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SCHOOL NOTES.

The following distinctions and passes were gained in the July examinations :—

Oxford Higher School Certificates, in Group I (Classics), A. F. James and C. R. Wright. James obtained distinction in Greek.

Oxford School Certificates, First Class Honours, Div. II, S. E. Clark, S. R. Hunt, N. V. Pearson; Second Class Honours, Div. II, E. A. Passam and A. M. Thatcher; Third Class Honours, T. E. Gardiner and E. G. Langford; Passed, N. J. Banes, J. G. Brewerton, J. B. O. Durell, B. V. Edsall, G. R. D. Estcourt, H. M. Insley, G. F. Powell, W. J. Smith, J. A. Squire, C. Stacey, C. J. E. Steff, T. T. Theophilus, R. A. Witham, N. C. Wood.

The following gained distinctions in the subjects named :—In Latin, S. E. Clark and G. F. Powell; in Greek, N. J. Banes, S. E. Clark, E. G. Langford, E. A. Passam, N. V. Pearson, G. F. Powell; in French, S. E. Clark and N. V. Pearson; in Mathematics, S. R. Hunt; in Additional Mathematics, S. R. Hunt; and in General Science, A. M. Thatcher.

The number of boys on the School Books this term is 149, of whom 78 are boarders and 71 day-boys.

C. R. Wright is Captain of the School and Head of the School House. The other prefects are W. G. Hancock, K. C. Smith, W. J. Smith, T. T. Theophilus, H. S. Bartlett, S. E. Clark, J. B. O. Durell, N. V. Pearson, G. F. Powell, and C. Stacey. The last six on the list were appointed together at the beginning of this term, and their names are given in alphabetical order.

W. G. Hancock is again Captain of Football this season, and T. T. Theophilus Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Football Colours have been awarded to :—H. S. Bartlett, E. M. Holbrook, H. M. Insley, W. W. Brown.

S. E. Clark has been appointed School Librarian.

The doings of the L.S. and D. Society are reported elsewhere in our pages. In addition, members of the Society have again attended meetings of the Abingdon Literary and Debating Society, and on one occasion at short notice they filled the breach unfortunately created by the defection of members

of the Oxford Union, and led with success a lively debate on the merits and demerits of democracy.

The "Abingdonian" Committee consists this term of the following:—Mr. Ross Barker (*Editor*), C. R. Wright, W. G. Hancock, K. C. Smith, T. T. Theophilus, S. E. Clark, J. B. O. Durell, N. V. Pearson, G. F. Powell.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

The Aldenhamian, The Chigwellian, The Clayes-morian, The Lartonian, The Leightonian, The Lily, The Liverpool College Magazine, The Log of the Nautical College, Pangbourne, The Magazine of the City of Oxford School, The Monktonian.

It was a real sorrow to learn, on our return to the School this term, that Miss Grundy had been so seriously ill during the holidays. We have missed her presence and her kindness on many occasions but are glad to know that her sojourn in St. Andrews is doing much to restore her health.

We have no further progress to report as yet with regard to the scheme for acquiring the Waste Court property. There are still financial difficulties to be overcome, and further subscriptions are urgently needed. A third list of subscribers up to date will be found on the final page of this issue.

To accommodate our present numbers with greater comfort and efficiency, work has been put in hand this term to convert the old "Underground" into a Dining Hall. Plans have been submitted by J. G. T. West and Son, our local O.A. architects, and the change, when completed, should commend itself on aesthetic as well as utilitarian grounds. Meanwhile the old Dining Hall, which has long been too small for its present purpose, will be so altered by the insertion of a partition wall as to supply a double need. At its eastern end it will provide additional study room, and so make for greater comfort in waking hours, while its western end will be turned into an extra dormitory, thus obviating the necessity of finding outside sleeping-room for new boys. It is hoped to complete the work before the beginning of next term.

The J. H. Meredith Bowling Prizes were won this year, after a keen competition on the last Saturday of the Summer Term, by A. F. Bragg-Smith (Seniors) and H. W. Stone (Juniors).

A. F. James and C. R. Wright represented the School this year as the Duke of York's guests at his summer camp at Littlestone-on-Sea.

On Armistice Day the School again attended the commemoration service in the Square, and the O.T.C. contingent again assisted in retaining a clear space round the War Memorial. In the evening of the same day twenty of the elder boys were present at a crowded meeting in the Corn Exchange, held under the auspices of the local branch of the League of Nations Union. This meeting, at which the principal speakers were Lord Saye and Sele and Major Ralph Glyn, M.P. for the Abingdon Division, proved, as it deserved to be, a very great success; and we learn that fifty new names have since been added to the membership roll of the Abingdon L.N.U.

On Thursday, Nov. 19, the School attended a concert in the Corn Exchange, and heard much good music from Mr. Percival Garratt at the piano, Senor Antonio Brosa with the violin, and Mlle. Ursula Greville, soprano vocalist. We are lucky in Abingdon to have the chance to listen to such notable performers.

An account of our own School Concert appears elsewhere in our pages.

There are forty-three pupils attending M. Gaultier's dancing classes this term. Terpsichore indeed appears now to have come into her own. On most available evenings may be heard the sound of music, and light fantastic trippings on the polished floor of the gymnasium. Sometimes it is the country dance or Morris dance; but for these John Roysse's alumni are not responsible, whatever part may be played therein by some of their pastors and masters. More often, however, it is the melodious jazz; and for this, as we understand, we are indebted to one J. G. Brewerton, with his all-star orchestra of talented artistes. Thank you, Brewerton!

All members of the dancing class and of the teaching staff of the School have been invited to a dance in the Council Chambers on the evening of Friday, December 11th; and we take this opportunity to express publicly our warm appreciation of this kindly compliment, and our sincere thanks to the generous hostesses, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. d'Almaine, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Morland, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Wright.

We are again indebted to Mr. Grundy for the offer of a chess prize for competition amongst the boarders this term.

Mr. Ingham is again exerting himself to provide a worthy entertainment for the last evening of

the term. This will take place on Dec. 15th. Boarders depart on the following day, and next term begins on Jan. 14th, boarders returning on the 13th.

Iterum Vale.

VI. Form.—G. S. Sturrock (1914). Head of the School, 1923. 1st XI. Cricket, 1922; Colours, 1923; Captain, 1925. 1st XI. Football, 1923; Colours, 1923. Sergt. O.T.C., 1923; Certificate 'A,' 1923. O.S.C. Exam. (3rd Class Honours), 1922.

Valete.

VI. Form.—A. F. James (1917). Head of the School, 1924. 2nd XI. Cricket, 1925. 2nd XI. Football, 1923. Athletic Colours, 1925. Sergt. O.T.C., 1923; Certificate 'A,' 1923. Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board Exam., 1921. H.S.C., 1923, 1924, 1925 (with Distinction in Greek three times and in Latin once). Open Scholarship to Exeter College, 1924. State Scholarship, 1924.

H. W. D. Charleton (1923). School Prefect, 1924. 2nd XI. Cricket, 1924. 1st XI. Football, 1923; Colours, 1923. Athletic Colours, 1924. Sergt. O.T.C., 1924; Certificate 'A,' 1924. O.S.C. Exam., 1924.

N. P. Wiggins (1919). O.S.C. Exam., 1923.

A. C. Croasdell (1922). O.S.C. Exam., 1924.

R. M. Hodgson (1922). O.S.C. Exam., 1924.

R. A. Witham (1918). O.S.C. Exam., 1924.

H. D. Shallard (1920). School Prefect, 1925. 1st XI. Cricket, 1923; Colours, 1924. 1st XI. Football, 1923; Colours, 1924. 1st IV. Rowing, 1925. Athletic Colours, 1925. Corpl. O.T.C., 1925; Certificate 'A,' 1924.

VA. Form.—C. F. Fisher (1920).

W. D. Shallard (1920).—1st XI. Cricket, 1924; Colours, 1925. 2nd XI. Football, 1924.

W. H. W. Lucas (1921).

Remove Form.—R. J. Lay (1921).

P. L. T. Robins (1922).

II. Form.—H. G. A. Boland (1923).

B. L. J. Johnson (1924).

W. P. H. P. Millett (1924).

Salvete.

VA. Form.—H. R. Lansdown.

VB. Form.—F. M. Butterfield.

Remove Form.—T. H. Hodgson; G. A. Page.

III. Form.—W. B. Badcock; J. F. Miller; H. G. R. Constable; J. Ashby; E. F. Slatter; C. H. Farrar; F. A. Hill; A. F. R. Fisher.

II. Form.—J. C. H. Kortright; R. G. Sandercock; E. G. Hunt; D. A. Kitto; R. L. Triggs; H. Bosley; K. H. Sorrell; W. Brewer.

O.T.C.

The contingent had thirty-two Cadets in Camp at Tidworth Pennings from July 28th to August 5th. The days passed, as they usually do, very quickly. The usual training was given us and we saw the customary demonstrations—our old friends, Tracer Bullet and Guard Mounting, and a new one, Tanks. Exuberant Sandhurst Gentlemen Cadets acted the part of show-men, and provided "amusement combined with instruction."

One is inclined to think that the last day, which began at 3 a.m., was the best; for it was on that day that the summer holidays—much longed for—really began. And, perhaps, these could be enjoyed all the more, seeing that each one had achieved something useful by attending camp, and could with a clear conscience waste every moment of the remaining weeks by being completely useless to oneself and everyone else.

This term we were invited to a field-day organised by Eton. We took train to Princes Risborough, marched about three miles, and, having fortified the inner man with meat pies and apples, proceeded to attack the enemy, who had also fortified himself in full view on Pulpit Hill. The enemy were driven back to Chequers Court, and some of us were still battling royally with him twenty minutes after the cease-fire had sounded. That cease-fire has not yet reached us.

Eton, Radley and Abingdon made the attack, and the defence consisted of Harrow and Stowe contingents.

Sergeants Wright and Hancock have been appointed Platoon Officers.

R. E. Eason, who was a sergeant in the contingent in 1920, has been appointed Second Lieutenant for duty with Radley College O.T.C., and C. E. Lowe has taken a commission in the Sussex Territorials.

The Territorial Army is badly in need of junior officers—more than a thousand are wanted—and the War Office appeals to those who have obtained Certificate "A" to take up commissions. If any O.A., who has the necessary qualification, would care to answer this appeal, he can obtain all information from the O.C. Contingent.

FOOTBALL.

This has been, on the whole, a good season for us. Both our 1st and 2nd Elevens were stronger this year than last, and played better football. The 1st XI. won five out of the six school matches played. It was, however, stronger in defence than

attack, the halves co-operating well with the backs, and having better control over the ball than last year's half-back line, although the quality of their passes to the forward line left something to be desired. The forward line had to be rearranged a great many times, and consequently never settled down into a strong combination, though against a moderate defence it was generally successful. W. W. Brown was always conspicuous in this line for the quality and quantity of his work.

The 2nd XI. won all their matches, and always looked like winning. The back division was sufficiently sound, and the forward line, thanks largely to the enterprise of the centre-forward Perks-Morris, attacked strongly. It is interesting to record that our 2nd XI. was last defeated in December, 1923.

The "Under 15" XI. this year was very small and young. Though badly beaten in its first match by an unusually strong XI., it made a better show in subsequent matches, giving us reason to believe that it will be quite good next year.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. H. A. L. Donkin's XI., on September 26th, at home. Lost 2—3. Considering that this was the first match of the season the School did fairly well against a strong team. Stacey scored early in the game, the School leading by this margin at half-time. Both sides scored early in the second half, W. J. Smith for the School, with a very good shot. The defence did not hold together towards the end, and our opponents scored twice, the School being unfortunate in losing a very enjoyable game. The team was as follows :—Goal, A. J. A. Watson ; backs, H. S. Bartlett, G. R. D. Estcourt ; halves, B. V. Edsall, C. F. Baumann, H. M. Insley ; Forwards, C. Stacey, W. J. Smith, C. R. Wright, W. W. Brown, P. T. Thomas.

v. Abingdon Junior Imperials, on Oct. 3rd, at home. Won 8—3. A good game in which the School team was superior throughout, especially in the first half. The score at half-time was 5—2, Thomas getting two good goals from the right wing. The game was fast in the latter stages when the School scored three more goals. Holbrook played well, making his first appearance at half. Our goals were scored by Mr. Alston, 4 ; Thomas, 2 ; W. J. Smith, 1 ; C. R. Wright, 1. The School team was composed as follows :—Goal, A. J. A. Watson ; backs, H. S. Bartlett, W. G. Hancock ; halves, C. F. Baumann, H. M. Insley, E. M. Holbrook ; forwards, A. M. Garton, W. J. Smith, C. R. Wright, J. B. E. Alston, Esq., P. T. Thomas.

v. City of Oxford School, on October 10th, at home. Won 6—4. A very fast match in which the issue was never certain. Early in the game Wright opened the scoring for the School and soon added another goal. Following this C.O.S. scored twice, and it was not until just before the interval that we again took the lead through Brown. Stacey scored in the first minute of the second half. Play was very even after this, both sides scoring twice. The School's goals were scored by Wright, 2 ; W. W. Brown, 2 ; Stacey, 1 ; Holbrook, 1. The team played well together and shewed great promise. School team :—Goal, N. V. Pearson ; backs, H. S. Bartlett, G. R. D. Estcourt ; halves, H. M. Insley, W. G. Hancock, E. M. Holbrook ; forwards, C. Stacey, W. J. Smith, C. R. Wright, W. W. Brown, P. T. Thomas.

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage, on October 14th, at Wantage. Won 4—1. The School team was without C. R. Wright and W. J. Smith, both of whom were injured. In a game of little skill the School were the better combination, although the shooting of the forwards was weak. Insley played a good game at half. Our goals were scored by W. W. Brown, 2 ; S. Brown, 1 ; N. C. Wood, 1. The team was as follows :—Goal, N. V. Pearson ; backs, H. S. Bartlett, W. G. Hancock ; halves, H. M. Insley, C. F. Baumann, E. M. Holbrook ; forwards, C. Stacey, S. Brown, W. W. Brown, N. C. Wood, P. T. Thomas.

v. Magdalen College School, on October 17th, at home. Won 6—3. A very strong wind spoilt what would have otherwise been a good match. Playing with the wind in the first half we scored six times and our opponents once. In the second half the defence played well against great pressure, M.C.S. scoring twice only. The shooting of the forwards again left much to be desired. The team was as before except that W. F. Smith played in place of Wood. W. W. Brown, 4 ; and S. Brown, 2, scored goals for the School.

v. Pembroke College, Oxford, on October 21st, at home. Lost 0—5. This would have been a good game had the conditions been better. The School forwards did not play well together on the slippery ground and the defence found their opponents too fast. The School missed several chances of scoring early in the game and should not have been beaten by so large a margin. Bartlett and Holbrook both played very well. Mr. Alston played instead of W. F. Smith at forward : otherwise the team was unchanged.

v. Exeter College, on October 24th, at Oxford. Won 2—1. A very fast and even game in which

the whole team played well. The forwards were well together and their passing was good. Garton played a good game at inside left, scoring both goals, and W. W. Brown also played well. Insley worked hard at half. The team was as follows :—Goal, N. V. Pearson ; backs, H. S. Bartlett, W. G. Hancock ; halves, H. M. Insley, J. B. E. Alston, Esq., E. M. Holbrook ; forwards, C. Stacey, A. M. Garton, W. W. Brown, S. Brown, P. T. Thomas.

v. Lincoln College, Oxford, on November 4th, at home. Lost 0—2. Another fast match in which the School played well against a heavier team. W. J. Smith and C. R. Wright reappeared in their old positions but suffered from want of practice. Watson returned to goal and played quite a good game. Our opponents' left wing was very fast and was responsible for both their goals. The School were unlucky not to score towards the end of the game, Stacey, who made his first appearance on the other wing, putting in several good centres. School team : Goal, A. J. A. Watson ; backs, H. S. Bartlett, W. G. Hancock ; halves, H. M. Insley, J. B. E. Alston, Esq., E. M. Holbrook ; forwards, S. Brown, W. J. Smith, C. R. Wright, W. W. Brown, C. Stacey.

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage, on November 11th, at home. Won 13—0. The School gave one of their best performances in this match although our opponents were not very strong. We were leading 8—0 at half-time. Thomas, who scored six times, played a good game at inside right, but failed to reproduce this form in later games. Other goals were scored by Wright, 3 ; Stacey, 2 ; Insley, 1 ; Hancock, 1. The team was composed as follows :—Goal, A. J. A. Watson ; backs, H. S. Bartlett, W. G. Hancock ; halves, N. C. Wood, H. M. Insley, E. M. Holbrook ; forwards, S. Brown, W. W. Brown, C. R. Wright, P. T. Thomas, C. Stacey.

v. Magdalen College School, on November 14th, at Oxford. Won 5—1. A match in which the team took some time in settling down. Wright scored the first goal just before half-time, our opponents equalising early in the second half. The forwards from then onwards played very well, especially Wright at centre forward. Thomas and W. W. Brown each scored once, and Wright three times. The School team was unchanged.

v. City of Oxford School, on November 18th, at Oxford. Lost 3—7. This was the only school match in which we lost. The team as a whole played quite well, but the shooting of the forwards, with the exception of W. W. Brown and Garton,

was rather weak. It must be remembered also that the 1st XI. very rarely meets with success on this ground. For the School Brown scored twice and Wright once. Garton and Wood both played very hard. Except that Garton played in place of S. Brown the team was as before.

v. H. A. L. Donkin's XI., on November 25th, at home. Lost 1—3. Against a very strong team the School did quite well. The first half was very evenly contested, both sides scoring once, Wright for the School. The School forwards found the defence, especially R. E. Eason, much too heavy for them. Perks Morris played in place of Thomas ; otherwise the team was unchanged.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. City of Oxford School, on October 10th, at Oxford. Won 3—2. A fast and well-fought match. The School were one goal down at half-time, but the forwards got together well in the second half and scored three times. The two wing-men, S. Brown and E. P. Rice, both played very well, each scoring once ; Broadbent scored the third goal. The School team was as follows :—Goal, A. J. A. Watson ; backs, F. M. Cole, G. V. Cook ; halves, T. E. Gardiner, C. F. Baumann, N. C. Wood ; forwards, S. Brown, R. E. Broadbent, L. L. Baumann, W. F. Smith, E. P. Rice.

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage, on October 14th, at home. Won 10—0. The School were clearly the better team and had nearly all the play in the first half, but the shooting of the forwards was poor. At half-time the School held a strong lead. They kept up their pressure during the second half, and had matters all their own way. Goals were scored by W. F. Smith, 3 ; Broadbent, 3 ; Theophilus, 2 ; Gardiner and Rice. School team : Goal, A. J. A. Watson ; backs, F. M. Cole, G. V. Cook ; halves, A. M. Garton, P. G. Perks-Morris, T. E. Gardiner ; forwards, S. A. Fabes, R. E. Broadbent, W. F. Smith, T. T. Theophilus, E. P. Rice.

v. Magdalen College School, on October 17th, at Oxford. Won 8—2. The first half was very even, and the School defence shewed up well, Wood and Estcourt both playing hard. The score at half-time was 2—1 in favour of the School. One of the Magdalen players having to leave the field in the second half, the School added a further 6 goals. Perks-Morris at centre-forward played a very good game, scoring 4 goals. Other goals were scored by Theophilus, 3 ; and Garton. Rice was unable to play. The team was as follows :—Goal, A. J. A. Watson ; backs, F. M. Cole, G. V. Cook ; halves,

J. G. Waldron, N. C. Wood, G. R. D. Estcourt ; forwards S. A. Fabes, A. M. Garton, P. G. Perks-Morris, T. T. Theophilus, J. W. P. Martin.

v. King Alfred's School, on November 11th, at Wantage. Won 7--2. A good game played under rather bad conditions. The School had most of the play in the first half, the forwards working well together : Half-time score, 3--2. Playing with the wind in the second half we secured four further goals, Perks-Morris and Gardiner both playing well. Goals by : Perks-Morris, 3 ; Garton, Smith, Gardiner, Cook. N. V. Pearson captained the team in goal, and T. E. Gardiner filled Wood's place at centre-half. W. F. Smith and Rice returned to the right wing, the rest of the team being as in the previous match.

v. Magdalen College School, on November 14th, at home. Won 9--0. A very enjoyable, though somewhat one sided game, in which the School were by far the better team. Although the Magdalen goalkeeper made many excellent saves, three goals were scored in the first half and six in the second. Rice played a good game and scored with two very fine shots from the wing. The School's other goals were scored by Perks-Morris, 4 ; Garton, Fabes, Cole. C. F. Baumann displaced Gardiner at centre-half ; otherwise the team was unaltered.

v. City of Oxford School, on November 18th, at home. Won 5--0. A fast game which fell off towards the end. Perks-Morris and S. Brown both scored twice in the first half. Both sides missed chances of scoring in the second half, Perks-Morris scoring the only goal. For the School Pearson and Cole played well. R. E. Broadbent played outside-left and S. Brown inside. The team was otherwise unchanged.

Thus, again this year, the Second Eleven is an unbeaten side.

" UNDER 15 " MATCHES.

v. City of Oxford School, on October 31st, at home. The visitors brought a strong team and soon opened the scoring. At half time they were leading by 4 goals to nil. Soon after the interval, Sinclair and Mosdell scored for the School, but the visitors were the superior team and eventually won by 9--2. Team :—Goal, G. A. Wood ; backs, W. B. Smith, F. A. S. Povey ; halves, F. H. G. Taylor, L. P. Mosdell, H. M. D. Greene ; forwards, A. T. Hatfield, W. C. E. Heath, L. L. Baumann, H. W. Stone, G. E. Sinclair.

v. Reading Schools, on November 7th, at home. The field, for this match, was very wet, and in

consequence the ball heavy. The visitors opened the scoring within a minute of the start. The School, however, soon equalised through Savage. Hatfield, Baumann and Savage, again, added further goals before half-time, but Reading scored twice, and at half-time the score was 4--3 in favour of the School. After the interval the School team, with the exception of the defence, fell to pieces, and the visitors added five more goals, winning a rather disappointing match by 8--4. J. H. Bartlett played centre forward to the exclusion of Heath, and Baumann went to half in the place of F. H. G. Taylor, otherwise the team was unchanged.

v. City of Oxford School, on November 21st, away. The School began in promising style, but the home defence soon cleared and the forwards scored from the clearance. The School forwards were very weak and lacked finish. At half-time the score was 3--1 in favour of the home team, Mosdell scoring for the School just before the half-time. After the interval the game was more evenly contested, but the home team added two further goals, winning by the margin of 5 goals to 1. The School defence was again good. The team was unchanged, except that J. H. Taylor and Badcock came into the forward line in the places of J. H. Bartlett and Savage, who were over age.

v. New College School, on November 25th, away. Won 1--0. The home team started off very well, giving the defence an anxious five minutes, but after this they were rarely dangerous. The school forwards were very disappointing and missed several chances. About half-way through the second half Mosdell scored the only goal of the match. Smith and Povey played well at back. Team :—unchanged.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

A. J. A. Watson (Goal-keeper).—Shewed little promise during the early part of the season, but has improved greatly in the last few matches. Has at last realized when to run out, but would be more successful if he acted with less hesitation. Possesses a good kick and can clear well.

H. S. Bartlett (Left back). Colours 1925.—A very useful back who can kick well with either foot. Tackles safely and with plenty of dash. Always plays a steady game, and passes well to his wing men.

W. G. Hancock (Right back). Captain. Colours 1924.—Has been consistently good, making the most of his speed and weight, and being very sure with his kicking and passing. A conscientious captain, he can look back with satisfaction on a successful season.

N. C. Wood (Left half).—Has improved tremendously, both in his speed and control of the ball. Always works hard and tackles well, but sometimes does not mark his inside forward when he should. Draws his man cleverly before passing.

H. M. Insley (Centre half). Colours 1925.—A very hard-working member of the team whose ball-control has greatly improved. His passes are usually well placed. Uses his head well at all times, and makes good use of his weight. Decidedly useful in his position.

E. M. Holbrook (Right half). Colours 1925.—Has proved a great success as a half. Possesses speed and plenty of dash. Tackles fearlessly, and passes with good judgement. Can throw in well.

A. M. Garton (Outside left).—A greatly improved player who dribbles well and can shoot hard. Can shew quite a turn of speed when necessary. His centres are mostly good but sometimes lack force. A hard player to knock off the ball.

W. W. Brown (Inside left). Colours 1925.—A very neat player who works hard both in attack and defence. His passing is good and he can shoot well with either foot. Combines well with his centre-forward.

C. R. Wright (Centre forward). Colours 1924.—Began the season very well, but has not found his old form since his absence through injury. Is quite fast and distributes his passes well, but his shooting is inclined to be erratic. As a centre forward he inspires confidence.

P. G. Perks-Morris (Inside right).—Came into the team late in the season. Is rather a slow player, but his shooting is good. Was very useful as centre forward in the second eleven.

C. Stacey (Outside right).—Started the season at outside left but changed over to strengthen what would otherwise have been a very weak wing. His centres are rather erratic, often being placed behind the forwards. Always plays a very hard game, and is good on his day.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The twenty-second year of the Society's existence and the 1925-26 session opened simultaneously on September 27th, 1925, in the Pembroke Room, with Mr. Ingham in the chair.

The officers of the Society remained unchanged, but during the session we elected Messrs. T. G. Austin, J. H. Bartlett, S. A. Fabes, E. P. Rice, C. Hall, H. R. Lansdown, J. A. Squire, C. F. Baumann, E. G. Langford, as members of the Society.

The first debate, September 27th, was worded: "That in the opinion of this House the inventions of the last century are *not* a boon to this country." The Hon. Sec. proposed the motion, was opposed by Mr. Durell, and was seconded by Mr. Edsall. Mr. Powell seconded Mr. Durell. The following gentlemen also addressed the House:—*Pro*: Messrs. Raymont, Stacey, and the Hon. Treasurer. *Con*: Messrs. Hancock, Clark, Cullum, Insley, Wright, Pearson, Gardiner. *Neut*: Messrs. Holbrook and Foxwell. On being put to the vote the motion was lost by 11 votes to 5.

The 3rd of October saw us foregathered again, with the Vice-President in the chair. Mr. Insley proposed "That in the opinion of this House professionalism is detrimental to sport." Mr. Stacey opposed and Mr. Wright seconded. The Hon. Treasurer seconded the opposer. Also spoke, *Pro*: Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Clark. *Con*: The Hon. Sec., Mr. Rice, Mr. Durell, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Raymont, Mr. Ingham, Mr. Cullum, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Ross-Barker and Mr. Austin. *Neut*: Mr. Brown and Mr. Powell. The House divided against the motion by 14 votes to 6. In spite of the fact that the motion is well hackneyed, once more it provided an animated and interesting debate.

The Society met on the 10th Oct., 1925, with Mr. Reynolds in the chair. This time the motion was "That in the opinion of this House, honesty is *not* the best policy." Unfortunately, on the eve of the debate, Mr. Raymont expressed himself totally unable to say a word in defence of the motion. The Hon. Sec., therefore, stepped into the breach (Hon. Sec.'s always have to step into breaches) and proposed the motion. Mr. Powell opposed the Hon. Sec. At the conclusion of Mr. Powell's speech, two gentlemen rose and left the House. Mr. Brewerton seconded the motion, and Mr. Hancock the opposition. Mr. Edsall, Mr. Durell, and Mr. Reynolds, spoke for the motion; Mr. Cullum, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Fabes, Mr. Ingham and Mr. Wright spoke against it. And Mr. Stacey and Mr. Holbrook spoke, but did not favour either side. On a shew of hands the motion was declared lost by 15 votes to 5. We felt sorry that five members among us harboured dishonest thoughts in their breasts.

Yet again we met, on the 17th October, with Mr. Ingham in the chair. The Hon. Sec. had much pleasure in announcing that Mr. Ingham and Mr. Wright had been co-opted to be members of the Society's committee. Whereupon we celebrated an impromptu debate. First, Mr. Clark was

called upon to propose "That in the opinion of this House to be able to sleep the sleep of the just is more to be desired than much fine gold." Mr. Foxwell opposed. The motion was lost by 11 votes to 9. Secondly, Mr. Squire proposed "That this House would prefer to have a clock that gained an hour a minute, rather than one which failed to function even a *little* bit." Mr. Gardiner opposed. The votes were eleven all when the House divided. The Chairman decided for the motion.

Thirdly, Mr. Holbrook declared "That this House opines that to the poor, all things are poor." Mr. Insley opposed, but did not speak. The House condemned the motion by 13 votes to 6.

And lastly, Mr. Cullum was asked to propose "That in the opinion of this House, half a crown is more desirable than a quarter of an hour." Mr. Edsall opposed. The motion was lost by eleven votes to ten.

Six o'clock on the 24th October saw us seated all orderly in the Pembroke Room again. Mr. Ingham was in the chair. Mr. Edsall proposed "That in the opinion of this House beauty and picturesqueness must be sacrificed to public need and common comfort." Mr. Raymont opposed, and the Hon. Treasurer seconded, the motion. The following gentlemen also addressed the House: *Pro*: Messrs. Baumann, Lansdown. Hall. *Con*: Messrs. Rice, Ingham, Cullum, Hancock. *Neut*: Messrs. Clark, Wright and the Hon. Sec. The House divided in favour of the motion by 12 votes to 11. A very interesting debate, but the motion could have been worded more happily.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room at 6 o'clock on 31st Oct., 1925, with the Vice-President in the chair. Mr. Stacey, seconded by Mr. Edsall, proposed "That in the opinion of this House the nationalisation of railways would be beneficial to this country." Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Foxwell opposed. Also spoke, *Pro*: Mr. Clark, Mr. Ingham. *Con*: the Hon. Sec., Mr. Lansdown, Mr. Insley, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Rice, Mr. Cullum. The motion was lost by 13 votes to 9. A strong and animated debate, in which partisans of each side expressed their feelings with candour.

Mr. Wright occupied the chair when we met again on the 7th November. Mr. Clark was called upon to propose "That in the opinion of this House the tendency of modern youth is *not* toward the energetic life." Mr. Bartlett opposed, and Mr. Durell seconded the motion. Mr. Hall seconded the opposer. The following gentlemen also addressed the House. *Pro*: Mr. Brewerton, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lansdown, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Fabes.

Con: The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Wood, Mr. Edsall, Mr. Rice, Mr. Baumann, Mr. Stacey, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Cullum. *Neut*: Mr. Powell. The House failed absolutely to see eye to eye with the motion to the extent of condemning it by 13 votes to 6. Far be it from us to say they were biassed, but, after all, most members of the Society are still in their youth, and who enjoys being told he is lazy?

The Society met on November 28th, place and time being as before, and Mr. Ross-Barker, the Vice-President, in the chair.

This time the Hon. Sec. rose to propose the motion "That in the opinion of this House patriotism is more a source of evil than it is a source of good." Mr. C. R. Wright opposed, and Mr. T. E. Gardiner seconded the motion. Mr. Powell seconded the opposition but did not speak.

The following gentlemen also addressed the House. *Pro*: Mr. Lansdown. *Con*: Mr. Stacey, Mr. Insley. *Neut*: The Vice-President and Mr. Edsall.

The Vice-President's speech so swayed the House that, on the motion of the principal speakers, the question was left open by an almost unanimous vote.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

The annual School concert took place on Friday, December 4th, in the Corn Exchange. The severe weather prevented many from coming, but in spite of the cold there was a very appreciative audience. We missed Miss Grundy's presence amongst us, but are very glad to know the change of air has done her good.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Wright for arranging the platform so tastefully once again, and to those who took part in the programme we most sincerely offer our grateful acknowledgments—to "The Ladies' Orchestra" for giving us two delightful items and to Mr. Bevir for contributing two humorous songs in his usual funny way.

The School part songs were very well rendered, especially as this year the trebles have been weak; but they worked well. The part song "The Poacher" was given with expression and excellent tone, and deserved the applause it won. The "Cheshire Cheese" and "Sheep Shearing," which were sung unaccompanied, were perhaps two of the best items, the pitch being kept throughout. The second form did very well in the folk song, but were a little "stiff" in their rendering.

Durell's two solos were very well received and he certainly deserved his reception, for though his voice is not, of course, fully developed yet, he

gave his songs in a natural way, the articulation being perfectly clear. Ogle's playing was very good and deserved the encore. The accompanists all did very well, especially Squire I., who accompanied Miss Sheldon Peach in all her songs.

The programme ended with the singing of the National Anthem, which was played by Denny.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Orchestra (a) Minuet
(b) March. *Carse.*
2. Part Song "In Praise of Neptune" *Edward German.*
The School.
3. Folk Song "The Keeper" *Arr. by Cecil Sharp.*
The 2nd Form.
4. Song .. "The Moors of Devon" .. *Herbert Oliver.*
J. B. Durell.
5. Part Song "The Cheshire Cheese," *Arr. by Joseph Bridge.*
The School.
6. Song .. "Still as the Night" *Carl Bohm.*
Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach.
7. Song .. "One of the Guards" *Howard Fisher.*
Mr. Bevir.
8. Part Song "Opheus with his Lute." *Edward German.*
The Choir.
9. Unison Song "Soldiers' Chorus" *From "Il Travatore,"*
Trebles. *Verdi.*

PART II.

1. Pianoforte Solo "Valse Bohémienne" *Coleridge Ogle. Taylor.*
2. Part Song .. "The Frog" .. *Ernest Newton.*
The School.
3. Orchestra "Three Waltzes" *Carse.*
4. Quartette "There Rolls the Deep" *Parry.*
(By request) Miss Sheldon Peach, Baumann I.,
(Theophilus, Edsall), Hancock.
5. Song "Linden Lea" *Vaughan Williams.*
J. B. Durell.
6. Folk Song "The Poacher" *Arr. by Percy Godfrey.*
Godwin, Mosdell, Humphrey, Emmett,
Baumann I., Theophilus, Edsall, Hancock,
Pearson.
7. Song "If Thou wert Blind" *Noel Johnson.*
Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach.
8. Folk Song "The Sheep Shearing" *Arr. by Cecil Sharp.*
The Choir.
9. Song "Come to the Cook-house Door" *Wolseley Charles.*
Mr. Bevir.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

The orchestra consisted of the following:—
Violins, Mrs. Fairthorne, Mrs. Humfrey, Miss R. Pennell and K. Savage. *'Cello*, Mrs. Scott.
Piano, Mrs. Reynolds. *Accompanists*, Mrs. A. Mills, Squire I., Fabes, Gardiner I., Smith VII., Denny.

ECHOES AND REFLECTIONS.

1. WEST AND EAST.

Last eve whenas the day's regretful flame
Kissed the demure Church spire from grey to gold,
A languid ripple of the stream laid hold
Upon the bright reflection of the same,
And rumbled (I was watching) the strict frame,
And wrung it in a silent lathe and rolled
In coils and corrugations manifold
Of neck and bulb, and curves without a name.

Forthwith by the quick wand of memory
The earth was cleft asunder and I looked through:
Right opposite our staid Saint Helen I
Saw burning downward in a deeper blue
Beyond red serpent roofs the Shwe Dagoon
Itself, the Gold Pagoda by Rangoon.

2. EAST AND WEST.

Ride with me by the mountain path in May
To Lolab; lost in many a deodar
Dovecalls and cuckoo-music softly jar
With echoes of the early roundelay
Of shepherd lads loud in the vale; the day
Is Sunday, the time near the matin time,
And suddenly across that elfin clime
You hear Saint Helen's bells ring far away.

The wonder past, profaner thoughts intrude.
"Pretty, but recollect the longitude.
In England now," you urge, "'tis barely morn."
Are the bellringers in bed still? Then say
We greet their matin-music on its way,
Like a pure spirit hurrying to be born.

O.J.C.

THE NEW CAT.

It was with something very akin to thankfulness
that I put the key in the latch and turned it. I
always maintain that this is the best moment of the
business day. For, pleasantly tired and with a
sense of duty done in one's breast, one looks forward
to spending a quiet evening in an easy chair in front
of the fire. And Molly too—O, if you only knew

Molly. I opened the door and trod on something soft, which emitted a squawk not unlike a bestial cry of pain.

"O do mind what you're doing," I heard Molly's voice raised in anguish. "You're treading on the cat."

The hall was ablaze with light. I looked down and beheld a most particularly unwholesome tabby squirming beneath my boot.

"O get off, get off," cried Molly. "How cruel you are."

With quiet dignity I raised my foot, and the tabby streaked for refuge, under the hall-stand.

"Of course," I said peevishly, "If cats hold more interest for you than my return, there is nothing more to be said."

And I turned into the "study," leaving Molly calling "poor pussy," and "cruel man," and other ridiculous things, trying to tempt the miserable beast from its retreat.

Relations at dinner that evening were somewhat strained, owing to this unfortunate incident. However, it transpired that Blinks, the cat, had been found on the doorstep looking hungry and thin, and had been taken in. Now, apart from all else, this wretched animal is the fattest cat I have ever seen. So, taking this into consideration, the excuse for according me so unbecoming a welcome seemed rather lame.

However, let that pass. It is of no consequence. What I endured the next few days totally eclipsed any inconvenience I suffered at first. Blinks had her bit of fun, so what else mattered?

The very next day I lifted the breakfast cover (I noticed it was a bit awry), and found, instead of the devilled kidneys promised me, a perfectly clean plate, except for the fact that one mouse, deceased, lay in the centre.

"Anyway, this is jolly," I remarked.

Molly seemed to think so too, for she laughed quite heartily.

"I don't see the joke," I said.

However, I made a nice breakfast, since Blinks had condescended to leave the toast, and most of the marmalade.

That evening I was informed that my dog, of whom I am very fond, had had to be removed owing to pressure applied by the cat. I enjoyed having a cat I didn't like in place of a dog I did like.

But on with the narrative is the cry. Let me pass over the next few days when she enjoyed herself (and me) by tripping me up, by tearing my clothes, by occupying my easiest chairs, and—O yes, plenty of other little inconveniences. But let me pass on to the *grande finale*.

It happened at night. All these things happen at night. Molly said it was a burglar. The small maid said the same. And I feared the worst. Needless to say, as you must have already guessed, it was the cat. But the incident is worth the telling.

Molly first heard, and then the maid. They both converged on the landing. Then Molly woke me. I listened, and heard stealthy movements, punctuated at fairly frequent intervals by awful crashes. There being nothing else for it, I grasped the poker and went downstairs.

I speculated for about three years as to whence the noise came, and decided on the pantry. After two more years (psychologists, by the way, who think they know will tell you that my years were, in reality, seconds. But I know better). I had mustered sufficient courage, and flung wide the door. A moment I poised, balancing the weapon above my head. Then I smote with all my force, striking something soft, which groaned, with a sickening thud. Almost simultaneously someone collared me low about the legs, and I pitched forward on my face. I quickly jumped up, however, but felt some sticky substance covering my face and hands. With trembling fingers I struck a match and lit the feeble gas, all the while wondering, "Had I killed someone?" In the dim light the stickiness shewed red! Blood? I spun round in terror, to be confronted by a mass of broken jam-pots! These were the crashes, then; the cat had been at the jam. It was the cat that had rushed out and collared me low. It was a mercy, as Molly afterwards said, that I hadn't cut myself. But what was the soft thing that had groaned as I had hit it, and had fallen to the ground? On the floor was the large bag containing the plum-pudding mixture; and above it was a rusty hook on which it had hung. I touched this hook, and it gave forth a heart-rending groan. It wanted oil, I remember thinking foolishly.

The cat disappeared from that night. That was three years ago, and we have never had a cat since. We have the dog back. Furthermore, it is considered highly indelicate to mention cats at all.

KASSAN.

VACILLATION.

(By One of Our Modern Poets.)

Green trees, dense foliage, tall grass, brown dead
The gables of a farm softly protruding— [leaves.
An open expanse of moor quietly receding—
To infinity.

The only sign of life beneath the sky
A cow—
Chewing,
Stewing,
In the exasperating heat, and I
Thinking,
Blinking,
And I don't know why.

Golden sun, rustle of leaves, swaying, gently,
calmly in the wind,
A bird calling to its mate—a field of rye—
Purple shadows falling—restful to the eye—
Obliquely.
And the gentle buzzing of a blue-bottle
Filling me,
Thrilling me,
With ecstasy.
Alas! oh cruel disillusion, what'll
Compensate
Or reinstate
My lost accord?
For it was the opening of the throttle
Of a Ford.

A.F.J.

FROM THE GREEK ANTHOLOGY.

VII. 178. (*Dioscorides of Nicopolis*).

A slave am I—Timanthes;
But in a free man's grave
Thou layedst me, dear master,
Thy trusty body-slave.
Fair be thy days and many;
But when thou too must die,
Still here in Hades waiting
Thy trusty slave am I.

VII. 308. (*Lucian*).

Callimachus they named me:
'Twas good to be alive,
When Death unkindly claimed me,
A little boy of five.
But weep no longer for me:
What though the hours were few,
Life's little dayspring bore me,
Few were my troubles too.

VII. 669. (*Plato the Philosopher*).

Star of my heart, on yonder stars thou gazest:
might I be
Yon heaven's face, that I might gaze with many
eyes on thee!

XI. 95. (*Lucillus*).

Little Macron lay asleep,
On a summer day, O;
Crept a mousie from its hole;
Spied him where he lay, O;
Caught him by his little foot;
Carried him away, O.

Macron in the mousie's hole,
Bare to his chemise, O,
Took the monster by the throat;
Slew it with a squeeze, O.—
“We're a pretty pair,” he said,
“Me and Hercules, O!”

R.B.

TWICE ACROSS THE CHANNEL ON

“M.Y. VITA.”

First of all the “M.Y. Vita” must be introduced. The “Vita,” as perhaps you have guessed from the initials, is a motor yacht. She is forty-eight feet in length and is rated at Lloyds at fifteen tons. Propelled by a six cylinder Rolls-Royce engine she is capable of a maximum speed of twelve knots.

Having duly explained the identity of “M.Y.V.” we will now pass on to the two cross-channel voyages on which we accompanied her.

The first voyage was from Kingsdown Beach (near Deal) to Calais Harbour. We embarked by means of a fisherman's dinghy, at about eleven one fine morning. The party was composed of the owner of the “Vita,” his daughter, his sister-in-law and her husband, their daughter and small son, a boy friend and the author. In addition, of course there was the crew of two.

Having safely embarked the author took the wheel while the skipper determined our course on the chart. About half-way across we ran into a fog, which grew thicker as we proceeded, and therefore the skipper took the wheel. Suddenly through the fog figures of men were seen as though walking on the water. We turned sharply to port discovering that we had nearly run aground and that the men were shrimping on the French shore. We proceeded slowly through the fog looking for the entrance to the harbour, which we

found after nearly being run down by a departing channel steamer.

In the harbour we hailed a "tub four" (at least it was a large tubby boat with four men rowing it) and were landed on the quay. Then walking to the Terminus Hotel, near the quayside, we had a tea (?) consisting of fried plaice, cold chicken and ham, salad and all the etceteras. After this we again embarked and proceeded slowly out of the harbour and across the channel, which was still shrouded in fog. However, occasional patches of sunlight were encountered and the visibility was good enough to perceive two steamers and a barge.

We disembarked at Kingsdown Beach at about five thirty in the afternoon, having eaten a second tea on board.

The second crossing was by far the more interesting, in that the channel was rough, the voyage longer, and what took place in Boulogne, to which port we went, more interesting.

The party was much the same as before. We motored to Dover at about ten one morning, and had a meal, which we called a late breakfast, at the Lord Warden Hotel, consisting chiefly of cutlets and omelettes. The weather being ideal, we embarked in Dover Harbour at about half-past eleven, having taken on board the family chauffeur and his small son. The crossing was fine and rough, but to make things rougher we encountered a tide race about five miles from Boulogne. The boy friend and the author took one hour shifts at the wheel both going and returning.

Arriving in the harbour we moored alongside an old hulk with "Yacht Club" printed on its side. Presumably this was the usual mooring place for all those who entered the harbour in private pleasure vessels. Rowed by a man using only one oar from the stern of the boat, we landed on a portion of the quay which was under repair. In our wanderings through sacks of cement, steel girders and piles of sand we eventually found ourselves in a back garden full of yapping dogs. While we were passing through a gate a wildly gesticulating Frenchman appeared and shut the gate on the heels of one of the party. On the owner giving him a few notes as a "tip" he was all smiles and bows.

Passing along a street by the Casino we encountered several children in quaint carnival garments, some being made of paper, since this day was a fête of some sort.

Hiring two *fiacres* we drove to a *patisserie* in the town. Here we consumed various *éclairés*,

patisseries, *croissantes* and ices, in addition to hot chocolate.

Returning to the quayside we were rowed by a fisherman, of the same shape as "Humpty Dumpty," to the "Vita," in which we re-embarked at about three o'clock.

We again encountered a tide race some distance from the harbour and still rougher weather, which gave the boat a "corkscrew" motion, for the rest of the journey. The chauffeur's son and one girl of the party were sea-sick, though, perhaps, this was due more to the *éclairés* than the sea. The roughness, however, necessitated our holding on tightly while steering.

We sighted Dover again at about five thirty and disembarked in the harbour at about six thirty. We then drove home again having thoroughly enjoyed both this and the former voyage.
G.R.D.E.

FLEETING AUTUMN.

When summer's days by natural law are waning,
When yellow leaves obscure the pleasant green,
And a watery sun is summer's sole remaining
Remembrance, then is seen
Fell winter's harbinger, his fleeting herald,
Autumn, reminder of the year's decline,
More gorgeous since her grandeur is imperilled
By the swift hand of Time.

Her falling leaves, her almost naked branches,
(Spectres of summer's glory vanishing)
Her brown and yellow carpet—all enhances
The swiftness of her wing.
And a potent thought—that here is beauty dying—
Urges one: "Try her passage to arrest."
But nearer looms chill winter's voice, replying:
"Nay, here she cannot rest."

KASSAN.

MY FIRST LESSON.

(By A New Prefect.)

My first thoughts on hearing of my new appointment as a prefect were naturally concerning the reading of my first lesson in chapel. Having made great mental calculations, I come to the conclusion that I shall make my *début* on Friday morning, an unlucky day! The lesson is taken from the Galatians. I read it through hurriedly; no proper names! Thank goodness! For the next two days my spare moments are occupied in repeating.

slowly, "Here beginneth the fourth chapter of the Epistle of Paul, the Apostle, to the Galatians"; for I think that by so doing I shall guard against the horrible error of mixing the words "apostle" and "epistle." I read that fatal fourth chapter, through and through, aloud and alone, until I almost know it by heart.

And now the unutterable day is present. I rise and eat little breakfast: my stomach is numb. I read that chapter again. I go into call-over. People ask me how I feel. I am now resigned to my fate. Again I read that fatal lesson, hoping, I suppose, that some small boys will imagine that I am reading it for the first time. At the door of the tiring chamber my colleagues grasp my hands and whisper "Good luck, old man!" I feel sure I shall need some. I enter and garb myself in a grimy surplice. I find myself walking down the corridor. The doors are closed. The service begins. The psalm ends. I bravely walk to the lectern.

Silence fills the chapel. Then, far in the distance, I hear my voice reading, as though it were something apart from me. I read, thinking not of the lesson, but rather of how I am reading it. I have read my fourteen verses and I return to my seat. I have read my first lesson. C.S.

STUDY COOKERY.

In days of yore.
The corridor
Was filled with the wholesome smell
Of sausages frying,
On the gas-ring lying,
And buttered eggs as well.

But now, alas!
Instead of gas
'Lectricity falls on scenes
Of people repleting
Themselves, by eating
Tins of cold baked beans.

But all regrets
One soon forgets,
And lays aside all doubt:
For, to be brief,
It's a great relief
To dispense with a match that blows out.

O.T.M.R.

O.A. NOTES.

MARRIAGES.

DONKIN—COLLINSON.—On June 13, at St. Stephen's Church, Calgary, Alberta, by the Rev. Canon James, P. H. Donkin, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Donkin of Abingdon, to Alice Collinson, only daughter of the late Silvester Collinson, of Holmbury St. Mary, Surrey.

VIVIAN—KNIGHT.—On Sept. 5, at Holy Trinity, Paddington, by the Rev. Charles Knight, father of the bride, Arthur Cecil, younger son of the late Arthur Clyma and Mrs. Vivian, Oxford, to Florence Margaret, younger daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Knight, 170, Gloucester Terrace, W.2.

ARDAGH—MAIDEN.—On Dec. 1, at the Cathedral, Calcutta, Arthur Wheeler Wellington Ardagh, of Dhelakhat Tea Estate, Tinsukja, Assam, to Ruth Bertha, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Maiden, of Aldenham Lodge, Radlett, Herts.

DEATHS.

LACEY.—On Aug. 26, as the result of an accident on the day before, Lewis Edgar Lacey, youngest son of Mr. Richard Lacey, of 38, Swinburne Road, Abingdon, and brother of Mr. R. S. Lacey, chemist, of High Street, Abingdon. Aged 48.

NORMAN.—On November 10, at Nowshera, India, Henry M. Norman, Guides' Cavalry, only son of the late Colonel and Mrs. Walter Norman, and grandson of the late Field Marshal Sir Henry Norman and of Lady Norman, Stratton House, Abingdon. Aged 22 years.

L. E. Lacey met with an accident at Euston Station when returning after his day's work to his home at Tring. He slipped between the platform and a moving train. His legs were crushed, and an operation the next morning failed to save his life. He was well-known and well liked on the London Stock Exchange, of which he had been a member for twenty-one years. "His cheeriness and heartiness of manner," says *The Financial Times*, "made him popular with men everywhere." He came to the School in January, 1889, and was here for several years. During the War he served in France, Egypt and Palestine as a lieutenant in the R.G.A. He leaves a widow and one son, R. F. Lacey, who is also an O.A. and is likewise on the Stock Exchange.

Henry Norman, it will be remembered, was with us for a short time in the summer of 1915, while precautionary measures of health prevented his

rejoining the preparatory school at which he was entered. We should like to associate ourselves with the general expressions of regret at his early death and sympathy with his relatives.

From *The Observer*, of Sunday, Nov. 22 :—

"In the final of the Colquhoun Sculls at Cambridge yesterday, J. C. H. Booth (Lady Margaret) beat R. L. C. Foottit (Lady Margaret) by 2sec., the time being 8min. 2sec." Further details from *The Daily Telegraph* of Nov. 23 :—"Booth led by about 3sec. at Red Grind, and Foottit challenged strongly in the Long Reach but was unable to get on terms, but he stuck to his man and was only defeated by a narrow margin. Both men are trial caps, and the winner is champion sculler of the Cam." Though he lost the race, we are happy to be able to congratulate Foottit on a very good performance. He is rowing again this year in the Cambridge "trials," occupying the same position as last year—No. 3 in the "B" boat.

J. F. Sinclair is Hon. Sec. of the Pembroke College Socker Club. Besides playing regularly for their first XI at Socker, he has also appeared on several occasions in their second XV at Rugger.

R. E. Eason has been appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the Radley College O.T.C.

C. E. Lowe has been granted a commission in the Territorials, 5th (Cinque Ports) Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment. He is expecting to go to the Chichester Barracks for a month's training in January.

Congratulations to the Rev. H. Hughes, Headmaster of King's College, Taunton, on his engagement to Miss Serena Bowden, daughter of the late Dr. Bowden and of Mrs. Bowden, of Glossop, Derbyshire.

P. C. Holme, who is a Captain in the Egyptian Mounted Police, has been awarded the First Class Police Duty Medal by King Fuad, for services in connection with the discovery of the murderers of the late Sirdar.

W. N. E. Bruce is now playing in "Still Dancing" at the London Pavilion. In a different sense he was selected to play—at Addington in the early part of October—in a golfing match between teams representing the Stage and the Newspaper Golfing Societies.

Condolences to W. H. Stevens, who has been seriously ill. He had an operation in the summer for appendicitis, and seemed to be going on well when further trouble set in, which rendered a second operation necessary. But we understand

that he is now again convalescent, and we hope that he will soon have made a complete recovery.

D. H. Jenkins, we learn, has bought some land in Western Australia, and is now engaged in clearing it for farming. His address is "c.o. the Postmaster, Narrambeen, W.A."

R. B. H. Morland has gone to Lagos. He sailed on the 30th of September.

H. W. Franklin has become a member of the Pharmaceutical Society, having successfully negotiated the exams, for which he has been studying at the Ph. Society's College in Bloomsbury Square. He now has an appointment in the Clerkenwell Road.

W. E. Steele has passed all his exams for the E.T.C. and sailed for Carcavellos on the 27th November.

The three Shallard brothers have gone to New Zealand. S.W.D. and H.D. are farming, and W.D. is at a school in New Plymouth.

Of the other O.A.s who left last term—

G. S. Sturrock is in residence at St. John's College, Cambridge.

A. F. James is in residence at Exeter College, Oxford, where, among other activities, he has been playing Hockey for their second XI and occasionally for their first.

H. W. D. Charleton is at present helping his father in Abingdon. Having done credit to himself and to his school by securing the eleventh place in the recent entry examination for the R.A.F., he was singularly unfortunate in being disqualified later in the medical examination. We are sorry indeed that our congratulations should thus have to be changed to condolences; at the same time we wish Charleton all possible success in whatever alternative career he elects to follow.

A. C. Croasdel, who left early in the summer term, is now in his father's, the town-clerk's, office in Abingdon.

W. J. Smith and W. A. Smallbone have left us in the course of the present term. The former has entered as a student at Culham College. In his first match for their first XI, v. City of Oxford School on November 28, playing centre forward he performed the surprising feat of scoring five goals in quick succession.

Smallbone has a post as assistant at the School of Rural Economy in Oxford.

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