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EDITORIAL.

The long drought has made this a term that we shall always remember and talk about. Coats off in school, and blanketless vigils in the bedrooms: hard pitches on brown, burnt grass, with mowing unnecessary and rolling useless: in the river, weeds and little else, and warm, shallow water in the bathing place: these, and the coal strike, will make up the chief part of our memories. Otherwise it has been an uneventful term, though by no means an unsuccessful one, whether in work or play. Its happiest feature, perhaps, was the large gathering of Old Boys at the Founder's Day Celebrations and the O.A. Match. Never do we remember to have seen so many. Let them all come! say we, and good luck to them and us! If a school exists, as we suppose it does, for the sake of the Present and the Future, it is from the Past of all ages that it draws its strength and inspiration.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

Friday July 8th brought Founder's Day to us once again. The usual programme was successfully carried out. At the service in St. Helen's Church the preacher was this year the Rev. H. E. D. Blakiston, D.D., President of Trinity College, Oxford. His sermon was most appropriate and interesting and we owe him many thanks for the trouble he must have spent over it and the interest he has taken in the School. The singing, ably directed by Miss Sheldon Peach, was most successful. After the service a large company assembled in the gymnasium for the distribution of prizes by Sir Francis Gore-Browne, K.C. Before the distribution Mr. Grundy made his customary speech, which was listened to with great interest by both parents and boys; indeed, some of us were no doubt surprised to find that we did so much work. When he had concluded his speech Mr. Grundy called upon Sir Francis Gore-Browne, K.C., to present the prizes.

The prize list was as follows :—

Upper Sixth Classical, J. Harding; Lower Sixth Classical, A. F. James; Meredith Greek Prose, W. Memory; Meredith Latin Prose, W. Memory.

Mathematics, R. L. C. Footitt.

Major Sydney Harold Baker prize for Physics, C. E. H. Dolphin.

Form Prizes: VA., D. G. Lucas; VB., C. R. Wright; Remove, S. W. D. Shallard; III, S. R. Hunt; II, E. G. Langford.

Mathematics: VA., E. V. Crook and (extra) G. S. Sturrock; VB., H. S. D. Stiles; Remove, W. G. Hancock; III., O. T. Gammage; II., E. G. Langford.

Latin: VA., J. F. Sinclair; VB., G. W. Salisbury; Remove, S. W. D. Shallard; III., H. D. Shallard.

Greek: VA., H. Bush; VB., C. R. Wright; Remove, W. G. Hancock.

Chemistry: Upper VI., J. E. F. Meadmore.

Science: Lower VI., W. J. Jamieson; VA., N. A. Carr; VB., H. S. D. Stiles.

Divinity: W. Memory.

French: A. F. James.

Art: Senior, E. V. Crook; Junior, D. H. Jenkins.

Singing: R. Taylor.

Nature Study: II., E. C. Badcock.

Sir Francis Gore-Browne then gave a speech which was bound to appeal to every Public School boy. The Public School spirit was his theme, and this he aptly described as the spirit of playing the game—"a sense of the obligation of doing one's duty in public and in private, and living cleanly, strenuously, and honourably." It was this common spirit above all things that formed the tie between all Public School men; but while they were friends to every Public School, they were lovers of only one—their own. "Ille mihi praeter omnes angulus ridet." His corner was "the School on the Hill," whose 350th anniversary he had attended but three days before. Let ours be the bend on the Thames from the upper point of the Swift Ditch to the Long Bridge where the two branches rejoined.

After the distribution, Mr. and Mrs. Grundy were "at home" to about 300 guests in the School grounds, where tea was served and the Oxford Military Band played selections.

FOOTBALL.

There were Sixes last Easter term as usual, though worked on a slightly different system. Each house supplied two senior and three junior Sixes, to play not so much for self-glorification, as for the honour of the house. Matches were also played between representative elevens, three to each house.

Thanks to the energy of the house captains in arranging the matches, the term was a very successful one in this respect, and when the time for the Sports drew near, practically all the matches were finished.

The scoring sheets unanimously proclaimed Red House the victor; but we hope the supporters of vermilion will not feel hurt when we say that too much importance must not be placed on this victory, as the other two houses had all their best men in the 'Fours' and consequently not available for football, while Red House had practically no rowers.

ATHLETIC MEETING.

PAST V. PRESENT.

The second athletic meeting since the war between the School and the O.A. Club was held on Saturday, March 19th. A fine day following a dull and depressing week caused spectators to turn up in full force. The events were contested with the greatest keenness and it was not from want of trying that the School lost by $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ events.

The results were as follows :—

1.—100 Yards.

1. E. R. Barber, O.A.C.

2. S. L. Buckle, A.S.A.C.

Time: 11 secs.

Other competitors:—N. A. Carr, (A.S.A.C.) and H. W. Hooke, (O.A.C.)

2.—Long Jump.

1. J. W. Morland, O.A.C.

2. R. E. Eason, O.A.C.

Distance: 17ft. $6\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Other competitors:—R. L. C. Footitt and I. Williams, (A.S.A.C.)

3.—High Jump.

E. R. Barber, O.A.C. and I. Williams, A.S.A.C.

Height: 4ft. 11ins.

N. A. Carr, A.S.A.C. and J. W. Morland, O.A.C. also competed.

4.—Throwing the Cricket Ball.

1. H. V. Stone, O.A.C.

2. S. L. Buckle, A.S.A.C.

Distance: 85yds. 2ft.

Other competitors:—E. H. Smeeth (A.S.A.C.)
H. A. L. Donkin (O.A.C.)

5.—Hurdle Race.

1. S. L. Buckle, A.S.A.C.

2. R. E. Eason, O.A.C.

Time: $19\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

Other competitors:—N. A. Carr, (A.S.A.C.)
and J. W. Morland (O.A.C.)

6.—Half Mile.

1. A. J. Newbury, A.S.A.C.

2. A. L. Edwards, O.A.C.

Time: 2 min. 14 secs.

Other competitors:—R. L. C. Foottit, (A.S.A.C.) and H. W. Hooke (O.A.C.)

7.—Quarter Mile.

1. E. R. Barber, O.A.C.

2. I. Williams, A.S.A.C.

Time: $56\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

Other competitors:—N. A. Carr (A.S.A.C.)
and J. W. Morland, (O.A.C.)

8.—Putting the Weight.

1. H. V. Stone, O.A.C.

2. R. L. C. Foottit, A.S.A.C.

Distance: 29ft. 10ins.

Other competitors:—E. H. Smeeth, (A.S.A.C.)
and R. E. Eason, (O.A.C.)

9.—One Mile.

1. C. E. H. Dolphin, A.S.A.C.

2. H. W. Hooke, O.A.C.

Time: 5 min. $1\frac{4}{5}$ sec.

The other competitors were A. J. Newbury and I. Williams for the School, and A. L. Edwards and H. V. Stone for the Old Boys.

O.T.C.

The work of the Corp this Term has not been marked by any untoward event.

The 'motif' of many of our energies was the Annual Inspection, which was held on July 5. The Inspecting Officer was Major G. H. Sawyer, D.S.O., The Royal Berkshire Regiment. He had a few complimentary remarks to make, and also a few criticisms to pass. Criticism when justly applied has its uses, and next year our aim shall be to remove the causes of our deficiencies as they exist. Anyhow it is satisfactory to know that the Corps is still efficient.

A Team of ten was entered for the Imperial Challenge Shield offered by the N.R.A. and open to teams of the British Empire. The Team and scores were as follows:—

Foottit (captain)	64
Robinson	57
Williams, I.	68
Smeeth	28
Waterhouse	38
Davidge	52
Snell	45
Wiggins, T. A.	54
Eason	27
Franklin	43

Average 47.4%

Major O. B. Challenor, M.C., kindly acted as Referee.

The following promotions have been made: Corpl. Dolphin to be Sgt.; L/Cpl. Eason to be Corporal.

Camp is being held at Tidworth Park from July 26th—Aug. 4th. Twenty three cadets are going and we are looking forward to an interesting time with 3,000 other cadets, with whom we shall be brigaded.

It is hoped that next Term all who will be eligible to join the Corps will do so, in order that our establishment may be up to full strength.

CRICKET.

The past cricket season has proved as interesting as any of its predecessors. At the beginning of the term we had only two colours left from last year and consequently the earlier matches produced experiments in team building. Some of these experiments were scarcely a success, but gradually the side developed, and at the end of the term were playing well together.

We again had an exciting match with the Oxford High School, who last year beat us by one run, the result being another victory for them, this time by two runs.

The eleven showed good cricket against the Old Boys in their last match, and as several of them are to be with us next year, we are justified in looking forward to having a really good side in 1922.

In the second eleven Spencer and Taylor III. have bowled well throughout the season, and the batting has improved considerably. This improvement is mainly due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Sikes, who has been indefatigable in coaching, and to whom our warmest thanks are extended.

The Juniors have shown great keenness and

much promise for the future. Among them Cole has bowled with distinct success.

A.S.C.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.—Played on the home ground on May 18th. This match, although the first of the season, showed up some promising talent for the future. G. M. G. McFarlane did some good bowling, taking five wickets for seventeen runs. On the whole the School fielding was good, but the batting was disappointing. The match, however, was one of the best, with an extremely exciting finish.

Oxford High School:—C. W. Wyatt, lbw b Dolphin, 10; S. Adams, b McFarlane, 20; H. A. Fidoe, run out, 4; R. E. Dickinson, lbw McFarlane 0; A. G. Lynn, c Waterhouse, b McFarlane, 1; W. W. Soundy, b McFarlane, 0; C. S. King, c Williams, b Dolphin, 3; C. J. Broadhurst, b McFarlane, 0; G. T. Booth, b Dolphin, 8; M. F. Harrold, b Dolphin, 7; H. A. Harris, not out 0; extras 9. Total 62.

A.S.C.C.:—E. H. Smeeth, c Lynn b Wyatt, 2; R. C. W. Waterhouse, c Lynn b Wyatt 5; C. E. H. Dolphin, st Harris b Booth 18; I. Williams, c Adams b Wyatt 1; R. L. C. Foottit, b Dickinson 0; G. T. Eason, run out 16; E. C. Beaven, c Booth b Wyatt 0; J. F. Sinclair, not out 5; G. M. G. McFarlane, c Broadhurst b Wyatt 3; H. L. Weaver, c Wyatt b Booth 4; C. C. Woodley, b Booth 0; extras 7. Total 61.

A.S.C.C. v. BACHELORS' CLUB, OXFORD.—Played on the School Ground on May 25th. The match was a good one, but the wicket was poor owing to the dry weather. The School fielded well but batted very weakly. It was clear that our opponents were a superior team, but we ought to have been able to put up a better score.

A.S.C.C.:—E. H. Smeeth, b Lyell 0; R. C. W. Waterhouse, c Dallas b Lyell 9; C. E. H. Dolphin, run out 1; I. Williams, c Bennett b Holmes 12; G. T. Eason, b Lyell 0; E. C. Beaven, c sub. b Holmes 1; J. F. Sinclair, not out 9; G. M. G. McFarlane, c Wise b Holmes 5; H. L. Weaver lbw b Dallas 0; N. A. Carr, c Holmes b Blackshaw 7; J. D. L. Robinson, c Wise b Dallas 2; extras 19. Total 65.

Bachelors' Club:—L. F. Dallas, not out 40; A. Tracey, b Dolphin 14; R. E. Holmes, b Dolphin 4; C. B. Blackshaw c Eason b Smeeth 11; R. S. Glennie, b Williams 7; J. D.

Bennett, lbw b Smeeth 0; A. R. Wise, b Smeeth 11; R. Lyell, b Dolphin 8; G. R. Elvey, b Beaven 5; extras 9. Total 109.

At their second venture the School made 58 for five wickets (Dolphin, not out 20; Williams, 11.)

A.S.C.C. v. ABINGDON TOWN.—Played on the School Ground on May 28th. This was our first victory and was an interesting match; the School fielding was, as previously, remarkably good, and the batting was a distinct improvement. The match was certainly won by G. T. Eason, E. C. Beaven and G. M. G. McFarlane, who made good scores.

The team was still incomplete, R. L. C. Foottit being absent. His place was creditably filled by J. D. L. Robinson

Abingdon Town:—Bradfield, c Eason b Smeeth 44; Bullock, b McFarlane 4; Kefford, c Smeeth b Dolphin 6; Richmond, b Dolphin 7; Edgington, b Dolphin 3; Lowe, c Sinclair b McFarlane 5; Weaving, c Smeeth b Dolphin 0; Webber, b Dolphin 2; Lewis, c Robinson b Williams 1; Carter, hit wicket b Williams 0; Bagot, not out 6; extras 6. Total 84.

A.S.C.C.:—Smeeth, b Weaving 6; Waterhouse, c Bullock b Weaving 3; Dolphin, c Bullock b Carter 9; Sinclair, b Weaving 1; Williams, b Richmond 4; Eason, b Richmond 34; Beaven, b Kefford 29; McFarlane, run out 22; Weaver, c Lowe b Bradfield 2; Robinson, b Bradfield 0; Woodley, not out 4; extras 8. Total 122.

On going in a second time the Town scored 106 for six wickets, Kefford making 35, Bradfield 32, and Lowe 18 not out.

A.S.C.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.—Played on the School Ground on June 1st. Once more the School fielding was good, and E. H. Smeeth did some useful bowling. It was chiefly due to his efforts that we dismissed our opponents in the second innings in less than forty minutes.

The School on this occasion showed a little more promise at batting and G. M. G. McFarlane and R. C. W. Waterhouse were in form.

Leighton Park School, 1st Innings:—A. G. Richmond, c and b Dolphin 5; F. H. Gillett, c Woodley b Dolphin 4; J. Richmond, b McFarlane 3; R. B. Cox, c Williams b Dolphin 0; R. H. Penny, b Dolphin 1; M. S. Walker, c Weaver b McFarlane 3; E. W. Brain, c Smeeth

b Dolphin 5; T. R. Sherborne, c Beaven b Smeeth 34; R. E. Jacobs, b McFarlane 7; H. A. March, not out 9; K. Redfern, b Smeeth 1; extra 1. Total 73.

A.S.C.C., 1st Innings:—Waterhouse, b Redfern 16; Foottit, run out 4; Smeeth, lbw b Walker 19; Dolphin, c Sherborne b Redfern 8; Eason, c Penny b Redfern 14; Williams, lbw b Walker 0; Sinclair, b Walker 5; Beaven, c Sherborne b Redfern 3; McFarlane, c Richmond b Redfern 3; Weaver, c March b Walker 0; Woodley, not out 1; extras 2. Total 75.

Leighton Park School, 2nd Innings:—Gillett, b Smeeth 0; Brain, c Smeeth b Dolphin 1; Sherborne, c Weaver b Smeeth 1; J. Richmond, c Eason b Dolphin 17; A. G. Richmond, b Dolphin 2; Walker, b Smeeth 11; Cox, c McFarlane b Smeeth 0; March, b Smeeth 0; Jacobs, b Smeeth 9; Penny, b Williams 2; Redfern, not out 1. Total 44.

A.S.C.C. 2nd Innings:—Waterhouse, c J. Richmond b Redfern 13; McFarlane, retired 28; Dolphin, b Walker 0; Smeeth, b Redfern 4; Beaven, b Redfern 5; Williams, b Redfern 0; Eason, c Penny b Redfern 5; Foottit, not out 8; Sinclair, not out 2; extras 4. Total (7 wickets) 69.

A.S.C.C. v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE, OXFORD.—Played at Oxford on June 4th. For the first time in the season the School fielding was poor, but possibly the inclemency of the weather was partly responsible. The batting was, as usual, weak, the top score being 15.

Fortunately Mr. W. A. Rudd was able to play for the School, and had it not been for his services as a bowler our opponents would have given us an even worse defeat.

Pembroke College:—J. Farrell, c Eason b Dolphin 17; K. F. Parsons, b McFarlane 0; J. Webster, b Smeeth 18; L. H. Dorey, not out 45; L. R. Miller, b Williams 11; E. A. Adams Clarke, c Eason b McFarlane 19; S. G. Killick, lbw b Rudd 5; H. Grigson, c Beaven b Rudd 11; J. Knowles, b Rudd 2; W. Capstick and W. Edwards did not bat; extras 6. Total (8 wickets) 134.

A.S.C.C.:—Mr. Rudd, c Parsons b Adams Clarke 0; Smeeth, lbw b Adams Clarke 9; Waterhouse, b Knowles 6; Dolphin, not out 10; McFarlane, b Knowles 0; Robinson, c Davey b Knowles 3; Eason, b Adams Clarke 1; Foottit, c Capstick b Adams Clarke 6; Beaven, run out 13; Williams, run out 15; Weaver, b Knowles 2; extras 26. Total 91.

A.S.C.C. v. ST. EDMUND HALL.—Played on the Wadham ground at Oxford on June 8th. The result was a severe defeat for the School, chiefly due to the inability of the team to deal with fast bowling. Our opponents, however, were a far superior team in batting as well as bowling; so it is not surprising that the School lost, although it certainly should have been able to put up a few more runs.

St. Edmund Hall:—E. T. H. Godwin, b Dolphin 7; W. R. James, c and b McFarlane 0; E. R. L. Ward, c Beaven b Dolphin 41; G. Xavier, c Robinson b Dolphin 1; F. Burnett, b Smeeth 61; P. H. Gabb, c Foottit b McFarlane 11; E. C. Lamb, c Eason b McFarlane 4; H. H. Vickers, not out 13; G. N. T. Widdington, b McFarlane 4; R. Phillips, not out 1; J. Johnson did not bat; extras 6. Total (8 wickets) 147.

A.S.C.C.:—Smeeth, b Burnett 0; Waterhouse, b Burnett 0; Dolphin, c Lamb b Gabb 6; Beaven b Ward 13; Meadmore, b Burnett 2; McFarlane, b Ward 1; Williams, b Burnett 5; Eason, b Ward 4; Sinclair, not out 8; Foottit, b Ward 0; Robinson, b Ward 0; extra 1. Total 40.

A.S.C.C. v. BACHELORS' CLUB.—Played on the Oriel ground at Oxford on June 15th. This was a good match and the School showed much better form in all branches of the game.

A.S.C.C.:—Beaven, b Steele 7; McFarlane, c Thompson b Steele 4; Sinclair, c Sladden b Darling 5; Dolphin, b Thompson 32; Smeeth, b Darling 4; Waterhouse, b Sladden 14; Williams, c Blackshaw b Sladden 16; Eason, c Thompson b Sladden 5; Foottit, b Steele 22; Carr, b Steele 16; Robinson, not out 9; extras 11. Total 146.

Bachelors' Club:—Steele, b Dolphin 5; Stranack, c and b Dolphin 11; Dallas, b Dolphin 10; Glennie, c Eason b McFarlane 0; Bennett, b Smeeth 25; Blackshaw, c Williams b Smeeth 18; Thompson, not out 40; Waddilove, not out 9; Sladden, Darling and Dalmahoy did not bat; extras 24. Total (6 wickets) 142.

A.S.C.C. v. BRIGHTWELL.—Played at Brightwell on June 22nd. On this occasion our opponents had not such a good team as usual, lacking the services of the Rev. J. W. Betteridge. The School, however, played well, and except for some dismal fielding at mid-on and a little sleepiness at mid-off the team was a success.

Brightwell :—K. Chapman, c Williams b McFarlane 13; F. G. Tarry, c Weaver b McFarlane 5; M. Rolls, c and b Smeeth 4; S. Kew, b McFarlane 8; W. M. Chown, c Eason b Beaven 16; H. V. McMaster, b Smeeth 0; T. Hammond, c Dolphin b Smeeth 11; T. Sanderson, not out 7; W. Batten, c Dolphin b Smeeth 3; W. Looker, b Williams 1; F. Tarry, lbw b Smeeth 1; extras 3. Total 72.

A.S.C.C. :—McFarlane, c Chapman b F. G. Tarry 0; Beaven, c Hammond b F. G. Tarry 0; Dolphin, retired hurt 39; Foottit, c Chown b Hammond 8; Smeeth, lbw b Hammond 5; Waterhouse, b Hammond 0; Williams, b McMaster 15; Eason, st Kew by McMaster 12; Carr, b Rolls 7; Robinson, not out 1; Weaver, lbw b F. Tarry 2; extras 12. Total 101.

At their second attempt Brightwell made 59 for nine wickets (S. Kew, 20).

A.S.C.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.—Played at Oxford on June 25th. The School batting was poor, but R. L. C. Foottit and J. D. L. Robinson showed their best form.

Oxford High School :—C. W. Wyatt, lbw b Williams 14; S. Adams, run out 0; G. T. Booth, b McFarlane 33; R. E. Dickinson, b Dolphin 18; S. King, b McFarlane 16; Smith, b Dolphin 0; M. Harrold, c and b McFarlane 0; C. J. Broadhurst, b Dolphin 0; A. King, b Dolphin 0; H. A. Fidoe, not out 11; H. A. Harris, b Smeeth 15; extras 17. Total 124.

A.S.C.C. :—Dolphin, b Wyatt 21; Sinclair, b Dickinson 0; Williams, b Dickinson, 10; Smeeth, c A. King b Dickinson 0; McFarlane, b Dickinson 7; Beaven, c Booth b Dickinson 0; Eason, b Dickinson 0; Foottit, b Wyatt 12; Carr, b Dickinson 1; Robinson, not out 12; Weaver, b Wyatt 0; extras 2. Total 65.

A.S.C.C. v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.—Played at Reading on June 29th. The School started its innings badly and the first five wickets fell for 47 runs; G. T. Eason, however, added 65 to our score, which enabled us to gain the victory.

The School fielding started well, our opponents' first five wickets falling for eleven runs. Their last wickets, however, were more difficult to take and they finally realised a score of 74.

A.S.C.C. :—Dolphin, b Penny 29; Williams, lbw b Walker 1; Foottit, c Brain b Penny 5; McFarlane, b Walker 4; Beaven, c Richmond b Penny 6; Smeeth, run out 0; Eason, b Walker

65; Sinclair, c Gillett b Turtle 1; Robinson, b Turtle 0; Carr, b Turtle 4; Woodley, not out 5; extras 4. Total 124.

Leighton Park School :—Gillett, c and b Dolphin 6; Brain, b Dolphin 3; G. Richmond, c and b McFarlane 6; Walker, b Dolphin 0; Merttens, b Dolphin 0; Sherborne, b Dolphin 0; J. Richmond, b McFarlane 4; March, not out 24; Penny, run out 13; Turtle, b Williams 4; Redfern, c Smeeth b Williams 2; extras 12. Total 74.

A.S.C.C. v. BRIGHTWELL.—Played on the School ground on July 6th. In this match the School batting showed a vast improvement, Dolphin making 66, McFarlane and Smeeth 21 each, and Woodley 17. The fielding, however, hardly came up to expectation.

Waterhouse, Carr and Sinclair were absent owing to illness, but their places were very creditably filled by Woodley, Weaver and Davidge.

Brightwell :—Col. Brooke, b McFarlane 12; S. Kew, c Beaven b McFarlane 7; Rev. J. H. Betteridge, hit wkt b Dolphin 0; T. Hammond, c Woodley b Dolphin 4; W. Looker, c Robinson b McFarlane 1; G. A. Wood, b Dolphin 3; F. G. Tarry, b Dolphin 19; T. Sanderson, c Eason b McFarlane 4; W. G. Bowering, c Eason b McFarlane 2; W. Smith, b Smeeth 0; J. Smith, not out 0; extras 5. Total 57.

A.S.C.C. :—Dolphin, b Brooke, 66; Foottit, b Betteridge 6; McFarlane, c Bowering b Betteridge 21; Williams, c Sanderson b Betteridge 1; Beaven, b Betteridge 9; Smeeth, not out 21; Eason, b Brooke 0; Weaver, b Betteridge 1; Davidge, c Betteridge b Brooke 2; Robinson, c Kew b Brooke 0; Woodley, not out 17; extras 19. Total 163.

In a second innings Brightwell made 49 for seven wickets.

A.S.C.C. v. O.A.C.—Played on the School Ground on Saturday, July 9th. This was undoubtedly the best match of the season and the team did well to win. The batting was rather weak, especially against the bowling of J. Knowles; the fielding in places was poor and several catches were dropped; but considering the extreme heat this was not surprising.

A.S.A.C. :—Dolphin, b Lupton 39; Smeeth, b Knowles 4; Foottit, b Knowles, 13; Waterhouse, b Knowles 0; McFarlane, b Knowles 4; Woodley, c Knowles b Lupton 0; Beaven, b Knowles 14; Eason, b Knowles 0; Williams, not out 21; Robinson, b Payne 0; Weaver, b

Humfrey 2; extras 20. Total 117.

O.A.C. :—W. Lupton, c Beaven b Dolphin 12; C. M. Humfrey, c Williams b McFarlane 5; R. E. Eason, b McFarlane 0; P. E. Andrews, run out 12; A. S. B. Payne, b Dolphin 0; H. V. Stone, b Smeeth 4; H. Veysey, b Smeeth 12; B. J. Bury, b McFarlane 15; T. Bowman, not out 21; J. Knowles, c Beaven b Williams 4; F. Edey, run out 1; extras 8. Total 95.

During the short time left for play both sides went in again, the School hitting up 55 for three wickets (Dolphin, not out 34; Beaven, not out 10,) and the Old Boys replying with 35 for two wickets (Payne, not out 16; Bowman not out 13.)

SECOND ELEVEN.

The following have played for the Second Eleven :—J. E. F. Meadmore, N. A. Carr, W. M. Jamieson, J. D. L. Robinson, R. C. W. Waterhouse, R. G. Spencer, C. R. Davidge, R. Taylor, G. S. Sturrock, S. F. Wiggins, C. Ellis, A. W. Miles, H. J. Mason, J. Harding, C. C. Woodley, H. D. Shallard, H. L. Weaver, G. W. Salisbury, E. V. Crook, W. E. Steele.

Five matches have been played, two v. Oxford High School, two v. Leighton Park School, and one against the O.A.C. played on the lower field, at the same time as the First Eleven Match. Of these matches four have been won, and one—the first against Leighton Park—drawn very much in our favour.

UNDER 15 ELEVEN.

The following have represented the School :—J. F. Sinclair, R. Taylor, C. Ellis, A. W. Miles, B. W. L. Buckland, H. D. Shallard, F. M. Cole, W. E. Steele, S. W. D. Shallard, W. G. Hancock, G. W. Salisbury.

The above have met Oxford High School Under 15 XI. twice, and New College School once. All three matches have been won by an easy margin.

CRICKET CHARACTERS.

C. E. H. Dolphin, (capt.) Colours 1920. Has been the mainstay of the batting, particularly during the last month. Plays with a very straight bat and keeps the ball down. His bowling is consistently good and he changes his pace quite cleverly. Has been an energetic

captain and the improvement in the eleven generally has been mainly due to his efforts. Batting Av. 25.27. Bowling Av. 9.26.

E. H. Smeeth. Colours 1920. Very good in the field; is a safe catch, and picks up and throws in neatly. Has bowled quite successfully during the season. His batting has been, to say the least, disappointing. Batting Av. 6.2. Bowling Av. 10.1.

G. M. G. McFarlane. Colours 1921. A very useful member of the team. Has a very easy action and keeps a good length. His fielding is excellent and his batting promising, although at present unreliable. Has shewn considerable keenness. Batting Av. 8.5. Bowling Av. 9.59.

G. T. Eason. Colours 1921. Has made a useful wicket-keeper and has played steadily in this position. Has had a fair measure of success in batting but is still unreliable. Should develop his defence; at present is inclined to draw too many shots to the leg. Batting Av. 12.

I. Williams. Colours 1921. His worst fault is that of stepping across his wicket to play balls on the leg stump. Otherwise he plays a good game, and gets some good shots to the off. Fields well at point and has made a useful change bowler. Batting Av. 8.4. Bowling Av. 9.7.

E. C. Beaven. Has fielded very well; his throwing in is accurate and catching reliable. Unfortunately his batting is weak. Must learn to stand up to the ball and should develop his defence, and cultivate a more upright stance. Batting Av. 7.7.

R. L. C. Footitt. Has shewn a marked keenness and deserves success. Should get out of the habit of playing across the ball, and should keep his bat nearer the ground in forward play. Promises well for next year's team. Batting Av. 10.5.

R. C. W. Waterhouse. Has been very disappointing considering that this is his second year in the team. Has a good idea of how to bat but breaks down against fast bowling. In the field he gives the impression that he is afraid of the ball. His catching is very feeble. Must learn to get two hands to the ball and get behind it. Batting Av. 6.6.

J. F. Sinclair. A very promising bat and should be very useful in the future. His chief fault is that of drawing the head back when playing forward and thereby lifting the

bat too far from the ground. Is neat in the field and tries hard. Batting Av. 7.75.

J. D. L. Robinson. A good fielder and a fairly safe catch. Has quite a good idea of how to bat but is wanting in forward play. In moments of excitement is apt to forget the importance of a straight bat. Batting Av. 3.9.

N. A. Carr. Has a good eye and hits well, but has no idea of back play. Should develop this branch of his game and he will make a good bat. Fields well and can keep wicket with success. Batting Av. 7.

C. C. Woodley. Has improved his batting considerably during the season but is still very stiff, and does not employ sufficient forward play. Is quite a good catch but has no idea of anticipating the direction of the ball. Batting Av. 13.5 (only two completed innings.)

H. L. Weaver. Is quite useful in the field and catches well. His batting at present is weak. Allows the ball to hit the bat instead of playing out. Should put a little more energy into his play. Batting Av. 1.4.

REGATTA.

The Regatta was held under ideal conditions on the Wilsham reach during the afternoon of July 7th.

Our thanks go to Mr. Bevir for organizing the events, and it was due to him that there was no hitch in the programme.

An impromptu race in canoes between O.A.s who were present caused considerable amusement.

Mrs. Foxwell kindly presented the prizes at the end of the afternoon to the winners of the various events.

Senior House Fours :—Winner—Blue House.

Crew :—E. C. Beaven	Bow
C. R. Davidge	2
I. Williams	3
G. T. Eason	Str. (capt.)
N. Wood	Cox

Junior House Fours :—Winner—Green House.

Crew :—R. W. Snell	Bow
R. Taylor	2
C. Ellis	3
D. H. Jenkins	Str.
J. W. P. Martin	Cox

Senior Pairs :—Winners—

J. E. F. Meadmore	Bow
H. S. D. Stiles	Str.
H. L. Weaver	Cox

Junior Pairs :—Winners—

K. T. Wood	Bow
W. E. Legge	Str.
R. Taylor	Cox

Canoes :—[over 16] Winners—

H. L. Weaver
R. L. C. Footitt

Dongola :—[under 16] Winners—

W. H. Stevens
K. C. Smith
R. Taylor
I. T. Leon
S. W. D. Shallard
K. T. Wood

OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor.

'O mihi praeteritos referat si Juppiter annos.'

Read kindly, gentle Sir, and shed a silent tear, for 'tis a swan song that I sing. How can I speak of the last term that ended in a blaze of glory, and which was for me a last term indeed? Yet, to abuse further an all too thread bare quotation, "Hence loathed Melancholy," and though our hearts be full of bitterness, let the very sweetness of our sorrow be the consolation of this theme.

One Summer term is much like another and yet defies portrayal. The Eights, the College balls, the glorious galaxy of fair damsels besporting themselves upon the Cher., are too lovely and too romantic a recollection to be inscribed in any place but our innermost thoughts.

But study again, Sir, the map of our microcosm and you will not find work altogether neglected. We ourself and J. N. Sanders have taken Schools and even now are awaiting—should we say endeavouring to avoid?—the momentous result of our labours.

Rumour hath it that C. V. Davidge has been working: this, we believe, is directly connected with the result of Mods.

The rest, Sir, you must let the recollection of your own last term supply, and while unable to carry any further this meagre account, may we wish you and your readers a most pleasant vacation?

We are, dear Sir,

Yours,

Olim Alumnus.

THE LITTLE "CAUSEWAY" ISLAND.

(TO THE "TOP-DORMERS.")

'Over the Bridge' is out of bounds, boarders. Never mind, you have privileges. You yell the 'fours' to victory, and you enjoy the happy splashy days of summer bathing, and so the bridge must be crossed.

The road over the bridge leads to another bridge, running along in a fairly straight way across our little island. This is Andersey, and is only just half a square mile in extent. It is a piece of land surrounded by river water. The lock keepers of the great waterway can manage at will to convert it into a peninsula, but the monks of the Abbey were not as clever as these modern giants. For them, the island was always an island with a few concomitant islets. One of these islets or eyots has been this last summer the home of the teazle, the thirsty dipsacus, or the Clothiers' teazle, used for 'fulling' Cloth. It seems to have deserted the old canal bank, and to have found a happier existence in this undisturbed habitat.

There are other islands of this inland nature near by. Goosey and Hanney lie in the pleasant Vale of the White Horse. 'Top-dormers' command a splendid view over them from their south windows. Goosey is the 'isle of the goose,' Hanney is the 'isle of the hen.' Goosey is surrounded by streams. The Ock is one of them. In years gone by these were patches of dry land, standing isolated in the swampy vale. The land called Ely—East Anglia way—was surrounded by river water, but this was many times more extensive than our little island.

Then there is Athelney, in Somerset. King Alfred stockaded it, and used it as a camp of refuge. Many years afterwards, in 1693, a magnificent jewel of gold and enamel was dug up on a farm on the island. This unique jewel is on view in a museum half-a-dozen miles from the school. It was perhaps a locket, or the butt end of a book-pointer.

There has been quite a lot of history written about these last two islands, but in spite of that it does not make the history of Andersey less interesting. The monks of the Abbey have helped to supply this history. They began to be active in the first centuries of Christian times. You know that in the Middle Ages they straddled the streams with very substantial archways. The roadway over them was then very

narrow, and it was not till the sleepy town awoke and looked out upon a commercial world that they widened it. You may one day have time to see to what extent the bridges were widened, when you next take shelter under them from a summer shower.

There are blanks in the historical records of the doings of men in this area before the Conquest. The Danes came along and upset things. You remember a few lines from Kipling.—

"And the Romans left and the Danes blew in:
And that's where your history books begin!"

They were a rough lot, these Danes, and had little literary instinct, leaving us no valuable writing of their doings. Perhaps this was a good thing. The uncertain statements of historians bring up a great deal of criticism. These early stories are splendidly coloured.

We are told that Ine, king of the West Saxons, about the beginning of his rule in 688 A.D. made a gift of Sutton Courtenay to the monks at Abingdon, and about one hundred years after this Offa, the warrior-king of Mercia, came along this way and liked the look of our river island. He found it commodious and pleasantly situated, and decided to take it as a hunting seat and place of residence. To appease the monks he gave them in exchange the 'isle of the goose' in the Vale, about nine miles off. This Goosey contained about one and a half square miles of land, about three times the amount he got in return, and I suppose the monks ought to have been well satisfied.

We are not told where on the island this royal residence was erected. It has been suggested that at this time the land was mainly pasturage. It was probably very boggy, and it seems to me rather unsuitable for hunting other than very small game. Perhaps Offa noticed the hilly ridge, now wooded, on the Oxfordshire side, and squatted there in the dry, and watched the sport with the small game from above.

As we walk along the Causeway for our 'constitutional,' it is difficult to imagine that so noble a king spent sportive hours here. He was a really noble king. He was on terms of equality with Charlemagne, and had hoped to get members of their families to inter-marry, but Charlemagne never allowed his daughters to marry. Offa did great work towards the unification of the warring kingdoms. He

caused a long dyke from sea to sea to be dug, partly as a means of defence, and partly as a boundary line, something tangible for troublesome invaders. When he died in 796, he left his son Ecgferth to rule Mercia, but Ecgferth lived only a few months longer, and this ended a noble house. It is interesting to know that Ecgferth died on our little island. Whether he died during sport or not, it is not said. He might have been doing the William Rufus.

Now about twenty years after Offa's death this hunting business on Andersey became a source of annoyance to the monks. The hunters probably 'made faces' at the holy personages on the other side of the stream, or perhaps 'the hounds and horn cheerly roused the slumbering morn' too early for the slumbering abbot. However a remote cousin, Cœnwulf, the next ruler of Mercia, was induced to retire from the island and carry his annoyance elsewhere. The original gift of the one and a half square miles of land at Sutton Courtenay was handed back, together with one hundred and twenty pounds of gold and silver, and Andersey became the property of the monks. Cœnwulf did rather well out of this bargain, especially with such a cash payment. The eagerness of the monks to recover the island was very apparent.

This peaceful pasturage thus fell into quiet hands for many long years. Of course great men of history have since trampled its soil. The Civil War had its warriors, and many of them were seen in this district, as you have heard several times before. But let us look on this island as the once happy playground of a truly noble king. He, too, may have dropped jewels.

It belongs now to Christ's Hospital, and the governors of the hospital have still to see to the mending of the holes on the Causeway road.

C. W.

O.A. CLUB.

H. A. L. Donkin has been elected President of the Club.

J Knowles and R. E. Eason have been elected joint secretaries. The address of the former is now :—3, Delaware Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. 9., and he will be very glad to hear from O.A.s in London with a view to strengthening the Club in that quarter.

Heartiest congratulations to W. N. E. Bruce on his recent wedding and to W. A. Rudd on his engagement. We wish them both their full meed of happiness.

The annual club dinner was held in the Lion Hotel on Saturday, July 9th. There was an excellent attendance of members, some 35 in all being present. An excellent dinner was provided, to which all present did full justice. The speeches were as varied as they were good, and ranged from expressions of that goodwill all members have one for the other, and in particular for the School, to a relation of personal adventures among the vineyards of France.

The meeting adjourned in accordance with the Statutes and was considered on all sides to have been thoroughly enjoyable.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTHS.

MOORE.—On the 30th April at 3, Tregarne Terrace, St. Austell, Cornwall, to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Moore, a son.

CANNON.—On the 6th May at Hove, near Brighton, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cannon, a daughter.

PAYNE.—(Recently) at The Mount, Inchbrook, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Payne, a son.

MARRIAGES.

LEWIS—DIGBY.—On the 27th April at St. Mark's, Hamilton Terrace, South Marylebone, Leslie Allin Lewis to Grace, only daughter of Mrs. B. Digby, of Shillingford, Oxon.

BRUCE—SHELTON.—On the 19th May at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, William Nigel Bruce to Violet Pauline, daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs. Willington Shelton, of Bruree, co. Limerick.

ALDWINCKLE—BOWEN.—On the 6th July at St. Mary's Church, Longworth, Percy Aldwinckle to Dorothea Margaret, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Denton, of Reading, and widow of the late C. E. Bowen, of Uxbridge.

From *The Times* of 27th April :—The engagement is announced of Alexander Guy Campbell Rice, late 3rd Batt. Royal Berks Regiment, and Frances Enid, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Watney, Courtfield House, Courtfield Road, S.W. 7.

We have had welcome news of Dr. M. G. Hannay, who tells us that he is established in London and on the staff of the St. John's Hospital for diseases of the skin. He took his M. D. Brussels (honours) in 1907, and later passed the exam for the Edinburgh M.R.C.P.

He has since been made a Fellow (F.R.C.P. Edin.) Recently, and before his appointment to the St. John's Hospital, he passed the M.R.C.P. London. During the war he was for nearly four years in the Army, and upon demobilisation he put in work on Skin Diseases in Paris.

Mr. A. E. Preston has been elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

At Oxford, C. V. Davidge was placed in the Third Class in Classical Honour Mods. J. Knowles and J. N. Sanders have gained Second Classes in their Law Finals.

At Cambridge, T. P. R. Layng of Jesus College has been granted Aegrotat Honours in the First Part of the Classical Tripos.

C. V. Davidge was again rowing in the Pembroke College Eight, and R. E. Eason, of All Souls' College, was stroking the very successful Trinity Second Eight. Subsequently, at Henley Regatta, he stroked their First Eight, which was entered for the Ladies Plate. Though they were beaten by six feet in their heat with Pembroke College, Cambridge, the race was rowed in remarkable time, even under the favourable conditions prevailing.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The School has suffered a very heavy loss this term by the death of Dr. C. B. Heberden, ex-Principal of Brasenose College. Dr. Heberden was co-opted a Governor of the School in 1914 in succession to Sir William Anson, and he had always taken a very active interest in our welfare. In the midst of a busy life, and while still Principal of Brasenose, he found time to attend a large number of our Governors' Meetings. On several occasions he was our guest on Founder's Day, and notably in 1913, when as Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University he distributed the prizes on the occasion of our 350th anniversary. He died at Oxford on the 30th of May.

VALETE.

VI. Form.

A. J. Newbury, 1917—1921; 1st. IV. Rowing 1920; Colours 1920; Captain 1921; 1st. XI. Football 1919; 1st. XI. Cricket 1920; Athletic Colours 1919; Lance-Corporal, O.T.C. 1921; School Prefect 1920.

R. C. F. Saxby, 1914—1921; Berkshire County Senior Scholarship 1920.

VB. Form.

S. L. Buckle, 1917—1921; 1st. IV. Rowing 1921; Colours 1921; 1st. XI. Football 1919; Colours 1919; Athletic Colours 1920.

R. L. Williams, 1918—1921; 2nd. IV. Rowing 1921.

C. S. Morland, 1915—1921; 1st. XI. Football 1920.

Remove—K. W. Glasson 1919—1921.

III. Form—H. W. Sowdon 1919—1921.

II. Form—R. Sowdon 1920—1921.

SALVETE.

III. Form—O. I. C. R. Round, E. N. Packer.

II. Form—R. C. Ellis.

Athletic Colours were awarded last term to C. E. H. Dolphin and R. L. C. Foottit.

At a meeting at the beginning of this term C. E. H. Dolphin was elected Captain of Cricket and I. Williams Secretary.

Cricket Colours have been awarded to G. M. G. McFarlane, G. T. Eason and I. Williams.

The bat for the highest batting average, presented by the Masters' Common Room, was won by Dolphin with an average of 25.27. That for the best bowling average, presented by the Headmaster, goes to McFarlane, whose average is 9.59, Dolphin, whose average is a fraction better, retiring in favour of his subordinate.

H. V. Stone, O.A., has kindly offered a prize for the best fielder, which will be awarded this year to E. H. Smeeth.

We have received and acknowledge with many thanks a further present from J. W. Morland of books for the School Library—five volumes of miscellaneous history.

We are indebted to W. Memory also—our present Librarian—for several useful and interesting volumes.

We have to thank the O.A. Club for an interesting collection of old Sports Cards (1882—1904) with the names of the winners and the times, etc., duly recorded.

Eggs have been presented to the School Collection, which is in a fairly flourishing condition, by:—Howard ii, Ellis i, Carr, Taylor i, Stevens ii, Jenkins, Aldridge, Cole, Shallard i, Spencer, Salisbury, Hancock, Mrs. Grundy and Messrs. Staniland and Sikes. To all these donors we offer our sincere thanks, and more especially to Mr. Sikes, who has given us his time and his experience as well.

On June 6th we had a visit from Mr. H. L. Picke, an American Educationist, who gave

us an interesting and suggestive lecture on "Memory Training."

On 25th June, Alexandra Day, the School attended and enjoyed a popular concert in the Corn Exchange, given by a party from Oxford known as the "Melody Makers."

On 2nd July some of the senior boys were granted a whole holiday to enable them to visit Henley for the final day of the Regatta. This privilege was extended to members of the Vith Form, Cricket, Football, Rowing and Athletic Colours, and First Class Shots. The weather was perfect, though decidedly warm for the bicyclists, and a most successful outing was thoroughly enjoyed.

We have been requested by the Editors of Public School Verse to print the following announcement:—"PUBLIC SCHOOL VERSE Vol. II. (Heinemann, 3s. 6d.), will be published early in September. Orders may be given in

advance to any bookseller. Contributions are invited for the Third Volume. They should be forwarded not later than Dec. 31st, 1921, to the Editors of *Public School Verse*, c/o Holywell Press, Oxford. Only M.S.S. accompanied by a stamped envelope of sufficient size can be returned in case of rejection. All boys are eligible who had not left school before March 1921, but in all cases the work must have been written before leaving."

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *The Aluredian*, *The Bloxhamist*, *The Chigwellian*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Monktonian*, *The Oxford High School Magazine*, *A Queen's College Miscellany*.

The Rag Concert is fixed for the 25th. Boarders depart on the 26th and return on the 14th September. Next term begins on the 15th September.