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SCHOOL NOTES.

The results of the summer examinations were as follows :—Oxford Higher School Certificates, in Group I. (Classics), S. E. Clark and C. R. Wright ; in Group III (Mathematics), S. R. Hunt and A. M. Thatcher.

Oxford School Certificates, First Class Honours, T. G. Austin and N. J. Baner ; Second Class Honours, E. A. Passam ; Third Class Honours, J. B. O. Durell and E. G. Langford. Passed, J. H. Bartlett, C. F. Baumann, W. A. M. Card, G. R. D. Estcourt, S. A. Fabes, A. W. R. Foxwell, J. C. Gardner, M. K. S. Girdler, C. R. Hall, E. M. Holbrook, H. T. Howard, R. A. Langford, H. R. Lansdown, C. G. Lay, J. W. P. Martin, E. P. Rice, K. R. Savage, J. A. Squire, C. J. E. Steff, J. G. Waldron, J. D. Wood.

The following gained distinctions in the subjects named :—In Latin, E. G. Langford and E. A. Passam ; in Greek, T. G. Austin, E. G. Langford, R. A. Langford, E. A. Passam, K. R. Savage ; in Mathematics, N. J. Baner.

At the July examinations of the Royal Academy of Music, W. B. Smith passed with honourable

mention in the Lower Division, and W. G. C. Denny passed in the Elementary Division.

There are 146 boys on the School Register this term, of whom 68 are boarders and 78 day boys. Of the latter C. G. Lay left shortly after the beginning of the term to enter a solicitor's office.

J. B. O. Durell is Head of the School and Head of the House. The other prefects are S. E. Clark, N. V. Pearson, O. T. M. Raymont, S. R. Hunt, A. M. Thatcher, W. W. Brown ; and sub-prefects, C. R. Hall, E. A. Passam, J. A. Squire. W. W. Brown was made a sub-prefect at the beginning of the term, but was later promoted to the full rank.

W. W. Brown is Captain of Football, and O. T. M. Raymont Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Football Colours have been awarded to C. F. Baumann, S. A. Fabes, K. R. Savage, J. G. Waldron and R. E. Broadbent.

The "Abingdonian" Committee consists of :—Mr. Ross-Barker (*Editor*), S. E. Clark, J. B. O. Durell, N. V. Pearson, O. T. M. Raymont, W. W. Brown, S. R. Hunt, A. M. Thatcher.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following :—*The Aluredian*, *The Chigwellian*,

The City of Oxford School Magazine, The Laxtonian, The Leightonian, The Lily (2), The Liverpool College Magazine, The Log of the Nautical College, Pangbourne, The Monktonian.

We have to thank Mr. W. W. Richardson, O.A., for the gift of an excellent framed portrait (photographic enlargement) of his late brother, Mr. W. H. Richardson, O.A. This has been hung in the Library, to which Mr. W. H. Richardson himself presented so many interesting pictures.

A small bronze coin of Alexandria in Egypt, found upon an allotment in the Marcham Road, has been presented to the School museum by Mr. F. Eeles, the finder, to whom our thanks are due. It is much worn and of small value, but its discovery in this neighbourhood is interesting. It bears on the obverse the head of one of the Antonine Emperors (M. Aurelius ? or Commodus ?), and on the reverse an Eagle, with date.

The School O.T.C. contingent again formed part of the guard round the War Memorial at the Armistice Day service in the Town Square. The other members of the School were also present at the service.

There has been no lack of entertainments this term, outside the confines of the School, for such as were able and willing to attend them. On Oct. 20th there was a concert in the Corn Exchange by Messrs. Percival Garratt (pianoforte) and Louis Godowski (violin), when fifty-four boys in all availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing these noted performers. On Oct. 23rd seven boarders went over to Oxford to listen to the yet more famous Kreissler. On Nov. 3rd, in the afternoon, all boys who wished to (and this meant most of the School) attended a special exhibition at the Stert Street Cinema of Mr. F. A. Ellis' film about "India; its romance and its big game"; and on Nov. 27th there was another concert in the Corn Exchange, at which all boarders and many day-boys were present, this time by local performers (the Misses Langford and Dacey, Messrs. J. E. Burgess and J. L. West, Mr. R. R. Kimbell at the piano and Mrs. Fairthorne accompanist) with the addition of Mr. Selwyn Driver, entertainer.

In addition to the above there has been a good programme of lectures under the auspices of the Abingdon Literary and Debating Society, and several of these, notably that on "The Roman Forum" by Miss R. Weedon Cooke and that by Sir Arthur Evans on "Life in Ancient Crete," have been of quite exceptional interest to Classical and Archaeological students. It is not every

school-boy who is privileged to hear from the explorer's own lips an account of the fascinating Cretan discoveries.

The School Concert took place in the Corn Exchange on Dec. 3rd. An account of it appears in another column.

W. G. Hancock and G. F. Powell were the School representatives this year at the Duke of York's summer camp at Littlestone-on-Sea.

There are twenty-three boys attending M. Gaultier's dancing-classes this term.

Mr. Grundy is again kindly offering a prize for a chess tournament amongst the boarders.

We have received from the organiser a notice of The School Boys' Own Exhibition, to be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Westminster, from Jan. 1 to Jan. 7, 1927, together with a complimentary ticket of admission, for which we tender our thanks. The Exhibition is designed to encourage citizenship and patriotism, the love and care of animals and birds, and all forms of handicrafts. It will contain, besides a nature study section, a careers section, a sports section, and others, "everything dear to the heart of the schoolboy" in the way of modern inventions and their practical application; and displays and demonstrations will be given by competent authorities.

This term ends on Dec. 16th, boarders leaving on the 17th. There will be the usual Rag Concert on the last evening of the term.

Next term begins on Jan. 18th, boarders returning on the previous day.

Valete.

VI. Form :—C. R. Wright (1919, ii). School Prefect, 1924; Head of the House, 1924, Head of the School, 1925; 1st XI. Cricket, 1925. Colours, 1925; 1st XI. Football, 1922, Colours, 1924; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1925; Athletic Colours, 1925, Captain, 1926; Certificate 'A,' 1924, Sergt. O.T.C., 1924, 1st class shot, 1926; O. S. C. Exam. 1922-3 (1st class Honours 1923, with distinction in Latin twice and Greek once); H. S. C. Exam. (Classics) 1924-5-6; Hon. Treasurer L.S.D.S., 1926.

W. G. Hancock (1920, iii). School Prefect, 1924; 1st XI. Cricket, 1923, Colours, 1923, Captain, 1926; 1st XI. Football, 1923, Colours, 1923, Captain, 1924; 1st IV. Rowing, 1924, Captain, 1925; Certificate 'A,' 1924, Sergt. O.T.C., 1925; O.S.C. Exam., 1923-4 (1st class Honours, 1924, with distinction in Latin and Greek); Hon. Secretary Games Club, 1923-5.

N. C. Wood (1917, iii). School Prefect, 1924; 1st XI. Cricket, 1926; 1st XI. Football, 1925, Colours, 1925; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1925; Athletic

Colours, 1926; Corporal O.T.C., 1926; O.S.C. Exam., 1923-4-5-6.

G. F. Powell (1923, iii). School Prefect, 1925; 1st IV. Rowing, 1926; 1st class shot, 1924; O.S.C. Exam., 1924-5 (3rd class Honours 1924, with distinction in Latin twice and Greek twice).

B. V. Edsall (1922, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1926; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1925; Athletic Colours, 1926; 1st class shot, 1926; O.S.C. Exam., 1925-6; Hon. Secretary Games Club, 1926.

G. R. D. Estcourt (1922, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1926; 1st XI. Cricket, 1926; 2nd XI. Football, 1925; 1st IV. Rowing, 1926; O.S.C. Exam., 1925-6.

H. M. Insley (1922, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1926; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1926; 1st XI. Football, 1925, Colours, 1925; Quartermaster-Sergeant O.T.C., 1926; O.S.C. Exam., 1924-5.

Va Form :—

W. A. M. Card (1922, ii). O.S.C. Exam., 1926.

A. F. Bragg-Smith (1924, i). 2nd XI. Cricket, 1926.

J. H. Bartlett (1918, iii). 2nd XI. Cricket, 1926.

J. D. Wood (1924, iii). O.S.C. Exam., 1926.

P. T. Thomas (1923, i). 1st XI. Cricket, 1923, Colours, 1923; 1st XI. Football, 1924; Athletic Colours, 1926.

A. W. R. Foxwell (1921, i). O.S.C. Exam., 1926.

A. M. Garton (1922, iii). 1st XI. Football, 1925.

H. T. Howard (1920, iii). O.S.C. Exam., 1926.

W. G. Cullum (1922, iii). 1st IV. Rowing, 1925; 1st class shot, 1924.

Vb Form :—

F. Dymond (1922, iii.)

F. M. Cole (1920, i). 1st XI. Cricket, 1924, Colours, 1925; 2nd XI. Football, 1924.

Remove Form :

R. E. Westwood (1923, i).

III. Form :

B. C. Killbourn (1924, ii).

R. G. Spiller (1924, i).

II. Form :

N. H. Chivers (1923, ii).

Salvete.

Form Va.—W. R. A. Kettle, J. H. F. Kay, R. V. Allison.

Form Vb.—R. W. H. Taylor, S. H. L. Walford, W. A. Hedges, J. E. Spencer.

Remove Form.—D. S. Kite, P. D. Smith.

Form III.—K. W. Barr, A. E. B. Foxwell, B. G. Steff, J. M. Allison, G. Langford, R. V. Cox, S. Hainsworth, J. T. Hicks.

Form II.—J. C. W. Jacob, D. G. Smith, M. M. Barnes, C. J. Hedges, H. G. Hedges, J. E. Barber, H. J. Lovegrove, G. J. Goodey, G. A. H. Bosley, R. A. Bosley.

Iterum Salve.

Form III.—W. G. E. Jacob.

O.T.C.

The contingent is up to full strength this term. Sixteen recruits were enrolled in September, and at the moment there is a waiting list of those who will join as vacancies occur during the current year.

Sergeants Clark and Durell have been promoted to command a platoon each, and Sergeants Pearson and Raymont as platoon-sergeants.

Thirty cadets were in camp for nine days at Tidworth Park at the end of the summer term.

On November 18th we took part in a field-day on the Downs between Cholsey and Churn around

Lowbury Hill, where Alfred fought the Danes in one of his great encounters with them to save Wessex. It is to be hoped that he had a fine day for his show, for we know how wet and cold it can be on those sombre hill sides. If we did not acquire any military knowledge, it seems we all acquired wonderful appetites and a great readiness for bed, as a result of a day in conflict with the elements rather than with deadly enemies. It must be added that throughout the day the spirit of the troops was excellent.

PANIS SCHOLASTICUS.

Come, listen to my rhapsody,
And you will agree with me,
There undoubtedly to be
(*Accusative Infinity*)
Nothing having susteny,
Shown in such a marked degree,
As our new commodity.

For brown bread at tea
Contains vitamin B,
And others from A to Z—
Vitamins vicious,
And microbes nutritious,
Of which we have all of us read.

In addition to this,
 'Twere a pity to miss
 The fact that, when bread is made white,
 Our condition it spoils
 With eruptions and boils,
 And other afflictions less slight.

And so I trust that you will see,
 With the humble aid of me,
 What a sovereign remedy,
 In the worst extremity,
 Are these elementary
Microbi brownbreaderi
 In our new commodity. O.T.M.R.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

The annual School Concert took place in the Corn Exchange on Friday, Dec. 3rd, there being a large audience present. Our thanks are again due to Mr. Wright for the time and trouble he spent upon the decoration of the platform.

We missed Miss Grundy, who is still away, but hope she will soon be with us again.

The ladies' orchestra supported us, as usual—Mrs. Fairthorne, Mrs. Humfrey, Miss Pennell and Miss Hughes (violins) and Mrs. Reynolds (piano)—and we offer them our very grateful thanks. Their two items were very much enjoyed. We were all sorry that, at the last moment, Mrs. Jacob found herself unable to be with us; all were looking forward to her delightful violin solos. Miss Hughes, however, ably filled her place in the first half, and we are grateful to her for the pleasure she afforded us.

The pianoforte duet, by Kite and Denny, received a well-deserved encore. The part songs, rendered by the School, were all good; they were well balanced, and in the unaccompanied item, "Summer is gone," they were perfectly in tune. The Hindoo song, by the choir, deserves a special word of praise for the basses, who balanced the tone of their voices admirably to suit the other parts; which was very important in this item. The quartettes were well received and again were rendered perfectly in tune. The two-part song by the trebles was not as good as it should have been; they must get more imagination behind their voices, the rendering being a little monotonous. Durell delighted the audience with his songs from "When we were very young," and well deserved the reception he got; while Miss Peach, under whose direction the concert was given, had chosen two beautiful songs which gave all the pleasure which we are accustomed to expect from her renderings.

The choral fantasia of National Airs made a jolly finish to the programme.

J. A. Squire and S. A. Fabes, who accompanied at the piano, are to be congratulated on the sympathetic way in which they played.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Carol, "The Shepherds found Thee by Night,"
The School. *Geoffrey Shaw.*
2. Pianoforte Duet,
"Ein Morgen im Sommer" *Max Lenecke.*
Kite and Denny.
3. Part Song, "Alister McAlpine's Lament,"
Vaughan Williams.
The School.
4. Orchestra, "Golden Sonata," *Purcell.*
5. Song, "The little Waves of Breffny," *Graham*
Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach. *Peel.*
6. Violin Solo, "Adagio" from Dette Suite, *Ries.*
Miss Hughes.
7. Madrigal,
"Brightly Dawns our Wedding Day,"
Sullivan.
Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach, N. V. Pearson, Fabes,
Mosdell and Wood.
8. Song, "Sea Fever," *John Ireland*
J. B. Durell.
9. Part Song, "Hindoo Song," *Rimsky-Korsakov.*
The Choir.

PART II.

1. Two-part Song,
"Nymphs of the Morning,"
The Trebles. *Phillip Edwards.*
2. Orchestra, "Gavotte-Musette" *Bach.*
3. Part Song, "Summer is Gone," *Coleridge Taylor.*
The School.
4. Songs (a) "Buckingham Palace"
(b) "Hoppity Hoppity" *Fraser Simson.*
J. B. Durell.
5. Song, "The Fuchsia Tree," *Roger Quilter.*
Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach.
6. Part Song, "Strange Adventure" *Sullivan.*
Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach, Pearson, Fabes,
Mosdell and Wood.
7. Choral Fantasia, "National Airs," *G. F. Vincent.*
The School.

FOOTBALL.

An examination of the results of matches played this term by the 1st XI. reveals the fact that, after a moderate start, the team met with a severe defeat in its sixth match, against a strong XI. brought by Mr. Donkin. Then began a successful period during which only one match was lost out of ten and another drawn. Altogether, apart from the Old Boys' match, which had not been played at the time of going to press, the School had won 10 matches and lost 4, 2 being drawn.

That the team took some time to settle down was caused by the necessity for a complete reconstruction at the beginning of the season, no fewer than nine of last year's XI. having left, and only five of the 2nd XI. remaining. Consequently changes in personnel and arrangement were numerous at first. By the end of a month, however, the team had settled down. The severe defeat referred to above did not dishearten them, but they developed into a combination at least as strong in defence and attack as any that has represented the School during the past few seasons. In fact they controlled the ball better and combined better than usual.

Without doubt the strength of the team lay in its half-back line, which played constructive football and was fairly strong in defence.

Some difficulty was experienced in the construction of the forward line. After a number of changes it was decided to play Broadbent on the left wing, Brown going to inside right and Rice playing on the right wing. Cook was brought into the forward line from left-back (a position which, incidentally, was found rather difficult to fill satisfactorily), and played at centre-forward, the inside-left being Belcher. This arrangement worked quite well, although the inside forwards were not strong at shooting, with the exception of Brown, who was always dangerous when near the goal.

Holbrook proved a great success at right-back, and a sound goalkeeper was discovered in Savage, who improved with every match.

The 2nd XI. was only moderate this year, and was unable to preserve the record of the past two seasons. It was, perhaps, stronger in defence than attack, in which department its powers were greatly limited by reluctance to shoot.

The 'Under 15' XI. were very small and did well to lose only one match of the three played.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Abingdon Junior Imperial Club. Won 8—4.

This match, the first of the season, was played on the School ground on Saturday, Sept. 26th. On the whole the game was quite good and the School XI. showed promise. The School had most of the game but did not make the most of their opportunities. The forwards, though very slow on the ball, played quite well. The halves played a very sound game, but were rather inclined to dribble too much. The backs and goal, though quite good individually, showed little or no understanding amongst themselves.

School team :—Goal, N. V. Pearson ; backs, G. V. Cook, E. M. Holbrook ; halves, S. A. Fabes, C. F. Baumann, J. G. Waldron ; forwards, A. T. Hatfield, R. E. Broadbent, W. W. Brown, J. B. E. Alston, Esq., E. P. Rice.

Brown scored four of our goals and Fabes, Baumann, Broadbent and Mr. Alston one each.

v. Culham College. Lost 2—5.

School team :—Goal, N. V. Pearson ; backs, G. V. Cook, E. M. Holbrook ; halves, S. A. Fabes, C. F. Baumann, J. W. P. Martin ; forwards, E. P. Rice, R. E. Broadbent, W. W. Brown, J. G. Waldron, J. B. E. Alston, Esq.

This match was played on the School ground on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. The new arrangement of the team did not prove a success. Culham proved themselves to be undoubtedly the better side. The game was rather rough but quite good. The forwards were again slow on the ball ; the halves and Holbrook all played well. Misunderstanding between the backs was again the cause of the loss of two goals to the School.

v. R. E. Eason's XI. Drawn 4—4.

This match was played on the School ground on Wednesday, Oct. 6th.

School team :—Goal, N. V. Pearson ; backs, G. V. Cook, E. M. Holbrook ; halves, J. W. P. Martin, C. F. Baumann, J. G. Waldron ; forwards, S. A. Fabes, R. E. Broadbent, W. W. Brown, A. E. Belcher, E. P. Rice.

This match was the best yet played. The School eleven were rather slack in the first half and a bit casual about the game, with the result that at half-time they were four goals down. In the second half, however, the School got going, and in the last twenty-five minutes of the game scored four goals, thus drawing level, Fabes, Broadbent, Belcher and Brown each being responsible for 1 goal.

v. Magdalen College School. Lost 3—7.

Played on the Magdalen ground on Saturday, Oct. 9th. The game on the whole was good, though there was a keen cross-wind blowing, and the score did not properly represent the game, though Magdalen undoubtedly deserved to win. The scoring was opened by a Magdalen back mis-kicking into his own goal. The opposing forwards were quick on the ball and kept well together. The School did not get another goal in the first half, Magdalen scoring 5. In the second half the School were better, and Stone succeeded in scoring twice for the School. Magdalen also scored twice more, bringing the final score to 7—3 against us. The team was unchanged except that Stone took the place of Belcher at inside right.

v. Wantage School. Won 4—3.

This match was played on the School ground on Wednesday, Oct. 13th.

School team :—Goal, N. V. Pearson ; backs, G. V. Cook, E. M. Holbrook ; halves, S. A. Fabes, C. F. Baumann, J. G. Waldron ; forwards, A. T. Hatfield, R. E. Broadbent, W. W. Brown, H. W. Stone, E. P. Rice.

The play was fairly even throughout, the School probably having the advantage. Brown, for the School, scored first, but our opponents soon equalised. Then Rice, with a good shot from the wing, again gave the School the lead, but again Wantage equalised. This was the half-time score. In the second half the School scored twice, through Brown and Stone, and Wantage scored once. This was the hardest match the School had yet played, and they rose to the occasion well, the play of Holbrook and Baumann being especially worthy of note.

v. H. A. L. Donkin's XI. Lost 2—14.

Played on the School ground on Saturday, Oct. 16th.

School team :—Goal, N. V. Pearson ; backs, G. V. Cook, E. M. Holbrook ; halves, S. A. Fabes, C. F. Baumann, J. G. Waldron ; forwards, A. T. Hatfield, R. E. Broadbent, A. E. Belcher, W. W. Brown, E. P. Rice.

The scratch team was very strong indeed and much too good for the School. The School held their own at the start, and after about twenty minutes play the score was only 3—2 against ; but after this the School fell to pieces and failed to recover again. The defence was weak and the forwards had no chance. Our goals were got by Brown, who scored once from a good pass from Broadbent and once from a penalty kick.

v. Exeter College. Won 1—0.

Played on the School ground on Saturday, Oct. 23rd.

The School team was as follows :—Goal, K. R. Savage ; backs, A. F. Hatfield, E. M. Holbrook ; halves, S. A. Fabes, C. F. Baumann, J. G. Waldron ; forwards, R. E. Broadbent, G. V. Cook, J. B. E. Alston, Esq., W. W. Brown, E. P. Rice.

A good match throughout. The School side was very much improved and played well together. Savage in goal was a very useful addition to the side. The School had most of the game and deserved to win, though their opponents' defence was strong. The defence was very much improved and the forwards, though still rather slow, were much better. Brown scored about half way through the second half off a pass from Mr. Alston.

v. Magdalen College School. Drawn 3—3.

Played on the School ground on Wednesday, Oct. 26th.

The School team was unaltered. In this game the School side again showed distinct improvement. Brown scored for the School soon after play commenced, but Magdalen soon equalised and then gained the lead, the score at half-time being 2—1 in Magdalen's favour. Shortly after play recommenced Brown scored again, bringing the score level. Each side scored once more, bringing the final score to 3—3. A good match in which all the side played well.

v. Abingdon Town Reserves. Won 7—2.

Played on the Town ground on Saturday, Oct. 30th. The School turned out to be very much the stronger side. The Town opened the scoring shortly after play commenced, but after this they seemed to fall to pieces. The School gained the lead by scoring three successive goals before their opponents again scored. The game became rather rough in the second half, and the School had three penalties. One other goal was scored by Cook. The goals were as follows :—Belcher (1), Cook (1), Brown (5, scoring 3 from penalties). The School team was unaltered except that Belcher took the place of Cook at inside left, Cook going to centre forward.

v. Pembroke College. Won 2—0.

Played on the School ground on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd. Pembroke brought over a rather big side, but the ground being very sticky, this rather favoured the School, who are rather a small side. The forwards were rather weak, but the defence was good and Pembroke failed to penetrate it.

Cook scored a good goal with his head, half way through the first half, from a good centre from Broadbent. Brown scored once in the second half, making the score 2—0 in the School's favour. The School team was again unaltered, except that Cook took the place of Belcher at inside left, and J. B. E. Alston, Esq., played centre forward.

v. the City of Oxford School. Won 5—4.

Played at Oxford, Saturday, Nov. 6th.

This match was played in pouring rain, the ground at the lower end being little better than a swamp. The School side left home with only 10 men, and R. S. L. Robinson, the linesman, had to play instead of Belcher, who had not turned up. This was the hardest match yet played by the School. Oxford played up-hill first half and had gained a lead of 3 goals by half-time. Soon after play recommenced Oxford scored again. There was no further score till twenty-five minutes before the end, when Baumann scored with a good shot; Broadbent soon scored another for the School, and Brown scored three more from good passes by Rice and Cook. The play was good throughout, except for Hatfield, at left back, who was rather a weak spot.

v. Exeter College. Won 3—1.

Played on the Exeter ground, Wednesday, Nov. 17th.

The ground was very wet and again the School profited by their lightness. The forwards were slow and shot badly at first, but improved as the game progressed. The inclusion at left back of L. L. Baumann made a marked improvement in the defence, which was good throughout the whole game. Cook scored the only goal that was scored in the first half. Cook and Brown both scored in the second half: Exeter also scored once. Except for L. L. Baumann in place of Hatfield at left back there was no alteration in the team.

v. City of Oxford School. Won 6—2.

Played on the School ground on Wednesday, Nov. 24th.

The School showed better form in this match than in any previous one. The forwards were much better and a bit quicker on the ball. The halves were again good. The backs, though on the whole good, were the cause of the two goals scored against the School. The School had nearly all the game and thoroughly deserved their victory. Our team was unchanged, except that J. W. P. Martin took the place of Rice, who was on the sick list. Goals were scored by the following, Cook (3), Brown (2), Belcher (1).

v. Lincoln College. Won 3—2.

The team was the same as in the previous match, Rice still being absent through illness. This match was played on the Lincoln ground on Saturday, Nov. 27th. It was very even throughout, our opponents' defence being very strong. Brown scored soon after the commencement of play; then Cook scored; Lincoln then succeeded in scoring once. There was no more score in the first half. In the second half Martin managed to score again for the School and Lincoln also added one more. The School on the whole played well, but were again rather slow.

v. Pembroke College. Won 3—2.

Played on the Pembroke ground on Wednesday, Dec. 1st.

A rather slow match, but on the whole quite a good game. The School XI. was not in very good form, but just managed to gain a victory. They were undoubtedly the better side, but the forwards were very bad in front of goal. The whole side was again inclined to be rather casual. Cook opened the scoring with a goal about half way through the first half. Pembroke then scored and Brown soon after scored again from a good pass by Cook. Pembroke once again succeeded in getting away and scoring; thus at half time the score was 2—2. The second half was quite uneventful, except when the School once more managed to get through, Brown scoring from a neat pass by Cook. The School team was again unchanged.

v. Wantage School. Lost 2—4.

Played on the Wantage ground on Saturday, Dec. 4th. A good match from beginning to end. The School side did not show such good form as in the previous matches. The defence was very weak at times, being inclined to miss-kick at critical moments. Brown opened the scoring for the School, but Wantage quickly equalised, and by scoring again took the lead. This was all the score in the first half. In the second half play was very keen on both sides, but Wantage again succeeded in scoring twice, once by the wing-man scoring from a corner, while the School only succeeded in adding one more goal, Belcher being responsible. The School team was the same as in the previous match.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Magdalen College School. Drawn 3—3.

Played at home on Oct. 9th. The School lost the toss and kicked off against a strong wind, which continued almost throughout the game.

Langford scored twice for the School in the first half, M.C.S. scoring once. Short increased the School's lead early in the second half, but M.C.S. pressed hard in the last twenty minutes, and managed to draw level, in spite of the loss of one of their forwards, who had to leave the field on account of a strained muscle. The School team was as follows :—Goal, S. E. Clark ; backs, F. A. J. Povey, W. B. Smith ; halves, R. V. Allison, L. L. Baumann, J. W. P. Martin ; forwards, D. J. W. Hillier, A. E. Belcher, R. M. Short, E. G. Langford, R. W. H. Taylor.

v. Wantage School. Lost 1—3.

Played at Wantage on Oct. 13th. The School again lost the toss, and Wantage scored within the first five minutes. Towards the end of the first half the School missed a penalty, but soon after Short scored. In the second half the School shooting was very erratic, and another penalty was missed, while Wantage added two further goals, the second from a penalty. This was the first time the 2nd XI. had been beaten since Dec., 1923. The team was the same as in the previous match.

v. Magdalen College School. Won 8—2.

Played at Oxford on Oct. 27th. A good game on a slightly heavy ground. Abingdon played with the wind first, against the sun. Magdalen opened the scoring, but half-time showed a score of 3—1 in Abingdon's favour. Abingdon, playing well together, then began to press and had most of the play for the rest of the game, winning 8—2. The goals were scored by Short (4), Belcher (2), Langford (1), and Baumann (1). The team was the same as in the previous matches.

v. City of Oxford School. Lost 1—2.

Played at Oxford on Nov. 24th. A very even game. The ground was rather sticky, but there was no wind. Abingdon elected to play with the sun first. A well balanced tussle showed a half time score of 1 all, Langford scoring for the School. The Oxford goal was a fairly easy shot and should have been saved. The City of Oxford School played well together and scored another goal in the second half. Abingdon failed to get well together. Mosdell at centre half played a good game. Team, Goal, N. V. Pearson ; backs, A. T. Hatfield, W. B. Smith ; halves, F. A. J. Povey, L. P. Mosdell, R. V. Allison ; forwards, D. J. W. Hillier, G. F. Holmes, R. M. Short, E. G. Langford, R. W. H. Taylor.

v. City of Oxford School. Drawn 1—1.

Played at Abingdon on Dec. 1st. Oxford turned out a slightly stronger team, but the game was even more well balanced. Abingdon broke

through early and Short scored from a pass by Stone. Thereafter the School was rather on the defensive, the goal often being hard pressed. At half-time the score was still 1—0 for Abingdon. The second half was quite even but both teams got a little wild. The City of Oxford School managed to equalize in the last half minute, in spite of a stout resistance by the home defence. The School team was as before, except that H.W. Stone displaced E. G. Langford.

v. Wantage School. Won 2—1.

Played at Abingdon on Dec. 4th. Wantage elected to play with the sun at first and soon began to press. But Hatfield and Smith at back played a good game and half time came with no score. Stone shot hard once or twice but the opposing goalkeeper kept them out. Wantage opened the scoring in the second half. Then the home forwards began to press and Hillier, who played a consistently good game throughout at outside left, scored from a wing shot. Soon after Taylor on the right wing scored again. The rest of the game was very even and no further goals were added. The team was the same as in the previous match.

" UNDER 15 " MATCHES.

v. City of Oxford School. Drawn 3—3.

Played at home on Oct. 20th. The game was fairly evenly contested throughout. In the first five minutes the School forwards got away and Sinclair scored, but the half-time score was 2—1 in our opponents' favour. On resuming Badcock soon equalized, and some time later Taylor gave us the lead. But after this the ball was all round the School goal, and a third goal to the C.O.S., shortly before the end, made the result as above stated. Team, Goal, G. A. Wood ; backs, F. A. J. Povey, J. M. Allison ; halves, F. C. L. Humphrey, L. P. Mosdell, F. G. H. Taylor ; forwards, E. F. Slatter, W. B. Badcock, J. H. Taylor, G. E. Sinclair, R. W. H. Taylor.

v. New College School. Won 5—0.

Played at Oxford on Nov. 3rd. Our goals were scored by Roberts (2), Badcock (2), and R. W. H. Taylor (1), four of them being obtained in the first half and only one—from a good long shot by Badcock—in the second. N.C.S. played up well in the second half, and on more than one occasion their forwards just failed to score. Team, Goal, G. A. Wood ; backs, J. H. Taylor, M. J. Allison ; halves, F. C. L. Humphrey, L. P. Mosdell, G. Garton ; forwards, E. F. Slatter, W. B. Badcock, S. E. Roberts, G. E. Sinclair, R. W. H. Taylor.

v. Reading Schools. Lost 1—6.

Played at Abingdon on Oct. 30th. The School opened the scoring with a very good goal by Badcock, but the Reading Schools soon demonstrated their superiority, and at half-time the score was 4—1 in their favour. In the second half we kept them out a little better, and we nearly scored again; but our forwards did not combine as well as usual, and our backs found the light ball difficult to control; and the match ended, as above stated, in a somewhat easy victory for the better side. Team, Goal, G. A. Wood; backs, F. A. J. Povey, W. B. Smith; halves, F. C. L. Humphrey, L. P. Mosdell, M. J. Allison; forwards, E. F. Slatter, W. B. Badcock, J. G. W. Randall, G. E. Sinclair, R. W. H. Taylor.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

K. R. Savage (goal). Though he only came into the team in the latter half of the season, he has played quite well and is much improved, though still rather nervous. He runs out well, picks the ball up well, and has a strong kick. Should try to be quicker in getting down to ground shots.

E. M. Holbrook (right back). Colours, 1925. Has played consistently well throughout the season, is fast with and without the ball, uses his head to advantage, and tackles well, but should learn to combine better with the other members of the team.

L. L. Baumann (left back). Came into the team rather late in the season. Tries hard, is very keen and tackles well. His kicking is rather wild at times and more pains should be taken to control it. Has greatly improved.

S. A. Fabes (left half). Colours, 1926. Has played a keen and energetic game throughout the

whole term: a sturdy tackler, kicks well with both feet, but does not always keep control of the ball.

C. F. Baumann (centre half). Colours, 1926. Tackles and dribbles well, works hard, and plays a keen game. His kicking, though much improved, is still rather weak. Passes well to his forwards.

J. G. Waldron (right half). Is a good tackler; dribbles well, but is inclined to do so rather too much; combines well with his forwards; kicks quite well, but is rather slow.

R. E. Broadbent (outside left). Plays an energetic game, but is rather slow; has very fair control of the ball, and played some very good and useful games, but is often disappointing owing to his not centreing sooner.

A. E. Belcher (inside left). Dribbles fairly well, and works hard, but is rather slow and his shooting is rather weak.

G. V. Cook (centre forward). Much improved on his form at the beginning of the season; can dribble well, but does not use this power to its full advantage; is fairly fast; passes well at times, but his shooting is often disappointing.

W. W. Brown (inside right). Captain; Colours, 1925. A very hard worker both in attack and defence. Dribbles and controls the ball well and is a good shot. His passes are always well-timed and well-placed. Has made a very good captain, especially in the field, where his keenness and enthusiasm have been an inspiration to the forward line and the whole team.

E. P. Rice (outside right). His game is much improved; he combines well with his inside, centres accurately and shoots well from the wing, but is rather slow.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The 1926-7 session opened with an extraordinary meeting on September 30th, with the President in the chair, when J. B. O. Durell was elected Hon. Treasurer and N. V. Pearson, Hon. Sec.

The other officers of the Society remained unchanged, and during the session O. T. M. Raymont was co-opted to be a member of the Committee. The following were elected as members of the Society during the session: Messrs. G. V. Cook, J. C. Toogood, D. J. W. Hillier, G. F. Holmes, L. L. Baumann, P. J. Squire.

The first debate took place on October 2nd, with Mr. Ingham in the chair. Mr. J. C. R. Gardner, seconded by Mr. E. M. Holbrook, proposed the motion that "In the opinion of this House, the

increased facilities of locomotion are not an undisguised blessing." Mr. H. R. Lansdown and Mr. S. A. Fabes opposed. The following gentlemen also addressed the House: *Pro.*: Messrs. Ingham, Rice, E. G. Langford, Banes, the Hon. Treas. and the Hon. Sec. *Neutral*: Mr. Raymont. *Con.*: Messrs. Martin, C. F. Baumann, Cook.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 9 votes to 7.

The 16th of October saw us gathered together in the Pembroke Room with the Vice President in the chair. Mr. S. R. Hunt proposed that "In the opinion of this House, the Government has grossly mishandled the Coal Question." Mr. C. J. E. Steff seconded the motion, which was opposed by

Mr. O. T. M. Raymont and Mr. A. M. Thatcher. Mr. Ingham and Mr. Hillier spoke for the motion, Mr. Hall and Mr. Toogood spoke against, and Mr. L. L. Baumann and the Hon. Sec. spoke without favouring either side. The motion was lost by 6 votes to 13.

The next debate was held on October 23rd with the Hon. Sec. in the chair. Mr. T. G. Austin was called upon to propose that "In the opinion of this House, the Cinema is a greater blessing to Humanity than the Theatre." Mr. Raymont, seconded by Mr. E. G. Langford, opposed the motion, which was seconded by the Hon. Sec. The following gentlemen also spoke :—*Pro.* : Messrs. L. L. Baumann, Rice, Waldron, Holbrook, Hillier, Squire. *Neutral* : Messrs. Thatcher, C. F. Baumann, R. A. Langford, Cook ; and *Con.* : Messrs. Savage, Martin, and Banes. The House decided for the motion by 13 votes to 6.

The President took the chair at the meeting on October 30th, when the Hon. Sec. proposed and Mr. G. V. Cook seconded that "In the opinion of this House the Publicity afforded it by the Press is detrimental to Sport." Mr. J. W. P. Martin, and Mr. C. R. Hall, opposed.

The President, the Vice-President and Mr. Gardner spoke for the motion ; Mr. Rice spoke but

favoured neither side ; and Messrs. C. F. Baumann, Lansdown and J. F. Sinclair spoke against the motion. The motion was won by 12 votes to 7.

We met yet again on November 13th, with the Vice-President in the chair. Mr. A. M. Thatcher proposed that "In the opinion of this House, the Medical Profession has done more than any other to ameliorate the Human lot." Mr. C. F. Baumann opposed the motion, seconded by Mr. H. R. Lansdown. Mr. T. G. Austin seconded the proposition. The following gentlemen also spoke :—*Pro.* : Messrs. L. L. Baumann, Hall, Holmes, Martin and Savage. *Neutral* : the Vice President. *Con.* : Messrs. Toogood, Clark, E. G. Langford, Rice, Holbrook, Fabes and the Hon. Sec.

The motion was lost by 9 votes to 10.

On November 30th, Mr. C. F. Baumann gave us a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Milan," with Mr. Ingham at the lantern. The excellent lantern-slides gave an added interest to the pleasant evening.

On December 4th we hope to hold an Impromptu Debate, while on the 11th Mr. W. H. Stevens, O.A., is to read us a paper on "Radio Activity." This meeting, which promises to be very interesting, will conclude our activities for this term.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF A POLICE COURT.

The average Police Court has a large number of aspects. There is the pathetic side, the tragic side and the humorous one among them. All types of sentiment can be experienced in any one of these places, where justice is dealt forth to the general public. The type which any specified person experiences depends almost entirely on the capacity in which that said person appears. Up to this point in my existence it has been my lot to attend only as a spectator, and a disinterested one then. Without justifying any accusation of being callous, I must say that there is a great amount of humour to be obtained from watching other people receiving fines, etc. You will observe it in the following.

On entering the court you have chosen to honour the first thing you notice is the very peculiar odour, which pervades the whole place. I cannot imagine its origin, but there it is. The second, following closely upon the first, is the fact that you are being surveyed carefully by several members of "the force." It is interesting here to note that a policeman without his helmet is very unimposing. When your eyes have accustomed themselves to

the brightness of their countenances, you see several members of the populace gathered together for curiosity. Some of these seem indignant, and others are obviously speculating as to your possible crimes, for which they think you are about to pay penalty. You will, by this time, have selected your position and are complaining of the fact that spectators are not encouraged by the provision of seats. However, they do provide an inferior type of carpet.

Now you turn to the actual court where people are gathering. Without being informed by anyone who knows, it is almost impossible to distinguish between prisoners and witnesses. Even a practised spectator can only tell from the position they occupy. They are all obviously very nervous and uncomfortable, despite the fact that they are provided with seats.

At last the show commences, and the magistrates enter and line "the bench." Several comments occur to you, for they are an impressive lot. Suddenly a large red-faced policeman jumps up and commences a muttered conversation with the chief magistrate. He is really outlining the

morning's cases. Some gentlemen require a licence for a public house. You cannot hear anything but you can discover this by reading the press report. If you are very lucky you may find a case in which several ladies have been disturbing the peace by using their hands to back up their opinions. You will then hear some very humorous and exaggerated statements from each side. You can see that most of it is a fabrication, and you feel glad that you have not got to sort out the truth. Finally judgment is given and the prisoner, if not detained, will probably go home arm in arm with the witness for the prosecution.

The next case may be one of theft. After lots of people have said lots of things mainly irrelevant, the original fat member of the force adopts a Sergt. Buzfuz attitude and may cross-examine a witness. In this event the latter becomes sadly distressed and stutters out a few unconvincing answers. Vying with the policeman for the

reddest face, the witness will then leave the box and sink into insignificance. When, at last, the prisoner has had his say, the chief magistrate asks him if he wishes to be tried by the jury at the next Assizes or summarily, *i.e.* at that court. The prisoner, when I was there, replied "summery." I suppose he thought it had something to do with "fine" in preference to imprisonment.

Slowly the affair drags on, and a temptation may come to you. It is to empty one of the fire-buckets into one of the helmets hung upside-down from a row of pegs behind. This must be resisted, as the bench do not appreciate any little diversion like this. Finally someone yells "Court's over," and you have to go away. But even at the expense of a little tired feeling in the legs, which might easily be prevented by those who conduct the arrangements of the court, you will certainly agree with me that the time has not been wasted, and you will probably go again.

A.M.T.

LOOKING BACK, 1921—1926.

Five happy, busy years, mercifully blended, as only God in Heaven knows how to, with happiness and sorrow, success and failure, health and sickness. In 1921 it seemed a terribly long time to look forward to, but in 1926 it seemed almost incredible that those years had sped by so quickly. There was always far too much to do for time ever to hang heavily upon your hands. Yes, they were busy years, years well worth living through again if only you could, full of wonderful experience and glorious opportunities, and affording many a glimpse into the deep recesses of the human heart and mind. If we had never known what it was really to live before, we learnt something at any rate of the great secret of Life then. "Measure thy life by loss instead of gain ;

Not by the wine drunk, but by the wine poured forth."

We were never rich in the things of this world—£50 a year and our keep were all that we could boast of as our income—but we were blessed indeed with those riches, which the world can never give, nor ever be able to take away.

They were busy years, for those, who are called to minister to the spiritual needs of the people who inhabit the land of the Never-Never, must be men who are prepared to turn their hand to almost anything. There were meals to be cooked, beds to be made—"tell it not in Gath," but I once knew a Bush Brother who only made his bed when the sheet came up from the bottom—clothes to be

washed, boots to be cleaned, a wash-house may-be to be built, a house to be kept tidy, a garden to be watered, a motor car to be attended to, to say nothing of the other duties of a housekeeper, the many and various tasks that are the common lot of every priest to perform, and also the fact that the parish, or rather district, you were put in charge of, was anything from 1,000 to 25,000 square miles in area ; and many a Bush Brother's district is ever so much larger than that. Are you surprised then that under such circumstances letters home, except to those nearest and dearest, were few and far between, and that anything like serious systematic reading became practically an impossibility ? They were busy years, and perhaps it was because they were so busy that they were so happy.

Most of my time was spent in and out amongst the dead or dying mining towns of the North. Apart from the hearty welcome that you almost invariably received wherever you went, and the happy jolly smiles of the children, there wasn't much to encourage you. They were mostly a floating moving population, and there was never any certainty that those, whom you saw this time, would be there when next you came. We had our services where we could, sometimes in the sitting room of a private house, sometimes in the local school-room, or the pub', sometimes in the waiting room at the railway station, or a picture-hall, and occasionally in a church. Anything

from a table to a packing case or two served as an altar; we couldn't afford to be particular in those days. The singing was always hearty, tho' more often than not both time and tune were sadly lacking. We seldom had an organ or a piano to accompany us, and so we had to do the best we could without one. Nevertheless they were beautiful services, most of them,—so real, so earnest and sincere, that you felt both proud and grateful that you were allowed the privilege of ministering to such simple-hearted souls.

Our means of locomotion varied, like most things we had to do with; the life of a Bush Brother could never be called monotonous. Sometimes we travelled by train, sometimes it was by motor-car or bicycle, sometimes on horseback, occasionally by coach, and, when Fortune frowned upon us, on foot. The roads were generally speaking only what we should call wheel-tracks at home, and in the west they were the tracks that the fire-plough had cut, to lessen the awful devastating effects of a bush fire. To those of our flock who lived on the far outskirts of our district, we had to go on horseback, often accompanied by either a mail-man or a black boy, more for the sake of company than anything else. The ways were long and the roads were rough and the rider tired before the journey's end was reached—sometimes we used to start at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, while the moon was high in the heavens, in order to travel in the coolest part of the day—but the hearty welcome and the happy excitement of the children more than made up for the hot, thirsty, weary ride. You would never have guessed that we were respectable Anglican priests, as we rode along those rough bush roads, visiting our widely-scattered flock, but like many others you would probably have taken us for just ordinary bush-whackers or constables accompanied by a tracker, in search of some miserable wretch after whom the long arm of the law was stretched out. You might ride mile after mile without meeting a single soul or seeing a sign of a human habitation, but it was an unwritten law of the bush that you never passed anyone by without stopping to have a yarn. No fossicker or tin-scratcher would let you pass his camp, usually only a bough-shed, if he were at home, without insisting on your dismounting and having a cup of tea, and the best of the tucker that his frugal pantry could provide, and telling him such news as you could of the world outside.

They are large-hearted people, those people, who live and work and die in the Australian Bush.

On the outside they may appear to be somewhat rough both in appearance and in speech, but underneath all that somewhat forbidding exterior there lies a heart full of kindly feeling. No doctor has been known to charge a Bush Brother a penny for services rendered; to him the doors of the hospital and dispensary are ever open and he can enter without fee or payment. Very often the dentist gives him of his best and expects nothing but a "Thank you!" in return. Many, too, were the small jobs that the local tradesman did, and when he had done them, felt amply repaid if you gave him the best of your most grateful thanks. Nor must we forget to mention our many kind benefactors outside the town in which we made our headquarters. They too gave us of their best, whether it was a free night's lodging, or a free meal. The Government of Queensland, too, added its quota to the cup of good-will by granting to us, and to all ministers of religion licensed to celebrate marriages, season tickets on the railways at quarter rates, within our respective districts, and special rates outside them. If it had not been for this wonderful generosity, which was so readily shown on all sides, it is very doubtful whether we could have carried on at all, without making special calls from time to time upon the pockets of either our people at home or our surrounding neighbours.

So far I have only told you a few of my impressions with regard to those lovable people who inhabit the North Queensland bush, but before I close I must just tell you a little of the bush itself. The term "bush" is a delightfully vague one, and generally speaking means the country as opposed to the towns. Sometimes it takes the form of large stretches of forest country, as in the north around Mareeba and Herberton. Around Atherton it appears as farming country, with little farms dotted about here and there and great dense patches of scrub, preserved either to attract the much-needed rain, or awaiting the strong arm of some far-seeing pioneer to fell and burn off; but out from Hughenden into the land of the real Never-Never country, for thousands of miles it is nothing but rolling plains with hardly a green tree to be seen anywhere, and signs of human habitation few and far between. There is something wonderfully solemn and fascinating about these vast and sparsely inhabited tracts of country. As you ride along with no one to talk to, perhaps, but your horse, you can sing away to your heart's content, happy in the knowledge that there is nobody near to object to the din you are making. Overhead there is the clatter and screech of flocks of

black and white cockatoos ; away in the distance may be seen, at times, wallabies, kangaroos and emus, scampering away to safety from this unseemly intruder into their haunts ; and every now and then a snake or a goanna crosses the path, only to disappear with a rustle as quickly as possible into the undergrowth at the side. There are no long straight stretches of road on these bush thoroughfares—I write chiefly of the forest country, for I know that best—but the track winds in and out amongst the trees, over dry and sandy rivers, through gently flowing creeks. In the very hot dry seasons many of the creeks are as dry as a bone : in the “woolly west” practically all the rivers and creeks are like that, except during the wet season : and then you have often to go

long stages before there is another chance of a drink. There is a sort of indescribable fascination about the Australian bush, something which grips and holds you. Whether it be the vastness, or the majesty, the superior loneliness or the extraordinary companionship, or the wonderful beauty of it all, I cannot say, but she is calling, ever calling for men and women to go and minister to the mental and spiritual needs of her children, and to teach and uplift their minds and hearts to higher things. “Come,” she says, “come to the land of vast open spaces, of infinite possibilities, where the sun shines every day, and where fogs are unknown : in town and country, in school and bush, there is work for the Master for all to do.”

B.M.C.

ON BELLS.

Rings, or peals of bells, vary greatly in size. Examples of two extremes in this respect may be seen in two towers in Oxford, viz. St. Ebbe's church and the chapel of Merton College. Each of these towers contains a ring of eight bells, but whereas the tenor—the heaviest bell in the tower—in the former case weighs nearly 5 cwt., in the latter it weighs 42 cwt. Christ Church Cathedral possesses twelve bells, the tenor weighing 33 cwt. At Appleton, where a record peal lasting 12½ hours was rung some years ago, there are ten bells, the tenor weighing 14 cwt.

The lightest bell in a ring is called the “treble” or “first,” and the bells are all numbered in order, *e.g.* the bell next in weight to the treble is called the second, and so on. When bells are rung in this order—123456—this is called “round” ringing.

We now come to change-ringing. The methods which are the easiest to learn, and so are usually taught to novices, are Grandsire and Plain Bob. The method usually employed in long peals is Stedman, which is rather hard to learn. The tenor bell is usually rung behind *i.e.* it strikes after all the other bells. The various methods rung on six, eight, ten and twelve bells, with the tenor behind, are respectively known as doubles, triples, caters and cinquies. In order to obtain more changes, however, without coming “round” sooner than is necessary, the tenor is sometimes rung “inside,” *i.e.* it changes with the other bells. On six bells this is called “minor” ringing, and on eight, “major.” As an illustration of the usefulness of turning the tenor inside when it is desired to lengthen a peal, it may be mentioned that 120 different changes may be rung on six bells with the tenor behind, but with the tenor inside 720 different changes may be rung.

It is important to note that in change-ringing a bell can only move one place at a time, *e.g.* if the bells are in rounds (123456),—as they always are at the beginning of a peal,—and the conductor shouts “Go, Grandsire doubles,” the first change is 213546 ; it cannot under any circumstances be 215346, because the fifth cannot jump two places. The next time the bells are pulled the order is different—231456—and a change is made with each pull until the peal is finished.

Another method of ringing changes, which is sometimes used when a lot of learners are ringing, or where the majority of the ringers cannot ring “method” ringing—as the method of ringing with a different change at every pull is called—is that of “call-changes.” The conductor calls out the next change to be rung and when he is ready for the change shouts “go” ; the new change is then repeated until a fresh change is called. This method, while not demanding more of the ringer than an ability to control his bell, is not quite so monotonous as round ringing, although it does not contain the life which is present in method ringing.

I hope that what I have written will be sufficient to make my readers sympathize and not censure their local band of ringers when some novice makes the tenor clash in on top of the other bells ; and to hear the New Year being rung in, and the Old Year out, with more interest than one usually pays to a disturber of one's beauty sleep ; and, above all, to prevent them from harbouring such vengeful thoughts at this season of Peace and Goodwill as those of the country squire, who, on hearing the local band do a little “clashing,” threatened to “bring up his gun and shoot the lot.”

E.A.P.

"SKIM."

(A Canadian School Episode.)

The masters knew him as "Barrie I." but who in the school, who had ever seen him on the ice, would have called him anything but Skim? Of all the ice-hockey teams in Canada, was there in any, one to be compared with Skim? If the question had been asked of anyone in Merton House School, in Ottawa, the answer would have been a decided negative. Barrie, or Skim as we shall in future know him, was a tall rather lanky lad, with huge, dewy spectacles and thin black hair. Not a pleasing sight, by any means. He invariably inhabited the bottom place in his form. But this of course is of no consequence. The morrow was the day of days. For on the morrow was the home match against a Montreal team, who up to now had an untarnished fixture card. Practically everybody included an "extra" in his prayers that night. "Hundredweights" (C. W. T. Smith, hence the name), the rather stout captain of Merton, was greatly perturbed. He had received the news that the Montreal team had a better man than Skim, from a junior whom he promptly proceeded to torture, with no unkindly intent, but because the news annoyed and disturbed him. The school was in an uproar, the only person who was not affected or imbued with excitement, was the cause of all the trouble, Skim. Poor "Hundredweights" was as one demented.

The hour arrived. The teams trooped on to the ice. From the crowded school-boys lining the side came a plaintive cry "Now then, John." It was Skim's young brother. His face lit up with a kindly smile. The cry was taken up by the rest, and the air resounded with "Come on Skim."

Suddenly a silence fell. Everyone, without knowing it, held his breath. A whistle piped. The game commenced. The Montreal "star" certainly was exceptionally good. At half-time, Merton House was 1 down. Skim the wonderful, Skim the prodigious, had distinguished himself in no way. Hundredweights changed Skim to centre. The game recommenced. Now Skim appeared flying his true colours. He was like a globule of mercury. Nobody could touch him. In sheer speed alone everybody on the ice was utterly outpaced. He emerged from a little bunch of players like a streak of greased lightning. Excuse the phrase, but any other simile is entirely inadequate. The back wondered on which side he had passed. The puck went skimming through the goal, breast high, and Skim finished up on all fours, twenty yards or so behind the goal. You see, that was how he used to do it. After this, the game was a ding-dong struggle. The Montreal man was good, but Skim was better. Consequently the inevitable happened. After a scrimmage 30 yards or so from the goal, Skim took a first time drive from where he was. The heavens were rent. Cheers, shrieks, and yells greeted the feat. It was a goal. Merton retired winners. That night, C.W.T.S. chanted a paean of victory in the upper dorm. "Talk about swallows, talk about eagles, give me Skim; Skim the swift, Skim the sure, Skim, Skim. Search the frozen north, or the Zuyder Zee, where Dutchies and skaters abound, and find me another Skim. Tain't possible. Goodnight, you fellows."

A.T.H.

O.A. NOTES.

MARRIAGE.

SANDERS—GAINSBURY.—On Sept. 29, at St. Stephen's Church, Bush Hill Park, by the Rev. R. Leatherdale, John N. Sanders to Gwendoline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Gainsbury of 3 Dawes Road, S.W.5.

(R. E. Eason, we understand, officiated in the character of "best man.")

DEATH.

DOWSON.—On October 31, at Oxford, Henry Martin Dowson, Manager to Morrell's Trustees, Lion Brewery, Oxford, in his 70th year.

The following engagements are announced:—

C. M. Humfrey to Miss Kathleen M. Elkins, of Rugby; W. Memory to Miss Pamela Wright, of

Pinner Hill; and R. L. C. Footitt to Miss Jean Reid, of Cheltenham. Our best congratulations to the happy couples.

We offer our sincere condolences to Mr. Layng, who has been obliged to undergo a serious operation. He is now in the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, Dorset, where we are glad to learn that he is making satisfactory progress.

The Rev. B. M. Challenor has been appointed Curate-in-Charge at Pateley Bridge, in Yorkshire, where he will take up his duties after Christmas. His address will be Willsill, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate, Yorks.

J. Harding, who has now taken his B.A. at Oxford, obtained a temporary job at Geneva in

the summer, on the Secretariate of the League of Nations. His work consisted largely of translating French minutes into English, and of writing the latter. He found it very interesting, seeing something of the work from the inside, more especially in view of Germany's entry into the League.

Condolences to J. F. Sinclair, who has badly sprained his ankle playing that rough game of Rugger.

T. T. Theophilus is on a cruise in the Mediterranean in H.M.S. "Malaya."

R. B. H. Morland is now home on leave from Lagos. T. F. T. Morland is also at home, awaiting transfer to another ship.

C. M. Humfrey has an appointment on the staff of the British Thomson Houston Company in Calcutta. This is their principal Indian branch, and we congratulate Humfrey upon securing a post of such importance. *Prosit!* He sailed from Liverpool on Nov. 5, and his address in Calcutta will be c/o The British Thomson Houston Co. (India), Ltd., A. 3 Clive Building, where he will always be glad to welcome any Old Abingdonian who may pass that way.

R. L. C. Foottit has likewise sailed for India, on Nov. 12 from Tilbury Docks. He goes to take up an appointment with the Asiatic Petroleum Company. We hope to give his address in our next issue; meanwhile Bank House, Cheltenham, will find him.

We have heard from F. B. Glenn, who is now in West Africa—c/o Thomas Bros. (Liverpool), Ltd., Port Gentil, Gabon, Congo Française, a firm dealing in timber of various kinds, coffee and other commodities. He finds the climate quite bearable and the life on the whole pleasant, though there are very few Englishmen in the place. Working hours are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a two-hour siesta at mid-day. For exercise there is a concrete tennis-court, and at the time of writing Glenn was looking forward to some big game shooting "a few hours' run up the river: gorillas, hippos, crocodiles, eagles, and, I believe, elephants"—which sounds exciting enough.

P. G. A. Kennington sailed for Australia on Aug. 13. He is now on a farm in the wheat belt, about 100 miles east of Perth (W.A.) and on the main line to Kalgoorlie. We understand that he is well pleased with the life in the new country.

S. Brown sends a long and interesting letter from Australia, where he is working on a dairy farm of 320 acres, about 12 miles from Moss Vale, the nearest railway station, and 100 miles south of

Sydney. "We are 2,500 ft. above sea-level. They say it is an ideal English climate, and so it was for my first six weeks or so, as it rained ceaselessly." However, this does not seem to be the normal state of the weather, and Brown says that he enjoys the life, though the work is pretty hard, and would not return to England if he had a free passage offered him, unless it was a return ticket. He gives an account of a day of his life, which begins at 5.30 a.m. and continues with a variety of active duties until about 6 p.m., when work is done for the day. But as he has to do most of his own "chaws" as well, in the way of mending and washing, and 8.30 is his usual bed-time, he has not much spare time to devote to reading, letter-writing and wireless. His address is c/o J. B. Kirkwood, "Kalkadoon," Yarrunga, via Moss Vale, N.S.W.

K. C. Bradbury has been since June with a firm of distillers in Glasgow. His address is 9, Ruthven Street. He seems to have been playing hockey with some success.

N. C. Wood is in the London Branch of the Standard Bank of South Africa. He, like his brother, has taken to Rugger.

H.M. Insley writes from France (3 Cours Reverseaux, Saintes, Charente-Inférieure). He is studying in the College at Saintes and playing full-back for the local Football Club. "The football one plays here," he says, "although the same as regards rules, is very different from the English game. Everybody talks, and one argues as a matter of course with the referee." This ought to be good for his French.

C. R. Wright, W. G. Hancock and G. F. Powell have this term gone into residence at Pembroke College, Oxford. These, with J. F. Sinclair and A. F. James, bring up our present Oxford representation to five. G. S. Sturrock is now our sole representative at Cambridge.

B. V. Edsall is in London, working with Chas. Macintosh and Co., associated with the Dunlop Rubber Company.

G. R. D. Estcourt has gone back to his home in Berkeley, California, U.S.A.

W. A. M. Card sailed for Canada on Oct. 15, to study farming. His address is c/o Prof. Elliot, Royal Agricultural College, Vermilion, Alberta.

F. M. Cole is farming at Hermitage, near Newbury.

W. G. Cullum is in London and hopes in due course to become an auctioneer and surveyor.

J. H. Bartlett, who likewise intends to be an auctioneer, is at home at present on his father's

farm, studying the points of stock and collecting useful information.

A. W. R. Foxwell is at work in a motor garage at Borough Heath near Epsom. He hopes to become an electrical engineer.

J. D. Wood is in an architect's office in London.

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A. M. Garton is studying at home, preparatory to joining the Morris-Cowley Motor Works in Oxford.

A. F. Bragg-Smith is at work with a firm of engineers in Birmingham.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

The Editor has received an anonymous letter bearing the signature X. He begs to remind his correspondents that no notice can be taken of communications unless the name and address of the sender are enclosed, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

An Index to Vol. V. has now been prepared and will be published at the beginning of January. Copies may be obtained from the Editor at the price of one shilling post free. Copies of all back numbers may likewise be obtained from the Editor at half the published price ; or Vol. V. complete (34 numbers, with index) for twelve shillings. Arrangements for binding in half-morocco in the School colours (similar to the earlier volumes) will be made by the Editor, if so desired.