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EDITORIAL.

THIS number is the seventeenth for which the present Editor has been responsible. It is also the last. During the last six years he has often railed at the labour demanded of him, almost invariably on publication he has perceived himself with sadness how much better each issue might have been and the friends of the magazine have constantly and candidly revealed to him the errors of his editing. After all this he is sure that there are few things more interesting than the production of a school magazine even though average opinion may probably hold that to the reader, there are few things less exciting!

A school magazine has to be on the one hand a literary nursery and on the other a kind of almanac. The Editor has sometimes been freely blamed for making it a sort of crèche for infant authors and sometimes for making it a mere sporting chronicle. It is hard to please all. To another charge he pleads guilty; there ought to be a better "news service" for O.A.'s and their doings. For this however he has been entirely dependent on the O.A. secretary and those friends of the school who have been kind enough to send him information. His successor, Mr. Ross-Barker, whose connection with the school is much earlier and who has previously edited the

magazine will probably be able to make an improvement in this and in many other respects. At the same time it is worth pointing out that at present the support given by O.A.'s to the magazine is not good in proportion to their numbers and just now many more copies go to the present than to the past members of the school.

The Editor has been well content to be at Abingdon School and he takes leave with great regret of all his friends among boys and masters.

M.T.P.

ROY SSE'S DAY.

Founder's Day at Abingdon School was observed on Friday, June 18th, and, after a week of thunderstorms, the proceedings were favoured by fine weather. A service was held in St. Helen's Church, where the customary tribute was paid to the memory of John Roysse, upon whose tomb flowers were placed. The service was sung by the Rev. J. H. Kirkby, the School Chaplain, and the lesson was read by the Headmaster (Mr. W. M. Grundy). Stanford's Magnificat and an anthem, "Hymn to the Trinity" (Tschaikovsky), were well rendered by the School choir, who had been trained by Miss Couldrey, and Mr. F. K. Couldrey was the organist. The preacher, the Master of Pembroke, chose for his text Psalm lxxxix., 1, "My song shall be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord" (the motto of the Abingdon School). After speaking briefly of the history of Roysse's School, Dr. Dudden dis-

cussed the question, "What is the end, the final aim of an English public school?" In his view the great outstanding object of such a school was to impress upon all who came within the range of its influence a certain peculiar type of character, which might be described as "the public school type of character." This character was distinguished by three unmistakable notes or marks—manliness, public spirit, reverence for truth. In dealing with the second of these, the preacher took occasion to refer to the services rendered by masters and boys of Roysse's School during the war, and paid a tribute to the memory of the 73 members of the School who had given their lives for their country. He ended by urging on the present members the duty of being faithful to the public school ideal, and so doing their part to maintain that good name which Roysse's School has hitherto borne in the educational history of England.

Subsequently a short service was held in the School Chapel, where the Master of Pembroke dedicated a memorial brass set up in the chapel in memory of Old Boys and Masters who fell in the war, more than seventy names being inscribed upon the tablet.

The Prize Distribution took place in the Gymnasium, and a large number of parents and friends were present. Mr. J. Herbert Benyon, Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire and Chairman of the School Governors, presided, and accompanying him on the platform were the Master of Pembroke, Alderman J. T. Morland, Mr. R. W. Langford (Mayor

of Abingdon), the Headmaster, and Mr. W. T. Morland (Clerk to the Governors).

The Headmaster, having been called upon by the Chairman for his report, said it was with great pleasure that they welcomed on each anniversary of Royse's Day the many friends and supporters of the school; and on that day particularly they did so, for it was not only the refounding of the school in the year 1563 that they were commemorating, but the founding of it again in the present generation upon the rock of self-sacrifice and devotion. So many of their best in upholding the old traditions of their race, the traditions nurtured in their Public Schools, had left them in their prime. They knew with the poet that:

"It is not growing like a tree
In bulk, doth make man better be;
A lily of a day
Is fairer far in May,
Although it fall and die that night;
It was the plant and flower of light."

But at times like this, when amid their rejoicings at the victory they counted the cost, it was the presence of friends that supported them—friends who could sympathise with their loss, and who could encourage them to push forward with renewed vigour to face the problems which still demanded courage and self-sacrifice, the trained intellect, and the habit of vigorous and united work. He would give them a brief survey of the school's activities in the past year. It had been a successful year. The school house had been full; they

had been compelled to refuse some thirty boarders, and could not expand further until they were able to raise the rest of the fund for the new buildings, the plans of which were on exhibition. They needed about £1,000 before they could actually start to build. The School had been inspected by the Board of Education, who sent three of their experts to examine into the work being done; and they went so far in their report as to congratulate the Governors and the Town on the state of things which they found. They mentioned incidentally that the proposed addition to the building would be a most valuable improvement—(applause). In October last the death of the eminent historian, Professor Haverfield, deprived the Governing Body of one of its most prominent members. It was in Professor Haverfield's rooms at Christ Church that he was first introduced to the School Governors, and since then the Professor's active interest and the generous way in which he gave his time and ability to promoting the welfare of the School, had been of the greatest service. He might also mention that an interesting memoir of another well-known Governor of the School, the late Sir William Anson, had recently been compiled by the Bishop of Hereford. There had been some changes in the staff of masters. Mrs. Watson left them last summer. Capt. Donkin was with them for the Christmas term, and then to their regret left the scholastic ranks to take up other work in London. Mr. A. S. Walker had joined them from Exeter College, and now commanded the Officers' Training

Corps. As headmaster, he took this opportunity of expressing the gratitude which the School owed to his colleagues on the staff. It was to their ability and unselfish work that the success of the School was so greatly due. In the class-room their knowledge, their experience, and their powers of teaching, bore ample fruit, and they dispensed an invigorating influence into every department of the many-sided school life. In the Oxford Local Examinations the boys had done well. E. O. Hills had been awarded the Abingdon Scholarship at Pembroke College. Members of the Officers' Training Corps attended the Public Schools' camp at Tidworth Park last summer. In athletics the School had had a very satisfactory year, and the cricket eleven were shaping well. Mr. Benyon had kindly come to give away the prizes. It was as far back as 1902 that he consented to become a Governor of the School. It was he who opened in that year the wing of the school buildings, in which they were sitting. Six years later he became chairman of the Governors, and the School was most deeply indebted to him for the real personal interest he had taken in directing its destinies—(applause).

The Lord Lieutenant then presented the prizes to the under-mentioned boys, who were heartily applauded :

Form VI. : Upper Classical, E. O. Hills. Lower Classical, W. Memory. Mathematics, E. H. Blacknell. Physics, C. M. Humfrey.

Form Va., A. F. James ; Vb., D. G. Lucas ; Remove, G. M. G. McFarlane ;

III., S. W. D. Shallard ; II., H. D. Shallard.

Mathematics : Form Va., J. H. Farne ; Vb., E. V. Crook ; Remove, H. D. Stiles ; III., K. Glasson ; II., R. A. Witham.

Latin : Form Va., A. F. James ; Vb., D. G. Lucas ; Remove, S. L. Buckle ; III., S. W. D. Shallard.

Greek Prose : E. O. Hills.

Greek : Form Va., A. F. James ; Vb., D. G. Lucas and K. T. Wood ; Remove, C. R. Wright.

Chemistry : Upper VI., C. M. Humfrey ; Lower VI., S. J. Minkley ; Va., A. F. James ; Vb., K. T. Wood.

Latin Prose : R. E. Eason.

Divinity : Form VI., E. H. Blackwell.

French : Form VI., J. D. May.

Art : Senior, I. Williams ; Junior, W. G. Sherratt.

Singing : P. E. Rowlandson.

Writing : Form II., A. M. Thatcher.

The Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to the Preacher.

The Master of Pembroke, in acknowledging the compliment, said the connection between his College and the School had been a very close one, and eight of his predecessors had been boys at Abingdon School—(applause). They had also in residence some of the old Abingdon boys as scholars of Pembroke. Long might this happy connection continue ! He hoped it would be regarded with as much satisfaction by the School as it was by the College—(applause).

Alderman Morland proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and as senior Governor, he said he would like to bear witness to the great interest which Mr. Benyon always took in the School and the great assistance he was to the Governing body—(applause).

The Chairman, in reply, referred to the Headmaster's statement as to the inadequate accommodation. Every school and university, he said, seemed to be crowded out, and if the Principal of University College, Reading, was right in what he said at a meeting the other day—that it was a new England crying out for education—he hoped that Abingdon School would be able to give what the rising generation were asking for—(applause).

The Headmaster and Mrs. Grundy were afterwards at home to a large company in the School grounds, where tea was served and the Oxford City Military Band played selections.

PAST v. PRESENT ATHLETIC MEETING.

After a lapse of five years, the athletic meeting between the school and the O.A. club was revived on Saturday, March 20th. The weather was particularly favourable—some of the competitors were even heard to complain of the heat—and the large gathering of spectators appreciated it to the full.

The results were as follows:—

100 Yards.

1. H. A. L. Donkin, O.A.C.
2. J. Knowles, O.A.C.

Time 11 secs.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.

1. S. L. Buckle, A.S.A.C.
2. H. A. L. Donkin, O.A.C.
Distance 83yds. 2ft.

Long Jump.

1. H. A. L. Donkin, O.A.C.
2. J. Knowles, O.A.C.
Distance 18ft. 5ins.

High Jump.

1. H. A. L. Donkin, O.A.C.
2. E. R. Barber, A.S.A.C.
Height 4ft. 10ins.

Hurdles.

1. E. H. Blacknell, A.S.A.C.
2. R. E. Eason, A.S.A.C.

Quarter Mile.

1. E. R. Barber, A.S.A.C.
Time 58 3-5th.

Half Mile.

1. A. J. Newbury, A.S.A.C.
2. H. A. L. Donkin, O.A.C.
Time 2min. 20secs.

Putting the Weight.

1. H. V. Stone, O.A.C.
2. { H. V. Stovell, A.S.A.C.
R. E. Eason, A.S.A.C.
Distance 28ft. 9ins.

One Mile.

1. E. H. Blacknell, A.S.A.C.
2. E. O. Hills, A.S.A.C.
Time 5min. 24 secs.

Thus the meeting resulted in a win for the School by five points to four.

CRICKET.

Owing to the limited space allowed for our cricket news, the following is but a brief survey of the season's record. Of a total of 12 matches, 6 have been won, 5 lost, and 1 drawn. The 2nd XI. have not been so successful, for, whereas they have lost 4, they

have only won 2. Of the two matches the under 15 XI. have played, they won 1, and drew 1. The weather towards the end of the season, was very inclement, and spoilt no less than 5 matches.

Stovell and Humfrey have been fairly consistent, and Barber has made large scores on several occasions. Dolphin and Stovell have done most of the bowling, while Smeeth, who started off well, proved disappointing later in the season.

There is considerable talent in the Junior teams, and May, Beaven, McFarlane and Eason in the 2nd XI., and Spencer, Sinclair, and Sturrock in the under 15 XI. deserve a word of praise for the promising form they have shewn.

There has been much enthusiasm in the house matches this term, and the Reds who were victorious in the Juniors have yet to defeat the Greens in the Seniors to win the Challenge Cup. Mr. Grundy and Mr. Rudd have given us considerable help in the club matches while Mr. Perks has on several occasions given us his excellent services as umpire.

A.S.C.C. v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

Played Abingdon May 15th.

A.S.C.C.	
W. M. Grundy c O'Brien b Clarke	0
C. M. Humfrey b Clarke	4
E. H. Smeeth c Peterson b Plumptre	5
R. E. Eason b Clarke	0
C. E. H. Dolphin b Clarke	1
H. V. Stovell c Clarke b Plumptre	6
E. R. Barber c Pattison b Bubb	21
E. O. Hills c & b Plumptre	10
R. C. W. Waterhouse not out	4
A. J. Newbury run out	1
R. B. H. Morland b Bubb	0
Extras	7
Total	59

PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

Farrell c Morland b Dolphin	0
Peterson b Humfrey	49
Webster b Dolphin	20
O'Brien c Hills b Stovell	53
Tetley c Barber b Stovell	10
Pattison c Newbury b Humfrey	1
Dorey c Smeeth b Humfrey	5
Plumptre lbw b Stovell	2
Adams not out	0
Bubb and Ainscough did not bat	
Extras	15
Total	159

A.S.C.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL. Played at Oxford on May 19th.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

W. Yatt b Dolphin	8
Stephenson b Dolphin	17
Price c Stovell b Smeeth	13
Bayliss b Smeeth	0
Ellis c & b Smeeth	0
Tidoe b Smeeth	0
Gibbons b Dolphin	9
Herring b Dolphin	2
Adams c Stovell b Dolphin	2
Sawyer not out	14
Harris b Dolphin	0
Extras	2
Total	67

A.S.C.C.

C. M. Humfrey run out	2
E. H. Smeeth b Gibbons	9
C. E. H. Dolphin c & b Wyatt	37
R. E. Eason c Harris b Wyatt	14
H. V. Stovell c & b Gibbons	9
E. R. Barber c & b Wyatt	9
I. Williams lbw b Wyatt	12
E. O. Hills c Ellis b Wyatt	0
R. C. W. Waterhouse b Tidoe	19
A. J. Newbury run out	24
R. B. H. Morland not out	2
Extras	5
Total	142

A.S.C.C. v. OXFORD BACHELOR'S CLUB. Played at Abingdon May 22nd.

BACHELORS

Saunders c Williams b Dolphin	4
Mackintosh b Dolphin	0
Stephen-Jones run out	27
Olivier b Dolphin	9
Glennie lbw b Smeeth	7
Thompson b Dolphin	7
Simmons b Smeeth	1
Mulkern b Humfrey	41
Morgan b Dolphin	10
Steele c Stovell b Dolphin	5
Reid not out	0
Extras	5
Total	116

A.S.C.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq. b Stephen-Jones	10
C. M. Humfrey b Mulkern	19
W. A. Rudd, Esq., c Mulkern b Stephen-Jones	7
E. H. Smeeth c Thompson b Stephen-Jones	0
C. E. H. Dolphin c Olivier b. Stephen-Jones	0
H. V. Stovell b Thompson	26
R. E. Eason c Jones b Mulkern	14
R. C. W. Waterhouse b Thompson	17
I. Williams b Thompson	2
E. R. Barber not out	8
E. O. Hills b Thompson	0
Extras	19
Total	122

A.S.C.C. v. BRIGHTWELL.

Played at Abingdon May 26th.

BRIGHTWELL.

H. Frogley b Smeeth	0
P. E. Long run out	22
G. A. Wood not out	30
J. Betteridge run out	44
H. C. Long b Smeeth	18
H. Wetherall not out	4
T. Hammond	
F. Tarry	} did not bat
G. Harvey	
W. Lookern	
W. Batten	
Extras	11
Total	129

A.S.C.C.

C. M. Humfrey c Wood b Betteridge	13
E. H. Smeeth c Long b Wood	0
W. A. Rudd, Esq. not out	50
H. V. Stovell c Betteridge b Wood	1
C. E. H. Dolphin not out	12
R. E. Eason b Frogley	20
R. C. W. Waterhouse	} did not bat
A. J. Newbury	
E. O. Hills	
I. Williams	
E. R. Barber	6
Extras	6
Total	102

A.S.C.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

Played at Reading June 2nd.

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

E. W. Brain c Stovell b Dolphin	8
W. M. Elversdon lbw b Smeeth	5
R. Priestman b Dolphin	23
I. R. Sherborne b Smeeth	4
R. Petrie run out	0
G. A. Cole c Stovell b Smeeth	5
J. R. A. Hockin c Waterhouse b Dolphin	24

D. A. N. Knott c & b Smeeth	0
P. Holmes c Humfrey b Dolphin	0
M. S. Walker not out	8
A. G. Richmond b Stovell	1
Extras	8
Total	86

A.S.C.C.

C. M. Humfrey b Petrie	12
R. C. W. Waterhouse lbw b Hockin	1
C. E. H. Dolphin lbw b Hockin	1
R. E. Eason b Knott	24
H. V. Stovell c Richmond b Knott	21
E. H. Smeeth c Brain b Hockin	9
E. R. Barber c Cole b Hockin	29
I. Williams c Hockin b Walker	3
E. O. Hills c Richmond b Walker	2
R. B. H. Morland c & b Petrie	3
A. J. Newbury not out	1
Extras	2
Total	108

A.S.C.C. v. WORCESTER COLLEGE.

Played at Abingdon June 5th.

WORCESTER.

A. P. Peaker c Eason b Dolphin	6
A. G. F. White c Waterhouse b Dolphin	2
S. K. Ruck b Dolphin	6
T. R. Blackley c Barber b Humfrey	128
J. A. S. Tompkins c Humfrey b Dolphin	12
P. H. Vezey b Dolphin	8
A. H. F. Webster b Dolphin	8
H. C. W. Prince c Williams b Humfrey	13
J. L. Mallet b Humfrey	0
W. P. Phillips b Stovell	0
E. A. Hayes not out	4
Extras	5
Total	192

A.S.C.C.

C. M. Humfrey c Blackley b Tompkins	19
C. E. H. Dolphin c Phillips b Vezey	14
R. E. Eason c Ruck b Tompkins	0
H. V. Stovell b F. Webster	35
E. R. Barber not out	58
R. C. W. Waterhouse b F. Webster	0
E. H. Smeeth b Ruck	0
I. Williams b F. Webster	5
R. B. H. Morland b Blackley	1
E. O. Hills lbw Blackley	0
A. J. Newbury c Tompkins b Webster	0
Extras	12
Total	144

A.S.C.C. v. LINCOLN COLLEGE.
 Played at Oxford June 9th.

A.S.C.C.	
C. M. Humfrey c Doulton b	
Nicholls	18
C. E. H. Dolphin b Burnett	28
R. C. W. Waterhouse lbw b Crew	4
E. R. Barber b Burnett	0
H. V. Stovell c & b Lawson	75
R. E. Eason c Doulton b Crew	9
E. H. Smeeth not out	45
I. Williams b Crew	1
R. B. H. Morland not out	6
A. J. Newbury	} did not bat
E. O. Hills	
Extras	8
Total 194	

LINCOLN

Leach lbw b Dolphin	0
Crew c Stovell b Dolphin	17
Lawson lbw b Dolphin	14
Meyer c Eason b Dolphin	13
Doulton c Barber b Dolphin	0
Bromet b Stovell	12
Burnett b Dolphin	9
Nicholls c Humfrey b Stovell	0
Sunningham lbw b Stovell	6
Dodd not out	1
Lobin b Stovell	0
Extras	5
Total 77	

A.S.C.C. v. ST. EDMUND HALL.
 Played at Abingdon June 12th.

A.S.C.C.	
C. M. Humfrey c Godwin b	
Burnett	9
C. E. H. Dolphin b Hart	2
E. H. Smeeth c Sharp b Hart	2
E. R. Barber c Vickers b Ward	14
H. V. Stovell c James b Vickers	31
R. E. Eason not out	7
R. C. W. Waterhouse not out	10
I. Williams	} did not bat
R. B. H. Morland	
E. O. Hills	
A. J. Newbury	} did not bat
Extras	
Abandoned because of rain.	0

A.S.C.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.
 Played at Abingdon June 16th.

A.S.C.C.	
C. M. Humfrey b Price	0
C. E. H. Dolphin c Ellis b Price	28
E. H. Smeeth c Ellis b Bayliss	26
E. R. Barber c Wyatt b Gibbons	0
H. V. Stovell run out	13
R. C. W. Waterhouse b Bayliss	5
I. Williams b Wyatt	1
R. B. H. Morland b Bayliss	0
E. O. Hills not out	1
A. J. Newbury c Tidoe b Wyatt	1
G. M. G. McFarlane b Wyatt	0
Extras	6
Total 81	

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

C. W. Wyatt b Stovell	4
D. F. Stephenson b Dolphin	5
M. V. Price c Newbury b	} 23
Dolphin	
E. G. G. Sawyer b Stovell	5
G. H. Ellis b Smeeth	0
J. W. Bayliss lbw b Smeeth	0
R. E. Dickinson b Dolphin	9
H. A. Tidoe b Smeeth	6
E. J. Herring not out	1
C. F. Gibbons run out	0
H. A. Harris b Dolphin	0
Extras	16
Total 83	

A.S.C.C. v. OLD ABINGDONIANS.
 Played at Abingdon June 19th.

A.S.C.C.	
C. M. Humfrey b Parker	17
C. E. H. Dolphin b Challenor	1
E. H. Smeeth b Parker	5
E. R. Barber b Challenor	6
H. V. Stovell b Knowles	33
R. E. Eason c Stone b Parker	7
R. B. H. Morland c Stone b	} 0
Parker	
R. C. W. Waterhouse b Payne	11
I. Williams stumped b Payne	3
E. O. Hills not out	7
A. J. Newbury b Parker	0
Extras	14
Total 104	

O.A.

H. A. L. Donkin b Smeeth	69
F. Parker b Stovell	7
H. V. Stone b Stovell	0
B. J. Bury c Stovell b Humfrey	16
A. S. B. Payne c & b Smeeth	10
F. Edey c Williams b Humfrey	2
O. B. Challenor b Smeeth	0
J. Knowles b Humfrey	0
A. L. Edwards not out	1
W. D. Price b Smeeth	0
A. C. Mackinnon b Smeeth	0
Extras	0
Total 105	

A.S.C.C. v. ABINGDON TOWN.
 Played at Abingdon June 23rd.

A.S.C.C.	
W. M. Grundy, Esq. b Weaving	9
C. M. Humfrey b Bradfield	15
W. A. Rudd, Esq. run out	16
C. E. H. Dolphin b Glubiicki	1
H. V. Stovell c Edgington b	} 2
Bradfield	
E. H. Smeeth b Bradfield	16
R. E. Eason c Edgington b	} 1
Bradfield	
E. R. Barber b Weaving	1
R. C. W. Waterhouse c Bradfield	} 0
b Weaving	
I. Williams b Weaving	0

R. B. H. Morland not out	1
A. J. Newbury c Suggett b	
Bradfield	1
Extras	9
Total	72

ABINGDON TOWN.

H. Reed c Stovell b Dolphin	12
A. E. Lock c Stovell b Dolphin	4
J. M. Glubicki c Barber b	
Stovell	28
W. Suggett run out	9
H. K. Kefford retired hurt	13
J. N. Edgington b Stovell	1
G. E. Bradfield b Humfrey	60
J. L. Dalrymple c Grundy, b	
Stovell	2
L. W. Hickman b Rudd	5
W. Wheeler not out	11
M. W. Weaving not out	9
E. Moss did not bat	
Extras	11
Total	165

A.S.C.C. v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

Played at Abingdon June 26th.

A.S.C.C.

E. H. Smeeth c & b Evans	45
C. M. Humfrey c Jacks b Allen	2
C. E. H. Dolphin run out	2
E. R. Barber b Allen	1
H. V. Stovell c Jacks b Evans	31
R. E. Eason c Hussey b Evans	27
R. C. W. Waterhouse b Evans	5
I. Williams run out	4
E. O. Hills lbw b Evans	0
R. B. H. Morland lbw b Evans	6
A. J. Newbury not out	5
Extras	4
Total	132

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

F. W. Steptoe b Dolphin	0
L. H. Borlée c Humfrey b	
Dolphin	0
A. A. Bushell c Newbury b	
Dolphin	9
F. K. Hussey b Dolphin	20

E. J. Brooks c Smeeth b Dolphin	21
M. D. Evans b Dolphin	9
A. B. Jacks not out	33
K. B. Allen b Stovell	1
C. A. Webb b Dolphin	12
J. G. Inneson lbw b Humfrey	0
R. F. Matthews run out	0
Extras	6
Total	111

A.S.C.C. v. BRIGHTWELL.

Played at Brightwell June 30th.

A.S.C.C.

W. A. Rudd Esq. b Tarry	24
C. M. Humfrey c Hammonds b	
Betteridge	10
E. H. Smeeth run out	12
C. E. H. Dolphin c Weatherall b	
Tarry	2
H. V. Stovell lbw b Trogley	38
R. E. Eason b Betteridge	11
E. R. Barber b Betteridge	0
R. C. W. Waterhouse b	
Betteridge	0
I. Williams not out	4
R. B. H. Morland c Lookern b	
Betteridge	0
E. O. Hills b Hunt	3
Extras	12
Total	116

BRIGHTWELL.

F. G. Tarry b Stovell	0
H. Weatherall b Dolphin	4
J. E. Betteridge st. Waterhouse	
b Dolphin	6
T. M. C. Hunt b Stovell	2
H. Trogley lbw b Stovell	11
G. Wood run out	9
P. Long not out	33
P. Harvey lbw b Humfrey	12
T. Hammonds c Humfrey b	
Smeeth	17
F. Tarry lbw b Smeeth	0
W. Lookern b Stovell	2
Extras	7
Total	103

SECOND XI. MATCHES.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.	Runs.	
				For.	Against.
May 15	Pembroke College II.	Away	L.	52	163
" 19	Oxford High School	Home	L.	51	79
" 29	Pembroke College II.	Home	L.	69	161 for 6
June 2	Leighton Park School	Home	L.	47	98
" 16	Oxford High School	Away	W.	125	26
" 26	Magdalen College School	Away	W.	171	132

UNDER FIFTEEN XI.

June 9	Oxford High School	Home	W.	106	62
" 23	New College School	Away	D.	47 for 9	57

CRICKET CHARACTERS.

R. E. EASON (Capt., Colours 1918-19-20).—Has captained the team with distinct ability and has kept wicket through the season. Should stand up close to slow bowling. Has been very useful as a batsman. Has a good off-drive, which occasionally soars too much.

C. H. HUMFREY (Colours 1917-18-19-20).—Has played several useful innings, but his scoring has been disappointing. Has a very pretty off stroke which he uses effectually. Has a very safe pair of hands, and has done useful work as a change bowler.

H. V. STOVELL (Colours 1918-19-20).—Towards the end of the season became a very reliable bat and fast scorer. Has a wonderful eye for hitting. Has been an extremely useful bowler, and has exercised great judgment in varying his flight and pace. An excellent field.

C. E. H. DOLPHIN (Colours 1920).—A steady bat with a good knowledge of forward play. Has borne the brunt of the bowling with considerable success, but delivers too many balls on the leg side. His keenness is worthy of imitation.

E. R. BARBER (Colours 1920).—As a bat has vastly improved since last season. Is capable of playing back with considerable success, but should cultivate a little forward play. A safe catch in the field.

E. H. SMEETH (Colours 1920).—A fair bat, with a bad habit of hitting across the ball. Bowled well at the

beginning of the season, but fell off rather towards the end. Should learn to control his temper when getting hit about. A good field.

R. C. W. WATERHOUSE.—Quite a steady bat, a little undecided what to do to a good length ball on the off stump. Must learn to throw in better. Is very keen and should be very useful next year.

I. WILLIAMS.—Has had little success as a bat. Has a great tendency to be out L.B.W. Is a very smart fielder, and his throwing in is excellent.

R. B. H. MORLAND.—Has a very good idea of batting, but is unfortunately handicapped by his sight. Developed into a smart fielder, and has a good idea of throwing in.

E. O. HILLS. Is too eager to hit with drastic results. Must learn to play with a straight bat and time the ball better. His fielding has room for improvement.

A. J. NEWBURY.—Must learn to get over the ball, and thus keep it down. On the whole, rather a disappointing bat, but has been very useful in the field. Has a very powerful throw.

 THE SCHOOL REGATTA.

The School Regatta was held in Culham Reach on Thursday, June 17th at 2.30 p.m. The weather left a good deal to be desired, but the keenness of spectators and competitors was little damped by the short but heavy showers, and a long programme was carried off without a hitch, under the able and

indefatigable supervision of Mr. Bevir. It had been intended to include in the programme a race in light fours between the School four and the O.A. Club, but this was scratched, as the Old Boys were unable to raise a four. The scratch canoes were also found to be impossible and only two boats entered for the scratch pairs, coxed by school coxes.

Mrs. Newbury kindly consented to give away the prizes, which included a large cake to be divided between the winning house fours.

The results were as follows:—

House Fours, Senior. Blue House:—

E. H. Blacknell (stroke).

A. J. Newbury 3.

G. T. Eason 2.

W. G. Sherratt (bow).

A. H. K. Stevens (cox)

House Fours, Junior. Blue House:—

K. Cleave (stroke).

E. A. Randell 3.

I. Williams 2.

E. C. Beaven (bow).

G. L. Dawson (cox).

Senior Pairs, C. M. Humfrey and A. J. Newbury, E. O. Hills (cox).

Junior Pairs, R. W. Waterhouse and N. A. Carr, C. Ellis (cox).

Senior Canoes, E. H. Blacknell and C. M. Humfrey

Dongola Race (Juniors), G. T. Eason, R. W. Waterhouse, R. G. Spencer, T. F. T. Morland, S. W. D. Shallard, W. E. Steele.

Scratch Pairs, W. D. Price and Crossland.

O.T.C.

The chief event of interest before the Contingent this term has been the Inspection which was conducted by Col. A. Stockton, T.B., an Old Boy of the School, on Friday, 2nd July at 12 noon.

It may fairly be claimed that as far as the actual work went, we took the Inspection in our stride and made no special preparations at all beyond our ordinary weekly parades. But we were favoured shortly before the "day" by the grant of a new consignment of rifles and bayonets, and our efficiency in the use of those most military of weapons the scratch brush and emery paper consequently went up several degrees!

The report of our state was satisfactory and encouraging. The N.C.O's. were noted as not being as quick as they might be in picking up objects and in issuing fire orders when commanding their sections in extended order, but on all other points our report was "Good." Our personal judgment is that while we were very clean and steady on parade, and while we marched past in a very creditable line, the company drill was capable of an improvement which must be gained by the exertions of subordinate commanders when conducting platoon drill. A company will never move about like a well-regulated machine unless every platoon commander is absolutely sure of his platoon and every platoon is full of confidence in its platoon commander.

This question of platoon commanders is going to become most vital next

term owing to the fact that most of the present N.C.O's. are on the point of leaving. Their successors should make up their minds right from the beginning that on questions of ordinary drill and routine, at all events, they will never be caught napping.

Shooting, which has taken up a good deal of time and attention this term, is perhaps our most important work. The course for the year is not yet completed, however, and remarks on achievement must therefore be held over.

On 27th July, twenty-six N.C.O's. and Cadets are going into Camp at Mytchett until 5th August, where we hope to have the usual good time.

In conclusion we extend to all those who this term are leaving the Corps our very best wishes for the future, and in particular the O.C. would like to put on record the very valuable services which have been rendered to the contingent in general by C.S.M. Humfrey, and Sgt. R. Eason. The loss of Cpl. Hills, too, will be felt by the Signal Section.

SHOOTING.

Shooting practice has been carried out this year on the premises of Messrs. Morland & Co.'s Brewery in Ock Street, where they have most kindly placed their covered Miniature Range at our disposal.

On the whole the standard reached in the shooting has not been so high as that of last year, and fewer First Classes have been achieved. Our performance in the competition for the N.R.A. Imperial Challenge Shield was

disappointing, the average score of the team being only 40.7, as against 50.2 last year. On the other hand it should be borne in mind that there had been but little opportunity for practice, and that the age limit for competitors has been reduced this year from 20 to 18. Indeed the average age of the team this year was only 16 years 5 months, and three of our best shots were disqualified by age from competing.

The names and scores are given below:—

H. V. Stovell (Capt.)	33	26	59
R. L. C. Footitt	26	14	40
I. Williams	31	15	46
R. B. H. Morland	23	11	34
A. J. Newbury	27	20	47
J. E. F. Meadmore	25	23	48
E. C. Beaven	18	6	24
R. C. Waterhouse	29	20	49
W. G. Sherratt	30	4	34
C. S. Morland	23	3	26
	<u>265</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>407</u>

Average 40.7

At this competition, Mr. A. W. Morland very kindly consented to act as Range Official, and we take this opportunity of thanking him for giving up his time to help us. We have also to thank Mr. W. T. Morland for his gift of about 1,200 rounds of ammunition, as well as for the loan of a cabinet in which to keep our rifles and other apparatus. And finally we should like to record our gratitude to the owners of the Brewery for allowing us to use their Rifle Range. It served our purpose admirably, and it is hard to say what we could have done without it.

GHOSTS.

Do you believe in Ghosts? "I can imagine my reader, if any there is, turning up his or her nose and saying "Ghosts!—G'arn!" But why not? Why should not ghosts have their entrances and their exits, and one ghost in his time haunt many men. Of course there must be an entrance examination into the Ghost World; all good institutions have an entrance exam. Those that pass (chiefly those who have had the invaluable experience of being murdered), have then to undergo a series of day classes, in which they receive individual tuition in the three great problems of Ghostland "Whom to haunt," "When to haunt" and "How to haunt them." After this they become an absolutely bloodless Ghost.

Of course Ghosts have their orders; there is O.W.S. which stands for Order of the White Sheet, but this is vastly inferior to the Order of the Glittering Dagger (to be worn through the heart). The latter has a set of rules of which the first and foremost is that no member shall appear in public without his dagger, worn in the place appointed. Again another rule states that before going to haunt one of the fairer sex all members shall polish up the blades of their daggers and re-stain the hilts. The Order of the Amputated Heads is another well-known party in the Land of Phantoms. These are distinguished by the fact that they prefer to carry their heads under their arms. But to become one of these is necessary to have had in previous life, an intimate acquaintance with the Lord High Executioner.

As a general rule, law and order abide in Phantomland, for the police are well up in the little weaknesses of Ghosts. Only the other day one of the O.A.H. (Order of Amputated Heads) left his head on the dining-room table while he went to chop sticks in the courtyard. When he came back he found only an old and red nose, one ear of abnormal size and a couple of blind eyes. The police are hard on the track of the criminal, whom they suspect is a crossing sweeper who got his face in the way of a motor lorry.

But enough—nay! too much! I have said what I ought not—forsooth, I shall be haunted to-night!

R.L.C.F.

 OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

First let me offer the heartiest of felicitations to E. O. Hills on winning the "Pemmy" and to R. E. Eason on getting into All Souls; one feels that the School is reviving its ancient distinction. The best of luck to both!

The term has not been entirely uneventful, for it is really the beginning of the Peace epoch, a fact which the general demeanour of the tradesmen has not allowed us to forget.

But apart from the solid elements of this transitory struggle what more delightful than the sight of a real crowd once more for Eights! The boats and their crews, the barges frilled with dainty dames, the general aspect of unalloyed gaiety all presented an alluring vision that passes description.

It matters not that you may be unsuccessful, the old tradition is the thing, and if you are but a cog in that great machine you have done your part.

Work, we fear, is always at a premium in the summer term, yet a modicum is managed. The lawyers are in the proportion of two to one, and even now it is whispered that their erudition is colossal.

For the rest, Mr. Editor, the Cher. Commem. Week, and the unrivalled joys of that most marvellous of Cities, are far too well-known, far too great a theme for our untutored pen, so Au Revoir.

May I wish you and your readers the most pleasant of vacations.

Ever Yours,

O.A.

O.A. NOTES.

The Secretary would like to thank all those who have shewn their interest in the School's welfare by supporting the "Abingdonian."

The address of H. A. L. Donkin (London Secretary) is now: 104 Cambridge Street, Victoria, S.W.

The Club offer H. A. L. Donkin the heartiest congratulations on his marriage, and wish him the best of luck in the future.

We have heard from Calcutta, from T. Johnson, who has been foregathering with W. R. C. Adcock and "Pinkie" Hayward.

The following have joined the Club since last term: W. W. Richardson and L. C. George.

We have also heard from F. B. Glenny who is wandering round the world with the Mercantile Marine. We both envy him and wish him luck.

We owe our commiseration to H. L. Neligan, of the R.I.C., who was to have appeared at the Cricket Match, but had his leave suddenly stopped.

CHANGES ON THE STAFF.

We are sorry to say farewell to Mr. M. T. Perks, who has taken the Classical Sixth Form since January 1915, where his scholarship and all round literary ability have done much to stimulate the interest of his pupils. He will be equally missed by the junior boys, who have derived great benefit from his lively and sympathetic teaching. Prevented by the doctor from taking part in the war he was invaluable to the school through a very trying and critical period. He undertook the training of the rowing crews, edited the School Magazine, and did much useful work in the O.T.C. We wish him and Mrs. Perks (who as Miss M. Hughes had also been long a member of the School staff) all happiness in their new home at Wakefield where he goes at the end of this term as Senior Classical Master.

Mr. A. S. Walker takes with him our best wishes. He is going to the Liverpool Collegiate School. Though he has been with us but two terms he has made himself an integral part of the school and has shewn conspicuous ability in his management of the Officers' Training Corps.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Mrs. Bailie has presented some interesting geological specimens to the School Museum.

Beautifully worked lectern hangings have been presented to the School Chapel by Miss Cope.

The red and white wreath for Roysse's tomb was again this year presented by Miss M. K. Grundy.

G. Staniland, O.A., has given a Swan's egg to the Natural History collection.

Professor H. Stuart-Jones, Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, Camden Professor of Ancient History, has been elected a Governor of the School.

A Handsome Challenge Cup has been given by Mr. W. E. S. Carr for the cricket competitions between the Blue, Green and Red sides.

The Abingdonian Committee for this term consists of C. M. Humfrey, R. E. Eason, E. O. Hills, E. H. Blacknell, H. V. Stovell and W. Memory.

R. E. Eason has been elected Cricket Captain.

C. E. H. Dolphin, E. R. Barber, E. H. Smeeth, have been awarded their cricket colours.

C. M. Humfrey is Head of the School and E. O. Hills, Head of the House.

R. E. Eason has won a Bible Clerkship at All Souls', Oxford.

E. O. Hills has won a Warwickshire County Major Scholarship, value £80 per annum tenable at Oxford University.

G. T. Eason and T. F. T. Morland have won Berkshire Senior Scholarships, E. C. Castle an Intermediate.

We welcome another volume of poems by Willoughby Weaving; it is called "Daedal Wings."

Three Old Abingdonians, who were contemporaries at School and are now in the Indian Army, have been engaged in the Campaign against the Waziris—E. F. Harvey, T. M. Layng and Richard B. Leach, all holding the rank of Major.

The following kindly gave the prizes which were presented on Founder's Day:—Mr. J. Baker, The Rev. P. C. Bevan, Dr. H. S. Challenor, Mr. H. T. Clarke, Mr. W. M. Grundy, Dr. C. B. Heberden, The Rev. H. A. Kennedy, Mr. R. W. Langford (Mayor of Abingdon), Mr. W. Legge, Canon W. M. Meredith, Mr. J. T. Morland, Mr. W. H. Nash, Mr. A. E. Preston, Mr. C. A. Pryce, Mr. E. J. P. Ross-Barker, General J. T. Wigan, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., Mr. H. Young,

The term ends on July 26th, and next term will begin on Thursday, September 16th, boarders return on the previous day.

VALETE.

VI.—L. C. George (1918-20), School Prefect 1919; 1st XI. Cricket 1919; 1st XI. Football 1918-19, Colours 1918; 1st Four, Rowing 1919-20, Colours 1920; Athletic Half Colours 1920; O.S.L. 1919.

G. N. Carter (1914-20), O.S.L. 1918.

VA.—A. H. Cox (1915-20), O.S.L. 1919; 2nd XI. Football, 1918-19.

F. C. Steele (1915-20), 2nd XI. Football 1919.

VB.—S. G. Badcock (1915-20).

Remove.—E. C. C. Coxeter (1913-20), 2nd XI. Football 1919.

III.—L. C. Staines (1919-20); B. T. Furness (1917-20).

II.—B. Burke (1920); R. Sharpe (1920).

SALVETE.

VB.—H. J. Mason.

III.—H. J. L. Genders, W. E. Steele.

MARRIAGES.

DONKIN—JACKSON.—On the 5th June, at St. Andrew's, Clewer, by the Rev. R. C. MacKeown, Captain H. A. L. Donkin, M.C., late Royal Berkshire Regt., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Donkin, of Abingdon, to Mary, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Dedworth Manor, Windsor.

WEST—BROWN.—July 15th, at St. John's Church, Westminster, Archibald Buller, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. T. West, of The Knowl, Abingdon, to Evelyn Isabella, only daughter of Lieut.-Col. Brown, D.S.O., and Mrs. Brown, of The Shack, Tavistock, Devon.

DEATHS.

BAKER.—On the 24th June, at Sewelle Villa, Clifton, James Baker, F.R.G.S., F.R.Hist. S., aged 73.

[James Baker, who was the father of Major S. H. Baker, was an authority on Bohemia and Northern Hungary, now merged in the republic of Czecho-Slovakia. Much of his life was spent among the people of this country, for whom he had a whole-hearted admiration, and among whom he was ever a popular figure. He was a prolific writer, and before his death had just completed a biography of his son. He took a great interest in the school at which his son was a master and it is to his generosity that we owe the endowment of a Physics Prize].

SLADE.—We have received this term the news of the death of Robert Bishop Slade, who was killed whilst flying at Shawbury on 23rd July, 1918.

[Slade joined the school as a boarder in September, 1901, and remained here until December, 1903. In February, 1911, he went to Canada to take up farming, and remained there until October, 1914, when he joined the 18th Bn. of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He was present at the battles of Loos in September, 1915, St. Eloi in April, 1916, and Sanctuary Woods (Ypres) in June, 1916. He left the Canadians in January, 1917 and joined the R.A.F. On 20th October he was attacked by nine German Aeroplanes and accounted for two before he crashed. He was in the 1st London Hospital for many weeks, and was then appointed Instructor at Shawbury, where he met his death].

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