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EDITORIAL.

SOME explanation is perhaps due to our subscribers both of the belated appearance of the present number and also of its unusual scantiness. In the first place we have waited to obtain all available intelligence before sending to press, and in the second, much that it would ordinarily have contained has already been published in our last.

We greatly regret the retirement of Mr. J. H. E. Morland, O.A., after fourteen years of devoted and valuable service and would offer him our best wishes for his future health, happiness and prosperity.

In addition to this loss the interval has brought with it several important changes. The forms and sets have

been entirely reconstructed and the time-table adapted to newly-existing conditions. Afternoon school now begins two hours later than formerly, an arrangement which makes it possible to play football every day in spite of the solar system, and not only on half-holidays. This may possibly involve some inconvenience to day boys residing at a distance, but we do not doubt that they will consider the increased facilities for regular athletic exercise a sufficient compensation, and willingly sacrifice private considerations to the general good.

Considerable time and attention are now being devoted to part-singing, which, we rejoice to relate, has taken a definite place in our curriculum. The immediate consequences are a rapidly increasing interest in things musical and a very marked improvement in the Chapel Services.

Preparations for the annual concert are progressing vigorously and we

anticipate the result with exceptional interest and pleasure.

The recent Oxford Local Examinations produced perhaps the best List which we have had for several years. Six First Classes were obtained and Eight Distinctions including the Sixth place among the Senior candidates for Mathematics and the First place among the Juniors for Drawing.

In spite of the loss of nearly all last season's 'colours' the football team is adequately upholding our prestige. The regular system of games should ensure its further continuance and the permanent extinction of the 'slacker.'

We again invite contributions to our Christmas number. These should be sent in not later than the first week in December.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

SENIOR CANDIDATES.

First Class Honours:—L. A. Weaving, A. Davenport, F. W. Lupton.

Second Class Honours:—A. Eason, A. F. Pratt.

Third Class Honours:—W. H. Wood.

Passed:—H. E. Gibbs, F. J. Rutter.

Distinctions:—L. A. Weaving (Greek—9th and Latin), A. Davenport (Mathematics—6th).

Excused Responsions:—A. Davenport, L. A. Weaving, W. H. Wood, (in stated subjects); A. Eason (Additional Subject, French).

JUNIOR CANDIDATES.

First Class Honours:—J. Knowles, E. L. Parry, D. Elford.

Second Class Honours:—P. L. Howard.

Third Class Honours:—T. H. Buswell, P. N. Miles, W. R. T. Skinner, W. W. Tombs.

Passed:—E. E. Crook, G. E. C. Dacey, F. V. Enoch, R. E. Gibbs, W. W. Gilbert, L. Lewis.

Distinctions:—J. Knowles (Greek—14th and English Literature), D. Elford (Greek—10th), W. R. T. Skinner (Mathematics—10th), W. W. Tombs (Drawing—1st).

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

The following was unavoidably omitted from our last.

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Abingdonian Club was held in the Wantage Room at 6 p.m., on June 24th, 1913, immediately after the Past and Present Cricket Match.

There were present:—

G. W. Shepherd in the Chair (in the absence of the President, Canon Meredith) B. Challenor, sen., O. B. Challenor, J. Townsend, Rev. B. M. Challenor, A. W. Morland, J. H. E. Morland, W. A. Rudd, C. O. Wright, T. S. Wilding, Rev. W. P. Holmes, S. W. Brown, N. V. Riches, A. F. Bowman, W. R. C. Adcock, H. P. Simpson, G. H. G. Shepherd, L. L'E. Edwards, K. G. Stevens, H. A. N. Medd, E. H. Thomas, W. N. E. Bruce, Sir M. W. S. Bruce, W. D. Price, E. G. Whelpton, G. J. H. Ingold, A. C. Vivian, E. M. Graham, G. J. H. Ashwin and C. E. Cook.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and passed.

The Accounts of the previous year as audited by the Committee were also passed.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by B. Challenor, sen., G. W. d'Almaine was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by J. H. E. Morland, the Rev. T. Layng and the Rev. W. H. Cam were re-elected Vice-Presidents, and W. M. Grundy as new Vice-President, unanimously.

After considerable discussion G. H. G. Shepherd resigned his post as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. It was argued that there was no rule that there should be a re-election each year, but the precedent was set in the hope that the Secretary would thus be au courant with the times.

Proposed by G. H. G. Shepherd and seconded by J. H. E. Morland, C. E. Cook was elected Hon. Sec. and Treas. with one dissident.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by O. B. Challenor, N. Duncan was re-elected London Secretary.

Proposed by the Chairman, that the following be elected Committee en bloc:—A. H. Lewis, W. A. Rudd, E. H. Harvey, A. O. C. Pryce, H. P. Simpson and G. H. G. Shepherd.

This motion, as not being seconded, was declared void.

Upon the Chairman proposing the same Committee a second time, the Rev. B. M. Challenor seconded and the election was carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with a regret that the President, Canon Meredith, was unable to be present and a vote of thanks to G. W. Shepherd for taking the Chair in his place.

FOOTBALL.

A.S.F.C. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

This, the first match of the season, was played at home on Wednesday, Oct. 8th. Race was absent from the forward line, but the defence was at full strength. Bloxham were without their Captain. Donkin won the toss and the School immediately began to press, but the forwards were very weak and all through the game, except for a few rushes, they were very rarely over the half-way line. Lupton had scarcely anything to do and would have been more use out of goal. Eason played a magnificent game, but Davenport unfortunately hurt his leg and was unable to do much towards the end. Creswell and Edwards both played well, but the latter must learn to pass more quickly to his forwards. The attack, however, was very disappointing. Frequent chances were as frequently refused. Reynolds was half-crocked, Cullen was far too slow, and Miles did not get the ball out to his wings, while his own shooting was very weak. Clack played quite a good game considering his size, but Edgington must learn to get the ball across to the centre instead of shooting. After attacking nearly the whole of the match, the School eventually got one goal during the second half through Edwards, who put into the corner from close range.

School team :—F. W. Lupton (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason, (backs); L. H. C. Creswell, H. A. L. Donkin, C. B. Edwards (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, D. Cullen, P. N. Miles, E. E. Clack, H. J. Edgington (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. EXETER COLLEGE CAPOTTERS. The School team journeyed to Oxford on Wednesday, Nov. 15th, to play Exeter College Capotters, and after a bustling but very enjoyable game drew 2 all. Creswell was absent from the School team and so Lupton was brought up to half and Cullen was put in goal. The Capotters scored first, but Mr. Grundy soon equalised. After the interval Cullen was again beaten, but again Mr. Grundy equalised with a shot which the goal keeper kicked into the net. There were some exciting minutes towards the end, but no further scoring. Cullen saved some good shots, but the defence as a whole might have been safer. The forwards, though often robbed by the energetic opposing centre-half, were often dangerous, Reynolds especially sending in some fine centres and shots. Edgington was rather worried by the size of the back, but gave Reynolds some nice passes. Race was very slow and for all his pace hardly got a single centre across.

School team :—D. Cullen (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); F. W. Lupton, H. A. L. Donkin, C. B. Edwards (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, H. J. Edgington, Mr. W. M. Grundy, Mr. A. E. P. Sloman, T. T. G. Race (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL. The School received Leighton Park

School at home, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. They were again without their full team, Clack playing instead of Edgington. Leighton starting off with a rush, were soon pressing, and after about five minutes scored a goal, which, however, Cullen might have saved. At this time it looked as if the School might be severely beaten, but they soon came to terms and Race banged the ball into the net and equalised. The game was now very even,—Leighton scoring again and the School retaliating through Lupton—and at half-time the score was 2 all. Immediately after the kick off the School started to press and Lupton scored a third goal. The Leighton team were tiring and at this point the School were "on top." Clack put a fourth goal through after the goal-keeper had attempted to save a shot from Lupton and, although in the last ten minutes the opposing forwards tried hard to score, this was the last item.

All the School team played hard. Lupton proved a successful leader of the attack and Reynolds centred well, but was starved in the second half.

School Team :—D. Cullen (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); L. H. C. Creswell, H. A. L. Donkin, C. B. Edwards (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, S. E. Clack, F. W. Lupton, T. T. G. Race, N. G. Cornejo (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL. The School team visited Oxford High School on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, and suffered their first defeat of the season. The home forwards were soon attacking and in fact kept the school defence

working hard all through the game. They had score two goals by half time and towards the end of the game they increased it to five. The school forwards had a bad day; Reynolds was out of form and Lupton was so well marked that he could barely move, and, when he did pass, Race's slowness or bad passing spoilt any chances. They also had two very sure backs against them, and never really got together. Edwards was rather troubled by the size of his man and Creswell's was also too good for him. Consequently a lot of work devolved on to the centre-half and backs, and of the latter Davenport was none too sound. Cullen was inexcusably beaten several times and his inability to clear successfully was the cause of a great deal of trouble and of at least two goals. Eason was as sure as ever, but unfortunately was not well supported. On the whole the match proved a most disappointing exhibition.

The team was the same as that against Leighton Park except that H. J. Edgington played inside-left instead of Clack.

A.S.F.C. v. DORCHESTER COLLEGE. The School team were at home to Dorchester College on Saturday, Oct. 25th, and won by 5—1. Mr. Sloman played centre-half and Donkin went inside-left. The team started slowly and for the first few minutes Dorchester pressed. However, the forwards soon got going and pressed for practically the rest of the game. Mr. Grundy scored the first goal, and Donkin shot a second and headed in a third before half-time. After half-time the game became rather

slow. The school scored two more goals through Donkin and Mr. Grundy, and the Dorchester centre-forward, after several attempts, broke away and scored.

The school forwards missed many chances, but the visiting defence, especially the goal-keeper, was very strong. Reynolds played an excellent game, getting in some nice centre shots. Mr. Sloman was very energetic but the rest of the defence had not much to do.

School team :—F. W. Lupton (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); L. H. C. Creswell, Mr. A. E. P. Sloman, C. B. Edwards (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, H. A. L. Donkin, Mr. W. M. Grundy, H. J. Edgington, T. T. G. Race (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL. The School played Magdalen School on Wednesday, Oct. 29th. All the first half it rained heavily and there was a high wind; in consequence the ground became very slippery and it was impossible to manage the ball. Race scored for the School soon after the start, but from that time onwards the game was fairly even. During the second half the rain ceased and but for the state of the ground the game would have been quite good. Towards the end the school pressed and Cornejo rushed up and put through a shot of Donkin's. Reynolds played a very good game inside, dribbling well and putting in some hot shots.

School team :—F. W. Lupton (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); L. H. C. Creswell, H. A. L. Donkin, C. B. Edwards (halves); T. T. G. Race, R. W. B. Reynolds, H. J. Edgington, S. E. Clack, N. G. Cornejo (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL. The 1st XI. visited Bloxham on Saturday, November 8th, and suffered their second defeat of the season. Donkin won the toss and played with the wind and sun. The school attacked for the greater part of the time but only scored one goal through Lupton. During the whole of the first half the team all played well and it was only bad luck that prevented their scoring further. After the interval the school continued to attack but unsuccessfully, while Bloxham got away several times and two goals were scored from centres by their outside left. The school were very unfortunate in not winning, for they had much the larger part of the game and of the shooting.

Team:—D. Cullen (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); C. B. Edwards, H. A. L. Donkin, N. G. Cornejo (halves); L. H. C. Creswell, R. W. B. Reynolds, F. W. Lupton, H. J. Edgington, T. T. G. Race (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. EXETER COLLEGE CAPOTTERS. The School played Exeter College Capotters on Wednesday, November 12th, at home. The game was fast from start to finish, but the School were superior all through. They rushed away at the beginning, and soon after Lupton opened the scoring by a neat shot. After this the game was fairly level up to half-time, though mostly in the enemy's half. In the second half the School had the complete mastery of their opponents, Creswell scoring a goal after a scrum in front of the posts, and Lupton two more from centres by Reynolds one being an extremely good shot. Thus the game

ended 4 nil in our favour. Eason played his usual excellent game, making our defence invincible, Mr. Sloman was very energetic, and Mr. Grundy, Lupton and Creswell were all good in the forward line. Race has not even yet learnt to centre early enough.

Team —D. Cullen (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); C. B. Edwards, H. A. L. Donkin, Mr. A. E. P. Sloman (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, L. H. C. Creswell, Mr. W. M. Grundy, F. W. Lupton, T. T. G. Race (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. DORCHESTER COLLEGE. The School team visited Dorchester College on Saturday, November 15th, and secured their first win in away matches. Donkin won the toss and played with wind and sun. Dorchester started to attack but after a few minutes the School reversed the conditions except for a few rushes by the homesters during the remainder of the first half, Mr. Grundy scoring two goals. In the second half the Dorchester goal had some marvellous escapes, but at last Edgington added the third goal from a nice position. Towards the end the Dorchester forwards attacked strenuously and scored two goals. The team was the same as against Exeter College Capotters, except that R. Lanning played right half in place of Mr. Sloman and Edgington inside left in place of Creswell.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL, 2nd XI. The 2nd XI. visited Bloxham on Wed. Oct. 8th, and were defeated 7—3, after a disappointing game. The wet ground and ball seemed to trouble the team, and their kicking was decidedly indifferent. Ellis scored the

first goal for the school and Warwick added another, but this was equalised by Parr and Warwick giving away a goal each. After half-time N. G. Cornejo scored a third goal. A quarter of an hour from time the score was 3 all, but the School team went to pieces and Bloxham put on four more in quick succession. The backs played the best game, G. H. Cornejo doing a lot of work. The forwards however, were disappointing and shewed utter inability to shoot or combine. Warwick and Cornejo ii, must learn to keep up.

School team:—H. T. Tombs (goal); H. G. Cornejo, G. C. Parr (backs); E. L. Parry, D. Elford, J. Knowles (halves); W. H. Wood, V. C. Warwick, A. Ellis, N. G. Cornejo, A. J. Brett (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL, 2nd XI. The 2nd XI. played their second match at Reading on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Up to half-time when the score was 3—1 against them the team played quite well, but after the interval they seemed to forget that they had to win. Warwick scored in the first half, and by a fine individual effort, added another in the second half, while Leighton obtained two more, thus winning by 5—2. Parr was the best man in the team, time after time breaking up the attacks. The halves were quite good in the first half, but two were unfortunately injured afterwards. The forwards were remarkably helpless. They seem to forget that they have to get the ball past the opposing backs.

Team:—E. Arias (goal); G. C. Parr, H. G. Cornejo (backs); E. L. Parry,

D. Elford, J. Knowles (halves); W. H. Wood, V. C. Warwick, P. N. Miles, P. W. Morley, A. Ellis (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL, 2nd XI. The 2nd XI. were at home to the High School 2nd XI. on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, and won for the first time by 5—0. They should have scored much oftener, for many openings went begging, but still they did quite well. Clack made a world of difference to the forward line. He only shot one goal himself but made many openings for the other forwards. The halves worked well and the backs, especially Parr, were quite sound. The goals were scored by Miles (3), Clack and Wood (1 each).

Team:—E. Arias (goal); G. C. Parr, H. G. Cornejo, (backs); E. L. Parry, D. Elford, J. Knowles, (halves); W. H. Wood, V. C. Warwick, S. A. Clack, P. N. Miles, A. J. Brett (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, 2nd XI. The 2nd XI. went to Oxford on Wednesday, Oct. 29th, and were unluckily beaten after a game played in rain, wind and mud. After about fifteen minutes they were two goals up, but then H. G. Cornejo twisted his knee and had to be carried off the field. Knowles went back and there were only two halves. Afterwards Cullen went forward and Morley goal, but the weakened defence was penetrated six times, while the school only added two more goals. They were thus beaten 6—4, their goals being scored by Miles (3) and Cullen.

Parr played quite a good game at back and so did Knowles. The halves

worked hard, and Miles had more 'go' than usual. Wood tried hard, but Warwick was very weak.

Team :—D. Cullen (goal); G. C. Parr, H. G. Cornejo (backs); E. L. Parry, J. Knowles, D. Elford (halves); V. C. Warwick, W. H. Wood, P. N. Miles, P. W. Morley, A. J. Brett (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2nd XI. The 2nd XI. were at home to Bloxham on Saturday, November 8th, The game was quite even for the first half except for a goal for the School by Clack. After the interval they continued to attack and before the end added two more goals, shot by Knowles and Wood, while Bloxham got one point. It was quite a fast, even game, and the School forwards, with the exception of Warwick, were much improved and showed some ability to shoot. Clack was not so good as usual, but Wood played an excellent game. Morley was the best of the halves who all worked hard. The backs, Parr and Knowles played a stout game and Arias made some good saves.

Team :—E. Arias (goal); G. C. Parr, J. Knowles (backs); P. W. Morley, E. L. Parry, D. Elford (halves); W. H. Wood, V. C. Warwick, S. E. Clack, P. N. Miles, A. J. Brett (forwards).

VALETE.

W. C. Williams, (VIth Classical; Senior Prefect, 1912-13; 1st XI Cricket, 1910-13; Cricket Captain, 1912-13; 1st XI. Football, 1911-12; Athletics 1913; Hon. Treasurer Games Club, 1910-13; Hon. Treasurer Debating Society, 1911-12; Abingdon Scholarship (Mathema-

tics) at Pembroke College, Oxford, 1913). H.W.B. Burkett, (VIth Classical; Prefect, 1st XI. Football, 1912; Athletics, 1913; Swimming, 1911-12-13; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1912-13; Hon. Secretary Debating Society, 1911-12). G. Woods, (VIth Classical; Prefect; 2nd XI. Football, 1912). A. F. Pratt, (VIth Modern; Prefect; 1st XI. Football, 1911-12; 1st XI. Cricket, 1912-13; Athletics, 1912-13; Gymnasium, 1912-13). P. F. Clark, (VIth Modern; Prefect). F. E. Spokes, (VIth Modern; Prefect; 1st XI. Football, 1912; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1912-13). R. M. Graham, (Vth Classical; 1st XI. Cricket, 1913; 2nd IV. 1913; 2nd XI. Football, 1912; Athletics, 1913). A.G. Bartlett, (Vth Classical). T.H. Buswell. (Vth Classical). H. E. Gibbs, (Vth Modern). F. J. Rutter, (Vth Modern). A. E. Chivers, (Vth Modern; 2nd XI. Football, 1912; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1913). F. V. Enoch, (Vth Modern; 2nd IV. 1913; 2nd XI. Football, 1912). A. S. Dove, (Remove Classical; Gymnasium, 1913). E. E. Crook, (Remove Modern; 1st XI. Football, 1912; 1st XI. Cricket, 1913). A. W. Welch, (Remove Modern). A. Alder, (Remove Modern; 2nd XI. Football, 1912). A.G. Décaux, (Remove Modern). H. W. R. Cozens, (Shell Classical). R. W. Henry, R. A. Trotman, (Shell Modern). R. B. Baker, (IVth Modern).

SALVETE.

School House :—E. Arias, C. V. Davidge, J. H. Hodgson, P. W. Morley.

Day Boys :—A. J. Burt, L. F. Crossland, R. E. Eason, H. Humphries, R. J. Jackson, J. A. Josey, R. C. Lanning, W. H. Lowe, R. C. F. Saxby and G. A. Stacey.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Past and present members of the School will like to know that Mr. Layng's new home is at :—

3, Worcester Avenue,
Clifton, Nr. Bristol.

Letters may also be addressed to him at Clifton College.

A. W. Morland has been elected Mayor of Abingdon and will become ex-officio a member of the Governing Body.

Mr. A. E. P. Sloman, late Scholar of Queen's College, Cambridge, has joined the staff this term in the place of Mr. Richards.

Congratulations to H. W. Weaving upon his volume of Poems recently published, which is dedicated to O. J. Couldrey, O.A. and contains verses addressed to him and to Mr. Ross-Barker. It is published by Elkin Matthews, Cork Street, London.

Congratulations to A. C. Vivian on being awarded the premier Clothworkers' Scholarship of £60, tenable for two years and renewable for a third year, at the City and Guilds Engineering College, London University. This has since been supplemented by a merit grant of £30 for three years from the Oxford City Educational Committee.

H. Hughes has been appointed to an assistant mastership at Clifton College.

The following went into residence at Oxford in October :—

E. H. Harvey, to Brasenose ; W. C. Williams, to Pembroke ; H. W. Burkett and E. G. Whelpton, to Hertford ; G. Woods, to Keble.

A. G. Bartlett has joined St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

R. M. Graham has gone to Sandhurst.

E. M. Graham has joined the Rhodesian Mounted Police.

Sir Michael Bruce, Bart., has joined the British South African Police.

W. D. Price has taken a commission in the 9th Hampshire Territorials.

J. C. Vivian has joined the Oxfordshire Territorials, 4th Battalion.

A. C. Vivian has joined the London University O. T. C. (Engineers).

L. A. Weaving and W. H. Wood have been made School Prefects.

A. Davenport, J. Knowles and L. A. Weaving have been elected to fill the vacant places upon the Editorial Committee of the Abingdonian.

A. Davenport has been elected Hon. Sec. of the Games Club.

W. R. B. Reynolds has been awarded his football colours.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Oxford will administer the Rite of Confirmation in St. Helen's Church on the afternoon of Sunday, December 7th.

The following dates have been fixed :

December 8th. O.A. Football Match.

December 16th. School Concert.

December 17th. School Dance.

December 19th. End of Term.

BIRTHS.

DUNCAN.—On July 1st, at Sans Souci, Pinner, Middlesex, the wife of N. Duncan, of a son.

CLAYTON.—On Sept. 1st, 1913, at Stapleton, Gerrard's Cross, the wife of Percy J. Clayton, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BAKER—RUSSWURM.—On Aug. 25th, at S. George's, Vancouver, British Colombia, by the Rev. M. H. Jackson, rector, Charles Talbot Baker, second son of the Rev. W. R. Baker, Vicar of Hagbourne, Berkshire, to Dora Mary, second daughter of the late Rev. Alexander Rüswurm, sometime Vicar of Marcham, Berkshire.

CHALLENGOR—WOODFORD.—On Aug. 25th, at All Soul's Church, Portland Place, W., by the Rev. W. Scott, assisted by the Rev. B. M. Challenor, brother of the bridegroom, Norman Bowen, second son of Bromley Challenor, Esq., of Abingdon, to Alice Marion, younger daughter of Dr. Russell Woodford of Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

COXETER—CAMERON.—On May 30th, at all Saint's Church, Brisbane, Queensland, by the Rector of the Parish, Ernest Jefferies, third son of Mr. J. Coxeter, Abingdon, to Eileen, daughter of Mr. Glen Cameron, Brisbane.

WEST—BETTERIDGE.—At St. Blaise' Church, Milton, Berks, by the Rev. H. H. Jackson, Rector, John Lacey West, youngest son of Mr. J. G. T. West and of Mrs. West, to Eva, eldest daughter of Mr. Richard Hopkins Betteridge and Mrs. Betteridge.

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

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EDITORIAL.

ONCE again we join with our readers in hearty thanks to all who have so kindly contributed to the following pages.

We would also take this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging the assistance that has been so ungrudgingly rendered us in countless ways in the past, and, as with an inevitable feeling of sadness we lay

down the Editorial pen for the last time, we desire no happier fortune for our successor than that which we have enjoyed ourselves.

Our best wishes to each and all for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

INDIA'S MARBLE QUEEN.

(Some aspects of the Taj).

I am not going to tell you the story of the Taj. Every schoolboy knows it, as Macaulay used to say when he was not quite sure of his facts. Indeed, the subject might almost be called a chestnut—the subject, mind you, not the Taj. Personally I rather like chest-nuts. It is so jolly to hear them pop. Besides, people who want to lead really healthy lives live on nuts. It prevents them from becoming dyspeptic; and hence, probably the name of this particular variety, *chest-nuts*.

There is more than one Taj Mahal in India. There is the Taj Mahal hotel in Bombay, where the globe-trotter eats his first Bombay duck, and gets eaten by his first Bombay mosquito. There is the Taj Mahal palace of Her Highness the Begam of Bhopal, even more worth seeing than the palatial inn just mentioned. And lastly—we will skip the other and inferior namesakes—there is the 'splendid bauble' at Agra. I do not know who was the first person to call the Taj a splendid bauble, or whether anyone ever called her so before; but that is what she is—six days out of seven. Visitors should, therefore arrange to get there on the seventh.

When I first saw her it was one of her week-days, and a hot-weather week-day too. The grass looked dusty and tired of itself; the fountains refused to play; and the trees and shrubs wore an air of seedy boredom. The sky was fiercely blue; the sun was fiercely hot; the Taj was fiercely white. Everything in India is subject to moods; moods which change suddenly and unaccountably. You cannot be said to know a person unless you have been with him in all his moods; and that is why first impressions of India are, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, worthless. On this particular occasion the Taj was sulking. I kept on assuring myself that this 'peerless fane,' this 'dream in white marble,' did not strike me as commonplace; that it did not look as if it ought to be under a glass case. Nevertheless, I was entirely disappointed; disappointed with the Taj, and still more disappointed with myself. I went inside; but it was so dark, and the candle-end, by the aid of which I endeavoured to examine the marble screen, spluttered so persistent-

ly, that I came out as cold as I had gone in. The cold, I may add, was of a purely emotional character; other brands of chilliness are not available at Agra in the month of July.

That is the way with the Taj. You never know how she is going to meet you. She has the Indian temperament in a pronounced form: one day communicative and altogether charming; the next, not taking the trouble to be either the one or the other. To me she can never be the most beautiful building in the world, because she is not a joy for ever, but only sometimes. I like to feel sure of my welcome, as I do when I go to Westminster Abbey, or to Oxford. The conditions may be friendly or unfriendly, bright sunshine or yellow fog, summer's heat or winter's cold; but the Abbey is still the Abbey, and Oxford is still Oxford.

That is not fair, you say, because the places I have named make their chief appeal to an Englishman through the memories and associations, whether national or personal, by which they are surrounded. In Westminster Abbey, or in Addison's Walk, the Englishman is, at all times, and in all seasons, on holy ground. The Taj can make no appeal to him through such channels. She must stir him, if at all, by the sheer strength of her beauty, and this she can only put forth under conditions which are not her's to command. To the followers of the Prophet the Taj is always the Taj, and her precincts are holy ground.

That is true—to a certain extent. However closely we may study the history, traditions, and sentiments of an alien race, we can never make them our own.

But, as far as the Taj is concerned I doubt if she means so very much more to a Muhammadan than she does to an Englishman. For, after all, what are her extrinsic claims to reverence? The writer of Indian history, having once recounted the circumstances of her creation, will, probably, never refer to her again. The circumstances themselves are full of romantic interest, and form a charming illustration of life at the Mogul court: but, beyond this, they are of little consequence. Shah Jahan was a ruler of no mean ability, and he was the most magnificent of all the Great Moguls: but he was more than half a Rajput. Mumtaz Mahal was, doubtless, a noble and lovable queen; but her chief claim to fame rests on the fact that the Taj was built to receive her remains. As a national monument, the Taj, men say, would have made a greater claim on the regard of posterity had it been built by the Emperor Jahangir in honour of Nur Mahal, the beautiful, brilliant and capable queen who ruled his Empire for him. But I do not agree.

But, be this as it may, my belief is that if the Muhammadans were told that they must lose all their national monuments in India but one, the Taj would not have much chance of remaining.

I do not for a moment suggest that the Muhammadans are not proud, immensely proud, of their 'marble queen'; though their pride has, doubtless, been enhanced by the manner in which we, and other western admirers, have exploited her charms. There is much in her style of beauty which appeals to them. Her style, as well as her temperament, is essentially oriental. The Muhammadan, in common with most of the peoples of India, delights

in the marvellous, anything which partakes of the nature of a feat. The more prominence an artist can give to his ingenuity, the more his work is appreciated. A book may possess no literary merit whatever; but, if the author has contrived to write it from end to end without once making use of some word as indispensable to the language in which he has written as the word 'of' or 'that' is to the English language, his fame is assured. A piece of ivory elaborately carved into the form of a sphere, within which another smaller sphere, equally elaborately carved, can be seen rolling about so that you cannot conceive how it managed to get there, will excite far more admiration than an ivory replica of the Apollo Belvidere. It is the same with the performance of religious duties. To learn the Koran in Arabic so as to be able to repeat it from beginning to end without an error is an achievement of the highest piety, one, the accomplishment of which carries with it the title of *hafiz*, and a reputation only surpassed by that of a person who can repeat the holy book backwards as well. The Taj is eminently calculated to gratify the Muhammadan's craving for the marvellous. She is not merely beautiful: she is, in the truest sense of the term, an architectural feat. Though of almost colossal dimensions, she is built, from plinth to summit, of white marble. Her walls, within and without, are inlaid with countless designs of the most elaborate workmanship. No two of these designs are alike, and in their composition, precious stones, even rubies and emeralds, were used. The marble screen, which surrounds the royal resting-place, might have been woven on a loom. Indeed, the longer we contemplate this

extraordinary building, the more are we astounded at the cunning of its design, and the skill of the craftsmen who executed it.

Then, again, the Muhammadan loves the geometric symmetry. It is something that he can appreciate without effort, that puts no undue strain on his imaginative powers, which are weak. It offers the artist abundant scope for painstaking ingenuity, which is his main asset. It meets one in every department of Indian life. It dominates the mosque, the palace, the shrine. It is the leading feature in all art manufactures, such as carpets, purdahs, prayer-mats, pottery, brass ware, inlaid and damascene ware. The best workmen possess extraordinary skill, and their designs are bold, elaborate, graceful, harmonious both in form and colour, but, withal, artificial and lifeless.

Even when we go quite low down in the social scale, we do not escape geometric symmetry. The *mâli is a slave to it. Pay a visit to a public garden, and the head mâli will at once take your measure. If he fancies your appearance, or thinks you look good for four annas,—the two hypotheses are one and the same—he busies himself, whilst you are inspecting his domain, in making you a nosegay. First of all he picks a rose. This is for the centre. If it is a red one, he makes a circle round it of white carnations. These, in turn, are surrounded by a circle of pink asters or zinnias, and these again by a circle of yellow pansies. The outer ring is composed of the stiffest leaves he can lay his hands upon, and are arranged with mathematical exactness. Then, with strips of tough fibre, he lashes the whole

together so tightly that you may play hockey with it, and not perceptibly damage the pattern. He makes his presentation with both hands as you are about to depart, and with a smile so deprecating, and a salaam so obsequious, that you at once yield up the four-anna piece, which you had previously determined nothing should induce you to do, clutch the embarrassing trophy, and make your exit with whatever *savoir faire* you can command.

The Taj is not only sufficiently marvellous to please the most exacting of her Indian critics, she is also a miracle of geometric symmetry. It would be surprising, therefore, if she were without honour in her own country; for she embodies, in their most elevated form, the highest characteristics of Indian art. But there are times when she does very much more. Robbed of her setting, she would suffer as the moon would suffer if you took her out of the sky, or as a first violin would suffer if the rest of the orchestra ceased to play. Alone, she is just a sweet refrain. But when Nature is in a sympathetic mood, and lends her music to the accompaniment, she can fill with harmony every crevice of your being. She will do this for you often in the cold season. Greet her from the further bank of the Jumna, in the early, early morning, and you may be sure of your welcome. The white mist still lies on the sacred river. Above it, or rather out of it, the incomparable dome and her attendant satellites rise into the pale azure,

‘Clothed in white samite, mystic,
wonderful.’

You may call it a dream, or a vision; but it is not a vision of white marble. The

* Gardener.

dome is a single pearl of faultless purity. The four lesser domes, and the cupolas which crown the slender minarets, they, too, are pearls without blemish. Slowly, as the mist melts away, the whole splendid fabric is unveiled to your gaze. The melody swells to a crescendo, and at last to a very diapason of harmony. Wait but a moment more till, tempered by the morning haze, the rays of the risen sun change the pearls to opals, and you will think that you are looking through the gates of heaven.

C.H.P.

CUPID.

Little burglar of heart houses,
Clad with wings, but minus trowse:
With such sleight as can enforce it
Right through waistcoat thick and corset:
Forward art thou ever peering,
What's behind thee never fearing;
But beware, for fate exposes thee behind,
And cheerful roses
On thy cheeks thou'lt find extending,
If I only catch thee bending.

W.

ESSAY ON ROAST MUTTON

(with apologies to Lamb).

Going through the more antediluvian part of the School library, in search of some Greek text printed in a script that an ordinary mortal unversed in the elucidation of Egyptian hieroglyphics, could decipher, I came upon what I took to be a Cookery Book of a past, if not forgotten age. It was a musty volume, dog-eared and thumb-marked by our founder's help-meet in careful search of some new delicacy to tickle the palate of

young medieval Abingdon. The style was quaint, often archaic, the spelling more so. I give here some excerpts from this curious compilation, doubtless the Mrs. Beeton of the day, altering the spelling in some few cases for the sake of greater clearness.

Sith I wode even nowe trete of that tender dellicat Cate yclept to daye Roaste Muttonne, I am very fayne to tell of howe Manne, our hairy-legged Forebeare hytte upon so excellent a dayntie, this *Princeps obsoniorum*, withouten wych Life indeed ytselke wode bee but an hollow fleetyng dreame, unsubstantial, profitlesse.

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In those darksome Yeres, the Foode of Manne was Manne alone. [In short in this sad state of cannibalism, the day came when all the eatable members of the human race had been disposed of, and the remainder were threatened with extinction by famine.]

. . . . Yt fell on a Daye by the mercifull Providence of GODDE that one theye called Wul Fytd Oun founde on the Hillesyde a grete beaste all covered wyth whyte wool. Beynge short of Site and harde of Herynge, he felt hym wyth hys Hande and sayde exultynglie "Boolee oueese," whyche in hys barbarous tong signified "'Tis my Grandsire." Offe wyth hym then, carrynge his Grandsire (so he thowte) to the Familie Fyre Syde, wherein he strait waye thrust the lucklesse Quadruped, (whyche the Reder will have allreadie devined to be none othere than the domestic Shepe,) into the devowrynge Flames . . . [where he, being very old, was quickly burned to death and cooked.] [Then followed the discovery that has revolutionized England's culinary art, and

made her stand unique alone among the nations. At this point his wife enters and finds what her husband is up to.] Wythe hastie Hande she took here Manne by hys Hairie Poll and bumped yt on the Grounde wyth surpassynge Vigore, for havynge mistaken that same scraglegged Grass-Eater for here Grandsire. But when Wul Fytd Oun showed here that this grete beaste had een four hinde legges, whereas theyre previous repastes had had but to, she right speedilie became reconcyled to the Animal, and ordered Wul Fytd Oun always to keepe here supplied wyth this same woolie Quadruped. From that Daye to this [so the story concludes] no Brityshe collatyone is deemed complete wythouten the Femur of an Hillsyde Shepe.

Now to cooke . . . Here the MSS. became technical; and so I read no further, but replaced the volume and returned to my patient class.

E.S.

OF TWO SAGES.

Diogenes curled up in his tub, Archimedes leaping naked from his bath, always seem to me to derogate in the absurdest manner from the dignity of Wisdom. 'Twas no matutinal tub either wherein Diogenes lay curled—no cleanly saucer wherein the modern man lightly and with no delay performs his ablutionary sacrifice to the Goddess of Unreason still: for I picture the sage as a dirty man with hair unkempt and shaggy beard, caring no whit for sponge or brush or fragrant oils. Albeit he was wise, and being wise housed his genius in mental palaces and kept it

washed, I suppose, in spiritual lavatories; whilst he housed his unwashed person carelessly like a dog..

And Archimedes, virile and enthusiastic, running naked to proclaim Accident as part-parent of Invention, the very cleanness of his late washed and still guttered body adding more of the ridiculous to his sudden apparition—here is your antithesis and Diogenes' antipode. For man in his best is but a poor forked creature, and unclothed must needs be of a quiet and statuesque disposition to strike the minds of his fellows with any seriousness of grace. Any show of vivacity, the merest display of actual and not latent force, at once makes him a clothesless biped, a fowl plucked of his feathers, unseemly, unnatural, and needing an acquired indeed but now-indispensable part of his being. Howbeit your naked savage is beautiful—because he is still but brother once removed from the beast: his grace is most of the animal and little of the man. Also he is by nature not-cleanly, slothful and statuesque. But Archimedes and his brothers of the bath, the clean, active, lively, exemplary supermen, must needs cover "the glory of his frame" for it to be in the least perceptible. They are the unrepousing, the energetic; and their actions without the saving influence of vesture become antics only. And so the admiring Syracusans laughed merrily at their sage when he danced naked into their midst.

But thou, Sir philosopher of the barrel,—and with thee I apostrophise all thy kith and kin, the dreamers and not the doers, the slothful, the unwashed, perhaps the truly inspired, for genius is no amphibian—thou, sir, who in the manner of thy habitation alliest thyself so closely with

the beast and makest so unostentatious a show of thy nearest kinship, come play thy part in its fullest! Off with thy dingy chitôn that we may have something to admire at when thou creepest on all fours from thy hogshhead! But O that jutting beard, that irreverend pôgôn!—verily the philosopher of tears had split his sides to see thee emerge thus piloted. And the rest of thee, thy corporeal sequence what else than utterly ridiculous could it be with such a lead, even though thy quadrupedalian posture made not such a mockery of man's "terrible uprightness"?

Thou prototype of all established beggary, of all solicitous invagrancy, with thine unwashed hide and utter disregard of all things commodious and commendable, being yet I suppose singularly comfortable in thy professed and profound discomfort, there is something of the sorriest and most pitiable and almost repulsive in thy way, which, followed by thy disciples, is in them compassionate indeed, but humoursome and mirthmoving withal. Their sloth and immutinous self-respect is in some sort admirable. The saving sense of their due position keeps them undegenerate in our hearts. But thou, by the style and title of thy wit so far above the best of thy fellows, why demeanest thou thyself below the highest brute, which forsooth cleanseth itself in the running waters and is provided by nature as to its lower and less water-loving brethren with an ubiquitous and discerning tongue? Verily thou shouldest stand ashamed.

W.W.

THE PYGMY'S PROGRESS.

*"Altera candenti perfecta nitens elephanto:
Sed falsa ad cælum mittunt insomnia Manes."*

I had now begun to emerge from the dense forest in which for so long I had been groping my way in vain. As the foliage thinned I saw with some exasperation how near I had been to a parting that had been cleared through the undergrowth; but, once having found it, I stepped forward eagerly towards sunlight fresh air. The forest stopped at the edge of a plain, apparently endless in extent, and furrowed as though by some giant plough into long ridges from East to West. The climbing of these took many hours, but at length I reached the most southern brow and there obtained a view of the country beyond.

What struck me most about this new landscape was its peculiar symmetry. To right and left, within a few miles from where I stood, there ran a long and narrow woodland belt, divided sharply in the middle by a lofty table-land stretching away out of sight in an unbroken line. On either side above the trees I caught the glint of the sun on the blue waters of what seemed to be two great inland seas, in the midst of each of which, if my eyes did not deceive me, there loomed the shadow of a great island. Hastening down I quickly reached the copse and passed through. Here as in the forest behind the same strange absence of animals of any description was forced upon my attention. Surely this was a curious land that knew neither bird nor beast, and had hitherto been untrodden by the foot of man. No sign of living thing could be seen even when I stood on the causeway high above the two lakes. These I was

able now to examine more closely. Their waters were of the deepest blue, rimmed by a wide expanse of silver sand, and having on their furthest shores a sheltering fringe of tall and slender trees, of a kind unknown to me before. As I looked back for a final glance, after passing some way down the bridge, the twin sheets of water no longer appeared as lakes, but stood out in the distance almost as two great eyes blinking wearily in the sun.

But my attention was now diverted by happenings closer at hand. A curious and persistent noise reached me from below. It was as though a storm had been caught and harnessed to man's service. In steady ebb and flow a whirlwind was travelling beneath my feet, and Earth, keeping sympathy with Boreas, heaved in answering rise and fall. The further I proceeded the louder became the noise and the greater the upheaval, until by the time I had reached the end of the promontory, thrust out as it was like a huge nose precipitously over the surrounding country, I had become thoroughly alarmed. Arrived at the end I threw myself down and, leaning carefully over the edge, looked to see what was the cause. Right below were two great caverns, through which the great wind roared in and out as from a pair of bellows used by Vulcan to fan his forge within; and even as I looked, my hat, falling off, was whirled inside in a trice.

As I lingered awhile on my unstable eminence, wondering in vain how I should descend, my mind, tired no doubt and bewildered by the strange isolation of the journey, turned to curious imaginings. Grotesque though it may appear, I found myself comparing the country, through

which I had travelled, to the lineaments of a Colossus, his bulk thrown over the earth, and as unconscious of my presence as would have been an inhabitant of Brobdingnag, if some Lilliputian had climbed up through his forest of hair and explored wonderingly the strange domain of eyes and nose and mouth.

From these dreams I was rudely disturbed by a sudden and more violent quaking of the ground whereon I stood, and before I could recover my balance the whole earth gave one tremendous heave and sent me hurtling through the air.

When I awoke I was clutching a handkerchief convulsively and shivering in the chill December dawn.

The Colossus had sneezed.

T.S.W.

AN ENGLISH SUMMER.

'Twas on a summer's evening at the end
of toil and pain,

Old Kaspar by his homely fire was cursing
at the rain,

'When will this awful weather cease?' he
cried with many an oath,

'I like the summer's sun or winter's snow,
but I'm hanged if I want both,'

'But Grandpapa,' cried Peterkin, 'How
useful all these drops,'

'For you must know, as farmers say,
they're ripping for the crops,'

'What care I for farmers' crops you little
fool?' he said,

'Must I spend my holidays a'drinking gruel
in bed?'

To-morrow I will go to town and buy
some winter wraps,

So, if I am caught in snow and hail, I
 may suffer no mishaps.
 Then Kaspar he went up to town and
 bought his winter clothes,
 A large fur-coat, some oilskins and cold
 cream for the nose,
 But alas ! for poor old Kaspar his pur-
 chase was in vain,
 For suddenly like magic, ceased the hail
 and rain,
 And the sun from out the sombre clouds
 dispelled the chilly wet,
 So once more again Old Kaspar could sit
 at his door and sweat.

J.K.

COMING TO ANCHOR.

"Sahib ! Sahib !"

"Eh ?"

"Burra Malum Sahib salaam detta."

"Achcha."

The native quartermaster disappears. I
 jump up from my bunk, slip into a white
 suit and rush up the bridge ladder. The
 Burra Malum Sahib (anglice, Chief
 Officer) gives me a nod and says :

"Half speed. Commander's orders,
 Sir."

I repeat, and he goes off forward
 to get ready for anchoring. The Serang,
 or native Bo'sun, then pipes stations, while
 I am kept busy taking bearings of Nega-
 patam Light and the mark buoys.

Away to the Eastward the sky shows a
 bright orange, gradually fading away into
 the deep blue overhead. To the right,
 the dark line of low-lying sandy coast,
 fringed with a line of white surf, can just
 be made out, becoming more distinct each
 moment.

The Old Man, in pyjamas and a bridge

coat, is leaning over the bridge rail, noting
 the bearings as I sing them out from time
 to time. The black quartermaster stands
 at the wheel intent on the compass.

A sharp order. Round goes the wheel
 and the vessel's head swings to the right.

"Ring slow, Sir."

"Ring slow, Sir."

The duplex telegraph rings and the
 speed decreases.

"Do you see our Catamaran ?" says the
 skipper.

I pick up the glasses and gaze ahead,
 and endeavour to make out a catamaran
 with a man waving his waistcloth to
 attract our attention.

"Ah ! there he is, sir," I say. "Right
 ahead, about half a mile off."

"Send a man in the chains," is the
 only reply I get.

Soon the sing-song voice of the leads-
 man floats up to the bridge, announcing
 the depth of water.

"Char baum ek hath" (four and a
 quarter fathoms) he chants.

The Old Man roars out, "Full astern,
 both engines."

A moment of silence, then a wild
 throbbing vibration which makes the fun-
 nel stays quiver, froth and mud swirl
 past, stirred up by the screws fighting to
 check the headway of the ship.

"Jahaz pechel jhatta," drones the leads-
 man, which means "the ship is going
 astern."

"Let go !" roars Dad through a
 megaphone.

A sudden clang, followed by a splash,
 which sends the spray high above the
 deck, as the two-and-a-half-ton anchor
 topples into the water. The heavy iron
 cable roars out through the hawse-pipe.

"Come ahead, sir," bellows the Chief.
 "Stop," cries the skipper. Then, to
 the Chief, "How much have you out?"

"Thirty shackle in the pipe, sir," he
 roars in answer.

"Give her forty-five well in the water."

"Aye, aye, sir."

The ship is almost stopped now, the
 chain is running out more slowly; then a
 screech from the brake, a few moments
 silence, till a shout of, "Brought up forty-
 five in the water, sir," tells us we are at
 anchor in Negapatam Roads, just as the
 sun rises in his glory above the horizon.

The engines are rung off, bearings of
 the shore taken, and we go below to coffee
 and fruit, and to await the arrival of the
 cargo boats.

NAUTILUS.

BAD BALLAD OF ZABERN.*

In Zabern's ancient township
 In Zabern's ancient streets
 There dwells a glorious Hero
 Whose fame all others' beats.
 This Hero of the Vosges
 Outstrips Horatius Cocles.
 (He dines on German Saus'ges
 And Strassburg potted meats).

* For the benefit of those of our readers whose only newspaper or periodical is the 'Abingdonian,' we would inform them that Zabern is a little garrison town in Alsace, where, according to the daily press, a young lieutenant recently offered a reward of 10s. to anyone who would crack the skulls of the local 'blackguards.' The inhabitants of Alsace understood him to mean by the German word used, namely, 'wackes,' any Alsatian, and feeling in the town ran very high. A schoolboy was arrested, but escaped. The guard was turned out, and the Market place lined with troops. A Justice of the Peace protested and he too was arrested, as was also a fireman who came to see what was transpiring; a cripple too had his head cut open, in his effort to avoid arrest. In addition an English journalist was arrested for photographing the Lieutenant.

All this evoked tumultuous scenes in the German Parliament. An overwhelming vote was passed against the Imperial Chancellor, who was summoned to appear before the Emperor. Finally the Regiment was removed from the town.

For Zabern's nigh to Strassburg
 Midst Mountains of the Vosges
 Midst Castles grey and hoary
 (And some of them gamboge)
 Where warriors kindled Beacons
 Concocted oft of Deacons
 Slim Cardinals or sleek 'uns
 And possibly a Doge.

For Bishops, Priests, and Deacons
 Took part in horrid fray;
 In ancient times in Zabern
 It was their cheerful way.
 And whether Warrior vanquished,
 Or Papal Legate languished,
 'Twas somebody was anguished
 On every other day!
 The Barracks often dangled
 With Corpses grim, and mangled,
 Of gentlemen that wrangled,
 It was their little way!

The "Barracks" as I've termed it,
 Were in those days the Schloss,
 Where those same Priests I've mentioned,
 Were on and off the Boss.
 But this is ancient Story,
 A time that's past, long since,
 Our Hero dwells in Modern Times
 Of Sausages and Mince!

It's true, I've vaguely hinted
 At this same fact before,
 But facts about a Hero
 Are not the sort that bore,
 For in this town of Zabern
 Our Hero's quite a "toff"
 And any passing Stranger
 Must swift his headgear doff!

From Donon back to Hohbarr
 From Climont to the Brotsch*

* Heights of the Vosges, often castle crowned, whose ruins abound in legend and folk-song.

Time-honoured Spirits greet him !
 The Spirits that keep watch
 On rocky height, and turret
 That braved a thousand years
 Now raise their heads in chorus
 And hail him with three cheers !

Now hear the famous story
 I fain would tell you now;
 It is a young Lieutenant
 To whom you must kow-tow.
 For up and spake the 'Leutnant,'
 (Was't 'hell' or 'dunkel' beer ?)
 A thousand Kupfer Pfennigs
 To all assembled here !

A thousand minted Pfennigs !
 (Nor offer as a boon,
 But meet reward for labours)
 To anyone that sabres
 One of our stupid neighbours,—
 The Alsace country loon !

Such largesse was unheard of
 Such gallantry unknown
 It stirred the loyal garrison
 Of famous Zabern town !
 For, mark you, the self-sacrifice
 Of the Lieutenant; and the Price !
 Ten silver shillings in a trice
 For sabre'ing a clown !
 And, though the brave Lieutenant's plan
 He left the honour to the man
 Who with a sabre gory
 Slew peasants young or hoary.
 (As mentioned in this story
 He was a nice young man).

Alsatian townsmen heard it
 Nor took it as a joke
 But rather thought the 'Leutnant'
 Was something like a 'moke'*

The Butcher and the Baker,
 And e'en the Sausage-Maker,
 The Bobby on his beat,
 And Schoolboys,—shrieked derision
 Whene'er they saw the vision
 Of him, and his division,
 A-coming down the street !

But 'Deeds not Words' the Motto
 With our Lieutenant friend
 And when a Schoolboy "What Ho !"
 Cried out with *voce sotto*,
 It did not take a lot to
 See how such things must end !

This Schoolboy caught and captured
 Was placed in Dungeon fell
 The Leutnant was enraptured,
 And hoped to spank him well !
 But from the Market-place a Cheer,
 Did greet the proud Lieutenant's ear;
 That eel-like slippery boy was there !
 (The Dungeon was a sell !).

He called a Council straightway
 Before the postern gate,
 Short time was there for musing
 It was *Lèse Majestät* !
 Out spake the Leutnant roundly
 We'll shoot the scoundrel dead
 And high upon the Schlössel Turm
 We'll hang his wretched head !

Forthwith up rose the Leutnant
 And with his soldiers all
 Repaired to the Market-place
 With muskets and with ball.
 The Citizens were startled
 To see the *Militär*
 Till chanced there came
 A mild eyed Man
 With soft and silken hair.

* A kind of beast, sometimes spelt with only three letters.

"Clear out the light, old Fogey!"
 Rang out the order clear.
 "Not I," replied this gentleman,
 "Whose orders have you here?"
 "Lay down your arms ye soldiers
 "This foolishness must cease
 "Unless 'tis vain that I am called
 "A Justice of the Peace!"

The J.P. in the Dungeon
 They popped him straight away
 And 'long of him a crippled man
 Who *could* not run away;
 And also a photographer,
 Who'd ventured to admire
 The facial expression
 Of the Leutnant under fire!

They told it to the Kaiser
 Near Danube's fabled source,
 And Deputies, in Parliament,
 Became extremely hoarse.
 With language loud and haughty
 They called our Hero "naughty,"
 And said that never ought he
 To have such nasty hankerings for a
 'corse'!

Such wretched misconstruings,
 Of our Lieutenant's doings,
 Quite filled our gallant Hero with
 remorse!

And so our famous Hero
 From Zabern town has flown;
 For that was thought the neatest way
 Lest unexampled chivalry
 Should meet again with ribaldry;
 Such things must be put down!

But still the offer's open,
 As far as I can tell;
 Perhaps, someday, I'll ascertain
 By going to the town again!

KÖPENICK.

FOOTBALL.

During the past term our national winter game has been pursued as keenly as ever throughout the School, and we have once more to record considerably more wins than losses by our elevens.

At the beginning of the term the composition of the eleven presented no little difficulty, as there were but few colours left, and much of the material at hand was new. Later, illness claimed several victims amongst the forwards, with the result that the elevens hardly ever turned out the same for two consecutive matches. This no doubt has had its effect, for the attack has always lacked cohesion and, whilst many good individual efforts have been made, a combined run by the forwards has been comparatively rare. The shooting has not been up to the usual standard, though this can be accounted for by the extreme lightness of those most at fault. Of the defence another tale has to be told. Most have shown exceptional skill; a few have used weight and determination with the happiest results.

Our deputy-goal-keeper has played some fine games; his keeping in the Old Boys Match being a fitting climax to his efforts. The right back has improved out of all knowledge and his tackling is now very decisive and his kicking sure. His partner is still a little shaky and must learn to kick with his left foot.

The right half is very hardworking and has developed into a sturdy player who backs his forwards up well. The left half-back position has been the most difficult to fill and the first choice was undoubtedly the best.

Of our centre-half we can truly say that he has been the pivot of the team.

Untiring in defence, resourceful in attack, keen always, his example is one to be copied.

The Second Eleven has produced one or two promising players. Their Captain should come on another year and the right back has proved very steady.

The Third Game has not always been well filled, but in the middle of the School the play has improved. The addition of the lower field to our playgrounds has proved a great boon.

A.S.F.C. v. MANSFIELD COLLEGE.—

The School visited Mansfield College on Wednesday, November 19th with a full team. Mr. Baker turned out in goal for the first time this term, and was in fine form. It was a fast game all through. The Mansfield centre-forward, who was very fast, got away and scored within the first five minutes. After that, however, the School made a vigorous attack upon the bottom goal and Lupton scored twice before half-time. After this the game was more even and it was not until near the end that Lupton scored a third goal. The opposing centre-forward gave some trouble at the end, but Mr. Baker saved finely several times. All the defence was good, though the backs were often out-paced. Lupton and Mr. Grundy were in good form, but they were somewhat troubled by the size of the ground. Reynolds was greatly improved. Team: Mr. S. H. Baker (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); C. B. Edwards, H. A. L. Donkin, Mr. A. E. P. Sloman (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, L. H. C. Creswell, Mr. W. M. Grundy, F. W. Lupton, T. T. G. Race (forwards).

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

The School visited Leighton Park on Saturday, November 29th, and drew 1—1 after a good game. They started off well and should have scored several times in the first twenty minutes, Race being the chief delinquent. He got clear away once and then put outside the post. Towards the end of the first half a shot from Reynolds hit the bar and certainly went into the goal off Lupton, but the goal-keeper cleared and the referee did not allow the point. The second half was fairly even, and about the middle Edwards scored for the School with quite a nice shot. Towards the end of the game the home inside-left equalised with an irresistible shot at close quarters from a centre from the right. Leighton tried hard to score again afterwards, but there were no further goals. Cullen played a good game, though he had no real hard shots. The backs were quite good, especially Eason, as usual. Edwards forgot that he had to get back in order to mark his wing man, but otherwise he worked hard. Creswell had an off day. The forwards as a whole were disappointing. Reynolds did not get as many centres across as he should have done, and Race kept shooting wide. Lupton was not well supported, and Lanning might just as well have been off the field. Edgington occasionally got some nice centres across. Team: D. Cullen (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); L. H. C. Creswell, H. A. L. Donkin, C. B. Edwards (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, T. T. G. Race, F. W. Lupton, R. Lanning, H. J. Edgington (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL. The School journeyed to Oxford on Wednesday, December 3rd, without

Cullen, Creswell and Edgington. This fact considerably weakened the forward line, but strengthened the defence, because Lupton retired to goal. In the first half the School forwards did not get going at all; Race was rather lost, and Reynolds had no one to support him. In the second half Donkin went inside-left with Reynolds outside and Race centre. After a little while this formation worked and Donkin scored from a blunder made by the opposing back and goalkeeper. Donkin afterwards scored two more points, one from a centre by Race and the other by running through. Clack and Brett played quite a good game considering their size. The defence were never much troubled, Eason and Lupton being quite safe. Team: F. W. Lupton (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); R. Lanning, H. A. L. Donkin, C. B. Edwards (halves); N. G. Cornejo, R. W. B. Reynolds, T. T. G. Race, S. E. Clack, A. J. Brett (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.—The School were at home to Oxford High School on Saturday, December 6th. It had been raining all the morning and continued to do so throughout the game. Consequently the field became a sea of mud. Creswell and Edgington were still absent from the School team, but that did not make as much difference as it might have done, for the ground was too slippery and the ball too wet to kick with any exactness. The visiting team attacked at the start, but it was not until halfway through the first half that they scored from a scrum in front of goal resulting from a nice centre by the outside-right, who played the best game on the field. Before half-

time, however, Lupton equalised with a fine shot from some way out. The second half was quite even. The High School scored twice from long shots, because Cullen did not get back to the goal after running out. Lupton scored another fine goal for the School and thus a muddy game ended with a win for the visitors by 3—2. The School backs played quite a sound game despite adverse conditions, Davenport especially being much improved. Lanning has not yet learnt to wake up. Reynolds played hard, but he has not yet regained his best form. Lupton was the pick of the forwards, but Race seemed to prefer giving the ball to an opponent instead of passing. Team: D. Cullen (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); C. B. Edwards, H. A. L. Donkin, R. Lanning (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, S. E. Clack, T. T. G. Race, F. W. Lupton, A. J. Brett (forwards).

SCHOOL v. OLD ABINGDONIANS.—This match was played on Monday, Dec. 8th, the earlier date, just at the end of the full 'Varsity term, proving a great convenience to Oxford O.A.'s. The ground had made a surprising recovery from the quagmire of Saturday, but was still very heavy. Punctually at 2.15 the O.A.'s kicked off, the School attacking the Lodge goal. On paper the O.A. team was not as strong as usual, but individual players showed form far exceeding their School reputations, and the game started at a rapid pace, Cook, for the O.A.'s, at once showing good form in relief kicks. Play went from one end to the other and, Race following up vigorously, it looked as though the School would soon score, but chances went begging. Race over-ran the ball and

Creswell missed a fine chance of shooting. Read at back for the O.A's was always in the picture; after heading the ball he would follow through with a somersault to kick it out to his forwards, showing the appreciative crowd that he had lost none of his gymnastic ability. When the Old Boys' forwards got the ball they moved quickly; Wakefield on the left wing being faster than anticipated, though he often spoilt himself by hanging on too long—however he frequently gave the centres the ball, and here Williams was always dangerous, though Donkin was carefully marking him. Williams was frequently nearly through; or, drawing the defence round him he sent out well-placed passes to the wings. The latter, however, were inclined to be off-side. Challenor and Shepherd in the centre showed pace, but the latter made no use of a couple of chances, though presently a fine shot by Williams was well saved by Cullen, the brother goal-keepers being both very dependable. After about twenty minutes' play Donkin got kicked on the nose and had to retire, and Lupton dropped back to assist the defence. After about five minutes Williams dribbled through the backs, and Cullen apparently anticipating relief which did not arrive, ran out just too late, and Williams popped the ball behind him into the net. Donkin then returned, and the ball was sent out frequently to the left wing, but Reynolds after tricking the half, spoilt all his good work by finishing weakly, and kicking in a hurry. Once with the whole forward line rushing up 'on-side,' and no one on him, he kicked hurriedly right in front of him, and at other times centred with the backs still marking the inside men. If

the wing can trick and outrun the half-back it becomes necessary for the back to tackle him, and if the wing keeps on the wing, there is only one back left to account for the rest of the forward line, a truism that has not been much observed throughout the term. Again the O.A's became dangerous, and in a prolonged scrimmage in front of goal, Cullen charged into the *mêlée* at the critical moment and saved the situation. Edwards was playing a vigorous game for the School at half, but got hurt in a tackle just before half-time arrived with the score—O.A's 1 goal, School *nil*. The game re-started at a merry pace, and at length working down to the 'Park goal,' Lupton got the ball and sent in a shot just out of O. E. Cullen's reach. The scores were level and the Old Boys now pressed hotly, but D. Cullen for the School was playing the game of his life. A hot shot from Williams seemed certain to score, coming high up on the right, but Cullen rushing across hit it out and over the line, and from the 'corner' the ball was got away. The Old Boys' left wing was occasionally held up for off-side, but the School goal-keeper was presently again saving. This time from a shot from Shepherd which, partly clearing, he followed up only to find the opposing left wing too quick for him; the ball was kicked over the latter's head, but getting back in great style he fisted the ball out again. Then Challenor coming through, and finding the School backs debating the problem, went straight ahead with a clear goal; his shot hit the post and glanced back into the net. Except for this mistake the School backs, and Eason particularly, were playing a very safe game, Davenport's kicking showing

marked improvement. Score—School 1; O.A's 2. The O.A's success seemed to demoralise the School forwards, who could do nothing, and seemed to want a leader. They might perhaps, have received more collective encouragement from the touch line; whilst the outside halves were not helping them much; Edwards seemed to have suffered by his shaking up, and Knowles could not time the ball. It was the latter's first appearance for the School team and he may have been over-anxious. Donkin all the while had been covering many mistakes, in spite of again getting his nose damaged, but once more the Old Boys were dangerous and Cullen again saved, and in following up the ball, got bowled over, the ball being shot back into the goal by Bury on the right; Davenport however had run into goal and with a characteristic effort somehow bundled the ball out. Read too, put in a fine run on his own, but nearing the end, this was quite eclipsed by a brilliant individual effort by the School captain. Trying to rouse his forwards he ran right through from near half-way, beating all the defence; but, getting forced out to the right of the goal, he put the ball back right in the centre, but to general dismay Lupton could do nothing with it. With the minutes running out, again the ball came to the School forwards, and with Brett putting in the centre, the ball was passed to Lupton who shot hard, the ball cannoning against the side of the post and so into the net. It was the last kick of an excellent match and no one seemed inclined to grumble at the result.—School 2 goals; Old Abingdonians 2 goals.

Teams: *School*—D. Cullen (goal); A. Davenport, A.Eason (backs); J.Knowles,

H. A. L. Donkin [capt.], C. B. Edwards, (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, L. H. C. Creswell, T. T. G. Race, F. W. Lupton, A. J. Brett (forwards).

Old Abingdonians.—O.E.Cullen(goal); C. M. Read, C. E. Cook (backs); H. W. B. Burkett, F. Parker [capt.], W. H. Enoch (halves); J. H. Wakefield, W. C. Williams, O. B. Challenor, G. H. G. Shepherd, B. J. Bury (forwards).

Referee: The Headmaster.

A.S.F.C. v. ABINGDON TOWN.—This match was played on the School ground on Saturday, December 13th. The Town had six of their proper team and several veterans, among whom we were pleased to see Lay. It was quite a hot game all through, and the Town won simply on their superiority in front of goal. They were three goals up at half-time; one was scored from a scrum in front of goal, another was headed in by Matthews and the third was obtained by the same player running through, his shot glancing in off the post. The second half was quite even. The School scored their only point soon after the interval, Mr. Grundy heading through a centre from Lupton. Towards the end Donkin was off the field with an injured ankle for a few minutes. Just after he returned the Town scored their fourth point from a scrum in front of the goal. Mr. Baker was in good form. Unfortunately he had no chance with the goals that were scored. All the defence was good, Cullen being especially noticeable, playing a fine game throughout. He has been in brilliant form this week both in goal and at half. The forwards were better than they have usually been. Reynolds played quite a useful game, and

Creswell, like Cullen, seemed 'inspired.' Mr. Grundy and Lupton were well marked by Lodge and Trinder, who frequently broke up the School attacks. The Town were probably the strongest team the School have played and we have reason to be quite pleased with the game. Team: Mr. S. H. Baker (goal); A. Davenport, A. Eason (backs); D. Cullen, H. A. L. Donkin, C. B. Edwards (halves); R. W. B. Reynolds, L. H. C. Creswell, Mr. W. M. Grundy, F. W. Lupton, T. T. G. Race (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.—The 2nd XI. were at home to Leighton Park on Saturday, November 29th, and won 2—0. The team played well on the whole, though no one was brilliant. They were, however, superior to their opponents and would undoubtedly have scored more, if they could have avoided that old 2nd XI. fault of failing to shoot. Warwick is certainly better than the rest in this respect, but he should practise his brilliant pieces of dribbling oftener. Clack must learn to pass more and not to wander too much, as also get over the annoying habit of trying to dribble past the goalkeeper, instead of shooting. The two goals were shot by Miles. Team: E. Arias (goal); N. G. Cornejo, G. C. Parr (backs); E. L. Parry, J. Knowles (capt.), P. W. Morley (halves); W. H. Wood, V. C. Warwick, S. E. Clack, P. N. Miles, A. J. Brett (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL 2nd XI.—The 2nd XI. played this match at home on Wednesday,

December 3rd. Their normal ranks were rather thinned, because people were wanted for the First, but they acquitted themselves quite creditably. H. G. Cornejo returned to the team again. At half-time they were one goal down through a miss-kick of the latter's, but after the interval they got together and scored five goals, Warwick scoring three and Miles and Ellis one each. Team: E. Arias (goal); H. G. Cornejo, G. C. Parr (backs); E. L. Parry, J. Knowles (capt.), D. Elford (halves); W. H. Wood, V. C. Warwick, P. N. Miles, P. W. Morley, A. Ellis (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI.—The School 2nd XI. were away on Saturday, 6th December, against Oxford High School 2nd XI. There was heavy rain all day, and consequently both teams were unable to do full justice to the game. The home team broke away in the first few minutes and scored from a scrum round the goal. Soon afterwards the School made a rush and Warwick put the ball into the net off an extremely nice shot. For the rest of the game there was a series of rushes on both sides, all, however, resulting in nothing. Parr played a very good game, saving many times. H. G. Cornejo also played well. The forwards, with the exception of Warwick, were weak, and the halves seemed to be somewhat troubled by the uncertainty of the ground. The game was fairly fast and even throughout, but the School had hard luck at the end, Warwick just missing the net from a difficult position. Thus the game resulted in a draw 1—1. The team was the same as against Magdalen College School except that N. G. Cornejo played half instead of D. Elford.

LIST OF MATCHES.

1st XI.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	GOALS.			
		For		Agst.	
Oct. 8	Bloxham School ..	H.	1 0	W.	
" 15	Exeter Coll. Capotters	A.	2 2	D.	
" 18	Leighton Park School	H.	4 2	W.	
" 22	Oxford High School..	A.	0 5	L.	
" 25	Dorchester College ..	H.	5 1	W.	
" 29	Magdalen College Sch.	H.	2 0	W.	
Nov. 8	Bloxham School ..	A.	1 2	L.	
" 12	Exeter Coll. Capotters	H.	4 0	W.	
" 15	Dorchester College ..	A.	3 2	W.	
" 19	Mansfield College ..	A.	3 1	W.	
" 29	Leighton Park School	A.	1 1	D.	
Dec. 3	Magdalen College Sch.	A.	3 0	W.	
" 6	Oxford High School..	H.	2 3	L.	
" 8	Old Abingdonians ..	H.	2 2	D.	
" 13	Abingdon Town ..	H.	1 4	L.	

Matches played 15; Won 8; Lost 4; Drawn 3;
Goals, for 34; Against, 25.

2nd XI.

Oct. 8	Bloxham School ..	A.	3 7	L.	
" 18	Leighton Park School	A.	2 5	L.	
" 22	Oxford High School..	H.	5 0	W.	
" 29	Magdalen College Sch.	A.	4 6	L.	
Nov. 8	Bloxham School ..	H.	3 1	W.	
" 22	Scouts..	H.	6 0	W.	
" 29	Leighton Park School	H.	2 0	W.	
Dec. 3	Magdalen College Sch.	H.	5 1	W.	
" 6	Oxford High School..	A.	1 1	L.	

Matches played, 9; Won, 5; Lost, 3; Drawn, 1;
Goals for, 31; Against, 21.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

D. CULLEN (goal) Colours 1913. Has improved enormously. His chief fault is his shortness of kick, and when pressed he fails to get the ball away. Must learn that it is absolutely necessary to get back quickly into his goal after running out. Played a fine game against the Old Abingdonians.

A. DAVENPORT (left back), Colours 1913. Has greatly improved his kicking since the beginning of the term, but must learn to use his left foot; is still apt to kick wildly. Plays a hard game, but is unfortunately troubled by his eyesight.

A. EASON (right back), Colours 1912-13. Has been a tower of strength in the back division. His kicking is much improved since last year and his tackling is very sure.

L. H. C. CRESWELL (left half). Made quite a useful half, having a good knowledge of his position and tackling well. Seemed however, unable to pass along the ground, and was far too prone to balloon. At inside-left feeds his outside man nicely, but is a weak shot. Should be good next year.

H. A. L. DONKIN (centre-half), Colours 1910-11-12-13. Captain. Has been in brilliant form throughout the term and has made it possible for the team to produce a good record. He works indefatigably and never seems to tire. Though he has played at inside-left with successful results, his place is undoubtedly centre-half; he makes this difficult position appear quite easy.

C. B. EDWARDS (right half), Colours 1913. A sturdy, hard-working player, who worries his man. At times forgets his wing forward and does not come back to help the defence. Is learning to pass quite accurately, but needs more pace.

R. W. B. REYNOLDS (outside-left), Colours 1913. At the beginning of the season shewed he had lost none of his old brilliance, but lately his play has fallen off and his good centres have become fewer. Can shoot hard, but should centre oftener and shoot less.

H. J. EDGINGTON (inside-left). A promising player who has not come up to expectations. Was tried in the inside positions, but is a weak shot and hesitates to pass. Plays quite well, however, at outside-right, shewing a good turn of speed

and dropping the ball nicely in the centre.

S. E. CLACK (centre). Has occasionally played inside-left or right. Is very small, but exceedingly clever with his feet, and gives his passes well. Is too apt to try and dribble past everybody, the goal-keeper included.

F. W. LUPTON (inside-right), Colours 1912-13. Has lost none of his former art in goal and has played in that position in a few matches. Is easily the best of the forwards. Is a good shot with either foot and passes well, but might at times swing the ball about more.

T. T. G. RACE (outside-right). Has been most disappointing all the season. At outside-right never shewed a glimpse of the form he was in at the end of last season, and in the centre was very slow and passed none too accurately. Might be a good shot, but has missed many open goals. Has plenty of pace, but never uses it when it is wanted.

AN OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

There is once again a nice little coterie of Old Abingdonians in Oxford. They have each in his own sphere distinguished themselves, and we will give some account of them separately.

G. Woods has taken up residence in Keble. He has been tried for his College Togger, and we hope to see him talking part in the races next March.

E. G. Whelpton is at Hertford. We understand he has been a great asset to the Rugger Scrum, and is at present firmly settled in his College Togger at No. 4 thwart.

H. W. B. Burkett is also at Hertford. He too has distinguished himself on the river, being in the winning four. He also plays Football for Hertford 2nd XI. They have not won a match. He is also conspicuous at the George Street 'Piccers' and on the Golf Course.

E. H. Harvey is in residence at B.N.C. He has already made his mark by being in B.N.C. Soccer 1st XI., and by gaining a certain place in his College Togger, and, though he does not seem to be very keen on rowing at present, we hope that he will discover its fascination and not give it up.

W. C. Williams disappointed us by not entering for the Freshers' High Jump. We had hoped for great things from him. He has, however, been most useful to Pembroke College alike on the River, on the Track, and on the Soccer Field. He was in the winning Robinson Four, but not being keen he had no further trial. As Pembroke met Oriel in the first round of the Inter-Collegiate Sports, and were rather easily beaten, his energies on the track came to an end. He has obtained his Soccer Colours, and it is mainly through his scoring propensities that Pembroke are going into the First Division.

C. E. Cook has also been given his Soccer Colours at Pembroke, and has played a most consistent game at back. He is at present in the spare Four on the River. As Honour Mods are drawing near, his oak is often sported, but whether he is inside or not is a debatable question.

T. M. Layng is working hard at Military Groups. He takes a most active interest in all the doings of the Balliol contingent of the O.T.C.

E. H. Thomas by extensive bribery has contrived to be elected Vice-Captain of the Isis H.C., and often plays for their First XI. The Union and the "Radder" know him well. He takes his History Finals next June. He was prominent, we understand, in fighting the flames in the fire at Jesus College.

We are verry sorry to lose G. H. G. Shepherd, but we have seen a great deal of him this term, and he has taken a meal off most of us. He has taken part in many Strangers Races and has won both in the Sprints and in the Long Jump and Weight. We understand he has several offers of good appointments, and we wish him all success in whichever he chooses.

So much for individuals. As regards the term itself, it has been one of exceptional interest. The visit of Mr. Lloyd George was preceded by a large fire at the timber yard, which seemed to augur the kind of reception he would get, but these expectations were hardly fulfilled. The excitement caused by the above was further increased by the decorative genius of a certain desperado, which was displayed on the dizzy heights of the Martyrs' Memorial. We must now close.

Floreat Schola Abendonensis. A Merry Xmas to you, dear Mr. Editor, and to all readers of "The Abingdonian."

Yours truly,

O. A.

SINGING.

A novel event took place in the Gymnasium on the evening of Saturday, December 13th, in the form of a Quartette Competition, for which prizes were kindly offered by Mrs. Grundy.

There could be no question as to the keenness with which the venture was welcomed. All sorts of opportunities were seized by individual quartettes to put in a little extra "training," and we may not be mistaken in our belief that the winning quartette was most vigorous in this respect.

There were five entries, and in the result they proved remarkably equal, the first three markings being 79, 72 and 70 points respectively.

The winners—Wood, Elford, Clack, Gibbs ii., were the better balanced, and interpreted the meaning of the selected pieces with better judgement than the others. It seemed to us that the second piece, "The Maiden of the Fleur de Lys" was rendered better than the well known "Blue Bells of Scotland." The latter is a rather humdrum affair, unless, by the aid of musical expression, some life and feeling is imparted to it, and this was certainly rather lacking.

The second quartette deserves every congratulation, as they were not expected to be so well placed. Their version of the "Hieland Laddie" was the most pleasing, but they got somewhat lost in describing the beauties of the Maiden in the second song. Race, Gilbert, Ellis and Eason ii., were the names of the

runners up and Eason i., Knowles, Morley and Tombs ii., came third. In the latter, the bass seemed to blend with the other parts better than was the case with the other performers, and they were perhaps the best of all in their version of the second song, their marks of expression and attack being particularly good. The trebles throughout earned commendation from Mr. Kimbell, who was kindly acting as Judge. He was very happy in the remarks which he addressed to the competitors at the close of the Competition, pointing out that the trebles had possessed their voices for some time already, whilst the less fortunate tenors and basses were sometimes betrayed by the strange sounds that their voices insisted on producing. The pitch throughout was well maintained; in only one instance was a pronounced mistake made; considering that the whole performance was an entirely new venture, and a new experience for all the performers, we think this quite remarkable. The audience was most appreciative and each performance was loudly cheered.

At the close of the proceedings the prizes were distributed to the successful quartette by Mrs. Box and, after rounds of hearty cheering for their donor and others, the audience dispersed, highly pleased by the entertainment afforded them. There can be no question of the firm hold which the cult of Harmony has now obtained in our midst, and we heartily congratulate the Headmaster and Mr. Willis upon the marked success which has attended their efforts.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Reverend W. B. Box has been appointed to at Mastership at Brighton College and, we regret to say, leaves us at the end of the term. He and Mrs. Box carry with them to their new home the best wishes of us all, Masters and Boys alike.

We congratulate Mr. S. F. Willis on having passed the first examination for the degree of Bachelor of Music of Oxford University.

We have to thank Mr. Bromley Challenor, O.A., for the latest number of the British Association Report, which he has presented to the Library, together with a Report of the International Geographical Congress at Stockholm, 1910.

C. B. Edwards, D. Cullen and A. Davenport have been awarded their Football Colours.

Fifteen boys of the Upper School are Associates of the Abingdon Debating Society, and have attended the following lectures and debates:—

October 20th.—Aristotle's Account of Tragedy, by the President (M. T. Tatham, Esq.)

Nov. 24th.—Berkshire Churches. Mr. Chas. E. Keyser, M.A., F.S.A.

Dec. 1st.—The wonders of Vegetable Life. Mr. W. T. Creswell was to have given this lecture, but was unavoidably prevented, and Mr. Baker was induced at the last moment to fill his place.

Dec. 8th.—Women's Suffrage.

BIRTH.

AUSTIN.—On December 1st, the wife of Alan M. Austin, R.N., of a daughter.

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EDITORIAL.

THE Editorial chair is never vacant and the Editorial utterance, term by term, an institution as nearly immortal as may be in School affairs. But Editors, for they are men, come and go, and it is with very great regret that we acknowledge the debt of the School and the "Abingdonian" to Mr. Box, the Editor of this magazine for the past three years. The loss to the School is the greater since, with him, we have said good-bye to Tesdale House. We hope that our increasing numbers will soon make a second house again necessary. For the moment we recognize that union is strength.

The Easter term is always liable to the assaults of Fortune, illness, "winter and rough weather," and this term has not passed unscathed. During the first weeks Influenza took its toll, and though the weather was unusually kind during the training of the crews, it is now presenting an overdue account with interest. As we write the floods are out and the Sports postponed.

On the river, though both Fours lost to Monkton Combe, the First Four won easily against the Old Boys and Trinity College, Oxford. The second Four, less fortunate, for Influenza made havoc of the crew during the early stages of training, proved more wanting in weight, and, perhaps in luck too, than in pluck.

A feature of the term of which our Cantatory Correspondent gives fuller details elsewhere, has been the steady development of Part-singing in Chapel.

The Magdalen Choir must look to its laurels.

The School is also turning its attention to military matters, and there is every prospect that, in due season, a detachment of the O.T.C. will be "in being."

In concluding this prelude to more weighty matters may we remind our readers that this is a School Magazine and not a mere record of events, and that original contributions to its pages will always be welcome.

FOOTBALL SIXES.

The Senior Sixes this year were reduced to four in number for various reasons. This tended to produce better teams and some good games ensued. Lupton's six were undefeated chiefly through the scoring propensities of their captain. Davenport and Edwards had a great struggle for second place, in which the former was victorious. Eason failed to obtain any points, but had some bad luck and was only beaten by Edwards by one goal. The winning six was as follows:

F. W. Lupton (Capt.)

T. T. G. Race.

S. E. Clack.

V. C. Warwick.

D. E. Elford.

G. H. Tinegate.

There were seven Junior Sixes this year and as usual the games produced some good struggles. The winners however easily turned out to be the best side, although Betteridge's lost to no one but them. There was very keen competition for the last place, for Skinner and Lewis both lost all their other games and a draw resulted when they played each other. The following was the final order:—

Ellison ... 12 points.

Betteridge ... 10 points.

Almillategui ... 7 points.

Howard i. ... 6 points.

Eason ii. ... 5 points.

Lewis ... 1 point.

Skinner ... 1 point.

The winning six was as follows:—

H. V. Ellison (Capt.)

I. S. R. Miles.

W. W. Gilbert.

W. H. Lowe.

C. V. Davidge.

J. A. Josey.

FREE TRANSLATION.

*Confitcor, si quid prodest delicta fateri,
ad mea nunc demens crimina, fassus, eo.*

Odi, nec possum cupiens non esse quod odi.

*Heu ! quam quæ studeas ponere, ferre
grave est.*

*Sed desunt vires ad me mihi jusque
regendum :*

Auferor ut rapida concita puppis aqua.

OVID.

I now confess, if such confession can
do any good at all to any man,

That when I go to sin I really find
myself possessed, bereft of power of
mind.

I hate becoming what I am, and still,
just what I am, become, against my will.

'Tis hard, alas ! to bear the load I tried
too feebly to avoid and cast aside.

All strength to rule myself for right has
failed,

the passions 'gainst the better thought
prevailed.

I'm like a 'boat that all in vain has striven,
by water swift hard buffeted and driven.

W. M. MEREDITH, O.A.

ROWING.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

We have to record one of the most successful rowing seasons of recent years, and this in spite of the legacy left us by the latter years, namely a lamentable dearth of oarsmen of any experience, since either floods and a torrential stream prevented youthful aspirants from ever being taught the rudiments; or in addition, difficulties over our boats, and again, more especially last year, actual lack of coaches made it impossible to provide any material for future years. This year, however, three of last year's first crew remained with us, and also one of the second crew who had rowed for two seasons, and this enabled us to concentrate to some extent on tubbing everyone who had passed the swimming test. For once the weather was kind, and with sunshine and a negligible stream even the very bairns were tubbed. But above everything else we welcomed the coming of another coach. Mr. Chaning Pearce, who rowed in the Worcester boat, took the second crew in hand, and the way in which that very light crew tackled their task, bore testimony to his infectious keenness. Mr. Baker must have been very relieved to find it was unnecessary to devise any new and subtle schemes, whereby, coaching two crews at once, he could make each individual responsive to the proper adjuration!

We, as stated, had four 1st and 2nd colours left altogether, as also last year's reserve, but there were practically no others who had had much experience, and it was difficult to see where a second crew would come from. The remarkable weather however, enabled good progress to be made early in the term, and for-

tunately the second crew was practically decided before influenza attacked them. This crew was certainly unfortunate in this respect, and with the Monkton Combe races fixed so early, they unduly suffered from the frequent changes that were unavoidable, although they finally rowed in their proper order. Considering their weight, they moved their boat very well indeed.

The "First" Crew.

The first crew was singularly fortunate until the week of their first race; for, except on Fridays, when their coach rowed "three," they always went out in the same order, and except when their Captain was busy winning the Pembroke Scholarship, this was the only alteration the crew ever experienced. The result was they were able to get together, and with their weights well balanced, (we are not sure if we have ever turned out a heavier crew) they showed promise of being the best crew we can remember. Further, their coach tells us that he worked them much harder than any of the five preceding crews, and they seemed to thrive on the long sixteen or seventeen minute paddles. Their chief failing at first was that they made too little difference between rowing and paddling; stroke did not get everything out of his crew, nor yet out of himself, and occasionally they showed up very poorly against the second crew who were rowing all they knew. Last year Eason had stroked the crew in the earlier part of their training and whilst setting a good rhythm, it was his failure to instil a real good drive from the stretcher that lost him his "first" colours; at one period even this year, it seemed that after he had got the rhythm into the crew, it would

be necessary to make an alteration to get more "fire" into the work, but in the later stages he suddenly gained inspiration, and nothing could have been better than the life and dash with which he took his crew along, both against the Old Boys, and against the Trinity "four." Their full practice course was also an excellent piece of work,—it was the longest trial that any School crew have rowed, lasting 7 min. 36 secs., and they finished out in great style. They were only rowing at 36 and 34, as they had had little practice at a faster rate. With the serious work over, it was hoped to work up the stroke during the final week of preparation and it was a great blow, when after Monday's practice, the coach had to send "3" to the Doctor, and to hear that he was ordered to rest till Friday—the day preceding the race! As however it seemed certain that he would still be able to row, it was decided not to disorganise the second crew by making alterations, so Mr. Baker rowed as substitute; but, seeing that it was "3" who was experiencing the greatest difficulty in picking up the faster stroke, it was useless attempting such experiments in his absence, and with the crew deliberately trained not to row an over-long stroke, this was bound to prove a great handicap. Thus, in the Monkton Combe race the stroke was never over 36, whereas in the following week the crew went over the course at 40 all the way, keeping their form well, and incidentally putting up a record time for the Lent term, in spite of the good stream-running and a boisterous westerly wind blowing almost right across the course. As a crew, they were quite pretty to watch, and the Trinity men said various nice things about them, com-

mending their blade work, and their general uniformity, and certainly in that race they showed their best form. "Three" especially rowed with more power and life, apparently quite recovered after his temporary breakdown. Their coach in the following remarks, is more critical.

Coach's Remarks.—First Crew.

"Stroke" has always been our neatest oarsman since he first got second colours in 1912; he swings well, has a lively recovery and is quite neat and quick with his hands at the finish, yet his old difficulty, a failure to combine body work and leg work, clung to him nearly to the end, so that the beginning was not marked firmly enough for the rest of the crew, and the drive from the stretcher did not come powerfully and immediately. He would sometimes let the crew go off to sleep without an attempt to wake them up; in the last fortnight however, except for one or two days when the crew were off colour, this all seemed to change, and finally he proved himself an excellent stroke. "Three" was never at home in the first few strokes, and was inclined to be just late on stroke, but he improved out of all knowledge. "Two" was rather stiff in his movements, and very clumsy with his hands; when rowing hard, he rather lost his form at the end of a course, and failed to drive the stroke home. Sometimes he would hurry stroke, but he got a lot of work on, though also giving himself more than his share by rowing deep at the beginning. "Bow" was also a strenuous worker, though inclined likewise to row deep; his leg-drive never seemed really convincing, although he got the body well on to it at the beginning. More than the others he would row him-

improved a great deal towards the end. As usual in practice he wanted most of self out in practice courses. "Cox" the thinking done for him on the bank, especially when conditions varied, but he has learnt a great deal, and when he knows what to do, he does it well. He steered well in the races, and could bring the boat into the raft in a sensible and business-like way. He always got through the bridge at the first attempt. The crew then, may well claim to be one of the best the School has turned out. Old records are not very precise, and it is impossible to say how we should compare with, for example, the crew that won the Town Cup in the Abingdon Regatta days. The crews of those days, as far as we can judge, did not indulge in weeks of systematic training, and if they did, their rowing was under easier summer conditions, whereas now-a-days January frosts, February floods, and March gales render training far more arduous, and a crew infinitely more efficient and watermanlike.

S.H.B.

Bad Weather Conditions.

This year the rough weather, and strong streams came at the right time, namely, after the crews were settled down. On one occasion a perfect sea raged in Culham Reach, and it was out of the question for the first crew to turn and warn the second crew. The former struggled through and turned below the Cut, expecting to find the second crew had sunk, for whilst both boats had fore-canvases, the stern was not covered in; however, they met the second crew manfully fighting through it. On another occasion a gale blew right across the river, so that the crews had a variety of weather to contend with, and

actually both crews sat their boats really well. The river did not actually reach flood level till the week after rowing ceased, but the stream during the week February 23rd—28th was running at a tremendous pace. There was some flood water out at Oxford, and apparently everything was drawn out below, to run the water off before the "Torpids." Be that as it may, a tremendous stream was running on Tuesday, the 24th, when it had been decided to send both crews over the short course, as a final trial before the journey to Saltford on the Saturday. The result was that both crews, (though with Lupton crocked, Mr. Baker was rowing in the first boat) found themselves enjoying the unusual experience of rowing for over five minutes in the Culham Reach! However, Enoch's crew in 1912 easily holds this record; for, with a racing stream and an adverse wind they actually took 5 min. 45 secs. The first crew gave the second crew the Berks station, and also two to three lengths start, the second crew starting on the post, so that actually the first crew would have just beaten the 5 mins. had they only rowed the course. Quite a crowd came to run with the boats and as the first crew, after gaining a length almost immediately, could only get on terms with the second crew when reaching the worst water, the second crew went up again to win a sporting race. The stream may be estimated by the fact that when the first crew were ready to paddle home, they found to their sorrow that cox had let them drift half way down the Reach! It may be as well to mention that all times taken refer to the fullest possible distance. In old days the Regatta course ended, at one time, at the Willows.

In the past few years by Culham Reach it is meant the maximum distance possible in the Reach; provided a starting and finishing line can be drawn from bank to bank.

The new "Second" Boat.

The boat that the second crew used was the same that was used last year. As stated elsewhere, the Boat Club, through the kindness of the 1913 Celebration Committee now claim her as it's own. Last year several trials were made with her against the "John Roysse;" but this year there was no time for experiments, which last year were a necessity, and only one small trial was held. The first crew after rowing her down from Oxford with the set of oars bought with the boat, rowed in her, as on the previous day, over a measured piece; that is they got comfortable in her and were using good oars. They then got out in the "John Roysse" with an old set of oars, and after a practice paddle, to feel at home, they rowed the same piece. They got about six feet further. Remembering last year's results this was considered quite satisfactory.

Only the first crew went to Oxford, to bring the Salter boat down, and with a rest at Nuneham, they took just two hours from Oxford to Abingdon, each of the crew, save bow, getting a rest in turn. There was a very dead stream, but a strong southerly wind, making the water below Sandford a little 'popply' in places.

We must thank Mr. W. H. Enoch, O.A., who took us for one journey rowing "bow" and coaching us when Donkin was in for his "exam."

Training followed the ordinary lines. Runs before breakfast, pancakes taboo on Shrove Tuesday, and the usual training

lectures by the coaches.

We had three fixtures this year. The Old Abingdonians, Monkton Combe, and a new fixture versus a Trinity Four. Magdalen College School sent us a challenge rather late in the season, but could only offer one date—that of the second fixture above. They then suggested another date, but as this was the date arranged for the Old Boys races, it was unfortunately impossible to come to an arrangement.

PRACTICE TIMES, 1914.

Again we add a series of practice times since conditions on the Abingdon water vary so enormously; except in recent years few times are recorded, whereas reliable data are very useful in gauging the condition and capabilities of the crews.

* Indicates strong stream.

** Indicates flood stream.

† Indicates what was considered good work, considering the period of training and general conditions.

Paddles up Culham Reach to show improvement before strict training:—

		Time.	Stream.	Wind.
M.	Jan. 26	5 min.	slight	—
T.	" 27	4m. 47s.	"	Mild S.W.
W.	" 28	4m. 34s.	"	—
F.	" 30	4m. 23s.	"	Strong S.
S.	" 31	4m. 17s.	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ gale S.S.W.
M.	Feb. 2	†4m. 12s.	"	—
T.	" 3	4m. 17s.	"	—

Rowed Culham Reach:—

		Time.	Stream.	Wind.
W.	Feb. 18	†4m. 0s.	(a) strong	none.
S.	" 21	†4m. 8s.	*(b) "	none.
T.	" 24	4m. 58s.	** (c) flood	none.
W.	Mar. 4	†3m. 34 2-5s.	(R) fairly fast	S.W.
S.	" 7	†3m. 42 3-5s.	"	none.

(a) cox took mid-stream. (b) part of full course lasting 7 min. 36 secs. (c) Oxon station, S.H.B. rowing 'sub.' (R) Lent term "record."

Second Crew rowed Culham Reach:—

	Time.	Stream	Wind.
S. „	21 †4m. 20s.	* strong	none.
T. „	24 †5m. 5s.	** flood	none.
W. Mar. 4.	4m. 4s.	(d) fairly fast	Str. W.

(d) Oxon side, cox taking a poor course.

OTHER TIMES.

Paddles from Abingdon Bridge to the White Bridge, (W.B.)—Culham Cut.—Culham Lock:—

W. Jan. 28 Cut 11m 55s. (W.B. 6m.55s.)

W. Feb. 4 Lock 16m.50s. (W.B. 7m.

Cut 11m.34s.) slight stream, mild S.S.W.

M. Feb. 16 Lock †16m.41s. *(W.B. 7m.26s.

Cut 11m.36s.) strong stream, strong S.W.

Paddles from Cut up-stream to Ock-mouth gate.—

M. Feb. 2., 10 min. Tues. Feb. 3, 9 min. 52 secs.

Miscellaneous:—

M. Feb. 9, Paddled from Sandford Lock to Radley New Boat House. Slight stream, strong head wind S. Some choppy water †19 min. 8 secs.

F. Feb. 27. Rowed from second gate to Ock-mouth gate 1 min.

Th. Mar. 5th. Rowed Chimney to second gate †1 min. 57 4-5th secs. (cross wind W.S.W., and rain, strongish stream).

S. Feb. 21. Full course. Culham Cut to first gate in Wilsom Reach. No wind, sleety rain, strong stream. Full time †7 min. 36 secs.* (Big Tree 1 min. 48 s.

Reach 4 min. 8 secs. Chimney 6 min. 20 secs.)

Second Crew.—

F. Feb. 20. Chimney to first gate †2 min. 9 secs.* (Up-stream gale).

ABINGDON SCHOOL v. MONKTON COMBE SCHOOL.

The crews left the School at 9.15 a.m., on Saturday, February 28th, and were met by the Monkton Captain at Bath, where they spent a short time seeing the town and where they were given lunch. They reached Saltford at 2.0, and at once "got out" to get fresh life into them after their tedious journey; save for a solitary peep of sunshine on their arrival, the weather was dull, with a fair breeze blowing over the railway embankment.

It was very pleasant to see among the visitors our late Headmaster, and also the Rev. H. H. Hughes, O.A., who stroked the crew in 1902 and 1903; both coming over from Clifton to see the races.

Donkin lost the toss for the first crew, so was given the Saltford side; under the prevailing conditions the stations were as equal as they ever can be, although the local people always consider that the Kelston side means an advantage of two to three lengths. We do not think it can be as much as this, though certainly the stream sets on the outside station. This could be plainly seen when starting the second crews; both had drifted up to the mark dead level, but just before the word was given, the Monkton crew, outside, began to drift backwards, and it was necessary to readjust them. However, the Monkton authorities had modified the course to be rowed, and had fixed the starting point opposite the Clifton Boat-

house; thus the bends were cut out, and the course ended beyond the hedge and horse-grind at the end of the reach. This made the courses as equal as the average Regatta course ever is, and no one could argue that the toss affected the actual result in either case. It is interesting to note, however, that in all six races held so far, the courses both at Abingdon and at Saltford, have, with the exception of the second crew course at Abingdon, been different every time.

This year we took two boats with us; hitherto the "John Roysse" had done duty for both crews.

The start between the first crews was a good one, but Monkton gradually forged ahead. They were rowing a faster stroke, for as previously pointed out, with Lupton out of the boat, the first crew had not been able to work up their rate of striking, and presently they cleared us, gaining very steadily all the time; about half way, Eason made a great attempt to reduce the margin, and for a few strokes they gained a little, but then Monkton went away to win easily by five lengths in the good time of 5 min. 38 secs. Our opponents were as usual much heavier, although we had the heaviest crew we can remember, and except for "bow," who was their only new man, they had rowed all the summer on slides, and in a light ship; thus they had become a very workmanlike crew, rowing a long and powerful stroke. They had won the Ambrose Cup last summer, and competed also for the Senior event at Saltford Regatta, namely the Bath City Challenge Vase.

Abingdon second crew won the toss, and took the inside station. The Monkton crew gained a few feet at the start, and

by half-a-minute they had increased this to half-a-length. Though Abingdon still kept going, their opponents gradually went away, and won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. Crews:—

MONKTON 1ST.				ABINGDON 1ST.			
(bow)	N. H. Dobbyn	10	3	H. A. L. Donkin	9	5	
(2)	S. G. Budgett	12	5	A. Davenport	11	$3\frac{1}{2}$	
(3)	W. B. Darroll	12	3	F. W. Lupton	11	9	
(str.)	H. G. Anderson	11	11	A. Eason	11	$1\frac{1}{2}$	
(cox)	N. Forrest	5	3	A. Ellis	6	$1\frac{1}{2}$	

MONKTON 2ND.				ABINGDON 2ND.			
(bow)	E. McLaughlin	9	8	E. L. Parry	7	$12\frac{1}{2}$	
(2)	W. L. Dibben	10	4	J. Knowles	9	0	
(3)	R. W. Kearns	10	4	T. T. G. Race	10	8	
(str.)	G. A. V. Boddy	9	8	D. Cullen	9	$5\frac{1}{2}$	
(cox)	C. H. Grace	5	$0\frac{1}{2}$	J. N. Sanders	6	5	

Monkton Combe had the same coaches as last year.

We returned to Bath where we were kindly given tea, and left for home soon after six o'clock, after a very strenuous day; moreover, in spite of having received our first double defeat—not utterly dissatisfied with our performances, and grateful to our hosts for their hospitality. The megaphone, made of baser metal, alas! deserted the crew in the hour of their adversity. It was last heard wailing at Didcot. Presumably it has faint-heartedly forsworn the river to become a mere dry-bob.

ABINGDON SCHOOL v. OLD ABINGDONIANS

With a number of Old Boys in residence at Oxford this year it was suggested that the time had at last arrived for O.A.'s to turn out two crews, and in spite of difficulties, they were eventually able to do so. We do not know which crew is to be more commended, the crew that practised together and finally won, or the crew that determined to row, even though it was impossible to practise, and defeat seemed a certainty, and which, untrained,

had finally to put up with a hopelessly stern chase right over the course.

Some excellent photographs were taken of the four crews at the Boathouse, and also getting the boats out.

The races were rowed on Wednesday, March 4th.

The weather was dull, and a stiff wind was blowing from the Berks side of Culham Reach.

The second crews rowed first. The Old Abingdonians won the toss, and chose the Berks side. At the Plantations the School were leading by a length, but the Old Boys spurted, drew level about 200 yards from the end, and finally won a most interesting race by three-quarters of a length. Names and weights of crews:—

ABINGDONIANS' 2nd.				SCHOOL 2nd.			
(bow)	H. W. B. Burkett	9	8	E. L. Parry	7	12½	
(2)	W. C. Williams	9	12	J. Knowles	9	0	
(3)	G. Woods	11	0	T. T. G. Race	10	8½	
(str.)	C. E. Cook	10	8	D. Cullen	9	5½	
(cox)	L. Greatbatch	8	7	J. N. Sanders	6	5	

Time 4 min. 4 secs.

The Old Abingdonians' first four also won the toss, and chose the Berks station. The School got off smartly and were soon clear of their opponents; cox was thus able to go over out of the 'popply' water. Gaining steadily throughout the course they won easily by seven lengths in the good time of 3 min. 34 2-5th sec. Unfortunately the Old Abingdonians had had no chance of practising together, and so stood very little chance against the well-trained School crew. Names and weights:—

ABINGDONIANS' 1st.				SCHOOL 1st.			
(bow)	F. V. Enoch	9	10	H. A. L. Donkin	9	5	
(2)	H. A. Mills	11	0	A. Davenport	11	3½	
(3)	W. H. Enoch	9	12	F. W. Lupton	11	9	
(str.)	F. Parker	11	8	A. Eason	11	1½	
(cox)	L. Greatbatch	8	7	E. Ellis	6	1½	

The present Old Abingdonian secretary is to be congratulated on the result of his labours. He himself stroked the second four, his crew bringing a boat over with them from Oxford, thus it was very fitting that it should have been this crew that provided such a thrilling struggle.

ABINGDON SCHOOL v. A TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD IV.

Rowed Saturday, March 7th.

Much interest was aroused by the above fixture, which was a new event in the School's rowing programme. Owing to practice for the Eights, the Oxford crew had not been able to get out in a four, but their extra weight was expected to make up for any lack of combination. The School captain, for the third time, lost the toss, and Trinity chose the Oxon station. A moderately fast stream was running, and a dead calm rendered conditions almost ideal for rowing. Contrary to general expectation the School crew, starting at 40, went right away after the first few strokes, and led by two lengths at half-way. Steadily gaining, with stroke setting the work in lively fashion, they maintained a fast rate of stroke throughout the course, and won easily by three and a half lengths. Time, 3 min. 42 3-5th sec. The winning crew were in much better form than the previous week, for illness had then upset the final "polishing off" process, rendering a fast stroke ineffective.

TRINITY IV. SCHOOL IV.

(bow)	E. N. Marshall	11	9½	H. A. L. Donkin	9	6
(2)	J. G. R. Wilkes	12	5	A. Davenport	11	3½
(3)	E. Syman	12	4½	F. W. Lupton	11	9½
(str.)	H. J. D. Meredith	10	5	A. Eason	10	12½
(cox)	A. M. Bown	8	9	A. Ellis	6	2

FIRST FOUR CHARACTERS.

H. A. L. DONKIN (Bow), Captain, 9st. 5lbs. Colours 1912-13-14. The hardest worker in the boat. Was built to row "bow" or "stroke," being lively in his movements, especially at the beginning, when over-keenness led to unsteadiness over the stretcher, although this never developed into a bucket; his finish might have been neater, and with the others he was inclined to row deep. He knew how and when to encourage his crew. An excellent Captain in every way.

A. DAVENPORT (2), 11 st. 3½ lbs. Colours 1913-14. Has much improved since last year and has nearly lost his peculiar shoulder action, but is still very stiff and short of swing. His feathering is poor, his wrists being stiff, and he rows deep. Pulls in his finish at times and is very slow with his hands. Rows hard, but must not forget the drive and shoulder lift.

F. W. LUPTON (3), 11st. 9lbs. Colours 1913-14. Is an infinitely better oar than last year, but still retains the traces of his old faults. Is very short in the water and still apt to slice the blade and row deep. Rowed well against the Trinity crew, but still needs to watch stroke more and back him up.

A. EASON (Str.), 11st. 1¼lbs. Colours 1914. Has made an excellent stroke and sets a nice rhythm. Rowed an excellent race against the Trinity crew and kept the boat going well. Has improved the catch at the beginning which at first he lacked, and so was difficult to follow. Has a nice recovery, but at times rows deep with the rest of the crew.

A. ELLIS (Cox), 6st. 1½lbs. Colours 1913-14. Steers quite well and took a good course against the O.A's. At times seems to go to sleep and might say more to his crew, especially as regards time. He improved greatly, and could handle the boat well, if not always with a delicate touch on the rudder lines.

THE SECOND FOUR.

Though success proved shy to the second four, their performances, taken all in all, were more creditable to them than the official account of the races might infer. Most unsuccessful crews can trace some part of their failure to the vagaries of fortune, and it is easy, after the event, to take comfort in all those "ifs" which, transmuted into "ands," might have changed the tale which history has to tell. But the crew suffered more than most crews suffer, even at this period of the year, from illness, lack of candidates for the thwarts, and a consequent lack of weight. The boat was inevitably late in being finally formed and when training had begun both stroke and three fell to influenza, while two was never in the pink of condition. Bow, while pulling all his weight, had deplorably little weight to pull, and the boat, as a whole, was exceedingly light. The races have been described elsewhere. In the practice courses rowed with the first crew, they held their own very creditably, and gave more promise than the actual races fulfilled; but it is only fair to notice that the Old Boys' Four against which they were pitted compared very favourably with that against which the First Four rowed. But, when these conditions which could not be remedied are

given due weight, there remain failings which perhaps a little more perseverance might have remedied. All through the boat there was a marked inability to answer to stroke's efforts to wind up the pace in the last two or three minutes. After half-way in both races there seemed little more spurt left in the crew, and this was largely due to the failure to get the hands out smartly and to pick up the body at the finish. No crew can quicken its stroke which is not smart and clean in its recovery. Stroke's very marked hang over the stretcher and tendency to bucket forward—faults which, as the fault of a stroke will, infected the rest of the boat—increased this inability to spurt when spurts were most needed. When a crew begin to tire, its sins begin to find it out. Three must remember that to take his eyes off stroke's shoulder, still more to study the view on the river-banks, is a capital sin during a race, and to leave his oar-handle to its own devices during an easy, a lack of consideration for the rest of the crew. Two and bow would double their value if they cured themselves of "slicing." A square blade is the beginning of oarsmanship. Cox has to remember that his intelligence in avoiding stream, and taking as fine a course as possible, is as necessary a part of his equipment as hands and voice. That a cox can win or lose a race by his handling of the lines is a truism not always fully realized. These more obvious faults discounted the really hard work and keenness which the whole crew put into training, and the undoubted grit which they showed during the races. If they are ever to make good oars—and there is no reason why they should not—they must diligently undertake the hard

task of eradicating habits which are more easy to acquire than to cure, but which can be cured by perseverance. But when all is said, the crew improved a great deal on their form at the beginning of training and though many faults remained, many more were cured by their efforts; they showed unremitting keenness, and did not spare themselves during the races. In a junior crew success in the races is not everything, and if they can profit by its lessons, the School rowing will reap the benefits next season of failure in this.

M.C.P.

SECOND FOUR CHARACTERS.

E. L. PARRY (bow), 7st. 12½lbs. Half-Colours 1914. A hard-working oar, but is apt to forget his leg-work when getting tired. Is very short, but even so is often late on account of his awkward finish with no recovery.

J. KNOWLES (2), 9st. Half-Colours 1914. Has much improved, but still has not learnt to use his legs, and consequently gets very tired in a race. Must learn to get the drive at the beginning with a square blade and also to squeeze out the leg-work at the finish.

T. T. G. RACE (3), 10st. 8lbs. Half-Colours 1914. Has more weight and reach than the rest of the boat, but might make more use of it. Has a tendency to bucket forward with stroke, and needs to get the shoulder lift at the beginning. Sits up fairly well except at the finish when he lets his head and body sink back, getting a "dirty" finish with the rest of the crew.

D. CULLEN (Str.), 9st. 5½lbs. Half-Colours 1914. Can row a very fast stroke, but has a most pronounced bucket

forward, which unsteadies the boat right through. Pulls with arms in his enthusiasm and so gets tired and cannot get his crew going at the finish, though he takes them off well. Pulls his oar into his stomach and washes out at the finish and also lies out of the boat while watching his blade.

J. N. SANDERS (Cox), 6st. 5lbs. Half-Colours 1913-14. Does not seem to have remembered much since last year and is at times very hard of hearing and stupid. Does not allow half enough for stream and wind. Has not yet learnt what course to take down Culham Reach.

G. H. TINGATE (8 st. $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.) was "spare man"; he was a hard worker and very keen.

THE "OLD ABINGDONIAN" BOAT FUND.

The above title is applied to the sum of money remaining over as a balance from the funds raised in connection with last year's "Seventh Jubilee" celebrations. As previously announced, the Committee responsible handed it over to the School Boat Club which was in urgent need of help; two of their three clinker fours had been recently discarded, and the four "pairs" were rapidly approaching the time when this would also be their fate.

Last year additional expense was incurred through the necessity of hiring a "four." Thus to avoid a recurrence of this, the most urgent requirement was an additional clinker four, to be at least good enough for racing purposes. Old Abingdonians will wish to know how the fund has been applied. This will be best explained by pointing out the Club's requirements.

The Boat Club aims at tubbing every boy in the School who can swim, and thus it will also provide the best possible crews. This necessitates a sufficiency of "tub-boats" and at least two good racing boats. Much more additional tubbing could be done, if the Club possessed a "tub-four"; and, in addition, a crew could then practise together in those earlier stages before good enough for a lighter boat. Further a good racing boat will not be good for long, unless it gets good treatment. Thus for economy the racing boats should only be used when the crews have become moderately efficient. In other words a "hack" boat is required to take all the hard knocks (crabs, etc.)

A new boat was not an immediate necessity, for the "John Roysse," although she has now had six seasons' use, is still doing excellent service as our "first" racing boat; but even with the boat purchased from the fund, we at present have only two fours, and thus our best boat has to be used in the summer for form fours, etc. when the crews are none too efficient, and this must knock the stiffness out of any boat. With a "hack" boat and two racing fours the best boat can be rested, and so live a long and economical life till it becomes the "second" boat perhaps, and then at last the "old hack."

The sum available would barely have provided a new boat. Messrs. Salter's had some almost new boats valued at £28; we had however had experience of an older boat last year, and had found it run remarkably well; moreover the crews that rowed in her had been very comfortable, so that as the boat in question only cost little more than half the price, and was even good enough for racing purposes,

it was decided to purchase this boat, and with it also, a set of good second-hand oars; thus retaining a balance in hand for the time being. It must be remembered that every additional boat means extra cost, both for storing, varnishing, repairs, etc., and it is the cost of this that is a constant drain on the Club's funds; if the above fund could by some means grow, the most economical application of it would be in using it for some scheme that would reduce the current expenses, which are out of all proportion to the capital value of our "stock in trade." Thus, although a useful tub-four might have been bought with the balance of the fund (and there is no question that a large number of boys would benefit by it, getting some real exercise instead of one solitary tub in the afternoon) yet it was decided to proceed cautiously. The sum handed over was £27 17s. 5d., and the sum expended at present, viz., for a second-hand clinker four, and set of oars, amounts to £15.

S.H.B.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

were held in the
SCHOOL GROUNDS,
On Wednesday, March 18th, 1914.

President : The Head Master.

Starters : C. O. Wright, Esq. and S. F. Willis, Esq.,

Judges : W. Bevir, Esq. and G. M. Sargeant, Esq.

Referee : S. H. Baker, Esq.

Time Keeper : M. Chaning-Pearce, Esq.

Committee :

W. A. Rudd, Esq., *Chairman*.

Ex-Officio : H. A. L. Donkin, A. Davenport and A. Eason.

Elected : W. H. Wood, W. R. T. Skinner,
R. C. D. Lanning, V. C. Warwick, F. Crossland
and H. E. Betteridge.

*The Prizes were distributed from the Pavilion immediately
after the last event by Miss Layng.*

1.—Long Jump (Open).

(Challenge Cup presented by A. Stockton, Esq., O.A. Prizes presented by W. Bevir, Esq., and W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A.). 1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, F. W. Lupton. Distance 18ft. 11ins.

2.—Long Jump (under 15).

(Prizes presented by J. G. T. West, Esq., and Ill. Form). 1, G. R. Kirkby; 2, A. Ellis and I. S. R. Miles. Distance 13ft. 10½ins.

3.—High Jump (open).

(Prizes presented by W. A. Rudd, Esq., and Councillor W. Legge). 1, F. W. Lupton; 2, H. A. L. Donkin. Height 4ft. 8¾ins.

4.—High Jump (under 14).

(Prizes presented by J. F. Downing, Esq.). 1, H. E. Betteridge and T. N. T. Leach. Height 3ft. 7½ins.

5.—Hurdle Race (open).

(Prizes presented by J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A., and VI. Form). 1, T. T. G. Race; 2, H. A. L. Donkin. Time 19 3-5th secs.

6.—Hurdle Race (under 15).

(Prizes presented by H. W. Weaving, Esq.). 1, P. W. Morley; 2, T. N. T. Leach. Time 25 secs.

7.—Hundred Yards (under 12).

(Prizes presented by E. L. Shepherd, Esq., and V. Form). 1, R. E. Eason; 2, R. D. L. Devenish. Time 13 1-5th secs.

8.—Hundred Yards (under 14).

(Prizes presented by Mrs. Donkin). 1, H. E. Betteridge; 2, G. G. Cornejo. Time 13 1-5th secs.

9.—*Hundred Yards* (under 16).

(Prizes presented by E. M. Challenor, Esq., O.A.). 1, G. J. Almillategui; 2, V. C. Warwick. Time 12 1-5th secs.

10.—*Hundred Yards* (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Price. Prizes presented by the Headmaster and the Remove Form). 1, T. T. G. Race; 2, H. A. L. Donkin. Time 11 secs.

11.—*220 Yards Handicap* (under 13).

(Prizes presented by Miss Sandys and G. Saxby, Esq.). 1, R. E. Eason; 2, R. J. Jackson. Time 33 4-5th secs.

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

(Prizes presented by J. T. Morland, Esq., O.A., and Bromley Challenor, Esq., O.A.). 1, A. Davenport; 2, V. C. Warwick. Distance 29ft. 8ins.

13.—*Quarter Mile* (open).

(Challenge Cup presented by W. Pierpoint, Esq. Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon). 1, T. T. G. Race; 2, F. W. Lupton. Time 58 2-5th secs.

14.—*Quarter Mile* (under 16).

(Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon). 1, J. G. Almillategui; 2, V. C. Warwick. Time 1 min. 5 secs.

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

(Prizes presented by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A.). 1, T. T. G. Race; 2, A. Davenport. Distance 94yds. 11ins.

16.—*Half-Mile Handicap* (open).

(Prizes presented by G. M. Sargeaunt, Esq., M. T. Tatham, Esq., and Miss Sandys). 1, I. S. R. Miles; 2, G. G. Cornejo; 3, J. A. Howard.

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

This race was abandoned.

18.—*Consolation Race* (One lap).

(Prize presented by the Shell Form). 1, J. Knowles.

One Mile Race (open).

(Run on Thursday, March 19th).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Burkett. Prizes presented by M. Channing-Fearce, Esq., and M. T. Tatham, Esq.). 1, H. A. L. Donkin; 2, W. H. Wood; 3, T. T. G. Race. Time 5 mins. 15 1-5th secs.

One Mile Race (under 15).

(Prizes presented by Major Henderson, M.P., and H. Donkin, Esq.). 1, G. G. Cornejo; 2, I. S. R. Miles; 3, G. E. Dacey. Time 5 mins. 53 secs.

MUSIC.

Part singing was introduced into the Chapel services at the beginning of the Christmas term. At first, progress was of course very slow, but there was no lack of enthusiasm and by the middle of the term our psalms and hymns vigorously if not always tunefully resounded. Then intervened the preparation for the Concert which gave work for all our singing hours. Again this term we began our prospective musical repertoire with Attwood's "Turn Thy Face," and Stanford's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat, while Wesley's "Blessed be the God and Father" is still in preparation. It is hoped that in the future some such work will be performed at every Monday morning service. The difficulties in the way of the basses and tenors are many, they are using voices strange to them, as was said by Mr. Kimbell, who judged the Quartette competition last term,—it often sounds so—

moreover when the voice is undeveloped it is almost impossible to obtain a pure steady tone. Some wonderful modern Schönbergian effects have thus been made at the practices, the more especially since some few to whom all sounds are alike persist in adding other parts to those already written by the composer. However, a great advance has been made and the Chapel singing promises to become soon an integral part of our school life; while the practice of part-singing will do its little towards giving us a taste for music without which our artistic education is incomplete.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

Our annual Concert was held in the Gymnasium, on December 16th, and was pronounced by all to be a great success. This was mainly due to the great strides which singing has made in the past few terms, under the able tuition of Mr. Willis, and the addition of the tenors and basses to the part songs was received with a warm welcome. But another new addition which evoked the pleasure of the audience was the decoration of the Gymnasium, under the management of the Misses Grundy and Mr. C. O. Wright, which gave the building a really festive appearance.

The Orchestra were well up to their usual form and gave us three selections, including our old favourite "The Mikado" and Gounod's "L'Italiana in Algieri," which was especially good.

The blending of the voices of the trebles in Elgar's "Fly, Singing Bird, Fly," was very noticeable. We were very pleased

with the reception given to the innovation of having the whole School on the platform. Ballard sang especially well, but as yet without much power. The duets by Leach and Creswell were very pretty and excellently rendered, and they both have evidently very promising voices. Mr. Bevir delighted us, as always, with "Up from Somerset," and was encored with thunderous applause. Quite the event of the evening was the piano solo by Mr. Willis. His execution of Schumann's "Papillons" was delightful, and on the loud demand of all, he followed it up with one of Chopin's "Nocturnes."

Once more we must offer our heartiest thanks to all the kind friends who have assisted us with the Orchestra, and must express our gratitude to Mr. Willis, who has spent so much of his time upon the items of a Concert which proved a thorough success.

PART I.

1. Overture "L'Italiana in Algieri" *Rossini*
THE ORCHESTRA.

2. Part Song "March of the Men of Harlech" *Barnby*

THE SCHOOL.

3. Quartette (1) "The Blue Bells of Scotland" *Traditional*
(2) "The Maiden of the Fleur de Lys" *Sydenham*

W. H. WOOD, D. E. ELFORD, S. E. CLACK
AND C. T. GIBBS.

4. Duets (1) "May Song" *Schumann*
(2) "Song from Ruy Blas" *Mendelssohn*

T. N. T. LEACH AND L. H. C. CRESWELL.

5. Piano Solo "Three Pieces" *Greig*
J. KNOWLES.

6. Song "Come, ever smiling Liberty" *Handel*
E. BALLARD.

7. Part Song "See, the morning light advances" *de Paz*
THE TREBLES.

PART II.

1. Selection "The Mikado" *Sullivan*
THE ORCHESTRA.
2. Choral Suite "The Dance, No. 1. from the
Bavarian Highlands" *Elgar*
THE SCHOOL AND ORCHESTRA.
3. Song "Up from Somerset" *Sanderson*
W. BEVIR.
4. Piano Solo "Papillons" *Schumann*
S. F. WILLIS.
5. Part Song "Fly, singing bird" *Elgar*
THE CHOIR.
6. Part Song "Dulce Domum" *Reading*
THE SCHOOL.
7. Finale "The Mirella Overture" *Gounod*
THE ORCHESTRA.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

ORCHESTRA.

1st Violins.—Mrs. Fairthorne, Mrs. Humfrey,
Miss Spokes, Miss M. Hughes.

2nd Violins.—Miss E. Spokes, Miss R. Clarke,
Miss Parsons, L. Parker.

Viola.—Mrs. Couldrey.

'Cellos.—Miss Payne, W. Ackling.

Basses.—Miss Layng, W. Treadgill.

Trombone.—C. Pinnock.

Piano.—R. R. Kimbell.

Conductor.—S. F. Willis.

OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Heartiest congratulations to H. A. L. Donkin upon obtaining the Abingdon Scholarship to Pembroke. We shall all look forward to his coming up next year and we wish him all success in his career here.

Another term has passed and the O.A.'s have been conspicuous in various spheres in their several Colleges. Toggers seem

to have afforded most interest, though Schools must be given their due play. E. G. Whelpton rowed at "4" in the Hertford Togger and G. Woods at "2" in Keble second boat, which made four bumps. H. W. B. Burkett was spare spare man for Hertford Togger and C. E. Cook for Pembroke Togger. The less said about these two Toggers is perhaps the better.

As to Schools C. E. Cook has taken Honour Mods., and G. Woods is taking Pass Mods. We are sure that if work would do it, the result would be satisfactory, and we shall look forward to seeing the result. W. C. Williams is taking Maths. Mods. next term and we hope for great things from him. E. H. Thomas takes his Finals in History next term and we wish him the best of luck. H. W. B. Burkett has yet another year before taking Honour Mods. He is apparently quite a phenomenon at Hertford in taking Honour Mods., though being a Commoner.

We hope to see the O.A.'s doing well at Cricket next term, especially E. H. Harvey, whose reputation is known to most of those at School. W. C. Williams also should be useful to his College, but we hope he won't spend too much time in working out various averages to the neglect of his work for Schools, and we must warn him against the attractions of the river and the difficulty of working in a punt.

In conclusion we hope to see Abingdon School represented at the Public Schools Sports and hope there will be a good attendance of Past and Present Abingdonians to cheer on those who enter.

Yours truly, O.A.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The following changes have occurred in the Staff. The Rev. W. B. Box has gone to Brighton College and Mr. A. E. P. Sloman to Athens. We welcome in their place, Mr. M. Channing-Pearce, late Exhibitioner of Worcester College, Oxford and Mr. G. M. Sargeant, late Scholar of Caius College, Cambridge. We regret to say the latter is leaving us next term to take up a post at Marlborough College.

The following extracts are from a letter from Mr. Sloman at Athens. "I never realized what a wonderful golden colour the Parthenon has become; it is the most lovely thing I ever saw. It is the result of the iron in the marble, I fancy. . . . I live quite close to the foot of Lycabettus and am battenning on Hymettan Honey. . . . We took from 11.40 a.m., till 8.40 p.m. from Patras to Athens, including having to transfer baggage personally from one train to another across a broken-down bridge."

H. A. L. Donkin has been awarded the Abingdon Scholarship of £75 for Classics at Pembroke College, Oxford.

A. Eason has been awarded his full rowing Colours.

D. Cullen, T. T. G. Race, J. Knowles and E. L. Parry have been awarded their Half-Colours for rowing.

Boys in the House went to the Corn Exchange on Wednesday, March 4th, to hear a Concert given under the direction of Miss Gertrude Lonsdale.

A lecture and a debate under the auspices of the Abingdon Literary and Debating Society have been visited by members of the Sixth Form this term. The lecture was by the Rev. W. K. Stride on

"Mediaeval Lords and Labourers," and the subject of the Debate was "Nationalisation of Railways."

The School Dance, held on Wednesday, December 16th, was an unqualified success thanks to the kind hospitality of the Head Master and Mrs. Grundy.

The Army Council has sanctioned the formation of a contingent of the O.T.C. at the School.

A kneeling mat for the Altar rails has been kindly given to the School Chapel by Miss Grundy.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—*The Alfredian*, *The Imperial Service College Chronicle*, *Bancroftian*, "The Public Schools and the Empire," a pamphlet by Cecil Reddie, and *Abbotsholme*.

O.A. NEWS.

B. S. Marshall passed the London Matriculation Examination in the First Class.

A. G. Shepherd was the first passenger to be taken up during the recent flying exhibition at Oxford.

G. Woods rowed in the 2nd Keble Torpid.

E. G. Whelpton rowed for Hertford in the Torpids.

W. C. Williams has been playing football for Pembroke College, Oxford.

The following are at present serving in University O.T.C.'s at Oxford:—H. W. B. Burkett, T. M. Layng, E. H. Thomas, E. G. Whelpton, G. Woods; at Cambridge: A. G. Bartlett; at London: A. C. Vivian; at Sheffield: G. J. H. Ingold.

O. B. Challenor has gone to London to pursue the study of the Law.

A. F. Pratt has succeeded to W. H. Enoch's post at the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

We are glad to hear that O. J. Couldrey will publish shortly (Blackwell, Oxford) a volume of his poems.

J. C. Vivian sailed for New Zealand on 5th March to take up farming.

T. G. Michelmores has joined the Naval Reserve.

A. W. Morland has been elected Mayor of Abingdon.

The Rev. Harold Hughes, B.A., was ordained Deacon on Sunday, December 21st, at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol, by the Lord Bishop of Bristol.

BIRTHS.

MORTLEMAN.—On Jan. 20th, at Johannesburg, the wife of James William Graham Mortleman, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

COLLIN—COHRON.—On Wednesday, 24th December, 1913, at Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., Francis Eric Atkinson Collin, son of the Rev. F. F. Collin, formerly of Appleford, Berkshire, to Lenore, daughter of Mrs. A. J. Cohron, of Seattle, Washington.

CHALLENGOR—DUNCAN.—On Jan. 28th, 1914, at Llandaff Cathedral, by the Ven. Archdeacon Buckley, B.D., Vicar of Llandaff, assisted by the Rev. B. M. Challenor, M.A., brother of the bridegroom, Bromley, eldest son of Mr. Bromley Challenor, of The Firs, Abingdon, to Agnes Leonora, eldest daughter of Mr. J. T. Duncan, of Oaklands, Llandaff.

DEATHS.

STONE.—On December 19th, 1913, at Fyfield, Ascot Road, Sidmouth, Mark Percival Stone, aged 67 years. For 40 years with Messrs. Watney, Coombe & Co., Ltd., and formerly a pupil at Roysse's School.

ABINGDONIAN ACCOUNTS.

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