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EDITORIAL.

THE chief feature of this term has been we think, the weather. It has combined a general level of downright bad temper with a deadly variety and changeableness which seem to point indisputably to malice repense; possibly a German is at the bottom of it all. However that may be, we have to record the persistent rains and waters which for more than half the term made the river racing swirl and which often for considerable periods added impromptu lakes on either bank which incontinently froze! Rowing became under these conditions an even more arduous sport than usual, and the coaches were for once afforded a more equal share

of exertion in their daily steeplechase with its formidable water jumps.

Under these circumstances the victory achieved was the more creditable and though the Captain in his account is very flattering to the coaches, there can be no doubt that on him and his gallant crew the chief glory rests.

A great (but only temporary) loss to the School is the departure of Mr. S. H. Baker with a Commission in the 9th Gloucesters. It only took him a month to become a Captain; who knows what stars and crowns await his cuff? His absence, of course, was one of the greatest of the handicaps under which the Four struggled, and the *Abingdonian* yearns for his ready pen.

The doings of the O.T.C. are recorded elsewhere, but we must say more about Physical Drill. Even at the beginning it came as a rude blow to our personal pride to find what apparently simple exercises proved quite too much for us. "On the Hands One" in particular took upon itself an ominous sound in the ears of most of us. Later on when we progressed to Arch Hanging, Upward Circling and kindred exercises, blank horror possessed us, and on Saturday mornings we are pale with anxious apprehension of the latest novelty. It will be seen that Physical Drill has even roused some of us to verse.

We end by asking for indulgence from our readers; from an editorial chair this is our maiden speech.

FOOTBALL.

A.S.F.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.—The return match with Oxford High School was played at home on Wednesday, December 9th. The game was fairly even throughout, but the visitors had the heavier team. At half-time there was no score, but soon after the game was resumed, the visiting forwards, who combined well, broke through and scored. The School was unable to reply and the game ended in a victory for Oxford High School by 1—0. The team, which was still without Cornejo, played quite well.

School team.—E. Arias (goal); A. Davenport, D. E. Elford (backs); P. W. Morley, A. Eason, J. Knowles (halves); W. H. Wood, W. E. Wheeler, H. J. Edgington, T. T. G. Race, J. A. Howard (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL. This match was played at home on Saturday.

December 12th, as our opponents' ground was under water. The visitors had the best of the game, which resulted in a win for them by 1—0. Of the School team, Morley and Elford played well, but the forwards as in many other matches, seemed quite unable to shoot straight, even when only a few yards from the mouth of the goal. The team was the same as in the previous match with the exception that Cornejo played instead of Arias.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2ND XI.—This match, played at Oxford on Wednesday, December 9th resulted in a draw 1—1. The School team played well, especially the two backs and Jackson. Of the forwards, Betteridge showed most dash.

School team.—W. R. T. Skinner (goal); E. L. Parry (Capt.), R. D. C. Lanning (backs); T. N. T. Leach, W. H. Jackson, R. E. Eason (halves); R. E. Gibbs, A. Ellis, W. R. E. Scrivener, C. Taylor, H. E. Betteridge (forwards).

SIXES.

This year there were no Senior Sixes, as it was thought that with Rowing and O.T.C. work there would be very little time for them. Thus it was that several boys who otherwise would have played in the Senior Sixes found themselves Captains of Junior Sixes.

The Sixes were played in League fashion and Ellis's Six was the winner consisting of the following: A. Ellis (Capt.), J. N. Sanders, J. H. Hodgson, G. G. Cornejo, H. A. N. Jamieson, R. Tyrrell.

The number of points obtained were as follows :—

A. Ellis's Six	...	12	points.
W. H. Jackson's Six...	9	..	
R. E. Eason's Six	...	8	..
H.E. Betteridge's Six	7	..	
C. Taylor's Six	...	2	..
W.R.E. Scrivener's Six	2	..	
R. E. Gibbs' Six	...	2	..

Of the younger boys, Devenish, Stacey, and Haynes show great promise, and Crook seems to be following in his brother's footsteps.

THE STORY OF THE ZEPPELIN.

When Mister Zeppelinner built
His first fine Zeppelin,
Out of his mother's bedroom quilt
And sundry strips of tin,
He wondered why
It wouldn't fly;
(It wouldn't even spin).

But as Von Zeppelinner lay
Upon his little bed,
An inspiration came that way
And thumped him on the head.
"I am an ass !
It wants some gas ;
That's what it wants," he said.

"And when to-morrow comes, then I
With hydrogen will fill it,
And if that doesn't act, I'll try
Some other gas, until it
Flies to the skies,
While folk with eyes
Uplifted wonder,—'will it' . . ?"

Next day unto his workshop trim
Did Zeppelinner hie,
And then, bestirring every limb
Did Zeppelinner try,
Despairingly,
Perspiringly,
To make his airship fly.

With hydrogen he blows it tight,
And suppliantly kneeling
Prays to his gods with all his might,
Wondrous elation feeling ;
Unties its nose ;
And up it goes,
And sticks against the ceiling.

"Triumph! Hooray! Success is near!"
Exclaims the joyful feller,
"It only wants some steering-gear,
An engine, and propeller.
Then fame is mine,
And bliss sublime,
(Unless it comes a smeller)."

And soon Von Zeppelinner he
That airship did complete,
And there, a goodly sight to see
It glittered at his feet.
They lugged it out ;
'Mid deaf'ning shout
The pilot took his seat.

"Let go the ropes!" then up it flew,
And through the clouds it sped,
But soon, Oh Horrors! up it blew
And crashed upon its head. . . .

* * * *
Then poor Von Zep,
With falt'ring step,
Crept wearily to bed.

D.E.E.

ROWING.

Taking everything into consideration the season has been remarkably successful. This is undoubtedly due to the untiring energies of the two Coaches, Mr. Perks and Mr. Bevir, whose united efforts produced quite a good crew. It is no light task to undertake the coaching of a crew, especially under such unfavourable conditions as we experienced this year with the usual uncertain weather and the towing path and adjoining fields often flooded for some distance. Many times the coach was obliged to take a very circuitous route in order to avoid swimming or at least wading through water waist-deep, and even when alongside the crew it was impossible for him to observe everything in detail, owing to the expanse of water between him and the boat. Thus the coaches are to be heartily congratulated upon the great interest they took in the crew, the enthusiasm with which they inspired them and the success which attended their efforts.

This year we were unable to arrange our usual race with Monkton Coombe School, as they had very little time for rowing owing to their O.T.C. work, and the little time they had they were devoting to tubbing the younger boys. There was also no Old Boys' Race owing to the War. However, we managed to fix up a race with Mansfield College, Oxford, who have only recently taken up rowing; and there is no reason why this should not be an annual fixture.

At the beginning of term, prospects did not seem very bright, as we came back to find the river in flood and a strong stream running. But thanks to the new boat-house we were enabled to launch the boats more easily, and thus we could tub a few of the more experienced oarsmen, and when the stream got

down to a reasonable level, most of the boys who have passed the test were tubbed.

Undoubtedly the boat-house has saved us considerable trouble, for the Four has been out many times when it would have been impossible to get it back safely through the bridge. It may be mentioned here that the alternative site for the boat-house was 11 inches under water during the floods at the beginning of the term.

As usual the crew had a considerable variety of wind, weather and stream during their month of practice, although for the day of the race the conditions were ideal; several days were extremely rough and on one boisterous afternoon the Four unwisely ventured into Culham Reach without a fore canvas, and before they had proceeded many yards the boat was swamped by one huge wave, and quickly filled. The crew, however, soon slipped their feet out of the straps, and swam for it, leaving the boat to drift gradually into the opposite bank. "Cox," who was well wrapped up in a few extra sweaters and an overcoat, was the first to reach the bank, while "two," who got out the wrong side of the boat, found he had to swim round "bow's" oar and the boat to reach the bank. Luckily the boat was not damaged nor did the crew feel any worse for their ducking.

With two of last year's 1st Four and two of the 2nd Four left there was no need to do much preliminary tubbing. Davenport, who rowed "two" last year, had to row "three," but he soon accommodated himself to his new position, and in this way the weight of the crew was well balanced. The chief difficulty lay with "two," who from the beginning, did all his work with his arms, a fault which, combined with a tendency to row

deep through slicing, made the boat very unsteady; and for the first week or two the crew seemed to make no real progress. Finally it was decided to put Elford at "two." The latter, although he did less work than Knowles, who was a thorough hard worker and very keen, managed to keep the boat much more steady, and thus gave the rest of the crew a chance of improving. Parry improved wonderfully at "bow," but he never got rid of his slight rush at the end of the swing forward, and seemed to experience an overpowering desire to look out of the boat, a fault which may easily prove fatal in a race. Ellis, who after surviving the perils of the water was in peril by fire before the end of the week, was unable to Cox the Four. His place was taken by Morley, who proved to be quite a good cox. He should watch the time more carefully and learn to keep as close to the coach as possible in practice. He always pulled the crew together when the time got very ragged, and steered a good course, both in the race and in the trial course.

Altogether the crew improved considerably and everyone showed great keenness.

A.E.

ABINGDON SCHOOL B.C.

v.

MANSFIELD COLLEGE B.C.

The race was rowed on Wednesday, March 10th, which proved an ideal day as far as the weather was concerned, being fine and almost calm; the stream, however, was still fairly strong after the recent floods. The School got a very good start, were ahead in the first few seconds and rowing steadily drew away and brought her home with a spurt to win by four lengths in 4 min. 3 sec. Considering the difficulties encountered in raining, the crew rowed very well indeed.

As late as the Saturday before the race they had seemed still deficient in "beginning," but on the day of days they rose to the occasion and surpassed all expectations. Bow in particular showed great improvement, and all worked most gamely, especially "three" who put all he knew into it throughout. The result was very gratifying to all those, both crew and coaches, who had battled with flood, ice, and storm during the previous weeks.

M.T.P.

ROWING CHARACTERS.

Bow. E. L. PARRY, 8st. 5½lbs. (Colours 1915). A very keen oar who can get quite a good drive when he remembers to use his legs. Is prone to over-reach, far too heavy on his oar over the stretcher and must conquer a besetting sin of looking out of the boat. Rowed very well in the race.

2. D. E. ELFORD, 8st. 7½lbs. (Colours 1915). Is neat, but needs much more leg-work and a better beginning. He also rows very short and is very unsteady over the stretcher, but is quite smart with his hands and should improve greatly with more practice.

3. A. DAVENPORT, 11st. 11¼lbs. (Colours 1913-14-15). A good hard-working oar who supports stroke well; gets a good beginning, but is stiff and awkward with his hands which he does not drop far enough to clear the water with his blade.

Stroke. A. EASON (Capt.) 11st. 10lbs. (Colours 1914-15). A good stroke and a pretty oar; in the former capacity, though he keeps an excellent rhythm, should take care not to let the stroke become "dead." He is rather inclined to clip his stroke and miss the beginning. An excellent captain in every way.

COX. P. W. MORLEY, 6st. 11lbs. (Colours 1915). Rather nervous and inexperienced and does not use his voice enough. Must learn to manage the boat during an easy. Steered well in the race.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On January 15th, Mr. W. R. T. Skinner read a most interesting and instructive paper on Wireless Telegraphy. It was obvious that he had been at great pains to put at once clearly and completely a subject that is (in its very elements) extremely difficult to understand for anyone who has not some slight scientific knowledge.

Mr. S. H. Baker, Mr. W. M. Grundy, and Mr. A. Davenport asked him one or two questions which he answered to the satisfaction of all.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Eason and seconded by Mr. A. Davenport, and was carried unanimously.

On January 22nd, Mr. Eason was called upon to propose that "In the opinion of this House, life in the country is highly superior to city life."

Mr. E. L. Parry seconded and Mr. A. Davenport opposed the motion.

The following also spoke: *Pro.*—Messrs. W. M. Grundy, L. A. Weaving, R. E. Eason and J. A. Howard. *Con.*—Messrs. D. E. Elford, W. R. T. Skinner, J. Knowles, C. V. Davidge, P. W. Morley and J. N. Sanders.

Mr. Grundy was at great pains to distinguish between the different classes of mud that are to be found in the country and in

the town, and clearly shewed his preference for that of the country.

The motion was lost by 7 votes to 6.

On January 29th, Mr. A. Davenport proposed that "In the opinion of this House Mathematics both as a subject and in its uses is superior to Classics."

Mr. E. L. Parry seconded the motion and Mr. J. Knowles opposed.

The following members also spoke: *Pro* Messrs. P. W. Morley, W. R. T. Skinner C. V. Davidge. *Con.*—Messrs. J. A. Howard, L. A. Weaving, W. M. Grundy D. E. Elford, J. N. Sanders, P. L. Howard *Neutral*—Mr. A. Eason.

The motion was lost by 7 votes to 5.

On being proposed by Mr. A. Davenport it was decided to hold an impromptu debate on February 12th.

It was also proposed by Mr. A. Davenport and seconded by Mr. J. Knowles, that the Society wished that the valuable services of the late Vice-President, Mr. S. H. Baker should be recorded, and wished for his speedy return. The motion was carried unanimously.

On February 5th, Mr. W. R. T. Skinner proposed that "In the opinion of this House uncivilized races are, in their own estimation no worse off than civilized races."

Mr. J. N. Sanders seconded and Mr. A. Eason opposed the motion.

The following also spoke: *Con.*—Messrs. J. A. Howard, J. Knowles, D. E. Elford

Mr. W. H. Wood then proposed as an amendment that "In the opinion of this House, uncivilized races are, in their own opinion, better off than the civilized races of Berkshire. But after a little discussion h

decided that what he really meant was that "In the opinion of this House, the uncivilized races of Berkshire are, in their own opinion, better off than the civilized races of Berkshire."

The following spoke on the amendment:

Pro.—Messrs. J. A. Howard, W. R. T. Skinner. *Neutral*—Messrs. A. Davenport, W. M. Grundy.

The motion was carried by 9 votes to 3.

The Society this Session has been remarkable for the regularity with which members have addressed the House. The impromptu debates both caused a great deal of amusement, all members upon being called upon to exercise their ingenuity, coming forward with great alacrity.

The Accounts also shew that the Society have their usual balance in the Bank, in fact the Debating Society is as prosperous financially as any other in the School.

The lack of a Masters' debate was deeply felt, although the two excellent papers that were read to the Society were greatly appreciated; and Messrs. S. H. Baker and W. R. T. Skinner are greatly to be congratulated upon the pleasure they gave to all members of the Society.

L. S. D. S. ACCOUNTS,

Session 1214-1915.

Receipts.

			£	s.	d.
Balance from 1912-13	..	..	1	8	3
Subscriptions	..	..		9	0
			£1	17	3

Expenditure.

			£	s.	d.
Burgess	..	..		6	6
Corporal' Clack	..	..		2	6
Balance in hand	..	..	1	8	3
			£1	17	3

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

On the 17th of December the School enjoyed what was decidedly one of the best entertainments ever held in its annals. The whole programme was entirely in a loftier strain than is usually attempted and it stands greatly to the credit of Mr. Willis that it was an entire success.

Before entering into detail we must tender our sincere thanks to all who lent their aid in the decoration of the Gymnasium, and to those who helped to keep the orchestra up to its usual standard of excellence.

A new departure was made in the programme by including Schumann's Piano Concerto in A minor. The first movement was given and the rendering was extremely fine. It was quite the most prominent feature of the evening and heartily deserved the applause it received. The Orchestra gave us two old friends, "Carmen" and "Cavalleria Rusticana" in very good style, our only regret being that Mr. Pinnock was unable to be present and lend a finishing touch. The School was in great form, and looking back one would scarcely have thought that they could have reached the standard of excellence which they exhibited in the four part songs they sang. Particularly fine was the epilogue "It comes from the misty ages," by Elgar. We have found a new soloist in A. Eason, who has a remarkably fine voice, containing all the qualities of sweetness and power; his song "Admirals All" was very fine indeed. The treble soloist, Leach, sang two old songs; his voice is very pretty and he seems to have thoroughly mastered the difficulty of pronouncing his words. On the Piano Solo by Mr. Willis few words are necessary, as all know his magnificent playing, and we

need only say that, if it be possible, he surpassed himself in his rendering of Chopin's Etudes, and held the audience spell-bound. For the rest the piano soloists did their duty well, and a part song "Drake's Drum," was nicely sung by a chosen few.

We must end this account of so important and successful an event by congratulating all on the hearty way in which they put their backs into their work, and so managed to produce something worthy of the admirable tuition they have received.

J.K.

PROGRAMME.

PART. I.

1. March "Carmen" *Bizet*
ORCHESTRA.
2. Piano Solo (a) "Le Petit Pianist" *Rummel*
(b) "Ringell Tanze" *Gade*
G. R. KIRKBY.
3. Part Song "Our Island Home" *Eaton*
THE SCHOOL. *Fanning*
4. Part Song "Drakes Drum" *Rendall*
A. EASON, D. E. ELFORD, A. ELLIS, T. N. T. LEACH,
W. H. WOOD, J. KNOWLES, H. E. BETTERIDGE.
R. E. EASON, T. T. G. RACE, C. T. GIBBS,
J. C. BRADFIELD.
5. Part Song "Grey Mother of Mighty Nation" *Taylor*
THE SCHOOL AND ORCHESTRA.
6. Piano Solo "Fantasia in D. Minor" *Mozart*
J. KNOWLES.
7. Part Song "Welcome Heroes of Renown" *Mendelssohn*
8. Piano Concerto in A. minor, Movement I. *Schumann*
ORCHESTRA.

(Conductor: R. R. Kimbell. Piano: S. F. Willis.)

PART II.

1. Selection "Cavalleria Rusticana" *Mascagni*
ORCHESTRA.
2. Piano Solo "Etudes" *Chopin*
S. F. WILLIS.
3. Part Song "The Vikings" *Eaton Fanning*
THE SCHOOL AND ORCHESTRA.
4. Song "Admirals All" *Rendall*
A. EASON.
5. Treble Part Song "Twelve by the Clock" *Lloyd*
THE TREBLES.
6. National Songs "Ireland and Scotland" *Old Airs*
T. N. T. LEACH.
7. Epilogue "It comes from the misty ages" *Elgar*
THE SCHOOL AND ORCHESTRA.
8. Finale (a) Hymn for those at Sea
(b) National Anthem of Belgium, Russia,
France and England

ORCHESTRA.

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

2nd Violins.—W. H. Puckridge, W. H. Horsley,
H. U. Drayton.

Violas.—Mrs. Couldrey, Alderman Shepherd.

'Cellos.—Miss Payue, Mrs. Scott, W. Ackling.

Bass.—H. Taylor.

Piano.—R. R. Kimbell, J. Knowles.

Conductor.—S. F. Willis.

PHYSICAL DRILL.

There was a time
When sleep sublime
Our eyelids closed till eight,
But now we rise
With sleepy eyes
Long 'fore it is so late.

For th' O.T.C.
From you and me
Now calls for early drill.
So now we try
The horse to fly
Though much against our will.

Our knees up raise
 Is worth some praise
 And "on the hands, One, Two,"
 Our "re-form ranks"
 Deserves some thanks,
 (At least we think they do).

With back-bent head
 And measured tread
 We march about the gym.,
 We lose all hope
 As round the rope
 We circle with much vim.

But even this
 We must not miss,
 It's all for England's good,
 Strong men we'll make
 Who can partake
 In Briton's bloody feud.

W.R.T.S.

O.T.C.

We are all soldiering nowadays and we do our share at Abingdon; the town must be getting to regard our serried array as we sally forth on a route march as a familiar though inspiring sight; and the walls of the school will surely, even in the holidays, retain echoes of our matutinal commands.

In these morning parades we have devoted our attention chiefly to platoon and company drill and in the latter part of the term to semaphore signalling, in which great keenness has been displayed; in the former respect we have progressed considerably, but certain of the section commanders might make some distinction between the cautionary part of a command and the executive word (v. Infantry Training Section II. 2); the neglect of this point is rather apt to be encouraged by the

restrictions of our parade ground which preclude the consumption of any unnecessary time in performing an evolution.

Our weekly afternoon expeditions have, it is to be hoped, rendered us familiar with the composition and duties of advance, rear, and flank guards and made us quite proficient in sending and conveying messages. Owing to the weather we have not been able to get much practice in open order work, and as this is a most important part of a military education, it is hoped that next term it will be possible to pay more attention to it.

Our platoon has been adorned both by the new badges which have appeared on our uniforms and also by four bugles with which an immense amount of noise has been produced by the four buglers-to-be, Ellis, Eason II., Cornejo II., and Morley.

A new feature in our work was introduced this term and consisted in Physical Drill à la Kitchener's Army; the idea being that our budding subalterns should be equipped for instruction in this equally with the other parts of a soldier's training. When we mention that it was held daily, and at 7.25 a.m., no more need be said about our keenness. As Mr. Wright very kindly superintended our laborious efforts, the activities of the O.T.C. now embrace all the Staff with one exception and Mr. Wright's part is not the lightest.

By way of conclusion we record two tributes to our efficiency; one is that Lieut. W. M. Grundy and Sec. Lieut. W. Bevir are during the holidays to assist in training the New Army, and the other that our first officer, Mr. S. H. Baker, late Cadet Abingdon School O.T.C., is now already a Captain.

7.20 A.M.

When morning dawns, though birds may
 brightly sing,
 Though nature urge to thoughts of early spring,
 Though solemnly the steady church bells ring,
 And word of Lenten service bring;
 No call for me in these this term,
 For me the cry is but "Hips Firm."

The wakened sluggard now again turns o'er,
 Nor heeds in sleep hard voices at his door,
 Such sweet neglect is mine to use no more,
 Nor fits a stalwart of the Corps.
 I hurry forth, my only hope
 The Kaiser may have burnt that rope!

THE SCHOOL STEEPLECHASES.

The Steeplechases were run on Saturday, March 13th. The course was exceptionally dry considering the state of the floods about a fortnight before the race. Unfortunately the "rowing" people had only three days to get into running training. There was a very large gap between third and fourth places in the Senior event, while the Junior produced a much closer finish.

SENIOR STEEPLECHASE.

(Prizes presented by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A., and Councillor W. Legge). 1, W. H. Wood; 2, J. Knowles; 3, A. Eason. Time 12 min. 25 1-5th sec.

JUNIOR STEEPLECHASE (Under 14).

(Prizes presented by M. T. Perks, Esq., and H. P. Simpson, Esq., O.A.). 1, J. C. Brafeld; 2, G. A. Stacey; 3, C. M. Humfrey. Time 6 min. 20 1-5th sec.

THE SCHOOL MILES.

The School Miles were run on Tuesday, March 16th, and in both there was a large field of runners.

In the Senior event J. A. Howard set the pace and led for two laps, after which the race became a contest between W. H. Wood and J. Knowles. The former took the lead half-way round the last lap and won by 10 yards.

G. G. Cornejo showed very good form in the Junior event, and W. R. E. Scrivener was a good second. A notable feature was the running of H. T. Haynes, who ran remarkably well considering his inches.

SENIOR MILE.

(Prizes presented by the Headmaster and W. A. Portal, Esq., O.A.). 1, W. H. Wood; 2, J. Knowles; 3, A. Eason. Time 5 min 22 sec.

JUNIOR MILE.

(Prizes presented by M. T. Tatham, Esq.). 1, G. G. Cornejo; 2, W. R. E. Scrivener; 3, T. N. T. Leach. Time 5 min. 40 sec.

BIRTHS.

D'ALMAINE.—On March 15th, at Abingdon the wife of Harry G. W. d'Almaine, O.A. of a son.

GOFF.—On September 6th, 1914, at Lough ton, Essex, the wife of Hugh Goff, Esq. O.A., of a daughter.

THE WAR: SUPPLEMENTARY LIST.

- Andrews, 2nd Lieut. P. E., 7th Bn. Oxon and Bucks L.I., from O.S., P.S.B. Royal Naval Division, R.N.V.R.
- Baker, Capt. S. H., 9th Bn. Gloucester Regt.
- Bruce, 2nd Lieut. Sir Michael, R.F.A., from Cape Police.
- Burkett, 2nd Lieut. H. W. B., 8th Bn. Wilts Regt., from Oxford University O.T.C.
- Butler, M. A., Public Schools Bn. Middlesex Regt.
- Campbell, D. S., Motor Transport, A.S.C.
- Challenor, Capt. N. B., 3rd Bn. Royal Berks.
- Collingbourne, 2nd Lieut. A. W., from Sussex Yeomanry.
- Creswell, L. H. C., Royal Navy.
- Duncan, 2nd Lieut. N., Dorset Yeomanry from Inns of Court O.T.C.
- Enoch, F. V., Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars.
- Goff, H., West Kent Yeomanry.
- Hobday, H. R., R.F.A.
- Harris, 2nd Lieut. A., A.S.C.
- Layng, 2nd Lieut. G. R. S., 10th Bn. Gloucester Regt., from Public Schools and University Corps, O.T.C.
- Leach, S., King's Royal Rifles.
- Marshall, 2nd Lieut. B. S., 5th Bn. South Wales Borderers.
- Mathias, 2nd Lieut. L. S., 7th Bn. Wilts Regt.
- Michelmores, Sub-Lieut. T. G., H.M.S. Hildebrand, R.N.R.
- Miles, I. S. R., Royal Berks.
- Payne, Lieut. C. H., 18th Co. of London Regt. (London Irish).
- Payne, Capt. C. A. W., Madras Artillery.
- Perrin, A. N., Coldstream Guards.
- Preston, 2nd Lieut. W. B., King Edward's Light Horse.
- Pryce, A. O. C., P.S. Bn. Royal Naval Division, R.N.V.R.
- Saxby, G. S., Sportsman's Bn. Royal Fusiliers.
- Shepherd, Capt. A. M., Royal Engineers.
- Thomas, 2nd Lieut. E. H., 5th Bn. London Regt., from Public Schools Bn. Royal Fusiliers.
- Trinder, A. E., Royal Berks.
- Vivian, 2nd Lieut. A. C., R.G.A., from London University O.T.C.

CASUALTY LIST.

KILLED IN ACTION.

GRAHAM.—Killed in action on March 13th, in the La Bassée district, Ronald McLeod Graham, second son of Lieut.-Col. S. B. Graham, commanding the 80th Carnatic Infantry at Bhamo, Upper Burma, aged 19 years.

[Ronald Graham entered Roysse's School in January, 1910. He was a boy of an independent character with a cheerful disposition and much charm of manner, and naturally attracted a large circle of friends. He was a good cricketer and had a very safe pair of hands in the deep field. He passed into Sandhurst and left the School in July, 1913. He was gazetted to the Essex Regiment but was borrowed by the 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers. He was promoted to Lieutenant and given a "grenade" company in the 21st Infantry Brigade. His captain being wounded, he was officer in command at the time of his death.]

SMITH.—Killed in action on February 17th, Charles Francis Bateman Smith, second son of the Rev. Canon Smith, of Madras, Aged 28 years.

[Entered Roysse's School in September, 1900. After two terms he ceased to live in Abingdon and finished his education at Forest School. He joined the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry from which he received a Commission in the Suffolk Regiment, being promoted Lieutenant in August, 1914. He came over from Egypt in January, 1915, went straight out to the Front and was killed on February 17th.]

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

SHEPHERD.—Accidentally killed on March 10th, whilst flying at Eastbourne, Sub-Lieut. Arthur Gelston Shepherd, R.N., only son of A. M. Shepherd, Esq., Foxcombe Hill, Oxford, aged 21 years.

[Arthur Shepherd entered the School in September, 1903, and remained until December, 1910. He was of a quiet and rather retiring disposition but universally popular. From his earliest boyhood his great ambition had been to fly, and last year this was realized. He was admitted to the Royal Naval Air Service in December, 1914, after a period of training at Hendon, and was looked upon as showing particular aptitude for his profession.]

WOUNDED.

BRUCE, W. N. E., H.A.C.
MEREDITH, Lieut. H., N. Staffs. Regt.

SCHOOL NOTES.

O.A. NEWS.

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

W. C. Williams playing for the 12th Hampshires against the 6th Cameron Highlanders, shot two of the four goals scored by his, the winning, side.

The following O.A.'s have visited the School:—B. J. Bury, H. A. L. Donkin, W. C. Williams, H. F. E. Edwardes, H. V. Ellison, T. H. Buswell, E. Edgington, O. Tubb, L. H. C. Creswell.

The following are new members of the O.A. Club:—C. R. Edwards, L. S. Mathias Rev. W. B. Box, H. A. L. Donkin, L. H. C. Creswell, H. Meredith, P. E. Andrews

F. L. England, who left in 1902, has been appointed Manager of the Bournemouth branch of Parr's Bank.

We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Layng the wife of our former Headmaster, is seriously ill.

SALVETE.—R. F. Lacey, R. Mersch, G. O. G. de Gottal.

VALETE.—E. Arias (Swimming Colour 1914, 2nd XI. Football, 1914, 2nd XI Cricket, 1914, Remove Form).

J. S. Almillategui (2nd XI. Cricket 1914 Remove Form).

H. W. Hooke (Shell Form).

J. E. Cross (III. Form).

G. R. Bradfield (II. Form).

G. H. Ehrman (Shell Form).

Professor W. E. Esson has very kindly presented a bugle to the O.T.C.

Some useful work has been put in at the School boat-house this term; the incline to the river has been brought down to the proper level, and when the banks have been turfed the entrance will have quite a fine appearance.

"News of a Country Town," by James Townsend, O.A., has been presented to the School Library by the Author. The book contains some very interesting references to the School.

Some fresh drawings have been hung up in the School corridors. Among them is a fine etching by Mr. C. O. Wright of Wadham College, Oxford.

The Sixth have attended several of the meetings of the Abingdon Literary and Debating Society.

Mr. Bromley Challenor, O.A., has given to the School Library some useful Geographical Guides collected in his recent tour abroad.

The Staff now includes Mr. M. T. Perks and Mr. H. S. Shelton, who are taking the work of Mr. H. F. E. Edwardes and Mr. S. H. Baker respectively.

L. A. Weaving has succeeded in winning the Pembroke Scholarship for Classics with papers which were specially complimented.

A. Davenport has recently been to Cambridge to try his luck in a Greek Testament examination; at the present time we have not heard his fate.

The following have received their full Colours for Rowing:—E. L. Parry, D. E. Elford; for Coxing, P. W. Morley.

The Sports Committee is as follows:—Chairman, W. A. Rudd, Esq.; Ex-officio, A. Eason, A. Davenport, W. H. Wood; Elected, W. R. T. Skinner, H. J. Edgington, R. E. Eason, H. E. Betteridge, G. G. Cornejo.

Owing to inclement weather the Sports have had to be postponed until Wednesday, March 24th.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the *Wilsonian*.

The term ends on Friday, March 26th, and the next term will begin on Friday, April 30th; boarders return the previous day.

ACCOUNT OF CHAPEL OFFERTORIES,

for year ending March 31st, 1915.

<i>Receipts.</i>				
		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand .. ..	..	2	11	7
<i>Summer Term, 1914.</i>				
Collection on 1st Sunday ..	..	1	8	2½
„ at other Services ..	..	1	13	6
<i>Autumn Term, 1914.</i>				
Collection on 1st Sunday ..	..	1	2	6
„ at other Services ..	..	1	3	0
<i>Lent Term, 1915.</i>				
Collection on 1st Sunday ..	..	19	0	½
„ at other Services ..	..	17	8	
		£9	15	6

<i>Expenditure.</i>				
		£	s.	d.
Repairs to American Organ ..	..	1	6	0
Balance in hand .. ..	..	8	9	6
		£9	15	6.

W. M. GRUNDY,
March, 1915.

