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### EDITORIAL.

The term has been somewhat marred by sporadic interruptions of scarlet fever germs, which seem to have been much in evidence everywhere. As a consequence, most of the school matches have had to be scratched, and cricket has fallen rather flat. The weather too, which was kindly, almost too kindly, at first, has of late assumed a more questionable aspect: and during the O.A. week especially, at the Regatta, Prize-giving and Cricket Match, we had to be thankful if we were not getting wet, while even the athletes (and prize-winners) could not pretend that it was warm.

For one thing the term has been remarkable. With 133 boys on the register we have established a new record in point of numbers. The increase has been mainly with the day-boys, our boarding accommodation being already full to overflowing. But next term, with the School Lodge turned into a miniature hostel, we expect an increase in our boarding department as well. The alterations at the Lodge are designed for the housing of ten

boys, who will take their meals in the School House. We understand that the vacancies are all bespoken, and Mr. Bevir will remain in charge.

Yet further provision for boarders is contemplated in the War Memorial project, full details of which we publish in another column; q.v. (as they say in the Latin Dictionary).

For our illustration we are indebted to Ivan Williams.

### THE WAR MEMORIAL SCHEME.

On the last page of this number will be found a balance sheet of the War Memorial Fund, with a statement of the present financial position. It will be seen that the Committee has now nearly £1,600 at its disposal, or rather more than £1,600 if we include a few subscriptions promised but not yet paid. The purchase of War Bonds two years ago has proved a successful investment, and should result in a profit of about £120 if the stock is sold at its present market price, while interest has been accruing in the meantime to the amount

of about £65 a year. Subscriptions, as detailed in the balance sheet, make up the remainder of the increase.

Meanwhile the project for the War Memorial has itself been largely modified, and, as we think, improved; at all events it has been brought more within the scope of practical politics. Owing to the rise in prices, wages, and the like, it was felt that the original plan, to add two storeys above the woodworkshop and join them up with the existing sanatorium wing, would require more funds than the Committee had set out to raise, or, perhaps, was likely to raise. At the same time it was in itself a somewhat wasteful plan, as it necessitated the practical rebuilding of the woodworkshop, and a considerable part of the money would have gone on this with but little to show for it externally. Moreover, the finished building would have been at the back of the School, on the north side, and not in a conspicuous position, as a War Memorial should be. It has therefore been decided to drop this plan in favour of a smaller but more suitable extension on the south side of the School, *i.e.* fronting on the playing-fields.

Our readers, or most of them, will remember the corridor leading to the Dining Hall. It is at this point that the new wing is to be added, extending southwards over the gravel for 20 feet or more (*i.e.* about the same distance as the Headmaster's dining room) and covering laterally most of the space between the Dining Hall and the tower steps. Those who have seen the plans and the elevation drawn up by Mr. G. J. T. West, O.A., are agreed that it will form an agreeable feature architecturally, with its oriel window facing south and in keeping with the present Big School window; while the piece of wall which it will hide, or replace, is perhaps the one ugly spot in the present frontage. Vertically the building is to consist of two storeys above the ground floor, with a gabled roof built into that of the upper dormitory between two of the dormer windows.

The principal feature on the inside will be a large library and reading room, 24ft. by 19ft., on the level of the Dining Hall and furnished in oak with low panelling and projecting book cases. As a quiet reading room, to be reserved as such, it will satisfy a real want of boarders and day-boys alike—another point in which the new project is, as a War Memorial, more appropriate than its predecessor. In this room, moreover, will be kept the portraits and records of those who fell in the war. Above this will be an extension of the lower dormitory, opening into it at right angles and

allowing sleeping accommodation for six more boarders in the School House; while on the ground floor there will be additional study and lavatory accommodation.

Such, in outline, is the new plan proposed by the Committee and approved by the Governing Body; but it is very needful to remember that at present it is only a proposal, and until the requisite funds are forthcoming, it will have to remain so. The probable cost will be about £2,000; certainly not less; and the amount available at the present time is about £1,600. Is it too much to hope that the balance will be forthcoming?

Many old boys and friends and parents have contributed to our War Memorial Fund, and some have contributed liberally; but on the other hand there are many who have not. Upon these and upon all we would respectfully urge the following considerations:—

(1) The School was not backward in the war. It gave liberally of its best for the common welfare, and in point of sacrifice it was a heavy loser. And this is no mere metaphor; the School is substantially and practically poorer for the loss of many strong supporters. What gathering of old boys can fail to show us this? Surely, then, it is a fitting tribute of gratitude to the fallen to help in a practical manner the School that trained them up to manhood.

(2) The furtherance of this building scheme will be a very real and material help to the School, and should constitute, unless we are mistaken, the necessary preliminary step towards its further growth and expansion. At present we are cramped and hampered by lack of room. The boys whom we now have are so thick on the ground that without more room we can scarce contain them; and others at the same time, both day-boys and would-be boarders, are continually seeking admission. For some time now we have had a lengthy waiting-list, and many applications have had to be refused. Some boarders are already quartered in Masters' houses, and the School Lodge next term will be full of boarders; but "the cry is, still they come." This, then, is the reason why we would fain do what we may; for the School needs the boys as the boys need the School, and it seems a pity to be wasting our opportunities, and closing our doors to many who might benefit by coming within them.

A further appeal will be sent out in due course by the War Memorial Committee; but meanwhile "bis dat, qui cito dat," and this is almost literally true in the present instance, for without the money

we cannot start the building, and without the building we cannot take the boys. Subscriptions may be sent to either of the Secretaries, James Townsend at 34 St. John's Road, Abingdon, or E. J. P. Ross Barker at the School House, or to the Headmaster.

#### FOUNDER'S DAY.

Friday, June 30th, was chosen this year for Founder's Day. The usual programme was successfully carried out. At the service in St. Helen's Church the Rev. P. C. Bevan (formerly Rector of Marsh Baldon and a member of our Governing Body) preached an appropriate and interesting sermon. The singing, under the able direction of Miss Sheldon Peach, was most successful.

After the service a large company assembled in the gymnasium for the distribution of the prizes by Dr. R. W. Macan, the Master of University College, Oxford. Before the distribution, Mr. Grundy made his customary speech. He welcomed Dr. Macan, and thanked the Rev. P. C. Bevan for preaching the sermon, mentioning the fact that he had lately added to his benefactions to the school by giving £150 to found divinity prizes through the various forms. Speaking to the parents, Mr. Grundy said that a boy who went through the school had to tackle a very wide diversity of subjects, and pointed out the advantages and necessity of the study of one of them—literature, about which people were apt to form a wrong opinion. He went on to say that the numbers of the school were larger than they had ever been before, and arrangements had been made to open the Lodge to provide additional accommodation for boarders. The memorial wing had not yet been built, as £400 of the necessary funds—£2,000—were still wanted. Plans had been drawn and a suitable site found on the south side of the school. The wing would include a library, which would act as a rallying point for the Old Boys, and would be one of the best rooms in the School building.

Dr. Macan then distributed the prizes as follows :

Upper Sixth Classical, A. F. James ; Lower Sixth Classical, J. F. Sinclair ; Greek Prose Composition, A. F. James ; Latin Prose Composition, A. F. James.

Sixth Mathematics, R. L. C. Foottit.

Sixth Physics, C. E. H. Dolphin.

Sixth Chemistry, I. Williams.

Sixth French, A. F. James.

Form Prizes : VA., G. W. Salisbury ; VB., C. C. Woodley ; Remove, S. R. Hunt ; III., N. J. Banes ; II., J. G. Waldron.

Mathematics : VA., A. W. Miles ; VB., W. G. Hancock ; Remove, N. V. Pearson ; III., N. J. Banes ; II., R. E. Broadbent.

Latin : VA., C. R. Wright ; VB., W. G. Hancock ; Remove, S. R. Hunt ; III., E. G. Langford.

Greek : VA., C. R. Wright ; VB., W. G. Hancock ; Remove, S. R. Hunt.

Science : Lower Sixth, G. S. Sturrock ; VA., H. S. D. Stiles ; VB., C. C. Woodley.

Divinity : Sixth, R. L. C. Foottit ; VA., G. M. G. McFarlane ; VB., C. C. Woodley.

Art : I. Williams.

Singing : W. M. Isbister.

Pianoforte : W. G. Hancock.

Nature Study : A. J. Cooper.

After distributing the prizes, Dr. Macan said that during the fifty years he had been connected with the University of Oxford, he had had important relations with the school, which was closely connected with the Universities, and very largely with Oxford, through the staff. Mentioning the interest which he could see the Borough felt in the school, he suggested that we should get up a masque similar to the one played at his old school, Charterhouse, representing its history in connection with the municipality. With regard to ideas in education, if the English wanted to follow in the train of the Greeks, they should make a careful study of their own language, as the Greeks had done. Among the prizes he had given away there was no prize for English, and he could only hope that it was because English was so obvious, so important, and so omnipresent in the school. English was coming to the front in the universities, and he hoped the schools of the country would take note of it and realise that English had a future.

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

The donors of the prizes, to whom our very sincere thanks are due, were as follows :—Mrs. Baker (Major Sydney Harold Baker Memorial Prize for Physics), Mrs. Stevens (Nature Study), Miss Peach (Pianoforte), Canon W. M. Meredith (Greek and Latin Prose Composition), Rev. P. C. Bevan (Divinity Prizes), Rev. H. A. Kennedy, Dr. H. S. Challenor, and Messrs. H. T. Clarke, H. A. L. Donkin (as President of O. A. Club), W. M. Grundy (Headmaster), R. W. Langford,

A. T. Loyd, M.P., O.B.E., J. T. Morland, W. H. Nash, A. E. Preston, C. A. Pryce, C. Rippon (as Mayor of Abingdon), H. P. Simpson, H. Young.

Sgt. I. Williams	64
Cadet R. W. Snell	62
Cadet G. E. Lay	59
Sgt. C. E. H. Dolphin	57

Average 65.9%

### O.T.C.

This term from the point of view of training marks the completion of our course.

On June 20th the contingent was inspected by Major G. N. Buckland, D.S.O., of the General Staff. He was quite pleased with the turn out and efficiency displayed by the N.C.O.s and Cadets. Naturally there were a few minor criticisms in the report written by him. Apparently the words of command were a little too hurried, and also sections when extended were not sufficiently controlled by their section commanders. However, the Corps is "efficient."

Camp will be held from July 24th to August 1st at Mychett, Aldershot. The contingent will be well represented, for 32 cadets out of 54 will be there. It is gratifying to find members ready to undergo this annual training, which rounds off and completes what has been learnt on the school parade ground during the past year.

The War Office this term withdrew our old "long" rifles, and now we have a full complement of "Rifles, short." The bayonets issued have had their points carefully rounded off, but ardent fighters must not be disappointed with results in the next field day.

New musketry Regulations for Junior O.T.C.s were issued last March by the War Office.

After preliminary training a cadet, if considered proficient by his commanding officer, may be allowed to shoot the Empire Test Miniature Course. The Test aims at a high standard and is intended to be applicable to all miniature ranges throughout the Empire. The highest possible score is 120; those who obtain 90 points or over are classified as 1st class shots and are entitled to wear a badge of a rifle and star; those making 60 points or over are classified as 2nd class shots and wear a rifle badge.

A team of ten was entered for the National Rifle Association Empire Challenge Shield (Miniature).

The scores made were:

L./Cpl. R. L. C. Foottit (Captain)	76
Cpl. W. Memory	70
Cadet N. A. Carr	70
Cadet R. C. W. Waterhouse	69
L./Cpl. P. E. Rowlandson	68
Cadet C. R. Davidge	65

Mr. J. Townsend, O.A., kindly acted as Range Official. The shooting cup has been awarded to L./Cpl. R. L. C. Foottit with a score of 113 out of 120 (Empire Test.)

Next term many recruits will be needed in order to complete our establishment. All boys 13 years of age and over will be eligible to join, and it is hoped that all those who can will enrol themselves.

### CRICKET.

The cricket season has been disappointing. In our first match the team gave promise of doing great things, but a variety of causes intervened to upset our calculations and spoil our expectations. In the first place a number of matches were scratched owing to infection, and secondly as a result the team were short of match practice when it came to the later matches.

Reviewing the season as a whole, both the bowling and batting proved weak. We had six members of the first eleven who could bowl a little, but sometimes even that little was wanting. A school eleven should possess a fast bowler, and if at the beginning of term they haven't one, they should endeavour to make one. We think one could have been found. Dolphin had to provide the runs, though McFarlane, Waterhouse and Williams all made more than twenty in an innings. Yet there is distinct promise in the younger members of the team, and Sinclair, Sturrock, Davidge and Taylor should all develop into useful players.

The last mentioned proved the mainstay of the XI. under 15 years of age, and in their first match against the Oxford High School made 50 runs and took 6 wickets for 2 runs. The second XI. only played two matches and lost them both. The Shallards show promise, but the standard of play is not high.

### FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

A.S.C.C. v. Bachelors' Club, Oxford.—Played on the home ground on May 20th. This match, although the first of the season, showed up some promising talent for the future, especially in the batting line. C. E. H. Dolphin made an excellent score of 56, while I. Williams made 30 not out. Messrs. Rudd, Bevir, and Alston played for the School and did some useful batting.

A.S.C.C. :—Mr. Rudd, b Kirkpatrick 1; Mr. Bevir, b Gibson 23; Mr. Alston, b Kirkpatrick 20; C. E. H. Dolphin, c Simpson b Holmes 56; R. C. W. Waterhouse, c Glennie b Kirkpatrick 2; R. L. C. Foottit, b Holmes 8; G. M. G. McFarlane, b Kirkpatrick 30; J. F. Sinclair, c Glennie b Kirkpatrick 15; I. Williams, not out 30; N. A. Carr, b Kirkpatrick 2; G. S. Sturrock, not out 0; extras 30. Total 217 (9 wickets).

Bachelors' Club :—M. J. Olivier, lbw b McFarlane 3; W. H. E. Glennie, b Bevir 49; R. E. Holmes, c Dolphin b McFarlane 1; J. D. Bennett, c Sturrock b McFarlane 27; B. H. Belfrage, b Dolphin 1; R. C. R. Kirkpatrick, b Dolphin 19; E. L. Bush, not out 16; R. G. Spencer (substitute), not out 0; extras 8. Total 132 (8 wickets.)

R. G. Spencer played for the Bachelors, who came one man short.

A.S.C.C. v. Brightwell.—Played on the home ground on May 24th. The School played well all round, winning with nearly double their opponents' score. Mr. Grundy was playing for the School and made an excellent score of 34, while Mr. Rudd took three wickets for eight runs.

Brightwell, 1st Innings :—S. Kew, b Bevir 1; P. Harvey, c Dolphin b McFarlane 0; C. Painter, c Carr b Bevir 11; A. Brown, b Bevir 6; T. Hammond, c McFarlane b Bevir 4; F. G. Parry, b Rudd 16; H. Sutton, c Rudd b McFarlane 0; W. Looker, c Bevir b Rudd 5; G. A. Wood, not out 4; R. Saunders, c Bevir b Rudd 5; extras 0. Total 52 (9 wickets).

A.S.C.C. :—Mr. Grundy, c and b Hammond 34; Mr. Rudd, run out 9; Mr. Alston, b Tarry 5; C. E. H. Dolphin, b Wood 19; I. Williams, lbw b Wood 0; G. M. G. McFarlane, b Wood 2; Mr. Bevir, b Sutton 15; R. C. W. Waterhouse, b Hammond 2; R. L. C. Foottit, c Tarry b Wood 5; J. F. Sinclair, b Wood 7; N. A. Carr, not out 0; extras 3. Total 101.

Brightwell, 2nd Innings :—Harvey, c Dolphin b Williams 6; Painter, c Grundy b Williams 0; Sutton, b Dolphin 10; Tarry, c and b Grundy 0; Saunders, c Grundy b Williams 6; Hammond, not out 4; extras 4. Total 27 (5 wickets.)

A.S.C.C. v. Abingdon Town.—Played on the home ground on June 10th. The School's batting was consistently poor, and C. E. H. Dolphin, who made 34, seemed the only person able to withstand the bowling. The fielding was quite good, however, five of the town being caught out.

Messrs. Rudd, Bevir, and Alston again did good work but Mr. Grundy was unfortunately unable to

turn out.

Abingdon Town :—G. E. Bradfield, lbw b Bevir 6; W. G. Beauchamp, c Sinclair b Bevir 7; H. R. Lewis, b Bevir 2; J. Carter, c McFarlane b Bevir 1; C. Groves, lbw b McFarlane 2; S. M. Pemberton, c Waterhouse b Dolphin 27; E. E. Crook, b Dolphin 33; J. Horsley, not out 19; A. Parry, c Waterhouse b Dolphin 8; O. Cullen, c Sinclair b McFarlane 9; E. W. Porter, b McFarlane 0; extras 11. Total 125.

A.S.C.C. :—Mr. Rudd, b Carter 15; Mr. Bevir, c Crook b Bradfield 14; Mr. Alston, run out 2; C. E. H. Dolphin, c Porter b Crook 34; I. Williams, b Bradfield 0; R. C. W. Waterhouse, c Tarry b Carter 1; G. M. G. McFarlane, lbw b Carter 4; R. L. C. Foottit, c Crook b Carter 8; J. F. Sinclair, c Pemberton b Crook 6; N. A. Carr, b Crook 1; C. C. Woodley, not out 4; extras 14. Total 103.

A.S.C.C. v. Brightwell.—Played at Brightwell on June 14th. The School's batting was poor on the whole and C. E. H. Dolphin, 29, again seemed the only player able to make any runs. Messrs. Rudd and Bevir did some very useful bowling, however, and G. M. G. McFarlane took five wickets for twenty runs.

Brightwell :—R. Gray, b Dolphin 4; C. Painter, c and b Bevir 2; H. Wetherall, c Sinclair b Rudd 6; Col. Broke, c Alston b Rudd 6; S. Kew, c and b McFarlane 13; W. Chown, b McFarlane 3; T. W. Hunt, c Alston b McFarlane 7; G. A. Wood, not out 3; F. G. Tarry, b McFarlane 1; T. Hammond, c and b McFarlane 0; S. Harvey, run out 1; extras 3. Total 49.

A.S.C.C. :—Mr. Rudd, b Hunt 1; C. E. H. Dolphin, b Hunt 29; Mr. Alston, b Hunt 1; R. L. C. Foottit, run out 4; I. Williams, b Painter 6; Mr. Bevir, b Painter 1; G. M. G. McFarlane, b Painter 1; R. C. W. Waterhouse, run out 2; J. F. Sinclair, c Wood b Broke 12; N. A. Carr, not out 7; C. C. Woodley, b Hammond 0; extras 11. Total 71.

A.S.C.C. v. Magdalen College School.—Played on the home ground on June 17th. The School batting was not good and except for C. E. H. Dolphin and G. M. G. McFarlane, who made 27 and 26 respectively, no one made more than eight runs. The fielding was quite good and I. Williams took four wickets for twenty-six runs besides catching two men.

A.S.C.C. 1st Innings :—C. E. H. Dolphin, c Smeson b F. L. Clark 27; R. L. C. Foottit, hit wicket b Evans 2; R. C. W. Waterhouse, b Evans 7; J. F. Sinclair, lbw b Evans 8; I. Williams, b

Bushell 1; C. R. Davidge, not out 8; G. M. G. McFarlane, c Steptoe b F. L. Clark 26; R. Taylor, b F. L. Clark 0; N. A. Carr, c J. R. Clark b F. L. Clark 0; G. S. Sturrock, b Bushell 2; C. C. Woodley, c J. R. Clark b F. L. Clark 0; extras 3. Total 84.

Magdalen College School:—A. Bushell, c Carr b Williams 37; F. W. Steptoe, b McFarlane, 9; R. A. V. Prendergast, c Williams b Taylor 17; M. D. A. Evans, lbw b Taylor 10; R. F. Matthews, c Williams b Sturrock 27; E. G. T. Pritchett, lbw b Waterhouse 5; J. G. Smeson, c Sinclair b Williams 0; E. G. Davies, c Davidge b Williams 4; F. L. Clark, b Dolphin 9; C. G. Hey, not out 11; J. R. Clark, b Dolphin 4; extras 7. Total 140.

A.S.C.C. 2nd Innings:—Dolphin, c Smeson b Evans 11; McFarlane, b Bushell 10; Waterhouse, lbw b Bushell 0; I. Williams, b Bushell 1; Carr, c Bushell b Evans 0; Foottit, c Hey b Evans 2; Sturrock, c Matthews b Bushell 6; Sinclair, c and b Bushell 9; C. C. Woodley, b Evans 2; Taylor, not out 0; Davidge, c J. R. Clark b Evans 2; extras 5. Total 46.

A.S.C.C. v. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.—Played at Oxford on June 21st. The School was absolutely unable to do anything either in the bowling or batting line owing to the rather unfavourable wicket. The fielding was fairly good except for mid-wicket who gave a somewhat dismal display. However, R. C. W. Waterhouse made 31, and R. L. C. Foottit made 18 not out.

Oxford High School:—C. W. Wyatt, not out 106; S. Adams, lbw b Dolphin 15; G. T. Booth, c Waterhouse b McFarlane 4; R. E. Dickinson, c Williams b Dolphin 4; C. S. W. King, c Dolphin b Williams 13; G. S. Smith, c Foottit b Dolphin 46; E. C. Kirkpatrick, c Sinclair b Waterhouse 1; M. F. Harrold, not out 1; extras 24. Total 214 (6 wickets, declared).

A.S.C.C.:—C. E. H. Dolphin, c Adams b Dickinson 4; C. R. Davidge, b Dickinson 1; J. F. Sinclair, c Walker b Dickinson 4; R. C. W. Waterhouse, c Wyatt b Booth 31; I. Williams, lbw b Adams 3; G. M. G. McFarlane, c Broadhurst b Dickinson 7; R. L. C. Foottit, not out 18; G. S. Sturrock, b Dickinson 8; N. A. Carr, b Dickinson 4; R. Taylor, b Dickinson 0; C. C. Woodley, b Dickinson 0; extras 11. Total 91.

A.S.C.C. v. BACHELORS' CLUB.—Played on the Oriol Ground, Oxford, on June 24th. Mr. Rudd again played for the School and, with C. E. H. Dolphin, started quite well. However, play soon had to cease owing to the heavy rain, and was

unable to be continued.

A.S.C.C.:—Mr. Rudd, not out 12; R. C. W. Waterhouse, c Olivier b Buckmaster 1; C. E. H. Dolphin, not out 19; extras 11. Total 43 (1 wicket.)

A.S.C.C. v. O.A.C.—Played on the home ground on July 1st. Unhappily C. E. H. Dolphin was away for the match, and without him the School seemed utterly unable to make any runs, especially off J. Knowles' bowling. Donkin for the old Boys was in great form with the bat, and had hard luck to miss his century.

A.S.C.C. 1st Innings:—R. C. W. Waterhouse, b Knowles 14; C. R. Davidge, b Knowles 2; J. F. Sinclair, b Knowles 4; I. Williams, lbw b Knowles 9; R. L. C. Foottit, b Knowles 0; G. M. G. McFarlane, b Knowles 10; N. A. Carr, b Knowles 2; G. S. Sturrock, not out 9; R. Taylor, b Knowles 2; C. C. Woodley, b Knowles 6; R. G. Spencer, stumped b Donkin 0; extras 8. Total 61.

O.A.C.:—W. Lupton, run out 24; H. A. L. Donkin, b Williams 99; C. M. Humfrey, c McFarlane b Foottit 0; K. G. Stevens, c Williams b Foottit 14; H. V. Stone, not out 18; extras 3. Total 158 (4 wickets, declared). T. F. Bowman, B. J. Bury, R. E. Eason, F. H. Edey, and A. L. Edwards did not bat.

A.S.C.C. 2nd Innings:—Waterhouse, c Stone b Humfrey 21; Davidge, c and b Knowles 0; Sinclair, b Humfrey 3; Williams, c and b Humfrey 0; Foottit, run out 6; McFarlane, not out 16; extras 2. Total 48 (5 wickets.)

#### SECOND ELEVEN.

The following have played for the Second Eleven:—R. G. Spencer, A. W. Miles, J. Harding, C. Ellis, S. W. D. Shallard, H. D. Shallard, W. D. Shallard, W. T. Hancock, B. W. L. Buckland, W. E. Steele, C. R. Wright, G. W. Salisbury, W. E. Legge. Two matches have been played, one v. Magdalen College School and one v. Oxford High School. The former was lost, and the latter was drawn very much in our favour.

#### UNDER 15 ELEVEN.

The following have played for the School:—R. Taylor, H. D. Shallard, C. R. Wright, W. G. Hancock, H. A. Steele, N. C. Wood, H. S. Bartlett, W. D. Shallard, F. M. Cole, J. S. Fox, J. W. P. Martin, W. F. Smith.

R. Taylor was by far the most useful player and got the averages of 36.5, for batting, and 1.8, for bowling.

## CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM.

C. E. H. Dolphin, Colours 1920-21. Has again made a keen and energetic captain. Has borne the brunt of the batting. Makes good use of his long reach and scores quickly, but occasionally hits with a very crooked bat. Is quite good in the field, but this year his bowling has fallen off.

G. M. G. McFarlane, Colours 1921. Has borne the brunt of the bowling throughout the season. Usually keeps a good length and breaks cleverly. His batting shows promise but is at present unreliable. Should throw his weight into his forward shots and cultivate a more natural defence. His fielding is brilliant.

I. Williams, Colours 1921. Has done useful bowling on occasions. Has a deceptive delivery and breaks well. As a fielder at midwicket his throwing in is good but his catching uncertain. In batting is rather inclined to be lbw and hesitates too much between forward and back play.

R. L. C. Foottit, Colours 1922. A very keen member of the team. Is quite a reliable catch, but his throwing in is very inaccurate. Is a persevering batsman but introduces a scythe-like stroke into his forward shots off the leg stump. Should keep more erect and try to acquire the habit of watching the ball on to the bat.

R. C. W. Waterhouse, Colours 1922. His catching is good but throwing in much too reckless. His batting shows evidence of a knowledge of style but of failure in its application. His keenness is a valuable asset.

N. A. Carr, Colours 1922. As wicket keeper has been very successful in keeping down the byes. Is very good at stopping balls on the leg. That so few have been run out is mainly due to poor throwing in. His batting is weak. His strokes look unnatural and stiff. Should make more use of his long reach for forward play.

J. F. Sinclair. A very keen supporter of the team and promises well. A pretty bat and knows how to apply his knowledge of style, but is handicapped by a short reach. Smart in the field, although he has missed several catches at point. Should not stand in too close.

C. C. Woodley. A good fielder and a fairly safe catch. His lack of vigour in forward play handicaps his scoring capacity. Has a somewhat poking defence stroke but keeps a straight bat.

C. R. Davidge. Has just begun to show some signs of keenness. Is not a very reliable catch and should learn to get behind the ball.

Can play a good defensive innings and keeps a straight bat, but fails to keep the ball down

when trying to score.

G. S. Sturrock. Is quite a good bat and plays some good shots to mid on and mid off. Has a good idea of style. Fields well when he happens to be awake. A promising bowler.

R. Taylor. Plays a good game for his age, but is handicapped by his size. Is a very pretty bat but should learn to recognize a yorker. Has made a useful change bowler and keeps a good length. Has been the backbone of the "under 15" eleven.

## REGATTA.

This event took place on the Wilsham Reach on Thursday, June 29th. The conditions were not as happy as in the previous year, but in spite of threatening clouds and a chilly breeze, the long programme was carried through without a hitch.

One or two occupants of canoes were treated to an impromptu bathe, but the low temperature of the water made them readily desert their upturned craft and make for the shore. We were pleased to see such a good number of parents and friends. The standard of rowing was an improvement on that of previous years, and thanks mainly to the absence of weeds there were fewer crabs caught. But it may be pointed out that more races were lost by bad coxing than by inferior oarsmanship, and the art of steering was rendered more difficult by the awkward direction of the wind across the river. Owing to the uncertainty of the weather the prizes were distributed in the evening at the School by Mrs. Sturrock.

## Names of Winning Crews:—

*Senior House Fours*:—Green House:—

C. Ellis	Bow
J. F. Sinclair	2
R. L. C. Foottit	3
N. A. Carr	Str.
J. W. P. Martin	Cox

*Junior House Fours*:—Blue House:—

W. E. Legge	Bow
C. C. Woodley	2
W. E. Steele	3
K. T. Wood	Str.
E. M. Holbrook	Cox

*Senior Pairs*:—

I. Williams	Bow
R. L. C. Foottit	Str.
C. Lowe	Cox

*Junior Pairs*:—

J. F. Sinclair	Bow
A. W. Miles	Str.
H. D. Shallard	Cox

*Canoes* :—C. R. Davidge and W. H. Stevens.

*Dongola* :—

S. W. D. Shallard	R. Taylor
I. T. Leon	R. W. Snell
C. R. Wright	K. L. Aldridge

#### FROM HINKSEY HILL.

There is a grey old city  
 With many a dome and spire,  
 Like fingers pointing heavenwards  
 Out of the market mire ;  
 And every stone and steeple  
 Of all that city grey  
 Cries " Upwards, Upwards, Upwards !"  
 Day by day.

The men who built that city  
 Were men of generous mind,  
 Who having found the golden key  
 Would give it to their kind ;  
 And so they built the city,  
 Stone on stone and spire on spire,  
 To cry " Upwards, Upwards, Upwards !"  
 " Never tire !"

And to that grey old city  
 Comes many an eager son,  
 To swing the gate and pass along,  
 As his forefathers have done ;  
 And above their life and laughter  
 Rings the message of the spires :  
 " Upwards, Upwards, Upwards,  
 " Your desires !"

And in that grey old city  
 The gates are always wide,  
 That all the youth of all mankind  
 May enter side by side :  
 And every spire and steeple  
 Is pointing straight and true,  
 With an " Upwards, Upwards, Upwards,  
 " All of you !"

E. A. R. B.

#### THE REFORMATION OF MARGARET.

Margaret, our new maid, had one failing—an intense desire for knowledge. Not the useless stuff they teach in schools ; she was peculiarly free from that. But in the opening of other people's letters she had no equal. She was quite frank about it, too—positively brazen.

One morning when Doris came into the dining-room, I danced indignantly round her, waving a sheet of brown paper in one hand and a piece of string in the other.

" I simply will not stand that girl another day !"  
 I said. " Here's a packet of papers sent from the office. Not only has she opened it, but she hasn't even the decency to hide her sin. I found them lying all over the table. She may have lighted the fire with some of them."

" But what are we to do ?" asked Doris desperately. " If we let her go, wherever are we to get another maid ?"

She dissolved into tears.

" Don't, Doris," I cried. " There, perhaps I'm a bit hasty."

" Oh no ; she's awful, I know," Doris wailed ; " but what can we do ?"

" We must try to reform her," I suggested without hope.

Doris shook her head. Then she gave a little start.

" I have an idea," she said solemnly.

" My dear, this is too sudden."

Doris frowned me into silence.

I was ordered to bring home a book about Nihilists and bombs. I did so, and Doris gave it to Margaret. That young person was enchanted. Then I wrote a bloodthirsty letter threatening myself with sudden death. It was duly opened, and afterwards Margaret regarded me with a horrid interest. She seemed keenly disappointed every time I came home alive.

Then we played the final card. We got the works of an old clock, started them going, packed them in a tin, and tied to it a label which said : " Bomb. This will explode in three minutes."

We wrapped it up carefully, and posted it so that it would arrive next morning.

When the postman knocked, Doris and I held on to each other and giggled irreverently. We heard Margaret open the door, and soon afterwards the snip of scissors. In a second came a surprised " Oh !" Then, with one piercing shriek, Margaret flung open the front door and dashed out. We never saw her again. Later a man called for her box. He scowled at us horribly, but refused to speak. Of course, we may have reformed Margaret, but I don't know ; and it seems rather hard lines to have had all that trouble for nothing.

A. F. J.

#### O.A. CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st, in the Masters' Common Room at the School. The President (H. A. L. Donkin) was in the chair. J. Knowles was elected President for the ensuing



year and R. E. Eason and H. A. L. Donkin Joint Secretaries and Treasurers. The eligible members of the Committee, B. J. Bury, J. N. Sanders and E. J. P. Ross-Barker were re-elected, and in addition were elected H. V. Stone, W. B. Coxeter and A. J. Newbury.

H. P. Simpson reintroduced the question of the Club colours and it was agreed that the blazer should be either plain with the crest on the pocket or cerise, white and black in broad stripes as formerly. It was left to H. P. Simpson to arrange the shade of the colour. A vote of thanks to the retiring President was passed and the meeting adjourned.

The O.A. dinner was held at the Lion Hotel on Saturday, July 1st, after the Past v. Present cricket match. The President (H. A. L. Donkin) was in the chair and twenty six members and their guests turned up, the latter including Mr. C. Rippon, the Mayor of Abingdon.

The President proposed the toast of the School and hoped that the money required for the War Memorial Scheme would be forthcoming in order to help the School to enlarge. E. J. P. Ross-Barker proposed the toast of the Club and J. Knowles, the President elect, with great eloquence, that of the Guests, to which Mr. Rippon replied.

H. A. L. Donkin has left London and returned to Abingdon. His address is 4, Spring Terrace.

The attendance at the Club dinner was not as large as it might have been. We hope more will turn up next year.

#### O.A. NOTES.

##### MARRIAGE.

HABGOOD—BLEEK.—On the 11th July, at St. Mary Abbots' Church, Kensington, Herbert Thomas, third son of the late Mr. G. W. Habgood and Mrs. Habgood, of Marlborough House, Far-ington, to Marjorie Gwendoline, second daughter of the late Mr. H. Bleek and Mrs. Bleek, of 30, Penywern Road, Earls Court, Kensington.

With reference to the note in our last issue on Abingdon School Rowing we have received the following from F. E. Thorn, and we trust that London O.A.s, who are also watermen, will lay to heart his concluding paragraph.

3, BEAUFORT MANSIONS,  
CHELSEA, S.W. 3.

30th March, 1922.

DEAR EDITOR,

I was much interested in notes on rowing in the March number of "The Abingdonian," but I fancy that someone has made a pardonable

mistake in the record of F. P. Lysaght, whom I just remember as a great rowing light when I entered the School. He did row Head-of-the-River for Exeter in 1882, but was not in the crew that won the "Grand" at Henley that year. The crew was strengthened by the inclusion of the famous old "blue" R. S. Kindersley (and perhaps others), and so unfortunately we cannot yet claim an O.A. winner of the "Grand."

It is many years since we had any O.A.s in the London R.C. I should be delighted to welcome any such who wish to keep up their rowing. With all good wishes,

I remain

Yours very truly,

F. E. THORN.

R. E. Eason again stroked the Trinity boat in the Eights at Oxford, while C. V. Davidge and E. O. Hills were rowing in the Pembroke boat, which made five bumps, the former at stroke and the latter at 4. Congratulations to Davidge on the success of his crew.

T. P. R. Layng, of Jesus College, Cambridge, has taken his B.A. degree.

Congratulations to A. L. Edwards upon his engagement to Miss K. M. Willcox, the eldest daughter of Mr. J. H. Willcox of King's Heath, Birmingham. We understand that the wedding is to take place at the beginning of August, and we wish them every happiness.

We regret to learn that the Rev. H. Hughes, Headmaster of King's College, Taunton, has been compelled by ill health to relinquish his work for a term. We trust, however, that he is now enjoying his holiday in Norway and will have made a complete recovery before the autumn.

P. L. Howard (Inland Revenue) has moved from Bristol to London.

K. Cleave is in a Land Agency office. His address is 9, Queen's Road, Hendon, N.W. 4.

H. A. L. Donkin has given up his business appointment in London and has come to reside in Abingdon. He is now helping his father with the office work in Oxford.

The Rev. T. Romans, Curate of Staindrop, has been appointed Rector of Witton Gilbert, near Durham.

#### SCHOOL NOTES.

A high honour has been paid to one of our Governors, Alderman J. T. Morland. At an open meeting of the Borough Council, held on Thursday evening, 1st July, he was formally presented with the Freedom of the Borough of

Abingdon. This, as the Mayor explained in proposing the resolution, does not nowadays carry any special rights or privileges with it; it is purely and simply an honour conferred for eminent service done. It is under an Act of Parliament passed in 1885 that Cities and Boroughs are permitted to honour distinguished individuals in this way; and Alderman Morland is the only person during the thirty-seven years that the Act has been in force upon whom such an honour has been conferred in Abingdon.

Heartly congratulations to our Headmaster on his election to the Berkshire County Council as member for the Western Division of Abingdon. The vacancy was due to the retirement of Mr. T. Skurray, who has been made a County Alderman. Mr. Grundy's opponent was Mr. S. Cornish, and the polling took place during the holidays, on the 4th April. The figures were as follows:—

W. M. Grundy .. ..	538
S. Cornish .. ..	323
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Majority .. ..	215

Those who remember our last inspection by the Board of Education, in the autumn of 1919, will learn with regret of the death of Mr. John Sargeant, late Classical Master at Westminster School. "His was a name," as *The Observer* said of him in a leading article to his honour, "that has gained currency beyond the walls in which it has made itself . . . and in such the whole teaching profession is honoured and justified." We certainly found him a most kind and sympathetic inspector.

#### VALETE.

VI. Form.—L. W. Herschell, 1920—22; O.S.L. 1921.

VA. Form.—K. Cleave, 1917—22; 2nd XI. Football, 1920—21; 2nd IV. Rowing 1921. H. J. Mason, 1920—22; 1st XI. Football 1921.

#### SALVETE.

Remove Form.—W. A. M. Card, H. A. Steele, J. B. O. Durell.

III. Form.—M. J. Bosley, T. E. Gardiner, E. A. Passam.

II. Form.—A. M. D. Greene, W. B. Smith, D. Genders, D. C. Halliday, B. R. S. Mainwaring, J. E. Mobbs, S. P. Austin, E. W. King, D. F. Clutterbuck, R. M. Robinson.

We were sorry that Miss Harris was unable to remain with us for more than one term. Her place as matron has been taken by Miss A. Florey,

to whom we offer a cordial welcome, coupled with the hope that she will put up with us for very much longer than her predecessor.

W. Memory has entered his name at Worcester College, Oxford, and is to go into residence next term.

The Duke of York has again made arrangements to hold a camp for Public School boys and boys from industrial centres. The place of *rendezvous* will be Littlestone, Kent, as before, and the date, 29th July to 5th August. The following boys will avail themselves of the Duke's invitation:—W. Memory, I. Williams, J. Harding, G. M. G. McFarlane.

A. F. James has gained a Senior County Scholarship, being bracketed first in the examination. Intermediate scholarships have been awarded to S. R. Hunt and N. V. Pearson.

Cricket Colours have been awarded to R. L. C. Footitt, R. C. W. Waterhouse, and N. A. Carr.

C. E. H. Dolphin has again captained the Cricket Team this year, with P. E. Rowlandson as Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

The House Cricket Cup has been won by Blue House.

The bat for the best batting average, given by the Masters' Common Room, goes to C. E. H. Dolphin, with an average of 32.5. The Headmaster's bat for bowling goes to I. Williams, whose average is 13.2. G. M. G. McFarlane had actually the better record, having captured far more wickets than Williams with an average of 14.1; but as McFarlane wins the fielding prize, presented by H. V. Stone O.A., the bowling prize has been awarded to Williams.

The usual half holiday was granted on Whitmonday, 5th June, when the weather was perfect.

On Saturday, 24th June, the Classical sixth Forms and some of the Staff were invited to see the Bradfield Play, "The Antigone." They drove over to Bradfield by motor, and enjoyed an instructive and excellent performance, although the weather was atrocious.

On Saturday, 8th July, the Sixth Forms, Colours and First Class Shots were granted a whole holiday to attend the Henley Regatta. The racing was good, which is more than can be said for the weather.

Our thanks are due to F. H. Edey, O.A., for his gift to the School Museum of a Greek coin (silver) of Philip III. of Macedon (half-brother of Alexander the Great), which he found at Suvla Bay.

We have received the following from the Editors of Public School Verse :—

C/o THE HOLYWELL PRESS,  
OXFORD,

June, 1922.

DEAR SIR,

The Editors of 'Public School Verse' would be most grateful if you would do your best to bring the following facts to the notice of your readers, both *this term and next*.

'Public School Verse, Vol. III.,' will be published early in 1923, and the final date for receiving contributions is November 30th, 1922. Contributions are invited from all boys who are at school now, also poems written before they left from all boys who left school during 1921 and 1922. These should be sent to The Editors, 'Public

School Verse,' c/o Holywell Press, Oxford. Only MSS. with which are enclosed stamped and addressed envelopes of sufficient size can be returned in the event of their rejection.

MARTIN GILKES.

RICHARD HUGHES.

P. H. B. LYON.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *The Aldenhamian, The Alfredian, The Bloxhamist, The Chigwellian, The Laxtonian, The Leightonian, The Log of the Nautical College, Pangbourne, The Monktonian, The O.H.S. Magazine.*

The Rag Concert is fixed for Monday evening, 24th July. Boarders depart next day.

Next term begins on Thursday, 14th September, boarders returning on the 13th.

ABINGDONIAN ACCOUNTS.

No. 4. VOL. VI.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand .. .. .	1	2	0	Printing 250 Copies of 13 pp. ..	10	8	0
Cash Sales .. .. .	3	6	0	Postage .. .. .		5	4
Boarders .. .. .	2	14	0	Balance .. .. .	1	6	10
O.A. Club .. .. .	1	11	6				
Governors' Cheque .. .. .	3	6	8				
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Boarders .. .. .	2	16	0	Postage .. .. .		5	7
O.A. Club .. .. .	1	11	0	Balance .. .. .	1	13	3
Governors' Cheque .. .. .	3	6	8				
Sale of back numbers .. .. .			2				
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In addition to the above there is now a credit balance of £14 2s. 0d. in the Reserve Account.

## WAR MEMORIAL FUND.

*Receipts and Payments from July 1, 1920 to June 26, 1922.*

1920. RECEIPTS.			£	s.	d.	1920. PAYMENTS.			£	s.	d.
July 1	Balance at L.C. & W. Bank..		59	7	10	Oct. 21	Herald, advertisement of				
July 31	A. W. Walker for Mrs.						subscription lists .. ..	1	8	0	
	Edward Walker .. ..		2	2	0		Burgess, printing and station-				
	G. Aldworth .. ..			2	6		ery .. .. ..	18	6		
Oct. 1	Mrs. Candy .. ..		1	1	0		Hooke, printing and station-				
	Mrs. Dawson .. ..		2	0	0		ery .. .. ..	9	6		
	War Bonds Interest ..		32	12	7	1921.					
1921						July 12	Placed on deposit .. ..	130	0	0	
Jan. 20	R. A. Parnell.. ..		5	0	0	1922.					
April 13	War Bonds Interest ..		32	12	7	June 20	Placed on deposit .. ..	70	0	0	
July 21	M. G. Hannay .. ..		1	1	0	June 26	Balance in current account..	10	11	3	
	T. F. Bowman .. ..		1	1	0						
	C. W. Davidge .. ..		5	0	0						
	F. H. Sikes .. ..		1	1	0						
Sept. 30	Deposit Interest .. ..		1	0	2						
Oct. 5	War Bonds Interest..		32	12	7						
Dec. 23	W. W. Richardson ..		2	2	0						
Dec. 31	Deposit Interest .. ..		1	0	10						
1922.											
Mar. 31	Deposit Interest .. ..			17	7						
April 15	War Bonds Interest ..		32	12	7						
			£213	7	3				£213	7	3

*Statement of present position of War Memorial Fund.*

	£	s.	d.
£1305 4s. 9d. Stock (5% War Bonds			
1927), purchased for £1250, present			
value .. .. .	1370	10	0
Deposit at L.C. & W. Bank .. ..	200	0	0
Current account L.C. & W. Bank ..	10	11	3
	£1581	1	3

*Audited:* H. A. L. DONKIN,  
President O.A. Club.

26th June, 1922.

*Signed* E. J. P. ROSS BARKER,  
JAMES TOWNSEND,

*Hon. Secretaries.*