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### EDITORIAL.

IT SEEMS harder to write the customary prelude to the Magazine every term; or so it seems, perhaps like many other things it will be all right 'after the war.'

As far as the present members of the school are concerned it has been a successful term; our numbers have been kept up and our 'parade' strength has not this term been so impaired by petty ailments; work has proceeded on normal lines and the potatoes have continued to grow in alm.

Speaking of the School in the wider sense a graver note is struck; the casualty list at this term is again heavy. It is not here proposed to dwell upon or distinguish between the merits of those known to us

who have fallen, but perhaps the loss most widely felt is that of Major S. H. Baker.

As was the case last year the School is sending a contingent to assist in the supremely important work of getting in the harvest.

Miss M. Hughes, L.R.A.M., who is leaving us this term to be married, after being connected for many years with the School deserves, we feel, editorial notice of her services to the School music. The present editor unhappily feels debarred by circumstances from doing her justice in these columns; he will not, however, we hope, be reproached on this score with a lack of appreciation of the lady who is to be his wife.

## O. T. C.

The Corps has been as active as ever this term and has emerged successfully from two inspections. The first was by Major Richards, and the second, the regular annual inspection, by Lieut.-Col. Buckley, who is in command of an Officers Cadet Battalion at Oxford. It is gratifying to record that he seemed pleased with the work of the O.T.C. Physical drill as usual nowadays has figured largely in the training.

The following are this term's promotions:

Acting Sgt.-Major C. V. Davidge to be  
Sergt.-Major.

L-Cpl. C. M. Humfrey to be Corpl.

L-Cpl. W. Lupton to be Corpl.

L-Cpl. R. E. Eason to be Corpl.

Cadet J. E. A. Clark to be L-Corpl.

Cadet E. Grimwood has joined the Signallers.

## REFLECTIONS ON A PIG.

Now in these dread times of war unfortunately the butcher's supply of fresh meat is decidedly limited, and to meet this difficulty pigs are being kept in much larger quantities than in previous times. One is accustomed to hearing a pig called a dirty animal, but really when one sees the love and care it receives from its master or mistress, one ceases to think of it as dirty and almost imagines it one of the family. If anyone is fined for being a food hog, I think it ought to be the pig, for it is sometimes given so much to eat that it has to sleep the effects off, which usually occupies a good part of the day. In my opinion it is very unfair that we who work hard continually (?) should be

most strictly rationed and yet a pig who does nothing whatever for its living gets just as much as it can possibly hold.

Oh to be a lucky pig now that war time's here! I wonder if ever anyone has noticed the little grunt of satisfaction a pig gives when it has sufficed itself, how it recalls to mind the days before the war when it was possible for us to give a grunt of satisfaction!

However, during its lifetime which averages about a year, the pig cannot be said to have accomplished much. I think they may be briefly summed up in eating, sleeping, and growing, and possibly in destroying their sty by routing up the floor. It seems funny to hear of pigs wearing jewelry, but indeed they do. Instead of earrings they often wear nose rings, but alas they do not realise their beauty, and merely regard them as preventions from one of their most favourite hobbies, i.e., routing.

R.E.E.

## THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

When Rowing concluded with the race on March 23rd, we turned our attention to the Sports, the usual end of term events.

It was decided that the Miles should be run on Tuesday, 26th, the Steeplechase on Saturday 30th and the Sports proper on April 3rd, a Wednesday. Heats for most events were run off on March 27th but the Jumps were unfortunately postponed owing to weather conditions until the eve of the sports.

The weather was good for the Mile and Sports in spite of real April behaviour in between, frequent showers mixed with

unshine. The Steeplechase was run on a wet and dismal afternoon, few hardy spectators being present; this rain however constituted most of the water, the water, the stream being extremely low owing to the beautiful weather previously experienced.

For most events entries were keen but although a pretty good standard was maintained, no records were broken.

The School lacked an outstanding athlete this year and consequently competition for the Heber Clarke Challenge Cup was rife; Sanders deserves our congratulations on winning it.

Spectators were comparatively few, war conditions, to a great extent, incapacitating the much desired presence of many.

Medals were given as last year as prizes and colours to those who would have represented the School against O.A.'s had we competed against them.

#### PROGRAMME.

##### 1. *Long Jump* (Open).

1, W. Lupton; 2, G. F. F. Miles.  
Distance 16ft. 7in.

##### 2. *Long Jump* (Under 15).

1, K. Cleave; G. J. Eason.  
Distance 14ft. 7in.

##### 3. *High Jump* (Open).

1, W. Lupton; 2, J. N. Sanders.  
Height 4ft. 6in.

##### 4. *High Jump* (Under 15):

1, E. R. Barber; 2, R. L. Footitt.  
Height 4ft. 8½in.

##### 5. *Hurdles* (Open).

1, J. N. Sanders; 2, R. E. Eason.  
Time 19 2-5th secs.

##### 6. *Hurdles* (Under 16).

1, H. V. Pilbrow; 2, E. D. Grimwood.  
Time 21 secs.

##### 7. *100 Yards* (Under 12).

1, J. F. Sinclair; 2, A. F. James.  
Time 14 1-5th secs.

##### 8. *100 Yards* (under 15).

1, E. R. Barber; 2, L. C. George.  
Time 13 1-5th secs.

##### 9. *100 Yards* (Open).

1, G. F. F. Miles; 2, C. W. Lloyd.  
Time 11 secs.

##### 10. *220 Yards Handicap* (Under 13).

1, J. F. Sinclair; 2, A. F. James.  
Time 33 4-5th secs.

##### 11. *Putting the Weight*. 16 lbs. (Open).

1, W. Lupton; 2, C. V. Davidge.  
Distance 25ft. 2in.

##### 12. *Quarter Mile* (Open).

1, G. F. F. Miles; 2, J. N. Sanders.  
Time 63 1-3rd secs.

##### 13. *Quarter Mile* (Under 15).

1, E. R. Barber; 2, K. Cleave.  
Time 67 4-5th secs.

##### 14. *Throwing the Cricket Ball* (Open).

1, G. F. F. Miles; 2, A. C. Mackinnon.  
Distance 77 yards.

##### 15. *Half Mile Handicap* (Open)

1, G. Aldworth; 2, H. Bush; E. C. Beaven. Time 2 mins. 21 secs.

##### *One Mile* (Open).

1, J. N. Sanders; 2, C. V. Davidge;  
3, G. F. Miles. Time 5 min. 31 secs.

##### *One Mile* (Under 15).

1, E. R. Barber; 2, W. J. Robinson;  
3, K. Cleave. Time 5 min. 57 3-5th secs.

##### *Steeplechase* (Open).

1, J. N. Sanders; 2, C. V. Davidge;  
3, R. E. Eason. Time 12 min. 53 1-5th secs.

##### *Steeplechase* (Under 14).

1, A. J. Newbury; 2, G. T. Eason;  
3, H. Bush. Time 5 min. 42 3-5th secs.

ABINGDON SCHOOL,  
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 COMMEMORATION SERVICE.  
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The annual Founder's Commemoration service of Rousse's School was held on Thursday in St. Helen's Church at 10 a.m. The school choir was heard to advantage in the Magnificat in A by Barnby, and the anthem "Blessed be the God and Father" (Wesley) was also well sung, the beautiful treble solo being pleasingly rendered. The special lesson was read by the Headmaster (Mr. W. M. Grundy), and the service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. A. Kennedy) and the Rev. J. H. Kirkby, the school Chaplain. Miss Maybell Hughes, who was responsible for training the choir, was the organist.

The preacher was the Rev. T. Layng, Rector of King's Stanley, Gloucestershire, and formerly Headmaster of the School, who took as his text Phil. iii. 7. After sketching the career of St. Paul, and noting the divergent influences in his mental training under Gamaliel in the liberal school of Jewish thought, and also as a student of Greek literature, the preacher said: St. Paul realised how profoundly different were Greek freedom and Jewish obedience. In the new gospel they could be united. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free. With Jewish tenacity he guarded all that was permanent and of value in Hebrew thought while he opened its treasure to the wide world of humanity. Not merely tiny Judæa but Rome's vast empire must learn the new revelation. It was his call as a Roman to proclaim through Rome's wide borders the truth which he had learnt as a Jew. "As thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must those bear witness also at Rome." The Greek language would carry his message to all ears. His Roman citizenship would provide safe passport in his travels. We note the wise statesmanship with which he chose cities of influence to act as centres of the new faith. We feel the thrill with which, in company with St. Luke and perhaps at his invitation—he crossed the Ægean to establish churches in Greece. We note his speech at Athens, his sojourn at Corinth. We see that his Roman patriotism decreed that it must be his duty and ambition to carry the glad tidings to the very centre of empire. We understand the special care which he bestowed upon his Epistle to the Romans. We sympathise with the proud dignity with which he appealed unto Cæsar. We feel with him that only at Rome could he finish his course with joy. To what end did St. Paul use the vast gifts entrusted to him? He dedicated them to what we call now the work of a clergyman. That thought gives me my message this morning. I know that while the war lasts the clear call to the health and youth of England is to defend British ideals. But God will give peace in His own good time, and then to many will come the choice

of permanent service. God still bestows great gifts of character and of intellect. Each generation offers a world-wide opportunity of pastoral service. To that I invite you if you hear God's call. I do not speak of ministerial efforts as being especially God's work, for all work is His which is in the service of man. Neither do I claim that it offers any special opportunity of walking in God's ways. All callings in life have their special failings, and a clergyman's life has its full share of professional weaknesses. There are points in the character of St. Paul which the most stupid of cynics can criticise securely. But I do claim that a clergyman's life has before it a high ideal and a large usefulness. I brings many men into immediate touch with social problems. It calls to the attractive study of the mysteries of life and of God's dealings with men. Perhaps no branch of learning with the exception of natural science—has advanced recently so rapidly as theological research and the study of civic problems. A stagnant theologian an out-of-date sociologist can expect little influence. It is an unselfish calling. England has not to endure the blight of a luxurious and overpaid priesthood. It is a calling of much difficulty. You may often be summoned to minister to those who are far more advanced than yourself in the spiritual life—to give help and encouragement when the heavenly vision shines dimly in your soul. You may have to strengthen and confirm at a time when difficulties of faith and of allegiance are troubling your own peace. You must keep brave and persistent in the blank depression of hard industrial surroundings: you must keep spiritual and high-minded in the gross, materialistic atmosphere of a parish peopled with newly-acquired wealth. You must prove alert and open-minded in a charming countryside where all nature smiles and all thought and ideas wither. In all branches of clerical work there is a great deficiency of men. Colleges at Oxford and Cambridge do not always find scholars as distinguished as of old to act as Chaplains and Deans. New universities are springing up, often without a theological lecturer or an ordained clergyman on their staff. Far fewer schoolmasters, I say it with deep regret—now take Orders. Large day schools with recent growth and many old foundations are often without any pastoral influence. India and Western Canada, China and South Africa are calling to us for help as loudly as Macedonia appealed to St. Paul. Curates are much fewer than curacies. Many parishes are temporarily or continuously undermanned. This scarcity may have been partly caused by an undue emphasis laid in responsible quarters upon the Franciscan ideal of the priesthood, which suggests that the highest type of service should be celibate and narrowly sacerdotal. Men who might on other grounds have welcomed the pastoral call have felt that they ought not to impoverish the individuality or deprive themselves of other valuable opportunities of usefulness. But there is no one singular ideal of Anglican Orders. No characters can be more diverse than those of St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. John. And St. Paul's life was so fruitful because he brought the full richness of his ample endowments to bear upon his work. The least able amongst you, with earnestness and high aim, may as a clergyman do very helpful work and the cleverest may find scope for his full talents. Do you long to be a student? To each generation belong the difficult, thankless, but sacred duty of keeping religious thought abreast of the best learning of the age. The ecclesiastical polity issued from the tiny parishes of Boscombe and Bishopsbourne. The administrator, the mystic, the pioneer, the moralist—all are wanted. A teacher's influence will not be less large if he stands not only in a tutorial or a parental, but in a pastoral relation

ship to his pupils. The harvest truly is plenteous, the labourers are few: pray we therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth labourers into His Harvest.

"In the afternoon the occasion was celebrated by the School by a very enjoyable picnic to Uffington, the Blowing Stone and Neighbourhood."

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### FOUNDER'S DAY.

After having a day at sports last year, this year it was decided to give the school a picnic upon the Berkshire Downs. This was common knowledge to the school about a week beforehand although for some time before vague rumours had been floating about. This year Founder's Day fell on a Thursday, a fact much to be rejoiced since there was no work from 1 o'clock on Wednesday, until 8.45 on Friday morning. The day at last arrived bright and clear and the school with one exception arrived punctually at 8.45. We were then told off into three groups, the 1st group was comprised of those who were cycling all the way (a distance of about 15 miles), the second group consisted of the walkers, the third group was made by those who cycled to Steventon and took their bikes by train. A senior was placed in charge of each group. After this was finished we had chapel, 5 minutes of school and then we went to St. Helen's Church.

When we came out of church we dispersed to our homes (the boarders of course going back to the school). At 12.10 the cyclists left, going in two's or three's, Mr. Wright directing them. Then the brakes for the walkers started to Steventon to catch the 1.25 to Uffington

Castle. The cyclists who were going by train started about the same time as the brakes. Arriving at Steventon the boarders were met by the day-boys living at a distance. We arrived at Uffington Castle without a hitch, and when we were all out of the train, we left, it being arranged to meet at the Blowing Stone at 3.15. Those of us who had bikes at once started off full pelt but we were soon pulled up by the hills. However we managed to arrive at the Blowing Stone at last, having refreshed ourselves by drinks at a small cottage on the way. There we found that the cyclists had already arrived and we were given drinks at Mr. Wright's cottage. Then we rambled about until call over for tea. The tea which was given us was excellent and everyone was full when he got up. Tea being over we started for the White Horse where there was a call-over at 5.15, it was hoped that the cyclists would have a chance of going to Wayland Smith's Cave but the walk took longer than was expected and many did not arrive there until 4.45. However the disappointment of not seeing the cave was amply repaid by the beautiful view from the hills. It was also much cooler up there than down below although it was quite hot enough. We rambled about the hills until call-over and then started to get back to Uffington. The walkers went direct but the cyclists went back to Mr. Wright's cottage at the Blowing Stone. On arriving there we were once more given drinks and then there was a call-over. After that a wagonette arrived to take the ladies and the small boys, and then the cyclists left on their long ride back,

those who took their bicycles by train also left for Uffington. And having refreshed themselves at the way-side cottage, they arrived in time to catch the 6.34 from Uffington. The brakes met the walkers at Steventon and took them tired and dusty back to Abingdon. Thus ended an extremely enjoyable picnic.

W.M.

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WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY  
FORCE IN EAST AFRICA.

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*Jan. 25th, 1918.*

Dear Sir,

Thinking, that perhaps a few Abingdonian readers would like to hear a little of events, in this quarter of the globe, I am making an attempt to describe a few it has been my privilege to witness. I only arrived out here towards the end of the campaign, but I was in time to witness the fall of two or three places, which were held by the Germans. I think the earliest record in which the fortunes or misfortunes of a beleagured town have been chronicled in detail, is that of the fall of Troy, where Greek wiles defeated the stout resistance of the stubborn Trojans, and thus from Ilims to Liège, blood, fire, and rapine, have usually followed the fall of conquered cities.

A similar fate was evidently anticipated by many of the German inhabitants of ....., a small town in the South of German East Africa, by the advent of the British, and with the horrors of history still vivid in their minds, numbers of them fled to the mountain fastnesses

south of the town. To their surprise and unbounded satisfaction, however, the expected did not happen, and the two days interregnum between the evacuation and our triumphal entry, was the most awful of all, and the trying nature of this suspense has been since confirmed in conversation with a German resident. As the Western sun turned the mountains from gold to pink, and then pink to purple, a battalion of South African Infantry, and some of the 130th K.G.O. Baluchis, to whom the honour, of first entering the town, had been given by the Commander-in-Chief, advanced along the road, tired, footsore and weary.

A signal company of the Royal Engineers, followed a short while afterwards, but I cannot say I was tired, or weary, because I rode in on a motor cycle, about half an hour after the first British troops had entered the town. I was considerably shaken up though, because the roads out here are different to those at home, especially after they have been sprayed with 4.7 shells.

Bivouacing in an eastern vicinity of the town, after posting piquets, to preserve law, and order amongst the natives, we were soon making ourselves at home, while the inhabitants waited with baited breath for the morrow's alarms.

There was none of the "Hock! Hock!" effervescence, familiar to readers of German jubilatory speeches, nothing indeed, which even deserved the epithet "bad taste" much less pillage; in fact the defeated were treated much in the same manner as we treated an unsuccessful football team at home, [bar entertaining them to tea], and the "fraus" breathed a deep sigh of relief.

In place of the bullying swagger of the German Military caste, the differential courtesy of British Officers, commissioned and otherwise, was too good to be realised.

The Hun Army Regulations, that vie with those of the Medes, and Persians for their cast-iron inflexibility, have given way to the common sense adaptability of British rule, and the frenzied families that fled frightened to the hills, now return, as they hear of the clemency of our dominion. By the time you receive this, I hope we shall have finished the Huns out here, we have already succeeded in clearing them out of "what was known as German East Africa," and we shall soon have finished the few stragglers who have crossed the Portugese border. Well I must now conclude wishing all Abingdonian readers the best of luck, also wishing to be remembered to all old school fellows, and masters.

Yours truly,

I. S. R. MILES, M.C.,

Royal Engineers.

[N.B.—This interesting letter arrived just too late for insertion in the Easter Number].

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### A PROTEST.

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Dear Mr. Editor,

I write to complain of the increasing lauger experienced when taking an evening siesta in the field. Around me I perceive various groups of energetic cricketers indulging in French' or ordinary ricket. Suddenly I hear a shout from many mouths "Heads, there! Heads!",

and a bolt from the blue drops at my feet, narrowly missing my head, and resolves itself into a harmless-looking cricket-ball.

I resume my walk, not without some trepidation, and with my eyes turned heavenward. But not for long am I to be left in peace. I feel a sharp pain in my ancle, somebody shouts "Thank you, just behind you," and there is the innocent-looking cricket ball again. By way of showing my gratitude, I am requested to return the ball, for future use upon my person, no doubt!

After these narrow escapes, I do not venture out again for some days, but on Sunday evening, imagining that I shall be immune from homicidal attempts on my life on such a day, I stroll warily round the field. But low! I hear a "whizz" through the air, and a meteor passes my ear, in the form of a stone attacked to a piece of string, hurled skywards by some reckless junior, who little cares where or on whom it may land\*

Unless one parades the field clad in mediaeval armour, I see no way of evading injury much longer. You would suggest a dugout or cellar,—the "underground," for instance? Little you know of the persistency of these enthusiasts. Step into the 'underground' on any Sunday morning, and you will realise the futility of your suggestion.

Awaiting your reply,

I am, yours etc.,

E.H.B.

\*[NOTE:—This at least has now been sternly suppressed by the Catapult Controller. [Ed.]

CRICKET.

On the whole the season has been very successful, much credit is due to the painstaking care of most of the eleven. Many people have a good idea of bowling; some have ideas how to play a straight bat which is most encouraging. One particular fault of most people is the inability to run between the wickets. Perhaps the chief offenders are in the first eleven; in the second eleven very few back up, often wasting many runs.

Humfrey and Eason have proved useful bats in "playing" the ball with a good knowledge of running. Stovell although very good at scoring must learn to run and call properly. Smeeth should be a useful bat next season having a good style in playing the ball. The results for the season were 3 lost, 1 drawn and 6 won.

Bowling average G. F. Miles 8.8.

Batting average H. V. Stovell 27.

Played at home, the match proved a victory for the school. On the whole the fielding was smart which testifies to the fact that there were no byes. Eason showed fine form at wicket. The school batting was good, the scoring being fast, 70 was reached before the first wicket fell, in just about half an hour.

CAPT. STONE'S XI.

L. Evans b Miles	6
Sgt. Reynolds b Miles	5
Cpl. Synnes c W.M. Grundy, Esq. b Lupton	7
R. B. Hester c Lloyd b Lupton	7
Lt. Grundy b Miles	3
1st A/M Broomhead not out	37
1st A/M Agor b Lupton	1
Cpl. Eenn c W.M. Grundy, Esq. b Miles	1
1st A/M Bates b Miles	0
1st A/M Cook c Davidge b Miles	1
1st A/M Bloom not out	5
Extras	0

Total for 9 wkts. 73

A.S.C.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq. c Hester b Reynolds	65
W. Lupton b Broomhead	16
C. M. Humfrey b Reynolds	7
R. E. Eason	0
G. F. Miles b Grundy	7
H. V. Stovell not out	8
C. V. Davidge	} did not bat
L. R. Crook	
G. Stacy	
W. J. Robinson	
C. W. Lloyd	
Extras	4

Total for 5 wkts. 104

Played away the match proceeded favourably Miles with some erratic bowling took 9 wickets for 30 runs. The batting was less favourable at the start, Humfrey being dismissed in the first over. Eason however scored well before being run out.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Green c Davidge b Miles	12
Dodds c Stacey b Miles	13
Allison c Lupton b Miles	3
Beek b Miles	17
Wiblin b Miles	7
Bayliss i b Miles	0
Hewing c Smeeth b Lupton	8
Bayliss ii b Miles	0
Phillips c Stacey b Miles	0
Wyatt c Crook b Miles	8
Walters not out	4
Extras	5
Total	74

A.S.S.C.

C. M. Humfrey c Beck b Green	1
W. Lupton c Allison b Heming	9
R. E. Eason run out	33
G. F. Miles c Wyatt b Heming	
A. V. Stovell b Green	17
C. V. Davidge run out	1
L. R. Crook lbw b Heming	11
G. Stacy lbw b Heming	19
W. J. Robinson not out	4
C. W. Lloyd run out	15
E. G. Smeeth b Bayliss	0
Extras	2

Total..... 112



Played at home the match proved a little disappointing. The fielding and bowling were good. The batting proved disappointing. The last few members of the team put up a fine fight for the score. The result was a loss of 7 runs just on time.

A.O.C.

Read b Lupton .....	12
Shaw run out .....	9
Anty b Lupton .....	17
Lt. Thorp b Stacey .....	10
Binnie b Lupton .....	10
Allen not out .....	29
Rawlings b Stacey .....	1
Malden b Stacey .....	4
Clark b Miles .....	0
Marshal c & b Miles .....	0
Filkerton b Miles .....	0
Extras .....	11
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>103</b>

A.S.S.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq. b Anty .....	29
C. M. Humfrey b Shaw .....	6
R. E. Eason b Read .....	10
G. F. Miles not out .....	15
H. V. Stovell c Thorp b Read .....	10
W. Lupton lbw b Allen .....	0
C. V. Davidge run out .....	6
G. Stacey b Malden .....	0
L. R. Crook c Shaw b Malden .....	4
W. J. Robinson b Allen .....	0
C. W. Lloyd b Allen .....	6
Extras .....	10
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>96</b>

Batting first, the whole side scored freely. The bowling quickly disposed the opposing team. Given a second innings in which most of the XI bowled, the opposing team were dismissed for 60.

A.S.C.C.

C. M. Humfrey c Barker b Cox .....	30
W. Lupton c Irving b Challenor .....	20
R. E. Eason b Barker .....	0
H. V. Stovell c Irving b Cox .....	20
G. F. Miles b Cox .....	1
C. V. Davidge c Livermore b Reeks .....	1
L. R. Crook lbw b Challenor .....	23
G. Stacey b Cox .....	5
C. W. Lloyd c Topliff b Cox .....	0
W. J. Robinson b Cox .....	27
E. G. Smeeth not out .....	0
Extras .....	2
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>111</b>

TESDALE HOUSE.

Topliff b Lupton .....	1
A. W. Barker, Esq. b Lupton .....	5
Livermore b Miles .....	1
Banter c Stovell b Lupton .....	7
Iving b Miles .....	0
Reeks b Miles .....	2
Dr. Challenor b Lupton .....	0
Morland b Lupton .....	0
Cox not out .....	0
Goffery b Miles .....	0
Curtis b Lupton .....	1
Extras .....	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>17</b>

2nd Innings Total 70.

Fielding first, the match started favourably for the School, Ombler and Frost however made a stand; at this point Eason was hurt at wicket and had to retire. Lloyd taking his place was equally unfortunate and had to retire Eason returning to take his place. Scoring was slow but the fielding was weak. Stovell in the school batting with a few lucky hits made 24.

R.A.F.

Seddon b Lupton .....	13
Causnett c Eason b Miles .....	1
Batt b Lupton .....	4
Frost b Stacey .....	75
Ombler c W. Grundy, Esq. b Miles .....	19
Capt. Stoue b Lupton .....	0
Broomhead c W. Grundy, Esq. b Stacey ..	1
Prcton b Stacey .....	0
Lt. Barnet b Stacey .....	0
Mepham b Miles .....	8
Pinder not out .....	0
Extras .....	8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>129</b>

A.S.C.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq. b Ball .....	3
W. Lupton c Causnett b Ombler .....	12
C. M. Humfrey b Ball .....	0
H. V. Stovell c Frust b Ball .....	24
R. E. Eason b Ball .....	3
G. F. Miles c Barniet b Ball .....	0
C. V. Davidge c Barnet b Ball .....	0
L. R. Crook c Broomhead b Ball .....	3
G. Stacey b Ball .....	0
W. J. Robinson not out .....	1
C. W. Lloyd b Ball .....	1
Extras .....	5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>52</b>

Played on our own ground the match resulted in a draw. Fielding first the school took three wickets for 142 runs. The fielding on the whole was not brilliant, several catches being dropped in the early part of the match. The school batting proved effective, as the first bowlers were worn down and the changed bowlers were not very much more effective. The result was 59 for one, stumps being drawn directly the wicket fell.

R. A. F.

Sgt. Seddon b Stacey .....	26	
Cpl. Causnett c Davidge b Miles.....	67	
A/M Ombler c Crook b Miles .....	7	
A/M Ball not out .....	28	
Cpl. Briggs not out } retired	8	
F/Sgt. Frost	} did not bat	
Capl. Stone		
Lt. Barnett		
A/M Akid		
Cpl. Mipham		
Cpl. Boyd	}	
Extras .....		6
Total (for 3 wkts.)		142

A.S.C.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq. b Mipham.....	35	
W. Lupton not out .....	17	
C. M. Humfrey	} did not bat	
H. V. Stovell		
R. E. Eason		
G. F. Miles		
W. F. Robinson		
E. V. Davidge		
G. Stacey		
L. R. Crook	}	
C. W. Lloyd		
Extras .....	7	
Total (for 1 wkt.)		59

Fielding first the School dismissed their opponents for 66. The fielding was better than in the previous match. The batting proved a failure, their bowling was good and the wickets either fell quickly or else no runs were scored for several overs.

ST. JOHN'S O.C.B.

Hewart c Lupton b Miles.....	4	
Hacking b Miles .....	0	
Chalmers c Stacey b Lupton .....	19	
Cramswick c Humfrey b Miles.....	13	
Holland c Eason b Lupton .....	5	
Hopkins c Stovell b Stacey .....	0	
Coker run out .....	1	
Shearer c Humfrey b Stacey .....	5	
Poulton b Miles .....	6	
Norris run out .....	1	
Long not out .....	4	
Extras .....	3	
Total.....		66

A.S.C.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq. b Chalmers .....	4	
Lupton c Wicket b Hopkins .....	6	
Humfrey b Hewart.....	0	
Stovell c Hewart b Hewart .....	0	
Eason b Hewart .....	1	
Miles c Hewart b Chalmers .....	0	
Robinson b Chalmers .....	0	
Davidne b Chalmers .....	0	
Stacey b Chalmers.....	0	
Crook c Shearer b Chalmers.....	0	
Extras .....	4	
Total.....		15

Played at home the return match proved an easy victory. Fielding was good, Davidge giving a fine exhibition of catching. In the batting Stovell hit up with lucky success and made 71 Humfrey showed himself to be master of some fine off shots.

A.O.C.

L/Cpl. Read run out .....	13	
Pte. Riley c Davidge b Miles .....	0	
Pte. Marshall b Miles .....	1	
Pte. Robinson b Lupton .....	4	
Pte. Gerard c Miles b .....	19	
L/Cpl. Bisnu c Stovell b Miles .....	15	
L/Cpl. Bewlay b Stacey .....	0	
Pte. Edwards c Lupton b Lupton .....	0	
L/Cpl. MacIver b Lupton.....	1	
Ptc. Croft b Miles .....	0	
Capt. Byne not out .....	29	
Extras .....	2	
Total.....		93

A.S.C.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq. b Riley .....	0	
Lugton b Riley .....	0	
C. M. Humfrey c MacIver b Riley.....	17	
Stovell c Read b Riley 71 .....	71	
Eason b Riley.....	3	
Miles b Riley .....	4	
Robinson played on b Riley .....	6	
Davidge run out .....	0	
Stacey b Robinson .....	0	
Crook c Bewlay .....	5	
Lloyd not out .....	2	
Extras .....	5	
Total.....		119

Fielding first the school bowling was remarkably good, although the wicket was hard the bowlers managed to bowl the side out except for two catches. The score managed to mount level with the wickets most of the time, the result was a dismissal for 11 runs. Stovell made some very fine hits scoring very fast. Several of the team thoroughly mastered some of the bowling scoring in fine style.

O.H.S.

Bayliss I. b Lupton .....	2
Green III. b Lupton .....	1
Dodds b Miles .....	0
Herring c Crook b Lupton .....	0
Allison c Miles b Lupton .....	0
Wiblin b Lupton .....	0
Bayliss II. b Miles .....	2
Wyatt b Miles .....	0
Phillips I. b Miles .....	0
Walters b Lupton .....	3
Alexander not out .....	0
Extras .....	2
Total.....	11

A S.C.C.

W. Lupton lbw b Herring .....	9
C. M. Humfrey b Green III. ....	0
H. V. Stovell b Herring .....	43
R. E. Eason b Green III. ....	4
G. F. Miles b Green III. ....	0
W. L. Robinson run out .....	2
C. V. Davidge not out .....	14
G. Stacey c Wiblin b Green III. ..	2
L. R. Crook c Herring b Herring ..	0
C. W. Lloyd b Herring .....	0
E. H. Smeeth II. b Herring .....	0
Extras .....	7
Total.....	88

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

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI.

Played at home on May 29th and resulted in a win for the School. The opposing team batted first and the wickets soon fell for 27 chiefly owing to Mackinnon's bowling. The School then batted and made 64 with no very sensational individual scores. The opposing XI, however, had a second innings and succeeded in making 38.

The match was played away on July 3rd and resulted in a victory for the School. The School fielded first and only one stand being made for any length of time the side was soon out. The School then batted and the score was soon brought up to 65. Our opponents commenced a second innings but stumps were drawn before this was finished.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Innings.

Hay b Mackinnon .....	0
Ellis b Pilbrow .....	0
Price c & b Dolphin .....	26
Goddard c Williams b Mackinnon ..	4
Herring b Mackinnon .....	11
Gibbons b Mackinnon .....	6
Hinds i b Mackinnon .....	1
Mills c Clark b Dolphin .....	0
Hinds ii b Dolphin .....	0
Harris i not out .....	0
Broadhurst c Grimwood b Mackinnon ..	0
Extras .....	2
Total.....	50

A.S.S.C.

Barber c Mills b Gibbons .....	25
Mackinnon b Price .....	0
Pilbrow c Hay b Gibbons .....	10
Dolphin b Price .....	1
Hills b Gibbons .....	7
Clark c Goddard b Gibbons .....	3
Morland i b Gibbons .....	0
Grimwood run out .....	0
Williams b Gibbons .....	1
George b Price .....	4
Eason ii not out .....	0
Extras .....	14
Total.....	14

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

2nd Innings.

Goddard b Mackinnon .....	5
Ellis b Mackinnon .....	11
Price run out .....	9
Hay b Grimwood .....	0
Herring b Grimwood .....	2
Gibbons c Williams b Grimwood .....	0
Hinds ii c Williams b Grimwood .....	4
Mills b George .....	8
Hinds ii not out .....	5
Broadhurst did not bat	
Harris did not bat	
Extras .....	13
Total.....	57

CRICKET CHARACTERS.

W. LUPTON (Captain) Colours 1917.—

A very good all-round cricketer; especially as a bat, strong in defence, with a pleasing passion for making the most of singles. Has borne his due share of the bowling with very fair success, and has kept the side keen in the field. In these days of scarcity of labour he has willingly undertaken the duties of groundsman and provided an unusually large number of wickets for home matches.

C. M. HUMFREY, Colours 1917.—The best fielder in the team. His batting on the whole is good, but is rather unfortunate in scoring. Must learn to keep the ball down on the off.

R. E. EASON, Colours 1918.—Has kept wicket very well and stands well up to the stumps. As a bat he has fulfilled his promise of last season. Must learn to get more forward in his strokes; at present is rather inclined to stoop and scoop the ball.

G. F. MILES, Colours 1918.—A rather erratic bowler, but when set, keeps a steady length; has been most successful; should learn to cultivate a change ball occasionally. In the field he is a safe catch. His batting is disappointing, as he seldom gets his eye in to hit.

C. V. DAVIDGE, Colours 1918.—A very sure catch; throws in well at the wicket; has vastly improved during the season. His batting has been very irregular, being too fond of the "cow" shot. Must learn to watch the bowler and "play" the ball more.

H. V. STOVELL, Colours 1918.—Rather a disappointing fielder, shewing an inability to catch in matches although good in practice. As a batsman he has a fine eye, often scoring freely. With practice on defensive strokes should be very good next season. At present, must watch the pitch of the ball more and step up to the short-pitched ball.

G. STACEY.—A useful change bowler; possesses a good length ball; in the field is apt to be slow in picking up. Has some very good shots in batting, and has often scored runs against good bowling.

C. W. LLOYD.—A very smart fielder, catches well, but must throw in at the stump better. Has often scored well at the end of

the innings with one peculiar action; has no real defensive stroke however.

L. R. CROOK.—Has fielded very well at point, must however, stand on the alert and watch the batsman more. His batting has vastly improved since last season; often gets well forward, but is not tall enough to cover the ball properly, with the result that he is often caught out.

W. J. ROBINSON.—Rather a sleepy fielder, when awake he can field well. Has a most curious position for batting, but has scored well; must learn to play the ball rather than hit.

E. G. SMEETH.—A useful fielder; has taken some good catches during the season. He is a promising bat, plays forward well with a good idea of how to play the ball.

## 2ND XI. CHARACTERS.

Unfortunately the 2nd XI. have only played two matches, the others being scratched. For want of match accounts the following remarks are recorded for the interest of those concerned.

E. O. HILLS (Captain).—Has played at wicket with some success. At present is much too slow in making his strokes when batting; lifting his bat when the ball has almost pitched.

A. C. MACKINNON.—A useful left-hand bowler; has taken a fair share of the wickets but at present is much too slow at fielding, standing fast instead of awaiting the ball. Has not much idea of batting; must learn to step out to the ball when hitting.

B. H. MORLAND.—Has some promise as a batsman, although at present not successful, but will improve rapidly now as he understands the idea of "playing" the ball.

Must learn to keep awake in the field and throw in smarter.

E. H. BARBER.—A useful catch, throws in well when on the alert. At present hits rather wildly without much judgement; must learn to get on to the ball more instead of pulling round to leg.

I. WILLIAMS.—A useful slow bowler; has developed well. Shows great promise, with a fair idea of batting. Has fielded at joint with fair success.

E. D. GRIMWOOD.—An energetic if rather unsuccessful fielder; has displayed much keenness. Bowls very well. At present he has not much idea of batting beyond one or two wild hits.

H. DOLPHIN.—Bowled with some success in matches. Has a tendency of poking, with the idea of playing a straight bat, with the result he is easily dismissed by a tricky all. In the field is very slow at throwing in.

L. C. GEORGE.—Fields very well and is fairly safe catch. At present has not determined idea of batting.

H. V. PILBROW.—Throws in well from the field, but is not energetic enough in coming after the ball. May develop into a useful hitter, but at present has not a good enough eye.

J. A. CLARK.—A clumsy fielder along the ground, but often catches difficult balls. Must learn to move lighter both in the field and when batting. At present he has very little idea of batting beyond a useless stand still and pat the ball.

G. F. EASON.—A painstaking fielder, although not successful at catching, throws in well at the wicket; shows a fair knowledge of batting.

## ANOTHER MORNING IMPRESSION.

The first, second, and third bells had been changed to a standstill; and I was very eagerly, as the kind reader may imagine, looking forward to and longing for that part of the day when I should be reminded of the hurrying feet of Time by a hooter and by other signs of the village's awakening and so of my own, when I was told by a voice, or at least by voices, that I could breakfast in bed.

At first I doubted the voice's sanity, then my own, which perhaps or I might say will certainly seem very sensible to the reader, and wished this unpractical joker would go somewhere further away to air his cheap wit. However, a little later I decided to join those not as yet disporting themselves in the cold water so seductive to those who like warm.

Breakfast was brought and after a little while a strange feeling came over me, the bed tilted up, likewise the tray; the tray slipped, likewise myself. I hope nobody will insinuate I had drunk too much tea. Good heavens! how far away is that floor?

The intelligent reader at this point will burst forth with the brilliant suggestion that you woke up; very clever of them to think so. At any rate I found myself half on the floor, half on the bed, not to speak of another half in mid-air and a mattress over all three halves (or rather thirds as indignant mathematicians will say).

Which little comedy had been prepared by those of kindly intent who did not wish me to miss my breakfast.

E.O.H.

SHAKESPEARE WRITES ON THE  
END OF TERM.

## I.

Once more into our homes dear friends,  
once more,

And with Exams. break up the summer  
term.

In term-time there's nothing so becomes  
a boy

As mod'rate swotting and a lot of play,  
But when the blast of Oxford Locals  
comes

Then, with penholder firm in hand, let go  
The pent-up thoughts, thro' term-time  
long withheld,—

Slackers write letters often during prep,  
But when indeed they do scrape through  
Exams,

The culprits yell and cheer and shout  
"Hooray!"

From cube to cube the drowsy slumber  
creeps,

Then a cry "Wake me early mother dear"  
Resounds o'er cubes and strikes the  
sleepers' ears.

Then all is quiet and Duncan howls no  
more.

## II.

Then comes the dawn—joyous to all these  
boys—

Now all the youth of Berkshire are on fire  
And travelling suits in the cubicles lie.

To Abingdon "moke" you gallant school-  
boys,

Do but behold that rusty station there,  
And your loud cheers will shake the  
rafters down,—

But yesterday the word of masters might  
Have giv'n a hundred lines,—now stand  
they there,

And none so mean as not to take a joke.

Thus with a gentle push our dear moke  
crawls

In motion of no less celerity

Than that of snails; thus is our time  
employed

In pushing moke to Radley—not far off.

Upon this moke let us our lives, our  
souls,

Our trunks and rusty cycles lay,

We must risk all to get our cycles  
home.

F.M.M.

YE WRYTINGS OF AZI-T-APPNED  
THE SCRIBE.

## I.

(1) And it came to pass that there was a  
town called Ab-y-ndon,

(2) Which meaneth "Place of the School"

(3) For behold John Roy-s-se founded the  
school there,

(4) And the rest of the acts of John  
Roy-s-se are they not found in the  
Book of the Aby-n-donyan

(5) Which is written by a man of blood  
Mr. P-r-ks

(6) Who learned the speech of the  
ancients at Wad-ham;

(7) May his shadow never grow less.

(8) And behold on a certain day the  
me-sells came to Ab-y-ndon

(9) And behold they had Ste-vens II.  
which being interpreted meaneth  
Nancy,

(10) And Stevens I. which meaneth Smal  
but Sweet,

(11) And Bee Tee Furness which meaneth  
Jum-bo,

(12) And Robin-son II. which meaneth t  
some Robin, and to others John.

(13) And many other brave boys did it get

## CHAPTER II.

(1) And behold Founder's Day also cam  
to Ab-y-ndon,

(2) And behold all the Ab-y-donyans wer  
exceeding glad,

(3) For did not their Head Ma-s-ter whic  
meaneth Mr. Grun-dy give a  
Holiday,

(4) And behold all the School rejoy-ced,

- (4) And the bravest of all the School is  
the Upper Door-m
- (6) Which is full of bee-fee chaps
- (7) Who do dig, with the help of Mr. Jay  
Why Ing-y-ham the pot-ate-ows to  
eat for their dinners when the war  
forces meat-less days,
- (8) And behold on a certain day, the Upper  
Door-m breathing out fire and  
slaughter went to war with a tribe  
called My-ee,
- (9) And behold they did take nine My-ee  
prisoners and drown them,
- (10) And in the name of the beard of the  
Prophet I bid you all Good-Buy-ee.

P.V.

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### THE WHITE HORSE HILL.

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The white horse hill,  
Remains there still,  
You have a trip and see it.

From the camp of the ancient Briton,  
You can see the town called Swindon,  
A sight worth viewing.

The camp was built by villian and knave,  
An a mile away is Wayland Smith's Cave.  
A mere clump of trees.

If you're going by Bus or Brake,  
You'll get a bit of a shake,  
But it's worth it.

Bumpy is the ridge-way,  
And Hilly is the Port-way,  
You'll soon find out.

Through Marcham, Hanney, and Wantage  
town,

This is the way you'll go to the downs,  
To find the White Horse Hill.

L.R.C.

### KILLED IN ACTION.

**BAKER.**—Killed in action in France on 23rd  
March, Sydney Harold Baker, M.A.,  
Major in the Gloucestershire Regiment,  
aged 37 years.

[Major Sydney Harold Baker, M.A., of the Gloucestershire Regiment, was killed in action on March 23rd, aged 37, and by his death Natural Science loses an earnest student and an experience teacher. The son of Mr. James Baker of Clifton, he was educated at Bristol Grammar School and Jesus College, Oxford, where he held an open Scholarship. Graduating with honours in 1903, he continued his reading at Charlottenburg. After a short period at Loretto he became Science Master at Abingdon School and entered upon the congenial task of developing his subject in new and handsome buildings. To this he devoted himself with much enthusiasm until the outbreak of the war when he offered himself immediately for service. His promotion was rapid. He became Captain in February 1915, Intelligence Officer in France in the following September and Major at Salonica in August 1916. Invalided home early in 1917, after a senior officer's course at Aldershot he was placed in temporary command of an entrenching battalion in France. Here he met his end after holding a redoubt for thirty-six hours.

He was a man of untiring energy, much personal attractiveness and great range of interests and knowledge. At Oxford, in addition to his work for the Science School, he was president of his College Literary Society and captain of the Rowing Club. He stroked his College Eight at Henley. At Abingdon the School Rowing, Swimming and Photographic Society owed much to his care. He also arranged a very successful Rifle Club in the Town and was well known on the Golf course. Few men combined more successfully the gifts of Scientific and Literary Training. From his father he inherited a taste for writing. He spoke German and French fluently. In his holidays he travelled or lectured or wrote articles for magazines. Perhaps he might have achieved greater success, both at Oxford and afterwards, if he had been less many-sided and had concentrated his powers. But he would then not have been the man we knew—always ready to further and to enjoy any useful activity. He had great charm of manner and of disposition. The dullest of forms left him smiling and unruffled. Many friends will miss him. All of them will have anticipated his senior Officer's remark that "he puts up a spendid fight and inspired his command with his own determination and resource."

**BURKETT.**—Killed in action in France on  
April 14. Harry William Bradley Burkett  
of Hertford College, Oxford, Captain and  
Adjutant of the Wiltshire Regiment, aged  
22 years.

[Captain Burkett came to the School when he was eight years old and, passing through all the forms ended as a prominent member of the Sixth. He went to Hertford College, Oxford, and on the outbreak of war was given a commission in the Wiltshire Regiment. He proved a very efficient officer and rose to the rank of Captain and Adjutant].

**PRYCE.**—Killed in action in France on 14th April, Alfred Owen Challenor Pryce, Lieutenant 8th Cameronians, aged 34.

[Lieut. Pryce joined the School in September 1894. He possessed considerable Classical ability and was also prominent among his contemporaries as an athlete, more especially as a runner. He adopted Law as a profession and was admitted as a Solicitor in 1907. On the retirement of Mr. W. J. Sedgfield he was appointed clerk to the Abingdon Borough Justices; he was also clerk to the Joint Burial Committee, and to Sutton Bridge Company, and was Deputy-Registrar of Abingdon County Court. He had also done useful service in various honorary capacities, including that of hon. secretary to the Abingdon Fire Brigade, of which he had been for some years a member. On the occasion of the 350th anniversary of Abingdon School in June, 1913, he acted as hon. secretary to the Celebration Committee. He enlisted in the Royal Naval Division at the end of 1914, and served with the expedition to Gallipoli, where he was wounded shortly before the evacuation. He subsequently received a commission in the Scottish Rifles, and after being stationed with his regiment in Ireland and Scotland he left for France quite recently. Lieut. Pryce married in December, 1916, Miss C. K. Tough youngest daughter of the late Mr. Alexander Tough, of Aberdeen and Leith.

**HOWARD.**—Died of Wounds in France on May 9th, Lieut. J. A. Howard, of the 1st Essex Regt.

[Jack Howard came to the School in January 1910. His good humour won him many friends. He was well suited for a soldier. His friends had difficulty in preventing him from enlisting when he was only 16 at the start of the war: and he took a commission in the Special Reserve before his 17th birthday. After training in England he went out to France. He served with an entrenching battalion then with his own unit of which he became assistant adjutant. He was wounded while leading his men in an advance. Two days before he died he had carried through a piece of patrol work which earned the special commendation of the General commanding his brigade. He will be much missed at the school, where we always looked forward to his visits, when he came home on leave.]

### WOUNDED.

Captain A. W. Collingbourne, Royal Sussex.  
 Sec.-Lieut. A. W. Morland, Royal Berks.  
 Captain L. S. Mathias, Leinster Regt.  
 Captain W. M. Austin, M.C., Wilts Regt.  
 (Wounded and prisoner in German hands).  
 Sec.-Lieut. E. L. Parry.

**AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS**  
 The late Captain Arthur Anthony Brown,  
 R.F.A.

N. F. Duncan.

**MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.**  
 Rev. Basil Challenor, C.F.

**MISSING.**

Sec.-Lieut. T. H. Buswell, R.A.F.

**PRISONER OF WAR.**

Captain W. M. Austin, M.C., Wilts Regt.  
 Lance-Corporal J. C. Enoch, M.M., Royal Berks.

Sec.-Lieut. P. L. Howard, Royal Berks.

**MILITARY NOTES.**

G. R. Kirkby is now a cadet in the Signalling Section R.E., Haynes Park Depot Bedford.

Capt. A. C. Vivian is now Acting-Major in command of 29th Siege Battery, R.G.A. He is only 22 years of age.

E. H. Mann (1906—9) is now serving in the Artists Rifles.

R. F. Baker is now a Major in the Canadian F.A.

### DEATH.

**BARTLETT.**—On June 5th, the Rev. Frederic Arthur Bartlett, M.A., late Abingdon Scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford, for many years Vicar of Great Crosby, Lancashire, aged 67 years.

[By the death of Frederick Arthur Bartlett, late Scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford, the Church in Liverpool has lost one of its most efficient and devoted parish priests. Since his Ordination in 1874 by the Bishop of Chester Mr. Bartlett had spent all his clerical life in or near Liverpool. His first curacy was at Kirkby, under Canon R. H. Gray. He remained there about two years; for the next two years he was curate at St. George's, Everton. It was here that he began the temperance work for which he was afterwards known, and thenceforward he threw himself wholeheartedly into this cause. In 1878 he was appointed to St. Michael's, Liverpool, and in this dockside parish he accomplished a remarkable work which is still remembered, as was testified by the large number of his



old parishioners who attended the funeral. During the twenty-five years that he was Vicar of St. Michael's, he managed in a quiet and unostentatious way to make the church and parish a centre of good work. He renovated, he re-seated, and beautified the interior of the church at a considerable cost, and founded a Young Communicants Society.

Nor did his interest in education cease upon his preferment to the important living of St. Luke's, Great Crosby, in 1903, where he found not only elementary schools, but Halsall Girls' School and the Merchant Taylors' School, all within the parish, and the two former under his immediate jurisdiction. He fought and won a most important case with reference to the Halsall Girls' School soon after his appointment, and received the personal thanks of the Bishop of Liverpool. His last work was the erection and equipment of St. Luke's Parish Hall.]

LAYNG.—On the 17th of July, at a Nursing Home at Clifton, Margaret Gertrude, the dearly loved wife of the Rev. Thomas Layng, M.A., Rector of King's Stanley, Gloucestershire, and formerly of Abingdon School and Clifton College. Aged 53 years.

### THEN HE WOKE UP.

There having lately arisen much argument at School about the existence of Infinity and the meeting of parallel lines in that neighbourhood, the following manuscript, only lately brought to light, and never, as far as I know, edited before, may be of interest. It would seem to come as a sort of codicil to the Meno of Plato, and conveys much valuable information as showing very clearly that celebrated gentleman's opinion on the matter. Being written in an excellent minuscule and signed "yours truly, Plato," (Anagrams were in great vogue circ. 400 B.C.) there can be small doubt as to the authenticity of this little dialogue.

Presumably after some heated argument

*Meno.*—And so, Socrates, in accordance with what Gorgias says, and indeed as I think myself, it seems to me that infinity exists.

*Socrates.*—But my dear Meno, this is absurd. Let us look up the word "Exist" in a dictionary—it says "to have an actual being," that "being" means "existence" and "existence"—"life." Now how can anything have life that is neither tangible nor visible, not some quality of the soul, in which case its effects would be visible, or in any way even imaginable?

*Meno.*—There seems to be something in what you say, but look at it in this way. Can you not imagine an infinitely great number, or again an infinitely small one? Nought or zero, for instance, according to us sophists, is not nothing, but an infinitely small quantity, or does it not seem to you to be the case?

*Socrates.*—In no wise. Nought has always conveyed to my mind nothing, an absolute void or lack of anything, as, for example, petrol nowadays for civilians, or the amount of brains in . . . .(slight lacuna here). Can you really believe that nought is in these cases infinitely small?

*Meno.*—Perhaps not; but at least you will admit an infinitely large number exists.

*Socrates.*—Not at all; tell me one. Is it one beyond the greatest number that you can imagine?

*Meno.*—No Socrates; don't be foolish! I can easily add one to any number I know and yet conceive its existence. It is something beyond all that.

*Socrates.*—Yet it must begin somewhere. There must be some point at which numbers cease to be finite and become infinite. Or is it like space, as you were saying at first—there is no dividing point.

*Meno.*—No; there is no point where numbers or space change from finite to infinite. Infinity is everywhere.

*Socrates.*—Everywhere? So we are at infinity; then why do not parallel lines meet here? Can you, Meno, tell me that?

*Meno.*—Oh Socrates, I indeed confess myself squashed now, and yet . . . somehow . . .

C.V.D.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

We regret the omission last term of the election of J. N. Sanders to the Pembroke Scholarship.

E. O. Hills has been made a School prefect.

The following have been awarded their cricket colours.—R. E. Eason, G. F. Miles, C. V. Davidge, H. V. Stovell.

W. Lupton has been elected Cricket Captain.

C. V. Davidge is now head prefect.

The following old boys have honoured us with a visit. Capt. W. H. Wood, Lieut. W. R. T. Skinner, Lieut. L. A. Lewis, Cadet J. N. Sanders, R. D. Mackinnon.

P. W. Morley has passed into R.M.C., Sandhurst.

We have lately heard that Mr. M. T. Perks, B.A., and Miss M. Hughes, L.R.A.M., are to be married on July 25th. May all good luck attend them; we are sorry to lose Miss Hughes after so much valuable service as music mistress.

We are very grateful to the late W. F. Smith, Esq., for the gift of a valuable prize to be awarded for chemistry.

## VALETE.

VI. Form.—J. N. Sanders (1911-1918) 1st XI. Football 1916-17, Colours 1917, 1st IV. Rowing, 1916, Colours 1916. 2nd IV. Cox 1914. Athletic Colours 1917. O.S.L. 1st Class 1917. Pembroke Scholarship 1918. School Prefect 1915. Head Prefect 1917. Head of the House 1916. Serpt.-Major O.T.C. 1917.

V. Form.—W. H. Lowe (1913-18), 1st XI. Cricket 1917 1st XI. Football 1917. Colours 1917.

Rewove.—L. F. Crossland.

A. W. Witham, 2nd XI. Football 1917. W. B. Coxeter.

II. Form.—P. E. Caudwell.

D. Newling.

## SALVETE.

III. Form.—R. L. Williams, E. H. Smeeth.

II. Form.—G. Laing, S. F. Hewson, R. P. Wakeham.

The Meredith Prizes have both been awarded to C. V. Davidge.

This Term ends on July 22nd, and next Term will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Boarders return the previous day.

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The Editor wishes on behalf of Miss Hughes and himself to thank the members of his School very warmly for the handsome and useful clock given them as a wedding present.

(It was received too late to be mentioned anywhere else.)



