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SCHOOL NOTES.

VALETE.

(December, 1925.)

VI. FORM.—K. C. Smith (1920). School Prefect, 1924; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1925; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1924-5; Quartermaster Sergeant O.T.C., 1925; 1st Class Shot, 1925; O.S.C. Exam., 1923; 2nd Class Honours with distinction in Greek, 1924; Hon. Sec. L. S. and D. S., 1924-5.

W. J. Smith (1919). School Prefect, 1924; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1924; 1st XI. Football, 1922; Colours, 1924; Sergeant O.T.C., 1925; Certificate "A," 1924; 1st Class Shot, 1925; O.S.C. Exam., 1923.

T. T. Theophilus (1923). School Prefect, 1924; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1923; Certificate "A," 1925; O.S.C. Exam., 3rd Class Honours, 1924; Hon. Sec. Games Club, 1924.

H. S. Bartlett (1918). School Prefect, 1925; 1st XI. Cricket, 1924; Colours, 1925; 1st XI. Football, 1924; Colours, 1925; Sergeant O.T.C., 1925; Certificate "A," 1924; O.S.C. Exam., 1924.

C. Stacey (1920). School Prefect, 1925; 1st XI. Football, 1924; Colours, 1925; Sergeant

O.T.C., 1925; Certificate "A," 1924; O.S.C. Exam., 1924; Hon. Sec. L. S. and D. S., 1926. (Stacey left in the early days of last term.)

W. A. Smallbone (1920). O.S.C. Exam., 1924.

V.A. FORM.—P. G. Perks-Morris (1923); 1st XI. Cricket, 1925; 1st XI. Football, 1925.

R. B. Masterman-Wood (1922). 1st Class Shot, 1925.

V.B. FORM.—R. F. L. Thomas (1923).

REMOVE FORM.—K. C. Bradbury (1922).

(March, 1926).

VI. FORM.—T. E. Gardiner (1922). Sub-Prefect, 1926; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1925; 2nd XI. Football, 1925; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1926; Sergeant O.T.C., 1926; Certificate "A," 1925; First Class Shot, 1926; O.S.C. Exam., 3rd Class Honours, 1925; Hon. Sec. L. S. and D. S., 1926.

J. G. Brewerton (1920). Athletic Colours, 1925; O.S.C. Exam., 1925.

V.B. FORM.—A. J. A. Watson (1923). 2nd XI. Cricket, 1925; 1st XI. Football, 1924.

S. Brown (1922). 2nd XI. Cricket, 1925; 2nd XI. Football, 1925.

REMOVE FORM.—W. F. Smith (1920). 2nd XI. Cricket, 1925; 2nd XI. Football, 1925.

III. FORM.—J. F. J. Weniger (1923).

SALVETE.

(January, 1926.)

V.B. FORM.—D. L. Dawson.

REMOVE FORM.—J. W. Page.

III. FORM.—P. B. Squire.

II. FORM.—J. S. V. Beazley, H. G. Beazley.

(April, 1926.)

REMOVE FORM.—G. Garton, J. G. Milsom.

II. FORM.—C. Spalding, A. L. Fleet.

[Omitted from our last number :—]

VALETE.

REMOVE FORM.—D. J. Stilwell (1925).

II. FORM.—H. A. Rogerson (1925).

(These two left in July.)

The School Prefects (last term and this term) are : C. R. Wright (Head of the School and of the House), W. G. Hancock, N. C. Wood, S. E. Clark, J. B. O. Durell, N. V. Pearson, G. F. Powell ; and sub-Prefects, B. V. Edsall, G. R. D. Estcourt, T. E. Gardiner, S. R. Hunt, H. M. Insley, O. T. M. Raymont, A. M. Thatcher. Of these, T. E. Gardiner left at the end of last term.

W. G. Hancock is Captain of Cricket, and B. V. Edsall, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Congratulations to C. R. Wright on winning the School Scholarship to Pembroke College last February.

Rowing Colours were awarded last term to G. R. D. Estcourt and G. F. Powell, and Athletic Colours to B. V. Edsall, E. M. Holbrook and P. T. Thomas.

Mr. C. Rippon has been elected to the Governing Body in place of Mr. H. T. Clarke (resigned).

We were most sorry to part with Mr. R. B. Southern at the beginning of this year. He has been appointed Director of Manual Instruction under the Mansfield Education Authority, and we wish him all success and happiness in his new sphere of activity. As a small token of our regard and gratitude for the numerous services which he has rendered to the School, we are presenting him with a clock, suitably inscribed, together with an album containing the autograph names of the donors among his colleagues and pupils. He has left visible memorials amongst us in the Boat House, the Tuck Shop, and other products of his handiwork, but best of all are the many lessons he has given us both by precept and example.

Instruction in wood-work is now being given by Mr. S. G. Stevens, from Reading.

We have to thank the three Shallard brothers for the gift of a handsome Challenge Cup in the department of Athletic Sports. This has been allocated to the juniors, and will be held each year by the boy who gains the highest number of points in the "under 15" events. A. T. Hatfield is the first and present holder.

The following boys were confirmed in the School Chapel on Sunday, March 7, by Bishop Shaw, D.D., assistant to the Bishop of Oxford ; T. G. Austin, J. H. Bartlett, C. F. Baumann, R. E. Broadbent, W. A. M. Card, F. Dymond, A. W. R. Foxwell, A. F. Hanks, D. J. W. Hillier, J. G. Holmes, H. R. Lansdown, R. F. Martin, E. P. Rice, R. S. L. Robinson, A. J. K. Smith, R. N. Trye, A. J. A. Watson, J. D. Wood.

Attention is drawn to a type-written article and a printed pamphlet, which have been placed in the Library, dealing with the Big Brother Movement, together with a covering letter from Sir Joseph Cook, the High Commissioner for Australia.

Miss Grundy has gone to Ascension Island, where she is spending a few months with her aunt, Mrs. Sturrock, whose husband is at present stationed there. We wish Miss Grundy a very pleasant holiday, and hope to see her among us again in the autumn, and in the best of health.

The converted "Underground" has proved itself a great success as a Dining Hall, while the dormitory and study accommodation, provided by the release and conversion of the old Dining Hall, has quite fulfilled our expectations. These alterations, commenced in the Christmas term, were completed before we met again in January ; and it is not too much to say that, from the point of view of comfort and general convenience, the advantage is enormous.

On Thursday, Feb. 4, the School attended and greatly enjoyed a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah," given in the Corn Exchange by the Abingdon Madrigal Society.

Rag Concerts were held, as usual, on the last evenings of the Christmas and Easter terms, that given at Christmas, whereat a play, Dr. Alington's "The Royal Arms," was performed by the boys, being, perhaps, even more enjoyable than usual. These entertainments have long since become a recognised feature in our School life, and our very best thanks are due to Mr. Ingham for all the time and thought and trouble he spends over getting them up.

Contributions are invited by the editors for Vol. VI. of "Public School Verse," to be published at the end of the year. The appeal is made to all those who are still at school, or who left school later than September, 1925. The address is, The Editors, "Public School Verse," c/o Holywell Press, Oxford.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*Aldenhamian* (2), *Alfredian*, *Chigwellian* (2), *Laxtonian* (2), *Leigh-tonian* (2), *Lily* (2), *Liverpool College Magazine*, *Magazine of the City of Oxford School* (2), *Monk-tonian* (2).

Last term ended on March 24, and this term began on April 27.

This term ends on July 26, boarders leaving on the following day. The School Regatta, Founder's Day, and the O.A. Cricket Match have been fixed for June 24, 25 and 26 respectively. The prizes will be distributed by Major R. G. C. Glyn, M.C., M.P., in the Corn Exchange, and the School Sermon in St. Helen's will be preached by the Ven. Archdeacon S. R. James, formerly Headmaster of Malvern College. We understand that there will again be an O.A. dance in the Council Chamber on the evening of Founder's Day, and the customary O.A. dinner will be held at The Lion Hotel after the O.A. match on the 26th. The summer exams begin on July 13. A table of this term's Cricket fixtures will be found elsewhere in our pages.

O.T.C.

A field-day was arranged for March 2nd, and took place in the tract of country between Bessels Leigh and Hurst Hill, Cumnor. Our two platoons, joined with two others from Wantage School, formed the right company of an advanced guard endeavouring to seize Hurst Hill. The scheme was well worked out and the whole handling of the battalion in the advanced guard was very instructive.

The following cadets were awarded certificate "A" in the examination held last November:—L/cpls. T. T. Theophilus, S. E. Clark, and T. E. Gardiner.

All cadets have not yet completed their annual musketry. But up to the present date the following have qualified as First Class Shots:—Sgts. C. Wright, Durell, Gardiner; Cadets Baumann I., Edsall, Holbrook, Hunt, Insley, Powell, Pearson, Raymont, Robinson, Thatcher. Sgt. C. Wright heads the list with a score of 111 points out of a possible 120 in the Empire Test.

FOOTBALL.

O.A. MATCH.

Played on Saturday, December 12.

This match brought a satisfactory season to a successful conclusion, for it was as keenly contested and even a match as we have seen played between the School and the O.A.s during recent years.

Almost from the start the School attacked strongly, both Brown and Perks-Morris hitting the uprights with hard shots. Before the game was many minutes old, Thomas penetrated the defence and centred for Brown to score. The O.A.s replied with two goals, the second a somewhat lucky one obtained from a scramble in the goal-mouth following a corner-kick. Watson just failed to clear.

From this point each side scored alternately, so that the interest was maintained to the very end. The School's second goal was due partly to some good individual work by Brown, partly to the fact that the O.A. goalkeeper, who ran out, slipped as he was trying to gather the ball from Brown's feet. Donkin scored a third goal for the O.A.s, after their inside forwards had got near the School goal several times, only to shoot wide. There was no more scoring before half-time, and so the O.A.s crossed over with the score 3—2 in their favour.

Shortly after the resumption of play the School drew level with a very good goal from Brown, who, though tackled when some twenty yards from goal, managed to put the ball right into the far corner, well away from the goalkeeper.

The O.A.s, who had been taking things quietly since half-time, now woke up again, and Donkin with irresistible dash burst through the defence to score with a beautifully placed shot, which the goalkeeper could not reach. The game, hitherto exciting, now for a short while became really thrilling, the O.A.s continuing to attack strongly. However, the School defence stood the strain until the pressure relaxed, when they attacked once more, and Garton, after making a good run down the wing, centred well to Thomas, who scored. This proved the last goal of the match, which thus resulted in a draw (4—4), the most satisfactory conclusion in view of the nature of the match, and the general run of the play.

For the school, Brown at centre-forward played, perhaps, his best game of the term, playing constructive football. Garton played a dashing game on the left wing, and the School defence was generally sound. Donkin and Eason were the

outstanding performers for the Old Boys, while Lowe played a good game at left back. Their forward line was not so well balanced as that of the School, its wings, like those of the ostrich, functioning less effectively than its other members. Had it been otherwise the O.A.s would, in all probability, have won.

The teams were as follows:—School: Goal, A. J. A. Watson; backs, H. S. Bartlett, W. G. Hancock; halves, N. C. Wood, H. M. Insley, E. M. Holbrook; forwards, A. M. Garton, P. G. Perks-Morris, W. W. Brown, P. T. Thomas, C. Stacey.

O.A.s.: Goal, J. F. Sinclair; backs, W. E. Lowe, S. L. Buckle; halves, G. S. Sturrock, R. E. Eason, K. T. Wood; forwards, P. E. Rowlandson, T. A. Wiggins, H. A. L. Donkin, C. R. Davidge, K. Cleave.

JUNIOR HOUSE 'SIXES.'

It was impossible to play football for the first fortnight of last term, owing first to the presence of so much snow, and afterwards to the sodden nature of the ground consequent upon the absorption of its white mantle. It was, therefore, only just possible to complete two rounds, comprising 54 matches.

In the first round Green House obtained 120 points, Red House 69 points, Blue House 48 points.

In the second round Green House obtained 167 points, Red House 53 points, Blue House 44 points.

Thus, Green House emerged victorious with 287 points, Red House was second with 122 points, Blue House third with 92 points.

The 'Six' which obtained most points was Green 'A,' with 138 points for the two rounds. It consisted of the following boys:—Smith, W. B. (Capt.); Hatfield A. T., Povey, F. A. J., Sinclair, G. E., Greene, A. M. D., Badcock, W. B.

ROWING.

The season of 1926 may be written down as a complete success. Without undue interference from wind, weather or sickness the period of training ran its usual course, and the crews came through their trials undefeated. Tubbing, when once the crews were in their racing boats, was perforce somewhat neglected, but a third 'four' was out most days and got some useful practice. It was at first very difficult to settle on the composition of each crew, and there was a good

deal of chopping and changing before a definite selection was reached. It was decided to make the best of what "beef and muscle" we possessed, and the 1st Four is certainly the heaviest we have had for many years. Our condolences are extended to Watson, to whom it was found impossible to give a seat in either of the Fours. In the early stages of training, the 2nd Four seemed—no matter what changes were made—superior to the 1st Four; and the peculiarities of "the John Roysse" were considered mainly responsible. The 2nd Four seemed to like "the Blue" and managed to push her along well, though most of the work was done by the arms. How they would fare over the long course at Oxford was a matter of conjecture.

This year a new experiment was tried. In view of the difficulties of transport, etc., it was decided to procure two boats at Oxford for the races against Magdalen. We made two separate journeys to Talboys to try them and learn something of the Oxford course. After our second outing it was obvious that the hireling suited the 1st Four and their improved form was most marked. The 2nd Four, who were provided with a new set of oars, found conditions somewhat strange at first, but were not handicapped to any appreciable degree by the change.

As regards the crews, both learnt to "do some work," and with modifications to do it at the right time and in the right place. Uniformity in a crew is one of the most important essentials. Of the First crew, bow rowed consistently well and showed best form, but he has a very poor beginning. 2, a new comer to serious racing, improved latterly: he should drop that 'huddled up' position at the finish, and remember to use his legs. 3, our heavy weight, rowed hard, but is apt to lose his head: he improved since his transfer to bow side. His finish is poor owing to incorrect arm and wrist action. Stroke has a poor finish and rows too deep as a rule. As a 'stroke' his work in the Magdalen race was very good, and he kept his crew going well together. He does not always make adequate use of body and shoulders. Cox is somewhat weighty, but experience is a useful asset and he steered well over at Oxford.

Of the 2nd Four, stroke and "3" were the best. "2" has yet much to learn; but all worked hard, and thoroughly deserved their success. It was not, unfortunately, possible to give the crew very much individual and undivided attention. During the last week they made great improvement, and this was most marked in their "time."

THE RACES.

The School v. O.A.s.—These were rowed on Culham Reach on Saturday, February 27th. Conditions were somewhat adverse, with a strong stream and a stiff cross wind. The O.A. crew, comprising C. Ellis, bow, C. R. Davidge, 2, R. L. C. Footitt, 3, R. E. Eason, str., and D. M. Brown, cox, won the toss and chose the Berkshire side. The O.A.s got the advantage at the start and were slightly ahead for the first half minute; but the School drew level and at the Big Tree were half a length ahead. They had increased this advantage to three-quarters when they passed the post in 4 mins. 7 secs. It was a very good race, and the O.A. crew were coming up at the end. The School did not start very well but they rowed hard, and though somewhat ragged about half way, they were rowing better at the finish.

The 2nd Fours.—This also resulted in a victory for the School. The O.A. crew, composed of R. Saxby, N. C. Wood, K. C. Smith, J. F. Sinclair, and D. M. Brown, cox, were not able to get on level terms with the School, who finished $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths to the good in 4 minutes 18 seconds.

The School v. Magdalen College School, Oxford.—These races took place at Oxford on Saturday, March 6th, and the School were victorious in each contest. The 1st crews rowed the long course from Weirs Bridge to Salter's Barge—about 7 furlongs. Abingdon won the toss and chose the Berkshire bank. The start was fairly level, but Magdalen, rowing a faster stroke, drew ahead slightly through the Gut. Along the Meadows it was ding-dong as far as the O.U.B. House. At this point Abingdon pulled themselves together, and rowing strongly and well together along the Barges gained the advantage by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. This they maintained for the remainder of the course and finally passed the post just a length ahead of Magdalen, who rowed in good style throughout, in 7 minutes 36 seconds.

The 2nd crews rowed from Long Bridges to the finishing post, a distance of approximately 1,000 yards. Abingdon again won the toss and took the Berkshire station. They got fairly smartly off the mark and were soon drawing away from Magdalen. By the Barges they had increased their lead, and without slackening their pace passed the post 16 seconds ahead of their opponents in 4 minutes 48 seconds, with some $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths between them.

The names and weights are as under :

First Four.

ABINGDON.		MAG. COLL. SCH.	
bow	W. G. Hancock 11.0	H. D. Lension	9.10
2.	G. R. Estcourt 11.6	H. C. Sandiford	10.2
3.	G. F. Powell 12.9	G. W. Brown	11.6
str.	W. G. Cullum 11.8	W. W. Ryan	9.9
cox	W. W. Brown 9.0	J. A. Kirk	6.4
Average weight 11.9 $\frac{1}{4}$.			

Second Four.

bow	B. V. Edsall 10.4	E. J. Webb	9.1
2.	A. F. Hanks 11.0	R. W. Richardson	9.1
3.	T. E. Gardiner 11.0	J. S. Yahia	10.2
str.	C. R. Wright 9.9 $\frac{1}{2}$	G. R. Middleton	8.1
cox	G. E. Sinclair 6.3 $\frac{1}{2}$	D. L. Richardson	6.0
Average weight 10.6 $\frac{3}{4}$.			

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The second half of the 1925-26 session of the Society opened on the 16th January in the Pembroke room, with the Vice-President in the chair.

The loss of our former Hon. Secretary, Mr. K. C. Smith, necessitated the election of a member to fill his office. To this end Mr. C. Stacey was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected. At this meeting also Mr. C. R. Wright was elected Hon. Treasurer. Also, Mr. K. C. Smith, in recognition of his conspicuous services to the Society, was elected a life member.

During the rest of the session we elected Messrs. R. F. Martin, A. M. Thatcher, E. G. Langford, N. J. Banes, C. Steff, A. F. Bragg-Smith and J. C. R. Gardner, as members of the Society, and the membership is now complete, all vacancies being filled.

On the 20th of January an extraordinary meeting of the Society was held in the Pembroke Room, with Mr. Ingham in the chair. Our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Stacey, unfortunately had had to leave us, and the business before the house was to elect his successor. Five members were nominated, and ultimately Mr. T. E. Gardiner was elected to the office.

The next meeting of the Society took place on the 23rd of January, with Mr. Ingham in the chair. At this meeting the motion before the house was "That in the opinion of this house a classical education is superior to a modern education." The Hon. Treasurer proposed this, seconded by Mr. G. F. Powell, and the motion was opposed by Mr. B. V. Edsall, seconded by Mr. J. B. O. Durell. The motion was of practical interest to all members and a lively debate followed. Mr.

Lansdown, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hancock, addressed the house in the course of the debate, in favour of the motion, and Mr. Rice, Mr. Holbrook, The Hon. Sec., Mr. Hall and Mr. Baumann against the motion. Mr. Insley and Mr. Pearson spoke favouring neither side. On a shew of hands the motion was declared lost by 9 votes to 7.

Our next meeting was held in the Pembroke room at 6 o'clock on January the 30th, with Mr. J. Y. Ingham in the chair. At this meeting the long-fought-for amendment to rule 14 was passed, i.e. "that the seconders of the proposition and opposition should be allowed to speak twice in the course of each debate."

Mr. W. G. Hancock, seconded by Mr. Holbrook, then proposed "That in the opinion of this house civilized nations are happier than uncivilized nations." Mr. O. T. M. Raymont, seconded by Mr. W. W. Brown, opposed. The following members also spoke. Pro: Messrs. Cullum, Edsall, Powell, Steff, Durell, Foxwell, Bartlett, Banes. Contra: Messrs. Pearson, Rice, Langford, Bragg-Smith, and the Hon. Sec. Neutral: Messrs. Insley, Baumann, Lansdown, Ingham. On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 13 votes to 6.

The 6th of February saw us again foregathered in the Pembroke Room, with the Vice-President in the chair. At this meeting a statement of accounts was given by the Hon. Treasurer. Questions were asked as to the destiny of the balance in hand, as the expenses of the Society are practically nil, but no definite answer can yet be given to these inquiries. The suggestion that a banquet for all members should be provided with the funds was of course treated with the scorn it deserved.

At this meeting Mr. G. F. Powell, seconded by Mr. N. V. Pearson, proposed "That in the opinion of this house the League of Nations will in time achieve the ideal for which it now strives."

Mr. B. V. Edsall, seconded by Mr. C. R. Wright, opposed the motion. The following gentlemen also gave their support to the motion:—The Vice President, Mr. Raymont and Mr. Hall. On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 21 votes to 4.

Our next meeting took place on February 20th in the Pembroke Room, with Mr. W. G. Hancock occupying the chair.

The motion before the house was that "In the opinion of this house modern life is as romantic as it has ever been." Mr. J. B. O. Durell proposed this, seconded by Mr. S. E. Clark. The Hon. Secretary opposed the motion and was seconded

by Mr. A. W. R. Foxwell. Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Insley, Mr. Cullum, Mr. Edsall, Mr. Hancock and Mr. Banes spoke for the motion; whilst Mr. Gardner, Mr. Rice, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Steff spoke in opposition to it. Mr. Holbrook and Mr. Baumann spoke, supporting neither side. It was a lively debate, in which both sides expressed their feelings with candour.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared lost by 9 votes to 8.

Again the Society met in the Pembroke Room, on February the 24th, with the President in the chair. Mr. W. H. Stevens had kindly consented to give the Society a lecture on "The Mushroom Mycelium and the Myxomycete." This proved to be a very interesting and instructive lecture and was warmly appreciated by the Society. Several visitors were present for the occasion and the following members and visitors asked the lecturer questions:—Mr. Eason, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. James, Mr. Ingham, Mr. Ross-Barker, the President, Mr. Powell, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Wood.

At our next meeting it was arranged that Mr. James should kindly give us a lecture on "Horace." Unfortunately, however, Mr. James was unable to keep his promise through illness, and so a debate was held on the motion "That in the opinion of this house fox-hunting is contrary to the ideals of sport and should therefore be deprecated." This took place on March the 13th, with Mr. W. G. Hancock in the chair. Mr. O. T. M. Raymont proposed the motion, seconded by Mr. N. V. Pearson, and the Hon. Sec., seconded by Mr. J. B. O. Durell, opposed. The following members also addressed the house on the subject. Pro: Mr. Foxwell. Contra: Mr. Gardner, Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Cullum. Neutral: Mr. Powell. After a very lively debate the motion was put to the vote and declared lost by 12 votes to 9.

With this debate ended another very successful session of the Society.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The School Sports were held in the upper field on Saturday, March 13th. It was a beautiful day and the track was in very good condition. A. J. Watson's performance in Throwing the Cricket Ball was outstanding. His throw of 102 yards 2 ins. constitutes a School record.

The Headmaster was President and A. W. Rudd, Esq., was Chairman of the Committee. The officials were:—

Starter: J. B. E. Alston, Esq. Judges: E. J. P. Ross Barker, Esq. and J. W. Reynolds, Esq.

Time keepers : C. O. Wright, Esq., and W. Bevir,
Esq. Stewards : W. G. Hancock, S. E. Clark,
J. B. O. Durell.

Results :

1. Long Jump (Open).

(Challenge Cup presented by A. Stockton, Esq.,
O.A.).

1. E. M. Holbrook. 2. G. F. Powell.
Distance, 18ft. 8½ins.

2. Long Jump (Under 15).

1. A. T. Hatfield. 2. L. L. Baumann.
Distance, 17ft. 3½ins.

3. High Jump (Open).

1. P. T. Thomas. 2. S. Brown.
Height, 5ft. 1½ins.

4. High Jump (Under 15).

1. A. T. Hatfield. 2. D. L. Dawson.
Height, 4ft. 5¾ins.

5. Hurdles (Open).

1. C. R. Wright. 2. P. T. Thomas.
Time, 20 secs.

6. Hurdles (Under 16).

1. S. Brown. 2. E. M. Holbrook.
Time, 19 4-5th secs.

7. 100 Yards (Under 12).

1. J. Ashby. 2. A. J. Smith.
Time, 14 3-5th secs.

8. 100 Yards (Under 15).

1. A. T. Hatfield. 2. J. A. Howard.
Time, 12 3-5th secs.

9. 100 Yards (Open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Price.)

1. G. F. Powell. 2. J. G. Brewerton.
Time, 11 1-5th secs.

10. 220 Yards Handicap (Under 13).

1. W. B. Badcock. 2. L. Sinclair.
Time, 31 1-5th secs.

11. Quarter Mile (Under 15).

1. A. T. Hatfield. 2. A. J. Howard.
Time, 68 2-5th secs.

12. Quarter Mile (Open).

(Challenge Cup presented by W. Pierpoint, Esq.)

1. J. G. Brewerton. 2. C. R. Wright.
Time, 57 3-5th secs.

13. Throwing Cricket Ball.

1. A. J. Watson. 2. G. R. D. Estcourt.
Distance, 102 yds. 2 ins.

14. Half Mile (Open).

1. B. V. Edsall. 2. J. G. Brewerton.
Time, 2 mins. 17 4-5th secs.

15. Half Mile (Under 15).

1. A. T. Hatfield. 2. R. A. Langford.
Time, 2 mins. 35 1-5th secs.

16. Putting the Weight (Open).

1. F. M. Cole. 2. G. F. Powell.
Distance, 29ft. 9ins.

17. Relay Race (Junior).

Won by Green House, Red House second.
Time, 3 mins. 17 4-5th secs.

Green.

A. T. Hatfield.
W. H. Mayhead.
W. B. Badcock.
G. E. Sinclair.
W. B. Smith.
J. A. Howard.
E. F. Slatton.
S. F. Thatcher.

Red.

L. L. Baumann.
L. P. Mosdell.
R. A. Langford.
W. C. Heath.
G. A. Wood.
S. E. Roberts.
H. F. Good.
H. N. Trye.

18. Relay Race (Open).

Won by Blue House, Green House second.
Time, 2 mins. 54 secs.

Blue.

N. C. Wood.
O. T. Rayment.
P. T. Thomas.
S. Brown.
E. M. Holbrook.
J. B. O. Durell.
T. E. Gardiner.
A. J. Watson.

Green.

G. F. Powell.
G. R. D. Estcourt.
W. G. Cullum.
F. M. Cole.
A. T. Hatfield.
G. V. Cook.
R. E. Broadbent.
A. F. Hanks.

The Mile Races had previously been run, on
Tuesday, March 9th, and resulted as follows :—

One Mile Race (Open).

(Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Burkett.)

1. J. G. Brewerton. 2. N. C. Wood.
3. C. R. Wright.
Time, 5 mins. 19 2-5th secs.

One Mile Race (Under 15).

1. A. T. Hatfield.
2. D. L. Dawson.
3. G. A. Wood.

Time, 6 mins. 3 2-5th secs.

Mrs. Brown distributed the prizes outside the pavilion after the last event, and the proceedings terminated in three hearty cheers for Mrs. Brown and the Headmaster.

The Shallard "under 15" Challenge Cup, awarded to the winner of the greatest number of points in the "under 15" events, was won by A. T. Hatfield, who distinguished himself by gaining first place in every "under 15" event.

The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup and the House Cup (presented by Ladies of Abingdon) could not be awarded until after the Steeplechases had been run, but they went eventually to J. G. Brewerton and to "Green" House respectively. Brewerton scored 28 points for the Heber Clarke Challenge Cup, Powell being second with 18 points; while for the House Cup "Green" House amassed 200 points, "Blue" being second with 115.

THE STEEPLECHASES.

These took place on the Common on Tuesday, March 16th. The junior Steeplechase (under 14) was run first. G. A. Wood took the lead at the beginning and kept it all the way. The following was the order of the first five to finish:—1, G. A. Wood; 2, S. F. Thatcher; 3, J. E. Mobbs; 4, H. N. Trye; 5, W. H. Mayhead.

The time was 8 min. 17 2-5th secs.

The House to gain the greatest number of points was "Green" House, "Red" House being second.

The senior Steeplechase was run directly after the junior. The order at the "butts" was 1, S. E. Clark; 2, J. W. P. Martin; 3, T. E. Gardiner. S. E. Clark took the lead first before the "butts" and kept it to the last water jump, where J. W. P. Martin chose a better crossing and overtook him. The first five to finish came in in this order:—1, J. W. P. Martin; 2, S. E. Clark; 3, W. W. Brown; 4, A. T. Hatfield; 5 N. V. Pearson. The time was 13 mins. 22 3-5th secs.

The House to win the greatest number of points was "Green" House, "Blue" House being second.

The donors of prizes were as follows:—Mrs. Barge, Miss Belcher, Mrs. Budgett, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Challenor, sen., Mrs. Challenor, jun., Miss B. Challenor, Miss P. Challenor, Miss Childs, Miss Clarke, Miss Cope, Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Dawson Clark, Mrs. Donkin, sen., Miss Edwardes, Miss

Florey, Mrs. Gardner, Miss Harris, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Kirkby, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Mainwaring, Lady Norman, Mrs. Piers, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Reynolds (The Gables), Mrs. Reynolds (The Park), Mrs. Rudd, Miss Sandys, Lady Laeta Shirley, Mrs. Tatham, Miss Watts, Mrs. Woodford, Mrs. Wright, and Messrs. B. Challenor, E. M. Challenor, H. S. Challenor, H. T. Clarke, H. G. W. d'Almaine, H. Donkin, J. F. Downing, W. M. Grundy, A. P. Iliffe, J. H. Kirkby, R. W. Langford, A. W. Morland, W. T. Morland, A. E. Preston, W. W. Richardson, C. Rippon, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, W. A. Rudd, G. Saxby, H. P. Simpson, T. Skurray, M. T. Tatham, J. G. T. West.

Our best thanks are due to all the prize-donors. We should also like to thank Mr. Alston for all the work he has done in connection with the sports, for all the trouble he has taken, and for the excellent way in which things were carried out under his direction.

A.S.A.C. v. O.A.C.

(27TH ATHLETIC MEETING.)

The School v. O.A.C. Athletic Meeting was held on Saturday, March 20th, in the Upper Field. Though there was a rather stiff head wind, the weather was fairly fine, and the track was in good condition. After a most exciting afternoon the School was successful by five events to four, although at the interval the O.A.s were leading by four events to one.

J. G. Brewerton was responsible for the best performance of the afternoon, beating C. Ellis in the Mile after a great race. In the Quarter-Mile Brewerton had another close race with H. W. D. Charleton, who beat him by inches. G. F. Powell won three events for the School.

Results :

1. 100 Yards.

1. G. F. Powell, (A.S.A.C.).
2. C. R. Wright, (A.S.A.C.).

Time, 11 2-5th secs.

Both the School representatives got good starts and finished in front of Charleton, the O.A. first string, Powell winning by 3 feet in good time, considering the conditions.

2. High Jump.

N. A. Carr (O.A.C.) and E. C. Beaven (O.A.C.) tied.
Height, 5ft. 2ins.

3. 440 Yards.

1. H. W. D. Charleton (O.A.C.).
2. J. G. Brewerton (A.S.A.C.).

Time, 58 secs.

This was a great race, Charleton just beating Brewerton on the tape, after Brewerton had led for most of the way.

4. 880 Yards.

1. C. Ellis (O.A.C.).
2. B. V. Edsall (A.S.A.C.).

Time, 2 mins. 13 3-5th secs.

Edsall ran very well, but was not fast enough to catch Ellis at the end, the latter winning fairly comfortably.

5. Hurdles.

1. N. A. Carr (O.A.C.).
2. C. R. Wright (A.S.A.C.).

Time, 18 secs.

This looked as if it might be a close race at one time, but Carr went ahead about half-way and won easily in good time.

6. Long Jump.

1. G. F. Powell (A.S.A.C.).
2. H. W. D. Charleton (O.A.C.).

Distance, 18ft. 10½ins.

Carr had very hard luck in getting two 'No Jumps' in this event, which went to Powell, who just beat Charleton.

7. Mile.

1. J. G. Brewerton (A.S.A.C.).
2. H. W. Hooke (O.A.C.).

Time, 5 mins. 10 secs.

Ellis, who was expected to win this event, ran the first three laps very fast, trying to take the lead from the respective third strings. On the last lap, however, Brewerton, who judged his running splendidly, came up from last place and passed Ellis, who was also beaten by H. W. Hooke, finishing very strongly in 5 mins 10 secs., nearly 10 seconds better than his time in the School sports.

8. Putting the Weight.

1. G. F. Powell (A.S.A.C.).
2. F. M. Cole (A.S.A.C.).

Distance, 30ft. 9½ins.

9. Relay Race.

1. A.S.A.C.
2. O.A.C.

Time, 2 mins. 4 secs.

Teams :

A.S.A.C.	O.A.C.
C. R. Wright.	G. S. Sturrock.
E. M. Holbrook.	J. F. Sinclair.
G. R. D. Estcourt.	E. C. Beaven.
N. C. Wood.	N. A. Carr.
J. G. Brewerton.	C. Ellis.
G. F. Powell.	H. W. D. Charleton.

The School secured a good lead at the start, which they held comfortably throughout the race, winning by about 15 yards. Previous to this event each side had four wins, the Relay thus being the deciding event.

ON WASTED TIME.

SIR,

It often interests me to wonder and sometimes even to enter into futile calculations as to how much time I have wasted in my past 'x' years. Be it understood that by 'wasted' time I mean, not time which has been spent upon an undertaking that has had no result, but time which has been spent in doing, i.e. attempting, nothing; in sitting resting in a chair, in a theatre between the acts, or standing waiting on station platforms, in queues, etc.

Naturally, the term 'wasted' is entirely relative, for assuredly most people spend the time between the acts at the theatre in the Bar, where they waste not only time but—other things as well! But what I wish to consider more particularly in this note is wasted 'intellectual time.'

Now, I often ask myself, is it essential for a man to spend some part of his time doing nothing in order that, during the time that he is doing something, it may be well done? It is a difficult question to answer and no doubt depends on the individual. In my opinion, however, a man's brain should have all the rest it needs during his sleep. His time of sleeping depends on himself, and all sensible men are agreed that a sufficient amount of sleep is essential to one's well being. It is a notable fact that many hard-thinking and hard-working men, e.g. Pasteur, were always emphatic about the necessity of sufficient sleep, and were always in the habit of "early to bed and not too early to rise." Consequently the amount of work a man's brain is capable of appears to depend on his habits, the man who does not burn too much midnight oil being capable of the most. May our students bear this in mind!

It would be interesting to calculate how much of his time the normal average human being spends 'doing nothing.' It is, however, I fear,

impossible. A medical friend of mine once told me he had calculated approximately (he did not state how!) how much food a normal man consumed in a life time. Of course this will depend on the individual and his length of life, but taking the average my friend said that he had calculated that this amount of food would about fill an ordinary 'goods' train, which was at least as long as the Cornish Riviera express, and he went on to state how many trucks were allotted to bread, how many to meat, and so on. I regret I cannot remember the figures more accurately.

In spite of several efforts my attempts at similar calculations as to 'time wasted' have proved hopeless, principally from the difficulty of deciding what should be called 'time wasted' and what should not. However, I commend the calculation to my readers as worthy of the 'problem paper.'

Thus, having arrived at 'man's estate' (more or less) I find myself sometimes reflecting (when under heavy loads of, that expansive term, 'work') on how great a quantity of that commodity 'time' I wasted at school, when I might have done so many things. In particular I might have read all those interesting books that I desire to read so much now, when, alas, I have not that same free supply of time.

Mine was rather a backward nature literally, so that I am only now discovering the literary treasures of Scott, Dickens, Balzac, Thackeray, Dumas, Bronte and so on, an innumerable list—a list that I should have acquainted myself with while at school.

Now Ruskin compares the brain to a sacred store room in which only the choicest of goods should be placed. I regard time as the shovel which heaps these goods into the store room. A man who is short of these 'choicest goods' cannot fill his 'sacred store room,' but neither can the man who has no shovel whereby these choice goods may be introduced. Consequently the moral of this little composition, if I may be allowed to point it out, is that whilst at school a man should use his 'shovel' whilst it is in his possession by reducing that immense volume of 'wasted time' to a minimum.

The writer's only hope is that, during the last few minutes, he has not been adding to his own immense aggregate of 'Wasted Time.'

Yours etc., O.A.

STEEPLECHASE SENTIMENTS.

The awful day has come! In fact the very hour is here! In even less than an hour—less than half

an hour—in a few minutes—Oh, the awfulness of it! the dreadful horror of it!—Yes, in a few minutes we start to run the Steeplechase! Oh, horrid word! Here we are on the common on a perfectly freezing day, with a perfectly icy wind blowing and we've got to run—run, mark you—a mile and three quarters! Think of it! A mile and three quarters over rough land and icy water—more water than land, if anything. And all because someone has invented athletic sports. Why should we do it? After all, what good does it do us or anybody? Did the Ancient Britons do it? Perhaps, but only under the sternest necessity, and there's no necessity here; so why should we?—Good Heavens! there's the bell for the start! How perfectly awful I feel. By Jove, they're all taking their sweaters off! My goodness, this wind! What's that? He's going to say "get ready" and then fire. Oh, but I'm not ready! Stop! Wait! Jove! there's the pistol. We're off!

Heavens! here's a great ditch and full of water! Oh, I say! I'm wet through! And this wind!

What's this, another ditch? Oh, well, I can't get any wetter and it's only water after all. Things might be worse. I mean, it might be two miles instead of one and three quarters, or even three.

I say, this is rather jolly, splashing about and getting thoroughly dirty and wet. I suppose its man's primeval nature or something.

Hallo! This looks rather wide for a ditch: it must be that stream we heard about. Anyhow, in we go! Jove! Up to the waist and as cold as ice! Still it's the last ditch

Why, there's someone holding a string up. Goodness! that clumsy fellow's broken it. Whatever's he stopped for? The end? Why—well I'm jiggered! It wasn't so bad after all. Bit wet and cold, but that's nothing. Anyhow, here's for home and a hot bath.

N.V.P.

THE 'UNDER.'

Dear Mr. Editor,—I am sure you are now being overwhelmed with copy for the forthcoming issue of the ABINGDONIAN, on the subject of the Underground, so I wish to offer my apologies for adding to the deluge. Perhaps you will honour me.

Of course, to the stranger the word 'Underground' immediately brings to mind a vision of lengthy tubes busy with humanity, of lifts and escalators, bedecked with 'new-art' posters, of a hot and cold artificial atmosphere draughty with doubtful smells, and of a trade-mark of capital letters with dotted lines above and below.

Now last term the 'Under,' as it is usually called, was a place quite different to this. As far as I know the cold atmosphere of draughts with doubtful smells is the only analogy I can detect. The neighbouring kitchen broadcasted its savoury odours, sometimes appetising and sometimes otherwise, since the accompaniment of that of boot polish at times destroyed the smell that was desirable. But never mind, there is more to be considered than the cold draught and savoury smell. There are the memories of noisy hours at games in the 'Under,' in the two great seasons of the year. The muddy pills, large and small, have left their marks on walls and ceiling, some still indelible, some which always will be. No elbow grease, no linseed oil, can blot them out. They will always show through in spite of paint or distemper. Those impressions remain through generations, and awaken in each the memories of happy days. Please, Mr. Editor, I am stuck here, there is a lump in my throat.

This new term has brought a change. The arches of the 'Under' are now glazed, and warm air pervades. I think I see the lengthy tubes, connecting radiators, the dinner-tram on wheels, the 'old-art' on the walls advertising the severity of pedagogues of by-gone days, the hot and cold artificial atmosphere draughty with savoury smells, and the 'trade-marks' of muddy pills.

There is a quiet homeliness in the colour of bright cloths, the polish of the tableware, and the white linen of serving-maids. We are far from the madding crowd, and linger around the boles of pleasant elms, or rest our limbs on iron seats.

The scene is changed and the change is seen, and we are grateful.

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O.A. NOTES.

BIRTH.

INGOLD.—On January 21st, at Oakvale Nursing Home, Sheffield, to Phyllis, wife of Geoffrey Ingold, O.A., a son.

MARRIAGE.

NOWILL-TRAVERS.—On Sept. 1, at St. Nicholas' Church, Compton, by the Rev. Frank Pickford, Charles Maysmor, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nowill of Sheffield, to Muriel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Travers of Godalming.

DEATHS.

BARTLETT.—On July 26, the Rev. C. B. Bartlett, of Sunnyside, Ashby-de-la-Zouche, Leicestershire.

PORTAL.—On Dec. 19, at his residence, Tonge House, York Road, West Norwood, William

Richard Portal, M.A., Pembroke College, Oxford, eldest son of the late Richard Brinsley Portal, in his 88th year.

KENNY.—On Feb. 8, at St. Luke's Hostel, London, the Rev. Walter Wolfenden Kenny, M.A., of The Beeches, Sharnbrook, Beds., son of the Rev. Henry Torrence Kenny, M.A., aged 63.

CAUDWELL.—On March 27, at Barrhill, Abingdon, Ernest Caudwell, eldest son of the late Charles Caudwell, of Drayton Manor, aged 80.

MARTIN.—On April 5, after three days' illness of pneumonia, at Oriel House, Abingdon, Paulin John Martin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., eldest son of Paulin Martin, of Clock House, Abingdon.

The Rev. C. B. Bartlett was a boy at the School in the 'seventies, proceeding later to Lichfield Theological College, whence he took Deacon's Orders in 1881 (Priest, 1882). He held curacies in Derbyshire, Northamptonshire and Leicestershire, and was for nine years (1897 to 1906) vicar of Thorpe Acre with Dishley, near Loughborough.

The following, from *The Times* of Dec. 22, should be of interest to all Abingdonians. Few, perhaps, are now living who knew Mr. Portal personally, but all have reason to be grateful to him for his many and generous benefactions to the School.

"A son of Richard Brinsley Portal of the firm of Dugwade, Portal and Co., he was born in the City on June 29th, 1838. The family is of Huguenot descent, and was settled at Bagnols, near Sabran, in the fifteenth century. Like the Portals of Laverstoke, who acquired the privilege of making the Bank of England notes, it traces its descent from Francois de Portal, of Bagnols, who died about 1571. At the close of the seventeenth century, Jean Francois de Portal, of Poitiers, Ecuyer, Conseiller du Roi, fled from religious persecution and took refuge in London. His descendant, Abraham Portal, of London, goldsmith and author, was an intimate of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, and named his second son after him. He, in turn, named his eldest son, born in 1808, after the dramatist, and the late Mr. Portal was his successor in the headship of the senior branch of the family. He was educated at Merchant Taylors' and Abingdon Schools, and was a scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford, where he took his degree. Through life he was warmly attached to his old college, and until recent years took an active part in the organization of Pembroke Dinners. As a young man he travelled over much of Europe, and was an excellent linguist. He was also a keen and

able mountain climber. He entered his father's business early, and under the style of Portal, Dingwall and Norris, wine and spirit merchants, he was the senior partner from 1883 till his retirement in 1905."

The Rev. W. W. Kenny was a master at the School in the early 'nineties, and had charge of the two lowest forms. Out of School he is remembered as a good sportsman and a keen devotee of the "gentle art" of fly-fishing. He left the School to take Holy Orders, held curacies in various places in the Midlands, and was for four years (1909 to 1913) rector of Carlton with Chellington, Bedfordshire.

Mr. Caudwell, another keen sportsman and fisherman, was a pupil at the School at a very much earlier date. He was at one time a brewer at Wootton Bassett, but had been retired from the business for many years before his death. He was well known in Abingdon and the neighbourhood, and held the post of Honorary Secretary to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Dr. Martin came to the School in January, 1885, and stayed with us for just over four years, proceeding afterwards to Radley College, and thence to Queen's College, Oxford, where he graduated. He received his medical training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and started his professional life as assistant to his father, with whom he afterwards went into partnership. Dr. Martin (whose elder son is now with us as a pupil in the School), was a familiar and ever-welcome figure at our School functions and Old Boys' re-unions. We deeply regret his early death at the age of 51, and offer our sincere condolences to his relatives and many friends.

The Rev. E. J. Harper, whose death is likewise reported, was an O.A. of an older generation. He held the School scholarship at Pembroke College, where he took his degree in 1868. Ordained in 1869, he held curacies at Chieveley, Berks., Holdenhurst, Hants., and Hawkhurst. Later, after two incumbencies in Norfolk, he was appointed (1898) to a chaplaincy in Brittany, which he held until 1910. He then became Rector of Broughton, near Newport Pagnell, and continued in this office until the time of his death.

As we go to press we learn of the death, in his 62nd year, of the Rev. G. H. Smales, who had been for some time Curate in Charge at Pitney, near Langport, Somerset. Mr. Smales, who last visited us on Founder's Day in 1922, was the younger

of two brothers, who joined the School in 1876 and 1877. He was ordained comparatively late in his life, with the degree of Licentiate in Theology at Durham University, Xmas, 1901, and had held several curacies in Kent and at Romford in Essex.

At a meeting of the O.A. Club held at the School after the O.A. Sports last term, W. H. Stevens was elected London Secretary to the Club in succession to C. R. Davidge (resigned). He asks us to state that he would be very pleased to hear from any London O.A.s with whom he is not at present in touch. A happy re-union took place on boat-race day, when eight London O.A.s for-gathered to watch the race, and then spent the rest of the day in the enjoyment of each other's society.

T. T. Theophilus has duly passed his examination and entered the Navy as a Paymaster Cadet. He is at present undergoing a course of training on H.M.S. "Thunderer" at Devonport.

J. F. Sinclair has been awarded Third Class Honours by the Classical Moderators at Oxford.

The Rev. Canon Meredith has resigned his incumbency at Crieff and vacated the Rectory. His new address is Knock Cottage, Crieff, Perthshire.

We have lately noticed a report of a presidential address by J. W. Duncan to the Cardiff and Bristol Channel Shipowners' Association.

H. L. Neligan is poultry-farming at Kells in County Kerry.

A letter has been received from W. R. C. Adcock, who left Calcutta more than two years ago, and is now at Maler Kotla in the Punjab. He sends news of R. Haywood ("Pinkie"), who is exchange-broking in Calcutta, and also of T. Johnston, who sent us news of himself a year ago.

W. N. E. Bruce is now taking a prominent part (Divisional Detective Inspector Wembury, D.S.O.) in Edgar Wallace's new play "The Ringer," at Wyndham's Theatre. Apropos we have culled the following from the *Daily Telegraph* review of May 3rd:—

"The third act takes place in a police station; and though our own experience of police stations is small, we feel that just so are things conducted therein. Largely, no doubt, this is due to the quiet air of familiarity with his surroundings and competence in his duties of Mr. Nigel Bruce as one of the detectives in the case, for Mr. Bruce's work throughout this scene is first-rate."

E. Bride is now in the Cape-de-Verde Islands, and will remain there for the next two years. His address is c/o Messrs. Millers and Corys, Ltd., St. Vincent.

The four Morland brothers of more recent years are scattered about the world in divers places. J. W. is farming at Pemberton Meadows, British Columbia; R. B. H. is in co-charge of the branch of Barclay's Bank at Ebute Metta, Lagos, Nigeria; C. S. is farming near Cathcart in Cape Colony; and T. F. T. is acting assistant purser on the s.s. "Almanzora," plying to South America.

R. C. W. Waterhouse has gone out to Maracaibo, Venezuela, to work as an engineer, drilling for oil, etc., for the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Company, Ltd. He is under a contract for three years' work, and his address is c/o The Caribbean Petroleum Co., Maracaibo, U.S. of Venezuela, S. America.

J. E. F. Meadmore, who has a commission in the Royal Artillery, has lately gone out to West Africa.

C. E. H. Dolphin, writing from "a tiny place" (Bhowate, near Kathgodam) "about 3,000 feet up in the foot-hills of the Himalayas," says that he is there on six weeks' shooting leave, and had the good fortune to bag a sambhur (about the largest kind of deer in India) on his second day out. Before starting for this leave he had been busy training his regimental running teams (2nd Lincolnshire) and running for them; and they just won both the Cross Country (5 miles) race and the Sports, for the second year.

F. G. H. Allen has left Singapore for Penang, where he is "second-in-command" of the Penang branch of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Ltd.

L. A. Lloyd is in London, where he has set up in business in the iron and steel trade. His private address is 56 Criffel Avenue, Streatham Hill. He has deserted socker for rugger, and has been playing for the London Welsh "A" XV.

J. K. Leon has a clerkship in the National Provincial Bank in Merthyr Tydfil.

P. E. Rowlandson has gone out to India, where he has a clerkship in the Imperial Bank of India, in Madras.

V. J. Relle is studying motor engineering, and is now at the Royal Automobile College in London.

T. W. Smeeth has taken a farm at Little Casterton, near Stamford, Lincolnshire.

C. R. Davidge has gone to Hong Kong, to the Head Office of the Union Insurance Society of Canton.

G. S. Sturrock has been spending a part of his vacation upon a military course at Chatham.

K. C. Smith is at work with the General Electrical Company in London.

H. S. Bartlett has passed into the Eastern Telegraph Company, and is likewise in London.

C. Stacey, who left us in the early part of last term, is a clerk in the Midland Bank at Witney.

J. G. Brewerton has also got a clerkship in the Midland Bank—in the Banbury Branch.

S. Brown sailed on April 20, on board the s.s. "Largs Bay" for Australia (N.S.W.), under the auspices of the Big Brother Movement.

T. E. Gardiner is in a solicitor's office in Bath.

The Old Abingdonian Club will hold a Reception in the Council Chambers on the evening of Founder's Day at 8 p.m. "Dancing and Bridge." Tickets, 5s.

The O.A. 2nd XI. Cricket Match against the School will only be played if sufficient members express a desire to turn out.

A.S.C.C. FIXTURES, 1926.

1ST XI.

May	8.	Abingdon C.C.	Away.
"	12.	St. Edmund Hall	Home.
"	15.	City of Oxford School.	Away.
"	22.	Wantage School.	Home.
"	26.	Magdalen College School.	Home.
"	29.	Pembroke College.	Away.
June	2.	Culham College.	Home.
"	9.	Leighton Park School.	Home.
"	12.	Brightwell C.C.	Home.
"	16.	Pembroke College.	Home.
"	23.	Brightwell C.C.	Away.
"	26.	O.A. Cricket Club.	Home.
July	10.	City of Oxford School.	Home.

2ND XI.

May	15.	City of Oxford School.	Home.
"	22.	Wantage School.	Away.
"	26.	Magdalen College School.	Away.
June	9.	Leighton Park School.	Away.
"	16.	Wantage School.	Home.
July	10.	City of Oxford School.	Away.

"UNDER 15."

June	5.	City of Oxford School.	Home.
"	16.	New College School.	Away.
"	19.	City of Oxford School.	Away.