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## EDITORIAL.

**O**BSERVANT readers will notice that we have in this number our first advertisement—from which, however, we hasten to say, no revenues have been received. We refer to the admonition so insistent of late, "Eat less bread;" we are honoured by being asked to take even a very small part in a campaign of such national importance.

Though containing events like Founder's Day, the O.T.C. Inspection, and the Oxford Locals, the term does not seem to call for special editorial comment; of the three mentioned, the first two are recorded elsewhere and the last has descended upon us as we go to press and has as usual breathed a cruel blight on a promised crop of original

contributions. We are grateful for one poem which will carry on the tradition to the more spacious days of next term.

"The Mikado" last term gave most abundant proof of our musical and dramatic resources and many kind things have been said about it. We too should like to say a few, but we find it too difficult to detach the impartial, critical, and editorial side of ourself from the diffident and modest individual who took part in the aforesaid performance. In a word, "modesty forbids;" we can, however, without any embarrassment say that Mr. Ingham almost works marvels.

Looking forward instead of back, we wish those of the School who are to be engaged in agriculture during these holidays success

in their efforts. (Our potatoes, by the way, are flourishing like the green bay-tree, and we take therefrom a good augury). Two squads from the School in charge of members of the staff are, under the Government scheme, to spend three weeks in work on farms in the neighbourhood. Here again it is most certainly a duty and a privilege to make our modest energies of as much help as may be; for, though we hope that we see a distant light, the shadow of war is still upon us.

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### "THE MIKADO."

Encouraged by the success of "Pinafore" in the previous Summer Term, Mr. Ingham, aided by many of those who took part in that opera, ventured last term on "The Mikado," and crowded and appreciative audiences witnessed the performances on the nights of March 29th and 30th.

The enterprise was well received beyond the expectations of the actors; the audience were kind enough to approve vociferously and the whole performance was distinguished by a verve and "go" which culminated on the Friday night in positive enthusiasm.

Through many subsequent congratulations the company have come to believe their efforts really did achieve some measure of success and to feel a modest pride in the same.

On this occasion we had departed from our former Shakespearian usage in that all the female parts were not taken by boys. The part of Yum-Yum was very kindly undertaken at rather short notice by Miss M. Hughes. There could be no two opinions about the way in which her part was ren-

dered; her musical abilities, of course, were well-known, but the dramatic talent discovered in what we hear was a first appearance on the operatic stage must have been most gratifying to her, and no member of the cast approached her clearness of enunciation and delivery. We hope this successful essay will lead to others.

Mr. Ingham, as Ko-Ko, enhanced his reputation; he displayed an untiring agility and was the life and soul of his scenes, being apparently not a whit disturbed by the onerous cares and duties of "general" and "stage" manager. On at least one small boy at any rate his head-dress made the deepest impression.

The Part of Nanki-Poo was ably maintained by Mr. Perks. Resplendent in pink costume he carried the sympathetic interest of the audience with him from the moment of his entrance to the end of the opera. His versatility of talent was evidenced by his success as a musician on the mandolin and as a would-be suicide with a rope his efforts were so much appreciated that one boy particularly requested Ko-Ko not to interfere on the second night "to see what would happen."

Mackinnon, as Pooch-Bah, lived thoroughly up to the part, being particularly good in the scene where the Mikado discovers the fatal truth; his make-up was a masterpiece and he made a great impression vocally in the somewhat limited opportunities for such afforded by his part.

Pish-Tush (J. N. Sanders) was one of the most conspicuous successes; both in his solos and choruses he sang extremely well and he made the utmost of a not very striking part by excellent and very natural acting.

T. N. T. Leach filled a minor part very adequately in the first act and was a most diabolical Mikado in the second; he presented a most imposing appearance and his war-whoop in "My Object all Sublime" was in the best traditional manner.

P. W. Morley, as Katisha, maintained successfully a most forbidding aspect and made a great impression in "Derry Down Derry."

G. N. Carter and H. R. Kitto provided Yum-Yum with two very charming sisters; the former acted very well though his voice was hardly so well heard as that of Kitto.

H. E. Betteridge and L. R. Crook did well in minor parts and the chorus of soldiers were very well received and particularly their "make-up."

Thanks are due for the indispensable assistance of R. G. Fisher at the piano during part of the performance and to the invaluable E. L. Parry and a host of others for help in preparing the Gymnasium for action.

To Mr. Ingham above all for his successful organisation and training is the credit due for an enterprise which from beginning to end was most pleasant to all concerned and which will always be happily remembered by those who were fortunate enough to take part in it.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

- The Mikado of Japan*..... T. N. T. Leach.
- Nanki-Poo*.....M. T. Perks, Esq.
- Ko-Ko* ..... J. Y. Ingham, Esq.
- Poo-h-Bah*.....R. D. Mackinnon.
- Pish-Tush*..... J. N. Sanders.
- Another Noble Lord*.....H. E. Betteridge.
- Yum-Yum*.....Miss M. Hughes.
- Pitti-Sing*..... G. N. Carter.
- Peep-Bo* .....H. R. Kitto.
- Katisha*.....P. W. Morley.
- Soldiers, etc*.....W. Lupton, J. W. Morland,  
E. O. Hills, E. G. Ballard, L. R. Crook.

IMPRESSIONS OF A FIELD DAY.

9 a.m.—THE INSPECTION.

Darkly scowls the Adjutant—  
Darkly scowls the Colonel,  
Fiercely frowns the Subaltern  
With a frown infernal;  
For a button is undone  
Of Private Jones in Section 1!

1 p.m.—LUNCH.

Sweetly smiles the Subaltern  
With a smile supernal;  
Gaily grins the Adjutant—  
Loud guffaws the Colonel;  
Half their labours now are o'er  
And bugles blow the "Cookhouse Door."

12 p.m.—THE DISMISS.

Softly sighs the Subaltern—  
[Like a zephyr vernal];  
All the tired battalion yawns,  
From Corporal to Colonel;  
Soon the homeward path to tread  
Back to billets, beer, and bed.

P.L.H.

ROYSSE'S DAY.

The Founder's Day service was held this year as usual at St. Helen's Church on the morning of Thursday, June 21st, and was taken by the Vicar. The Headmaster read the lesson. The School choir sang the Magnificat to *Brewer* in A., and the anthem was "Let not your heart be troubled," by *Eaton Fanning*. Miss M. Hughes played the organ.

The sermon, which we give in full below, was preached by Dr. James, President of St. John's College, Oxford. A wreath of red and white flowers was according to custom placed on the tomb of John Roysse.

Owing to war restrictions there was no further celebration of the occasion; the School had, of course, a holiday, but passed the afternoon quietly, but enjoyably, in games in our own grounds.

The sermon was as follows:—

"I have a goodly heritage" (Psalm xvi., 6) You do well, here in Abingdon, to keep your Founder's day. True it is, no doubt, that the history of education in this town goes back far beyond the time of John Roysse; that there was a school here some five or six centuries ago, under the care and management of the monks, for religion and learning have gone hand in hand together in the initial stages at least of all our English educational movements. But the records of these older teachers and their boys have for the most part disappeared, and if we know something about the things that were taught we can only guess at the life of the pupils in school and out. Like so many other ancient schools, this of yours took a fresh start, began an organised and permanent life, in the sixteenth century. This was no accident. It was a wonderful time, a time when a new learning, new thoughts about religion, and new marvels from a daily opening and widening world, were turning men's thoughts to education, and their wealth to the building and endowing of centres where it might be given. In the earlier half of the century Kings and Ministers had put their hands to the work, but they had done almost as much harm as good. Some schools had been founded, but others had been robbed of their revenues as being part and parcel of the monastic system; and in the very year in which your own school was re-established we find the Speaker of the House of Commons complaining that no less than a hundred English schools had actually disappeared. But in the reign of Edward VI. and the "spacious times of great Elizabeth" more than this number were founded, or re-founded on a sounder basis. Sherborne and Shrewsbury, Merchant Taylors' and Christ's Hospital, Bromsgrove and Repton, Birmingham and Bedford, Rugby and Harrow, Tonbridge and Westminster, all sprang into being, or into fresh life, within a dozen years before or after the founding of your own school. Not only the State or the Monarch, but City Companies or individual members of them, rich merchants (like your own founder or that of Rugby), and the inheritors of broad acres (like the founders of Harrow and Repton) vied with each other in providing for the education of the boys whom they saw growing into manhood in their time. It was not only that they wished them to have a good start in life, and to receive a training which would help to make them capable and loyal citizens of their country; they desired that the instruction they received should have its foundation in religion; that their moral and spiritual side should be carefully developed. Their aim and object, in short, was that "true religion" and sound learning should for ever flourish side by side in the schools and universities of our land, that these should be, not merely educational communities, but smaller worlds of Christians, governed and administered upon

Christian principles, with the nobleness and self-sacrifice and living energy of Christ permeating them from end to end, and inspiring the common life led by their sons from day to day. That at least was the ideal of the best of these founders and benefactors. And surely this day should not be sacred to the memory of one man only. Amongst the founders of your school you may well count all those who have been its benefactors; not only men like Tesdale and Bennett, and others who gave of their wealth to widen and increase its efficacy, but all who, issuing forth from its gates, have by their life and example, made the school more famous and the world better; who found in the learning they gained within your walls the lever by which to rise to places of high duties and responsibilities, and then filled them in such a manner as to leave their mark for good upon their generation, whatever the sphere was, whether greater or less, which felt their influence. It should be no small matter of pride that a school like yours, never very numerous, can boast that it has had twelve heads of Oxford Colleges, and those not of one College only, but of six—the best known of them, perhaps, William Adams, the lifelong friend of Dr. Johnson, his good genius at college, and in later life the man at whose suggestion the great Christian thinker composed his remarkable volume of prayers; that you have had bishops like Newcome, who more than a century ago anticipated the task of the Revisers of the English version of the Bible, or Sawyer, who in Australia, like Cotton in India before him, was drowned in pursuing the work of his missionary bishopric; parish clergymen like Clarke, who in an age that knew little of sanitation, laboured keenly for the health of his parishioners, combating fever and small-pox, and himself vaccinating their children at much cost of time and travel; or Stock, who worked with Robert Raikes of Gloucester in the noble task of the originating of Sunday schools; or Strachan, the trusted divine who was privileged to minister to Dr. Johnson as he lay dying; or Edward Hawkins, Canon of Llandaff, whom I remember in my earlier years as the kindly and assiduous vicar of a large and important parish in Monmouthshire; that you have had poets like Richard Graves and William Hawkins, who at Pembroke College helped to make it what Johnson called a "nest of singing birds," and were of that remarkable circle which included, not only your own scholars, but others like the poet Shenstone, the lawyer Blackstone, and the evangelist George Whitefield; that you have had painters, like Sir William Boxall, to whom our National Gallery owes no small debt; archaeologists and travellers, like James Dawkins, a wealthy man who spent his fortune in searching for ancient monuments in the little known lands of the Near East, and brought to light the wonderful ruins of Baalbec and Palmyra; judges like Sir John Holt, who set a new precedent in helping unhappy prisoners with no friends to ensure their adequate defence, and who struck off the chains in which the accused, by a cruel custom, were brought into court to be tried. Surely, these men, even if their names are not written on the foremost scrolls of fame, deserve to be commemorated to-day as having carried out and extended the aims of your founder in no doubtful sense, and brought honour to his school in serving their generation. And may I not add other and younger sons of

your school—those, I mean, who in this war for the freedom of Europe and for England's place and mission in the world have given their lives willingly and loyally and nobly? Are not these rightly to be counted among your benefactors, who have enriched you with a glorious memory of service faithfully done? Yes; well may you say to-day, "We have a goodly heritage," a heritage, not only of buildings of stone and endowments of money, but of a temple not made with hands, the tones whereof are human souls, and of a wealth that consists, not in gold or silver, but in true lives and generous deeds. Well may you be proud of it; only remember, never forget, that you may not stop there, you may not be content to look back and be gladdened by the retrospect; your eyes must be turned to the present and the future.

There is a question which it is not for me to put to you, but for you to put to yourselves. "Is this generation of boys," it is for each of you to ask himself, "worthy of its heritage? Is it passing on, pure and strong and untainted, the best traditions of the school? Shall I personally be able to say when I go out from it into the wider life beyond, not only I am the better for what it did for me, for its teaching and its discipline, for its games and its friendships, for its examples, for its prayers, but (also and yet more) I left it all the better for my presence; helped this or that school-fellow to keep straight and resist temptation, and he is a stronger and higher character for having known me?"

Well, it is a hard thing to say that, is it not? And perhaps there are not many of you who can say it truthfully and in its full significance. You have been accustomed to think much of some brilliant achievement of bodily prowess or intellectual power accomplished by a school-fellow, or possibly by yourself; less perhaps of the patient continuance in well-doing which marked a boy's everyday course, the quiet example he set, without thinking about it very likely, of simple faith and gentleness. And yet it was by this that the best of those with whom his life was lived judged him, by this that God will judge him. The day will come perhaps when he will have realised that he had it in him to do more, to lead instead of following, to fight for the good instead of just living it; for life brings out qualities which at school were lying dormant, and teaches that many things which then are thought impossible were really within our power. Remember then that as members of a body you owe it the best of which you are capable. Put your school first and yourself second; keep in view the ideal sets before itself and its members; try to be true to it, to show forth your loyalty in your lives. cherish the true corporate spirit; the spirit which it only makes you proud of your school when it wins a match or a scholarship, but inspires you to do, if need arise, 'I should like to do this or that, and I see no harm in it for myself, but the best traditions of the school forbid it, and perhaps it may be harmful if others follow my example, I will set my face and leave it alone.' That the spirit which makes a school strong for good to every human soul that comes under its influence. To those of you who drink in that spirit and make it your own there will be more than one way to bind you to it long after you have left, as I am sure it has bound others before you. For the thing you will have memories; memories of

bright summer afternoons or sterner days in winter when you fought for your school or your side on your playground; memories of work done, now it may be with half a heart, now with set teeth and fixed purpose that might not be gainsaid; memories of kind words that soothed a disappointment, or encouraging ones that kindled a hope, or solemn ones spoken in some sermon or address that went home to your hearts; memories of school discipline of which you did not grasp the full significance at the time, but which, when you did learn to understand its meaning, made a difference to your outlook upon life; memories of all these, and running through them all the thought of manly and helpful friendships, or of a school fellowship which fell short perhaps of friendship, but which told for your happiness here; memories of a chivalry, light-hearted and unconscious and yet generous and true, that has linked you for ever to the place which sees your early training.

For you cannot too early turn your back upon that childish view of life that nothing matters; you cannot too soon come to feel in your hearts that work and goodness and self-control are things not only to be admired, but to be practised by yourselves and so passed on to others. For he who has learnt in his dawn of life that its day is no summer holiday to be spent butterfly fashion in fitting from flower to flower, from pleasure to pleasure, but a space, short yet rich in possibilities of fruit; he who has learnt that he will have lived in vain unless when he passes away the world will be the better for his presence in it, from that day forth is free of the great company of the faithful.

And let it not be forgotten, this fellowship of school falls in with and strengthens other ties. Take the tie of country. What touching stories have come to us from over-seas of how men fighting grimly for their lives, with a thousand cares to distract them, a thousand dangers to brave, have thought of their old school even in the moment of supremest peril. It is a true touch in the lines of the best of our modern ballad writers when he describes how one that had fallen into the hands of a robber band on the Indian frontier and had been given but a few hours to live, went back in thought to a day when he ran in the Athletic Sports of his old school how he

"saw the school close, sunny and green,  
The runner beside him, the stand by the  
parapet wall,

The distant tape, and the crowd roaring between  
His own name over all."

It is those who have learnt here to be staunch and loyal to their school and their fellows, and helpful to the weaker and the younger among them, who have also been faithful and true to their country and its cause, and generous of their thought and care, yes, and if need were, even of their lives, for the men under their command, whom they led into the fight or at whose side they watched in the trenches.

And so once more this loyalty to a school crosses, and in crossing strengthens, the allegiance of its members to the great Church of Christ. We cannot be Christians unattached; in the campaign against sin, against moral and spiritual heathenism, as in every campaign, the one thing that matters is that those who are fighting their Master's battle should move and work together;

that they should feel that they are one in spirit, one in the following of Christ, one not only by the cross set upon their brow in baptism, but by the cross which, if they are true, is ever before their minds and in their hearts; one not only by the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood—and yet is there one more solemn moment for one who is in earnest about his spiritual life than when on the point of leaving he brings, as it were, to that Holy Table his whole school life with its efforts for God's acceptance, and its failures for His pardon?—but also by the sacrifice of Christ's death inspiring them day by day.

Backward at the past we gaze;  
O forgive our wasted days!  
Yet for all true light attained,  
Yet for all true victories gained,  
Master, Who hast made us free,  
Give we grateful thanks to Thee.

Still our hearts within us burn;  
Glowing eyes of faith we turn,  
Where upon the mountain's slope  
Flames the beacon of our hope;  
And upon our listening ear  
Falls Thy summons, loud and clear.

May God so bind you together by the thought of duty to be done, by the love of your brothers, by the memories of the cross, that whenever that summons reaches you it may find you still faithful and true in the ranks of the Army of Christ, still ready to go, for His dear service and for the helping of your fellow-men, wherever the call may take you.

This has been a solemn service; but only so long as you who have knelt here believe in the God whom you worship and worship Him in spirit and in truth; only so long as such a service finds its counterpart in the life outside, following and inspiring it to higher ideals and to the love of our common Saviour; only so long are you fulfilling the purpose of your Founder and your benefactors, and the purpose of God. May He without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, without whose help all building up of minds and souls is vain and useless, grant you to grow together as a Holy Temple in Him, made up of living stones, for His glory and praise!

### O.T.C.

This term has seen the Corps working very hard; the Annual Inspection was rather later than usual this year, which was probably just as well, but the joys of anticipation were naturally prolonged and intensified.

We had the honour in the middle of the term of forming, together with the local Volunteer Corps, a guard of honour when a special meeting was held in the Market Place with reference to the food question.

A day to which many looked forward, namely, that of a combined field day with Radley College and St. Edward's School turned out the wettest for months and our part of the scheme had reluctantly to be abandoned.

We have now about half our strength equipped with genuine efficient rifles instead of the carbines; we also possess bayonets, though learning to "fix" them is a pleasure in store for most of us.

The Annual Inspection took place on July 5th; though timed to start at 3.15 p.m. owing to accidents with regard to railway connections the inspecting officer, Lieut.-Col Yates, was not able to arrive until 5.30 p.m., as a matter of fact, and the interval proved rather a trying time. "Better late than never," however, and when the inspecting officer had come we proceeded to a most thorough and interesting inspection. It was naturally not to be expected that we should be equally good in everything; Lieut.-Col Yates was particularly pleased with the smartness and steadiness of the Corps and its good close order drill. Sergt.-Major N. Sanders also made a very good impression on him as able to handle his force with coolness and resolution. At the conclusion Colonel Yates gave an interesting address in which he emphasized the value of O.T.C. training and pointed out how members of such a corps might best obtain its full value.

### SIGNALLERS.

The above worked throughout the term with vigour and enthusiasm and supplemented the scant amount of time the exigencies of the ordinary training allowed by regular parades out of their own time.

Particular attention was devoted to the message form this year and it was rewarded

by the message being sent at the Inspection without a mistake of any sort. Colonel Yates gave some most useful advice as to the actual flag signalling, some of which through lack of sufficient practice was not too smart. As is the tradition of the signallers all showed great keenness; the inspecting officer particularly approved of Leach's "wagging" and Tame proved very sound and reliable. Hodgson ii. and Robinson were largely responsible for the successful managing of the technicalities of the message form and deserve great credit for their intelligence and industry.

We suffered a great loss this term in the resignation of Sanders who himself the best signaller had been particularly helpful with the recruits last year; his other duties however proved too onerous.

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### A LETTER.

From 2nd Lieut. J. Knowles, Lancs. Fus.  
France,

5.7.17.

"I have been out about ten days now, but have not joined my Battalion yet. I had a very pleasant crossing and reached the Base at about 3 a.m., having had to wait about all night for the train.

We had a very decent time there, being in the training area most of the day; but the work was quite easy and apart from the "bully," for lunch and the sand that was mixed with it, we managed to enjoy ourselves. We had a splendid officers' club there, most luxuriously appointed and providing everything we could wish for.

The first tent I had was rather antediluvian in make, and acted rather as an irrigator than a protection, but after the first night I got more comfortable quarters and was very sorry to leave.

We had a typically French journey up to here, the train proceeding in a series of jerks with considerable intervals between them, stopping always at nowhere in particular in preference to a station.

This place is very new, being quite a fresh idea and in consequence is extremely crude in respect of food and accommodation. However, we manage to get along well and there is no real cause to grumble. The great trouble is the rain, as the marquees in which we sleep are not exactly waterproof. There was a heavy thunderstorm last night, and as a result I awakened to find a miniature water-spout descending upon my bed, and was just in time to save myself from total extinction, and the servants are still engaged in the salvage work. Since yesterday the ground has been transformed into a sea of mud from being absolutely like a brick; such indeed is the fickleness of the weather out here.

I don't know when I shall go up the line, it might be to-day or next month, there is always a delightful uncertainty in these matters."

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### CASUALTY LIST.

#### KILLED IN ACTION.

BADCOCK.—Corpl. W. S. Badcock, Royal Berks Regt.

[His Company Officer says: "He fell while gallantly leading his section against the Germans; he was one of my best N.C.O.'s and could ill be spared."]

**GOODYEAR.**—2nd Lieut. R. N. Goodyear, East Surrey Regt., killed in France on the 24th April, 1917, aged 22 years.

[His Commanding Officer writes: "He was a promising officer, and led his men well and died like a hero."]

**ROBINSON.**—On May 26th, 1917, Second Lieut. Louis F. W. Robinson, R.E., eldest son of Mr. F. Robinson, of Buxat, India, aged 23 years.

[Louis Robinson was the eldest of three brothers who came to Abingdon School in October, 1907. He went on to Bedford Grammar School and subsequently obtained a Commission in the Royal Engineers. He went with the Expeditionary Force to France in August, 1914, served at Salonika from 1915 to 1916, and went again to France in January, 1917. He had been recommended for the Croix de Guerre.]

**SAXBY.**—On 22nd April, 1917, 2nd Lieut. George Scraze Saxby, London Regiment, younger son of Mr. George Saxby, of Twickenham House, Abingdon, aged 33.

[Lieut. Saxby entered the School in September, 1894, and was a member of the School House. He won his Colours for Football, Athletics and Rowing, and from 1899 to 1901 was very prominent in the Athletic life of the School. He was Captain of the Boats in 1901, and was probably one of the best Watermen that Abingdon has produced. He won the affection and regard of all his contemporaries and will be missed greatly.]

#### MISSING.

**MARSHALL.**—Lieut. Bernard S. Marshall, R.F.C., June 7th, 1917.

#### MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. (temp. Captain) Oscar Bernard Challenor, Royal Berks Regt. He led his Company most gallantly in the face of heavy fire, and succeeded in gaining his objective. He set a magnificent example to his men.

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#### CROIX DE GUERRE.

Second Lieut. Louis Francis Woodward Robinson, R.E.

#### ROLL OF SERVICE.

##### ADDITIONS AND PROMOTIONS.

Miller, P. C., Army Service Corps.

Coxeter, C. L., 2nd Lieutenant.

Vivian, Lieut. A. C., Acting-Capt., R.G.A.

Gwyther-Jones, F., Lieut. R.F.C., (he got his wings in June and went to France in July).

Comfort, Lieutenant V., Captain A.S.C. attached H.A.G.

Philipps, Capt. J. E. T., Chief Intelligence Officer in Uganda.

Goodyear, H., Royal Ordnance Corps.

Goodyear, D. M., Lieut. R.F.C.

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#### CRICKET.

Happily we have not had the misfortune one might have expected. On the whole we have been successful. We started well against Bloxham to whom—somehow it seems inevitable for us to lose on our opponent's ground—we lost the return match. Other wise Magdalen is the only team to which we utterly succumbed.

It seems necessary to suggest that our fielding could with ease improve a good deal. One sees too many folded arms and heels stuck in the ground for first-class fielding. Yet, we are glad to see that in the last few matches there was a marked improvement.

As to batting, there is not enough "go" in the team. People seem to rely on the same stroke for everything. How many "straight drives" or "cuts" does one notice in a match? The latter, especially, are conspicuous by their absence. Another feature which is noticeable even amongst the few useful bats, is the slackness in back-



up, on account of which we have lost more runs and wickets than would have otherwise been the case.

The Junior members of the School in the 2nd and 3rd games, have not shown too much keenness, but in this respect the morals of the 2nd have been considerably below those of the 3rd. On this account it seems hard to believe that it is from the 2nd that the elevens next year will be chosen and not the 3rd. Let us hope that the 2nd of future years will show more enthusiasm, for it is they who will provide material for future elevens.

### CRICKET CHARACTERS.

R. D. MACKINNON, Captain (Colours 1916-1917). A vigorous bat, both in defence and attack. Can score equally well on either side of the wicket. Has developed as a fast bowler, and has met with marked success.

W. MORLEY. The safest bat in the team. Could do with a little more power. Safe field and a good bowler. Has been a credit to the team.

W. LUPTON. A much improved player. A good bat and a useful bowler. Should try and keep his legs from the wicket. Safe field.

J. M. HUMFREY. Safest field in the team. Is somewhat erratic as a bat. Has been a very useful member of the team.

N. SANDERS has improved. Should try and cultivate some style. Not too quick in the field. As a bowler, erratic, but sometimes "comes off."

R. D. L. DEVENISH. A passable slow bowler. Shows considerable promise as a batsman, but at present is uncertain. Fair in the field. Should always be on the alert.

R. E. EASON. Has been a useful wicket-keeper. Has had little success as a batsman. Should learn to play a straight bat. Should use his hands more behind the wicket.

G. MILES. Has been a useful asset to the team. Has a good eye which, however, occasionally fails him. Good field when awake, and not a bad bowler.

W. H. LOWE. Has improved exceedingly. Useful bat and a safe catch. Will be a useful bowler next year. Good in the field.

C. V. DAVIDGE. Should use more discretion when hitting, and remember that to play a straight bat is the main thing. Should wake up in the field.

W. ROBINSON. Has played in one or two matches. Promising in the field, but should use more discretion as a bat. A fair catch.

### RESULTS OF MATCHES.

May 19th.—

1st XI.

Abingdon 173 for 7 (Mackinnon 62, Morley 55).

Bloxham School 55 (Mackinnon 7 wks. for 11).

May 23rd.—

Abingdon 86 for 9 (Lupton 23).

(Dr. Challenor 4 wks. for 36).

Rev. A. W. Barker's XI., 83.

May 26th.—

Abingdon 59 (Morley 24).  
Magdalen Coll. Sch., 126.

June 2nd.—

Abingdon 210 (Lupton 68, Miles 39).  
Rev. A. W. Barker's XI., 55.

June 6th.—

Abingdon 66 (Morley 22 not out).  
Oxford High School 119.

June 23rd. —

Abingdon 129 (Morley 51).  
R.F.C. Stores Depôt 67.

July 4th.—

Abingdon 180 (Morley 90, Humfrey 34).  
Oxford High School 73.

July 7th.—

Abingdon 68 (Lupton 20).  
Bloxham School 130.

SCORES.

May 19th.—

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

Foster c and b Mackinnon	1
Tilbury b Morley	6
Littleboy c Humfrey b Mackinnon	12
Mier c and b Morley	7
Bright run out	12
Bowden b Mackinnon	5
Lewis c Morland b Mackinnon	0
Martin not out	5
Clark b Mackinnon	0
Hall b Mackinnon	0
Christopher c Humfrey b Mackinnon	2
Byes	4
Leg byes	1

Total..... 55

A.S.C.C.

Morley c and b Littleboy	55
Humfrey c Hall b Tilbury	6
Mackinnon c and b Hall	62
Morland run out	0
Lupton not out	30
Sanders c Clark b Hall	5
Devenish b Hall	0
Miles	
Eason	} did not bat
Lloyd	
Davidge	
Byes	14
Leg byes	1

Total (7 wks.) 173

May 23rd.—

A.S.C.C. v. Rev. A. W. BARKER'S XI.  
Rev. BARKER'S XI.

Johnson b Morley	3
Field b Morley	30
Derby b Mackinnon	9
Dr. Challenor run out	8
Phillipson b Mackinnon	5
Rev. Barker c & b Mackinnon	14
Sillis b Mackinnon	3
Gibbings b Miles	4
Cross b Miles	0
McDermot b Mackinnon	0
Baines not out	1
Byes	5
Leg byes	1

Total..... 83

A.S.C.C.

Morley b Field	0
Lupton b Challenor	23
Mackinnon c and b Challenor	7
Miles c and b Challenor	9
Sanders b Challenor	10
Lloyd b Barker	9
Devenish st. Barker	0
Davidge not out	1
Low b Field	13
Robinson	} did not bat
Leach	
Byes	13
Leg byes	1

Total..... 86

May 26th.—

A.S.C.C. v. MAGDALEN COLL. SCHOOL.  
A.S.C.C.

Humfrey c Bushel b Ahmed	1
Morley b Ahmed	24
Mackinnon lbw. b Ahmed	0
Lupton b Davies	0
Sanders b Davies	4
Devenish b Ahmed	0
Miles c Scott b Ahmed	8
Eason lbw. b Ahmed	2
Lloyd c Ahmed b Davies	0
Davidge not out	13
Low b Davies	2
Byes	2
Leg byes	3

Total..... 59

MAGDALEN COLL. SCHOOL.

Searly c Humfrey b Mackinnon	8
Davies c Humfrey b Mackinnon	2
Ahmed b Mackinnon	13
Scott not out	50
Myrtle b Lupton	28
Allan b Lupton	0
Fletcher b Lupton	4
Masson c Miles b Mackinnon	2
Bushel b Mackinnon	5
Alden c Miles b Mackinnon	5
Armstrong b Mackinnon	0
Byes	5
Leg byes	1
No balls	3

Total..... 126

June 2nd.—

A.S.C.C. v. Rev. A. W. BARKER'S XI.  
A.S.C.C.

Morley lbw. b Barker .....	0
Humfrey c and b Barker .....	23
Mackinnon b Challenor .....	1
Lupton b Challenor .....	68
Sanders b Barker .....	12
Davidge b Field .....	17
Devenish c & b Phillipson .....	7
Miles b Barker .....	39
Eason b Challenor .....	20
Lloyd b Challenor .....	16
Lowe not out .....	1
Byes .....	11
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>210</b>

Rev. BARKER'S XI.

Johnson c and b Morley .....	11
Field c and b Morley .....	1
Derby run out .....	4
Dr. Challenor b Morley .....	11
Phillipson b Mackinnon .....	7
Rev. A. W. Barker b Mackinnon .....	12
Roberts b Morley .....	1
McDermot b Mackinnon .....	0
Smallwood by Morley .....	2
Boines b Morley .....	1
Sillis not out .....	2
Byes .....	3
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>55</b>

June 6th.—

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

Hutchins lbw Morley .....	5
Beck b Morley .....	15
Dodds c & b Mackinnon .....	4
Phillips i b Lupton .....	35
Wyatt b Morley .....	0
Whittlock b Lupton .....	10
Phillips ii c & b Lupton .....	1
Herring i b Morley .....	8
Green iii not out .....	17
Allison b Lupton .....	13
Bayliss b Lupton .....	4
Byes .....	7
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>119</b>

A.S.C.C.

Morley not out .....	22
Humfrey lbw Phillips i .....	0
Mackinnon lbw Phillips i .....	10
Lupton b Phillips i .....	1
Devenish c & b Green iii .....	16
Miles b Phillips i .....	1
Davidge b Phillips i .....	2
Sanders not out .....	13
Lowe	} did not bat
Eason	
Lloyd	
Byes .....	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>66</b>

June 23rd.—

A.S.C.C. v. R.F.C. STORES DEPOT.  
R.F.C. DEPOT.

Cansnett c Lowe b Mackinnon .....	0
Seddon run out .....	0
Frost c Grundy b Mackinnon .....	2
Merricks c Grundy b Mackinnon .....	0
Ombler c Sanders b Mackinnon .....	23
Macrae run out .....	0
Lieut. Barnett c Lowe b Lupton .....	3
Lieut. Stone c and b Sanders .....	19
Jolpe b Lupton .....	12
Mepham run out .....	2
Lane not out .....	5
Byes .....	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>67</b>

A.S.C.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq. b Ombler .....	8
Morley b Mepham .....	51
Mackinnon c Barnett b Merricks .....	16
Lupton b Ombler .....	1
Sanders b Frost .....	0
Devenish b Frost .....	0
Miles b Ombler .....	15
Davidge c Macrae b Stone .....	2
Eason b Ombler .....	0
Lowe not out .....	6
Robinson c Macrae b Stone .....	2
Byes .....	28
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>129</b>

July 4th.—

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

Morley c & b Beck .....	90
Humfrey lbw Phillips .....	34
Mackinnon c Dodds b Phillips i .....	0
Lupton lbw Phillips .....	6
Sanders b Green .....	0
Devenish c & b Phillips .....	18
Miles b Phillips .....	0
Lowe c & b Beck .....	14
Davidge not out .....	12
Eason c & b Phillips .....	1
Robinson b Phillips .....	0
Byes .....	5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>180</b>

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Dodds c Morley b Mackinnon .....	13
Beck b Mackinnon .....	9
Green iii b Morley .....	1
Phillips i b Morley .....	10
Whittlock c Humfrey b Mackinnon .....	4
Herring run out .....	0
Allison lbw Lupton .....	25
Phillips ii c Humfrey b Mackinnon .....	4
Walters b Lupton .....	2
Wyatt not out .....	2
Bayliss b Lupton .....	0
Byes .....	3
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>73</b>

July 7th.—

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

Lewis b Mackinnon .....	6
Tilbury c Robinson b Morley .....	6
Hall b Lupton .....	32
Littleboy c Lowe b Morley .....	7
Wright b Mackinnon .....	7
Mier b Mackinnon .....	42
Harman not out .....	7
Foster run out .....	5
Clark c Morley b Mackinnon .....	1
Christopher b Lupton .....	6
Martin c Lupton b Devenish .....	1
Byes .....	14
Leg Byes .....	2
Total.....	130

## A.S.C.C.

Morley b Harman .....	16
Humfrey b Littleboy .....	0
Mackinnon lbw Hall .....	7
Lupton c Lewis b Harman .....	20
Sanders c & b Christopher .....	0
Devenish b Hall .....	6
Miles b Hall .....	10
Lowe c Clarke b Hall .....	4
Davidge b Littleboy .....	0
Eason not out .....	1
Robinson run out .....	1
Byes .....	2
Leg Byes .....	1
Total.....	68

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Annual Athletic Sports were held on Wednesday, March 28th, being witnessed by a smaller attendance than that of the previous year. But this may be accounted for by the weather which, unlike that of the previous year, was decidedly cold.

The performances were on the whole quite good, although no records were broken. Betteridge distinguished himself in that he won four open events and was second in four.

The Sports, as usual, concluded with the Half-Mile Race in which Sinclair, who, helped by a handicap of two hundred yards, obtained an easy win.

As last year, no prizes were given, but medals were presented to the winners on the last day of term.

*Mile Races.*

The Mile Races took place on Monday, March 26th, on the School Grounds which, owing to rain and snow, were in a rather sticky condition.

In the senior event, Parry immediately took the lead, which he maintained to the finish. He was, however, closely followed by Mackinnon and Morley up to the last lap, at which point he forged further ahead, beating Mackinnon by several yards, Morley coming in a good third.

1, E. L. Parry; 2, R. D. Mackinnon; 3, P. W. Morley. Time 5 mins. 25 secs.

The junior event produced an exceptionally exciting finish, resulting in a win for Miles who beat Ballard by barely a foot. Both hung back for the most part of the race, Eason being allowed to set the pace. In the third lap, however, Miles took the lead, Ballard being content to follow a good second until the last lap, when the latter coming up the hill with a magnificent spurt drew almost level with the winner half way down the "Hundred;" but after this he failed to gain any further. Robinson came in third, being a considerable distance behind the first two.

1, G. F. Miles; 2, E. G. Ballard; 3, W. J. Robinson. Time 6 mins. 4-5th secs.

*The Steeplechases.*

The Steeplechases were held, as usual, on Abingdon Common, and took place on Saturday, March 24th.

In the senior event, for which twenty-eight had entered, Mackinnon took the lead

A few hundred yards from the start and was soon joined by Parry, both of whom began to leave the rest after reaching the "Butts." Parry, however, had bad luck, for he had to drop behind when nearing the water-jump owing to his shoe, which would not stay on, the result being that Mackinnon gained a good lead and won, beating Parry by about fifty yards, while Sanders came in a good third.

1, R. D. Mackinnon; 2, E. L. Parry; 3, J. N. Sanders. Time 12 mins. 41 1-5th secs.

The junior event was won by Robinson, who, leading most of the way, finished in good form, being well in front of Taylor, who was second.

1, W. J. Robinson; 2, H. C. Taylor, 3, G. T. Eason. Time 5 mins. 40 4-5th secs.

EVENTS.

*Long Jump (Open).*

Challenge Cup presented by A. Stockton, Esq., O.A.

1, H. E. Betteridge; 2, T. N. T. Leach. Distance 17ft. 8½ in.

*Long Jump (Under 15).*

1, R. E. Eason; 2, G. F. Miles. Distance 15ft. 2½ in.

*High Jump (Open).*

1, H. E. Betteridge; 2, E. L. Parry. Height 4ft. 11½ in.

*High Jump (Under 15).*

1, R. E. Eason; 2, R. D. L. Devenish. Height 4ft. 5in.

*Hurdles (Open).*

1, J. N. Sanders; 2, H. E. Betteridge. Time 19 3-5th secs.

*Hurdles (Under 16).*

1, R. E. Eason; 2, C. M. Humfrey. Time 20 4-5th secs.

*Hundred Yards (Under 12).*

1, S. F. Wiggins; 2, F. L. Kitto. Time 15 1-5th secs.

*Hundred Yards (Under 15).*

1, G. F. Miles; 2, R. E. Eason. Time 12 3-5th secs.

*Hundred Yards (Open).*

Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Price.

1, H. E. Betteridge; 2, R.D.Mackinnon. Time 11 2-5th secs.

*220 Yards Handicap (Under 13).*

1, G. T. Eason; 2, E. C. Beaven. Time 35 2-5th secs.

*Putting the Weight (16 lbs.)*

1, W. Lupton; 2, H. E. Betteridge. Distance 23ft. 7in.

*Quarter Mile (Open).*

Challenge Cup presented by W. Pierpoint, Esq.

1, R. D. Mackinnon; 2, H.E.Betteridge. Time 62 secs.

*Quarter Mile (Under 15).*

1, G. F. Miles; 2, W. J. Robinson. Time 67 2-5th secs.

*Throwing the Cricket Ball.*

1, H. E. Betteridge; 2, R.D.Mackinnon. Distance 79 yards, 2½ in.

*Half-Mile Handicap (Open).*

1, J. F. Sinclair; 2, E. G. Ballard; 3, C. M. Humfrey. Time 2 mins. 21 secs.

*Steeplechase (Open).*

1, R. D. Mackinnon; 2, E. L. Parry; 3, J. N. Sanders. Time 12 mins. 41 1-5th secs.

*Steeplechase (Under 14).*

1, W. J. Robinson; 2, H. C. Taylor; 3, G. T. Eason. Time 5 mins. 40 4-5th secs.

*Mile Race (Open).*

Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Burkett.

1, E. L. Parry; 2, R. D. Mackinnon; 3, P. W. Morley. Time 5 mins. 25 secs.

*Mile Race (Under 15).*

1, G. F. Miles; 2, E. G. Ballard; 3, W. J. Robinson. Time 6 mins. 4-5th secs.

"The Heber Clarke" Challenge Cup (holder J. Knowles) was won by H. E. Betteridge who obtained 52 points.

## BIRTH.

GALE.—On the 17th May, 1917, at The Cottage, Shillingford, the wife of Harold J. Gale (2nd Lieut., Royal Berks Regt.) of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

JOHNSTON—BALL.—On March 31st, 1917, at St. James' Church, King St., Sydney, Tom Johnston, Chief Officer British India Steam Navigation Company, to Dorothy, youngest daughter of Mrs. Ball, of Lavender Bay, Sydney.

MC CREERY—LAMBERT.—On the 21st May 1917, at the Savoy Chapel, by the Rev Hugh Chapman, Major A.T.J. McCreery M.C., R.A.M.C., eldest son of Lieut. Colonel B. T. McCreery, P.R., R.A.M.C to Nora Evelyn, daughter of the late Colonel P. S. Druitt, Royal Munster Fus

## DEATH.

BETTERIDGE.—On Sunday, February 20th 1917, at the Alexandra Hospital, Cosham from spotted fever, Arthur Richard Betteridge, Royal Berkshire Regt., eldest son of Mr. J. H. Betteridge, of Hil Farm, Steventon, aged 32 years.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

The Rev. W. P. Holmes, M.A., Vicar of St. Bartholomew's with St. Matthew's Sydenham, S.E., has been appointed Rector of Porlock (patron, the Lord Chancellor and Rector of Stoke Pers (patron, Mr. J. Quicke).

The Rev. W. B. Box has been ill and has had to undergo an operation. We are glad to announce that he is now much better.

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

The Meredith Composition Prizes have been awarded as follows: Greek, J. N. Sanders; Latin, P. L. Howard.

F. Crossland and T. N. T. Leach have made School Prefects.

W. Lupton and C. M. Humfrey have been awarded their Cricket Colours.

J. Townsend, Esq., O.A., is once more residing Examiner at the Oxford Local Examination.

2nd Lieut. W. R. T. Skinner has been over here from France where he is a signaling officer; he was looking extremely fit.

2nd Lieuts. E. S. Morley and J. Knowles and Major S. H. Baker have also honoured us with visits.

This term ends on Monday, July 23rd; next term will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 18th. Boarders return the previous day.

#### VALETE.

E. L. PARRY. School Prefect 1914-17. Captain of the School 1916. 2nd XI. Cricket and Football 1914. 1st XI. Cricket and Colours 1916. Captain and Colours for Football 1915. Rowing Colours 1915. Rowing Captain 1916-17. Athletic Half-Colours 1916. O.S.L. First-Class Honours 1915.

W. R. E. SCRIVENER. Vth Form. School Prefect 1916-17. O.S.L. 1916. 1st XI. Football and Cricket 1916.

H. E. BETTERIDGE. Vth Form. 2nd XI. Football 1914. 2nd XI. Cricket 1914. 1st XI. Football Colours 1915. 1st XI. Cricket 1915.

#### SALVETE.

T. W. Smeeth, Remove Form.

K. Howes, II. Form.

V. J. Relle, II. Form.

D. G. Lucas, II. Form.

F. Gerring, II. Form.



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## ABINGDONIAN ACCOUNTS.

## EASTER NUMBER, 1917.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Feb. 15.	Balance in hand	...	3	3	10	Postage of Easter No.	...		15	
	Sale of Pictures	...		1	0	Printing do.	...	...	4	0
	Sale of Easter No.	...	1	4	7	1000 Envelopes	...	...	1	10
	Back Nos.	...		2	9					
Apr. 29.	Cheque—J. Townsend, O.A. Club, for Easter No.	..	1	10	8					
May 24.	From Governors, for the Easter No.	...	3	19	2	Balance	...	...	3	16
			<u>£10</u>		<u>2</u>				<u>£10</u>	
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