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EDITORIAL.

Beginning with this number the price of the magazine will in future be 1s. per number instead of the former (average) price of 8d. At the same time the size has had to be made less; these steps have been taken with great regret, but no other course is possible. Only about 60 out of over 200 members of the O.A. club have at present troubled to send the annual subscription which under the new arrangement was fixed at 3s. to the O.A. secretary. With a reduced circulation and printing expenses as high as ever, the future of the "Abingdonian" is full of difficulty.

We give a hearty welcome to Mr. A. S. Walker who has joined the staff this term and has taken over the command of the O.T.C.

WAR MEMORIAL.

The War Memorial Committee at a meeting held on March 15th, discussed the question of carrying out the building of the Memorial Wing. It was found that the recent rise in prices had increased the estimated cost by at least a thousand pounds. It was therefore decided to wait for further funds before starting to build, and meanwhile to invest the money lying at the Bank.

We strongly urge those Old Boys who have not already done so, to send their contributions to the Fund. It is recognised by Governors, Masters and Old Boys alike, that the New Building is of the greatest importance to the welfare of the School. And considering the large number of Old Boys who are scattered throughout the country, it does not seem too much to expect that we shall speedily be able to raise this necessary thousand pounds and so carry the work to completion. Contributions should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, War Memorial Fund, School House, Abingdon, Berks.

ROWING.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

After the restricted and difficult conditions of the previous years, it was hoped that rowing would regain the enthusiasm of pre-war days. The weather certainly gave no cause for complaint, while the absence of floods made the task of coaching from both "tub" and bank a comparatively safe, if not entirely pleasurable occupation. On but rare occasions were the waters of the Reach lively enough to necessitate a canvas or test severely the watermanship of our inexperienced oars.

Tubbing was begun at once in the hope of discovering some "promise" from the scanty ranks of novices. One "colour" and one "half colour" was all the experienced material on which to build up a crew, and early efforts proved somewhat discouraging. After a fortnight the tub four was manned

with Eason i., stroke; Newbury, Stovell and George; but it was found necessary to substitute Blacknell for Stovell, and that revised order was kept for the remainder of the training. After only a few days in the "Blue Four"—which did not suit us, on February 14th we migrated to the "John Roysse," and began serious training to meet Magdalen College School on February 28th.

Our annual fixture with the O.A.'s. was arranged for March 3rd, and a race against Sutton Courtenay Lodge on March 5th.

With this programme in view the principal work consisted of long paddles to get the crew together, and our only practice course on the Reach—rowed on February 19th—against a strong stream took 4mins. 4secs.

We deeply regret C. M. Humfrey's inability to row, but his services in filling up gaps were invaluable; so too his care of the junior crews. It is no easy task for a coach to look after three crews at one and the same time. Any O.A. rowing enthusiast who cares to offer his assistance in this respect will find a ready welcome.

We owe a debt of gratitude to J. N. Sanders of Pembroke College for coming over, at much personal inconvenience, twice a week to help; also to J. Knowles who visited us after the arduous labours of the Torpids.

Unfortunately it was not possible to fix a race for the Second Four—which was made up of the following:—

Bow, E. R. Barber; 2, G. T. Eason; 3, H. V. Stovell; stroke, R. B. H. Morlands; cox, A. H. K. Stevens.

(They certainly worked hard and made their boat move well. Their paddling was much superior to their rowing, in which they invariably became hurried, short and unsteady. "Bow" enjoyed the distinction of being substitute for the O.A.'s. and deserves commendation for his endurance and pluck.

A Third Four, consisting of bow, E. C. Beaven; 2, E. O. Hills; 3, N. A. Carr; stroke, S. L. Buckle; cox, F. Sinclair; shows promise, but owing to lack of individual attention failed to make very perceptible improvement.

There is a distinct dearth of "tubbing" material. Owing either to inability to "pass the test," or "doctor's orders" the selection of embryo oarsmen is very restricted. Excluding all below the age of 15, there remain 40 "possibles"—to become the "probables" of some future years.

The "First Four."—The first crew was singularly fortunate in the matter of training. For three days Stroke was hunting a scholarship at Pembroke College, and "three" was also laid up in the early part of the same week, but with C. M. Humfrey to fill up vacancies the training suffered no serious inconvenience. To safeguard against casualties, it was thought advisable to keep the whole "Second" Four as spare men, so as to occupy their respective positions in the first crew, if called upon.

Though not a pretty crew, the First certainly possessed many sterling qualities; their perseverance, liking for hard work, and willingness to work together as "a crew" counteracted many

of their individual faults: Buoyancy of spirit in the face of caustic criticism rendered them agreeable and interesting. The severest censure falls upon their blade work—their fondness for rowing deep, splashing, and uneven feather. The recovery was somewhat lacking, and they were slow in getting the hands away. During long paddles they were apt to lose life; when rowing, to become short and hurried, but their improvement was most conspicuous in the last week, and they readily responded to the coach's call for "increased output."

Abingdon School v. Magdalen College School, Oxford. This fixture arranged for March 28th was unfortunately scratched at the eleventh hour, owing to our opponents' inability to raise a crew. The race was to have taken place at Oxford, from Weirs Bridge to Last Post, over a course of about 1,500 yards. The previous Wednesday we took the boat up by river; the Second Four rowing to Sandford where they were relieved by the First Crew. The news that there would be no race proved a keen disappointment; and on the Saturday the First Crew paddled the seven odd miles from Oxford.

Abingdon School v. Old Abingdonians.—Rowed March 3rd on Culham Reach, Won by the School by one length, time 3mins. 47secs. With two of the O.A. crew rowing respectively "stroke" and "seven" in the Pembroke Torpids and F. Parker at "2," the School scarcely expected to come out victorious without a fierce struggle. But

the O.A.'s. were unlucky in losing their "bow," and were obliged to make use of "bow" in our Second Four as substitute. Moreover they had been unable to practice together, and their superiority as "oars" was counterbalanced by superiority of training.

The O.A.'s. won the toss, and chose the Berkshire station. The School got away smartly and were a length ahead at the end of the first minute, maintaining this lead until the end. The O.A.'s. spurted but failed to make much impression; though on a longer course they might have worn down our faster stroke.

The "John Roysse" flew from the bows a dainty flag made and presented by Miss Cope, to whom we offer our grateful thanks.

The following represented the Old Boys: bow, E. R. Barber; 2, F. Parker; 3, C. V. Davidge; stroke, J. Knowles; cox, J. N. Sanders.

Abingdon School v. Sutton Courtenay Lodge.—Rowed March 5th, on Culham Reach. Won by Sutton Courtenay Lodge by half a length. Time 3 mins. 38 secs.

Much interest was aroused by the above fixture, which was a new event in the School's rowing programme.

Conditions were very favourable; a moderately fast stream was running, but a rather stiffer breeze than on Mar. 3rd was blowing off the Berkshire side of the Reach. The spin of the coin gave the School the Berkshire station and some slight shelter; but owing to a very poor start all these small

advantages were speedily lost. Sutton Courtenay Lodge gained some $\frac{1}{4}$ length in the first half minute, and the School was never able to make good, in spite of a very plucky struggle beyond the Big Trees, where there seemed a likelihood of holding them. Our opponents, however, spurted near the end and won one of the most interesting and exciting races of recent years. The School crew was the same as on the previous Wednesday. They improved their time by about 7 secs. Cox unfortunately did not take such a good course.

ROWING CHARACTERS.

L. C. GEORGE (Bow), 9 st. 1 lbs. Colours 1920. Has a somewhat stiff action and is rather apt to attribute faults to occult influences rather than human deficiencies. His great fault is a tendency to row the hands over into the chest rather than round, resulting in deepness and a cramped position of the shoulders. Is apt to be short, but is quick and light, which in bow are eminently desirable qualities.

E. BLACKNELL (2), 10 st. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Colours 1920. Must learn to be lighter in every respect. Does not turn off the feather soon enough and is often very deep and wastes much energy. Has not yet mastered the art of getting firmly settled on the feet when over the stretcher, nor of applying an even pressure with both legs. Has however worked hard and invariably trowed himself out, which is a sure sign of the right spirit and half the battle. The finesse should be easily acquired.

A. J. NEWBURY (3), 11 st. 4½ lbs. Colours 1920. A painstaking 'three' who works well with 'stroke.' Is apt to lie back too far at the finish and so is late on the recovery with a consequent bucket forward. Does not realize fully that he must assimilate his swing to that of the man in front of him. Must try too to be lighter. Has plenty of power and stamina.

R. E. EASON (Stroke), Captain, 11 st. 7½ lbs. Colours 1918-19-20. A pretty oar with the ideal build for a stroke. Has a good beginning and uses judgment in leading his crew. Does not make sufficient use of his body swing and hence is short in the water. Must swing well over and hold out the stroke at the finish. Has, however, learnt to accentuate the beginning and recovery well and has a good idea of rhythm. Shows very great promise; manages his crew excellently.

C. ELLIS (Cox), 5 st. 13 lbs. Colours 1920. With a voice like 'Menclaus of the loud war-cry,' has proved a great success. Steers well and does not lose his head in a race. Might be more alive to the collective faults of the crew and 'jump on them' whenever they slacken. Experience will teach him not to rely too much on stroke, but to act on his own initiative.

After four years of service, during which the School boat was undefeated, Mr. Perks has resigned his task of coaching and has taken up O.T.C. work, and Mr. Bevir has had the care of the rowing throughout this season. The success of the crew this year has been

largely due to his enthusiastic and patient coaching.

FOOTBALL.

The usual sixes took place this year though under a different arrangement. The School now being divided into sides—Green, Blue and Red—each side produced its own sixes. This caused much more keenness than usual.

In both Senior and Junior, the Reds came out victorious.

Winning senior six : Winning junior six :

Steele I. (Capt.)	Wright II. (Capt.)
Robinson.	Hookle
Rowlandson.	Shallard I.
Bush.	Lowe.
Weaver.	Pollard.
Thatcher.	Burke.

The points were as follows:—

Senior.—Steele I. (Red)	11
Beaven (Blue)	10
Meadmore (Green)	10
McFarlane (Green)	9
Smeeth II. (Red)	9
Cox (Blue)	8
Jamieson (Red)	6
Williams I. (Blue)	4
May (Green)	4
Junior.—Wright II. (Red)	14
Staniland (Blue)	10
Snell (Green)	9
Prince (Red)	6
Davidge (Blue)	5
Miles II. (Red)	5
Dawson (Blue)	4
Aldridge (Green)	3

THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The School Sports were held on Saturday, March 13th. In spite of very cold and rainy weather, quite a large number of spectators were present, and the afternoon's programme was carried out without a hitch. Much excitement was caused by the competition for the Challenge Cup between the three 'sides,' (into which the School has been divided for athletic purposes), Blue, Green and Red, which culminated in the Relay Races at the end of the programme.

The Steeplechases were held this year on the Tuesday after the Sports, and the Miles were run on the usual day, viz., the Tuesday before the Sports.

Prizes were awarded this year for the first time for several years, and were given to the winners of each event, and also to the seconds in the Miles, Half-Miles, Quarters and Steeplechases. Mrs. C. R. Scott very kindly consented to distribute them on the day of the Sports.

PROGRAMME.

Long Jump (open) Challenge Cup presented by A. Stockton, Esq., O.A.

Prize presented by General J. T. Wigan.

1. I. Williams.
2. C. V. Stovell. Dist. 15ft. 9in.

Long Jump (under 15) Prize presented by W. R. Portal, Esq., O.A.

1. C. Ellis.
2. R. W. Snell. Dist. 13ft. 11in.

High Jump (open) Prize presented by H. T. Clarke, Esq.

1. N. A. Carr.
2. E. R. Barber. Height 5ft. 0in.

High Jump (under 15) Prize presented by R. W. Langford, Esq., Mayor of Abingdon.

1. { B. W. L. Buckland.
C. Ellis. Height 3ft. 11in.

Hurdles (open) Prize presented by W. T. Morland, Esq., O.A.

1. E. H. Blacknell.
2. R. E. Eason.

Time 19 4-5th secs.

Hurdles (under 16) Prize presented by W. E. S. Carr, Esq.

1. { S. L. Buckle.
N. A. Carr. Time 18 2-5th.
secs.

100 Yards (under 12) Prize presented by J. G. T. West, Esq., O.A.

1. K. L. Aldridge.
2. N. C. Wood. Time 14 sec.

100 Yards (under 15) Prize presented by H. Donkin, Esq., and Mrs. Donkin.

1. T. F. T. Morland.
2. C. Ellis. Time 13 4-5th secs.

100 Yards (open) Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Price. Prize presented by J. F. Downing, Esq.

1. E. R. Barber.
2. E. H. Blacknell. Time 11 2-5th.

220 Yards Handicap (under 13) Prize presented by Sir G. Dashwood, Bart.

1. K. L. Aldridge.
2. C. R. Wright. Time 30 secs.

Quarter-Mile (under 15) Prizes presented by Bromley Challenor, Esq., O.A.

1. C. Ellis.
2. B. W. L. Buckland. Time 7 1 sec.

Quarter-Mile (open) Challenge Cup
presented by W. Pierpoint, Esq.
Prizes presented by H. S. Chal-
lenor, Esq., O.A., and J. H. E.
Morland, Esq., O.A.

1. E. R. Barber.
2. E. H. Blacknell.

Time 60 2-5th secs.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (open) Prize
presented by M. T. Tatham, Esq.

1. S. L. Buckle.
2. A. J. Newbury.

Dist. 83yds. 1ft. 5in.

Half-Mile Handicap Prizes presented
by H. P. Simpson, Esq., O.A.
and W. A. Rudd, Esq.

1. A. J. Newbury.
2. E. C. Beaven.
3. W. G. Sherratt.

Time 2min. 20 4-5th secs.

Putting the Weight (16lbs.) (open)
Prize presented by J. T. Mor-
land, Esq.

1. H. V. Stovell.
2. R. E. Eason. Dist. 24ft. 5in.

Relay Race (open).

1. BLUE.

- R. E. Eason.
- E. H. Blacknell.
- A. J. Newbury.
- I. Williams.
- K. Cleave.
- G. T. Eason.
- C. E. H. Dolphin.
- E. C. Beaven.

2. GREEN.

- C. H. Humfrey.
- E. O. Hills.
- J. E. F. Meadmore.

- L. A. Lloyd.
- S. L. Buckle.
- N. A. Carr.
- C. S. Morland.
- R. L. C. Footitt.

Relay Race (junior).

1. GREEN.

- T. F. T. Morland.
- J. F. Sinclair.
- E. V. Crook.
- F. L. Kitto.
- C. Ellis.
- D. Jenkins.
- W. J. Smith.
- K. L. Aldridge.

2. BLUE.

- C. R. Davidge.
- S. F. Wiggins.
- G. S. Sturrock.
- K. T. Wood.
- A. H. K. Stevens.
- W. H. Stevens.
- E. C. Castle.
- G. W. Salisbury.

One Mile Race (open) Challenge Cup
presented by Mrs. Burkett.
Prizes presented by T. Skurray,
Esq.

1. E. R. Barber.
2. E. H. Blacknell.
3. A. J. Newbury.

Time 5min. 28 4-5th secs.

One Mile Race (under 15). Prizes
presented by A. W. Morland,
Esq., O. A., and G. Saxby, Esq.

1. C. Ellis.
2. C. R. Davidge.
3. S. F. Wiggins. Time 6min. 6sec.

Steeplechase (open) Prizes presented by E. M. Challenor, Esq., O.A., and C. A. Price, Esq.

1. E. O. Hills.
2. A. J. Newbury.
3. K. Cleave.

Time 11 min. 41 4-5th secs.

Steeplechase (under 14).

1. C. Ellis.
2. L. C. Staines.
3. G. W. Salisbury.

Time 6 min. 2 1-5th secs.

The "Side" Challenge Cup (presented by the Ladies of Abingdon) was won by Green.

The "Heber Clarke" Challenge Cup was won by E. R. Barber.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

The Annual School Concert was held on the 16th of December, 1919, in the Gymnasium—which was very prettily decorated for the occasion—before a large and appreciative audience. It consisted mainly of Part Songs by the School Choir, assisted by a small Orchestra, which contributed four interesting items; the most popular being the Serenade by Widor. Among the Part Songs, the favourite was "Jerusalem"; the first verse of which was sung as a Solo by Mr. Bevir and the second as a Chorus, in which the audience were requested to join. This received an enthusiastic encore. The two Treble Unison Songs were very prettily sung; "The Shepherds" being especially pleasing. Among the soloists, MacKinnon played two of Schumann's Papillons and responded to an encore

with a third. Mr. Bevir was as popular as ever with his song "Jack Briton" repeating it as an encore. The Piano Duet, "Norwegian Dance" by Grieg, was much appreciated, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed Farne's finished and brilliant rendering of Coleridge-Taylor's "Waltz" No. 3, from "Four Characteristic Waltzes," to an enthusiastic encore of which he replied with No. 1 from the same set.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. A Passing Serenade *Provincy.*
The Orchestra.
2. Part Song—"Off to the Cruise"
Stanford.
3. Piano Solo—"Papillons"
Schumann.
A. C. MacKinnon.
4. Unison Song—"Nymphs & Shepherds"
Purcell.
Trebles.
5. Song—"Jack Briton"
Squire,
Mr. Bevir.
6. Suite, *Saint George.*
The Orchestra.
7. Carol "In Dulci Jubilo" *arranged*
by Pearsall.

PART II.

1. Piano Duet—"Norwegian Dance"
Grieg.
A. C. MacKinnon and J. H. Farne.
2. Song—"The Shepherds" *Cornelius.*
Trebles.
3. Suite, *Olsen.*
The Orchestra.
4. Part Song—"Viking Song"
Coleridge-Taylor.

5. Piano Solo—"Waltz" *Coleridge-Taylor.*
J. H. Farne.
6. Serenade, *Widor.*
7. Song—"Jerusalem" *Parry.*
The Orchestra.
Solo and Chorus.
GOD SAVE THE KING.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On February 4th, Mr. Memory was called upon to propose that in the opinion of this House "Country life is preferable to Town life."

Mr. Eason seconded, and Mr. Blacknell opposed the motion.

The following members also spoke:

Pro.: Messrs. J. Harding, C. M. Humfrey, G. N. Carter, J. Y. Ingham.

Con.: Messrs. J. D. May, H. V. Stovell, J. E. F. Meadmore, L. C. George, D. G. Lucas, E. O. Hills.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 17 votes to 12.

On February 11th, Mr. Humfrey was called upon to propose that in the opinion of this House, "A modern education is better than a classical education." Mr. Blacknell seconded, and Mr. Hills opposed the motion.

The following also spoke:

Pro.: Messrs. F. T. A. Smith, R. L. C. Foottit, C. E. H. Dolphin, J. E. F. Meadmore.

Con.: Messrs. J. Harding, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, W. Memory, D. G. Lucas,

J. F. Sinclair, W. M. Grundy, R. E. Eason. On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 18 votes to 8.

On February 18th, there was an impromptu debate which caused great amusement to all.

The motions spoken upon were the following: "That in the opinion of this House, Ghosts are a menace to society."

And "That in the opinion of this House, a bicycle without a chain is of more use than a chain without a bicycle."

The first of these two motions was lost by 15 votes to 10; while the second motion was carried by 17 votes to 8.

On March 3rd, Mr. Blacknell was called upon to propose that in the opinion of this House, "Football is better than Cricket."

Mr. Hills opposed and Mr. Foottit seconded the motion.

The following members also spoke:

Pro.: Mr. Lucas.

Con.: Messrs. C. V. Davidge, J. Knowles.

Neutral: Mr. Eason.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried by 17 votes to 6.

On March 10th, Mr. Dolphin read a most interesting paper on Astronomy.

It was clear that he had taken great trouble to condense such a large subject and yet deal with as much of it as possible in the time.

The following members asked him questions which he answered to the

satisfaction of all: Messrs. R. E. Eason, E. H. Blacknell, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, C. M. Humfrey, E. O. Hills, H. V. Stovell, R. L. C. Footitt.

Mr. Ingham also addressed the House.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Grundy and seconded by Mr. Humfrey and was carried unanimously.

This is the first year since 1914 that there have been any meetings of the Literary, Scientific and Debating Society and its revival has been welcomed by all.

Members have attended debates with great regularity and there has seldom been any lack of speakers.

Mr. E. J. P. Ross-Barker has been elected Vice-President, and Messrs. J. Knowles, J. N. Sanders, C. V. Davidge have been elected life members.

It is to be hoped that now the Society has been set on its feet once more, it will be kept going as it was during the years preceding the war.

O.T.C.

At the end of last term the Corps was unfortunate in losing the services of its Commanding Officer, Capt. H. A. L. Donkin, M.C.

Naturally, therefore, under fresh officers (Mr. Walker and Mr. Perks), we began the new term's work with those disadvantages which attend changes in command. The work, however, has gone on much as usual, and

only on two occasions has the programme of parades been interrupted.

For the most part we have spent our time on Company Drill and extended order work in the School Grounds, with sufficient manual to keep us up to the mark. On the whole the spirit of the Corps has been good, discipline is well observed in the ranks, and the Company bears itself very steadily on parade.

Individual cadets have had practice in commanding the Company, under supervision. In this connection the O.C. has a grumble to make. Cadets must bear in mind that they are being trained with a view to qualifying as officers, not as rank and file. They should therefore feel it their duty to acquire a thorough knowledge at least of Platoon and Company Drill at the earliest opportunity. Cadet N.C.O's. certainly should never be caught fumbling about over an ordinary command. They should also try to cultivate a good voice of command and a good carriage.

The Signalling Section has had some practice, chiefly with flags, under the command of Mr. Perks.

On 2nd March, we took part in a Field Day on Hinksey Hill. We formed the extreme left of a brigade attacking from S. Hinksey in the direction of Chilswell Farm. The weather was kind to us; we attacked vastly superior forces with great heroism and gallantly drove them back, though their lines of defence simply bristled with machine guns; and though an excess of enthusiasm may have led one or two of us into unduly muddy places, we joyfully fired our blanks strictly

according to the Section Commanders' direction and finally marched back to Oxford in the best of spirits, to look forward to our next day out.

Next term, musketry will take up a large part of the attention of the Corps.

BIRTH.

PERKS.—March 19th at St. Helen's Nursing Home, Abingdon, Maybell, (*née* Hughes) wife of M. T. Perks— of a daughter.

O.A. NOTES.

The address of H. A. L. Donkin (London Secretary) is:—

27 Oxford Road, Ealing.

We have heard from R. G. Rice, who is still in France. We regret that he has temporarily given up athletics, under the doctor's orders.

W. A. Enoch is in Germany.

We have heard from A. C. Mac Kinnon, who seems to be enjoying himself in spite of intensive medical studies.

P. W. Morley was last heard of in the wilds of Norfolk; we believe he will shortly join his peace station with the Royal Warwicks in Ireland.

Our sympathy is due to T. Roylands-Smith who has accidentally lost one eye. Our best wishes go with him for the future.

We have heard from A. S. B. ^PRayne, F. Edey, G. J. H. Ingold and I. S. R. Miles.

The Committee would like to thank all O.A.'s. who have shown their interest

in the welfare of School and Club by supporting the Abingdonian in the present financial crisis.

The O. A. Committee is as follows:—
G. W. Shepherd, James Townsend, A. W. Morland, H. P. Simpson, B. J. Bury, J. N. Sanders.

The O.A. Cricket Match will be held on June 19th, and will be followed at night by a Club Dinner. Information as to the latter will be issued later.

P. L. Howard has been appointed an Assistant Inspector of Taxes at Bristol.

Oswald Couldrey is home from India on a prolonged furlough in search of health.

Leslie A. Lewis is studying engineering at Bristol.

E. B. W. Chappelow has an educational appointment under the London County Council.

Willoughby Weaving has a tragedy in blank verse entitled "Algazel" coming out with Messrs. Elkin Matthews.

We have just heard from R. Haywood who went out to Calcutta at the end of last year to take up a business appointment. He had been to La Martinière College to see W. R. C. Adcock and had also met T. Johnston who is now Chief Officer on board the s.s. "Ozarda."

OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

"Sunt lacrimae rerum," or to put my meaning precisely, I have, I fear, but little to say.

However to proceed to my theme, heartiest congratulations to E. O. Hills on winning the "Pemmy"; we look forward with great pleasure to his arrival in October.

Despite my touching quotation, Sir, the time has not altogether been uneventful, what with dinners, riots and the Election to our College of the Senior Proctor.

As to more intimate news, J. N. Sanders has joined the happy band of lawyers, and we are expecting at least a B.C.L. He has also proved invaluable to the Boat Club as a Coach.

Toggers' with their attendant forcible feeding have tried us to the uttermost, but we absolutely deny that the lack of success was due to the inclusion in the boat of two O.A.'s.

We understand that C. V. Davidge is studying Honour Mods. with a passionate fervour that has never been surpassed in the annals of the College.

We have but one further incident to relate, namely that since we, ourselves, have left the Soccer team it has never lost a match. The coincidence is curious.

Before closing we must offer a word of thanks to the Boat Captain, as a humble appreciation of his undoubted ability in parloining our rowing socks.

With very best wishes to yourself and all your readers, we are dear Mr. Editor.

Yours,

C.A.

SALVETE.

- III.—Jenkins, D. Shallard, S. W. D.
 II.—Shallard, H. D., Shallard, W. D.,
 Cole, F. M., Howes, D., Burke, B. W.,
 Sharpe, R. J.

VALETE.

- VI.—Mackinnon, A. C. (Sept. 1917-Xmas 1919), 2nd XI., Football, 1917-19; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1918-19; O.S.L. 1918.

- VB.—Venables P. (April 1916-Xmas 1919); Wykeham-Martin, E. F. (Jan. 1918-Xmas 1919).

- Remove.—Parry, J. S. (Sept. 1918-Xmas 1919).

- III.—Grout, J. (Sept. 1919-Jan. 1920).

- II.—Lintern, J. S. (April 1919-Xmas 1919).

SCHOOL NOTES.

Rowing Colours have been awarded to L. C. George, A. J. Newbury, E. H. Blacknell; Half Colours to E. R. Barber and Colours for Coxing to C. Ellis.

Athletics Colours have been awarded to I. Williams, A. J. Newbury, N. A. Carr, E. H. Blacknell, S. L. Buckle, E. O. Hills; Half Colours to L. C. George.

C. M. Humphrey has been elected Hon. Secretary of the Literary, Scientific and Debating Society, and R. E. Eason, Hon. Treasurer.

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

R. E. Eason has been elected Captain of Rowing.

Miss Cope has kindly presented the School with a hand-worked flag for "The Four."

E. O. Hills has won the Pembroke Scholarship.

The following O.A.'s. have visited the School: J. Knowles, C. V. Davidge, H. A. L. Donkin, J. N. Sanders, W. Lupton.

The Sports Committee is as follows: (*ex-officio*) E. H. Blacknell, R. E. Eason; (elected) C. M. Humfrey, E. R.

Barber, N. A. Carr, S. L. Buckle, G. L. Dawson, H. D. Shallard.

By kind permission of Mr. Crossland, the VI. and VA. Forms have been shown over the local Gasworks.

"The Annals of Public School Rowing," which includes a chapter on Abingdon School has been very kindly presented to the library by W. F. Morland, Esq., O.A.

One anecdote of Abingdon rowing included in the book proved of sufficient interest to be quoted at length by a reviewer in the "Saturday Westminster."

This term ends on Friday, March 26th, and next term begins on Tuesday, April 27th. Boarders return on the previous day.

