpectedly rough. The heavy Monkton first crew shipped a great deal of water paddling down, although the lighter second crew of Abingdon remained quite dry. Abingdon therefore offered to have fore-canvasses fitted, which caused a long delay.

The second crews rowed first and Abingdon winning the toss gave Monkton the more exposed Berks station, with the result that Abingdon getting right away at the start soon established a good lead and the Monkton crew were in difficulties in the rough water. Abingdon eventually won easily by well over three lengths in 3 min. 56 secs.

2nd IV.

ABINGDON II.		MONKTON COMBE II.
(bow) F. V. Enoch	9 0½	E. McLaughlin
(2) A. Eason	10 2	E. Line
(3) V. S. Northam	10 3½	T. S. Warren
(str.) R. M. Graham	10 4½	F. Fernibough
(cox) J. N. Sanders	6 3½	J. A. Taylor

In the race between the first crews Abingdon again won the toss and chose the Oxon station. The bend was in their favour at the start, but the extra weight of the Monkton crew soon manifested itself. They adopted cutting-down tactics and went all out at the start to get the lead. By taking Abingdon's water they hoped to avoid the rough water on the Berks side. Their coxwain was decidedly daring, and with the oars overlapping Monkton were lucky to avoid a foul; but the manoeuvre proved successful, and before open water was reached they had sought the shelter of the Oxon bank. Abingdon rowing in their opponents' wash fell further astern and were beaten by four lengths in the very fast time of 5 min. 10 secs.* Monkton were a heavy and vigorous crew, much above their standard of recent years, for the home crew were certainly faster than their winning crew of last year. In the first event Abingdon have won three times to Monkton's twice, and of the second crews the record is Abingdon three, Monkton Combe one.

Crews:—

MONKTON 1ST.		ABINGDON 1ST.
(bow) S. G. Budgett	12 2	H. A. L. Donkin 9 5½
(2) W. B. Darroll	12 4	T. G. Michelmores 10 0½
(3) H. G. Anderson	11 7	F. W. Lupton 11 5
(str.) A. McLaughlin	10 4	A. Davenport 10 4
(cox) A. H. Green	6 10	A. Ellis 5 11½

*The School's time was 5 min. 20 secs.

ROWING CHARACTERS.

1st IV.

H. A. L. DONKIN (bow) Captain. Colours 1912-13. 9st. 5¾lbs. A keen and energetic Captain. Improved amazingly when placed at bow, but could not reproduce the same form when tried as stroke. Eventually proved the best oar in either boat, using all his weight, but

was inclined to be unsteady over the stretcher, and as with the rest of the crew, the feathering left room for improvement.

T. G. MICHELMORE (2), Colours 1913. 10st. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. An honest hard-working oar, who rows himself well out. Pulls the finish with his arms and consequently unsteadies the boat. Rushes forward over the stretcher and so hurries stroke.

F. W. LUPTON (3), Colours 1913. 11st. 5lbs. A very keen oarsman. Slices the beginning and lets his body fly back. Consequently is much shorter than might be expected, but rows hard. Must learn to sit up more, get his hands away more quickly and hold his head up.

A. DAVENPORT (stroke), Colours 1913. 10st. 4lbs. An energetic stroke, but has a set pace which he seems unable to alter, and makes too much difference between rowing and paddling. In a race gets his crew off well for the first minute, but must learn to lengthen out. Got very short in the Monkton Combe race. Needs to arch his wrists more gradually and so get a firmer grip at the beginning and get his hands away more smartly.

A. ELLIS (cox), Colours 1913. 5st. $11\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Has improved a great deal, but needs more experience. Must learn especially to watch the time and encourage his crew at the right moment. Steers well.

2nd IV.

F. V. ENOCH (bow), Half-Colours 1913. 9st. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Needs to be more energetic when paddling, but rows well in a race. Is very slow at the finish, especially in getting his hands away, and might use his legs to more advantage.

A. EASON (2), Half-Colours 1912-13. 10st. 2lbs. Stroked the first four at the beginning of training, but seemed to lose his form and energy. Needs to sit up more coming forward, and keep his shoulders square, and get a firmer beginning.

V. S. NORTHAM (3), Half-Colours 1913. 10st. $3\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Is the right build for an oar, and has a much longer swing than the rest of the crew. Rather lost his head in the race and then rushed forward and so hurried stroke. At times remembers to sit up and use his weight, and then rows well.

R. M. GRAHAM (stroke), Half-Colours 1913. 10st. $4\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Sets a good stroke, but is apt to be hurried by (3). Kept his crew well together in the race. Must learn to finish with his legs.

J. N. SANDERS (cox), Half-Colours 1913. 6st. $3\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Steered a good course in the race, encourages his crew, but might watch the time more closely. Should pay more attention when coxing in practice.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

This year the School Sports were held on Saturday, March 8th, and contrary to our experience in 1912, we were favoured with a fine and sunny day, though a cold wind blew from the north-west. Moreover, during the period of training we had had but little rain, so the track was in good condition. Quite a number of parents and friends came to see our efforts and were rewarded by some keen racing, though no exceptional times were recorded. Donkin repeated his success of last year by carry-

ing off the Heber Clarke Challenge Cup, this time increasing his points by winning six events. The Weight Putting was not up to our usual standard and we hope for better performances against the Old Boys. Race did well for a boy of his age and should be capable of great things a year hence. His winning throw in the Cricket Ball was done with perfect ease, and his sprinting is very promising. Williams won the High Jump with a very neat jump in the old-fashioned style. Among the younger boys Betteridge and Devenish both shewed considerable promise.

The two School Mile Races were held on Monday, March 10th. In the Senior event Donkin ran very well and won by thirty yards from Williams in good time. Crook won the Junior event from Ellis i. and Parry after some keen racing.

The Steeplechases were run on the Common on Saturday, February 15th. We had had heavy rains for some time previous and a great deal of the course was under water, so under the circumstances the times were good. Donkin won the Senior event for the second year in succession, though Williams pressed him in the homeward run and was a good second. In the Junior race Creswell, the winner, performed very creditably and should be heard of again.

At the conclusion of the Sports the prizes were presented to their various recipients by Mrs. H. T. Clarke. Afterwards three cheers were given for Mrs. Clarke and for the Prize Donors.

1.—Long Jump (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by A. Stockton, Esq., O.A. Prizes presented by J. F. Downing, Esq.). 1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, F. W. Lupton. Distance 19ft. 0½in.

2.—Long Jump (under 15).

(Prizes presented by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A.) 1, A. W. Welch; 2, E. E. Crook. Distance 16ft. 4½in.

High Jump (open).

(Prizes presented by W. A. Rudd, Esq., and Shell Classical). 1, W. C. Williams; 2, H. A. L. Donkin and F. W. Lupton. Height 4ft. 10½in.

4.—High Jump (under 14).

(Prizes presented by G. Saxby, Esq.) 1, H. E. Betteridge; 2, T. N. T. Leach. Height 4ft. 0¾in.

5.—Hurdle Race (open).

(Prizes presented by J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A., and IV. Modern). 1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, F. W. Lupton. Time 20 secs.

6.—Hurdle Race (under 15).

(Prizes presented by W. Bevir, Esq., and IV. Classical). 1, D. Cullen; 2, E. E. Crook. Time 25½ secs.

7.—Hundred Yards (under 12).

(Prizes presented by H. Donkin, Esq., and Remove Classical). 1, E. S. Brown; 2, R. D. L. Devenish. Time 14 secs.

8.—Hundred Yards (under 14).

(Prizes presented by W. Legge, Esq., Mayor of Abingdon). 1, R. W. Henry; 2, H. E. Betteridge. Time 13 secs.

9.—Hundred Yards (under 16).

(Prizes presented by H. P. Simpson, Esq., O.A., and Remove Modern). 1, T. T. G. Race; 2, V. S. Northam. Time 11 3-5th secs.

10.—*Hundred Yards* (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Price. Prizes presented by the Rev. the Head Master and V. Classical). 1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, T. T. G. Race. Time 11 1-5th secs.

11.—*220 Yards Handicap* (under 13).

(Prizes presented by Shell Forms). 1, R. D. L. Devenish; 2, H. E. Betteridge. Time 31 4-5th secs.

12.—*Putting the Weight* (16 lbs.) (open).

(Prizes presented by J. T. Morland, Esq., and VI. Modern). 1, A. Davenport; 2, A. F. Pratt and H. W. B. Burkett. Distance 26ft. 5in.

13.—*Quarter Mile Handicap* (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by W. Pierpoint, Esq. Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon). 1, T. T. G. Race; 2, R. M. Graham; 3, V. S. Northam. Time 59 1-5th secs.

14.—*Choir Race* (300 yards handicap).

(Prizes presented by S. F. Willis, Esq. and V. Modern). 1, R. H. Candy; 2, H. E. Betteridge. Time 44 secs.

15.—*Throwing the Cricket Ball* (open).

(Prizes presented by Miss Krohn). 1, T. T. G. Race; 2, A. F. Pratt. Distance 92yds. 2ft.

16.—*Half-Mile Handicap* (open).

(Prizes presented by Mrs. Layng, M. T. Tatham, Esq., and II. Form). 1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, E. Ellis; 3, E. L. Parry. Time 2 min. 16 4-5th secs.

17.—*Old Abingdonian Race* (100 yards).

(Prize presented by the Games Fund). 1, E. H. Thomas. Time 12 1-5th secs.

18.—*Consolation Race* (1 lap).

(Prize presented by J. G. T. West, Esq.) 1, A. Alder.

One Mile Race (open).

(Run on Monday, March 10th).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Burkett. Prizes presented by H. Burkett, Esq., W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A., and III. Form). 1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, W. C. Williams; 3, R. M. Graham. Time 5 min. 2 3-5th secs.

One Mile Race (under 15).

(Prizes presented by M. T. Tatham, Esq.) 1, E. E. Crook; 2, E. Ellis; 3, E. L. Parry. Time 5 min. 45 secs.

Steeplechase (open).

(Run on the Common on Saturday, February 15th). Prizes presented by S. H. Baker, Esq., and VI. Classical.) 1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, W. C. Williams; 3, R. M. Graham. Time 13 min. 6 secs.

Steeplechase (under 14).

(Run on the Common on Saturday, February 15th). (Prizes presented by C. A. Pryce, Esq., and Shell Modern). 1, L. H. C. Creswell; 2, J. N. Sanders; 3, C. Taylor. Time 7 min. 12 secs.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND
DEBATING SOCIETY.

Once more we are unfortunately compelled to report a lack of enthusiasm in members of the Society, though we do not cease to hope for a revival of the same.

We greatly regret the loss of the services of Mr. H. H. Gibson, Vice-President of the Society since its foundation in 1904. His

place has been very efficiently filled by Mr. Richard Willis.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room at 4 p.m., on Friday, December 13th with the Vice-President in the Chair.

After the customary transaction of private business Mr. E. H. Harvey read a most able and interesting paper on Count Leo Tolstoi.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. W. B. Box, seconded by Mr. S. H. Baker, and carried unanimously.

This was the final meeting of the Christmas Term.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room at 4.15 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 24th, with Mr. Richard Willis, the new Vice-President, in the Chair.

The minutes of the Meetings held on Dec. 6th and 13th were read and passed.

Mr. G. Woods was then called upon to propose "that this House views with regret the decrease of interest taken in Classics."

H. W. B. Burkett opposed the motion, being seconded by W. C. Williams.

The following gentlemen also addressed the House:—

Pro.—T. H. Buswell and W. H. Wood.

Con.—P. F. Clark, F. W. Lupton and H. A. L. Donkin.

Mr. S. H. Baker also addressed the House, but for which side was uncertain.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 10 votes to 6.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room at 4.15 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 31st, with the Vice-President in the Chair.

After the minutes of the previous Meeting had been read and passed, H. A. L. Donkin was called upon to propose "that in view of the results of the recent

Olympic Games this House considers English Sport to be decadent."

A. Eason seconded and R. M. Graham opposed the motion.

The following members also addressed the House:—

Pro.—W. H. Wood and W. C. Williams.

Con.—Mr. Richard Willis and H. W. B. Burkett.

At the conclusion of the debate a heated discussion arose on the wording of the motion, which practically resulted in a lesson in English Analysis. One Member had the temerity to censure the Secretary who, however, effectively vindicated himself.

On dividing, the House decided for the motion by 7 votes to 5.

FROM A NEW COUNTRY.

Johannesburg was practically non-existent five and twenty years ago. There were no 'houses' worthy of the name. The ground was a vast expanse of veldt; nothing but dry, parched, sun-burnt ground, relieved only by occasional hills and rock. To-day Johannesburg is the largest town and the great business centre of S. Africa. It is, therefore, no exaggeration to claim that this is indeed a 'new country.'

On arriving at Capetown the first thing to attract one's attention is naturally the Mountain. Table Mountain towers above the boat, flat on the top and covered with a mist overhanging the sides. The mist is often seen on a dull morning and is usually referred to as the Table-Cloth. The station at Capetown does not strike one as being an important railway terminus, and the trains do not compare at all favourably with those of the great English

railways. The carriages are of the corridor fashion, however, and at the end of each coach there is a seat, where passengers can sit out-of-doors and see what there is to be seen. The Karroo is the most tiring and oppressive part of the country to journey through. Miles and miles of the most uninteresting veldt are passed and the only variety in the scenery is an occasional 'river' without any water. Doubtless in the rainy season of the year there may be a little water to be seen, but certainly the chances are that the traveller will find the rivers empty.

As the train approaches the Free State and the Transvaal several war-cemeteries may be seen, each grave having a monument of some kind, if it be only a small cross. The stations are very few and far between, but it must be remembered that the journey to Johannesburg is 1000 miles. There are many sidings at which passengers may join the train; and these are conspicuous for their lack of platforms. A siding has no platform at all and no ticket-office, but there is usually a house close by, and the train is stopped by a man waving a red handkerchief. At various stopping-places Kaffirs, of many different tribes, may be seen, wearing a blanket only and accompanied by their piccanins who are usually minus even the blanket. The arrival of the Mail train each week is the one event of interest in the routine of their lives.

The climate in Johannesburg is almost ideal. In summer it is distinctly hot, but not 117 degrees in the shade, as in other parts of the country. The evenings are always cool and certainly "the night is the best time of the day!" The two chief disappointments to the stranger on

arriving in summer are the dust and want of rain. Another disappointment which might be mentioned is the entire absence of green grass. There is not a great number of double-storied houses, and so one is often saved the necessity of climbing stairs. The Kaffir boy usually proves a useful factotum at a cost of two to four pounds a month. He is a useful "machine" (by no means a "person,") and has an excellent memory, but no brain nor any originality. One can quickly pick up snatches of his language, and a Kaffir, if treated with consideration, often stays in one place for many years. This town is surrounded by the dumps of the gold mines. Its buildings are large and imposing, and its best shops compare very favourably with the best shops in provincial towns in the Old Country.

Pretoria, thirty miles away, is composed largely of a Dutch community. It is often so hot and stuffy, that after a day's visit one is relieved to get to the station for the return journey. It is 1000 feet lower than Johannesburg, and its chief places of interest are the Cathedral, Zoo and Cemetery. In the latter are the graves of Kruger and Rider Haggard's Jess.

The journey to Natal is lovely indeed. Natal scenery improves as one approaches the Coast. The battle-fields are passed, and at length Pietermaritzburg, the capital is reached. The one beauty of this little town is the really marvellous organ in the Town Hall. When that has been played upon, the visitor will be lucky to find much more of interest. He will probably return to the station "bored stiff."

Durban is the Brighton of S. Africa. It is the most delightful sea-side resort for a winter holiday. The season is the

months of July to September (mid-winter). It is brim-full of interest. Bathing in the shark-proof enclosure is most popular, and a jolly afternoon may be spent on board a tug which plies for fishing in deep sea, going out about ten miles. The sport is great fun and any amateur may, with ordinary luck, bring back a dozen or more most delicious fish. Young sharks are often landed on these expeditions. There is a whaling-station close by, where often five or six whales are brought in daily. These are then cut up at the station and this is an interesting proceeding to watch. Lastly, mention must be made of Marconi's Signalling Station, where one can have the elements of Wireless Signalling explained, upon obtaining permission from the Post Master.

Natal is a place to be visited in the winter months only, owing to the heat, and often by so doing one goes to the other extreme, and finds the journey bitterly cold. During the writer's last trip in that direction all the water was frozen on the train, and many of the passengers ordered three bottles of soda-water for shaving purposes. It is not *infra-dig* to ride in a rickshaw in Natal, and rickshaw-boys in Durban are most elaborately dressed up in white cotton knickers, with their legs white-washed, and with plumes, quills and peacock-feathers on their heads. They sometimes manage to attach the horns of some animal to their heads as well, and vie with each other in trying to make themselves attractive.

The town of Johannesburg is very cosmopolitan and in the tram-cars one can often notice people from all over the world. The Jewish element is very much in evidence, and a very large number of

Scotchmen are living here. There are also numbers of stores, for fruit and sweets, kept by Greeks, but possibly the most hospitable people among the Whites living here are the Americans. For business purposes one must 'keep one's eyes open'; for in a town with a moving population the principles of some people are none too straight. However an Englishman is always an Englishman, and, if this be remembered, there is no danger.

It is really time I subscribed myself—

B. E. T. S.

OUR 'MODERN' POETS.

It is popularly supposed that the average boy is a most unpoetical creature. If he were nick-named 'the Poet' maybe he would feel somewhat aggrieved; he might even interpret it as meaning that he could not jump so high or run so fast as the boy who taunted him with his nickname. And yet it would seem that the average boy is more of a poet than is generally supposed. They are not so foolish as to talk in a dreamy poetic way; they would be loth to say what they thought upon certain matters, and if asked would explain them in very humdrum fashion, but, given the opportunity, where self-consciousness could be eliminated, and your most energetic sportsman, your passive or your active villain, the lazy creature or the plodder, all with few exceptions seem able, of their own free will, to think at least one pretty thought.

What we quote below was perfectly spontaneous. It was intended, with the aid of poems, to show a 'Nature-study' class on the 'Modern' side, something of

the human or poetic side of the changes to be seen in Nature, more especially at this time of year.

On enquiring what poetry-books they might have in common, and stating the reason for the query, a certain enterprising boy suggested it would be preferable if they could make up poems themselves ! Strange to say the idea was very popular among the boys who were present at the time. 'Spring' was therefore selected as the subject; and, with a warning that they should not write too many verses, nothing more was said, and that evening the various verses that follow were written. They have not been altered in any way. Here and there the omitting or addition of a single word would greatly improve the rhythm, and sometimes perhaps the alteration of a single word, would improve the idea expressed; it has been thought better, however, to print them just as they were sent in. The age of the author is given for the sake of comparison; we print what were considered the three best poems in full; we leave the reader to select the best for himself.

AN ODE TO THE SPRING.

Oh spring thou dearest of my heart,
Whose herald the gay young lark,
Who from his throne in the corn fields
yellow
Sings forth his praises soft and mellow.

The flowers dress in colours bright
And snow-drops don their caps of white,
A primrose once more opes his eyes,
And smiles again up to the skies.

E. Brown, 11 years, 8 months.

HAIL TO SPRING.

When Winter drear has passed away,
and Spring's approach we hail,
Then plants awake and swiftly grow, all
over hill and dale,
The lambs are born, the sheepbell chimes,
And birds return from foreign climes.

Awake from sleep, the rats and bees,
And buds appear on all the trees,
The birds begin to build their nest,
And mice arouse from Winter rest.

The fields assume a brighter hue,
Also the sky a deeper blue,
And by her own hand, Nature paints
green,

All hedges and fields in the world, I ween.

T. N. T. Leach, 12 years, 5 months.

POETRY ON SPRING.

The Spring, the Spring, the cheerful
Spring,

When wild flowers bloom and wild birds
sing,

Without a withered or dying leaf,
To give a single thought of grief,
Well may we welcome back the Spring,
The Spring, the Spring, the happy Spring.

On the bank of the grassy lane,
The yellow primroses bloom again,
And beneath them as pretty; and prettier
yet,

Is found the modest violet.
While the wild bee flying on restless wing,
Makes music to welcome merry Spring.

And high up, in the bright blue sky,
The lark lets forth its melody,
In the fields, like an echo, a song is heard,
The cuckoo's song, a homeless bird,
While better yet, like an invisible thing,
The Nightingale whistles to cheer up the
Spring.

How cold and heedless the eye must be,
Which, unmoved, the beauty of Spring
can see,

How deaf the ear, which is unstirred
By the drone of the bee and the song of
the bird.

And still more cold, and hard the heart,
To which these no thought of joy impart.

Harry Wiggins, 11 years, 10 months.

The styles of our youthful poets are
many and varied. Wilfred E. Wheeler
(13 years, 1 month) writes with delightful
simplicity throughout. He concludes—

"In Spring the days do longer get
And sometimes they are very wet;
The trees are also very bare
And there is not much shelter there."

Seeing that he had in mind the Spring
days of this year's February, we feel
bound to agree with him.

Another scorns the aid of mere rhyme
to express his ideas, thus Charles B.
Edwards (14 years, 5 months) writes—
Spring with its old affections
Calls to life hidden treasures—
The snow-drop, daffodil and violet,
Return to duty once again."

On the other hand Henry J. Edgington
(13 years, 11 months) proves most in-
genious in finding a suitable rhyme. His
second verse runs—

"The little bird he builds his nest,
And all the time he chirrups;
The dormouse wakens from his rest,
And the huntsman takes to his
stirrups."

Cyril T. Gibbs (12 years, 8 months)
adopts a quieter vein—

"Flowers, Flowers, how sweet are you
After the first Spring morning's dew,
You pretty things, how do you grow,
In the ground after the snow?"

Frank Smith (14 years, 2 months)
delights in poetic imagery—

"I welcome the procession of summer
flowers
With their gay banners, and the birds
that sing
Their song of songs from their aerial
towers.
I soften with my sunshine and my
showers
The heart of earth.
With thoughts of love I glide
Into the hearts of men—."

Robert W. Henry (13 years, 11 months)
has a few pretty phrases—

"Down in the low dale, up on the high
hill
All things are green and yet very
still."

whilst Winston Scrivener (12 years, 11
months) ends with a song of praise—

"New life in all around us,
New visions of things unseen,
All admire thy beauty,
All thy praises sing."

S.H.B.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The following is the list of Preachers
in the School Chapel this Lent.

Feb. 5. The Head-Master.

„ 12. Rev. R. M. Rees, M.A., Chap-
lain of Christ Church, Oxford.

„ 19. The Vicar of Abingdon.

„ 26. Rev. E. B. Mackay, M.A.,
Vicar of Sutton Courtenay.

Mar. 5. The Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson, D.C.L., Master of Pembroke College, Oxford.

„ 14. Rev. W. R. Baker, B.A., Vicar of Hagbourne.

Richard Willis, Esq., B.A., late Open Classical Scholar of Exeter College, Oxford, and formerly Assistant-Master in St. Paul's School, London, has been taking the VIth Form this term in the place of Mr. Gibson.

The President and Fellows of Trinity College, Oxford, have appointed the Rev. H. E. Salter, M.A., to succeed Mr. Layng as Sunday Morning Lecturer at S. Nicholas Church. Although we much regret that the long and close connection between the School and the Abbey Church has come to an end, yet we heartily congratulate the congregation upon the election of so eminent a Scholar. The Headmaster of the School still retains the right to nominate a preacher on the last Sunday evening in July.

The following boys have left:—

G. J. H. Ingold (V. Non-Latin).

F. L. M. Harris (Remove Latin, Cox of 2nd IV.).

G. R. Iles (Remove Latin, Second XI. Football).

H. P. Taylor.

New Boys:—

Day Boy—F. Smith.

Several senior members of the School have attended on Monday evenings the following Lectures in the Guildhall.

Jan. 20. Submerged Continents—by Mr. A. C. Hyde Parker.

„ 27. A Chat about Paris—by Rev. G. Whelpton, M.A.

Feb. 10. Buddhism—by Mr. D. B. Javatilaka, B.A.

„ 17. A night with Scott—by Mr. John Wilson.

„ 27. Theosophy—by Mr. Baillie Weaver.

Mar. 3. Tennyson's In Memoriam—by Rev. V. L. Whitechurch.

H. A. L. Donkin has been elected Captain of the Boats.

A. Davenport, F. W. Lupton and T. G. Michelmores have been awarded their rowing colours and A. Ellis his colours as Cox. R. M. Graham, V. S. Northam and F. V. Enoch have been given half-colours for rowing and J. N. Sanders half-colours for Coxing.

A. S. Dove has been given Gymnasium colours.

Full Colours for Athletics have been awarded to W. C. Williams, A. Davenport and T. T. G. Race, and half-colours to H. W. B. Burkett, V. S. Northam and R. M. Graham.

W. C. Williams has been elected for Mathematics to the Abingdon Scholarship at Pembroke College, Oxford.

A. F. J. de C. Williams has passed into Sandhurst. He stood 51st on the List.

E. A. Mortleman has passed the Preliminary Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

A. O. C. Pryce, O.A., has been elected Clerk to the Abingdon Borough Magistrates in succession to W. J. Sedgfield, O.A.

O. B. Challenor has joined as Lieutenant the "F" Company of the 4th Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

The Rev. Basil M. Challenor, B.A., of Worcester College, Oxford and Cuddesdon Theological College was ordained Deacon on Sunday, February 16th, by the Bishop of Ripon. He has been licensed to the Curacy of Guiseley.

G. H. G. Shepherd won the 100 yards Race in the Oxford University Sports in the fast time of 10 1-5th secs., and has been chosen again to run as first string in that event against Cambridge.

A.B. West has gone to British Columbia to take up an appointment there as Architect and Surveyor.

T. G. Michelmores has been appointed a cadet on the P. & O. Steamship Line and sails for Australia in April.

C. P. Puckridge goes to the East Indies at the end of the month to take up rubber planting.

The following passages have been selected for Canon Meredith's Composition Prizes.—

Latin Prose:—Macaulay's Essay on Lord Clive. "Cowley who was among" to the end of the Essay.

Greek Prose:—How and Leigh—History of Rome—p. 421 "A halo of Eastern legend . . . the struggle between East and West."

An additional Museum Case has been placed in the Top Corridor. It contains among other things the Cup which was won by the School in a Scratch Eights Race at the Abingdon Regatta in August, 1869. The School Crew was as follows:

H. Sloan	...	Bow.
J. Beedle	...	2.
A. Relton	...	3.
W. Witham	...	4.
B. Challenor	...	5.
T. Sharps	...	6.
A. S. Fisher	...	7.
F. Pacey	...	Stroke.
W. Morland	...	Cox.

Our Collection of Coins has found a more convenient home, for which we are indebted to the combined skill of Mr. Wright and Mr. Southern.

Our best thanks are due for the following gifts—

To Miss Krohn for the lace which she has made and presented to the Chapel.

To the Rev. T. Layng for two copies of "The Abingdonian," Vol. IV., which he has given to the School Library.

To Mrs. Donkin for some geological specimens from Nova Scotia, which have been placed in the Museum.

To Mrs. Layng for an enlarged photograph of the Headmaster, which has been hung in the School House Dining Hall.

To Miss Krohn for the handsome flag which she has worked for the Rowing Club.

To Mr. Wright for a group of portraits of Scientists, which has been hung in the Top Corridor.

Term ends on Thursday, March 20th. Next term will begin on Tuesday, April 22nd. Boys in School House and Tesdale House will return on Monday, April 21st.

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.*

BIRTH.

GOOD.—On Dec. 24th, at Heathfield, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, the wife of Cecil Brent Good, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

PAYNE—KIDD. On December 23rd, at Cochin, S. India, Charles Augustus William, eldest son of the late William Griffin Payne, of Abingdon, to Cicely Bertha, youngest daughter of the late Rev. D. Wilson Kidd.

FESTING—MURPHY. At St. George's Church, Maryborough, Queensland, Michael C. Festing, son of the late Captain M. Festing, of Stratton House, Abingdon, to Miss Murphy, third daughter of P. Murphy, Esq., County Tipperary.

DEATH.

On December 21st, 1912, at his residence, Fairholme, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, James Couldrey, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), M.S.A. (London), aged 62.

[Dr. James Couldrey was educated at Abingdon School, under Dr. Strange, and at Charing Cross Hospital, where he had a distinguished career, gaining Medals for Materia Medica and Medicine. Dr. Couldrey, who had practised at Scunthorpe for 37 years, held many important professional appointments in the district and was also a contributor to *The Lancet*. He possessed high musical ability and was the composer of several hymn tunes. The funeral, which took place at Scunthorpe, bore witness to the affectionate esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.]

ACCOUNT OF CHAPEL OFFERTORIES, 1912.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from 1911		4	13	3½
LENT TERM—				
Collection on 1st Sunday evening		1	11	0
„ at other services ..			14	9
SUMMER TERM—				
Collection on 1st Sunday evening		1	18	9½
„ at other services ..			15	6
AUTUMN TERM—				
Collection on 1st Sunday evening		1	14	5
„ at other services ..			9	0½
Balance due to Treasurer		2	0	8½
		£13	17	6

<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Chapel Notices			2	0
Altar Wine			2	6
Laundress			3	0
Buckle, New Stalls		13	10	0
		£13	17	6

THOMAS LAYNG,
January, 1913.

GAMES FUND ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
JAN. Balance in hand		15	8	9
Games Subscriptions		23	0	0
Boys Sports Subscriptions ..		3	15	9
Sports Donations		8	19	6
		£51	4	0

<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Sports Prizes		15	1	3
Boating account		17	14	6
Repairs to and painting Pavilion ..		6	7	3
Reblading Bats		1	1	6
Printing		1	5	0
Petty Cash		2	0	0
MAR.—Balance in hand		7	14	6
		£51	4	0

WM. ARTHUR RUDD.
W. C. WILLIAMS.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Donations	106	12	6	Stamps	2	1	3
Interest on Deposits	1	2	6	Stationery		14	2
				Printing		1	9
				Tools		9	11
				Grass Seed		1	2
				Wages	84	6	5
				Drawing and Carting		6	2
				Rolling ground		2	2
				Balance at the Bank			5
							2
	£107	15	0		£107	15	0

WM. ARTHUR RUDD

J. H. E. MORLAND

} *Joint Hon. Secs.*

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<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Boarders' Subscriptions	1	17	0	Deficit		1	7
Other Subscriptions	2	6	0	350 Copies of Vol. V. No. 4	5	10	0
Sale of Vols. I. II. III. and IV. (bound)				Printing of Photograph		1	12
to Rev. T. Layng	2	10	0	Postage		9	2
Sale of back numbers		1	6	Address Book			1
Sale of Photographs		1	6	Binding		18	6
Deficit	1	17	3				
	£8	13	3		£8	13	3

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ERRATA.

Vol. V. No. 3. p. 58: Valet, G. J. H. Ashwin—for 2nd XI. Cricket (1911-12)
read:—(1910-abs-1912).

Vol. V. No. 4. p. 82—For—"G. F. Moor has become an Associate of the Institute
of Chartered Accountants" read:—G. F. Moore has become an Associate
of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

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EDITORIAL.

A full account of the recent Commemoration will be found in the special Supplement to the present number. We reproduce as its frontispiece the design, by Mr. O. J. Couldrey, O.A., for the cover of the Old Abingdonian Reception Programme. The Griffin has for once laid aside his ramping and adapted himself to circumstances.

We have nothing to add to what will be found recorded, save to express the very deep gratitude of all Abingdonians, both past and present, to the Celebration Committee, and especially to its Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. O. C. Pryce, O.A., for the able organisation and untiring labours, without which the conspicuous success of this most notable event in our history would have been a thing impossible.

The occasion will always live in the memories of those foster-sons of John Royse, who were proudly privileged to take part in it, and, we doubt not, has drawn still closer the bonds which unite them in gratitude, reverence and affection to their ancient and historic School.

We desire also to assure our new Headmaster, Mr. W. M. Grundy, of our heartiest welcome and warmest good wishes. We leave the fortunes of the School in his hands with the utmost confidence and the fullest hope.

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB
TESTIMONIAL
TO REV. T. LAYNG.

At the end of the Easter Term, after the Past v. Present Sports on March 15th, a large number of Old Abingdonians and other friends met in the Common Room to make a presentation to Mr. Layng as a token of their appreciation of his invaluable service to the School for twenty years, of his great courtesy and kindness to all its members, past and present, of his magnum opus in the extension of the buildings and of the revival and firm establishment of the Old Abingdonian Club under his direction. The testimonial took the form of a cheque for £83 14s 6d., which had been subscribed by Governors, Old Boys and former Masters. The presentation was made by Mr. H. G. W. d'Almaine in a happy speech, and Mr. Layng replied with warmth and feeling.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Will you kindly allow me to express through the Abingdonian Mrs. Layng's and my most grateful thanks to all members of the Old Abingdonian Club for their generous parting gift?

We propose to spend their liberal cheque upon some mementoes which will bear witness in our new home to the great kindness which we ever received from all who were connected with Abingdon School. We can never forget such kindness, nor the friends who shewed it.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS LAYNG.

The following gifts were presented to Mr. Layng on his retirement last term.

A Cheque for £83 14s. 6d. from the members of the Old Abingdonian Club, consisting of Governors, former Masters and Old Boys.

A Silver Cup from his Colleagues on the Staff.

A Silver Rose Bowl from the Present Boys.

A Silver Egg Frame from the School Servants.

An Illuminated Address and a Cheque for £30 from the Congregation of St. Nicolas Church.

A Silver Fruit Dish and a Silver Match Box from the Tradespeople of Abingdon.

PAST v. PRESENT ATHLETIC
SPORTS.

This annual contest with the Old Boys was held on Saturday, March 15th, the Old Boys winning by six events to three. The day was fine, but half a gale blew from the W.N.W., and this made running along the side of the wall a difficult matter. Under the circumstances Donkin's time for the Mile was particularly good.

The standard of previous sports was well maintained. All the four competitors threw the Cricket Ball more than 87 yards, and in the Long Jump all exceeded 18 feet. R. G. Rice won five events for the Old Boys and H. A. L. Donkin three for the School.

At the conclusion of the Sports the Challenge Cup, won by H. A. L. Donkin, and prizes for the School Miles were presented by Mrs. Donkin.

LONG JUMP.

1, H. A. L. Donkin (A.S.A.C.); 2, F. Parker (O.A.C.). Distance 19ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

HIGH JUMP.

1, R. G. Rice (O.A.C.); 2, W. C. Williams (A.S.A.C.). Height 4ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

100 YARDS.

1, R. G. Rice (O.A.C.); 2, T. T. G. Race (A.S.A.C.). Time 10 1-5th secs.

HURDLE RACE.

1, R. G. Rice (O.A.C.); 2, H. W. B. Burkett (A.S.A.C.). Time 18 secs.

ONE MILE.

1, H. A. L. Donkin (A.S.A.C.); 2, W. H. Enoch (O.A.C.). Time 4 min. 59 4-5th secs.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

1, R. G. Rice (O.A.C.); 2, A. F. Pratt (A.S.A.C.). Distance 31ft. 9in.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

1, F. Parker (O.A.C.); 2, D. Napper (O.A.C.). Distance 101 yds. 1ft. 4in.

QUARTER MILE.

1, R. G. Rice (O.A.C.); 2, T. T. G. Race (A.S.A.C.). Time 60 secs.

HALF MILE.

1, H. A. L. Donkin (A.S.A.C.); 2, W. H. Enoch (O.A.C.). Time 2 min. 17 2-5th secs.

SCHOOL MILE (Open).

Run on Monday, March 10th. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Burkett. Prizes presented by H. Burkett, Esq., W. R. Portal, Esq., and III. Form. 1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, W. C. Williams; 3, R. M. Graham. Time 5 min. 2 3-5th secs.

SCHOOL MILE (Under 15).

Run on Monday, March 10th. Prizes presented by M. T. Tatham, Esq. 1, E. E. Crook; 2, E. Ellis; 3, E. L. Parry. Time 5 min. 43 secs.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS.

The Public School Sports were held this year on April 23rd. The weather was ideal and the track in excellent condition. The fact that term had begun deprived us of many supporters, but we were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Layng and Miss Krohn among those present.

The number of entries was somewhat larger than that of last year, and in four events the holders were contesting their titles, namely Burkinshaw-Smith of Owen's in the Hundred, Marshall of Taunton in the Hurdles and Humfrey of Oakham in the High Jump and Long Jump. This was unfortunate for the School representatives, for Williams was defeated only by Humfrey in the High Jump and Donkin was second to Smith in the first heat of the Hundred. The latter, however, was well beaten by Morris of Bury School, Lancs. in the final. Donkin failed to finish in the Half, which was won in good time by Selincourt of Bradfield, who also won the Quarter. The School gained their first success in the High Jump, in which Williams jumped excellently, clearing 5ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. and just missing the 5ft. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. which left Humfrey the winner.

In this connection the following expert criticism from the pages of a contemporary, will interest our readers. "W. C. Williams of Abingdon, who secured second place, starts off with two or three quick little steps, then a nervous halt, a sprint, a

final dash and then over all in a bunch. A good jumper, though, Williams, and if he paid more attention to the position of his legs when going over, I fancy he would come on no end."

In the hurdles Marshall finished alone, in fine style, and we have since seen that he was competing in this event at the L.A.C. Meeting. Morris again succeeded in beating the holder in the Long Jump where Humfrey did not find his form. Donkin failed to finish in the Mile, but he and Williams wound up the day by coming in First and Second in the Steeplechase and beating Bourne, the winner of the Mile. Donkin ran with splendid judgment and won easily by 40 yards.

Bury, Lincs., and Bradfield shared the School Cup with two Firsts apiece, while the School obtained a First and two Seconds.

ROWING.

THE ANNUAL REGATTA.

The Regatta, taking place on the day after the 350th Anniversary, was attended by a large number of friends and Old Abingdonians. The sky, cloudy in the morning, cleared in the afternoon and the greater part of the programme was carried out in bright sunshine.

Several new events had been introduced, partly, I believe, to take the place of the Day Boys' and Boarders' race, which it was found impossible to row on this day, and partly to give Old Boys an opportunity of taking an active part in the rowing, which they have not been able to do since the Old Boys' race and Scratch Fours have been dropped out of the programme. These events included a Tug of War

between Day Boys and Boarders, and Scratch Pairs and Canoes for Old Abingdonians and visitors.

The Tug of War, probably more amusing for the spectators than for those taking part, was won by the Day Boys—the first pull only after a long struggle.

In the Senior Pairs, H. A. L. Donkin and A. Eason won easily, the other crew stopping opposite the raft.

The Junior Pairs provided the usual exciting finishes and were won by D. Elford, J. Knowles and E. C. Ballard (cox).

The School Fours were won by Donkin's Four, though Lupton's crew made a good race of it, especially considering that two of their men had not rowed in a four previous to this race.

One thing was rather unusual—the Rowing Captain carried off three or four prizes. It used to be almost a tradition that the Captain should compete in almost every event on Regatta Day, and win none.

The outstanding feature of the day, if one may say so, was the number of entries for the Scratch Pairs and Canoes. As present Boys were inadmissible, the greater part of the competitors were Old Abingdonians, and the entries, numbering 33, point to a greater attendance of Old Boys at the Regatta than usual.

The Scratch Pairs were won by W. H. Enoch, W. D. Price and K. G. Stevens (cox) after a fine race with O. B. Challenor, T. S. Wilding and J. G. Shepherd (cox). Enoch and Price took the lead immediately after the start and just managed to hold it, although the other crew were coming up towards the finish.

The Canoes were most amusing, the greater part of the competitors preferring

to be in the water than in their canoes. Mr. Adcock provided us with a little excitement by slipping over the stern of his canoe and leaving his partner stranded in mid-stream. The final was won by O. B. Challenor and F. Parker, and the prizes were then distributed by Mrs. Grundy.

It is not a little to be regretted that the Regatta was not announced sooner as taking place on the day after the celebrations, as many Old Boys were unaware of it. Indeed I heard several say that, had they known before, they would have arranged to stay another day. I feel too, that I must give voice to the continual complaint of Old Abingdonians—the rowing of the Old Boys' Race in the Easter term. Of course we know that this is the School rowing term, but I must say that the Regatta was much more of a social function when the race was held on that day. No doubt the 'big tent' had something to do with this, but I should think the Old Abingdonian Club would be willing to renew this if the race were rowed on Regatta Day, or even if events were introduced in which Old Boys might take part. And it is for this reason that I am glad to see such events brought into the programme this year, and hope that they will continue to form a prominent feature of the Regattas in the future.

O. A.

PROGRAMME OF REGATTA,

THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH.

COMMITTEE:—

President: W. M. GRUNDY, ESQ., Headmaster.

Umpire: REV. W. B. BOX.

Judges:

W. BEVIR, ESQ., & J. H. E. MORLAND, ESQ.

Starters:

W. A. RUDD, ESQ., and S. F. WILLIS, ESQ.

S. H. BAKER, ESQ.

Captain of Boats: H. A. L. DONKIN.

A. DAVENPORT. A. EASON.

Co-Opted: H. W. B. BURKETT. W. C. WILLIAMS. A. F. PRATT. J. N. SANDERS. J. KNOWLES.

JUNIOR PAIRS. Semi-Finals (200 yds.)

W. H. Wood	<i>beat</i>	D. Cullen
T. H. Buswell		W. C. Williams
C. M. Humfrey (cox)		I. S. R. Miles (cox)
		by one foot.
D. E. Elford	<i>beat</i>	J. A. Howard
J. Knowles		H. V. Ellison
E. G. Ballard (cox)		L. A. Lewis (cox)
		by 3 lengths.

CANADIAN CANOE RACE. Semi-Finals. (200 yds.)

H. A. L. Donkin	<i>beat</i>	A. Davenport
W. C. Williams		A. S. Dove
		by half a length.
F. W. Lupton	<i>beat</i>	D. Cullen
F. V. Enoch		R. E. Gibbs
		by 2 lengths.

PUNTING RACE. (200 yds.)

H. A. L. Donkin	<i>beat</i>	T. H. Buswell
A. Eason	<i>beat</i>	D. Cullen

SCHOOL FOURS. Final. (400 yds.)

<i>Donkin's IV.</i>	<i>beat</i>	<i>Lupton's IV.</i>
H. W. B. Burkett (bow)		D. Cullen (bow)
F. V. Enoch (2)		A. F. Pratt (2)
H. A. L. Donkin (3)		F. W. Lupton (3)
A. Davenport (str.)		A. Eason (str.)
A. Ellis (cox)		J. N. Sanders (cox)
		by half a length.

JUNIOR PAIRS. Final.

Elford, Knowles and Ballard (cox) *beat* Cullen, Williams and Miles (cox) by half a length.

CANADIAN CANOE RACE. Final.

Donkin and Williams *beat* Lupton and Enoch by half a length.

PUNTING RACE. Final.

Donkin *beat* Eason easily.

SENIOR PAIRS. Final.

F. V. Enoch	<i>beat</i>	H. A. L. Donkin
A. Davenport		A. Eason
J. N. Sanders (cox)		E. G. Ballard (cox)
		easily.

TUG-OF-WAR IN PUNTS (6 a side).

Day Boys *v.* Boarders.*Day Boys.**Boarders.*

F. W. Lupton	<i>beat</i>	H. W. B. Burkett
A. Davenport		W. C. Williams
A. Eason		T. T. G. Race
F. V. Enoch		A. S. Dove
A. F. Pratt		A. G. Bartlett
H. A. L. Donkin		J. Knowles
by two pulls to none.		

SCRATCH CANOES. (18 entries).

Open to Old Abingdonians and Visitors
introduced by the Committee.

F. Parker and O. B. Challenor *beat* E. Shepherd
and S. H. Baker by a length.

SCRATCH PAIRS. (15 entries).

W. H. Enoch, W. D. Price and K. G. Stevens (cox)
beat O. B. Challenor, T. S. Wilding and J. G.
Shepherd (cox) by half a length.

This event provided some very keen struggles.

DAY BOYS *v.* BOARDERS.

(Four-Oared Race).

ROWED ON JUNE 30TH.

Challenge Cup presented by W. Pierpoint, Esq.

(Holders : Day Boys). 500 yards.

<i>Day Boys.</i>		<i>Boarders.</i>	
H. A. L. Donkin (bow)		J. Knowles (bow)	
A. Eason (2)		W. C. Williams (2)	
F. W. Lupton (3)		H. W. B. Burkett (3)	
A. Davenport (str.)		G. Woods (str.)	
A. Ellis (cox)		J. N. Sanders (cox)	

Won by Day Boys by $4\frac{1}{4}$ length.

This race was originally fixed to be rowed before the Regatta, since both Stroke and '3' in the Boarder's crew had Examinations on Regatta day. The fixture however proved abortive, for owing to an agency outside the match, the Day Boy's boat became unrowable and, though leading throughout, the boat was almost at a standstill in the last two lengths, the Boarders finishing about half a length a-head. Mr. Baker, as Umpire, decided the race must be rowed again. Unfortunately Graham was still away, but the race could not be further postponed, so that the Boarders had to row against practically the School Four with a re-organised and weakened crew.

The Club had to hire a boat from Salter's for the Regatta, and two glorious afternoons were occupied by the School Crew (with Messrs. Baker and Enoch as coaches and 'reserves') in bringing down and returning the boat to Oxford. Tea at Sandford provided a welcome interlude. Unfortunately for want of a boat, the Annual Form Fours could not be held this year.

CRICKET.

Looking back upon the season of 1913, we can contemplate it with feelings of satisfaction. 9 wins, 3 losses, 4 draws. With a nucleus of only four old Colours it was no easy task to fill the remaining places, but fate kindly settled the question of selection, and the team, as finally constituted, proved distinctly above the average.

The batting talent was somewhat superior to the bowling, each member being liable to perform noteworthy feats in his own particular style. There were stayers and hitters, both orthodox and the reverse; and except on the few occasions when it was attacked by "nerves," the team acquitted itself with considerable credit.

The outstanding feature was the general keenness displayed in the field, which accounts for the low scores of some of the opposing teams. This fact only emphasises the importance of smart fielding and the necessity of holding the catches, especially when the bowling is not over strong. Bowling was the weak spot; this need not be, because with care and perseverance any one can make himself into a very useful bowler, capable of sending down at least four good length balls an over; and there are few batsmen that can withstand this persistent and insidious attack without disclosing their weak spot. To come to individualities, Crook has great promise as a left-hand bowler and would be well advised to persevere in this department. Williams' "googlies" on a suitable wicket were very effective; but it must be realized that he bowls for catches, and if the catches are dropped, where are we?

The team has been particularly fortunate in having a wicket-keeper in Lupton whose reliability was a great source of confidence to the "trundler."

In fielding, where all were good, it would be invidious to make distinctions, but Williams' sureness and Donkin's swiftness were remarkable. Race, as a bowler, has not yet learnt the art of controlling the ball and must pay more attention to length.

Of the junior members of the team from whom we hope for great things next year, Eason, Warwick and Edgington show promise, and if they, and not only they, will take to heart some of the previous recommendations, we may get as successful a team in 1914.

1st XI. MATCHES.

A.S.C.C. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL. Played on the School ground, on Saturday, May 3rd. The School winning the toss batted first. Lupton and Graham played steadily and Edgington made a creditable first appearance. Our running between the wickets was very poor, no less than three wickets being lost through bad judgment. The School made 91, to which Magdalen could only reply with 53, Pratt finding the soft wicket to his liking, and we thus won quite easily by 38 runs.

A.S.C.C.

F. W. Lupton b Martin.....	16
H. A. L. Donkin run out	3
A. F. Pratt run out.....	1
R. M. Graham c Scattergood b Martin	18
E. E. Crook b Millard	0
W. C. Williams run out	9
H. W. B. Burkett b Attwood	6
H. J. Edgington b Amon	11
F. E. Spokes b Millard	10
A. Eason b Field	7
V. C. Warwick not out	0
Extras, Byes 9, Leg Byes 11..	10

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M.C.S.C.C.

G. E. C. Attwood b Crook	0
C. B. Shepperd c Williams b Pratt	0
H. Amon run out	21
T. A. Scattergood b Pratt	7
T. Sophianopoulos b Pratt	0
V. A. V. Jessel b Pratt	0
W. M. Millard c and b Pratt	1
E. N. Martin c Williams b Pratt...	7
H. R. Searly run out	12
K. L. Dams c Williams b Crook...	4
R. J. Field not out	1
Extras.....	0

53

Bowling—Pratt 6 wickets for 10; Crook 2 for 21; Graham 0 for 15; Williams 0 for 3; Spokes 0 for 2.

A.S.C.C. v. BEAUMONT WANDERERS.

On Saturday, May 10th, at home, we played the Beaumont Wanderers, a team from Worcester College, for the first time. Donkin, who was captain in the absence of Williams, lost the toss and "Beaumont" batted first. They were all out, however, for 55, Mr. Bevir quickly finding a length. Mr. Grundy and Lupton put on 25 for the first wicket and Mr. Baker and Lupton raised the score, before the second fell, to 54. Lupton played an invaluable innings of 27. With the exception of Graham and Race the rest of the team failed. The innings, however, realized 96 and we won a most enjoyable game by 41 runs.

BEAUMONT WANDERERS.

Farquahson b Bevir	0
Wigan c Race b Pratt	1
Parsons c Pratt b Bevir	6
Liesching run out	7
Hind c Eason b Pratt	4
Fletcher c Spokes b Bevir	17
Talbot b Race	10
Roseway b Bevir	7
Belcher c Donkin b Race	1
Firmingir b Bevir	0
Desai not out	2
Extras.....	0

55

Bowling—Bever 5 for 21; Pratt 2 for 23; Race 2 for 11.

A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. M. Grundy c Wigan b Fletcher	19
F. W. Lupton c and b Desai	27
Mr. S. H. Baker b Desai	16
A. F. Pratt c Talbot b Desai	0
Mr. W. Bevir c Wigan b Hind ...	2

R. M. Graham c and b Desai	11
H. A. L. Donkin b Fletcher	0
A. Davenport run out	7
F. E. Spokes b Desai	0
T. T. G. Race not out	7
A. Eason b Fletcher	0
Extras.....	7

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A.S.C.C. v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE. On Wednesday, May 14th, we met Pembroke on the School ground, and winning the toss went to the wickets first. Mr. Grundy played a good innings of 34, and then a rot set in, though Mr. Baker gallantly tried to avert it. Race helped him to put on 22 for the last wicket and the innings closed for 117, Mr. Baker still going strong with 38 to his credit.

Pembroke did not find Mr. Bevir at all to their liking and at the close of play, 9 of their wickets were down for 82. The result was a draw greatly in favour of the School—a draw, which might have been a victory, had the bowling been managed more skilfully at the end of the innings.

A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. M. Grundy st. Baldwin b Packard	34
R. M. Graham c Hutcheson	0
F. W. Lupton c Cullen b Hutcheson...	4
Mr. A. J. Richards c and b Hutcheson	8
Mr. S. H. Baker not out	38
Mr. W. Bevir b Cullen	1
Mr. W. A. Rudd c Baldwin b Packard	1
H. A. L. Donkin b Packard	2
A. F. Pratt run out	5
W. C. Williams c Hutcheson b Packard	6
T. T. G. Race c Williams b Cullen...	7
Extras, Byes 10, Leg Byes 1 ...	11

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PEMBROKE COLLEGE, OXFORD.

J. H. Hutcheson c Graham b Pratt ...	1
A. A. Cullen c Donkin b Bevir	4
E. W. S. Packard b Bevir	11
C. F. Baldwin c Pratt b Bevir	2
R. B. T. Hill b Bevir	0
H. K. Pearce b Richards	24
B. Webb c Grundy b Bevir	0
E. S. Toogood b Bevir	17
F. A. Ballinger lbw b Richards	3
L. V. Williams not out	9
C. V. Edwards not out	0
Extras, Byes 9, Leg Byes 2 ...	11

(for 9) 82

Bowling—Bever 6 for 26; Pratt 1 for 17; Race 0 for 16; Richards 2 for 12.

A.S.C.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL. On Saturday, May 17th, we took both Elevens to Reading, to play Leighton Park School. Our opponents won the toss and batted first on a good wicket. They were dismissed for 89, Bickerton and Edmonds alone offering any serious resistance.

With four wickets down we had scored 80, and seemed certain of victory. Then King, a diminutive bowler who keeps a splendid length, was put on and a total collapse ensued.

Nine wickets down and only 84 runs were on the board. With Edgington and Spokes in we still wanted 5 to tie. Then Edgington scored 5 off the next over and 2 off the next. Edgington was soon bowled by King, and we won by 2 runs. Great credit is due to Edgington, who played pluckily at a critical moment and to King, the Leighton bowler, who almost brought off a sensational victory when a defeat seemed certain. King bowled four overs and took six wickets for seven runs.

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

W. A. W. Bell b Race	7
J. M. Bickerton c Eason b Williams...	28
D. J. Malcolmson c Donkin b Pratt ...	6
H. L. Edmonds b Williams	21
C. Smea b Race	2
R. B. Hopkins c Race b Williams	2
P. S. Cadbury c Davenport b Williams	2
F. S. Harricks c Pratt b Davenport ...	4
J. B. Fryer not out	7
P. F. King c Edgington b Davenport...	0
A. F. Grierson c and b Spokes	4
Extras, Byes 3, Leg Byes 3 ...	6

89

Bowling—Pratt 1 for 24; Race 2 for 28; Eason 0 for 8; Williams 4 for 11; Davenport 2 for 7; Spokes 1 for 5.

A.S.C.C.

F. W. Lupton lbw b Malcolmson.....	11
W. C. Williams b Malcolmson	31
R. M. Graham c Bickerton b King ...	21
A. F. Pratt hit wkt. b Smea	5
A. Davenport run out	1
H. A. L. Donkin c Hopkins b King ...	13
T. T. G. Race c Edmonds b King ...	0
H. J. Edgington b King	8
H. W. B. Burkett lbw b King	0
A. Eason c Hopkins b King	0
F. E. Spokes not out	1
Extras.....	0

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A.S.C.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

On Saturday, May 24th, we journeyed to Oxford to play the High School. We lost the toss and the High School batted first. Our bowling was very weak, several bowlers hoping to get wickets with full pitches and long hops on the leg. The fielding, too, was poor, and the High School scored 135. Our batting, with the exception of Graham's, was feeble, and we were dismissed for 74, losing the match entirely through our own bad play by 61 runs. Graham made 28 not out. He might have hit out more freely when he saw the tail, a very long one, deserting him. In the second innings, all too late, we found our form and dismissed 7 of our opponents for 31.

O.H.S.C.C.

Gibbons run out	15
Golby b Edgington	28
Hughes c Race b Crook	14
Dolley c Crook b Spokes	11
Baylis run out	39
Lawrence c Lupton b Spokes	10
Barnes c Race b Williams	5
Bolt c Davenport b Crook	5
Wilsdon st. Lupton b Williams	1
Brooker c Crook b Williams	0
Townshend not out	0
Extras, Byes 5, Leg Byes 2 ...	7

135

Bowling—Pratt 0 for 22; Race 0 for 10; Crook 2 for 48; Williams 3 for 19; Edgington 1 for 3; Spokes 2 for 12; Davenport 0 for 12.

A.S.C.C.

F. W. Lupton b Gibbons	0
W. C. Williams b Barnes	14
A. F. Pratt c Golby b Gibbons	9
R. M. Graham not out	28
E. E. Crook c Baylis b Barnes	5
A. Davenport b Golby	7
H. A. L. Donkin, c and b Golby	1
H. J. Edgington b Hughes	2
T. T. G. Race b Golby	4
F. E. Spokes b Hughes	0
H. W. B. Burkett run out	1
Extras	3

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A.S.C.C. v. NEW COLLEGE SCHOOL.

On Saturday, May 28th, we took a 1st XI. to Oxford to play New College School. Before this year New College had beaten our 2nd XI. regularly, as well as some of the teams which we play with our 1st XI. We batted first on a good wicket and defeat seemed likely, for we lost 5 wickets for 11 runs. Davenport improved matters and then Donkin and Race took possession and increased our score by 55. Our opponents did not give much trouble and were all out for 59, leaving us victors by 49 runs.

A.S.C.C.

A. F. Pratt b Horser	0
W. C. Williams b Richards	1
R. M. Graham b Richards	8
F. W. Lupton lbw b Horser	2
A. Davenport b Richards	15
E. E. Crook b Richards	0
H. A. L. Donkin c and b Horser	43
H. J. Edgington b Richards	1
T. T. G. Race not out	23
A. Eason lbw b Horser	0
F. E. Spokes b Horser	0
Extras, Byes 14, Leg Byes 1 ...	15

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N.C.S.C.C.

Richards run out	8
Falkner c and b Pratt	0
Barford c Edgington b Pratt	1
Pemberton i. b Race	1
Pemberton ii. c Pratt b Race	1
Wenn c Eason b Williams	12
Horser b Williams	8
Burrill b Pratt	13
Taylor st. Lupton b Williams	0
French c Edgington b Crook	1
Baylis not out	8
Extras, Byes	6

59

Bowling—Race 2 for 17; Pratt 3 for 14; Crook 1 for 5; Williams 3 for 16.

A.S.C.C. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL. We left Abingdon early on Saturday, the 31st of May, in the hope of arriving at a definite conclusion of our match with Bloxham, which is too often left drawn owing to lack of time. But Father Time was not to be outdone, and asked his friend, the Clerk of the Weather, to spoil

the match for him. Unfortunately, the latter complied and sundry thunderstorms so interfered with play that the game was, after all, left unfinished. Our opponents sent us to an easy wicket and we were able to declare at 121 for 6, several wickets being given away in our endeavour to get runs quickly. After tea the sun shone brightly and Bloxham were hard put to it to save defeat. Thanks to Bonnewell, who played a splendid innings of 48 not out, we could only get 7 men out and had to be content with a draw greatly in our favour.

A.S.C.C.

R. M. Graham b Brown	32
W.C.Williams c Williams b Champneys	2
A. Davenport b Brown	12
A. F. Pratt c Harvey b Williams	35
H. A. L. Donkin not out	21
T. T. G. Race c Ravenor b Williams	6
F. W. Lupton not out	2
R. W. B. Reynolds b Brown	1
Extras, Byes 7, Leg Byes 3 ...	10

(for 6 wkts.) 121*

*Innings declared closed.

E. E. Crook, H. J. Edgington and A. Eason did not bat.

B.S.C.C.

Coleman c Davenport b Williams	0
Champneys c Donkin b Pratt	10
Bonnewell not out	48
Cain b Williams	7
Ravenor c Lupton b Williams	1
Riddle c Crook b Williams	0
Harvey b Williams	3
Metcalf c Donkin b Williams	0
Williams not out	1
Extras.....	0

(for 7 wkts.) 70

Woolliams and Brown did not bat.

Bowling—Pratt 1 for 27; Williams 6 for 13; Crook 0 for 14; Reynolds 0 for 8; Edgington 0 for 8.

A.S.C.C. v. BRIGHTWELL C.C. On Wednesday, June 11th, we received a visit from the Brightwell Cricket Club. We won the toss and batted first on a good wicket. Mr. Rudd and Mr. Richards opened the innings and scored freely all

round the wicket. The 'hundred' went up without loss and it was not until 159 had been registered that Mr. Rudd was out for a splendid innings of 64. Mr. Richards continued merrily and soon reached his century, his success being greeted with great applause. It was a fine display, noteworthy for its splendid cutting. The School declared at 191 for 3. Brightwell were then dismissed for 158, no one but M. W. Wells who, mainly by fine off-driving, exceeded the century, causing any trouble. Mr. Bevir bowled well and in spite of having to bowl half the time to Wells, came out with the fine analysis of 7 for 52.

A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. A. Rudd b Tarry	64
Mr. A. J. Richards not out	101
F. W. Lupton lbw b Tarry	2
R. M. Graham b Taylor	8
Mr. S. H. Baker not out	4
Extras, Byes 9, Leg Byes 3 ...	12

(for 3 wkts.) 191*

*Innings declared closed.

E. E. Crook, Mr. W. Bevir, W. C. Williams, H. A. L. Donkin, A. F. Pratt and A. Eason did not bat.

B.C.C.

M. W. Wells c Baker b Crook	104
B. Butler c Crook b Bevir	2
S. Wood run out	5
F. Tarry b Bevir	11
B. C. Taylor c Donkin b Bevir	11
T. Hammond c Lupton b Crook	2
Rev. A. Wells lbw b Bevir	0
P. V. Collett c Graham b Bevir	2
G. White c and b Bevir	2
A. Andrews b Bevir	0
R. Hammond not out	0
Extras, Byes 18, Wides 1	19

158

Bowling—Bever 7 for 52; Pratt 0 for 12; Crook 2 for 42; Eason 0 for 3; Williams 0 for 29.

A.S.C.C. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL C.C. On Saturday, June 14th, we played the return match with Bloxham. We batted first on an apparently easy wicket and were dismissed for 66, Donkin alone

reaching double figures. Three men were out through feeling for bumping balls on the off, and two foolishly ran themselves out when runs were hardly needed. Bloxham were very jubilant at having dismissed us for such a poor score, and with Champneys and Bonnewell in seemed certain of victory. Then Lupton smartly stumped Champneys off Crook, and Crook bowled Bonnewell with a beauty which he did not attempt to play. Then Bloxham collapsed before Race and Crook who skittled out the last seven men for eight runs. Bloxham were all out for 38, and we won by 28 runs. In the second innings we made 74 for 2 (Donkin 31; Graham 21 not out).

A.S.C.C.

F. W. Lupton lbw b Champneys	9
A. F. Pratt b Champneys	4
R. M. Graham b Champneys	9
W.C. Williams c Woolliams b Champneys	3
E. E. Crook b Brown	1
A. Davenport c Coleman b Brown	5
H.A.L. Donkin c Champneys b Brown...	17
T. T. G. Race run out	8
H. J. Edgington run out	0
R. W. B. Reynolds b Champneys	0
A. Eason not out	1
Extras, Byes 6, Leg Byes 3 ...	9

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B.S.C.C.

Coleman b Davenport	2
Metcalf b Crook	1
Champneys st. Lupton b Crook.....	12
Bonnewell b Crook	15
Cain b Race	1
Parsons c Edgington b Crook	0
Harvey b Race	6
Riddle b Race	0
Woolliams b Crook	1
Brown c Donkin b Crook	0
Compton-Hall not out	0
Extras.....	0

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Bowling—Crook 6 for 13; Davenport 1 for 13; Edgington 0 for 5; Race 3 for 3; Eason 0 for 4.

A.S.C.C. v. BRIGHTWELL C.C. On Saturday, June 18th, we played the return match with Brightwell on their ground. Neither of the 'centurions' of the preceding

week was able to take part in the game, and we won a low-scoring game by 28 runs. Mr. Bevir, Crook and Eason bowled well for the School, but with the exception of Mr. Rudd and Crook the side did not seem to like the fast bowling of J. M. Hunt.

B.C.C.

J. M. Hunt c Williams b Eason	13
G. Orchard b Bevir	2
S. Richings c Donkin b Crook	7
T. Hammond c and b Bevir	0
H. Eggleton b Eason	11
B. C. Taylor c Williams b Eason	2
Rev. A. Wells b Bevir	11
F. Tarry c Donkin b Crook	8
H. Butler b Bevir	0
C. B. White not out	2
P. V. Collett b Crook	0
Extras.....	2

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Bowling—Bevir 4 for 21; Crook 3 for 15; Eason 3 for 14; Davenport 0 for 6;

A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. A. Rudd c White b Taylor.....	22
A. F. Pratt c Collett b Hunt	9
Mr. S. H. Baker b Hunt	2
R. M. Graham b Hunt	0
F. W. Lupton lbw. b Richings	7
Mr. W. Bevir b Hunt.....	12
H. A. L. Donkin c Eggleton b Richings	5
A. Davenport b Hunt	2
W. C. Williams b Hunt	5
E. E. Crook not out	13
A. Eason b Richings	0
Extras, Byes 7, Leg Byes 2	9

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

The return match with Leighton was played on the School ground on June 21st. Leighton won the toss, and batting first on an easy wicket, made 145 runs. The School bowling was very poor, while Malcomsen, who made 56 for Leighton, was missed three or four times in the slips before he had scored twenty. Donkin again proved to be the only batsman who showed any confidence when we were losing. Graham got 15, but did not settle down, and Race scored 14 off 4 balls, but did not remain to carry on the good work he had begun. Several batsmen

again lost their wickets through feeling for the 'off' ball. We were all out for 84, losing the match by 61 runs. In the second innings we made 67 for 3 (Williams 28; Crook not out 19).

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

D. J. Malcomsen b Edgington	56
T. W. Hopkins b Crook	2
R. B. Hopkins c and b Crook	0
H. L. Edmonds b Williams	17
C. Smee c Edgington b Crook	9
W. Tebbutt b Race	0
J. S. Cadbury c Graham b Edgington...	7
A. F. Grierson c Williams b Davenport	23
B. C. Butler b Pratt	10
J. F. King not out	7
F. S. Harricks c Davenport b Eason ...	14
Extras.....	0

145

Bowling—Crook 3 for 31; Race 1 for 22; Davenport 1 for 14; Williams 1 for 24; Eason 1 for 6; Reynolds 0 for 11; Edgington 2 for 22; Pratt 1 for 14.

A.S.C.C.

F. W. Lupton b T. W. Hopkins	0
A. F. Pratt lbw. b King	8
R. M. Graham c Smee b King	15
A. Davenport b King	3
H. A. L. Donkin c R. B. Hopkins	
b T. W. Hopkins	29
W. C. Williams c King b T. W. Hopkins	8
T. T. G. Race c Edmonds b T. W. Hopkins	14
E. E. Crook b Malcomsen	0
H. J. Edgington b T. W. Hopkins	0
R. W. B. Reynolds b T. W. Hopkins...	4
A. Eason not out	1
Extras, Bye 1, Leg Bye 1	2

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PAST v. PRESENT. Tuesday, June 24th.
The account and scores of this match will be found in the special Supplement.

A.S.C.C. v. ABINGDON TOWN C.C.

On Saturday, June 28th, we played the Town on their ground. They won the toss and batting first scored 208 for the loss of six wickets. Our bowling was weakened by the absence of Mr. Bevir, and not one of the Town team failed to reach double figures. Crook bowled well, but without luck, and is to be complimented on not losing his length when being hit about. The Town declared at 208, leaving

us with less than two hours in which to get the runs. We avoided defeat chiefly through the efforts of Mr. Richards and Lupton. The latter played a splendid game and despite changes of bowling carried out his bat for an invaluable innings. Altogether we made 124 for 8, having much the worst of the game.

ABINGDON TOWN.

G. E. Bradfield b Crook	49
A. E. Lock b Race	11
W. Rogers c and b Richards	10
W. F. Lay b Williams	24
W. Leach c Eason b Williams	11
A. Stanley Blew b Eason	67
W. T. Morland not out	18
W. Lay not out	5
Extras, Byes 10, Leg Byes 3	13

(for 6 wkts.) 208*

J. H. Drew, A. W. Morland and A. E. Allison did not bat.

*Innings declared closed.

Bowling—Crook 1 for 54; Race 1 for 25; Richards 1 for 18; Williams 2 for 46; W. A. Rudd 0 for 23; Eason 1 for 23; Pratt 0 for 6.

A.S.C.C.

Mr. A. J. Richards c W. Lay b Rogers	32
Mr. W. A. Rudd c W. T. Morland b Rogers	2
Mr. S. H. Baker c W. Lay b Rogers ...	0
F. W. Lupton not out	31
A. F. Pratt lbw. b Rogers	0
H. A. L. Donkin b Bradfield	5
A. Davenport c and b Rogers	5
W. C. Williams b Allison	21
T. T. G. Race c Bradfield b Rogers ...	11
E. E. Crook not out	9
Extras, Byes 6, Wide 1, No ball 1	8

(for 8 wkts.) 124

A. Eason did not bat.

A.S.C.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

On Wednesday, July 9th, we played the return match with Oxford High School and atoned for our previous defeat by gaining a splendid victory. The High School batted first and scored 55 for the first wicket. After this they collapsed, being apparently unable to play leg-break bowling and were dismissed for 100. Lupton and Pratt laid the foundation of a big score and the School had no difficulty in making the runs and passed their total

with only two wickets down. Several School batsmen exceeded twenty and by good scoring throughout our total reached 214. Eason and Warwick added 32 for the last wicket, both batsmen bringing off some nice shots.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Golby st. Lupton b Williams	44
Barnes c Crook b Edgington	15
Lawrence c Crook b Williams	23
Hughes c Race b Williams	0
Baylis b Race	7
Gibbons c Crook b Williams	1
Dolley st. Lupton b Williams	0
Phillips c Donkin b Crook	3
Bolt b Williams	0
Faulkner not out	0
Potter c Race b Crook	0
Extras, Byes 6, Leg Bye 1	7

100

Bowling—Eason, 0 for 18; Crook, 2 for 20; Race, 1 for 13; Edgington, 1 for 10; Williams, 6 for 32.

A.S.C.C.

F. W. Lupton b Gibbons	28
A. F. Pratt c Hughes b Golby	39
R. M. Graham st. Golby b Gibbons ..	6
W. C. Williams b Hughes	26
H. A. L. Donkin b Gibbons	0
T. T. G. Race c Golby b Dolley	38
E. E. Crook b Hughes	1
A. Davenport b Hughes	13
V. C. Warwick not out	19
H. J. Edgington c Lawrence b Phillips	0
A. Eason c and b Gibbons	21
Extras, Byes 21, 1 Leg Bye, 1 Wide	23

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A.S.C.C. v. NEW COLLEGE SCHOOL.

On Saturday, July 12th, New College School were our opponents on the School field. Williams won the toss and put the other side in. New College, who batted indifferently, were dismissed for 66, a plucky innings by Pemberton Minor being much appreciated by friend and foe. The School were again in fine batting form and had won the match with no wickets down. Lupton and Pratt again performed brilliantly, scoring 103 for the first wicket. Pratt hit merrily in all directions and there was much disappointment when he failed to reach the century. Lupton's 45 was a

splendid performance. The School declared at 172 for 4, and tried to get New College out again, but only succeeded in dismissing six men for 65.

N.C.S.C.C.

Wenn b Crook	10
Burrill c Crook b Pratt	12
Falkner c Donkin b Crook	5
Horser st. Lupton b Williams	14
Taylor b Pratt	1
Ingles c Donkin b Williams	10
French c Race b Crook	0
Richards st. Lupton b Williams	0
Pemberton i. not out	3
Barford c Donkin b Williams	0
Pemberton ii. b Williams	8
Extras, Byes 2, Leg Byes 1 ..	3

66

Bowling—Williams, 5 for 17; Crook, 3 for 25; Pratt, 2 for 16; Race 0 for 5.

A.S.C.C.

F. W. Lupton c Horser b Wenn	45
A. F. Pratt b Richards	82
T. T. G. Race b Richards	23
W. C. Williams b Richards	4
R. M. Graham not out	10

(for 4 wkts.) 172*

*Innings declared closed.

H. A. L. Donkin, E. E. Crook, A. Davenport, V. C. Warwick, A. Eason, and H. J. Edgington did not bat.

In the second innings New College School made 65 runs for 6 wickets.

A.S.C.C. v. ABINGDON TOWN. On Saturday, July 19th, we played the return match with the Town. The School batted first and scored 215 for the loss of seven wickets. Mr. Rudd, Mr. Richards and Lupton played well and gave us 127 for three wickets. The next four wickets, however, fell for the addition of only 8 runs. Mr. Bevir and Donkin then came together and hit out to enable us to declare early. Mr. Bevir made some huge hits in his fifty, while Donkin made several good shots. Mr. Bevir and Donkin added 80 to our score in a very short time and were both undefeated when the innings was declared closed. The Town just managed to avert defeat and at close of play had scored 171 for 9 wickets. Crook and

Mr. Bevir bowled well for the School and W. F. Lay and Leach made good scores for the Town, the latter having several "lives." A large gathering watched the keen finish of one of the most interesting matches of the season.

A.S.C.C.

Mr. W. A. Rudd c McPherson b Bradfield	15
Mr. S. H. Baker b Bradfield	0
Mr. A. J. Richards lbw b W. T. Morland	59
F. W. Lupton c Bradfield b Allison	33
A. F. Pratt c W. Lay b W. T. Morland	0
T. T. G. Race c W. F. Lay b Allison	1
Mr. W. Bevir not out	54
W. C. Williams b Allison	4
H. A. L. Donkin not out	26
Extras, Byes 22, Leg Byes 1	23

(for 7 wks.) 215

E. E. Crook and A. Eason did not bat.

ABINGDON TOWN.

G. E. Bradfield c Crook b Bevir	13
A. E. Lock b Bevir	25
E. F. Simpkinson b Bevir	2
A. G. McPherson st. Lupton b Williams	21
W. F. Lay c and b Crook	43
W. Leach c Donkin b Bevir	30
W. Lay c Baker b Crook	0
J. W. Drew not out	15
A. W. Morland c Rudd b Crook	1
A. E. Allison c Donkin b Williams	4
W. T. Morland not out	2
Extras	15

(for 9 wks.) 171

Bowling—A. J. Richards, 0 for 13; Crook, 3 for 28; Pratt, 0 for 16; Bevir, 4 for 38; Williams, 2 for 34; Race, 0 for 6; Eason, 0 for 17.

2nd XI. MATCHES.

A.S.C.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI. Played at Reading on Saturday, May 17th. Crook followed up his fine bowling feat of taking 7 wickets for 20 runs by an excellent innings of 72. He was the only member of the team who had any command at all over our opponents' bowling.

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Gilford c Clark b Crook	0
Grace c and b Crook	14
Cole b Reynolds	3
Saunders b Crook	15
Penrose st. Chivers b Crook	4
Butler b Crook	4
Painter b Crook	1
Pollard not out	8
Watherspoon c Miles b Crook	2
Pease b Warwick	0

Hodgin c Miles b Warwick	0
Extras, Byes 8, Leg Byes 1	9

60

Bowling—Crook, 7 for 20; Warwick, 2 for 6; Reynolds, 1 for 25.

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

G. C. Parr b Painter	1
R. W. B. Reynolds c Butler b Painter	7
E. E. Crook b Penrose	72
J. A. Howard ht. wkt. b Painter	3
A. E. Chivers b Watherspoon	5
V. C. Warwick ht. wkt. b Painter	1
P. F. Clark b Watherspoon	3
P. N. Miles c Penrose b Painter	7
A. S. Dove c and b Pollard	1
A. Alder not out	0
D. Cullen b Pollard	0
Extras	0

100

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI. Played at Abingdon on Saturday, May 24th. The School batting showed great improvement on the whole. Betteridge and Ellis made most creditable débuts. Warwick bowled very well indeed, taking 5 wickets for 17. In spite of Crook's promotion to the 1st XI., the School won very comfortably by 31 runs.

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

R. W. B. Reynolds c Phillips b Potter	14
J. A. Howard c and b Potter	4
P. N. Miles c Beck b Fletcher	0
V. C. Warwick c Truman b Phillips	5
G. C. Parr c Truman b Herbert	10
H. E. Betteridge c Fletcher b Potter	11
D. E. Elford c Potter b Phillips	1
A. Ellis c Herbert b Coggins	12
H. A. M. Jamieson c Beck b Coggins	6
A. E. Chivers not out	0
A. Alder b Coggins	0
Extras	11

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OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Phillips b Warwick	0
Potter b Reynolds	4
Woldridge b Warwick	16
Truman b Warwick	0
Faulkner b Warwick	0
Herbert run out	1
Coggins b Reynolds	1
Giffin not out	3
Fletcher b Warwick	0
Shepherd run out	6
Beck b Reynolds	0
Extras	12

43

Bowling—Warwick, 5 for 17; Reynolds, 3 for 14.

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2nd XI. Played at Abingdon on Saturday, May 31st. Spokes and Warwick bowled splendidly and were backed up by some very keen fielding, Elford being especially smart. With the exception of Ellis, Burkett and Miles nobody displayed any confidence in batting, although Cullen played quite pluckily at the most critical moment of the game.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Parsons b Warwick	10
Vesey-Brown c and b Warwick	0
Anderson c Miles b Spokes	6
Lester-Smith c and b Warwick	6
Stephens b Spokes	1
Spoule c Warwick b Spokes	3
Bidlake c Betteridge b Warwick	10
Compton-Hall c Wood b Spokes	0
Fraud c and b Spokes	4
Sidney-Wilmot c Betteridge b Warwick	5
Lousley not out	2
Extras.....	6

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Bowling—Warwick, 5 for 27; Spokes, 5 for 20.

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

H. W. B. Burkett b Parsons	10
V. C. Warwick c Parsons b Stephens...	0
A. Ellis b Parsons	19
F. E. Spokes b Vesey-Brown	1
H. E. Betteridge c Anderson b Parsons	0
D. E. Elford c Spoule b Vesey-Brown...	1
H. A. M. Jamieson b Parsons	0
P. N. Miles c Anderson b Vesey-Brown	11
A. E. Chivers c Fraud b Parsons	1
W. H. Wood lbw. b Vesey-Brown	4
D. Cullen not out	5
Extras.....	3

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A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2nd XI. Played at Bloxham on Sat., June 14th. Warwick and Spokes again bowled unchanged. The School batting, however was deplorably weak, S. Brown being particularly deadly with his leg swerve. The fielding on this occasion left much to be desired, and we were hopelessly out-played by our opponents in all departments of the game.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Bidlake b Warwick	19
Brown c Ellis b Warwick	4
Williams b Spokes	2
Sproule c Cullen b Spokes	0
Anderson c Warwick b Spokes	0
Ravenor b Warwick	14
Lester-Smith b Warwick	0
Stevens b Spokes	0
Compton-Hall c and b Warwick	2
Mayon b Warwick	4
Lovesey not out	0
Extras.....	5

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Bowling—Spokes, 4 for 21; Warwick, 6 for 24.

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

H. W. B. Burkett b Brown	8
A. Ellis c Anderson b Williams	0
H. E. Betteridge c Anderson b Brown	0
F. E. Spokes lbw. b Williams	0
V. C. Warwick b Brown	6
D. E. Elford b Brown	0
H. A. M. Jamieson c Lester-Smith b Brown	2
A. E. Chivers c Compton-Hall b Brown	0
W. H. Wood b Williams	2
P. N. Miles not out	0
D. Cullen b Williams	0
Extras.....	2

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A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI. Played at Abingdon on Saturday, June 21st. The new cricket field was used for the first time in this match, which Abingdon won most decisively by an innings and 104 runs. Spokes in the first innings and Warwick in the second bowled admirably, and the fielding was distinctly good, especially that of Knowles at cover. The batting was remarkably consistent, and Cornejo ii. made a most creditable first appearance.

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.

1st Innings.

Fryer c Cornejo b Spokes	2
Grace c Miles b Warwick	2
Clarke b Spokes	0
Saunders b Spokes	8
Wotherspoon b Spokes	0
Westlake not out	5
A. Penrose run out	2
Hodgin b Spokes	0
Pease b Spokes	2
Jennings b Spokes	2
L. Penrose b Spokes	0
Extras, Leg Bye 1	1

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Bowling—Spokes, 8 for 12; Warwick, 1 for 11.

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

H. W. B. Burkett b Penrose	23
J. A. Howard b Watherspoon	0
J. Knowles b Penrose	6
V. C. Warwick b Penrose	31
F. E. Spokes b Penrose	4
G. C. Parr b Grace	21
N. G. Cornejo c Watherspoon b Penrose ..	24
P. N. Miles b Watherspoon	12
D. Cullen b Watherspoon	13
A. Alder not out	12
A. W. Welch c Pease b Watherspoon...	2
Extras, Byes 7, Wide 1	8

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LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.
2nd Innings.

Fryer b Warwick	1
Grace b Spokes	0
Clarke c Cornejo b Warwick	0
Saunders c Cullen b Spokes	12
Westlake lbw. b Spokes	0
Wotherspoon c Burkett b Warwick ..	0
A. Penrose b Warwick	2
Pease b Warwick	6
Hodgin c Spokes b Warwick	0
Jennings not out	6
L. Penrose c Cornejo b Warwick	0
Extras.....	1

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Bowling—Spokes, 3 for 17; Warwick, 7 for 10.

PAST v. PRESENT. Tuesday, June 24th.

The account of this match will be found in the special Supplement.

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI. Played at Oxford on Wednesday, July 9th. Both the batting and bowling of the School were weak. Spokes and Chivers alone, by unrestrained hitting, staying the "rot." Reynolds bowled bowled well for a time, but was never really at his best. We were very badly beaten by 33 runs.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Chapman c Ellis b Reynolds	7
Wilsdon b Reynolds	12
Brooker b Chivers	35
Townsend c Parr b Reynolds	8
Herbert b Reynolds	10
Coggins b Spokes	10
Liddel b Chivers	0
Beck run out	16
Griffin b Spokes	6
Truman c Chivers b Spokes	2
Fletcher not out	5
Extras, Byes 4, Leg Byes 1	5

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Bowling—Spokes, 3 for 36; Reynolds, 4 for 35; Betteridge, 0 for 10; Burkett, 0 for 14; Chivers, 2 for 16.

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

H. W. B. Burkett b Townsend	1
R. W. B. Reynolds b Townsend	3
A. Ellis b Wilsdon	1
H. E. Betteridge b Wilsdon	4
G. C. Parr b Townsend	1
D. E. Elford b Wilsdon	5
N. G. Carnejo b Wilsdon	1
A. E. Chivers c Townsend b Coggins...	21
F. E. Spokes c and b Townsend	35
P. N. Miles not out	2
D. Cullen c Brooker b Chapman	5
Extras.....	4

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LIST OF MATCHES.

1st XI.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	FOR.	AGST.
May 3	Magdalen College School	91—52	
" 7	Pembroke College..	Scratched	
" 10	Beaumont Wanderers ..	99—58	
" 14	Pembroke College ..	117—82 (9)	
" 17	Leighton Park School ..	91—89	
" 21			
" 24	Oxford High School ..	74—135	
" 28	New College School ..	108—59	
" 31	Bloxham School ..	121(6)—70(7)	
June 4			
" 7	Beaumont Wanderers ..	Scratched	
" 11	Brightwell ..	191(3)—158	
" 14	Bloxham School ..	66—38	
" 18	Brightwell ..	80—58	
" 21	Leighton Park School ..	84—145	
" 24	Old Abingdonians ..	153—156	
" 25	Commemoration ..		
" 28	Abingdon Town ..	124(8)—208(6)	
July 2			
" 5			
" 9	Oxford High School ..	214—100	
" 12	New College School ..	172 (4)—66	
" 16			
" 19	Abingdon Town ..	215(7)—171(9)	

2nd XI.

May 3	Magdalen College School		
" 17	Leighton Park School ..	100—60	
" 24	Oxford High School ..	74—43	
" 28	Magdalen College School		
" 31	Bloxham School ..	55—53	
June 7	New College School ..		
" 14	Bloxham School ..	20—50	
" 21	Leighton Park School ..	156—24—28	
" 24	Old Abingdonians ..	53—44	
	Ditto 2nd innings ..	63—113	
July 9	Oxford High School ..	84—116	
" 12	New College School ..		

FIRST XI. BATTING AVERAGES.

Name.	No. Innings	Times Not out	Highest Score	Total Runs	Average
F. W. Lupton	16	2	45	245	17.50
A. F. Pratt	15	0	82	240	16.00
T. T. G. Race	13	2	38	173	15.73
R. M. Graham	13	2	32	166	15.09
H. A. L. Donkin	14	2	43	173	14.42
W. C. Williams	14	0	31	138	9.85
A. Davenport	11	0	15	78	7.09
E. E. Crook	9	2	18	47	6.71
A. Eason	9	2	21	30	5.00
H. J. Edgington	8	0	11	22	2.75

The following also batted :—

V. C. Warwick	3	2	19*	19	19.00
H. W. B. Burkett	3	0	6	7	2.33
F. E. Spokes	5	1	10	11	2.20
R. W. B. Reynolds	3	0	4	5	1.67

* Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	No. of Overs	M'den Overs	Runs	Wkts.	Average.
Williams	73	6	251	34	7.38
Pratt	77	19	201	17	11.82
Race	81	18	211	17	12.41
Crook	108	15	376	29	12.95

The following have also bowled :—

Spokes	6	4	19	3	6.33
Edgington	13	1	48	4	12.00
Warwick	4	1	12	1	
Davenport	14	0	52	4	13.00
Eason	26	3	103	5	20.60
Graham	2	0	15	0	
Reynolds	4	0	19	0	

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

H. A. L. DONKIN (Colours 1910). A very useful bat. Has often made runs when the rest of the team have failed and has on more than one occasion hit out and scored quickly to enable an early declaration to be made. Can now field in any position, but has made a speciality of 'short leg,' where he has brought off many good catches and saved an enormous number of runs.

F. W. LUPTON (Colours 1912). Has more than fulfilled the prophecies made concerning him last season. His batting has been very consistent and he has very rarely failed to give the team a good start. His bat is as straight as ever and the

number of his scoring strokes has increased since last season. Has kept wicket with great success, although handicapped by the extraordinary number of bad leg balls bowled by the School bowlers. His stumping is very smart and very rarely does a batsman fail to pay the penalty for being out of his ground. Might be quite a useful slow bowler if he had not other things to do.

A. F. PRATT (Colours 1912). Has proved to be a splendid first wicket batsman, he and Lupton making the best opening pair the School has had for a long time. Pratt is a hitter and he hits directly he gets in. Has played several brilliant innings, his 82 against New College School being especially fine. Has been quite useful as a bowler, often getting a big 'leg swerve,' which proved most deadly to nervous batsmen. The wickets however have not been suited to his bowling this year. A smart fielder in all respects, a very safe catch, and a splendid thrower.

R. M. GRAHAM (Colours 1913). Has a good style as a batsman and at the beginning of the season scored very consistently. Towards the end of the term he was somewhat out of form on account of his exams. Is rather inclined to over-reach when playing forward strokes, but has a good defence. Is a very good catch, but a poor ground field.

E. E. CROOK (Colours 1913). A left-hander who has bowled splendidly throughout the season. Keeps a good length and does not mind being hit. Has a splendid action and can vary the flight of the ball cleverly. His performance against Bloxham—6 for 13 on a hard wicket was the

best bowling feat of the season. Is uncertain as a bat. Has a good defence but few scoring strokes except a fine off-drive and a clever cut. Has fielded point with great success and is a good field in any position.

T. T. G. RACE (Colours 1913). A fine natural cricketer. Is a splendid hitter with a perfectly easy style. Has a beautiful off-drive and hits cleanly off his legs. Must learn not to 'feel' for rising balls on the 'off.' As a bowler has not come up to expectations. Can bowl a good fast ball on the off-stump and gets many wickets with fast 'yorkers,' but bowls full-tosses to leg much too frequently. Should find what length of run suits him and stick to it always. Has made one or two good catches, but is very indifferent as regards fielding.

A. EASON. A very useful 'all-rounder.' Has proved a good change bowler. Bowls with a graceful action and swings away slightly to the off, third-man often getting a catch. Should use his 'off-break' more. Is a safe catch and covers a lot of ground, but does not pick up cleanly. Has a good idea of batting, but only came off on one occasion, when he displayed a beautiful stroke that sends the ball through the 'covers.'

A. DAVENPORT. Plays cricket greatly handicapped by weakness of sight. Is an ugly bat, but often gets into double figures. Has bowled occasionally and will be quite good next year. Bowls a good 'yorker' and a good fast one for slip-catches. Catches everything that he sees clearly, but is a poor ground field.

V. C. WARWICK. Bowls left and bats right. Is a good bowler who would have played regularly for the 1st XI. if his fielding had not been so weak. Has a nasty fast ball which comes in from the leg. Is a very difficult batsman to dislodge and on one occasion displayed two very good strokes—a square cut and an off-drive. His fielding is that of a centenarian.

H. J. EDGINGTON. Must use more restraint and judgment when batting. Played a plucky innings against Leighton. Is quite a good bowler, with a good length and a considerable 'nip' off the pitch. Sometimes fields brilliantly. Should be decidedly useful next season.

W. C. WILLIAMS (Colours 1910, Captain). Has once more proved himself a fine captain, and has been indefatigable in his endeavours to instil some of his own keenness into others. His slow leg-breaks have been one of the features of the season's cricket. He tosses the ball very high, yet his command of length is splendid. He has not improved his batting to the same extent, though he has played some good innings, but he has again shown us that fielding is not a lost art, and has taken some brilliant catches.

THE WATER SPORTS.

The Annual Water Sports were held this year on Wednesday, July 16th, and preceding days. They have usually been held right at the end of term, just after the examination week, and it has been noticeable that at such a time competitors have found it a strain and have been unable to do themselves justice; in addition, there has been a difficulty in

getting the Final programme to manageable dimensions, owing to the large number of entries, and this year, in consequence, the Sports were held earlier, so that everyone could get into thorough training. As it happened, the entries were a long way below the average, and comparatively few competitors appeared to have heard of such a thing as *training* for Swimming. One of the Senior teams had to scratch, owing to the absence of one of the team, (who had disappeared without notifying his captain) and neither reserve was present; whilst a member of another team confessed to having only been in the water twice previously throughout the season; and yet, for the moment, whilst the race is in progress, tremendous enthusiasm is shown. The IIIrd and IIrd Form could not raise a team and the race under 12 was not held for lack of entries, whilst only three entered for the Junior Diving. All this is most unusual, but not inexplicable. A wave of swimming slackness seems to have spread over the whole town. The weather can scarcely be blamed, for already early in May it was delightfully warm and bright, but as usual the bathing place was not open, and when in June it eventually 'opened,' there were no steps, diving board, etc., to be seen, and the place was in possession of sundry workmen. Thus the time in which the youngest boys could learn to swim was curtailed considerably, more especially so with the Sports fixed earlier; at the same time the Juniors have not used their opportunities, and, as regards the two houses, the Senior boys are really responsible for this. If the leading swimmers, 'colours' or would-be 'colours,' are not keen enough to get up early, it is easy enough for everyone to

stop in bed, especially for those who are contented with *imitating* only. It is not so long ago that one could always know the hour by the cheering, chattering, rushing crowd that went spinning down the drive for the early morning dip, and no one seemed any the worse for it. Those few who stayed behind, were the unfortunate ones to whom sympathy was extended, they were "forbidden." At the same time it is unfortunate that there is no time arranged suitable for all, when real swimming practise or training could be undertaken seriously. This can never be the case as long as swimming is only indulged in before breakfast.

The weather on the Final day was dull, but the air was damp, warm and windless, so that, except for the absence of sunshine, it was a good day for swimming. The previous 'heats' day was very miserable, the Saturday, however, was most delightful. A number of visitors brought tea with them in their boats, on the Wednesday, but only a few O.A.'s were present. The great event of the day, the 'O.A.' race, provided a tremendous struggle, and had it not been that E. F. Harvey most unfortunately missed a train, the School's unbeaten record would presumably have gone. At the time fixed for the race only five Old Boys were present, but after a delay of twenty minutes the team was completed by J. G. Shepherd, who in sporting fashion filled the gap. Two other members of the team had only been asked at the last moment, and naturally some soreness was felt about it. It is a most strenuous thing to take part in a swimming race without real practice, and one of the O.A.'s was quite exhausted at the finish. One might therefore here remind some

Old Boys who were asked to take part, that a prompt reply to an invitation simplifies matters a great deal; at the same time there seems no reason why every available swimmer should not be asked in the first place; it being understood that the best eight will be chosen from those who are willing to swim.

To come to the race itself, Shepherd left Burkett at the start, and it was all the latter could do to give the School the lead on the first fifty yards. Habgood now went up stream at such a pace that Race was overhauled and left behind, the O.A.'s thus leading on the second stretch. Ellison however swam splendidly down stream and, although in Edwards' wash, gained back what was lost, though Edwards made a great struggle against him. Enoch (last year's captain) then went 'all out' to establish a lead, but Cullen for the School, though falling behind at the start, kept straight on, whilst Enoch went a little out of his course. The latter gave the Old Boys a useful lead and Eason had a great struggle to reduce the margin. Hooke however sent off King before Eason touched, and though Donkin was after him at once, the race looked over; for, the former, swimming strongly had a lead of some three yards, and his opponent did not seem to be gaining. Soon however he began to creep up, and King going slightly out of his course, looked as though he would swim across Donkin; however he straightened out again, but Donkin was closing up. The excitement was tremendous and with five yards to go they were dead level. But the race was over. King (now in London) had been unable to get enough practice, and in those last yards

Donkin went ahead to win by five feet. There was a fair amount of water coming down, and the up stream courses were much more strenuous. The time however was surprisingly poor, being over 20 seconds outside the best recorded.

The swimmers under 14, showed excellent form, and Hooke ii. won in very good style and in fast time. The Junior Diving was not up to the standard, but in the Senior Diving Ellison performed well, some of his dives being very pretty. There were only nine entries (twenty last year), and in the open Swimming instead of over forty entries there were only twenty-two. Donkin however, in spite of a cold, swam exceedingly well, and Ellison and Cullen were always conspicuous. The Form team races were the most disappointing. Only two contested the Junior event, whereas the "Babies" won last year with five teams entered, and this year only six Senior teams competed, as against ten for last year. The 'Sixth,' however, with three 'colours' proved easily victorious and won in good time. The Open 'Back' Race curiously enough gave exactly the same result as last year. Of the reserves for the School team, Knowles shows promise, and, if he practises, may make a good swimmer. Alder has not yet learnt more than the breast stroke. Enoch ii. should make a swimmer, but at present he lacks pace.

Miss Krohn again most kindly provided 'dragons' for the new colours; her kindness in remembering us amidst her new surroundings and many activities is very much appreciated.

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS.

COMMITTEE:—*President* : THE HEADMASTER.*Chairman* : MR. S. H. BAKER.*Ex-Officio* : A. Eason (Captain of Swimming and Hon. Sec.), H. A. L. Donkin (Captain of the Boats and Football Captain), W. C. Williams (Cricket Captain and Hon. Treasurer).*Elected* : VI. Form, H. W. B. Burkett. V. Form, F. V. Enoch, Remove, D. Cullen. Shell, H. V. Ellison. IV. Form, H. W. Hooke. III. & II. E. G. Ballard.*Judges* :*Diving* : Mr. S. H. BAKER.*Swimming* : Rev. W. B. BOX and J. H. E. MORLAND.*Starters and Timekeepers* : S. F. WILLIS, W. A. RUDD, C. O. WRIGHT.*Referee* : W. BEVIR.**Senior Form Team Races (100 yards).**

Each to swim 25 yards.

1st Round.—Heat 1. VI. A. W.O. VI. B. Scratched.

Heat 2. Remove A won easily.

Time 1 min. 20 secs.

Heat 3. Shell A, by 3 yards.

Time 1 min. 24 secs.

2nd Round.—VI. A, beat Remove A, by 12 yds.

Time 1 min. 11 secs.

Shell A, beat Remove B, by 7 yds.

Time 1 min. 29 secs.

FINAL. Senior Form Team Race.

VI. A.—1, G. Woods; 2, A. Eason; 3, H. W. B. Burkett; 4, H. A. L. Donkin.

Shell A.—1, G. H. Tinegate; 2, T. T. G. Race; 3, A. J. Brett; 4, H. V. Ellison.

Winners—VI. A. Won by 10 yards.

Time 1 min. 14 1-5th secs.

Final Heat. Open Back Race. (50 yards).

1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, A. Eason; 3, H. W. B. Burkett. Time 42 secs.

Final Heat 50 yards. (under 16). Any Stroke.

1, D. Cullen; 2, H. V. Ellison.

Time 37 secs.

WEDNESDAY JULY 16th.**Swimming (under 14) 25 yards. Final.**

1, H. W. Hooke; 2, A. Ellis; 3, E. G. Ballard.

o, H. E. Betteridge; o, F. Crossland.

Time 19 4-5th secs.

Junior Diving (under 15).(1) Shallow Dive. (2) Plunge. (3) Spring.
(4) Running Dive.

1, L. A. Lewis, 30 Points; 2, A. Ellis, 20½ pts.

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

Each to swim 50 yards. *Denotes "Swims upstream."

*School.**Old Abingdonians.*

1. H. W. B. Burkett

1. J. G. Shepherd

*2. T. T. G. Race

*2. J. H. Habgood

3. H. V. Ellison

3. A. L. Edwards

*4. D. Cullen

*4. W. H. Enoch

5. A. Eason

5. W. N. Hooke

*6. H. A. L. Donkin

*6. E. H. King

Reserves—J. Knowles

A. Alder

School won by 5 feet.

Time 4 min. 29 4-5th secs.

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

1, H. V. Ellison, 48½ points; 2, H. W. B. Burkett, 42½ points; 3, D. E. Elford.

FINAL. Junior Forms Team Race (100 yds.)

Shell B.—1, T. N. T. Leach; 2, R. A. Trotman; 3, H. A. M. Jamieson; 4, W. Lupton.

IV. A.—1, F. Crossland; 2, L. Creswell; 3, C. B. Edwards; 4, H. W. Hooke.

Winners IV. A. Won by 20 yards.

Time 1 min. 53 secs.

FINAL. Open Swimming Race (50 yds.)

1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, D. Cullen; 3, A. Eason.

Time 35 3-5th secs.

FINAL. Swimming on the Back (under 16)

50 yards.

1, T. T. G. Race; 2, A. Alder.

Time 47 secs.

TEST LIST.

The Test List at present numbers 50, as against 74 at the end of last season and so far this term only 10 have passed.

They are as follows:—

June 3rd:—W. R. T. Skinner, T. T. G. Race.

July 9th:—G. H. Tinegate, W. W. Gilbert.

July 10th:—L. H. C. Creswell, G. C. Parr, H. E. Betteridge.

July 12th:—H. A. M. Jamieson.

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

We greatly regret that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Old Abingdonian Club, held at the School, on Tuesday, June 24th, cannot be included in the present number.

AN OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The so-called "Summer" Term at Oxford this year has been much like all other Summer Terms, only more so. When excessive heat was desired, namely in Eights Week, it was not forthcoming; and when the said heat was *not* desired, namely when "Schools" began, it was there in abundance. (This prompts the question "Why is the Clerk of the Weather like an Oxford Don?") One hundred prizes of fourpence-halfpenny each are offered for correct solutions. All attempts must be accompanied by a P.O. for 5/-, and envelopes should be marked "Box 999" in the left-hand top corner. The Editor's decision shall, in all cases, be final.

To turn to our doings of last term. O.A.'s at Oxford are thriving; and we have been variously described as "capital men"

and "very adequate fellows." The various "Schools" with which they occupy their spare moments include Honour Mods., Military Groups, and the Honour Finals in Law and History. We are delighted to hear that our ranks will be materially increased next term. We hope that the new Pembroke Scholar will not be beguiled by the exigencies of Rowing and Soccer, into forgetting that the Freshers' Sports take place next term.

It remains to say that G. H. G. Shepherd has bidden us a sad adieu after four years at Pembroke. He has taken a degree in Law. We will close therefore by heartily congratulating the School on the success of its 350th Anniversary Celebrations.

We remain, dear Mr. Editor,
Sincerely yours,

O. A.

SCHOOL NOTES.

VALETE.—C. M. Read (Vth Modern; 1st XI. Football, 1912; Gymnasium, 1911-12-13). V. S. Northam (Vth Classical; 2nd IV., 1913, Athletics, 1913). H. E. Gibbs (Vth Modern); T. G. Michelmores (Remove, Modern, 1st IV., 1913); E. Ellis (Remove, Modern); P. C. Holme (Shell, Classical); C. W. Andrews (Shell, Modern); S. Castle-Smith (IVth Classical).

SALVETE.—H. Gomez Cornejo, Q. Gomez Cornejo, G. Gomez Cornejo, C. E. C. Coxeter, H. W. Franklin, G. E. Tyrrell, R. Tyrrell.

The Rev. T. Layng has accepted the Chaplaincy of Clifton College, and will enter upon the duties of that office in September.

Mr. A. J. Richards, M.A., of Brasenose College, Oxford, has joined the Staff this term in place of Mr. Richard Willis.

We congratulate Alderman and Mrs. E. L. Shepherd upon their golden wedding, which they celebrated on Tuesday, June 24th.

Mr. W. R. G. Adcock has been home from Africa for a few months furlough. He has used the time to take his final examination and to be called to the Bar at Gray's Inn. He has also taken his LL.B. and M.A. at Cambridge.

T. S. Wilding, M.A., has been called to the Bar at the Inner Temple. He attained First Class Honours in the final examination and was awarded a £50 prize.

L. I'E. Edwards, of Jesus College, Cambridge, has obtained Second Class Honours in the Law Tripos and taken his degree.

G. H. G. Shepherd, of Pembroke College, Oxford, was placed in the Third Class of the Final Honour School of Jurisprudence.

T. M. Layng, Balliol College, Oxford, was placed in the Third Class of Classical Honours Mods.

E. F. Clark, M.A., has been appointed Lecturer at the Technical College, Derby.

A. M. Clément has passed the first Professional examination of the Royal College of Physicians and of the Royal College of Surgeons in Chemistry and Physics.

D. Chanis has passed the First Medical Examination at Edinburgh University, obtaining Second Class Honours in Chemistry.

P.L. Deacon, M.A., has been appointed a District Commissioner in British East Africa.

H. F. Shepherd, M.A., was ordained Deacon on Trinity Sunday by the Lord Bishop of Chichester and has been licensed to S. John's, Meads, Eastbourne.

A. B. West has been given an appointment on the Government Survey in British Columbia.

E. M. Graham started for Africa on July 19th to join the Rhodesian Mounted Police.

W. H. Enoch has resigned his appointment at the Bodleian Library to become private secretary to Sir William Osler.

T. Aldworth and Roy d'Almaine have gone to Canada.

The prizes presented by Canon Meredith have been awarded as follows:—Latin Composition, H. A. L. Donkin; Greek Composition, H. W. B. Burkett.

A. Eason has been appointed Captain of the Swimming.

E. E. Crook, R. M. Graham and T. T. G. Race have been awarded their Cricket Colours.

We visited the Eights at Oxford on May 19th, and on July 5th many of the elder boys went to Henley Regatta.

Lady Wantage has converted into a gift her loan of £275 to the School Building Fund.

The Rev. E. B. Mackay has again acted as Presiding Examiner during the Local Week.

Term ends on Monday, July 28th. Next Term begins on Tuesday, September 16th. Boys in School House and Tesdale House return on September 15th.

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.*

BIRTHS.

POWELL. On May 23rd at Crowthorne Towers, Wellington College, the wife of N. G. Powell, M.A., of a son.

VEYSEY. On May 24th at Nothaw, Herts., the wife of Harold G. Veysey, of a daughter.

MORLAND. On June 2nd at the Square House, Abingdon, the wife of W. T. Morland, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

GALE—STEVENS.—On Thursday, June 5, at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, by the Rev. A. Caldicott, Harold James Gale, eldest son of Mr. J. J. Gale of Wallingford, to Gladys Margaret, only daughter of Mr. John Stevens, of Holmleigh, Guildford.

DEATHS.

TAME. On March 16th, 1913, at Oxford, George Tame, aged 19.

[George Tame entered the School September, 1906, and left July, 1912. During his time here he won the esteem of masters and boys alike, and his lamented death has cut short a career of much usefulness and promise. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place in the Abingdon Cemetery on March 20th.]

POWELL. On May 28th, at Southmoor, near Abingdon, Edgar Oliver Powell, aged 66 years.

[Mr. Powell entered the School September, 1861, and left Xmas, 1863. He was present at the 300th Anniversary of the Foundation.]

ZACHARY.—On July 5th, at Gosditch House, Cirencester, Arthur Zachary, fifth son of Henry Zachary, Seaway Court, Torquay, aged 39.

[Mr. A. Zachary, B.A., St. Catharine's, Oxford, held a temporary mastership at the School during the Summer Term, 1894. He took a keen interest in the rowing and the four made great progress under his coaching.]

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
17 New Life Members	17	17	0
Annual Subscriptions—Arrears	2	2	0
41 Dinner Tickets	15	7	6
		<u>£35</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

Year ending June 24th, 1913.

	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward (overdrawn)	1	19	2
Dinner Expenses	15	19	7
"Abingdonian"	9	11	10
Printing	4	6	6
Postage	1	0	8
Balance in hand	6	8	9
		<u>£35</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

GAMES FUND.

	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
April 23rd. Balance in hand	3	15	6
Boys Subscriptions	22	5	0
Donation	9	6	
July 23rd. Deficit	21	6	0
		<u>£47</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>

	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Wages	10	11	10
Hire of Horse	14	2	0
Cricket Goods	7	6	11
Printing	5	2	0
New Oars	4	16	0
Football Medals	1	19	0
Lawn Boots	1	10	0
Repairs to Pads	11	0	
Repairs to Bats	1	17	3
		<u>£47</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>

ABINGDONIAN ACCOUNTS.

	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Governors Subscriptions	3	6	8
Boarders' Subscriptions	18	0	
Day Boys Subscriptions	1	13	0
Other Subscriptions	18	0	
Sale of back numbers	1	3	
Deficit	5	5	9
		<u>£12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>

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	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Deficit	1	17	3
350 Copies of Vol. V. No. 5	6	10	0
Printing 350 Copies of Photograph of Mr. Laying	3	0	0
Postage	14	11	
Receipt Book	6		
		<u>£12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>

SUPPLEMENT TO
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*Celebration of the 350th Anniversary
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THE 350th Anniversary of the re-foundation and endowment of the School by John Roysse was celebrated with much enthusiasm on Tuesday, June 24th and Wednesday, June 25th. The weather, though unfortunately for the most part sunless, was sufficiently favourable, and from first to last the various functions were attended with the most gratifying success.

On the Tuesday, two Cricket Matches were played between the School and the Old Abingdonian Club before a large number of spectators. In both the Old Abingdonians were victorious, their first eleven winning by 3 runs and their second by 41. The following are the full scores:

PRESENT.

F. W. Lupton, b Bruce	28
A. F. Pratt, c Stone, b Bruce	43
A. Davenport, c Stone, b Bruce	8
H. A. L. Donkin, c Bruce, b Riches.....	2
W. C. Williams, b Bruce.....	4
T. T. G. Race, b Bruce	31
E. E. Crook, c Stevens, b	18
V. C. Warwick, b Riches.....	0
H. J. Edgington, c Bruce, b	0
D. Cullen, b Riches.....	0
A. Eason, not out.....	0
Extras	13

Total 153

Second Innings.

F. W. Lupton, b Bowman ...	36
A. F. Pratt, c and b Brown...	0
A. Davenport, c Edwardes, b Stevens	27
H. A. L. Donkin c Brown, b Bowman	0
W. C. Williams run out	55
T. T. G. Race, c Challenor, b Bowman.....	4
E. E. Crook, b Bowman	22
V. C. Warwick, not out	1
H. J. Edgington, not out.....	4
D. Cullen } did not bat.	
A. Eason }	
Extras	6

Total (7 wkts.) 155

PAST.

N. V. H. Riches, c and b Williams	66
W. N. E. Bruce, b Race	0
K. G. Stevens, b Race	9
E. M. Graham, b Race	0
L. L'E. Edwards, c Crook, b Race	18
A. W. Morland, c Donkin, b Warwick.....	9
W. T. Morland, b Crook.....	11
S. W. Brown, b Williams.....	14
H. V. Stone, b Race.....	15
T. F. Bowman, not out.....	3
O. B. Challenor, run out.....	2
Extras	9

Total 156

The second eleven match was played on the new ground on the opposite side of Park road, and the Past won by 41 runs—a result due mainly to the batting and bowling of the brothers Harvey.

PRESENT 2nd. XI.

H. W. B. Burkett, b Harvey	35
R. W. B. Reynolds, b Harvey	0
J. Knowles, b Harvey	0
N. G. Cornejo, b Harvey ...	2
G. C. Parr, b Harvey	5
D. E. Elford, b Harvey.....	0
A. Alder, c Collingbourne, b Harvey	0
F. E. Spokes, b Harvey.....	0
H. E. Betteridge, b Harvey...	3
A. E. Chivers, not out.....	6
P. N. Miles, c Price b Harvey	0
Extras	2

Total 53

Second Innings.

H. W. B. Burkett, c Collingbourne, b Harvey	7
R. W. B. Reynolds, b Campbell	20
J. Knowles, c Campbell, b Harvey	0
N. G. Cornejo, c and b Greatbatch.....	4
G. C. Parr, c Haywood, b Harvey	0
D. E. Elford, c Vivian, b Harvey	1
A. Alder, b Harvey.....	8
F. E. Spokes, b Harvey	8
H. E. Betteridge, c Price, b Harvey	6

A. F. Chivers, not out	1
P. N. Miles, c and b Harvey	0
Extras	8
Total	63

PAST.

E. F. Harvey, b Reynolds ...	9
H. V. Campbell, b Reynolds	2
C. W. E. Hoare, b Spokes ...	2
G. J. H. Ashwin, c and b Reynolds	6
R. E. Greatbatch, b Reynolds	1
W. D. Price, c Parr, b Spokes	10
B. Harvey, b Spokes.....	1
R. Haywood, b Reynolds.....	3
A. C. Vivian, b Reynolds ...	0
V. S. Northam, not out	1
A. W. Collingbourne, c Chivers, b Spokes.....	6
Extras	3
Total	44

Second Innings.

E. F. Harvey, b Burkett.....	41
H. V. Campbell, c Knowles, b Spokes	21
C. W. E. Hoare, c Cornejo, b Reynolds	2
G. J. H. Ashwin, b Burkett...	18
R. E. Greatbatch, l-b-w	9
W. D. Price, b Reynolds	4
B. Harvey, b Spokes.....	9
R. Haywood, b Spokes	1
A. C. Vivian, b Spokes.....	1
V. S. Northam, not out.....	1
A. W. Collingbourne, c Elford b Reynolds	1
Extras	5

Total 113

In the evening the Old Abingdonian Club, under the presidency of Mr. H. G. W. d'Almaine, who has succeeded Canon Meredith in that office, held a reception in the Municipal Buildings, some 250 guests being present. An entertainment was given in the Council Chamber, and there was dancing in the Royse Room. Supper was served in the annexe, and the Old School play-yard, which was prettily illuminated with Chinese lanterns and fairy lamps, provided a grateful retreat for the dancers.

PROGRAMME

OF

RECEPTION

BY

The Old Abingdonian Club.

(President : H. G. W. D'ALMAINE, Esq.)

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ABINGDON, ON TUESDAY 24th JUNE,
1913. IN CELEBRATION OF THE 350th
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION
OF ROYSSE'S SCHOOL, ABINGDON.

CONCERT.

PART I.

1. Pianoforte Solo—"Arabesque" *Debussy*.
MRS. FAIRTHORNE.
2. Song—"Melisande in the Wood" *Goetz*.
MR. J. H. HABGOOD.
3. Selections from the Repertoire of
MR. SELWYN DRIVER.
4. Song—"The Woodpigeon" *Lehmann*.
MISS M. MEDD.
5. Quartette—"Haste ye soft gales" *Martin*.
MESSRS. C. E. PERRIN, J. H. HABGOOD,
T. LEWINGTON, H. A. MILLS.
6. Violin Solo—"Un Soir a Portici" *Papini*.
MISS M. HUGHES.
7. Song—(a) "Daybreak"
(b) "Night"
Landon Ronald.
MR. R. E. GREATBATCH.

INTERVAL.

PART II.

1. Pianoforte Solo—"Notturmo No. 3" *Liszt*.
MR. S. F. WILLIS.
2. Song—"Drake goes West" *Sanderson*.
MR. W. BEVIR.
3. Duet—
MESSRS. J. H. HABGOOD, T. LEWINGTON.
4. Song—"Waltz Song" *German*.
MISS W. HUGHES.
5. Selections from the Repertoire of
MR. SELWYN DRIVER.
6. Song—"Sergeant of the Line" *Trotière*.
MR. T. LEWINGTON.
7. Quartette—"The Goslings" *Bridge*.
MESSRS. C. E. PERRIN, J. H. HABGOOD,
T. LEWINGTON, H. A. MILLS.

DANCES.

1. Chain Medley
2. Valse Nights of Gladness.
3. Two-Step I want to be in Dixie.
4. Valse Love and Life in Holland.
5. Valse Count of Luxemburg.
6. Lancers The Sunshine Girl.
7. Valse Pink Lady.
8. Two-Step O you beautiful Doll.
9. Valse Barcarolle.
10. Two-Step Gaby Glide.
11. Valse Saints and Sinners.
12. Valse Passing of Salome.
13. Two-Step Alexandra Rag Time.
14. Valse Gipsy Love.
15. Lancers Gipsy Love.
16. Valse Dreaming.
17. Two-Step Rag Time Violin.
18. Valse Charming.
19. Valse ... When the birds began to sing.
20. Galop

At 11.30 on the Wednesday morning two Processions started from the Guild-hall for St. Helen's Church, the one consisting of the Mayor and Corporation, preceded by the mace and wearing their robes of office, and the other of Members of the Universities, in gowns and hoods, Old Abingdonians and the present boys of the School. The effect produced by the united procession, which extended nearly the whole length of the charming old street of East Saint Helen was both picturesque and striking. The order was as under:—

THE MAYOR'S PROCESSION.

First Sergeant at Mace.

The Mayor. The High Steward.

The Mayor's Chaplain.

Deputy-Mayor. The Town Clerk.

Aldermen and Councillors.

Second Sergeant at Mace.

Borough Magistrates and Borough Officers.

THE SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY

PROCESSION.

The Lord The Vice
Lieutenant of Chancellor of
Berks. Oxford.
The Headmaster. The Preacher.
Doctors.
Headmasters of other Public Schools
or Colleges.
Masters.
Bachelors.
Undergraduates.
The President of the Old Abingdonian
Club.
Past Presidents of the Old
Abingdonian Club.
Old Abingdonians.
(two and two).
The Present Boys.

Upon the arrival of the Procession at the Church, a wreath from the present boys, in flowers of the School colours, which had been made by Miss Ethel Challenor, and which had been carried at the head of the boys' procession, was placed by the two senior prefects upon the Founder's Tomb. The usual brief thanksgiving service was conducted by the School Chaplain (the Rev. W. B. Box) and the lesson was read by the Head Master (Mr. W. M. Grundy). The choir, consisting of past and present members of the School, sang the Te Deum to Lloyd in E flat, and Stainer's Anthem, "The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers." Mr. S. F. Willis was at the organ, his selections being a March and a Pastorale from Guilman.

The following deeply impressive and inspiring sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Layng, the late Head Master.

"Need we epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men" (II. Corinthians iii., 1 and 2). Such is the two-fold inquiry, with its one answer, that St. Paul makes on behalf of the recently-founded Church of Corinth to its members. You will see that he claims that the proof of the service given to the Church is to be seen in the spiritual result of that service. He claims, too, that, the earnest of future usefulness is also the result of membership. It is on the members themselves that he relies, and he pushes his claims with affection, with gratitude, and with full trust. Now, that is the appeal which our historic school makes to us all this morning. She relies, first of all, on her past services. She claims that those services have been given with all affection, and she feels sure that those claims will be gratefully allowed by us all. She also makes the further claim, that the character of our lives is the best foundation upon which she can rest for her future usefulness. Now, I make no apology for instituting an analogy between the Church of Christ and an English public school. Both are societies with members bound to each other by a community of interests, of effort, and of life; both societies exist for the furtherance of truth, for the training of conduct, for the guidance of life; both are, or should be, true democracies, in the main self-governing, offering their priceless treasures to all without respect of persons. In the world of learning there is no racial feeling, there is no Jew nor Greek; it stands apart from all social differences; there is neither bond nor free; it is above all sex

distinctions; there is neither male nor female, but Christ—and by that word I mean a high ideal of unselfish service.—Christ is all and in all. Equally to the earnest teacher and to the devoted clergyman is given the commission which our Redeemer placed upon St. Peter when he said, "Feed my lambs." And so our old school, recalling with gratitude this morning the generosity of John Roysse three and a half centuries ago, recalling, too, those ages of unremembered usefulness in which she served the town and neighbourhood, perhaps from pre-Norman times, takes her stand, like the Church of Corinth, on the gifts she tries to bestow. She makes the appeal to us all at this time when we would record our gratitude to God, and she calls upon the school, and upon the town and neighbourhood, to share her *Te Deum*. What you are now, what the town is and has been, is largely of the school's making. For centuries she has given the training of your future citizens. For long years she has been the witness in your midst of the intellectual and the ideal. For nearly three hundred years she has been your link with the highest learning in the University. She claims that she has had a share in your ambitions and achievements, that she has been a factor in your progress, a partner in your honours. She confesses to be partly blameworthy for your failures. Her gratitude for God's goodness should also be yours. Her contrition for mis-spent or neglected opportunities should call forth prayers of forgiveness from each one of us. Like the Church of Corinth, the old school is content, nay proud, to be known by her fruits, and judged by her members. On us, on you, she relies, and for her future she

places her trust upon the witness of what her work has done for us. All that she asks for is the continued opportunity of service. That alone is the loving-kindness of the Lord, which we commemorate in our famous motto—the opportunity to pursue her work according to the highest ideals, unfettered by needless restrictions, and with all legitimate freedom secured to her. She is confident that the character of her children will secure for her such opportunity under the hand of God. There, then, is the practical lesson for to-day: the future usefulness of the school lies with us. Firstly, that great trust is upon the present members of the school. I cannot tell with what eager hope and affectionate expectancy we Old Abingdonians look to you. We ask you to uphold, enlarge, and heighten all that we hold dear. Just for a few brief years that privilege is especially yours. It is for you to guard, to exalt, to hand on with unconscious imitation the past effort and traditions which we call school tone. It rests with you, my brothers of the teaching profession. It rests yet more with you, my boys, whether you are members of the sixth form, shortly to leave and to hand on the trust to others, just at this moment in the height of that great influence which God in His mercy gives to the closing years of boyhood, or whether you are little fellows in the third or fourth form, who feel you have small influence in the school and that the power of school life has not come to you. But every individual boy has just a great chance in the years he is at school to make the school of great future usefulness. If you pass through the school honourable and clean-minded, alert and interested, affectionate and brave,

strong yet gentle, you are serving your own generation already by serving your school. "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men." And it rests with you past Abingdonians, too, who have in your town and calling reached the responsible years of middle life. It is now your task, in your various spheres, to lead, to inspire, to organise, to govern. You in middle life are the matured product of your early training. You, above all others, are our epistle known and read of all men. By your honour and resourcefulness, by your judgment and enterprise, by the stamp of your character, and the type of your unselfish service, the old school stands. And you Old Abingdonians who have reached the dignity of age, the school's message I must venture to give to you. Many of you can recall the tercentenary of Roysse's School fifty years ago. Your school days may have become a dim memory, and may seem to be such a distant feature of your life that anything you may do will be of slender influence upon the life of the school. But you, too, are our epistle known and read of all men. There is no greater influence than that of sympathetic old age—the help and guidance, the love of men who have passed through all, and yet retain their interest in all; who still have the eagerness and zest of life, though they have laid aside their ambitions; who can stay patiently in the world, and retain their love and respect for the world, when illusions and hope have all gone, and when in times of stress and passion the world may seem merely the arena of bad struggles and unholy thoughts. But to place a loving, steadying hand on others, and to give wise counsel—that is your part

and great opportunity. When life ceases to be a hope it does not cease to be a duty. "My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord." "Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo." There is the old motto familiar to you all, stamped upon your prizes for many generations, engraved upon the archway of the chapel under which for ten or twelve years you have passed. I know not whether that motto was of Roysse's choosing, but I do know this, that it contains the spirit of true benefaction, and just that true optimism, that full courage which can express the ideal in life. That sums up the message I have for you. It has been emphasised unexpectedly in the anthem you have sung—gratitude for the past, trust for the future, and remembering that all, in God's hands, depends upon our own character. The Lord hath been mindful of us and He *will* bless us.

The Service concluded with the hymn, "Father, hear Thy children's praises," and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the Vicar of Abingdon, and the Procession then returned to the Guildhall.

After an interval Luncheon was served to some 320 guests in a marquee, which had been erected in the school grounds. Mr. J. H. Benyon (Chairman of the Governors) presided and those present included the Earl and Countess of Abingdon, the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford and Miss Heberden, the President of Trinity, the Archdeacon of Berks, Professor Esson, the Dean of Pembroke, Dr. and Mrs. Eppstein, Mr. Raper, Mr. and Miss Nagel, Mr. A. F. Leach, The Vicar of Abingdon and Mrs. Maitland, the Mayor of Abingdon and Mrs. Legge, Alderman Morland, Alderman and Mrs.

Shepherd, the Rev. P. C. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Challenor, Mr. and Mrs. T. Skurray, Mr. and Mrs. B. Challenor, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Willink, The Headmaster (Mr. W. M. Grundy), Mrs. and the Misses Grundy, The Rev. T. and Mrs. Layng, Miss Cope, the Rev. A. T. Morland, Mr. Herbert Young, Mr. W. R. Portal, the President of the Old Abingdonian Club and Mrs. d'Almaine, the Rev. W. M. Abbott, Miss Layng, Alderman Cottrell, Mr. J. Townsend, Mr. A. O. C. Pryce (hon. secretary to the celebration committee), the Rev. R. F. Ashwin and Mrs. Ashwin, the Rev. W. B. Box and Mrs. Box, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shepherd, Mr. E. F. Shepherd, Mr. W. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Woodford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Messrs. W. T. and A. W. Morland, Miss E. Morland, and others, including many Old Abingdonians and the present members and staff of the School.

After the Toast of "The King" had been duly honoured, Mr. A. F. Leach proposed "Success to Abingdon School," and said he had been asked to do so because he had given a good deal of attention to the history of the school, about which he wrote some years ago, but the result of his researches, he was almost sorry to say, went to show that they ought not to be celebrating the 350th anniversary of the school, for in all probability they were celebrating its 500th anniversary. Moreover, if they traced the history of Abingdon School back through the records of authentic documents to what he believed was its real origin, and if they counted from the first mention of Abingdon as an important town, they would probably find

they were celebrating the 974th anniversary; because he believed the school was in existence, if not created, when Abingdon was a royal borough, and King Athelstan held his Easter Court here to receive the French Ambassador, who brought him a part of the crown of thorns and a finger of St. Denis, the patron saint of France. It seemed a pity that they did not recall this fact to the mind of King George V., and get him to receive President Poincaré here instead of in London. He thought it would have been specially appropriate, as it was understood the finger of the French President had been very prominent in the Balkan pie (laughter). He also thought that if the King had come here instead of going to Eton, which was a mere mushroom school compared with ours, he might have arranged to send his third son, Prince Henry, to Abingdon School instead of to Eton. No doubt it would have been better for Prince Henry (laughter), for he thought they would all agree, and he was sure all mothers would, that those big schools with a thousand boys, were too unwieldy and too large, and it would be better to have a school with from 150 to 200 boys, a number to which he hoped they would see this school reverting—(applause). He had read in the Dictionary of National Biography that Prince Henry, son of William the Conqueror, was a pupil at the monastic school at Abingdon. That was a fiction; no monastery kept a grammar school, and instead of Henry being brought up in a school at Abingdon he was merely sent here for his holidays, because they found the town was, as now, one of the most charming on the river. He did not know if he was expected to tell the whole

history of the school as he found it, but he might mention the discovery, dated 1372, which settled a quarrel between the Rector of St. Nicholas and the Vicar of St. Helen's, as to the right of ministering to certain persons, among whom were the Master of Abingdon Grammar School and his servants, and the scholars dwelling with him, showing that Abingdon in those days was a flourishing boarding school. A few years after that they found Thomas Weston as headmaster, from 1388 to 1415, and another master was mentioned in 1440. Both were described as Masters of Arts of the University of Oxford, and he had not the slightest doubt that they conducted the school in the same way as now. Among the few records that were left they found that in 1508 the Master and his boarders were specially provided for, and they were settled to be in the parish of St. Nicholas. Then came the dissolution of the Abbey; but that did not mean the dissolution of the school, because they found, what was strangely overlooked in local histories until his colleague in the Charity Commission, Mr. Wallace, referred to it in his report of 1908, that the charter of the famous Hospital of the Holy Cross (Christ's Hospital now) provided, amongst other things for the sustentation of the Grammar School. Then came the Corporation, and they bought St. John's Hospital, probably to convert it into a school. They wanted assistance, and then John Roysse came along. He could not help thinking that Roysse had been a scholar in the school, and perhaps Mr. Townsend, who had devoted himself with much zeal and success to the history of the school, would pursue his investigations and enlighten them on that point—(applause). Roysse

gave £50 to build and provide a school for 63 boys, and also conveyed two public-houses in London, producing £13 6s. 8d. a year, for endowment—a very considerable sum in the middle of the sixteenth century. One reason why he thought Roysse was at this school was because he said it was to be called the school of the Blessed Trinity, and in the accounts it appeared that the master occupied a house and paid rent to the Warden of Trinity Chapel. Imitating the great public schools, Roysse also provided that besides the 63 boys the master might take ten others, and “take his advantage out of them,” as masters, had, no doubt, continued to do (laughter). All the early masters were fellows of colleges at Oxford—one of Trinity—and the President of Trinity was present that day in recognition of that early connection. It was, perhaps, a curious thing that the school was most successful under Robert Jennings, and he was the only layman to be master up to the present time. He prospered so upon his boarding-house that he gave up school-keeping, bought property, and became High Sheriff—another thing he hoped they would find repeated in the case of the present headmaster (laughter and applause). Then came bad days for the school, and in the time of Dr. Lemprière, the author of the famous Classical Dictionary, there were only three boarders and ten day boys. After this the school was under a cloud for fifty years; but it was revived, and at the tercentenary there were exactly 63 boys. He was glad to hear that their present number was higher; but he thought they could look forward with every hope of success to the school growing under its present headmaster. It

was a great omen that Mr. Grundy's father went to Warwick School, and found 22 boys, but when he went to Malvern he left 135 (applause). There he found 200, and in four years brought it to between 300 and 400 (applause). That was an omen of what they hoped to see Mr. Grundy doing here (applause). In conclusion, Mr. Leach read some amusing verses, describing school boys as “for six long week-days perplexed, confounded, harassed, puzzled, vexed,” ’twixt writing verses and translations, and speaking long-winded orations. The “wretched prisoners, born to woe, ’twixt different days no difference know.” And so the poet concluded with the petition, “Then, sir, for pity's sake redress us, and grant a holiday to bless us.” He was sure they would all echo his sentiments if he ventured to suggest to the headmaster that in honour of this auspicious occasion of the 974th anniversary he should grant an extra week's holiday (applause). He proposed “Prosperity to the School,” and long might it prosper. *Stet fortuna domus* (applause).

The Headmaster, who was received with cheers, replied: It is with great diffidence that I stand up to speak on behalf of the School, when it seems but yesterday that I was enrolled upon its books. There is only one service bearing the stamp of antiquity, which I can claim to have rendered it. Some ten years ago I played cricket against it, and as I made three runs in the first innings, and less in the second, if it had not been for me the School might have lost the match. But I feel that anyone would meet with the cordial approval of all connected with the School, when rendering thanks to Mr. Leach for his

extremely interesting speech, and the kindly sentiments he has expressed towards us in proposing our health. We may thank him for holding up to us the mirror of the past, that we may turn it round and make it our reflector in the future. At this milestone in the School's history it is very pleasing to look round and see so many friends and supporters rallying to our side. Of all here, there is no one, whose presence is more welcome than Mr. Layng's (applause). It is idle for me to try to enlarge upon all that he has done for us. I might point to the buildings that have risen in his time, to the increased numbers, to the widening of intellectual interests, to the spirit of friendship which has pervaded his reign and has welded the School to the town and the county. It would be presumption to do so. I will merely say that nothing has daunted me so much in coming here, as the knowledge that my predecessor has set so high the standard of character, ability and achievement. Mr. Harper, the last man to hold the title of the Tesdale Usher, who carried on the school while it was being moved from its old habitation to the present site, has written regretting that he is unable to undertake the journey, to celebrate our anniversary here; but sends us his best wishes—(applause). Canon Meredith, too, the last year's president of the Old Abingdonian Club, writes saying that he is greatly disappointed that the state of his health prevents his being present among us. To turn to the happenings of the past year. Mr. Gibson has left the staff. He came to us in 1903; and as form-master, as chairman of the Boating Committee, and vice-president of the Literary and Debating Society, made his personality felt

throughout the School. He carries with him to Rossall the best wishes of all. We have to deplore the death of Archdeacon Hayward, a man of great force and vigour in the Church. His reminiscences of life in the old school buildings greatly amused his audience on Founder's Day nine year's ago. We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. T. S. Wilding on obtaining a £50 prize and first-class honours in the Final Examination for the Bar, to Mr. P. L. Deacon on being appointed District Commissioner in British East Africa, to Mr. H. A. N. Medd, who was this year awarded the prize offered to first-year students at the School of the Architectural Association, and to Mr. J. E. T. Phillips, who, after being President of the Union at Durham University, was nominated by the Vice-Chancellor as the undergraduate representative of Durham University at the Universities of the Empire Congress in London (applause). In the athletic world Mr. Rice represented England in the Olympic sports, and Mr. Leach and Mr. Shepherd were within an ace of doing so. The latter again ran in the 100 yards for Oxford against Cambridge. We must congratulate Mr. E. L. Shepherd and Mrs. Shepherd on their golden wedding, which they celebrated yesterday (applause). Before leaving the subject of Old Boys, I must thank Mr. A. O. C. Pryce for all the trouble he has taken as honorary secretary of the anniversary celebrations' committee. He has been indefatigable in facing all the details of arrangement, and the mass of correspondence with which he has so willingly coped has been very great. His search for Old Boys' addresses has been rendered more difficult by the failure of

many to join the O.A. Club, and it is hoped that the Old Abingdonians who have not yet joined it will make good the omission, and so strengthen at the same time the link which binds them to the School, and the School to the larger world beyond its walls (applause). Before I pass to the internal affairs of the School, our warmest thanks are due to Lady Wantage, who has now added to her many favours to us by converting into a gift £275 which she had lent to aid our building fund (applause). In the Senior Local Examinations last year fifteen boys passed, two with first-class honours, two with second-class honours, and five with third-class. Donkin won distinction in Greek, and Barraza in Spanish, the latter taking first place in the examination. In the Junior Locals eleven passed, two with first-class, and three with third-class honours. Davenport won distinction in mathematics, being placed third. Williams gained the Abingdon Scholarship of £75 at Pembroke College, Oxford, for mathematics. The Football XI. had a most successful season, winning thirteen matches, drawing one, and losing two. They scored 79 goals to 20 against them. In athletics a high standard is maintained. Donkin and Williams only just failed to bring back the Public Schools' Challenge Cup from Stamford Bridge. The School rowing was carried out this year under adverse conditions. After Mr. Gibson's departure Mr. Baker was hard put to it in devising ingenious schemes to enable one coach to do the work of two. However, Mr. Enoch and Mr. Medd stepped into the breach and devoted a great deal of their time to assisting us, and we are very grateful to them for the two excellent

crews, which their combined efforts produced. In cricket we have lost only two first eleven matches, though I hear that the Old Boys claim a victory yesterday. Our cricket prospects are particularly bright now that the levelling of the new ground has thrown open to our use a much wider space which will enable us to devote more attention to our wickets in the winter months. And now for the future. There is one side of the school-life which needs developing. An Officers' Training Corps is badly wanted (applause). Abingdon School was one of the first five schools to be recognised by the War Office as capable of turning out future officers for the country; and in these days, when O.T.C. work can supply such an admirable and practical training, a school organisation is not complete without an O.T.C. contingent (hear, hear). Unfortunately, we cannot start this without financial assistance. I shall be glad to receive donations from those supporters of the school who feel that no education is complete, which does not fit its recipient to take part in the defence of his country (applause).

The Chairman, proposing "The Visitors," reminded the company that they had with them the Vice-Chancellor, the President of Trinity, Mr. Leach, and the Chairman of the Berks Education Committee (Mr. Willink), to whom he would like to give a friendly word to ask him to impress upon that committee not to be less generous to the School in the future than in the past. Last, but not least, they had the Dean of Pembroke, to which college this School owed much (applause).

The Dean of Pembroke, in reply, also referred to the long connection of the

School with the College to which he belonged. They met to commemorate with gratitude Royse's care for the poor and the children of the poor. Many of the Founder's good offices had been mentioned but there was one upon which he was bound to lay particular stress, and that was the first scholar he admitted was Thomas Tesdale, the co-founder of Pembroke College. Tesdale lived nearly all the earlier portion of his life in this town; he was one of the Councillors, a Governor of Christ's Hospital, a Principal Burgess, and he was twice Mayor-elect of Abingdon, but why he never accepted the office they would leave it to the historian to decide. He retired to Oxford, but his duty to the School he amply repaid by providing funds to maintain an usher at the School, and he founded thirteen scholarships from Abingdon to the University of Oxford. His first intention was that they should be lodged in Balliol or University, but to the great delight of the authorities of Pembroke College they found a lodgment there—seven of them as fellows. So Royse's School could claim Pembroke as a daughter, and the connection had been unbroken from that day to this. They had sent a long line of good scholars, and no less than seven Masters of Pembroke. Of Abingdon scholars of recent years it was his privilege to know several, and he could say of them, as he believed it could be said of all of those in the past, that they were good men and true, an honour to their School and University (applause). John Royse thought that a literary education should be given in the School (hear, hear). There was a temptation for that side to be crowded out, but he would express with respect the hope

that those who had the future of this School in their hands would not by any means allow that part of Royse's bequest and the founder's intention to be crowded out. So they might be sure that they were justified in joining in the hope that the School would in the future, as in the past, send good men and true to Pembroke, and good men and true for the service of our country and our Empire (applause).

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The gymnasium was filled later in the afternoon on the occasion of the prize distribution. Lord Abingdon presided, and on the platform were the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, the Lord-Lieutenant of Berks, the President of Trinity, the Dean of Pembroke, Professor Esson, the Archdeacon of Berks, the Vicar of Abingdon. Mr. A. F. Leach, Aldermen Morland and Shepherd, Mr. A. T. Stephens, and Mr. B. Challenor.

Lord Abingdon said it was his privilege on the 350th anniversary of the foundation of this school to introduce the Vice-Chancellor, who had come to distribute the prizes, and in the name of the Governors he would thank him for showing his interest in the school. The Vice-Chancellor's presence was the more significant, because it emphasised the close connection between this school and the University, and was a token of the open arms which the University extended to such scholars as through their abilities might aspire to higher education through the University. This school was closely allied with the College of Pembroke in the same way as Eton was connected with King's College, Cambridge, and New College was connected with Winchester. They would not

be unmindful of the interest which the Master of Pembroke had always shown by presiding at the Board of Governors of this school. He could not sit down without welcoming Mr. Grundy in his new position, and expressing their regret at their loss of Mr. Layng, and testifying to the great assistance he had always given to the Governors, and to the way he had thrown himself heart and soul into schemes for the good of the school (applause).

The Vice-Chancellor said it gave him great pleasure to be there in order to testify, on behalf of the University, to the interest which the University was bound to take in this school. It seemed to him an extraordinarily interesting fact that the school should have given birth to a college, for in cases where colleges and schools were linked together it was unusual for the school to assist in founding the college. He had discovered that day a connection between this school and his own college. The eagle which served as a lectern in their chapel came from Brasenose, and they owed their school magazine to a Brasenose man. He was thinking that day more about the present than the future. He never visited a school with modern equipment without envying the boys at school now-a-days. They had such enormous advantages which boys did not possess fifty years ago. When they saw laboratories, workshops, art rooms, and even dark rooms, which did not exist when the men of to-day were at school, he wondered how much superior the young men of the present day would turn out to be in consequence of those great advantages (hear, hear, and laughter). He hoped and trusted they would be superior; there was every reason why they should. They

could not fail to notice the development in games. He knew there were people who talked about the craze for games, and they had the idea there was too much athletics in the schools. He thought that opinion was based upon a certain misconception. Possibly they talked about athletics too much, or the newspapers gave them too much prominence, or there was too much looking on, but he did not believe anybody played games too much at school or anywhere. He thought the training which boys and men underwent for their games, when they played them themselves, was of the greatest possible value, and he did not think there was too much of that in the country (hear, hear). Here at Abingdon they had, as they had at Oxford, a great advantage in the river, and he thought there were few things that trained people better than rowing in a school or college boat (applause). He had lately seen an article, not by an Englishman or any member of the British Empire, or by one of their American cousins, but by a Rhodes Scholar from Germany, and he wrote of the English public school life as a three-fold training—the training of the body, the training of the mind, and greatest of all, the training of character. If their school continued to carry out that ideal, it would, as far as in it lay, be carrying out the work of sending out into the world men who would be profitable members of the Church and commonwealth (applause).

The Vice-Chancellor then distributed the Upper School Prizes according to the following list:—

Meredith Prizes; Latin, H. A. L. Donkin; Greek, H. W. B. Burkett.

Sixth Form, Latin, H. W. B. Burkett;

Non-Latin, F. W. Lupton.

Fifth Form, Latin, J. Knowles; Non-Latin, J. Rutter.

Remove, Latin, P. L. Howard; Non-Latin, W. W. Gilbert.

Greek, Division I., W. H. Woods; Division II., P. L. Howard.

French, Division I., A. Eason; Division II., H. E. Gibbs; Division III., P. L. Howard.

Mathematics, Division I., W. C. Williams; Division II., F. J. Rutter; Division III., T. H. Buswell.

German, Division I., A. Eason; Division II., E. L. Parry.

Drawing, F. J. Rutter.

Sketching Club, S. E. Clack.

Piano-playing, J. Knowles.

Gymnastics, 1, A. F. Pratt; 2, C. M. Read.

The proceedings closed with votes of thanks to Lord Abingdon and the Vice-Chancellor, and the Headmaster and Mrs. Grundy were afterwards "at home" to the large company in the school grounds, where tea was provided and a string band played selections.

We append a list of those Old Abingdonians who were present at the Celebration.

Rev. W. Abbott, F. H. Abbott, P. C. Ackling, H. G. W. d'Almaine, P. E. Andrews, G. J. H. Ashwin, F. W. Ballard, Rev. F. A. Bartlett, J. L. Betteridge, T. F. Bowman, Sir Michael Bruce, Bart.,

W. N. E. Bruce, S. W. Brown, H. V. Campbell, E. Caudwell, Rev. B. M. Challenor, B. Challenor, Sen., B. Challenor, Jun., H. S. Challenor, N. B. Challenor, O. B. Challenor, Rev. N. Chivers, A. M. Clément, A. W. Collingbourne, C. E. Cook, J. E. A. Cottrell, C. L. Coxeter, S. Cullen, Rev. F. W. Davis, L. I'E. Edwards, W. H. Enoch, W. Fisher, C. Brent-Good, E. M. Graham, Col. S. B. Graham, W. Graham, R. E. Greatbatch, J. H. Habgood, B. Harvey, E. F. Harvey, R. Haywood, C. W. E. Hoare, Rev. W. P. Holmes, W. N. Hooke, E. Humfrey, G. J. H. Ingold, E. Ivey, H. A. Leonard, T. Lewington, A. H. Lewis, H. G. Loosley, P. J. Martin, H. A. N. Medd, H. A. Mills, P. E. Mobbs, Rev. A. T. Morland, A. W. Morland, G. H. Morland, J. H. E. Morland, W. T. Morland, V. S. Northam, C. M. Nowill, C. H. Payne, C. E. Perrin, W. R. Portal, N. G. Powell, W. D. Price, A. O. C. Pryce, W. W. Richardson, N. V. H. Riches, A. G. Shepherd, Algernon M. Shepherd, Arthur M. Shepherd, E. F. Shepherd, G. H. G. Shepherd, G. W. Shepherd, Rev. H. F. Shepherd, J. G. Shepherd, N. P. Shepherd-Turnham, H. P. Simpson, T. S. Simpson, G. Staniland K. G. Stevens, H. V. Stone, W. Stone, W. Taylor, E. H. Thomas, H. H. Tomkins, F. O. Townsend, J. Townsend, T. Townsend, R. A. R. Townsend, A. C. Vivian, J. G. T. West, E. G. Whelpton, T. S. Wilding, A. Young, H. Young.

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Rev. P. C. Bevan ...	3	3	0
Exors. of Mr. H. E. Barnes ...	5	0	0
Mr. J. H. Benyon ...	10	0	0
Mr. E. Caudwell ...	1	1	0
Mr. B. Challenor ...	3	3	0
Mr. E. M. Challenor ...	10	0	0
Mr. H. S. Challenor ...	10	0	0
Mr. B. Challenor, Jun. ...	1	1	0
Mr. O. B. Challenor ...	1	1	0
Rev. F. K. Clarke ...	2	2	0
Mrs. E. D. Clark ...	2	2	0
Mr. J. E. Cottrell ...	10	0	0
Mr. C. L. Coxeter ...	10	0	0
Mr. S. Cullen ...	5	0	0
Mr. H. G. W. d'Almaine ...	1	1	0
Mr. H. L. Drake ...	2	2	0
Mr. C. Good ...	1	1	0
Mr. W. M. Grundy ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Grundy ...	5	0	0
Rev. W. W. Goddard ...	10	0	0
Dr. M. G. Hannay ...	1	1	0
Mr. S. Ingrams ...	1	1	0
Mr. F. Gwyther Jones ...	2	6	0
Rev. T. Layng ...	5	0	0
Mr. A. K. Loyd ...	10	0	0
Mr. E. D. Mansfield... ..	2	2	0
Mr. J. H. Meredith ...	10	6	0
Canon W. M. Meredith ...	1	1	0

Mr. J. T. Morland ...	5	0	0
Mr. G. H. Morland ...	1	1	0
Mr. W. T. Morland ...	1	1	0
Mr. A. W. Morland ...	1	1	0
Rev. G. D. Nicholas ...	10	0	0
Mr. C. H. Payne ...	10	0	0
Miss M. Payne ...	5	0	0
Mr. W. R. Portal ...	3	3	0
Mr. A. E. Preston ...	10	0	0
Mr. D. Price ...	5	0	0
Mr. A. O. C. Pryce ...	1	1	0
Mr. W. W. Richardson ...	1	1	0
Mr. W. A. Rudd ...	10	6	0
Mr. W. J. Sedgefield ...	10	0	0
Mr. E. L. Shepherd ...	1	1	0
Mr. H. F. Shepherd... ..	10	6	0
Mr. G. W. Shepherd... ..	1	1	0
Mr. W. F. Smith ...	2	2	0
Mr. T. Townsend ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. Townsend ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. G. T. West ...	1	1	0
Mr. H. Young ...	5	0	0

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BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.				Payments.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	140	18	0	Bills paid ..	137	10	7
Sale of Lunch				Balance in			
Tickets ..	24	10	0	hand ..	27	17	5
	£165	8	0		£165	8	0

The Committee propose to apply the balance for
the benefit of the School Rowing Club.