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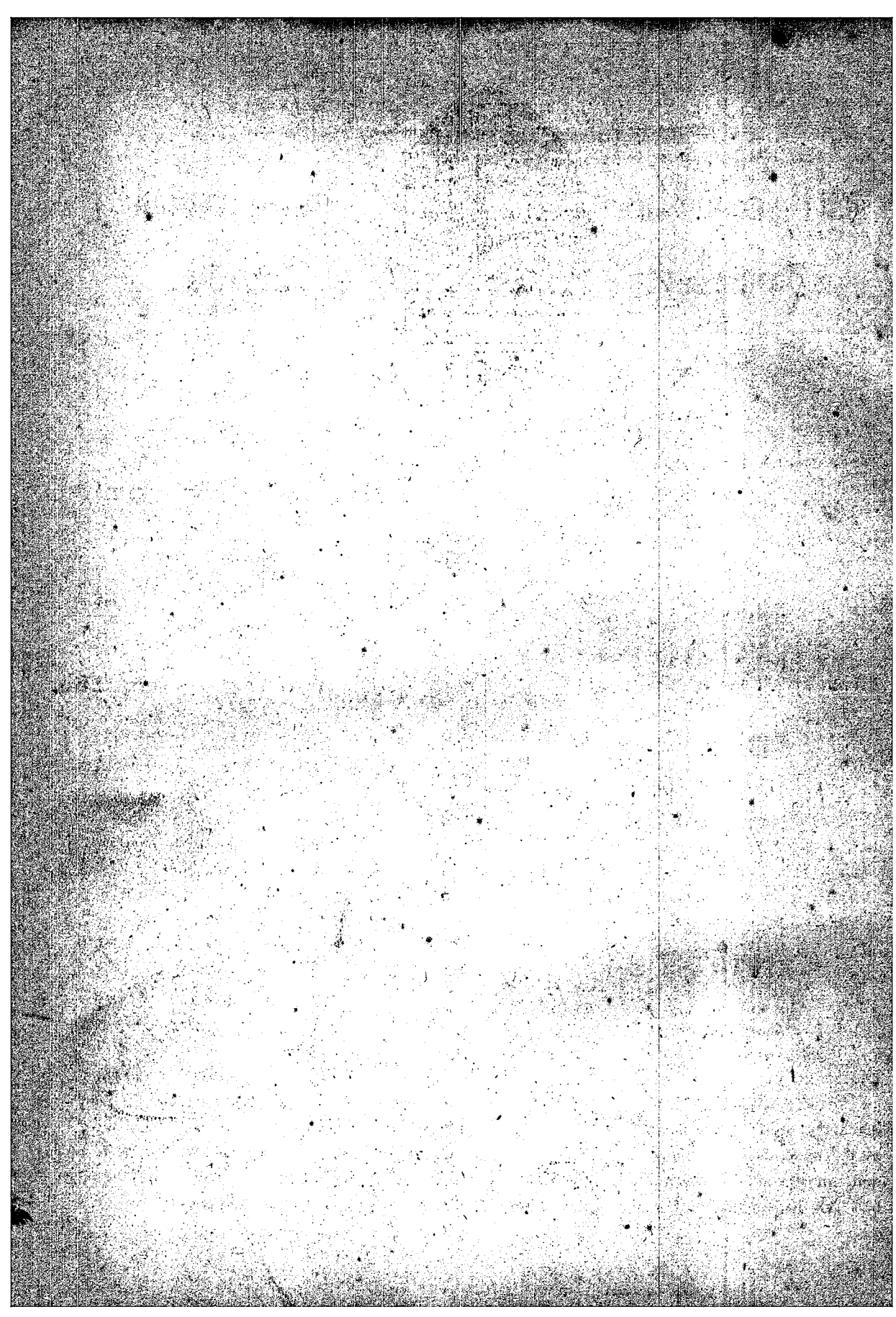


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EDITORIAL.

FROM one point of view probably the most important event of the past term was the Full Inspection by the Board of Education. It was certainly looked forward to with very great interest, and some disappointment was discovered when the Railway Strike looked like preventing the expected visit. As far as one can tell the School made a good impression; no thunderbolt has been hurled from the Board at any rate at the time of going to press. Many of our readers will, possibly, have by now indignantly protested that the topic deserving of the first place is properly to be sought in quite another side of School life. The Football XI. has indeed had a very remarkable

season and are heartily to be congratulated on not losing a single School match.

Mrs. Watson, who came to us during the war, two years ago, and who had rendered valuable service, left us at the end of last term to be married; she has our best wishes.

Capt. H. A. L. Donkin, M.C., who has filled her place on the staff this term with his customary vigour, is leaving us to regret his loss, after but a brief experience of the scholastic profession, and is taking up an appointment in London.

The rise in the cost of printing has brought the finances of "The Abingdonian" to a crisis. At present a loss of about 3½d. is incurred on every copy sent out to the O.A. Club on the old terms and this Club has decided to put matters on a sounder basis by

asking those members who wish to receive the Magazine in future to pay an annual sum of 3/-. The price for ordinary sales will at the same time be advanced to 1/- a copy, but the future of "The Abingdonian" depends a good deal on the support promised by O.A.'s, as it will not be possible to run it on a small circulation except at a prohibitive price. It is hoped, therefore, that all who have been receiving it in the past will continue to do so.

FOOTBALL.

This has proved a very successful season indeed and we heartily congratulate the Captain on his team. It has an unbeaten record against other Schools and has held its own against all the Colleges except in the away match with Pembroke. The team itself is the best we have seen at the School for several years.

The goal has been well defended, and the backs, until Morland was crooked, were both particularly sound, and afterwards Buckle covered himself with glory by the way he dealt with all opposing forwards. Eason was the mainstay of the team all through. His work is excellent, his energy stupendous. The wing halves have failed in the most important branch of their work, namely, to pass the ball accurately to their forwards. The forwards are all good sound players, but their shooting needs improvement.

The Second Eleven did not lose a match and only drew one. Lloyd and Smeeth have played most useful games in the forward line and Beaven has done some good work on the left wing. Eason ii. is easily the best of the halves, but the others work hard. The backs have always done well, especially

Jamieson, in the last few games. Mackinnon is very cool and kicks well. They play well together and have several times picked up a losing game admirably.

This year we have played all matches on the lower field to preserve the Cricket pitch, but we managed to play small games at the lodge end of the upper field.

Mr. Perks and Mr. Donkin have been very regular in their support and have been invaluable in Club matches. Mr. A. B. Woodley has very kindly refereed for us on several occasions.

The younger games have shewed considerable enthusiasm and have actually been known to clamour for games. The numbers of the School enabled us to get five full games and three were able to play every day.

We have had two fixtures for the Colts, who were very small this year, but nevertheless showed quite a good knowledge of the game.

Under Mr. W. A. Rudd's supervision the work of levelling the lower field has been renewed and considerable progress has been made.

A.S.F.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.— Played at home on October 8th. This match, which is nearly always a very fast game, was looked forward to with great eagerness, especially as it was the first match of the season. It was soon evident that the team had not played together much, yet contrary to all our old traditions we pressed the opposing team hard during the first ten minutes. Several good shots were put in, which failed to find the net, but before half-time the score was 3—1 for us. In the second half the opposing team tried hard to break through, but thanks to our defence we still held our own, and the forwards added three more goals to our score, making the result a

win for us of 6 goals to 1. The team was as follows:—

H. V. Stovell (goal); R. B. H. Morland, S. L. Buckle (backs); N. A. Carr, R. E. Eason, E. H. Blacknell (halves); E. R. Barber, L. C. George, C. M. Humfrey, G. M.G. McFarlane, A.J. Newbury (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. ABINGDON TOWN RESERVES.
Played at home on October 11th. This proved a very fast and exciting game, but the School were rather slow in the first half, enabling the opposing team to score two goals. However, in the second half we seemed to wake up and had by far the best of the play, yet we only managed to get one goal, scored by Humfrey, from a very good centre from McFarlane. At the end of the game, which resulted in a loss for us, 2—1, the team showed signs of exhaustion because we had played full time instead of the more usual 40 minutes. The team was the same as in the previous match.

A.S.F.C. v. H. A. L. DONKIN'S XI.—
Played at home on October 15th. From the first few minutes it was clear that the opposing team was far too heavy and fast for us. However, in the first half we put up quite a good fight and at half-time the score was only 2—1 against us. During the first ten minutes of the second half the opposing forwards gained three more goals, whereas we only got one more—a shot from McFarlane, who had also scored the one before. At the close of the game the score was 6—2. The School team was the same as before except that Mr. Perks played left-half.

A.S.F.C. v. MAGDALEN COLL. SCHOOL.
Played away on October 18th. Here again we managed to retain our reputation of last year. In the first half, however, we only managed to score twice, but in the second

half we got a move on and the match resulted in a win of 8—0.

The goals were scored by Humfrey (2), George (2), McFarlane (2), Newbury and Eason. The School team was the same except that Hills played left-half.

A.S.F.C. v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE.—
Played at home on October 22nd. This proved a very one-sided game. The visitors were not at all in good form owing to a very strenuous game the day before. After about ten minutes' play they were left with only ten men, one having unfortunately been injured. For the School Mr. Donkin and George did excellent work, while Humfrey was much more at home in his old position on the right wing. The School scored ten goals, while Pembroke failed to net the ball once. The team was the same as before except that Mr. Donkin and Mr. Perks replaced Hills and Newbury.

A.S.F.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.—
Played away on October 25th. In the first half the School played with the wind which was blowing very strong, but even then only managed to score once. Leighton also were pressing hard and were the first to score. After half-time the School seemed to do as well as when they had the support of the wind. Blacknell and Morland worked very hard for the defence, while Barber was conspicuous among the forwards. The School soon got another goal, but Leighton also managed to break through again and when the whistle blew, the score was 2—2. The team was the same as against Magdalen.

A.S.F.C. v. EXETER COLLEGE.—
Played at home on October 29th. The match did not start at all well for the School. In the first half Exeter scored twice, while the School only managed to score once. In the

second half, however, Exeter failed to score and Blacknell from a long shot made the scores equal. One more goal was added, which made the result a win of 3—2. The team was the same as against Lincoln.

A.S.F.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.—Played away on November 5th. The School team had considerably more opposition against them than in the previous Oxford High School match at home, and the game was fairly equal. George scored twice for us, while Oxford High School only managed to score once. In the last few seconds of the game, however, they almost made the result a draw, but fortunately in front of an open goal an opposing forward put the ball over the cross-bar. The team was the same as against Leighton Park School.

A.S.F.C. v. ABINGDON TOWN.—Played on the Town ground on November 8th. This proved one of the most exciting games of the season and though the School were defeated, yet all without exception played a good game. The Town, however, soon managed to score twice. In the second half both teams scored twice—for the School Mr. Donkin and Eason scored. Had it not been for the excellence of the Town defence we should have scored several more. The School team was the same as against Exeter College.

A.S.F.C. v. LINCOLN COLLEGE.—Played at home on November 12th. Owing to the thaw after a severe frost the ground was terribly slippery, which made the game very tricky. In the first half Mr. Donkin broke away and scored, but Lincoln soon retaliated. In the second half Mr. Donkin again scored and another shot from McFarlane brought the School score up to three. Lincoln having scored another, the result was a win for the

School by 3—2. The team was the same as in the previous match.

A.S.F.C. v. ABINGDON TOWN.—Played on the Town ground on Saturday, November 15th. Again the School put up a good fight against a team which was decidedly the superior. Owing to an accident Morland was unable to play, which necessitated Blacknell playing back. This upset the defence a little, but nevertheless they played a good game. The opposing forwards were very fast and scored three goals in the first half, while the School only managed to obtain 1. The School played better in the second half and scored two more, but the Town also scored two more and so won by 5—3. Mr. Donkin scored all three for the School. The team was the same as before except that Hills replaced Morland.

A.S.F.C. v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE.—Played at Oxford on Wednesday, November 19th. This seemed quite an "off" day with the team in general. Stovell and Buckle, however, worked hard for the defence. The School won the toss and played against the wind first. Pembroke soon got going and scored, but Mr. Donkin was not slow in making a response. By half-time Pembroke had scored again. The only scoring in the second half was another goal for Pembroke, so the game ended in a loss for the School by 3—1. The team was the same as against the Town.

A.S.F.C. v. MAGDALEN COLL. SCHOOL. Played at home on Saturday, November 22. In the first half the School, though missing many chances, managed to score three times, while Magdalen failed to defeat Stovell at all. In the second half the team played with much more combination and secured five more goals. Barber and George played a very

good game, securing most of the goals between them. Newbury playing "back" for the first time was quite a success. The goals were scored by: L. C. George (3), E. R. Barber (2), C. M. Humfrey, R. E. Eason and G. M. G. McFarlane. The team was as follows:—

H. V. Stovell (goal), S. L. Buckle, A. J. Newbury (backs); E. O. Hills, R. E. Eason, E. H. Blacknell (halves); E. R. Barber, L. C. George, C. M. Humfrey, G. M. G. McFarlane, J. E. F. Meadmore (forwards).

A.S.F.C. v. MANSFIELD COLLEGE.—

Played at home on Wednesday, November 26th. By this time unfortunately the field had become somewhat of a mud pond, which made play rather difficult. The School started off with a rush, and Mr. Donkin soon scored from a penalty kick. When the whistle blew for half-time the School had scored 5 and Mansfield 0. In the second half, however, we did not do so well, only managing to get three more, while Mansfield with the aid of one of our backs secured one, making the result a win for the School of 8—1. The goals were scored by: Mr. Donkin (5), Humfrey, George, McFarlane. The team was the same as before except that Mr. Donkin and Mr. Perks replaced Hills and Meadmore.

A.S.F.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.—

Played at home on Saturday, November 29. A rest seemed to have done the team a lot of good and it played a very good game; much better than the former one at Reading. Up till half-time there had been only one goal scored, and that by George. After half-time George again scored, and after some good saving the opposing goal-keeper was beaten by Humfrey. Another excellent shot from Barber brought the score up to 4. Leighton pressed hard throughout, but Stovell

played well and prevented them scoring, so the game resulted in a win of 4 goals to nil. The team was the same as against Magdalen.

CHARACTERS.

H. V. STOVELL (Goal) Colours 1918-19. Has kept up his reputation of last year. Throughout the season he has played an excellent game and has been a very safe support for the team. Has an excellent kick and judges well.

R. B. H. MORLAND (Left Back) Colours 1919.—While he played was a very useful member of the team. Not at all fast, but very reliable, and his absence was very much felt.

A. J. NEWBURY (Left Back).—Worked hard, but could use left foot very little. Was quite a success as outside-right in first part of season, but should centre sooner than he does.

S. L. BUCKLE (Right Back) Colours 1919. A very steady and reliable player, possessing a wonderfully good kick. Has been throughout the season quite a mainstay of the defence. Tackles well and is quite fast.

E. O. HILLS (Left Half).—Though not in his natural place, has played a very steady game and worked hard. Might be a little safer and stronger kick, but manages to feed his forwards quite well.

R. E. EASON (Centre-Half) Captain, Colours 1917—18—19.—An ideal centre-half who uses his judgement and speed admirably. Feeds his forwards excellently and tackles well. Is at times apt to dribble too long. Shoots well. An excellent Captain all round who inspires and cheers his team.

E. H. BLACKNELL (Right Half).—A very deserving and hard-working player. Is quite fast and gets back quickly. Sometimes a little erratic in kicking. Uses a lot of judgement in throwing in. Combines well.

E. R. BARBER (Outside-Left) Colours 1918—19. Has played well and been very successful. Has a tendency to shoot too much, but has scored some very nice goals. Has a fine combination with George.

L. C. GEORGE (Inside-Left) Colours 1918—19.—A very tricky and useful player and has scored a lot of goals. Might shoot sooner instead of dribbling. Is quite at home in his old position.

C. M. HUMFREY (Centre-Forward) Colours 1917—18—19.—Unfortunately we had to take him from his old place on the right wing. In Club matches, however, he played there and was very successful. Although he could not get used to centre-forward he was very good and scored often. Has a very nice kick.

G. M. G. McFARLANE (Inside-Right).—Though rather small, has played well, especially at the beginning of the season. Is rather slow, especially in tackling, but is very useful with his head.

J. E. F. MEADMORE (Outside-Right).—Is quite fast, but is inclined to stumble rather. Would be quite good if he could centre sooner.

2nd XI. MATCHES.

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCH. 2nd XI.—This match was played on the Oxford ground on October 8th. The School won the toss and played against the sun for the first half; this gave our opponents the advantage, who, by pressing our goal for the whole of the first half, scored 4 goals to our one. The School now required four goals to win, and obtained this number after a very hard game, having allowed no goals to be scored against them in the second half. Thus the first match of the season ended successfully with a score of 5—4. The following

represented the School: A. C. Mackinnon (goal); E. Coxeter, A. H. Cox (backs); W. Memory, E. O. Hills, G. T. Eason (halves); E. C. Beaven, L. A. Lloyd, E. H. Smeeth, I. Williams, J. E. F. Meadmore (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. NEW COLLEGE SCH. 1st XI.—This game was played on the New College ground on the 15th of October. The opposing team was smaller on the whole than ours, but the School did not seem at all at home for the first part of the game. Nevertheless we pressed our opponents' goal for the majority of the game and won by four goals to nil. There were three changes in the team, which was as follows: A. C. Mackinnon (goal); T. Smeeth, A. H. Cox (backs); J. D. May, E. O. Hills, G. T. Eason (halves); E. C. Beaven, L. A. Lloyd, E. H. Smeeth, I. Williams, J. Robinson (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL 2nd XI.—This match was played at home on Saturday, October 18th. The School forwards were soon at home, and particularly distinguished themselves in their passing. At half-time the score was 5—nil. Resolved to bring the score to double figures, they were soon well away again. Each forward succeeded in shooting one goal, the wings putting in beautiful shots. E. H. Smeeth, the centre-forward, played an exceedingly good game, and added six goals to his credit. At the end the score was 11—nil, the last goal being added by J. D. May, right-half. Team:—A. C. Mackinnon (goal); A. H. Cox, T. W. Smeeth (backs); J. D. May, G. E. Eason, J. D. L. Robinson (halves); J. E. F. Meadmore, I. Williams, E. H. Smeeth, L. A. Lloyd, E. C. Beaven (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.—On Saturday, October 25th the two teams met on the home ground. Being old rivals the game was fast and furious. The first goal was scored by E. H. Smeeth who ran through on his own. He played a very good game, having three goals to his credit at the finish. At half-time the score was 3—2; both sides then played harder during the second half, the opponents trying to equalise the score. J. E. F. Meadmore, outside-right, used his speed to great advantage, putting in fine centres, two of which were turned to account. The game finished with the score 5—3 in favour of the School. The following was the team:—A. C. Mackinnon (goal); F. Steele, A. H. Cox (backs); J. D. May, G. E. Eason, J. D. L. Robinson (halves); J. E. F. Meadmore, I. Williams, E. H. Smeeth, L. A. Lloyd, E. C. Beaven (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. OXFORD HIGH SCH. 2nd XI.—This match, played at home on November 5th, resulted in a win for the School by 1—nil. It was a very hard game, the backs of each side playing remarkably well. E. C. Beaven scored the only goal during the first half. W. J. Jamieson, called upon to play at the last moment, saved the situation more than once. Team:—A. C. Mackinnon (goal); F. Steele, W. J. Jamieson (backs); J. D. May, W. Memory, N. A. Carr (halves); J. E. F. Meadmore, I. Williams, E. H. Smeeth, L. A. Lloyd, E. C. Beaven (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. NEW COLLEGE SCH. 1st XI.—The two teams met on the home ground on Saturday, November 8th. E. H. Smeeth was in form again and scored three goals. The score at half-time was 4—nil. The game was fast throughout, finishing up

with 7—2 for the School. Team:—A. C. Mackinnon (goal); F. Steele, A. H. Cox (backs); J. D. May, W. J. Jamieson, N. A. Carr (halves); A. J. Newbury, I. Williams, E. H. Smeeth, L. A. Lloyd, E. C. Beaven (forwards).

A.S.F.C. 2nd XI. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL 2nd XI.—Played on their ground on Saturday, November 29th. It was a very fine game all through, both goal-keepers having plenty of work to do. At first the School were down by two goals through muddling, but we equalised. At half-time the score was 2—3. During the second half our forwards shot two goals. Just before the end they equalised. L. A. Lloyd played very well and shot three goals. The backs must also be congratulated on their play. Team:—A. C. Mackinnon (goal); F. Steele, W. J. Jamieson (backs); J. D. May, J. D. L. Robinson, N. A. Carr (halves); C. F. Morland, I. Williams, E. H. Smeeth, L. A. Lloyd, E. C. Beaven (forwards).

O.T.C.

The Headmaster, Lieut. W. M. Grundy, has resigned his command. In recognition of his services the Army Council gave him permission to retain his rank. The command devolved on 2nd Lieut. W. Bevir.

Twenty-one members of the Corps were taken by him to Camp at Tidworth for eight days. An account of this camp will be found below.

In September, Capt. H. A. L. Donkin, M.C., was gazetted to command the Contingent, and as much work as possible has been carried on during the term, but bad weather has prohibited some parades.

Thirteen Cadets resigned in July and 18 new recruits have been taken on the strength.

Physical drill, under the Commanding Officer, has been a feature of the term's work and only drill and preliminary field work have been attempted besides. With the kind permission of Mr. T. Skurray a range has been fitted up in the Brewery, but so far only preliminary musketry instruction has been carried out. Signalling has been left for more suitable weather.

The Corps was passed as "efficient" after Lt.-Colonel Stockton, O.A., had inspected it in July.

A quantity of signalling apparatus has been received, which will be useful in the future. Regulation pattern equipment has also been received.

A Field Day in conjunction with King's School, Warwick, Reading School, King Alfred's School, Wantage, and the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe O.T.C.'s had been arranged for Friday, Dec. 5th. It was drizzling when the Corps started in two brakes, and raining hard when they arrived at Cumnor. There they were informed that it was a "wash-out." After this glorious victory they returned, a very cheery but somewhat disappointed Corps.

Promotions: Corporal C. M. Humfrey is promoted Sergeant and Colour-Sergt., and is appointed Contingent Sergt.-Major.

Corporal R. E. Eason is promoted Sergt.

Lance-Corporal O. E. Hills—Corporal.

Cadets E. H. Blacknell and H. V. Stovell to be Lance-Corporals.

O.T.C. CAMP, TIDWORTH PARK.

Twenty-one members of the School O.T.C. went to the Public Schools O.T.C. Camp at Tidworth Park at the beginning of August.

The School O.T.C. was joined with that

of Bury St. Edmunds School, who were also rather too small to form a Platoon by themselves.

At first, things seemed a little strange and the work a little hard, but we soon got used to it and began to enjoy it.

The first three days were given up to ordinary Company and Platoon drill, and then after that we started on such work as the platoon and company in attack, together with night operations and field days.

There were in all four demonstrations while we were down there; one very interesting one by artillery and on the same day a cavalry demonstration for which we had to march over twenty miles; on the following day a demonstration of aerial acrobats and fighting and also a physical drill display.

On the Sunday afternoon there were sports and competitions arranged by the Chaplain of the camp.

In the evenings there were either lectures or entertainments, the latter arranged by the Chaplain.

We left Tidworth on the Friday at 7.30, having returned all the blankets and other Government kit to the Q.M.'s Stores and had breakfast, to do which most of us turned out at 4 a.m., with the stars still shining brightly.

The work may have been a little more strenuous than some of us were accustomed to, but I think most of those who went would gladly go again another year.

C.M.H.

BIRTHS.

BURY.—The wife of B. J. Bury, O.A., and member of O.A. Committee, of a daughter.

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MARRIAGE.

HABGOOD—HILL.—At Timberscombe, Somerset, H. G. Habgood, eldest son of the late Mrs. G. W. Habgood, of Faringdon, to Gwendoline, daughter of Mr. Hill, of Timberscombe.

STONE—HOOKE.—On April 2nd, 1919, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, by the Rev. C. S. Thomas, assisted by the Rev. H. A. Kennedy, Herbert Victor Stone, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stone, of Abingdon, late of Park Farm, Radley, to Kathleen May Hooke, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hooke, of Park Crescent, Abingdon.

STEVENS—WIDE.—On December 9th, 1919, at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, by Canon Jackson, Kenneth George Stevens, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevens, Castle Cliffe, Guildford, to Edith Lilian Wide, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wide, of Watford.

O.A. CLUB.

A meeting of the O.A. Club was held in the "Crown and Thistle" Hotel, on Wednesday, December 10th, on the night of the Past v. Present Football Match, at 8 p.m. In the absence of the President, Mr. H. P. Simpson took the chair.

Present:—Messrs. W. M. Grundy (Vice-President), W. Bevir, J. H. Wakefield, J. G. Shepherd, T. S. G. Shepherd, J. Knowles, H. A. L. Donkin, F. Edey, J. Townsend, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, H. W. Hooke, E. G. Ballard, H. V. Stone, G. W. Shepherd, A. W. Morland, C. O. Wright, and W. A. Rudd.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. Mr. James Townsend proposed the following resolution:—"That in

future members be asked to pay for the "Abingdonian" to be sent to them. The charge to be 3/- yearly, or £1 for 7 years. That no "Abingdonian" be issued free after 1919." Mr. Townsend pointed out the urgent necessity of the measure.

The motion was seconded by Mr. A. W. Morland, and unanimously carried.

Mr. H. A. L. Donkin proposed "That in future Meetings of the Club be held once every term on the night of the particular O.A. Match or Sports. That the Annual General Meeting be held in the Summer term." Seconded by Mr. J. Knowles and unanimously carried.

As Mr. H. A. L. Donkin was going to London, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. J. H. Wakefield that Mr. J. Knowles be elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. H. A. L. Donkin London Secretary. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. N. Sanders was then elected to the vacant place on the Committee.

It was decided to leave over the question of printing the Rules and the names and addresses of members till the next meeting.

The Secretary then asked for everyone's help in raising a Four and a Sports Team next term. The dates were fixed provisionally as follows:—

O.A. Boat Race.—Wednesday, 3rd March.

O.A. Sports.—Saturday, 20th March.

It was suggested that members living in the town would be only too glad to "put up" visiting members.

Mr. J. Townsend produced an idea for the proposed Memorial tablet of those who have fallen. It was recommended to the Special Committee that the design be approved.

The celebrations for the Summer term were discussed and recommended to be carried out.

Mr. A. W. Morland proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. H. A. L. Donkin for his work as Secretary. Seconded by Mr. F. Edey and carried unanimously.

The meeting then closed.

Afterwards the small company were entertained by a few songs and selections on the piano. Unfortunately Mr. Wakefield, the star performer, had to get back to Oxford early.

O.A. CLUB OFFICIALS.

President.—O. B. Challenor.

Vice-Presidents.—Rev. T. Layng, Rev. W. H. Cam, W. M. Grundy.

Committee.—H. P. Simpson, W. T. Morland, G. H. G. Shepherd, B. J. Bury, J. N. Sanders.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.—J. Knowles, Pembroke College, Oxford.

London Secretary.—H. A. L. Donkin, 9, Cleveland Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. 9.

O.A. NOTES.

The President (O. B. Challenor) has all our best wishes in having passed the Final Examination of the Incorporated Law Society.

We heartily congratulate H. P. Simpson, a member of the Committee, on having been elected a Councillor of the Borough of Abingdon.

W. R. C. Adcock, a former Master, has been appointed Headmaster of La Martinière College, Calcutta. He was down visiting us this term. Our best wishes go with him.

P. L. Howard is home demobilised after a post-bellum trip to Constantinople.

R. Haywood, who has arrived back from Russia, where he was on the Staff, has also visited us.

T. G. Michelmores, we have heard, is back in the Merchant Service, after serving with the Dover Patrol.

We have heard from G. J. H. Ingold, who is working hard in Sheffield.

C. L. Coxeter has returned to Abingdon on demobilisation.

G. H. G. Shepherd is now working on Machine Guns in Birmingham, and seems to be enjoying it immensely.

A. S. B. Payne is just home from the Army in India. We congratulate him on winning a Golf Championship there.

W. N. E. Bruce we heard from in the summer. He was then still in the Army in Ireland and playing cricket there.

C. B. Edwards we also heard from. He was with the R.A.F. in India.

W. N. Hooke has gone back to Canada, but H. W. Hooke is now home in Abingdon.

W. Bate-Preston has gone out to British East Africa lately.

N. Duncan is out of the Army and back working at the Bar.

Captain H. Meredith, 4th North Staffordshire Regt., has been awarded the M.C.

T. P. R. Layng has gone into residence at Jesus College, Cambridge.

Capt. T. M. Layng, M.C., has a Staff appointment—Acting Brigade Major—on the Afghan Frontier.

OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor.

It is with an almost inconceivable pleasure that I take up my pen to write of an unpleasantly full Oxford. Everywhere one goes one meets a crowd of apparently brainless mortals with nowhere to go and nothing better to do than get in the way of lawful citizens. However, it is very pleasant withal to be at full strength, and even though one does not know half the people in one's own College, it is gratifying to think of the Bursar's elation as he makes out the Battels.

We have it on good authority that there are five O.A.'s up, but as one has the misfortune to belong to a College we do not visit—no, Sir, not Wadham—we cannot be certain. Of the four others who grace the College of Colleges, it would almost suffice to say that they are always brimful of spirits, but these letters call for more detail.

J. N. Sanders has joined the happy band of lawyers and attends, according to custom, as few lectures as possible.

We welcome C. V. Davidge into the fold, even as we lament the departure of H. A. L. Donkin, of whom we had great hopes in the Soccer field.

We have, however, to record one welcome visit of the latter on the eve of the "Pemmy" Smoking Concert, and though we saw but little of him we must record our gratitude for his coming.

Stirring scenes, if faith, what with the 5th and Armistice night, the flinging of guns into the river and the storming of the theatre, we cannot but feel that Oxford is its own real self once more.

You ask what we know of these scenes; we were there, Sir, and the police—but a veil, I think, over that!

Rowing, a subject that should be dear to

the heart of every Abingdonian, deserves, I feel, a mention. We have hauled large tanks up and down without ceasing and the odds are very much in favour of two O.A.'s finding their places in the toggler,—if not in greater things.

And so to the finish, for I feel I have already trespassed too long upon your indulgence.

May I wish, on behalf of all O.A.'s at Oxford, you and your readers the heartiest of Xmas's and the happiest of New Years?
O.A.

A MEDIÆVAL TRAGEDY;

DEDICATED TO THE REMOVE FORM.

Near SALISBURY Town a CASTLE
LAY,

Past which a WEAVER made his way;
Straight through the land o'er gates and
STILES

His weary path ran dreary MILES.
Begirt with belt and BUCKLE bright
A TAYLOR thence appears in sight;
"O weaver churl—no fellow LOWE,
'Tis WRIGHT should safely further go,"
His sword did CLEAVE the human mark
The traveller lies there stiff and STARK.

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP.

An open tent-flap, a cold white mist rolling into the tent, and the echoes of that most detested bugle-call "Reveille" dying away in the distance. About ten minutes later, it suddenly dawns on us that prayers are in five minutes, and we begin to dress. The morning is cold, the water will be colder, and—well, hardly anybody washes at camp! After putting on belts, pouches and

bayonets, removing bayonets, then pouches, and finally putting both on again, one is considered "dressed"; and we proceed to the Parade-ground. Prayers finished, we go to the 'grub-tent,' and if the mess-orderlies have been lucky, our 'grub' is waiting for us. It is a good job that parade is not for another hour, for meanwhile we can perform some light occupation, such as arranging kit, while our breakfast sags slightly. We parade in the lines, march to Battalion parade ground, and receive orders for the day. Generally the first thing is to ascend the hill at the back of the camp, which is the hardest task of the day, and then a sort of glorified field day ensues. The weather is too hot for words, everything is parched and dried up, and even in shirt-sleeves, one feels far from energetic. We are marched back to camp and dismissed in time for a large dinner, to which we do full justice, and then bask in the sun reading a paper for an hour till parade. By this time the camp is like a furnace, and we sit down, in the shade if possible, and either watch a demonstration or listen to the C.O. explaining the intricacies of outpost duty, battalion in attack or defence or some other problem in military tactics.

At four o'clock we are dismissed again, and generally proceed to wash and change puttees and heavy boots for more comfortable slacks and slippers. Tea is at five o'clock and after tea comes the most enjoyable part of the day. The air is cooler, the refreshment tent is open, we are in comparatively civilized garb and just sufficiently tired to feel disinclined to do more than just stroll about the camp. At half-past six there is either a lecture or a sing-song in the recreation tent. The lectures are interesting on the whole, on subjects such as "The Fall of Antwerp," "The History of the Traditions

of the British Army," and "Tanks." Supper, as it is optimistically called, is at 9 o'clock, and at about a quarter to ten we start dressing for bed; every garment we possess is put on, the two blankets allotted to us are wrapped round as closely as possible, to give the maximum of warmth, and in a very few minutes, the melodious snores of the Seven Sleepers (No. 3 tent) rise in chorus through the ventilation flaps.

E.H.B.

REFLECTIONS.

The Editor approached me the other day with a view to obtaining a contribution for the Abingdonian. Naturally it was not forthcoming on the spot, but after a slight argument on the subject, I promised that he should have it in a day or so. Although I made this promise I had not the faintest idea what to write about when I sat down; but I determined to do or die, so to speak. Amid countless papers and valuable notes—to say nothing of Proses, Unseens, Translations and the like—all for the self-same aforesaid editor—I placed paper and ink before me.

For some time I pored over blank sheets which seemed to grow blanker the longer I looked at them.

I perused in due course the events of the term, if by chance I might obtain material. One pre-eminent feature alone could I find which attracted my attention, and after much mental cogitation I turned to take my pen and put my thoughts into black and white. The thoughts in my mind I shaped into this epigram.

"What is one to expect? Small wonder that the opposing line of forwards "Buckle" up on meeting our defence, after negotiating the "Hills" in our half-back line!"

As one glance at our Football results will show, both elevens have been more successful than they have been for some years. Whether this is due to the majority of brains at work—I mean the VI. Form—or to the vigour of the representatives of the remainder of the school, I dare not venture to assert. This thing merely will I say: the former appears most reasonably to be the case since the VI. Form XI. ranged against the rest of the School beat them by a fair margin. But of this—no more! Self-praise is a vain thing, although in this case it may be excused by the fact that I am, not a member of the VI. Form XI., but merely a looker-on.

Dear Mr. Editor, I hope sincerely that this little work will please you in proportion to the time I have spent in its manufacture. Already night is closing round me, the falling stars persuade sleep, and my brain is tiring after this great effort to uphold the reputation of the VI. Form and assist you in the preparation of the "Abingdonian."

G.N.C.

THE LIFE OF THE N.C.O. AT CAMP.

Besides the usual duties of an N.C.O. in the ordinary parades and field days there were two duties which fell upon them which were not relished by any. In a large corps it was better; for there were more N.C.O's and the duties were not so heavy; but in a small corps there were the same duties and fewer N.C.O's to take them.

These two dreaded offices were those of Orderly Corporal and Orderly Sergeant. The work of both these was far from nice, but there was one great distinction; the Orderly Corporal knew exactly what he had to do and when, while the Orderly Sergeant never knew when he might be wanted nor did he

ever know what for. Another great point in favour of the Orderly Corporal was the fact that he was responsible for fetching all meals from the cook house. It is true he often shouted himself nearly hoarse, gathering together his tent orderlies, but having once found them, he had the prospect of a good meal before him; no small point when at camp!

From the way in which the more fortunate members seemed to delight in shouting either "Tent Orderlies" or "Orderly Sergeants" when the bugle went, one would imagine they thought those individuals did not know the bugle calls. Let me tell them it was not so; those calls were written upon their minds with indelible ink, so often had they heard them. To the Orderly Sergeant it seemed almost as though he dare not wash or change for fear that wretched bugle should demand his presence at the Battalion Sergt.-Major's Office; for it seemed as though in nine cases out of ten, he either had his face covered with soap, or was putting on his puttees. However, he would usually rush round to the office and be informed that he might go away again, for only one Orderly Sergeant of another corps was needed just then!

Every morning he had four or five forms to fill in and take to different offices at definite times. He had to go to the Battalion Sergt.-Major's office every night at six and copy down orders for the following day, and he was expected to be able to write at an unheard of rate when doing this. To finish his day he had to report at the office again and say if all were present at "Last Post." This usually meant that he had to get to bed and arrange his blankets in the dark.

Oh! the Orderly Sergeant's lot is not a happy one!

C.M.H.

HARDLY USED.

I am the unfortunate possessor of two large dictionaries, one Greek and one Latin. The Latin came first: one day I was peacefully reclining in the big school when a junior approached within shouting distance and disturbed my slumbers by informing me that I was needed by the Headmaster. Shaking off my sloth, I slowly walked in the direction of the study, turning over in my mind the while, all my former sins and negligences, but was unable to find anything to fit this sudden call. When I arrived at the study door, I knocked with some trepidation and was instantly admitted (a bad sign) to find a large Lewis & Short, which had been ordered by a loving parent, awaiting me. I was told that henceforth I should be expected to know the whole Latin language off by heart (or words to that effect) and then dismissed to make my way back, followed by pertinent enquiries as to whether I intended to carry it about in my waistcoat pocket or whether I should like any help. The Greek lexicon arrived about a month later under much more favourable circumstances, it being merely handed to me at the end of morning school. But since then I have had no peace from the masters, I am informed that I must look up such and such a word and find out how often it is used in prose or whether it was spelt with five e's in the dark ages. As I am slothfully inclined I usually forget to look up the word in every detail and am then informed that it was a waste of money to buy such a good dictionary for an idiot like myself. But if perchance I do probe fully into the past history of a word and come into class brimming over with my information, then I am told with scarcely veiled sarcasm that I ought to have committed

it to paper as my brain is not capable of standing the strain of all this exertion for any length of time. It's a hard life!

W.M.

MARCHING TO TIDWORTH PARK
CAMP. SUMMER 1919.

The way was long, but the wind was not cold,
We were neither infirm nor yet old,
But our uniforms were covered with dust,
Our legs were so tired that we thought we
must

Collapse for want of something cool,
And sighed for a fine, clear, refreshing pool
Wherein to escape the scorching sun.

But no such fate was ours yet awhile,
We still had to tramp mile after mile.
Our faces were a lovely shade of red;
Our rifles felt like lumps of lead,
O'er countless hills and dales we went:
Oh! for the welcome sight of a tent
That will tell us we've not far to go!

"The Camp!" at last in front 's the cry,
Our cheers, well, they must have reached
the sky;

If not, 'twas because we'd no voices left,
The dust us all of speech had bereft
When we arrived, so weary and sore,
We felt we could march not one step more.
That's what we said at the end of the day,
But the very next morning found us on our
way

O'er the very same hills as before!

J.D.M.

OXFORD LOCAL RESULTS, 1919.
Oxford Higher School Certificate.—

C. V. Davidge, R. E. Eason,

E. O. Hills in Classics.

J. E. A. Clark in Mathematics.

First Class Honours.—
 E. H. Blacknell, C. M. Humfrey.
 Third Class Honours.—J. D. May.
 Passed.—E. C. Beaven, A. H. Cox, C. E.
 H. Dolphin, R. L. C. Footitt, L. C.
 George, F. B. Glenny, J. Harding, A.
 C. Mackinnon, J. E. F. Meadmore, S.
 J. Minkley, and T. F. T. Morland.
 J. D. May was excused Responsions in
 French.

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November 19th, 1919.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We record with much regret the death of Professor F. J. Haverfield, which took place on October 1st. He was described in the *Times* as "the first living authority on Roman Britain and one of the most popular and at the same time most learned lecturers in the University of Oxford." He had been one of our Governing Body for about ten years and in that capacity he shewed the great administrative gifts which he possessed in addition to his wide learning. He took a great interest and share in the work of choosing a new Headmaster in 1913. The Selecting Committee met in his rooms at Christ Church and the appointment was made in a room at that College which he was able to place at the disposal of his fellow Governors. When, in the middle of the War, the School was threatened with financial difficulties, he generously devoted many hours of his scant leisure time to considering and advising on the situation: and the School is deeply indebted to him both for this and for the consistent aid which he gave with characteristic energy and ability.

A volume of particular interest to O.A.'s entitled "The Annals of Public School Rowing" will be published before long by Mr. B. H. Blackwell of Broad Street, Oxford. The Editor, Mr. L. Cecil Smith—of Radley, Merton College, Oxford, and Leander; President of St. Paul's School Boat Club—has collected accounts by expert authorities of the history of Rowing at Eton, Radley, Shrewsbury, Bedford, Bedford Modern, St. Paul's, Westminster, Beaumont, Winchester, Cheltenham, Tonbridge, The King's School, Canterbury, Haileybury, Oundle, Durham, Merchant Taylors', Christ's Hospital, Magdalen College School, St. Edward's, Monkton Combe, Abingdon, Emmanuel, together with accounts of all Public School events at Regattas, including the 1919 Henley, and summaries of events in which other schools—such as King's School, Worcester, Hereford and St. Mark's, Windsor competed in the past. Its price is 15/- net.

The following have been made School Prefects:—E. H. Blacknell, L. C. George, H. V. Stovell.

Football Colours have been awarded to S. R. Buckle, E. H. Blacknell, R. B. Morland.

The Abingdonian Committee this term is composed of the following:—C. M. Humfrey, R. E. Eason, E. O. Hills, E. H. Blacknell, G. N. Carter, and M. T. Perks (Editor).

E. O. Hills is Head of the House this term, and E. H. Blacknell is Librarian.

A Confirmation was held this term on November 23rd by the new Bishop of Oxford at St. Helen's Church. The following were confirmed from Abingdon School:—L. C. George, A. C. Mackinnon, C. E. H. Dolphin, J. E. F. Meadmore, T. F. T. Morland, R. C. F. Saxby, E. R. Barber, H. W. Franklin, P. Venables, D. G. Lucas, J. D. L. Robinson, G. L. Thatcher, E. Harris, G. W. Matthews,

E. A. Randell, W. G. Sherratt, K. Cleave, F. Taylor, H. S. D. Stiles, R. L. Williams.

R. E. Eason has been elected Football Captain, and E. H. Blacknell Hon. Sec.

Dancing Classes have been held this term and very satisfactory progress has been made in the new dances. After half-term, ladies were invited to the classes, and the pleasure of their company and the assistance rendered us in learning to dance have been much appreciated by all.

In the N.R.A. Challenge Shield Competition we did slightly better last term than was at first apparent. Upon revision of the targets at Headquarters the team was credited an average score of 50.2, which has earned for the Corps a small grant towards the cost of ammunition.

The School Dance will be held on Saturday, December 13th, and the School Concert on Tuesday, December 16th.

This term ends on Thursday, December 18th, and next term commences on Friday, January 16th. Boarders return on the previous day.

SALVETE.

V a.—J. H. Farné.

V b.—R. G. Spencer.

Remove.—C. R. Davidge.

III.—C. E. Lowe, H. W. Sowdon, K. W. Glasson, W. J. Smith, N. P. Wiggins, A. J. Williams, K. L. Aldridge, J. Grout, T. R. Pollard.

II.—J. A. Squire, A. J. Cooper, K. N. Halliday, P. S. Parker, A. M. Thatcher.

VALETE.

VI. Form.—

C. V. Davidge (1913-19) School Prefect 1917-19; Head of School and Senior House Prefect 1918; 1st XI. Cricket

1917-19; Colours 1918; 1st XI. Football 1918; 1st Four Rowing 1916-19; Colours 1916; Captain 1918 & 1919; Sergt.-Major O.T.C. 1918; O.S.L. (1st Class Honours) Distinction in Latin and Greek, 1917; Higher School Certificate (Classics) 1918 (Distinction in Latin); Meredith Greek and Latin Prizes 1919; Pembroke Scholarship 1919.

J. E. A. Clark (1916-19) School Prefect 1918; 2nd IV. Rowing 1918; 2nd XI. Cricket 1918; 2nd XI. Football 1917; 1st XI. Football 1918; O.S.L. (1st Class Honours) 1917; H.S.C. (Maths.) 1918.

F. Miller-Meacock (1917-19) 1st IV. Rowing 1919; 2nd XI. Football 1917 and 1918; O.S.L. 1918; Half-Rowing Colours 1919.

V a. Form.—G. F. F. Miles (1916-19) School Prefect 1918; 1st XI. Cricket 1917-19; Colours 1918; Captain 1919; 1st XI. Football 1916; Colours 1917; Captain 1918.

V a. Form.—G. A. Stacey (1913-19) 1st XI. Football 1917; Colours 1918; 1st XI. Cricket 1918; Colours 1919.

F. B. Glenny (1917-19) 2nd XI. Football 1918; Half-Rowing Colours 1919.

V. Carpenter (1916-1919).

V b. Form.—

H. C. Taylor (1915-19).

A. E. Wiggins (1915-19).

H. V. Pilbrow (1917-19) 2nd XI.

Football 1918; 1st XI. Cricket 1919.

H. T. Haynes (1914-19) 1st IV. Cox 1916-19; Colours 1916.

V. H. Miller (1918-19).

Remove.—

F. Gerring (1917-19).

W. N. Thatcher (1916-19).

H. R. Kitto (1916-19).

III. Form.—

R. J. L. Lay (1918-19).

R. H. Riddolls (1917-19).

R. C. Edwards (1917-19).

ABINGDONIAN ACCOUNTS.

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Sale of July Number	1	5	6
Boarders	1	7	6
Governors' Cheque	3	6	8
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	£	s.	d.
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