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## EDITORIAL.

WE feel this term that there is really no need of an 'editorial' at all; it is only perpetrated in order to preserve the continuity of the institution.

The weather—stockiest of stock topics for the uninventive scribe to fall back on—has been vile and unsummerlike, but school life was nevertheless pursued a very normal course punctuated by functions like the inspection and Founders Day, accounts of which will be found elsewhere, and crowned by the Oxford Locals now upon us. The last named institution too, it must be observed, must be blamed for any falling off in the number of original contributions; we boast however a poem from an anonymous author in Africa.

The most recherché occurrence was perhaps the crusade conducted against the staff by an owl in an elm on the drive; Mr. Perks was twice assaulted, the Headmaster even next had his turn and then Mr. Bevir; 'Nemo impune lacessit' is however Mr. Bevir's motto and the enterprising bird had not long to wait before receiving through his agency a lead pellet in its feathers, which though apparently causing no serious injury, effectively taught it manners.

We cannot conclude without referring to the enterprise of Mr. Ingham; last term the Rag Concert for the first time was dignified by the very successful performance of a musical playlet compiled by him, entitled "The Lost Codicil;" this term he and his

company are attempting an abbreviated version of "Pinafore." We should like to say we expect a great production, but since we are ourselves playing a part, modesty forbids.

To come to a more serious matter we must call the attention of all Old Boys and friends of the School—and particularly those interested in rowing—to the state of the Boat Club finances. We have for some time past existed with tub pairs in the last stages of seaworthiness. Last season, though our efforts in the Four were crowned with success, we were greatly hampered by only having two tub pairs, both of which visibly leaked and required baling regularly before use. At least one of these will not be available next season and the other is of very little use. We need two pairs at least and unless funds are forthcoming, rowing next year will simply have to be abandoned. The Old Abingdonian Boating Club Fund which through the generosity of various O.A.'s has been our mainstay in the past, is now practically exhausted (the published balance sheet only includes up to March 31st, 1916) and we are therefore appealing for a fund of at least £15 to enable the rowing to go on. Towards this sum we have already a donation of £2 2s. 0d. from C. B. Heberden, Esq., a Governor of the School. Appeals of this kind, we know, need justification at a time like the present, but matters have now reached a point where the future of the School rowing is at stake; to anyone who knows anything of the sport, the deleterious consequences of dropping rowing even for one year are obvious. Those who are kind enough to help us should send contributions to

The Treasurer,  
Old Abingdonian Boating Club Fund,  
Royssé's School, Abingdon.

## NANDI.

(A district in Africa).

I'm the District Commissioner, Nandi,

(And a very fine fellow I be).

I sit in my office from 8 till 4,

(Or maybe from 9 till 3).

I settle all manner of 'shauries' \*

About cattle and women and goats,

And I write long screeds on my district's needs,

Getting back in reply short notes.

I'm a pitiless revenue—hunter

With methods successful and droll,

And woe to the wily old Settler

Who's omitted to pay for his poll.

And sometimes I go 'on safari' †

In search of the nimble rupee;

And sometimes I find it, but often

It's a little too nimble for me.

I endeavour to educate natives

Their bad thieving ways to amend;

And sometimes I've tried the rôle of a guide

Sometimes of philosopher—friend.

And sometimes I manage to catch 'em,

More often I find that I can't.

At times when I say "A fine you shall pay,"

They merely ejaculate "Shan't."

I sit on the Bench in the morning

As a Magistrate (second-class powers)

And try to look wise while the litigant lie

And perjures himself for hours.

I issue them seed for their 'shambas,' ‡

Which everyone knows will die;

And I make them sow—things that will no  
grow

And nobody wants to buy.

I've heard there's a war on in Europe,

And I wanted to join with my pals.

(Unless you're a soldier in khaki,

You haven't a chance with the gals).

but the blessed Colonial Office  
 Said "No, you've a job o'er the sea,  
 You're the District Commissioner, Nandi  
 and (you may not be aware of it yourself,  
 but)

A very fine fellow you be."

So I live out my peaceful existence,  
 I'm a man who is naturally shy.  
 Hardly ever a sight do I get of a 'white,'  
 Save a Mission'ry hurrying by.  
 But I've not much in common with Missions,  
 And Mission'ries can't stick me,  
 Though I'm District Commissioner, Nandi,  
 And (did I mention this before?) a very  
 fine fellow I be.

O.A.

\* cases. † on tour. ‡ plantations.

### A MISCELLANY.

'Now' said the Editor with a grim look  
 as he strode up to me in an impressive  
 manner, 'I want your contribution by to-  
 morrow at the very latest. You can't write  
 me? What utter rot, just you make up  
 your mind, it's perfectly simple. Why, any-  
 one with a little brain can write a story  
 of some sort, so don't forget—to-morrow!'  
 Left to my musings, I silently invented im-  
 recations for the tyrant and having, in mind,  
 objected him to all the refinements of  
 cruelty that human ingenuity can suggest, I  
 took up my pen. A sort of wild exhilaration  
 came over me, and swept me along, taking  
 my pen with me, and thus I commenced.

Darkness fell upon the silent earth and  
 all around was hushed in a still calm. Not  
 a sound was to be heard but the minute  
 chattering of countless denizens of the air  
 that flitted hither and thither. Through a  
 misty sky peeped out attenuated stars, look-

ing for all the world like blotches of milk  
 spilt over some dark covering. Far away  
 in the distance hovered the will-o-the-wisp,  
 and on the limb of a gaunt oak a lone owl  
 hooted. The atmosphere was impregnated  
 with the rich perfume of scented flowers,  
 and many a sweet odour was wafted to the  
 nostrils of the listening mortals. The——  
 'Good heavens,' says the Editor, 'is this a  
 story?' 'May I enquire,' I replied with  
 becoming dignity, 'whether I am writing this  
 story or not?' 'Paper is expensive in war  
 time,' was the callous retort. However I  
 swallowed my bile and started once more,  
 and this is what I produced.

I produced.

Come into the gym boys,  
 Raise a merry strain,  
 Sing the anthem twice boys,  
 Sing it twice again,  
 Now try it with the trebles  
 And now with altos too,  
 And when we've sung it once again,  
 I think that that will do.

A rotten piece of doggerel, but you asked  
 for it, and here's some more.

Oh to be in England now that summer's there,  
 When the thunder-bolts are falling,  
 And streams with floods are roaring,  
 When rain falls never ceasing  
 And bad tempers are increasing,  
 When snow and hail, when slush and sleet  
 Squelch sloppily around our feet,  
 When frozen hard from heels to head,  
 Man hopes the deuce the storm will end,  
 And prays that Providence will send  
 A more salubrious air,  
 Oh to be in England,  
 Happy, Happy England,  
 Oh to be in England now that summer's there.

J.K.

## THE PISCATORIAL ART.

Great controversy having raged recently on this subject, we print hereafter a cogent statement of the scoffer's view by one of our literary experts and on the other side a persuasive and feeling reply in prose and a sort of solemn admonition in verse from the pens of well known enthusiasts referred to in the cynic's article as 'Warwickean' and 'the tribe of Mac.'

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### FISHING.

As we sing in the anthem, "Who can express,"—the beauties of fishing. Answer—No man except Warwickeans and the famous Scotch clan of Mac—which follows that well known proverb—'The early bird catches the worm,' often gets up with the sun and is to be found shivering on the river bank watching a float (which on no account bobs under) by anybody insane enough to get up at the same time. The Warwickeans on the other hand fish during the day—although of course nobody can tell what happens while the world sleeps—and they are often seen coming back just in time for breakfast, saying they have been bathing, the truth being that they have been pulled in by a large roach, which happened to attack the hook. But let us follow one of these famous anglers on a day's outing.

They get up at four a.m. and collect all the necessary apparatus for whale or pike fishing. Have some cold tea and dry bread, all they can find without waking the rest of the house, and go out. After walking a couple of miles, one of them finds he has left his bait behind. Returns and gets some and by 6.30 they are installed on the river's bank. After waiting a couple of hours, one

sees his float bob, and thinks he has caught a shark. Up comes the hook with a jer with an old boot on the end and the angle falls over in his amazement and disgust. By twelve, one has caught a minute roach quite an inch in length, owing to it getting spiked on the whale-hook. Thus they continue watching the float all day until evening twilight appears. "Suppose we had better get home," says one.

"Umph—Yes. I suppose so. Let count the bag." (Do so).

Two roaches and one small minnow "Quite a good days sport, eh!"—"Oh yes." Return home and are asked if they enjoyed themselves.

"Rather!!! Got two large pike each and six chub, weighing between 20 and 3 lbs. Not bad, eh?"

Next day both are in bed with bad chills owing to their sitting in the rain all the day before.

Such are the joys (?) of fishing.

C.V.I

### FISHING ; A REPLY.

It gives me great pain when I look back upon the years during which I have been the butt of scornful jeers, simply because I find great pleasure in fishing; I am pained, not for myself, but for these persons who think, look upon this sport in the wrong light. Why do they hate it? and because they hate it, what right have they to condemn it as a uninteresting pastime? One complains that after many efforts they could only catch a tad-pole, another says that it is a cruel sport, and that there are better things to do than to gaze at a float all day. Well to the former I say "Hard Luck," and to the latter, "I quite agree; but may I ask who

port, is not cruel (even cricket has its surprises sometimes) and who asked you to glue your eyes to the float all day?"

Such people you find have been fishing perhaps once or twice in their lives and then have given up the sport as a bad job.

They will set out laden with all the necessaries, rods, bait, hooks and lines, the only missing article being the fish itself. Having chosen a spot where fish are seen in shoals, such is their delight that Jones drops his rod in the water, and a bath for its recovery is the result while the fish swim away. However they start again and gaze at floats for hours on end, wondering the while why the fish do not bite, many hooks are lost and consequently they begin to feel depressed. "I wish I could strafe these snats," says Smith. "Shut up," says Jones, "I've got a bite!" After tremendous excitement he decides to heave—the result is so appalling for words—they behold 'a lead cat.' This is the last word, both have decided never to fish again, and in mortified silence they return home. Such is a typical cynical account of fishing.

Now the true fisherman does not venture forth with the sole intention of putting fish to death, he wants to enjoy the country air and hopes to have a little adventure. He therefore selects a forbidden spot for his operations; an over-flow of the canal is suitable, for in most cases the peaceful angler is disturbed by the voice of a lock keeper, who claims the stream as canal property, and tells him not very politely, "To git out of it." (The angler still has some chance of escape, for in some cases the lock keeper is old and perhaps rather the worse for wear, and he may be on the other side of the stream, and consequently all may go well).

In many cases the fisherman finds the fish in excellent biting form and then ensues a great game; both have the same chance, for the fish either gets a meal for nothing, or has to pay for it. In a few cases when the fish refuse to bite—well the only thing to do is to vent your feelings with stones on some unhappy cow.

Surely now, this is not so boring as some make out, and I am sure that if Smith and Jones had not such peculiar ideas and had a little more patience, they would enjoy as much as I do this beautiful pastime.

P.W.M.

(A Warwickian).

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### ODE TO FISHING.

Scarce is such sport as fishing found;

Scarce the lordly English manor

Where to turret tower or mound

No sparkling brook its music sounds.

Many, oh, many pleasant hours

Beside the rippling river's bank,

Kept company by nature's flowers,

Have spent our English men of rank.

No person with a sporting instinct

Would scoff and jeer without a break,

A fellow creature quite distinct

From one (D—e) whose patience lasts a week.

Greater men than I have wondered

At the thrill the angler feels,

When he sees the float pulled under

As some nice bait it steals.

Let your patience grow as you do,

Be not of the jeering crowd,

Who at every mishap try to

Bring you nearer to the shroud.

R.D.M.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The School Sports were held on Saturday, April 8th, the Mile Races having been run off before, while the Steeplechases were held on the following Monday. The weather was ideal, and a fair number of spectators were present; the track, however, was on the sticky side owing to the recent heavy rains.

Knowles ran extremely well, winning the Hundred, the Hurdles, the Quarter and the Half Mile Handicap, in which race he started scratch, this being a really creditable feat.

This year, instead of prizes, medals were presented to the winners in the Big School Room on the last of term.

*Long Jump (Open).*

Challenge Cup presented by A. Stockton, Esq., O.A. 1, H. E. Betteridge; 2, E. L. Parry. Distance 17ft. 11ins.

*Long Jump (under 15).*

1, J. W. Morland; 2, Stacey. Distance 15ft. 1½ins.

*High Jump (Open).*

1, H. E. Betteridge; 2, E. L. Parry. Height 4ft. 7¼ins.

*High Jump (under 15).*

1, R. D. L. Devenish; 2, Lowe. Height 4ft. 1½ins.

*Hurdle Race (Open).*

1, J. Knowles; 2, E. S. Morley and J. N. Sanders (dead heat). Time 20 secs.

*Hurdle Race (under 16).*

1, H. E. Betteridge; 2, R. E. Eason. Time 20 secs.

*Hundred Yards (Open).*

Challenge Cup presented by Miss Price. 1, J. Knowles; 2, H. E. Betteridge. Time 11 secs.

*Hundred Yards (under 15).*

1, J. W. Morland; 2, C. M. Humfrey. Time 13 secs.

*Hundred Yards (under 12).*

1, Saxby; 2, C. S. Morland. Time 1 1-5th secs.

*Putting the Weight (Open).*

1, E. S. Morley; 2, J. Knowles. Distance 25ft. 1in.

*Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open).*

1, E. S. Morley; 2, H. E. Betteridge. Distance 96yds. 2ft. 3½ins.

*Quarter Mile (Open).*

Challenge Cup presented by W. Pierpoint Esq. 1, J. Knowles; 2, H. E. Betteridge. Time 59 1-5th secs.

*Quarter Mile (under 15).*

1, C. M. Humfrey; 2, Jackson. Time 70 secs.

*220 Yards Handicap (under 13).*

1, Beaven; 2, Wood. Time 33¼ secs.

*Half Mile Handicap (Open).*

1, J. Knowles (scratch); 2, Badcock; 3, Beaven. Time 2 mins. 19 3-5th secs.

The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup was won by Knowles, who gained 65 points.

## THE MILE (OPEN).

This Race took place on Tuesday, April 4th. The day was dull and the track had suffered from the previous stormy weather, nevertheless some good performances were witnessed. In this event Knowles, who ran in very good style, took the lead from the start and kept it up to the finish, beating Parry, who was second, by about 40 yards. Cornejo, who was third, came in a few yards behind Parry.

Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Burkett. 1, J. Knowles; 2, E. C. Parry; 3, Cornejo. Time 5 mins. 20 2-5th secs.

**JUNIOR MILE.**

This race produced much excitement as it was hard to say who looked like winning, as the lead was taken now by one and then by another. For the first lap J. W. Morland took the lead, then came a long struggle between the first few who clung closely together. Eventually Jackson, who ran very creditably, forged ahead and kept his lead until the end.

1, R. J. Jackson; 2, C. M. Humfrey; 3, J. A. Jones. Time 6 mins. 1 sec.

**STEEPLECHASE OPEN.**

This was run over the usual course, which however was in a very unfavourable condition for the running, as the floods had only just gone down. J. Knowles, leading from the start, steadily drew ahead and won with the greatest of ease.

1, J. Knowles; 2, E. S. Morley; 3, P. W. Morley. Time 13 mins. 40 secs.

**JUNIOR STEEPLECHASE.**

The competitors for this race soon spread out into one long straggling line with Badcock leading. The order remained practically the same throughout the race; Badcock, who came in first, beat R. E. Eason by about 20 yards.

1, Badcock; 2, R. E. Eason; 3, Stacey.

**GYMNASTIC DISPLAY AND COMPETITIONS.**

The School Gymnastic display and competitions for the silver and bronze medals presented by the Headmaster, took place on April 6th, commencing, owing to the new lighting regulations, at 6.30, and ending at 9 p.m. The Gymnasium was tastefully decorated; while the entertainment provided for the fairly large and very appreciative audience, together with the ease with which

the different events went off, did credit to the untiring keenness and energy of Mr. Wright.

The chief events of the evening were the competitions of squad A for the silver and bronze medals, won by Betteridge and Crossland respectively; and of squad B for the bronze medal, which was awarded to Haynes. The pick of squad A, were especially good in their various exercises, though one or two of the tail end seemed to find the evolutions on the horizontal bar rather beyond them. Betteridge was remarkably good on the parallels, while Crossland worked hard all through, and well deserved his success. In squad B, Haynes was a popular and deserving winner, his performance being really wonderful considering his size. Another very popular event was the musical drill with dumbells by squad C.

In conclusion, several tableaux were given, finishing with a mock gladiatorial encounter between four couples, pick-a-back; the fallen warriors being trundled off the scene by the victors in a most businesslike looking wheelbarrow. The results of the competitions were then announced by the Headmaster, two sergeants of the Royal Fusiliers very kindly acting as judges. Cheers for the Headmaster and Mrs. Grundy, and Mr. Wright concluded the evening.

The programme was as follows:—

**EVENTS.**

*Squad A* (competition for silver and bronze medals).

I. Horizontal Bar	Lewis, L. A.	Morley, E. S.
V. Parallel Bars	Betteridge, H. E.	Lupton, W.
VII. Vaulting Horse	Jackson, W. H.	Crossland, F. C.
	Taylor, C.	Tame, H. P.

*Squad B* (competition for bronze medal).

II. Horizontal Bar	Robinson, W. J.	Josey, J. A.
IV. Parallel Bars	Lowe, W. H.	Devenish, R. D. L.
	Morland, R. B.	Hodgson, G. K.
	Saxby, R. C. F.	Haynes, H. T.

*Squad C.*

III. Musical Drill	{	Williams, I.	Taylor, H. C.
VI. Vaulting Horse		Tyrrell, R.	Steele, F. C.
		Deal, N. F.	Cox, A. H.
		Taylor, F.	Wood, K. T.
		Sturrock, G. S.	Morland, T.F.T.
			Mersch, R.
VIII. Tableaux	{	Lewis, Jackson, Morley, Tame,	
		Lupton, Devenish, Stacey, Morland Carter, Lowe.	

*God Save the King.*

*From the North Berks Herald.*

### FOUNDER'S DAY AT ROYSSE'S SCHOOL.

The programme for Founder's Day in connection with Roysse's School on Tuesday, July 11th, took the form of a commemorative service in St. Helen's Church at 11 a.m., the festivities at the school being abandoned for the second year, owing to the war. As usual, a wreath of flowers was placed upon the tomb of John Roysse in the north aisle of the church. Morning service was sung by the Rev. J. H. Kirkby, the school chaplain, and the choir was composed of school boys and masters, Mr. H. U. Drayton, an Old Boy, organist of St. Michael's, Oxford, being at the organ. The Magnificat was sung to Stanford in B flat, and the anthem was "O give thanks" (Wesley). The Headmaster (Mr. W. M. Grundy) read the lesson, and the prayers included the special collect for the Founder. The preacher was the Rev. E. C. Doddrell, an Old Abingdonian, whose text was I. Samuel xx. 42. He felt that it was a great privilege to be allowed to preach on that occasion. His memory went back to the January of 1879, when he entered Roysse's School as a student, and where he remained until 1884. He remembered in that year on Founder's Day in that church, while singing in the choir, thinking to himself, "I wonder if I shall be ordained, and

whether I shall be asked to preach the sermon for my school on Founder's Day," little thinking at the time that such an event would actually happen. Speaking to the boys, he reminded some of them that school days would soon be over, and he asked them what their influence on the school had been and what sort of friendships they had formed; assuring them that such influence would have a lasting effect upon their own lives and the lives of their fellows. He had been pleased to read the school roll of service, and was glad to know that Abingdon School had sent out so many who were ready to obey the call of King and Country. He asked the boys to determine to leave the school better than they found it; to remember that character was formed at school, and that as the boy sowed so the man reaped. The Vicar pronounced the Benediction, and the National Anthem was afterwards sung.

The School O.T.C. and the rest of the boys had an outing in the afternoon, going by road to Nuneham Park.

### O.T.C.

The corps was inspected on July 5th, at 3.15 p.m., by Colonel Chase. The inspecting officer did not seem to have much time to spare and the function was over much sooner than was expected. Rain however set in, as it was, before the conclusion of the proceedings, so it was perhaps just as well. Colonel Chase addressed a few words to the corps at the end, in which he declared himself very well pleased with the March Past, Company Drill and Extended Order Tactics, which he had witnessed.

The inspecting officer contented himself with inquiries as to the progress of the



Signallers and did not find time to observe their efficiency in person. This fact was naturally a disappointment to the members of this branch who had worked with commendable keenness and the expenditure of more of their own spare time than any other members of the corps. However their work of course is in no sense wasted, nor are they less efficient because they were not this time included in the general compliments paid by Col. Chase to all he actually saw. It is perhaps invidious to distinguish, but of the 'veteran' signallers Corpl. Sanders deserves recognition for his excellent work in the training of the latest recruits, and of the new arrivals Cadets Tame and G. Hodgson showed very great keenness and gratifying progress.

The remaining history of the corps consists mainly of preparation for the inspection, shooting and other normal pursuits; we may however mention the adoption of a new drill in certain points and the attendance of the corps in full strength at the Memorial Service for Lord Kitchener at St. Helen's Church.

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### CRICKET.

Although one would not be inclined to compose 'Epitaphian' Odes or flowing panegyrics on our performances this season, yet a certain mead of praise is due to the team. At the beginning of the season only two of them had ever played in the first eleven before and so the majority were somewhat nervous; and, moreover, the majority were but raw recruits and had a very small idea of the correct way of batting. The generally accepted theory seemed to be, 'miss the balls off the wicket, and play round the straight ones.' Scarcely a person, in fact, seemed capable of playing a straight ball,

no matter what its pace. One 'stroke' was common to them all, the blind swipe. The fielding was indifferent and the bowling moderate. Such then were the difficulties that beset us at the start.

One method of procedure and only one was possible, viz., batting had to be taught. And to teach batting is not the matter of a few hours. It is very discouraging, both for master and pupil. The learner quite naturally feels that it is a hopeless task, that whenever he plays forward he comes out, that his own methods were much better, but I would point out that that is not the case. Once he has mastered the art of invariably playing with a straight bat he has won more than half the battle in becoming a good batsman. Let him just bear his disappointments with patience and persevere, and in time he will realise the benefits that orthodox methods bring. Practice too is essential, for by that alone can one get accustomed to various types of pitches, to watching and to timing the ball. That certain members of the team did do so, it is quite evident. Parry made an almost miraculous improvement, and even the humblest member of the team on occasions shows quite a fair idea of the science. As to other individuals Humfrey promises to be a useful bat if he will get over the indecision that nearly always proves fatal to him. Taylor and Morland have been disappointing, especially the latter. The former however is quite good on the off and perhaps has hardly done himself justice. Of Morley little need be said, except to bid him beware of a fast off break that keeps low and pitches just off the off stump.

In the bowling Morley has kept a consistent length throughout most matches and

has had bad luck at times. Taylor in spite of extra-ordinary eccentricity at times has proved very useful, and is indeed quite difficult to play. Betteridge bowled well on occasions, but has been too unreliable. In general I would advise more cultivation of bowlers. The essential point to remember is that length is more important than pace. First master the length and direction and then the pace will come. The fielding improved considerably during the season and became quite smart and keen. Above all in this respect Betteridge shines, and has rarely been seen to miss a ball in the air or on the ground. In conclusion I should like to say that the team has showed great keenness and alacrity in what has been a most difficult situation, and it is to their whole-hearted efforts that our improvements and successes—small though they be on paper—are due.

#### *The 2nd Team and Nurseries.*

In general to the 2nd Team I would address what has been said above. There is too much evidence of haphazard and blind methods and too little of careful play. However, there is time for improvement to come. Of the young people, Crook and Devenish show promise, especially the latter, who will be really good if he only takes sufficient trouble and does not try to play beyond his capabilities. Eason has a very good idea of forward play and should develop into a steady bat. Among those outside the teams Lowe, Stacey and Brafield stand out especially and all manifest great keenness. Finally let everybody remember that Cricket does not consist of flinging a ball wildly at a person who whirls a bat blindly round his head. It is a game of skill and can only be learnt with steady care and application. The learning may be tedious, but remember that

once learnt it brings rewards that can be afforded by few other games, and which are well worth a little trouble and hard work.  
J.K.

A.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.—‘They came and saw and conquered,’ with a vengeance. On May 20th we suffered a sound defeat. It is not necessary to dilate upon it, it was our first match and the team was for the most part composed of raw recruits.

We batted first and, one might almost say, fell out. It was the same old story, miss the loose balls and play across the straight ones, but the team has since fully justified its existence.

Leighton’s innings was uneventful. Our bowling was quite consistent and the fielding satisfactory. But let us draw a veil over the proceedings and seek for better material.

#### A.S.C.C. 1st Innings.

P. W. Morley run out .....	3
C. M. Humfrey b Buchanan .....	6
C. Taylor b Grace .....	6
H. E. Betteridge c Cole b Buchanan.....	1
J. Knowles b Buchanan .....	0
J. W. Morland b Buchanan.....	1
W. H. Jackson b Kitching.....	1
J. N. Sanders b Kitching .....	1
J. G. Almillategui c & b Kitching.....	5
E. L. Parry c Penrose b Buchanan.....	1
W. R. E. Scrivener not out.....	0
Byes 2. Wide ball 1. Extras.....	3

Total.... 22

#### A.S.C.C. 2nd Innings.

P. W. Morley lbw b Kitching.....	7
C. M. Humfrey b Buchanan .....	6
C. Taylor b Buchanan .....	25
H. E. Betteridge b Buchanan.....	1
J. Knowles b Buchanan .....	0
J. W. Morland b Buchanan.....	3
W. H. Jackson b Buchanan.....	4
J. N. Sanders st. b Penrose.....	14
J. G. Almillategui b Buchanan .....	0
E. L. Parry b Buchanan .....	0
W. R. E. Scrivener not out .....	0
Extras .....	7

Total.... 67

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

1st Innings.

J. B. Fryer c Taylor b Morley	30
E. G. Grace b Knowles	7
Bell, b Knowles	9
Cole, b Knowles	0
Jennings c wicket, b Knowles	0
R. Pease b Betteridge	15
R. D. Buchanan b Betteridge	4
L. S. Penrose b Taylor	2
N. Kitching b Taylor	1
G. Jefferys b Morley	4
E. S. Smith not out	1
Extras	18

Total.... 91

A.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.—And yet for all our high hopes yet even a worse defeat awaited us. Our own score was indeed an improvement but turn to the opponents score and shudder. But that was not the fault of the batsmen; it was an off-day for the bowlers. We batted first, again, and proceeded to come out in a ridiculous fashion to a medium paced bowler whose principal features were good length and direction. The team of course had not yet learnt forward play, and in such cases forward play is an essential. Our opponents however simply played with the bowling and managed to give the fielding considerable exercise.

A.S.C.C. 1st Innings.

P. W. Morley run out	1
J. Knowles b Ahamed	3
C. Taylor b Ahamed	0
E. L. Parry run out	8
H. E. Betteridge b Ahamed	2
J. W. Morland b Ahamed	13
W. H. Jackson c & b Ahamed	0
R. D. L. Devenish run out	4
J. G. Almillategui b Ahamed	6
W. R. E. Scrivener b Read	0
J. N. Sanders not out	0
Extras	4

Total.... 41

A.S.C.C. 2nd Innings.

P. W. Morley c wicket b Read	10
J. Knowles c Dodds b Fletcher	2
C. Taylor c Dodds b Ahamed	9
E. L. Parry b Myrtle	23
H. E. Betteridge b Ahamed	3
J. W. Morland b Read	2
W. H. Jackson b Ahamed	2
R. D. L. Devenish b Myrtle	0
J. G. Almillategui c Searby b Ahamed	0
W. R. E. Scrivener b Ahamed	0
J. N. Sanders not out	0
Extras	11

Total.... 62

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

H. H. Read c Sanders b Betteridge	39
H. R. Dodds b Betteridge	11
Ahamed b Taylor	34
H. R. Scoot c Morland b Taylor	9
R. G. T. Fletcher b Devenish	1
J. Y. E. Myrtle c & b Taylor	3
E. F. Davies b Taylor	11
J. A. Allan c Parry b Knowles	11
J. E. Searby b Morley	25
J. L. Barratt c Knowles b Morley	5
J. A. L. Armstrong not out	13
Extras	13

Total..... 175

A.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.—Wednesday, May 31st, saw our hopes at last realised. We won a match. Luck, it is true, was rather on our side, but nevertheless considerable improvement all round contributed largely to the result.

The enemy faced the firing first and were quite easily dismissed. The bowling was good and consistent, while the fielding was highly commendable. Our own innings was not a marvellous performance, but compared with the previous performances it was a great improvement.

Morley and Humfrey made a very nice first wicket stand, the former especially distinguishing himself by carrying his bat. Taylor also played a good innings.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

H. L. Fletcher b Morley	1
S. H. H. Hawton b Knowles	0
A. H. Phillips c Knowles b Morley	6
B. J. Brooker b Knowles	9
G. L. Parsons b Knowles	1
G. P. Dodds b Morley	4
R. Hutchins c Knowles b Taylor	9
H. G. Whitlock c Betteridge b Morley	14
H. O. Beck b Morley	0
G. R. Dams b Morley	0
R. Colegrove not out	3
Extras	5

Total..... 52

A.S.C.C.

P. W. Morley not out	19
C. M. Humfrey b Hutchins	17
J. Knowles b Hutchins	0
E. L. Parry b Hutchins	0
C. Taylor b Phillips	13
J. W. Morland b Phillips	0
H. E. Betteridge c Colegrove b Phillips	0
R. D. L. Devenish b Hutchins	4
J. G. Almillategui lbw b Fletcher	2
W. H. Jackson b Hutchins	1
W. R. E. Scrivener lbw b Fletcher	4
Extras	7

Total..... 67

A.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. ALL SAINTS SCHOOL BLOXHAM.—By far the best match of the season, is the verdict pronounced by all upon this game. Bloxham were the visitors, and the match was started rather earlier than usual. From the result it will be seen that the game was very close, and indeed it afforded considerable excitement.

The visitors batted first, but their scoring was done mainly by three men, the rest falling easy victims. On our own side our first wicket soon collapsed, but after the second wicket stand, the team made a very passable show. The fact that Bloxham used to advantage a 'silly-point' rather flustered most of the team, no less than four of them being caught at this place. Bloxham's second innings was very uneventful, and it was a great pity there had not been more time, as the School stood an excellent chance of winning.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL. 1st Innings.

Higgs c Morland b Morley .....	1
Bolton b Knowles .....	1
Ravenor b Taylor .....	13
Cain b Knowles .....	27
Hall, A. b Taylor .....	1
J. Wright c Knowles b Morley .....	12
W. Wright c Taylor b Taylor .....	0
Hall, B. c Morley b Betteridge .....	4
Fairbrother b Betteridge .....	0
Littleboy c Betteridge b Morley .....	8
Tucker not out .....	1
Extras .....	1

Total..... 69

2nd Innings.

Higgs b Morley .....	1
Bolton b Betteridge .....	0
Ravenor c Betteridge b Morley .....	2
Cain c Humfrey b Knowles .....	27
Hall, A. run out .....	6
J. Wright run out .....	0
W. Wright b Morley .....	0
Hall, B. c Jackson b Knowles .....	0
Fairbrother b Morley .....	0
Littleboy not out .....	0
Tucker b Knowles .....	0
Extras .....	1

Total..... 37

A.S.C.C.

P. W. Morley c Wright b Cain .....	2
C. M. Humfrey c & b Ravenor .....	0
E. L. Parry b Ravenor .....	0
R. D. Mackinnon c Cain b J. Wright .....	27
J. Knowles b J. Wright .....	7
C. Taylor c Cain b B. Hall .....	0
J. W. Morland b Cain .....	9
H. E. Betteridge c Cain b J. Wright .....	11
J. G. Almillategui st b J. Wright .....	1
W. H. Jackson not out .....	4
W. R. E. Scrivener c & b Ravenor .....	2
Extras .....	2

Total..... 65

A.S.C.C. v. BRIGHTWELL C.C.—It was against a ghost of a team one might almost say that we played this match. Brightwell were labouring under the difficulty of collecting a team owing to the shortage of labour for the hay. And thus, having on our side two masters, we were able to win an absurdly easy victory.

Our innings was uneventful as scoring was very difficult. The pitch was rather lumpy and made careful watching of the ball quite essential, at the same time necessitating that all scoring should be slow. Mr. Bevir it is true was a 'purple patch,' but he paid the penalty in the end. Morley played a good innings that was a masterpiece of singles.

The first innings of Brightwell consisted of entrances and exits, their whole score totalling ten. But as the last five of the team were merely chance youngsters, the bowling does not deserve all the credit. Brightwell however, one may say, is greatly to be thanked for being able in such a difficult time to produce a team at all.

A.S.C.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq. b Maggs .....	28
P. W. Morley b Maggs .....	32
W. Bevir, Esq. b Tarry .....	19
C. M. Humfrey b Tarry .....	5
R. D. Mackinnon c Tarry b Maggs .....	1
J. Knowles c Tarry b F. Tarry .....	10
E. L. Parry lbw b Maggs .....	0
C. Taylor not out .....	0
H. E. Betteridge	} did not bat
J. W. Morland	
W. H. Jackson	} did not bat
Extras .....	

Total..... 108

BRIGHTWELL C.C.

C. Maggs c Grundy b Bevir .....	0
H. Maggs b Knowles .....	4
H. Tustain b Bevir .....	3
F. Tarry c Taylor b Bevir .....	2
L. G. Peck b Bevir .....	0
S. View c Mackinnon b Bevir .....	0
E. Nash b Knowles .....	0
S. Looker c & b Knowles .....	0
A. Tarry c Morland b Knowles .....	0
M. Harvey not out .....	0
L. Foster b Bevir .....	0
Extras .....	2

Total..... 11

A.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.—Vae victis! Vengeance is sweet! Tropical rains made it a most difficult matter for the bowlers to stand up, and so truly a batsman's wicket awaited us at Leighton. Our innings which was long and excellent, was characterised by the performances of Morley, Mackinnon and Parry. We must not forget to commend the determined spirit of Mackinnon who, when he had gallantly stepped upon his wickets while smiting the ball over a hedge on which every eye was turned, unseen by all except the wicket-keeper, steadfastly refused to leave the field, and when the umpires decided nem-con, that they had not been attending, was so far master of himself as to pile up nearly 30 more runs, when at length he was caught in the act, while attempting the same trick.

The School bowlers were considerably more successful than our opponents, and did not find much difficulty with them. It was greatly to be regretted that time came too soon, as another quarter of an hour would have most probably brought the game to a successful conclusion. We cannot do better, finally, than to commend the team as a whole who showed such a remarkable improvement on their former performances.

A.S.C.C.

P. W. Morley lbw b Fryer .....	38
C. M. Humfrey b Buchanan .....	4
R. D. Mackinnon hit wicket, b Grace ....	32
E. L. Parry c Penrose b Fryer .....	24
J. Knowles not out .....	9
C. Taylor not out .....	9
J. W. Morland	} did not bat
H. E. Betteridge	
W. Lupton	
W. H. Jackson	
W. R. E. Scrivener	
Extras .....	5
Total.....	121

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

E. G. Grace b Morley .....	3
S. S. Smith b Knowles .....	3
R. D. Buchanan b Knowles .....	14
J. B. Fryer b Knowles .....	0
L. B. Cole b Morley .....	5
R. Pease c Humfrey b Knowles .....	15
N. Kitching b Taylor .....	5
R. Jennings not out .....	8
H. O. Fry	} did not bat
L. S. Penrose	
J. Jefferys	
Extras .....	3
Total.....	56

A.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

It was fully proved in our return match at Bloxham how essential it is that a team should have a really competent break-bowler. The pitch was far worse than in the previous match, and it was absolutely impossible for a ball of any pace to be put down. Taking all into consideration we must say that Bloxham's score was not anything appalling, but the School's batting certainly was. It was the same old story. Granted that they had never played on quite so sloppy a pitch before, granted they were unaccustomed to slow good length balls, yet it all goes to show how it is of vital importance that the batsman should make use of forward play, and above all of playing with a straight bat.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

Higgs c Knowles b Morley .....	7
W. Wright (played on) b Morley .....	3
Bolton b Knowles .....	1
Hall, A. b Taylor .....	7
Cain b Taylor .....	31
Ravenor not out .....	2
J. Wright c Taylor b Betteridge .....	1
Hall, B.	} did not bat
Fairbrother	
Tucker	
Lewis	
Extras .....	
Total.....	57

A.S.C.C.

P. W. Morley c W. Wright b Cain .....	1
C. M. Humfrey c Hall, B. b Ravenor .....	8
R. D. Mackinnon run out .....	1
E. L. Parry b Cain .....	5
J. Knowles b J. Wright .....	7
C. Taylor st. b Cain .....	0
J. W. Morland b Cain .....	0
H. E. Betteridge c & b Cain .....	3
W. H. Jackson not out .....	0
J. G. Almillatequi c Hall, A. b Cain .....	1
W. R. E. Scrivener c Bolton b Cain .....	0
Extras .....	5
Total.....	31

A.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

'Sunt lacrimae rerum et mentem mortalium tangunt.' Truly a sad and sorry show to put the finishing touches to the season. It is a moot point whether of the two were the vilest, the batsmen or the bowlers. For in proportion as the former relapsed into a frightful exhibition, so did the latter continually 'reel back into the beast.' But be that as it may, it was neither pleasant to look upon nor delectable to reflect upon.

A.S.C.C.

P. W. Morley b Phillips .....	7
C. M. Humfrey b Phillips .....	5
R. D. Mackinnon b Fletcher .....	4
E. L. Parry b Brooker .....	9
J. Knowles c Beck b Brooker .....	15
C. Taylor run out .....	5
H. E. Betteridge b Brooker .....	1
J. W. Morland b Hawton .....	0
J. G. Almillatequi lbw b Brooker .....	1
W. H. Jackson b Hawton .....	3
W. R. E. Scrivener not out .....	0
Extras .....	4
Total.....	54

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Fletcher b Morley .....	1
Dodds b Morley .....	84
Whitlock c Knowles b Morley .....	10
Phillips i. c Mackinnon b Knowles .....	46
Hutchins b Mackinnon .....	0
Beck not out .....	14
Booker	
Hawton	
Parsons	} did not bat
Phillips ii.	
Bayliss	
Extras .....	4
Total.....	159

1st XI. CRICKET CHARACTERS.

P. W. MORLEY. Colours 1915-16. I our one reliable batsman. He has a steady and untiring forward stroke, which coupled with an unerring eye makes him an almost ideal first wicket man. His bowling has been very useful, and his maintenance of a good length has kept the runs down. A smart field, has proved the mainstay of the team and many a time saved it from utter collapse.

C. M. HUMFREY. A fair bat, useful as a first wicket player. Should learn to be more decisive about his strokes and to play out to a ball on the off stump. Is a safe field and should be very useful next season.

E. L. PARRY. Colours 1916. As a bat has improved out of belief, and has proved very useful. He has been quite invaluable as a wicket keeper, managing to reduce the extras to an extraordinary degree. He should learn however to watch a slow ball and should not be too impatient to 'get at it.'

C. TAYLOR. Colours 1916. Rather disappointing as a bat. His bowling however is fairly good, though erratic, and has often come in very useful. His excellent fielding and thorough keenness have made him a most desirable member of the team.

R. D. MACKINNON. Colours 1916. Only joined in middle of season, but has had time to prove his worth. He is a reliable bat with a very pretty forward stroke and plenty of power. As a bowler he is erratic and should learn to cultivate a length. His fielding is good and smart.

J. KNOWLES. Colors 1915-16. Captain 1916. Has shown very marked improvement in his batting. Wants to acquire a few defensive strokes. A very good fast bowler, with an easy action and a very good length

as a rule. A good field. Has captained the side with skill and judgment.

H. E. BETTERIDGE. An excellent field who rarely misses. Has been a failure as a batsman, which might have been avoided with a little more perseverance. Has 'come off' on occasions as a bowler.

J. W. MORLAND. As a bat has fallen off remarkably. He must learn not to run away from the ball, however horrible it may look. Is a fair 'point' but should watch the ball more closely.

J. G. ALMILLATEGUI. A mere hitter, who has however shown a glimpse or two of forward play. With assiduous practice he might develop into a useful bat. A fair field.

W. H. JACKSON. Has on occasions shown a slight knowledge of batting, but is too fond of the 'cow-shot.' Has a safe pair of hands.

W. R. E. SCRIVENER. A weak bat, but is young and may improve next season. Is fairly smart in the field and shows considerable keenness.

2nd XI. MATCHES.

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.—This match was played at Reading, on Saturday, May 20th. The weather was fine though cloudy. The School batted first and succeeded in making only 40. Leighton then went in and made 146, Jennings 41, Holmes 36; Crook taking 4 wickets for 23. We thus lost by 106 runs.

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

Lupton lbw b Redmayne .....	7
Kirkby c Hampton b Redmayne .....	3
Devenish b Hampton .....	7
Leach c Southall b Hampton .....	0
Josey st. b Hampton .....	9
Eason b Hampton .....	4
Crossland c Holmes b Redmayne .....	1
Tame run out .....	2
Crook not out .....	7
Hills c & b Jennings .....	0
Jackson c Southall b Jennings .....	0
Extras .....	0

Total..... 40

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Fry b Devenish .....	6
Hampton c Devenish b Crook .....	7
Hodgkin c & b Crook .....	2
Holmes b Kirkby .....	36
Redmayne c Leach b Devenish .....	4
Jennings run out .....	41
March b Kirkby .....	9
Southall b Crook .....	31
Merttens b Crook .....	0
Penrose b Devenish .....	0
Elverston not out .....	0
Extras .....	10

Total.....146

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL 2nd XI.—This match was played at home under ideal conditions. We lost the toss and Magdalen opened the match. Things seemed in a fair way for success, seeing that they were all out for 56. Lupton's bowling on this occasion was good and very steady considering he bowled for so long a period. Our first two wickets however fell for two runs, a disastrous beginning to say the least and the whole side soon succumbed to our opponents' good bowling, being all out for 23.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE 2nd XI.

Mosson lbw b Crook .....	7
Denne b Crook .....	13
Woolmer c & b Lupton .....	16
Elliott b Lupton .....	0
Neill b Crook .....	4
Bushell b Lupton .....	1
Brown b Crook .....	0
Hazlor c Eason b Lupton .....	2
Clayissens c Eason b Crook .....	1
Tilsele not out .....	1
Barratt b Lupton .....	4
Extras .....	7

Total..... 56

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

Lupton b Woolmer .....	2
Robinson b Mosson .....	0
Leach c Donne b Mosson .....	6
Josey b Woolmer .....	2
Tame b Woolmer .....	1
Crook b Woolmer .....	2
Eason c & b Mosson .....	2
Crossland c Hazlor b Woolmer .....	0
Hills not out .....	3
Cornejo c & b Mosson .....	3
Jackson b Mosson .....	0
Extras .....	3

Total..... 23

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. OXFORD HIGH 2nd XI.—May 31st. This match was by far the most successful match of the whole season, some very good scores being made. Crook easily outclassed any other member of the XI. by making 44, the great majority of the hits reaching the boundary. The bowling also was good and steady. Crook and Lupton bowling throughout the match with averages of 3·2 and 3·5 respectively.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Walters b Lupton.....	2
Phillips b Crook.....	2
Alexander b Lupton.....	0
Broome c Eason b Lupton.....	0
Wyatt b Crook.....	4
Bayliss run out.....	2
Bayliss b Crook.....	0
Ellis b Crook.....	11
Hay run out.....	0
Roberts c Davidge b Lupton.....	6
Hawtin not out.....	0
Extras.....	4
Total.....	31

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

Lupton b Roberts.....	24
Robinson b Walters.....	1
Leach c Roberts b Alexander.....	26
Josey c & b Alexander.....	0
Davidge c Phillips b Alexander.....	0
Sanders b Alexander.....	8
Crook b Phillips.....	44
Tame lbw b Phillips.....	12
Eason c Bayliss b Wyatt.....	12
Crossland lbw b Phillips.....	0
Hills not out.....	0
Extras.....	5
Total.....	132

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. BLOXHAM 2nd XI.—June 7th. We won—to put the match in a nutshell. Nothing else of importance can be recorded on either side. Scoring was very low on both sides. The whole of our team seemed to break down after the sixth wicket, the last four wickets falling for four runs. Our fielding was not so good as on previous occasions, in fact we might say it was an ‘off day’ for all the team, but in spite of it all, by some piece of luck we carried off the victory after a close game.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Lewis c Crossland b Crook.....	0
Martin c & b Lupton.....	8
Clowser b Crook.....	0
Stewart b Crook.....	0
Eve run out.....	18
Hobley st. Eason b Crook.....	4
Smith b Lupton.....	2
Christopher b Lupton.....	4
Thomas c & b Devenish.....	5
Saunders c Tame b Devenish.....	0
Payne not out.....	1
Extras.....	2
Total.....	44

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

Lupton c Eve b Martin.....	4
Eason c Martin b Stewart.....	4
Leach run out.....	2
Devenish b Martin.....	18
Crook b Stewart.....	6
Sanders b Stewart.....	15
Davidge b Martin.....	0
Tame c Clowser b Stewart.....	0
Crossland b Hobley.....	3
Josey c & b Sanders.....	2
Hills not out.....	0
Extras.....	6
Total.....	60

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.—Played at home on Saturday, June 24th. The weather was fine for the most part, but with an occasional shower, which did not, however, interrupt the game. The School batted first and were very soon out for only 30, of which Davidge contributed 16, hitting one ball over the road for 6. The visitors then went in and knocked up 112 for four wickets in very quick time after which they declared. The School, in its second innings, got 34 for four wickets, Devenish making 21.

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

Eason b Redmayne.....	0
Leach b Redmayne.....	0
Devenish b Redmayne.....	2
Crook c March b Redmayne.....	0
Sanders b Hampton.....	0
Tame b Hampton.....	0
Davidge lbw b March.....	16
Crossland b Redmayne.....	0
Josey not out.....	7
Hills b Jennings.....	0
Robinson c Hampton b March.....	1
Extras.....	4
Total.....	30



LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Hodgkin b Crook.....	22
Hampton c Josey b Robinson .....	29
Redmayne b Robinson .....	33
Holmes lbw b Sanders .....	15
Elverston not out .....	19
March not out .....	11
Jennings	
Penrose	
Merttens	} did not bat
Gregory	
Cotterell	
Extras .....	

Total (for 4 wkts.)..135

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. BLOXHAM SCHOOL

2nd XI.—The game was closely contested but by no means brilliant. Our fielding was perhaps the best display this season, but very very far from perfect still. Lupton's bowling was pre-eminently successful, bowling well throughout the game, and finishing with an average of 3:0, which alone is sufficient testimony. In an exciting finish Abingdon won by 5 runs.

BLOXHAM 2nd. XI.

Saunders c Tame b Lupton.....	2
McDonald c & b Crook .....	0
Littleby b Lupton.....	5
Stewart lbw Lupton.....	3
Martin c Sanders b Crook .....	1
Eve c Eason b Devenish .....	9
Smith c Eason b Crook .....	6
Clarke not out .....	9
Clauser run out .....	2
Clayman c Devenish b Lupton .....	0
Bowdon c Devenish b Lupton .....	0
Extras .....	5

Total..... 44

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

Lupton run out .....	12
Eason c Eve b Saunders .....	1
Crook c Bowdon b Saunders .....	0
Leach c Eve b Martin .....	0
Devenish b Saunders.....	1
Sanders b Martin .....	0
Davidge b Stewart .....	8
Tame b Saunders .....	6
Josey c Eve b Littleby .....	11
Hills b Martin .....	6
Crossland not out .....	0
Extras .....	4

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A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. OXFORD HIGH 2nd

XI.—July 5th. This match was played under the most miserable conditions imaginable. It rained hard all the afternoon, rendering

the pitch very bad. It seems that this time Oxford High had made a considerable change in their team and had made it much stronger, but nevertheless we put up a stout fight, but eventually lost, 60 runs against 80. A very good stand was made by the Oxford High School, the first wicket falling at 8, the next one at 50.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd. XI.

Herring b Lupton.....	3
Wyatt run out .....	27
Colegrove b Lupton .....	24
Barnes c Leach b Devenish.....	10
Broome c Crook b Devenish .....	11
Constable b Devenish .....	0
Birt c Crook b Lupton.....	1
Walters b Devenish .....	3
Alexandra b Devenish .....	0
Alden c Crook .....	2
Hay not out .....	2
Extras .....	3
Total.....	86

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

Tame b Barnes .....	0
Lupton run out .....	11
Crook run out.....	7
Devenish c Colegrove b Barnes .....	7
Eason b Barnes .....	0
Sanders b Herring .....	0
Leach b Barnes .....	0
Davidge not out .....	19
Crossland b Barnes .....	10
Hills b Barnes .....	0
Josey c Walters b Barnes .....	0
Extras .....	6
Total.....	60

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. NEW COLLEGE

SCHOOL 1st XI.—This match was played here on the 8th July. It was by far the best match of the season, with a most exciting finish. Our first three wickets fell for 0, which looked very ill, but afterwards things improved and we managed to reach a total of 81. Their innings also did not start with a great success, their first wicket falling at 5, but their remaining men made moderate scores and their ninth wicket fell for 74. By this time things looked bad and it was quite a toss up who would win the day. A 'four' was knocked to leg very soon by the

last man, followed by a 'two.' They kept up steady play then for two overs, but we finally got them out by a good catch by Devenish at point, with a score of 80, thus finishing the most exciting match for our whole season. The chief feature of the day's play was a vigorous innings of Sanders, which restored the team's confidence and, in fact, quite saved the day.

A.S.C.C. 2nd XI.	
Lupton c Clive b Broadbent .....	0
Taine run out .....	0
Devenish b Clinkard .....	4
Leach b Broadbent .....	0
Davidge b Broadbent .....	6
Sanders b Broadbent .....	38
Crook b Barford .....	28
Josey b Broadbent .....	0
Eason c Barford b Clinkard .....	1
Crossland not out .....	2
Hills b Fuller .....	1
Extras .....	1
Total.....	81

NEW COLCEGE.	
Clinkard run out .....	2
Broadbent b Lupton .....	2
Dieseldoff c Eason b Devenish .....	11
Barford c & b Devenish .....	22
Fuller b Devenish .....	16
Clive b Crook .....	4
Hayse b Crook .....	4
Cole c Crossland b Crook .....	3
Blanchetto not out .....	11
Warwick run out .....	1
Payne c Devenish b Lupton .....	0
Extras .....	4
Total.....	80

**THE "RAG" CONCERT.**

The customary end-of-term concert has now become a thing undreamt of in former years. This is owing to the energy and enthusiasm displayed by Mr. Ingham who spent considerable time writing a sketch and training actors last term.

The play entitled "The Lost Codicil," concerned the efforts of two school-boys to obtain an extra half-holiday, their failure, and how they eventually received it because a codicil to the will of the founder of the school was discovered at the right time. By

this codicil the boys were to have an extra day's holiday once a year. This, luckily for them, fell on the day they wanted.

The Gymnasium was used as a theatre, being specially prepared for the play with footlights and the windows being covered on account of the "Lighting Regulations."

As Doctor Derring, Knowles was a great success, being exceptionally well made-up. Mr. Perks, who played the part of Sir George Lloyd, was very effective. Sanders, Leach and Morley i. played their parts as prefect and two school-boys, with great vigour.

The music was taken from Gilbert and Sullivan, different words being written to fit the play.

As a whole, the performance was exceptionally good and appealed enormously to everyone, for it was loudly encored from start to finish.

The second part of the programme was composed of various songs and turns by people who for the most part were not engaged in "The Lost Codicil." Particularly amusing was the dialogue preceding a song "The Mole and the Butterfly," by 'Remove Troupe'; one of its members not being quite word-perfect coming in at the wrong time, caused much fun.

Lewis, singing "Gilbert the Filbert," had quite the correct finish of a "Knut."

Mr. Bevir, "the popular refined humorist," gave a great turn as a waiter, keeping everyone highly amused for at least ten minutes and then being loudly encored by the 'gallery' amid shouts of "Waitah! Waitah!"

Altogether the concert was very successful and Mr. Ingham and the 'actors' are to be congratulated on a very successful maiden effort.

E.L.P.

## CASUALTY LIST.

## KILLED IN ACTION.

**BERRY.**—Capt. Edward Fleetwood Berry has died of wounds received in action in Mesopotamia.

[The son of Canon Berry, he was born in 1888 and came to Tesdale House in Jan. 1910. He played back for the School football team of 1905 and was a prominent member of the Rowing Club though not in the first Four. He passed into Sandhurst, July 1906, and was given a commission in the Wilts Regt. in 1907 and joined the Indian Army in 1909. We noticed in a recent issue of the 'Times' two references to the above officer. His name appears among those to whom the Military Cross was awarded and in the same paper there was a very graceful and touching tribute to him over the initials G.T.W. which are those of Col. G. T. Widdicombe, C.B., 9th Gurkha Rifles. It runs as follows:—"In grateful recognition of his valuable assistance and loyal support as Adjutant, his unceasing devotion to duty, his unbounded esprit-de-corps, and in affectionate remembrance of his valued friendship, constant companionship and noble sacrifice."]

**WILLIS.**—Richard Willis, M.A., of the Loyal North Lancashire Regt. was killed in action on May 16th.

[He was formerly a Classical Exhibitioner of Exeter College, Oxford, and he held a temporary appointment on the School Staff in the Lent Term of 1913.]

## WOUNDED.

**COXON.**—Capt. S. H. N. Coxon, Royal Warwick Regt.

**INGOLD.**—Lieut. G. J. H. Ingold, York and Lancaster Regt.

**MARSHALL.**—2nd Lieut. Bernard S. Marshall.

[His Colonel in a letter to his parents says "He distinguished himself by rallying the men and leading them to the craters' edge, there digging themselves in under a heavy flanking fire chiefly from machine guns. Although the doctor and others tried to discourage him (after being hit) he insisted upon returning to his men, and continued to work with them until all were recalled." He later obtained the Military Cross.]

## SUPPLEMENTARY WAR LIST.

Inoch, J. C., Royal Berks.

Hibbs, H. E., Royal Engineers.

Langford, C., Lce. Corpl. 31st Royal Fusiliers.

Leach, W., 3rd Royal Berks.

Lewington, H., Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars.

Robinson, F. R. H., Indian Cadetship, Royal Military College, Quetta.

Rogers, H. N., Surrey Yeomanry, Queen Mary Regt.

Sells, A. G., Lieut. 3rd Queen's Regt.

Salbot, W. R., Commission in the Mechanical Transport.

Teysse, H. G., 2nd Lieut., 3rd Wilts Regt.

## PROMOTIONS.

Edwards, A. L., Company Q.M.S.

Morland, P. H., Corporal.

St. N. P. Shepherd-Turnham, Captain.

Weaving, R. V., Sergeant.

St. T. S. Wilding, Capt. and Adjt.

## MILITARY CROSS.

2nd Lt. B. S. Marshall, 6th S. Wales Borderers.

Lt. E. F. Berry, 9th Gurkha Rifles.  
(since killed in action).

## MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

Lieut. J. T. Milne, of the Flying Corps (Oxford and Bucks L.I.) was mentioned in Gen. Haig's despatches of June 15th.

## BIRTH.

WILLIS.—June 16, at 65, St. Giles, Oxford, the wife of Lieut. S. F. Willis, B.A., of 9th Royal West Kent Regiment, of a son.

## DEATH.

LEPINE.—On 18 April, at Lamorbey Vicarage, Sidcup, the Rev. John Foster Lepine, seventeen years Vicar of the Parish, in his 70th year.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We print the following from a letter sent to us by Mr. J. Townsend.

"I am in the midst of the Jana desert, a few degrees from the Equator, but in view of the snow on the famous mount of Kilimanjaro; the climate is what one would imagine—the soil wonderful—red brick—and every tribe known and unknown appears to exist here—the phases of war pictures various and interesting as ever. In these surroundings I have just received the "Abingdonian," for April, '16 and its accompanying Roll of Service—the latter to a soldier is interesting and it might be interesting to you to know that such had penetrated into the bush of E. Africa. . . . I am now acting Regimental Sergt.-Major for all units of Artillery that arrive at my camp in the desert, whether Indian or otherwise.

From,

F. O. TOWNSEND.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

The Master and Fellows of Jesus College, Cambridge, have nominated the Rev. T. Layng, a former Scholar of the College, to the Rectory of King's Stanley, Gloucestershire, which will become vacant in the autumn by the resignation of the Rev. A. C. Jennings, the author of a well-known commentary on the Psalms.

The Rev. W. E. Summers, curate Petersfield and son of a former Headmaster has been appointed Vicar of Hound with Netley Abbey, Southampton. Patrons Winchester College.

Please note that the O.A. Club Secretary J. Townsend, Esq., has changed his address which is now, 2, St. John's Road, Abingdon.

Miss Challenor very kindly made the wreath for Founder's Day.

The Meredith Prizes for Latin and Greek Composition have been awarded to J. Knowles.

W. H. Jackson has been made a school prefect.

Athletic Colours were given last term to J. Knowles, E. S. Morley, H. E. Betteridge and half-colours to E. L. Parry and J. N. Sanders.

Cricket Colours have been given to E. L. Parry, C. Taylor and R. D. Mackinnon.

J. Townsend, Esq., O.A., is again the Presiding Examiner in the Oxford Locals.

This term will end on Monday, July 24th and the next term will begin on Thursday Sept. 14th; Boarders return on Sept. 13th.

VALETE.—E. S. Morley (Sept., 1915—April, 1916) VI. Form; 1st XI. Football; Colours Athletic Sports. Passed into R.M.A.

G. R. Kirkby, VI. Form; 1912—1916; 2nd XI. Football, 1915; Passed Oxford Junior Locals, 1915.

H. Humphries, VI. Form; 1914—1916; Passed Oxford Senior Locals, 1915.

SALVETE.—C. A. G. Duke (II. Form).

D. Prince (II. Form).

V. Carpenter (III. Form).

P. Venables (III. Form).

C. E. H. Dolphin (Remove Form).

E. O. Hills (V. Form).