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### SCHOOL NOTES.

On May 24, Empire Day, the following boys were confirmed in the School Chapel by Dr. Shaw, the Suffragan Bishop of Buckingham:—K. C. Bradbury, A. M. Garton, C. Hall, M. Ogle, W. D. Shallard.

We offer our condolences to the Rev. J. H. Kirkby, our School Chaplain, who has been in the Acland Home to undergo an operation. We were glad to see him sufficiently recovered to take part in our Founder's Day service, and trust that long before the beginning of next term he will be completely restored to health.

In the recent examinations of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music the following passed successfully:—W. D. Shallard, C. F. Baumann, W. B. Smith, L. S. Bailey in the elementary Division, and J. A. Squire in the Primary Division.

H. D. Shallard has been made a School Prefect.

Crick Colours have been awarded to H. S. Barnett, W. D. Shallard, W. W. Brown, F. M. Cole, C. R. Wright.

Presentation bats have been awarded as follows: For batting, presented by the Masters' Common Room, to H. D. Shallard (av. 21.58); for bowling,

presented by the Headmaster, to P. T. Thomas (av. 6.62); for fielding, presented by H. V. Stone, O.A., to W. D. Shallard; for the best all-round cricketer under 15, presented by Dr. B. W. Henderson, to E. M. Holbrook.

For the third year the School has on loan a collection of exhibits in Arts and Crafts from the Victoria and Albert Museum. These, with the casts of the Elgin marbles, loaned by Mr. H. G. Longford, are in the middle corridor, while the remaining casts (Phigaleian Frieze) add beauty and interest to the Pembroke Room. The casts are displayed under glass in specially constructed wooden cases and with brief extracts from the British Museum handbooks describing the more notable features. Our thanks are due to Mr. Wright for the time and trouble he has spent over their arrangement.

Electric lighting has this term been installed throughout the School buildings.

The School enjoyed the usual half-holiday on Whit-Monday, and likewise a special half-holiday on Thursday, June 18, in honour of James' open scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford. On the latter date the members of the Classical VI. were enabled to attend the performance of the "Agam-

emnon" at Bradfield College. The journey was made by motor.

We have been notified that 'PUBLIC SCHOOL VERSE,' Vol. V., will be published by Messrs. Heinemann some time during September of this year; it contains poems from thirteen schools, and may be ordered at any bookseller's.

Contributions for Vol. VI. should be posted to: The Editors, "PUBLIC SCHOOL VERSE," c/o the HOLYWELL PRESS, OXFORD, not later than December 20th, 1925. Any boy still at school may contribute, and those who left school not earlier than July, 1925, may send in verses written before they left.

Only those poems which are accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope of sufficient size can be returned in the event of rejection. It is generally not possible to return all poems until some months after the closing date.

The Rag Concert will take place in the evening of July 27th, on which date this term's work ends. Next term begins on Tuesday, Sept. 15th, boarders returning on the preceding day.

(*Corrigendum* :—F. G. H. Allen joined the School in September, 1922, not 1921, as stated in the *Valete* notices in our last issue.)

We publish below a copy of a letter which the urgency of the occasion has prompted the Headmaster to circulate. We hope that this letter will receive the attention which it deserves.

#### SCHOOL EXTENSION SCHEME.

The School owes a great debt of gratitude to those who have generously sent donations for the Extension Scheme. What we have in view is :—

- (1) Nearly to double the School estate, and so to place the School buildings in the middle of a well timbered and picturesque area of some 20 acres.
- (2) To supply boarding accommodation for 40 more boarders together with a house for a married master and rooms for two assistant masters.
- (3) To build a large dining hall to hold comfortably over 120 boys.
- (4) To build additional studies for boys already here.
- (5) To supply a School Library.

The possibility of securing the estate in question is a unique opportunity for the school, which may never occur again, and the Scheme, if able to be carried out, will mark a turning point in our history. It is still a question of ways and means. The

Governors, the Old Boys, the School Staff, and the people in the Town have given lavishly. And I hope it will not be thought out of place if I make a special appeal to the parents of boarders past and present, and to Old Boys who have not yet contributed, to do the utmost they can to secure the success of the Scheme. The whole question, which so vitally affects the welfare of the School, may turn on a matter of a thousand pounds. Parents owe it to the generosity of the School's early benefactors through the past centuries that we are able to teach and care for their children at such economical fees; and when the need is so pressing, I hope they will not allow themselves to be outdone in generosity. I am sure that most, if not all, have a sincere pride in the School, and I feel confident that when they realise the importance of the occasion, they will not content themselves with verbal expressions of good-will, but will rise to the full height of the occasion and give a tangible proof of their interest. It would be pitiable if the Scheme failed when so near its realisation.

The Scheme means a larger staff, better facilities for coaching in work and games, better accommodation and control. It will in no way diminish the personal interest, which is taken in individual boys. The fulfilment of the Scheme will on the contrary be the greatest encouragement to us all to remain at our post and do our utmost on behalf of the boys.

WILLIAM M. GRUNDY.  
*Headmaster.*

#### FOUNDER'S DAY.

This year Founder's Day was observed on Friday, July 10th. At the service in St. Helen's Church the preacher was the Rev. G. B. Allen, D.D., Principal of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, who gave an appropriate and interesting sermon, dealing with the life-history of St. Edmund of Abingdon. The singing, under the able direction of Miss Sheldon Peach, was most successful. The wreath for the Founder's tomb was made and presented by Mrs. Rudd.

After the service a large company assembled in the Corn Exchange for the distribution of the prizes by the Rt. Hon. Lord Faringdon, C.H.

The Head Master first made his customary speech. He thanked Dr. Allen for preaching the sermon and referred to the close connection between St. Edmund Hall and the School, expressing the hope that it would be further fortified by some of the boys going up under Dr. Allen's own care.

Turning to the school life, the Head Master enumerated the examination successes which have been recorded elsewhere in our pages. He went on to remind them that the results were not won without considerable effort, and thanked the staff for the way in which they had pulled together and for the devoted manner in which they carried out the work and also watched the outside interests of the boys. A distinctive feature of the School was the close intimacy which existed between the staff and the boys; that spirit was a source of untold wealth to them. In the general field of work covered by the School, the O.T.C. had had its camp and field days, and the Debating Society had been resuscitated and had been a great success. They had also profited by attending the meetings of the Town Literary and Debating Society, which was of great value and interest to them. After enumerating the achievements of the Old Boys during the past year, which will be found recorded in the O.A. Notes, the Head Master went on to speak of the School extension scheme. He had hoped to be able to say something definite about it, but it was a very complicated scheme. His own impression was that they were drawing near to the fulfilment of their hopes, but there might still be financial rocks ahead, and it would be a great help to the certainty of their going forward if those who could afford to give more to the scheme would do their best to help at what was a turning-point in the history of the School. Next door to the School they had the opportunity of getting property which nearly doubled the School estate. When they first started they did not realize it would cost so much. The scheme, as they now had it, was to put 21 boys on the new estate and to build a new wing on the southern side of the School buildings; and he wanted parents to realise that the scheme was going to be of the greatest benefit to their sons, because it not only added 40 beds, but also provided much needed study accommodation, a new dining hall, and a library. He hoped everyone would pull together to enable them to take this great opportunity of going forward. Finally, after extending a hearty welcome to Lord Faringdon, who, he said, had given very tangible proof of his interest in the School, the Head Master called upon him to distribute the prizes as follows:

VIA. Classics, A. F. James; VIB. Classics, G. F. Powell; Meredith Greek Prose Composition, A. F. James; Meredith Latin Prose Composition, A. F. James.

VI. Mathematics, S. R. Hunt.

VI. Physics (Major Sydney Harold Baker Prize), S. R. Hunt.

VI. Chemistry, R. M. Hodgson.

VI. French, S. E. Clark.

Form Prizes:—VA., E. G. Langford; VB., R. A. Langford; Remove, H. F. Good; III., B. J. Pedlar; II., G. D. Lovibond.

Mathematics:—VA., N. J. Banes; VB., J. H. Bartlett; Remove, J. G. W. Randall; III., H. R. Lay and G. A. Wood; II., H. R. d'Almaine.

Latin:—VA., E. G. Langford; VB., R. A. Langford; Remove, J. G. W. Randall; III., M. A. Drewe.

Greek:—VA., E. G. Langford; VB., R. A. Langford; Remove, H. F. Good.

Science:—VA., N. J. Banes; VB., R. A. Langford.

Divinity:—VI., S. R. Hunt; VA., N. J. Banes; VB., T. G. Austin; Remove, H. F. Good; III., B. J. Pedlar; II., G. D. Lovibond.

VA. Art, A. F. Bragg-Smith.

Singing, R. E. Broadbent.

Pianoforte, J. A. Squire.

Nature Study, H. R. d'Almaine.

Lord Faringdon, after distributing the prizes, heartily congratulated masters and scholars on their brilliant achievements. The spirit of enterprise was abroad in the land, but people were a little too much disposed to be discouraged and not to assert the prerogative, which was that of every Englishman, of being on top. He hoped the scholars would emulate the spirit of the latter half of the sixteenth century; that they would be determined that they were going to make their way in the world. The sound education which they were receiving would fit them for the race of life. It enabled each one of them to become a citizen who was proud of his country and determined to do everything to promote her greatness. He advised them to take a broad view of affairs and to try to fathom the mentalities of the different classes in their own country and also those of other nationalities, always remembering that Britain's position as a great nation could only be preserved by diligent work. They looked with pride on the stormy past; they trusted in their ability to overcome the difficulties of the present; and, believing as they did in the genius of the people, they had confidence in the incalculable future. He expressed the hope that the School would continue to expand and send into the world men who would be successful and useful in their day and generation.

After cheers had been given for Lord Faringdon, Dr. Allen, the Head Master and Miss Grundy

and the Visitors, the assembly adjourned to the School grounds, where the Head Master and Miss Grundy were "at home" and tea was served, while the Oxford Military Band played selections.

The donors of the prizes, to whom our very sincere thanks are due, were the following :—

Rev. P. C. Bevan, H. S. Challenor, Esq., M.D., H. T. Clarke, Esq., J. D. Godfrey, Esq. (Mayor of Abingdon), W. M. Grundy, Esq., J. Knowles, Esq., R. W. Langford, Esq., Rev. Canon W. M. Meredith, W. T. Morland, Esq., W. H. Nash, Esq., Miss Sheldon Peach, A. E. Preston, Esq., C. A. Pryce, Esq., F. H. Pryce, Esq. (President of O.A. Club), H. P. Simpson, Esq., T. Skurray, Esq., and Mrs. Stevens.

#### O.T.C.

On the 16th of June the contingent was inspected by Lieutenant Colonel A. C. Dawnay, C.B.E., D.S.O., Coldstream Guards.

It was impossible to arrange a field day this term and that arranged last term by Eton to take place on the Downs had to be given up.

More than thirty cadets are going to the annual camp at Tidworth Pennings, where a total of about 4000 cadets will be present. This camp is being organised and run by the staff of Sandhurst, and it promises to be interesting from the points of view of work and play. Demonstrations will be given by Sandhurst Cadets, who do things as they should be done. Excellent entertainments in the way of boxing, sports and sing-songs are being arranged.

Next term a field-day will be held near High Wycombe on October 28.

The following, in order of merit, were successful in passing Certificate "A" Examination held last November :—H. W. D. Charleton, P. H. Barwell, H. S. Bartlett, C. Stacey, C. R. Wright, W. G. Hancock, H. D. Shallard, W. J. Smith.

In the past year the following promotions have been made :—To be Sergeants : C. R. Wright, H. W. D. Charleton, W. J. Smith. To be Corporals : H. S. Bartlett, P. H. Barwell, W. G. Hancock, C. Stacey, H. D. Shallard. To be L/Cpls. : J. B. O. Durell, K. C. Smith, T. T. Theophilus, N. C. Wood.

#### THE REGATTA.

The annual Regatta was held on Wilsham Reach on July 9th, and was a great success, as, fortunately, the weather was fine enough to make the afternoon enjoyable both for the spectators and

the competitors. There were many entries and some keen races, which were not altogether devoid of humour. The House Fours naturally provided much excitement, and showed how necessary is a really good cox. Red House won the Senior House Fours comfortably, Blue House carrying off the junior event by one length, after one of the most exciting races of the afternoon.

At the conclusion of the usual events, a School four raced a scratch four of O.A.s consisting of : K. Cleave, S. W. D. Shallard, W. H. Stevens, C. R. Davidge, and P. E. Rowlandson (cox).

The names of the winners of the various events are appended :—

Dongola :—Hillier, Langford i., Baumann ii., Shallard iii., Good, Broadbent.

Junior Pairs :—Martin ii., Watson and Good (cox).

Canoes :—Powell, Wood ii.

Senior Pairs :—Shallard ii., Smith iv., and Raymond (cox).

House Fours, Junior, Blue House :—Holbrook, Thomas i., Insley, Watson and Brown ii. (cox).

House Fours, Senior, Red House :—Edsall, Shallard iii., Shallard ii., Wright ii. and Brown iii. (cox).

A.S.R.C. v. O.A.C. :—Shallard ii., Hancock, Smith iv., Cullum and Brown iii. (cox).

The prizes, for which our best thanks are due to the generous donors, were distributed by Mrs. Hanks. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Bevir for taking so much trouble to provide us with so thoroughly enjoyable an afternoon.

#### CRICKET.

The following is a brief review of the season's record. The 1st XI. played twelve matches, of which they won five, drew four, and lost three. The 2nd XI. won five of their matches, and lost two, whilst the "Under 15" XI. won all their three matches. Thus, judging by results alone, the season may be regarded as a successful one.

In point of fact the 1st XI. was much stronger than its record seems to suggest. Indeed, once it settled down after losing two matches, against the City of Oxford School and King Alfred's School, Wantage, early in the season, it developed into the best balanced XI. we have had for some years, and had no difficulty in avenging its earlier defeats, whilst it proved altogether too strong for the Old Boys.

The special strength of the XI. lay in its batting, every member of the team shewing himself capable

of getting runs, and the tail wagging most vigorously on more than one occasion.

Thomas and Hancock bowled well throughout the season, and there was no lack of change bowlers, though there was, perhaps, too little variety in pace and methods of attack amongst them.

As a fielding side the XI. has shewn itself well up to the average, and in the matter of wicket-keeping has been well served by Bartlett, who has improved with every match.

The 2nd XI., we are pleased to note, has been more successful than for several seasons, thanks largely to some excellent performances with the ball by Rice; whilst the "Under 15" XI.'s record speaks for itself.

## FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. St. Edmund's Hall, on May 30th, at home. Drawn.—The School batted first and made a disastrous beginning, the first 4 wickets falling for only 5 runs. However, thanks chiefly to H. D. Shallard who made 43, batting very steadily and keeping his wicket up until almost the end, and also to some fine scoring by Bartlett, Cole and Wright, our final score was 126. Our opponents then went in and put on 89 for 7 wickets, when stumps were drawn, thus preventing what otherwise might have been a close finish.

## A.S.C.C.

|                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| J. B. E. Alston, b Branston.....       | 4          |
| W. G. Hancock, c Daniels, b Evans .... | 0          |
| H. D. Shallard, b Branston.....        | 43         |
| P. T. Thomas, c Linton, b Branston.... | 0          |
| G. S. Sturrock, c Franks, b Evans..... | 1          |
| W. W. Brown, run out.....              | 4          |
| W. D. Shallard, c Coglin, b Branston.. | 2          |
| H. S. Bartlett, b Branston.....        | 21         |
| F. M. Cole, not out.....               | 26         |
| T. T. Theophilus, b Branston.....      | 0          |
| C. R. Wright, c Barber, b Branston.... | 19         |
| Extras .....                           | 6          |
| <b>Total .....</b>                     | <b>126</b> |

## ST. EDMUND'S HALL C.C.

|                                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------|----|
| H. Cloke, c Theophilus, b Hancock.....     | 11 |
| H. B. Linton, c Hancock, b H. D. Shallard  | 3  |
| D. K. Daniels, c. Theophilus, b Alston.... | 0  |
| T. G. Coglin, b Alston.....                | 1  |
| W. H. M. Branston, b Thomas.....           | 28 |
| F. W. L. Evans, c and b Sturrock.....      | 0  |
| V. W. Miles, run out .....                 | 5  |
| G. C. Smith, not out.....                  | 11 |
| E. G. Rowe, not out.....                   | 0  |
| B. Barber did not bat.....                 |    |

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| R. L. Franks did not bat.....   |           |
| Extras .....                    | 3         |
| <b>Total (for 7 wkts.).....</b> | <b>89</b> |

v. City of Oxford School, on June 3rd, at Oxford. Lost.—The School batted first, and on a fast wicket and against good bowling by Rogers, fared very badly indeed, only four of the team making any runs at all. Thomas hit out well, making over half our score, the final score being 23. The City of Oxford School were all out for 55. Hancock bowled very well and took 8 wickets for 15 runs.

## A.S.C.C.

|                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| W. G. Hancock, lbw, b Eeley .....       | 1         |
| H. D. Shallard, b Rogers.....           | 0         |
| P. T. Thomas, c Turner, b Eeley.....    | 12        |
| W. W. Brown, b Rogers.....              | 4         |
| G. S. Sturrock, b Rogers.....           | 0         |
| W. D. Shallard, c Godfrey, b Eeley..... | 4         |
| H. S. Bartlett, b Eeley.....            | 0         |
| F. M. Cole, b Rogers.....               | 0         |
| C. R. Wright, b Rogers.....             | 0         |
| E. M. Holbrook, b Rogers.....           | 0         |
| T. T. Theophilus, not out .....         | 0         |
| Extras .....                            | 2         |
| <b>Total .....</b>                      | <b>23</b> |

## CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

|                                                    |           |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| J. D. Eeley, b Hancock.....                        | 15        |
| J. E. Rees, b Hancock.....                         | 0         |
| W. J. Godfrey, b Hancock.....                      | 6         |
| J. A. Rogers, b Sturrock.....                      | 4         |
| W. D. Gooderson, c Brown, b Hancock..              | 2         |
| G. T. Axtell, lbw, b Hancock.....                  | 5         |
| T. L. Child, b Hancock.....                        | 0         |
| E. L. C. Turner, c W. D. Shallard, b Hancock ..... | 8         |
| G. F. Goddard, b Thomas.....                       | 1         |
| C. B. Cooke, b Hancock.....                        | 0         |
| A. H. Hughes, not out.....                         | 1         |
| Extras .....                                       | 12        |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                 | <b>55</b> |

v. Exeter College on June 6th, at home. Drawn.—The School again batted first and on an easy wicket succeeded in making a total of 133. The team as a whole batted much better than on either of the previous occasions. Exeter College then batted and started off well, making 120 for the loss of only 5 wickets, but thanks to some good bowling by Thomas their score was 128 for 9 wickets when stumps were drawn.

| A.S.C.C.                                |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| J. B. E. Alston, c Kidd, b Chubb.....   | 0   |
| W. G. Hancock, b Rankin.....            | 29  |
| H. D. Shallard, c McChlery, b Chubb.... | 25  |
| W. W. Brown, c McChlery, b Rankin....   | 0   |
| G. S. Sturrock, b Jeffery.....          | 27  |
| W. D. Shallard, b Scales.....           | 22  |
| P. T. Thomas c McChlery, b Jeffery....  | 4   |
| F. M. Cole, c McChlery, b Jeffery.....  | 8   |
| H. S. Bartlett, b Scales.....           | 5   |
| C. R. Wright, b Scales.....             | 4   |
| T. T. Theophilus, not out.....          | 0   |
| Extras .....                            | 9   |
| Total                                   | 133 |

| EXETER COLLEGE.                            |     |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| V. E. Maffezoni, c Bartlett, b Hancock..   | 0   |
| A. Scales, c H. D. Shallard, b. Sturrock.. | 18  |
| C. J. Stapleton, c Hancock, b Thomas..     | 34  |
| J. W. Gittins, c Wright, b Alston.....     | 23  |
| E. W. Jeffery, c Sturrock, b Alston....    | 18  |
| J. T. Kidd, c Sturrock, b Thomas.....      | 9   |
| R. McChlery, not out .....                 | 1   |
| A. D. Wood, c and b Thomas.....            | 0   |
| G. W. Chubb, lbw Thomas.....               | 5   |
| H. F. Marshall, b Thomas.....              | 0   |
| J. Rankin, not out.....                    | 0   |
| Extras .....                               | 20  |
| Total (for 9 wks.)                         | 128 |

v. King Alfred's School, on June 10th, at Wantage. Lost.—The School lost the toss and fielded first. It was not until late in the afternoon that King Alfred's School were all out for 120, of which Luker made 53. The School batting was a dismal failure, and owing chiefly to a lot of wild hitting we were dismissed for 75.

| KING ALFRED'S SCHOOL.                              |     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| P. J. Luker, c Brown, b H. D. Shallard..           | 53  |
| E. C. Bateman, c Holbrook, b Thomas..              | 8   |
| R. O. H. Reynolds, c Brown, b H. D. Shallard ..... | 15  |
| R. Elmhirst, c Hancock, b Thomas.....              | 15  |
| G. W. Tucker, c Thomas, b Hancock....              | 4   |
| A. H. Goody, c Thomas, b Hancock....               | 1   |
| O. C. Payne, b Hancock.....                        | 0   |
| D. M. K. Stoker, lbw, b Thomas.....                | 0   |
| J. Hartley, b Thomas.....                          | 4   |
| J. Adams, b Brown.....                             | 0   |
| A. G. R. Sansum, not out.....                      | 6   |
| Extras .....                                       | 14  |
| Total                                              | 120 |

| A.S.C.C.                                |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| H. D. Shallard, c Reynolds, b Bateman.. | 5  |
| W. D. Shallard, c Stoker, b Bateman..   | 12 |
| W. G. Hancock, b Bateman.....           | 4  |
| G. S. Sturrock, b Bateman.....          | 5  |
| W. W. Brown, c Hartley, b Bateman....   | 4  |
| H. S. Bartlett, c Goody, b Bateman....  | 16 |
| P. T. Thomas, b Adams.....              | 14 |
| F. M. Cole, c Hartley, b Adams.....     | 0  |
| C. R. Wright, not out.....              | 10 |
| T. T. Theophilus, lbw, b Adams.....     | 0  |
| E. M. Holbrook, b Adams .....           | 2  |
| Extras .....                            | 3  |
| Total                                   | 75 |

v. St. Edmund's Hall, on June 13th at home. Drawn.—The School batting was a great improvement on that of the last match, Thomas, H. D. Shallard and Bartlett all making useful contributions to our total of 150. Our opponents batted steadily and made 101 for the loss of only 5 wickets. Thomas again bowled well.

| A.S.C.C.                                |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| W. A. Rudd, c and b Evans.....          | 4   |
| W. G. Hancock, b Evans.....             | 4   |
| H. D. Shallard, c wkt., b Foster.....   | 27  |
| J. B. E. Alston, lbw, b Foster .....    | 11  |
| G. S. Sturrock, c Allen, b Coghlin..... | 17  |
| W. D. Shallard, b Evans.....            | 7   |
| W. W. Brown, c Evans, b Clarke.....     | 1   |
| P. T. Thomas, c Smith, b Evans.....     | 30  |
| H. S. Bartlett, c Barber, b Foster..... | 28  |
| F. M. Cole, lbw, b Foster.....          | 5   |
| C. R. Wright, not out.....              | 7   |
| Extras .....                            | 9   |
| Total                                   | 150 |

| ST. EDMUND'S HALL.                                                 |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| H. Cloke, lbw, b Thomas.....                                       | 2   |
| H. B. Linton, c Bartlett, b Hancock....                            | 12  |
| V. W. Miles, c Bartlett, b Thomas.....                             | 5   |
| G. C. Smith, not out.....                                          | 32  |
| J. H. T. Clarke, retired hurt.....                                 | 9   |
| J. G. Coghlin, b Thomas .....                                      | 23  |
| F. W. L. Evans, not out.....                                       | 2   |
| B. Barber, R. L. Franks, A. J. Foster,<br>J. B. Allen did not bat. |     |
| Extras .....                                                       | 16  |
| Total (for 5 wks.)                                                 | 101 |

v. Culham College, on June 17th, at Culham. Drawn.—The School batted first and made 143 for 9 wickets, a useful score on so difficult a ground. Bartlett scored well for the School and made 38

before getting out to a difficult catch in the long field. With the exception of Jennings, the Culham batsmen were unable to do much against Thomas' bowling, their score standing at 60 for 6 wickets when stumps were drawn.

## A.S.C.C.

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| W. G. Hancock, b Williams.....           | 16 |
| H. D. Shallard, b Williams.....          | 3  |
| J. B. E. Alston, b Stone.....            | 9  |
| G. S. Sturrock, c Stone, b Williams..... | 8  |
| W. D. Shallard, b Britton.....           | 16 |
| P. T. Thomas, b Williams.....            | 0  |
| H. S. Bartlett, c Britton, b Busby.....  | 38 |
| F. M. Cole, c Stone, b Jennings.....     | 14 |
| C. R. Wright, not out.....               | 14 |
| E. M. Holbrook, b Jennings.....          | 1  |
| P. G. Perks Morris, not out.....         | 11 |
| Extras .....                             | 13 |

Total (for 9 wkts.) 143

## CULHAM COLLEGE.

|                                                            |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| L. C. Jennings, not out.....                               | 30 |
| J. R. Busby, c Bartlett, b Thomas.....                     | 5  |
| H. J. Wright, lbw, b Thomas.....                           | 0  |
| M. E. D. S. Stone, c H. D. Shallard, b Thomas .....        | 0  |
| E. J. Herring, b Thomas.....                               | 0  |
| C. Johnson, b H. D. Shallard.....                          | 3  |
| R. M. Hollyer, b Thomas.....                               | 11 |
| N. Britton, not out.....                                   | 1  |
| J. A. T. Brown, E. J. Williams and L. Watson, did not bat. |    |
| Extras .....                                               | 10 |

Total (for 6 wkts.) 60

v. City of Oxford School, on June 20th, at home. Won.—One of the best matches of the season, in which the School fully avenged their previous defeat. The City of Oxford School batted first, making a total score of 44. Thomas bowled well taking 6 wickets for 26 runs, and Wright made a very good catch at square-leg. Hancock and H. D. Shallard opened the innings for the School and put on 54 before they were parted. W. D. Shallard also batted well, making 31.

## CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| J. D. Eeley, c Wright, b Thomas.....     | 10 |
| J. E. Rees, c W. D. Shallard, b Thomas.. | 1  |
| W. J. Godfrey, lbw, b Hancock.....       | 3  |
| J. A. Rogers, c Hancock, b Thomas....    | 0  |
| W. D. Gooderson, b Hancock.....          | 0  |
| E. E. Cooke, lbw, b Thomas.....          | 0  |
| E. L. C. Turner, c and b Thomas.....     | 0  |

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| T. L. Child, b Thomas.....              | 3  |
| G. J. Axtell, not out.....              | 14 |
| M. F. Harrold, b H. D. Shallard.....    | 6  |
| W. R. Rising, lbw, b H. D. Shallard.... | 0  |
| Extras .....                            | 7  |

Total 44

## A.S.C.C.

|                                        |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|
| W. G. Hancock, b Cooke.....            | 17 |
| H. D. Shallard, b Turner.....          | 35 |
| W. D. Shallard, c Child, b Rogers..... | 31 |
| G. S. Sturrock, b Eeley.....           | 20 |
| H. S. Bartlett, b Rogers.....          | 13 |
| W. W. Brown, c Harrold, b Eeley.....   | 0  |
| P. T. Thomas, c and b Rogers.....      | 0  |
| F. M. Cole, b Eeley.....               | 6  |
| C. R. Wright, not out.....             | 10 |
| P. G. Perks Morris, b Eeley.....       | 0  |
| E. M. Holbrook, b Eeley.....           | 0  |
| Extras .....                           | 11 |

Total 143

v. Mr. Sinclair's XI., on June 24th, at home. Lost.—A very close match against a strong side. The School opened and made in all 127, Bartlett and Brown both batting well. Our opponents made a good start, knocking up 62 runs for 2 wickets, but the next 5 wickets were taken at the cost of only 1 run. However, unfortunately for the School, the last few batsmen managed to put on the necessary runs, the tenth wicket falling at 153. Messrs. Rudd, Bevir, Emtage and Guest all batted well for Sinclair's team.

## A.S.C.C.

|                                        |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|
| H. D. Shallard, b Emtage.....          | 9  |
| W. G. Hancock, c Guest, b Munro.....   | 4  |
| W. D. Shallard, c Emtage, b Munro..... | 8  |
| G. S. Sturrock, b Emtage.....          | 20 |
| H. S. Bartlett, c Munro, b Emtage..... | 29 |
| P. T. Thomas, run out .....            | 2  |
| W. W. Brown, c Guest, b Emtage.....    | 19 |
| F. M. Cole, lbw, b Smith.....          | 10 |
| C. R. Wright, lbw, b Spragg.....       | 8  |
| P. G. Perks-Morris, b Emtage.....      | 0  |
| R. E. Broadbent, not out.....          | 1  |
| Extras .....                           | 17 |

Total 127

## MR. SINCLAIR'S XI.

|                                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------|----|
| J. B. Emtage, c W. D. Shallard, b Sturrock | 30 |
| F. F. Spragg, c Bartlett, b Thomas.....    | 14 |
| E. T. Jones, b H. D. Shallard.....         | 10 |
| J. F. Sinclair, lbw, b Sturrock.....       | 0  |
| R. Taylor, lbw, b H. D. Shallard.....      | 0  |

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| J. B. E. Alston, run out.....         | 0   |
| A. C. Munro, c Thomas, b Sturrock.... | 0   |
| W. Guest, not out.....                | 36  |
| W. A. Rudd, c Brown, b Hancock.....   | 21  |
| W. Bevir, b Brown.....                | 31  |
| K. C. Smith, lbw, b Brown.....        | 0   |
| Extras .....                          | 11  |
| Total                                 | 153 |

v. Abingdon Town, on June 27th, at home. Won.—The School batting was good, W. D. Shallard knocking up a fine 51. We declared at 159 for 7 wickets, and succeeded in getting the Town out for 66, thus gaining an easy victory.

## A.S.C.C.

|                                                      |     |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| W. G. Hancock, lbw, b Bradfield.....                 | 12  |
| H. D. Shallard, c Lewis, b Bradfield....             | 9   |
| J. B. E. Alston, c Bradfield, b North....            | 14  |
| W. D. Shallard, c Edgington, b Holbrook              | 51  |
| G. S. Sturrock, c and b North.....                   | 2   |
| P. T. Thomas, b Bradfield.....                       | 13  |
| H. S. Bartlett, b Holbrook.....                      | 19  |
| W. W. Brown, not out.....                            | 9   |
| F. M. Cole, not out.....                             | 24  |
| C. R. Wright and P. G. Perks-Morris,<br>did not bat. |     |
| Extras .....                                         | 6   |
| Total (for 7 wkts.)                                  | 159 |

## ABINGDON TOWN.

|                                                       |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----|
| G. E. Bradfield, lbw, b Brown.....                    | 11 |
| H. R. Lewis, b Thomas.....                            | 4  |
| G. W. Searle, c H. D. Shallard, b Thomas              | 14 |
| W. Lowe, b Thomas.....                                | 4  |
| H. J. Edgington, c Cole, b Brown.....                 | 4  |
| E. A. North, c W. D. Shallard, b Brown..              | 14 |
| E. M. Holbrook, c Bartlett, b H. D.<br>Shallard ..... | 2  |
| R. E. Broadbent, b H. D. Shallard.....                | 0  |
| G. Page, c Sturrock, b Thomas.....                    | 9  |
| A. Eyre, b H. D. Shallard.....                        | 0  |
| Parkin, not out.....                                  | 4  |
| Extras .....                                          | 0  |
| Total                                                 | 66 |

v. King Alfred's School, on July 1st, at home. Won.—King Alfred's School batted first and made 97, of which Elmhirst made 57. Hancock bowled well for the School, taking 6 wickets for 28 runs. The two Shallards made a fine stand for the second wicket, bringing the score up to 97 before they were parted. Thomas, Brown and Cole also batted well, the former giving a fine display

of hard hitting. The School were finally all out for 167.

## KING ALFRED'S SCHOOL.

|                                                     |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|
| E. C. Bateman, c W. D. Shallard, b Brown            | 8  |
| P. J. Luker, lbw, b Brown.....                      | 7  |
| R. O. H. Reynolds, b Hancock.....                   | 8  |
| H. Elmhirst, b Hancock.....                         | 57 |
| J. E. Hartley, b Hancock.....                       | 0  |
| A. H. Goody, c Brown, b Hancock.....                | 9  |
| D. M. K. Stoker, c Perks-Morris, b<br>Hancock ..... | 5  |
| S. E. Pascoe-Williams, b Hancock.....               | 2  |
| G. W. Tucker, c W. D. Shallard, b Thomas            | 0  |
| J. Adams, c Brown, b Thomas.....                    | 0  |
| G. L. Heighton, not out.....                        | 0  |
| Extras .....                                        | 1  |
| Total                                               | 97 |

## A.S.C.C.

|                                                   |     |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|
| W. G. Hancock, lbw, b Reynolds.....               | 0   |
| H. D. Shallard, c Elmhirst, b Heighton..          | 53  |
| W. D. Shallard, b Bateman.....                    | 55  |
| G. S. Sturrock, lbw, b Reynolds.....              | 0   |
| H. S. Bartlett, c Luker, b Reynolds....           | 4   |
| P. T. Thomas, c and b Reynolds.....               | 20  |
| W. W. Brown, not out.....                         | 14  |
| F. M. Cole, b Luker.....                          | 12  |
| C. R. Wright, c Pascoe-Williams, b<br>Adams ..... | 0   |
| P. G. Perks-Morris, c Hartley, b Reynolds         | 2   |
| R. E. Broadbent, c Hartley, b Reynolds            | 4   |
| Extras .....                                      | 3   |
| Total                                             | 167 |

v. Brightwell C.C., on July 8th, at Brightwell. Won.—The School gained an easy victory, winning by an innings and 9 runs. Our opponents batted first and were dismissed for 24, Hancock and Thomas taking 9 wickets between them. The School fielding was very good, everyone throwing in at the wicket with unerring accuracy, and Hancock brought off a splendid catch in the slips. Our first few batsmen, with the exception of H. D. Shallard, fared badly against Frogley's bowling. However our tail again wagged vigorously and brought the final score up to 106. Wright contributed 23.

## BRIGHTWELL.

## First Innings.

|                                        |   |
|----------------------------------------|---|
| H. G. Mathews, b Thomas .....          | 0 |
| S. Kew, c W. D. Shallard, b Thomas.... | 1 |
| G. W. Wells, c Rudd, b Hancock.....    | 0 |
| H. G. Frogley, run out .....           | 4 |
| B. C. Mathews, c Hancock, b Thomas     | 5 |

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| W. M. Chown, b Hancock.....        | 7  |
| F. G. Tarry, lbw, b Thomas.....    | 0  |
| W. Tilden, c Brown, b Hancock..... | 2  |
| R. A. Aldridge, b Hancock.....     | 0  |
| R. L. Saunders, not out.....       | 1  |
| E. Barlow, b Thomas.....           | 0  |
| Extras .....                       | 4  |
| Total .....                        | 24 |

*Second Innings.*

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| H. G. Mathews, c Hancock, b Sturrock..   | 0  |
| S. Kew, b H. D. Shallard.....            | 2  |
| G. W. Wells, c Bartlett, b Sturrock....  | 3  |
| H. G. Frogley, b H. D. Shallard.....     | 3  |
| B. C. Mathews, b H. D. Shallard .....    | 4  |
| W. M. Chown, not out.....                | 22 |
| F. G. Tarry, c Bartlett, b Sturrock..... | 0  |
| W. Tilden, b Brown.....                  | 13 |
| R. A. Aldridge, b Thomas.....            | 10 |
| R. L. Saunders, absent.....              | 0  |
| E. Barlow, b Thomas.....                 | 2  |
| Extras .....                             | 14 |
| Total .....                              | 73 |

## A.S.C.C.

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| H. D. Shallard, b Frogley.....          | 21  |
| W. G. Hancock, b Frogley.....           | 2   |
| W. D. Shallard, b Frogley.....          | 0   |
| G. S. Sturrock, b Tarry.....            | 7   |
| W. A. Rudd, b Frogley.....              | 0   |
| P. T. Thomas, b Frogley .....           | 5   |
| H. S. Bartlett, c Barlow, b Frogley.... | 11  |
| W. W. Brown, b Frogley.....             | 6   |
| F. M. Cole, c Mathews, b Frogley .....  | 12  |
| C. R. Wright, not out.....              | 23  |
| P. G. Perks-Morris, b Aldridge.....     | 9   |
| Extras .....                            | 10  |
| Total .....                             | 106 |

v. Old Abingdonian C.C., on July 11th, at home. Won.—The School batted first, and the Shallards again made a useful stand for the second wicket, bringing the score up to 43. The two best innings of the day were by Brown, who made 50, and Broadbent, who went in when the score was 143, and by dint of steady play enabled Brown to make his runs, and also made 19 himself. Cole also batted well, making 24. Our final score was 197. The O.A.s were dismissed for 68, of which Sinclair made 23.

## A.S.C.C.

|                                           |    |
|-------------------------------------------|----|
| W. G. Hancock, run out.....               | 0  |
| H. D. Shallard, b Knowles.....            | 29 |
| W. D. Shallard, c Sinclair, b McFarlane.. | 26 |

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| G. S. Sturrock, run out.....            | 13 |
| H. S. Bartlett, c Stone, b Knowles..... | 2  |
| P. T. Thomas, b Taylor.....             | 4  |
| W. W. Brown, c Mathias, b Parker ....   | 50 |
| C. R. Wright, c Stone, b Parker.....    | 11 |
| F. M. Cole, lbw, b McFarlane.....       | 24 |
| P. G. Perks-Morris, b McFarlane.....    | 0  |
| R. E. Broadbent, not out.....           | 19 |
| Extras .....                            | 19 |

Total 197

## OLD ABINGDONIAN C.C.

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| J. F. Sinclair, b Brown.....             | 23 |
| R. Taylor, b Thomas.....                 | 0  |
| F. Parker, c Sturrock, b Hancock.....    | 14 |
| L. S. Mathias, run out .....             | 0  |
| H. A. L. Donkin, b Thomas.....           | 0  |
| H. G. Veysey, b Thomas.....              | 1  |
| G. M. G. McFarlane, run out.....         | 8  |
| K. G. Stevens, c and b H. D. Shallard .. | 12 |
| H. V. Stone, c and b Brown.....          | 4  |
| F. H. Pryce, b H. D. Shallard.....       | 0  |
| J. Knowles, not out.....                 | 1  |
| Extras .....                             | 5  |

Total 68

## SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

The following played in the Second XI :—

K. C. Smith (capt.), N. C. Wood, W. F. Smith, P. G. Perks-Morris, E. M. Holbrook, E. P. Rice, T. E. Gardiner, A. J. A. Watson, S. Brown, A. F. James, H. M. Insley, R. E. Broadbent, A. F. Bragg-Smith, G. R. D. Estcourt, and T. T. Theophilus.

The matches were as follows :—

v. Leighton Park 2nd XI. at home, on May 23rd.—The School won by 81 runs. School, 127; Leighton, 46; Holbrook made 56 and Wood 34. A fourth wicket stand by these two put on 76 runs. Brown took 5 wickets for 12 runs.

v. City of Oxford School, at home, on June 3rd.—The School won by 39 runs. School, 77; C.O.S. 38. Perks-Morris made 16, W. F. Smith 13 and James 12, not out. Rice took 6 wickets for 16 runs. On putting C.O.S. in again, the School dismissed 8 of their men for 54 runs, thus nearly beating them by an innings.

v. Leighton Park 2nd XI. return match, at home, on June 10th.—The School lost by 24 runs. L.P.S. 78; School, 54. Perks-Morris made 12 runs, and Rice took 5 wickets for 15 runs.

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage, at home, on June 17th.—The School won easily. King Alfred's School, 87; the School, 241 runs for 9 wickets.

R. E. Broadbent made 64 runs, Rice 33, K. C. Smith 24, W. J. Smith 17, T. E. Gardiner 38, not out, and S. Brown 19, not out. Rice took 8 wickets for 22 runs.

v. City of Oxford School, return, away, on the 20th June.—The School won by 51 runs. C.O.S., 60 runs; School, 111 runs. W. J. Smith made 24 runs, Theophilus 17, W. F. Smith and James 13 each, and Broadbent 12. Rice took 6 wickets for 18 runs.

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage, away, on July 1st.—The School won by 11 runs and one wicket. King Alfred's scored 190 runs, leaving the School an hour and a quarter to get the necessary runs in. N. C. Wood made 20, W. J. Smith 18, Rice 18, K. C. Smith 22, Watson 29, Estcourt 39 not out, and Brown 21, not out.

v. O.A. Club, at home, on July 11th.—The School lost by 13 runs. School, 107; O.A. Club, 120, Theophilus 11, Wood 26, Rice 13, Watson 14. S. W. D. Shallard made 56 for the O.A.s. This was the final match of a successful season, the School winning five out of their seven matches, and losing only two.

#### UNDER 15 MATCHES.

v. New College School, away, on May 30.—New College School batted first and only made 28, Rice bowling well and taking 7 wickets for 6 runs. Rice made 14 in the batting and Mosdell 23 not out, the School putting up 77 for 9 wickets.

v. City of Oxford School, away, on June 24.—C.O.S. batted first and managed to get 43, J. H. Bartlett taking 3 wickets for 1 run. The School made 63, mostly owing to the stout partnership of Waldron and Steff, Waldron making 13.

v. City of Oxford School, at home, on July 8th.—The School batted first and under delightful conditions. We got a good lead. Rice made 36 and J. H. Bartlett 20. We got 122. C.O.S. made 60, J. H. Bartlett bowling well and taking 5 wickets for 8 runs.

The following have played for the Under 15 XI.:

—E. P. Rice, E. M. Holbrook, J. H. Bartlett, L. P. Mosdell, V. G. Cook, K. R. Savage, J. G. Waldron, H. W. Stone, A. T. Hatfield, L. L. Baumann, G. E. Sinclair, and C. J. Steff.

#### FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

G. S. Sturrock (Captain, Colours 1923). A persevering cricketer, he has met with only moderate success, both in batting and bowling. The fact that he missed the whole of last season undoubtedly proved a handicap. He plays forward nicely, and with a straight bat, but his

judgement is sometimes at fault. At present he has too few scoring strokes. He would, perhaps, meet with more success as a bowler if he could cultivate a less awkward action. Has made an efficient captain and worked hard with the elevens, whose successes reflect great credit on him. (Batting average 10.00, bowling 14.55.)

W. G. Hancock (Colours 1923).—A stylish bat with plenty of strokes, including a very nice leg-glide, but this season he has had undeserved bad luck with his batting, often being out through no fault of his own. As a bowler he has been of great use, and is able to bowl for a long time without tiring, usually keeping a good length. A first-class fielder who has brought off several very fine catches. Throughout the season he has been a keen and energetic player setting a fine example for others to follow. (Batting average 7.42, bowling 7.64.)

H. D. Shallard (Colours 1924).—Easily the best all round member of the team. He is able to score freely all round the wicket, and has batted consistently throughout the season, often making runs when they were most needed. But he has a tendency to try and score too fast before getting properly set. A useful change bowler with plenty of pace. He has fielded splendidly at all times, his ground fielding being particularly neat. (Batting average 21.58, bowling 10.31.)

P. T. Thomas (Colours 1924).—A very hard hitter, but must remember that it is dangerous to try and hit a six off every ball. His batting greatly improved towards the end of the season, when he made several useful scores. As a bowler he has proved invaluable, being able to bowl a fairly fast ball with plenty of spin, and at the same time keeping a good length. A useful man in the field who can throw-in well. (Batting average 8.67, bowling 6.62.)

H. S. Bartlett (Colours 1925).—A batsman with plenty of confidence, who can hit hard, but also never misses a chance of sneaking a run, and has seldom failed to make a good score. He is inclined to be rather erratic during his first over or two. He has kept wicket throughout the season, and on the whole has been fairly successful, realising that a wicket keeper's first duty is to hold catches at the wicket. (Batting average 15.5.)

W. D. Shallard (Colours 1925).—He has been of great use to the team both as a batsman and a fielder. He has always batted very steadily, being very difficult to remove when once he has got properly set, but at the same time he has plenty of scoring strokes and can cut very effectively. He

has fielded excellently at point throughout the season. (Batting average 19·5).

W. W. Brown (Colours 1925).—As a batsman he proved rather disappointing during the beginning of the season, but fully made up for it towards the end. A stylish bat with a variety of strokes, being particularly effective on the off. A slow bowler with a break either way, who has often removed a dangerous batsman, but owing to his lack of height he is inclined to bowl short. Has proved a very good fielder, bringing off several seemingly impossible catches. (Batting average 12·33, bowling 6·26).

F. M. Cole (Colours 1925).—Not a very pleasing bat to watch, being rather stiff with his strokes, but nevertheless he is able to score fairly fast, and has a very effective way of dealing with balls on the leg stump. Has fielded well at times. (Batting average 14·1).

C. R. Wright (Colours 1925).—A player who has shown a vast improvement since last year. Possesses a fair idea of how to bat and is a fast scorer, but must learn to keep the ball down more. His catching and ground fielding have both been good. (Batting average, 17·67).

P. G. Perks-Morris.—Shows great promise as a batsman, and has one or two nice forward strokes, including a good off drive, but is sadly lacking in defensive and back play. Rather slack in the field and too often asleep. (Batting average 4·4).

R. E. Broadbent.—A very keen player who should do well. Although he has only played three times, he has on one occasion at least been of great use. Has a very good idea of defensive play, but would do well to cultivate a few more scoring strokes. Rather nervous in the field. (Batting average 24·0).

#### HOUSE MATCHES.

Only one of the three junior matches has yet been played, and in this Green defeated Blue by 193 runs to 156; but in any case Red House wins the cup on points.

Red House won both their Senior matches. Green they defeated easily by 52 runs for 8 wickets, and Blue by 91 to 79. The fact that Hancock was badly injured early in Blue's innings may account in part for the defeat of a team which contains so many 1st and 2nd XI. players. Against Green, Blue made 108 after dismissing their opponents for 92, of which more than 50 were contributed by Cole.

#### PHILOMEL.

The air is heavy in the lane to-night;  
A fragrance lingers where the woodbine sleeps;  
Drugged by the potent breath of their own odour,  
The scarlet poppies hang their weary heads;  
The amorous clouds embrace the silver moon,  
And the pale stars gleam very far away;  
A hush of expectation seems to hold  
In breathless sway the voices of the night.  
Sudden—from very far away, it seems—  
One low, sweet cadence thrills the startled air.  
Rise, gentle breezes, and, with loving care,  
Bear those divinest notes o'er wood and vale.  
Warm is the night, and strangely beautiful,  
And the tall trees weep tears of clammy dew  
The golden notes die down, and all is still.

C.C.W.

#### SOME INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR WIRELESS NOTES. PART II.

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Having briefly outlined the system Radio amateurs adopt in conversing with each other over thousands of miles, I wish to try and relate some personal experiences, humorous and otherwise, which have befallen me during my acquaintance with Radio.

It sounds a casual sort of thing to say, "I wish to relate some humorous Radio experiences," like asking the fly to entertain you with a farce entitled, "Up against it, or Three Weeks on a Fly-paper." However, here goes.

Most of you no doubt will find, if you have not already done so, that Radio is, at times, a most uncertain force to play with, and its very uncertainty has caused some incidents, humorous to others if not to me! I remember once giving a demonstration some time ago, when Broadcast was a novelty. The apparatus was installed in a moderate sized hall. Everything had been tested at my station and found in order, giving excellent results. When all was ready and the company had assembled, I switched on, and from the loud-speaker issued a faint whisper. I twisted the dials and controls but without further reward; hurriedly tested each circuit without result. After searching fruitlessly for about thirty minutes, I had to admit myself stumped. How I wished most fervently to fade away from the subdued tittering among the audience, and the kindly advice given so freely from those who, perhaps, owned a

set! It was not until a week later that I discovered the cause of the failure. The low tension leads were composed of steel wire, used during the war, which most effectively added enough resistance to the circuit to prevent the valves from functioning properly. The wires were rubber covered and had somehow been mixed with the rubber covered ones belonging to the set. Note: *Those of you who use the advertised "Electron" wire, beware!*

I was talking by Radio to a Belgian, and during the test I was conducting, tried out some different note-frequencies, to discover which was the easiest to read; one note pleased my Belgian friend very much, and answering me he said, in broken English, "How do you do for to obtain so one? Fine business O.M. (old man)."

Another time I had helped a Frenchman in some tests, and wanting to thank me he said, "If I can do you a pleasure, I will do it with pleasure."

To get the full effect of these sayings you really want to be actually writing them down as they come in, in Morse, letter by letter; then it is vastly amusing.

I had a letter from an Italian who was explaining as well as he could a set he had just knocked up to try. It ran like this: "My receiver is a two valve receiver, quick maked and not very ready and indefinite." Some receiver!

Call signs are sometimes amusing. A Belgian station answered me one night and I took his call down as B.4.LOV. Apparently he was trying Radio first! or else it was for love of the game.

If you want to laugh by Radio the letters HI, HI, are sent. Once, while I was working with an English amateur, he burnt out a very expensive valve. However, he had a spare one, and on coming back again said, "Just blew a valve O.M. HI, HI!" I could imagine his HI, HI very well; those valves cost five pounds.

Searching round one day I tuned in an American ship testing on speech with another vessel. At the end of his test he said "Come in," and switched off. The other vessel immediately answered, also finishing with "Come in." This amused me as we in England, when wanting to change over to the other station, say "Changing over."

A little while ago I overheard a rather funny incident. It was when the Englishmen had begun to work America. One English amateur had just opened up communication for the first time. He was so excited that his message ran as follows: "Congrats O.M., HI, HI" (pause). "Am about to drink your health." (pause). "Am drinking

it" (pause). "Ah, that's better." Can you imagine the feelings of our "dry" American cousin?

It is usual to roughly estimate the power of a transmitter by the amount of current measured in the aerial with a high frequency Ammeter. At my station I obtain a reading from .5 to 1.8 amps, regarding anything below .2 as being not much good to me. I was giving a lecture before the local Radio Society on transmitting, having purposely fixed up a temporary transmitter and receiver. After the lecture I explained that I would demonstrate the apparatus. On tuning up the transmitter, I failed to obtain any aerial current, whatever power I used, owing to an unsuitable aerial and earth. However, being very optimistic, I answered a Frenchman asking for reports, as though I was radiating six amps! On changing over, back he came: "Your signals very fine O.M." He was 300 miles away! In passing, it might be mentioned that the Ammeter was perfectly OK.

Now I will wind up with one more incident. One night I was conducting some high power tests with a range of, perhaps, 6,000 miles, and asking for reports. Next day I received a very long letter from someone who had picked me up, "quite all right," on a three-valve set about 900 yards away! After all, he really ought to have received me, oughtn't he?

#### ALLUSIVE ARMS IN HERALDRY.

It frequently occurs in heraldry that there are figures or bearings (technically known as charges) on the shields, which allude to the name of the bearer. These are called allusive arms. They are sometimes also called punning arms, and by French heralds *armes parlantes*. They do not occur very often later than the 16th century, having grown into disrepute through ignorance and misapplication. It was in the early part of the 17th century that this change took place, and it was then they were nicknamed "banting arms," a term, however, which is nowadays regularly recognised by heralds. Before that time they were common all over Europe ever since heraldry came into existence (12th century).

Many allusive arms are clear as to what they mean, while others are not. Of the first kind one is the coat of arms of the kingdom of Castile and Leon. These are, on a red field a gold castle with three towers, and on a white field a red lion rampant (like that in the Scottish quarter of the royal arms). These are on alternate quarters of

the shield, the castle on the first and fourth, the lion on the second and third.

Another example is the arms of Butler: on a red ground three golden covered cups (*i.e.* with lids). This family was originally named Fitzwalter, and bore different arms. But one of them being appointed to the office of Lord Butler of Ireland, they took the later name and arms. An uncoloured representation of these arms is to be seen in Great Haseley church, Oxon.

An example of rather more recondite character is the crest of Evans. This is a holy lamb (*i.e.* a lamb holding a banner with a red cross). This is an illusion to St. John the Baptist, Evan being the Welsh form of the christian name John (*cf.* Russian Ivan.)

An interesting and curious example is the arms of Stourton: on a black field a golden bend between six fountains, three on each side. A bend is a diagonal bar passing from the top left hand corner to the bottom right hand one. A fountain in heraldry is represented as a circle with six wavy bars across, alternately white and blue. This is a reference to the town of Stourton in Wilts., on the river Stour, which has six sources.

Animals, birds, and fish are often borne in this way. An example of each will suffice.

Of the animals an example is the arms of the city of Oxford; on a white ground a red ox passing a ford of water. Of the birds a good example is the following: on a gold field three kingfishers: name, Fisher, London. Of the fishes a good example is the device of Salmon (Bishop of Norwich 1299-1325), viz.: on a black field three white salmon upright.

The arms of Tremaine and Quatremaïne respectively furnish interesting examples. The former bears on a red field three right arms joined at the shoulders, the elbows bent, clothed with a golden material, and the fists clenched. The latter bears on a red field a fess (*i.e.* a horizontal bar) between four hands cut off at the wrists, both the fess and hands being white.

Three more examples follow of wings, bowls, and gates respectively being born in an allusive way.

The first of these belongs to Wingfield and is this: on a white field a red bend between two black cottices, on the bend three pairs of white wings. The bend has been explained above and the cottice is the third of its four diminutives.

The next example belongs to Bowles, and its description is as follows: on a black ground three white bowls containing flesh meat.

The possessor of the next coat goes by the name of Yates, viz.: on a white ground a black fess (explained above) between three black gates. The fact that the word yate is sometimes used in heraldry for gate shows that the correspondence between the charge and the name is closer than appears at first sight. There are representations of these last two in colour to be seen in West Hanney Church, Berks.

The last example which I am about to cite is very interesting, and indeed almost unique in style. It belongs to Warcup. He has his shield divided into two halves by a vertical line drawn from top to bottom (technically "parted per pale"). One side has a white field with three white sabres, with golden hilts one above another. The other two have their points towards the right, the middle one has its point towards the left; and this side also has a gold border round the three outer sides (the rule for borders, when the shield is divided in this way), bearing eight round, black, coin-like objects (technically known as roundels, and when black, as pellets). This side is to signify the first part of the name.

The other side has three white covered cups on a black field. This is to signify the second part of the name. This example is from the coloured representation in Northmoor Church, Oxon.

Many of these examples are local. Others might be given, but these will suffice to show that Heraldry is not such a dry subject as is commonly supposed.

H.T.H.

## HINTS TO EXAMINEES.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having been a candidate, a coach, and an examiner of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, I wonder if a few notes may be of interest to any of your readers who may be intending candidates.

- (1) If the exam begins at 10.30, be punctual. If you come in at 10.35, you disturb the other candidates and flurry yourself.
- (2) Read through the instructions and follow them. It is surprising how often they are overlooked.
- (3) Take a separate sheet for each answer.
- (4) If you have time, read over your answers before giving them in. You may easily have made a slip or two which can be corrected.
- (5) Do not hand in your papers half-an-hour

before time, with a note to a half finished answer. "No time to complete."

- (6) Before starting, read through all the questions, and answer those first which you can do at once. Do not necessarily answer them in the order in which they are set.
- (7) Remember that neatness and style make an impression on the examiner.

There is a light side to examinations, and the humour is not confined entirely to the Schoolboy Howlers which the Press are so fond of giving us. On one of the tables after the exam, there was found a very nicely drawn tombstone with the following touching inscription:—

Sacred  
to the memory of  
JOHN SMITH,  
who presented himself for the final  
examination  
this 20th day of November, 1922, and  
miserably failed.

On another occasion, when I was presiding, a candidate gave in his papers within half an hour, which consisted of one sheet only, beautifully written in real copperplate, and adorned with nicely drawn red ink lines, and contained these words "Cannot answer any question." I trust that the coincidence of the exam being held on Derby Day had nothing to do with his early departure.

O.A.

#### OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

The Club seems to have been full of activity this term, partly because the sports were held in May, and secondly because of the function held on the evening of Founder's Day.

The Past v. Present sports were held on a most enjoyable day, and for this reason we would most strongly suggest to the school authorities that all sports be held in the summer term in future, if this is at all possible. The Club was successful in all but two events, but we would like to compliment Charleton on his running.

For the Founder's Day celebrations we were able to welcome a few O.A.s we have not seen for several years, namely, H. G. Veysey, L. E. Gillman, and F. H. Edey, but what we most welcomed was the goodly gathering of younger members of the Club.

The new departure on Founder's Day evening consisted of dancing and bridge. About 95 O.A.s and friends were present. Everyone seemed to spend an enjoyable evening, and as it was so

successful we hope to make this an annual affair.

Of the 1st XI. cricket match from the Club's point of view the less said the better, but we must offer our very hearty congratulations to the school captain on the very superior side he led on to the field.

The Club had another successful evening on Saturday, when 38 members and guests turned up at the Lion for the Club dinner.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Common Room on Saturday, July 11th, at 6 p.m. The President (F. H. Pryce) was in the chair, and 30 other members were present. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

President, W. W. Richardson; Vice-Presidents, Rev. W. H. Cam, Rev. T. Layng and W. M. Grundy. Committee, H. V. Stone, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, W. B. Coxeter, R. L. C. Foottit, I. Williams, and J. F. Sinclair. Hon. Sec. and Treas., H. A. L. Donkin and R. E. Eason. London Sec., C. R. Davidge.

The accounts shewed a balance in hand of £39 12s. 6d.—an increase of £9 2s. 4d. on the year with eleven new members joining the Club. The Headmaster gave a short account of the present situation of the Waste Court Scheme. The Hon. Sec. reported that there were over 60 alterations in the list of members, and the meeting agreed that the booklet should be reprinted. The meeting also welcomed the Headmaster's suggestion for an alteration of the school cap. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the President.

We had numerous letters from O.A.s regretting being unable to attend the functions this summer. None of them, however, gave us any interesting news of themselves except A. J. Newbury, who has gone out to the P. and O. office at Aden.

The Club welcomed the return to the old tune for the Founder's Day hymn.

#### O.A. NOTES.

We regret to record the death of W. O. Clayton-Heslop, which took place at Bexhill on June 23rd. A son of Dr. Heslop, of Preston, Lancs., he was a pupil at the School from 1881 to 1883, and afterwards matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford. He devoted himself to a teaching career and was Headmaster of the Beacon Preparatory School at Bexhill. His principal connection with his old School in more recent years was in his Presidency of the O.A. Club in 1908-9.

Congratulations are due to C. V. Davidge on gaining a Second Class in the examination for B.C.L. at Oxford. We understand that a high class in this exam is very difficult to achieve, and we have it on good authority that the examiners were very favourably impressed with Davidge's work.

In the Economics Qualifying Exam at Cambridge R. L. C. Foottit was one of the ten candidates who passed out of 130 entered. Good old Wongy! When not engaged in preparing for and in passing this formidable examination, Foottit found time to win his College oars in the May races at Cambridge; and he subsequently rowed No. 7 in the Lady Margaret second boat at Henley Regatta. They were entered for the Thames Challenge Cup, and easily beat the Iris Rowing Club in the first round, but were beaten after a good race by Twickenham in the second round.

R. E. Eason was not rowing at Henley this year, but he may be said to have set his mark upon the Regatta all the same. Writing of the performances of the Radley College crew in the "Ladies," the *Times* rowing critic observes that "in Mr. Eason, the old Oxford Blue, Radley seem to have obtained a remarkably good coach"; while the *Observer*, under the same head, states that "their (Radley's) performance in reaching the final for the first time for thirty-four years . . . is a fine tribute to the work of Mr. R. E. Eason, the old Oxford Blue."

At the Reading and the Marlow Regattas S. W. D. Shallard was rowing No. 7 in the Reading University VIII. At Marlow they beat London II. and the Auriol Rowing Club in the "Marlow Eights," but went down to Twickenham in the same heat.

C. C. Woodley will hold the post of Senior Man of the second year at the Borough Road Training College next year. In their sports at Stamford Bridge he was second in the Weight Putting with a "put" of 30 ft. 8 ins.—half-an-inch behind the winner; while in the hurdles he fell at the last hurdle when well ahead. The winner did the course in time equal to their record (17 2-5th secs.), so that Woodley would certainly have beaten the record if he had not fallen.

J. F. Sinclair has gained his Cricket Colours for Pembroke College, Oxford, and he was also success-

ful in reaching the final in his College Lawn Tennis Tournament (singles).

Last "boat-race" night a party of nine O.A.s met at Pinoli's for dinner. This was followed by a visit to "Just Married" at the Criterion. A raid on Lyons' Corner House concluded a very successful evening.

Among older O.A.s we have been glad to welcome L. E. Gilman at the School this term. He has paid us two visits, on the occasions of the O.A. sports and the O.A. cricket match respectively; and now that he has found his way back to Abingdon, we hope that he will not be slow to repeat the journey. He is in business in London in the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and his home address is Snargate, Purley.

G. S. Deacon was here on Founder's Day and brought his wife with him. He was married (this was the first we had heard of it) on July 24 last year, at Newbury, to Miss M. Matthews, of Camberley, Surrey. Deacon is now curate-in-charge at Blaydon, near Woodstock.

W. H. Wood, of the Colonial Civil Service, has been transferred (or perhaps we should say, *preferred*) to Kota Bharu, Kelantan, one of the Unfederated Malay States, where he is now acting as superintendent of lands. His duties, which appear to be many and various, include (1) land office—with two assistants and sixty-two clerks and underlings; (2) chairman of the Conservancy Board; (3) assistant auditor; (4) chairman of the Rubber Restriction Committee; and (5) licensing officer of vehicles. In spite of it all he appears to be well and happy, and describes himself as "a hefty beast of nearly 14 stone (in drill) and quite fit with it."

G. R. Kirkby, we are informed, is now at the Western Telegraph Company's station at Rio de Janeiro.

D. H. Jenkins is farming successfully at Naramban in Australia.

P. E. Rowlandson has passed Part I. of the Institute of Bankers Examination.

O. R. Round is in a bank, as we stated in our last number, but not in Birmingham. His address is 34, South Bank Road, Bury, Lancs., and the bank where he works is in the village of Ramsbottom, a short distance away.