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BIRTHS.

ALDWINCKLE.—July 20, at Shippon Manor, Abingdon, to Dorothea, wife of Percy Aldwinckle, a daughter.

SKINNER.—Aug. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. T. Skinner, a daughter (Frances Eve).

MAY.—Nov. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. May, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LAYNG—COLEBROOK.—Aug. 15, at Eastbourne, T. P. R. Layng, only son of the Rev. Thomas Layng, of King's Stanley Rectory, Glos., to Betty, only daughter of the late Mr. George E. Colebrook, and of Mrs. Tom Lloyd, of 7 Arlington Road, Eastbourne.

COXETER—FAULKS.—October 27, at St. Nicholas' Church, Islip, by the Rector (Rev. J. H. Carter), Charles Litchfield, youngest son of Mrs.

and the late Mr. Job Coxeter, "Tanglin," Abingdon, to Violet Annie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Faulks, "Acacia," Islip.

DEATHS.

BATTERSBY.—On June 16, Caril James Battersby, of 35 West Street, South Cliff, Scarborough.

VEYSEY.—On Sept. 20, Harold Guillaume Veysey, the White Cottage, South Mimms, aged 51.

GIBBS.—On September 26, at 6 Winterbourne Road, Abingdon, Cyril Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gibbs, aged 26 years.

CAM.—On Oct. 3, at 1 Keble Road, Oxford, the Rev. William Herbert Cam, aged 76.

BEVAN.—On Nov. 17, at 38 Adelaide Crescent, Hove, the Rev. Philip Charles Bevan, aged 82 years.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. J. H. Benyon, Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, has relinquished the position of Chairman of the Governing Body, which he has held since 1908, in succession to the late Bishop Mitchinson. He is

succeeded as Chairman by the Rt. Hon. Lord Faringdon, C.H., who has been a Governor of the School since 1916. Mr. Benyon retains his seat on the Governing Body.

The School has lost a true friend by the death of the Rev. P. C. Bevan. Mr. Bevan was elected a Governor in 1911 and from the first took a keen and active interest in our welfare. He was a regular attendant at Governors' meetings and whenever possible would pay us a visit on Founder's Day or at other School functions. For many years he contributed regularly to our prize fund in the summer term, and in 1922—the year in which he preached the Founder's Day sermon in St. Helen's—he set aside £150 as an endowment to provide Divinity prizes annually for competition throughout the School. At the time of his appointment as a Governor and for some years subsequently Mr. Bevan was Rector of Marsh Baldon in Oxfordshire, but of late he had been living in retirement at Headington.

Examination Results (July, 1927):—

Oxford Higher School Certificates, in Group I (Classics), E. G. Langford, E. A. Passam and N. V. Pearson: in Group III (Mathematics), S. R. Hunt and A. M. Thatcher. Hunt gained distinctions in Mathematics and Advanced Mathematics and Thatcher in Mathematics.

Oxford School Certificates, Second Class Honours, K. R. Savage (with distinctions in Latin and Greek); Passed, R. V. Allison, L. L. Baumann, R. E. Broadbent, W. W. Brown, E. W. Edgington, S. A. Fabes, M. K. S. Girdler, H. F. Good, A. M. D. Greene, A. T. Hatfield, J. H. F. Kay, H. R. Lansdown, M. Ogle, J. G. W. Randall, E. P. Rice, R. S. L. Robinson, R. M. Short, A. J. K. Smith, W. B. Smith, P. J. Squire, H. W. Stone, J. G. Waldron and D. C. K. Wright.

Congratulations to S. R. Hunt, who has been awarded a State Scholarship in virtue of his excellent performance in the Higher School Certificate Exam.

At the recent examinations of The Royal Academy of Music, the following were successful: L. S. Bailey, Lower Division, passed. D. S. Kite, Elementary Division, passed with honourable mention.

Valete.

VI. FORM.—N. V. Pearson (1920 iii). School Prefect, 1925; Captain of School, 1927; 1st XI. Cricket, 1927; 2nd XI. Football, 1925–6; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1927; 1st Class Shot, 1926; Sergeant O.T.C., 1926; Certificate 'A,' 1927; O.S.C., 1924–5 (1st class honours, 1925, with distinction in Greek twice and French once); H.S.C. in Classics, 1927; Hon. Sec. L.S.D.S., 1926.

C. R. Hall (1922 iii). School Prefect, 1927; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1927; Lance Cpl., O.T.C. 1927; O.S.C., 1926.

E. A. Passam (1922 ii). School Prefect, 1927; O.S.C., 1925–6–7 (2nd class honours, with distinctions in Greek twice and Latin once); H.S.C. in Classics, 1927.

J. A. Squire (1919 iii). School Prefect, 1927; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1927; Lance Cpl. O.T.C., 1927; O.S.C., 1925–6.

H. R. Lansdown (1925 iii). Sub-Prefect, 1927; 1st XI. Cricket, 1927; Colours, 1927; 2nd XI. Football, 1926; 1st Class Shot, 1926; O.S.C. 1926–7.

J. G. Waldron (1921 iii). 1st XI. Football, 1926; Colours, 1926; O.S.C., 1926–7.

VA. FORM.—W. W. Brown (1923 iii). School Prefect, 1927; Head of House, 1927; 1st XI. Cricket, 1924; Colours, 1925; Captain, 1927; 1st XI. Football, 1925; Colours, 1925; Captain, 1926; 1st IV. Rowing, 1927; Colours, 1927; Captain of Boats, 1927; 1st IV. Cox, 1926; Athletic Colours, 1927; Sergeant O.T.C., 1927; O.S.C., 1927.

R. F. Martin (1917 iii). Sub-prefect, 1927.

R. V. Allison (1926 iii). 2nd XI. Cricket, 1927; O.S.C., 1927.

D. C. K. Wright (1919 ii). 2nd IV. Rowing, 1927; O.S.C., 1927. (Omitted from *Salvete* list at time of entry.)

A. T. Hatfield (1922 iii). "Shallard" Cup for Athletics (junior), 1926; 2nd XI. Football, 1926; O.S.C., 1927.

VB. FORM.—W. J. Farmer (1923 ii).

III. FORM.—J. S. V. Beazley (1926 i), K. H.; Sorrell (1925 iii).

II. FORM.—G. H. Beazley (1926 i), H. J. Lovegrove (1926 iii).

Salvete.

VA. FORM.—R. F. Brown.

VB. FORM.—S. A. Paige.

REMOVE FORM.—J. C. T. Jones, W. F. Wiseman, P. E. Wagstaff, L. A. Smart.

III. FORM.—C. F. Powell, F. L. Mitchell, J. H. Woodley, N. S. Field, G. Jones.

II. FORM.—L. E. Carter, J. Grover, R. M. Drew, G. E. H. Warrick, W. F. Wiggins, R. J. Jacques, D. Lee, R. E. Bradfield, W. J. Head, J. G. Blackburn, I. F. C. Carleton.

We have noted the following omissions from a previous *Valete* list for December, 1926 (appearing in our last Spring number):—

VI. FORM.—C. G. Lay (1921 iii). O.S.C. 1926.

REMOVE FORM.—A. K. Trinder (1923 iii).

III. FORM.—J. F. Miller (1925 iii).

There are 148 names on the School Books this term—70 boarders and 78 day-boys. R. E. Broadbent and C. H. Farrar left us in the course of the term, and their valedictory notices will appear in our next issue. I. F. C. Carleton and G. Jones were late comers.

A. M. Thatcher is Head of the School and E. P. Rice Head of the House. The other prefects are S. R. Hunt, E. G. Langford, S. A. Fabes, T. G. Austin, J. C. R. Gardner, R. E. Broadbent; and sub-prefects N. J. Banes, M. K. S. Girdler, R. A. Langford, M. Ogle, R. S. L. Robinson, K. R. Savage, A. J. K. Smith, C. J. E. Steff.

E. P. Rice is Captain of Football and T. G. Austin Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following :—*The Aldenhamian*, *The Aluredian*, *The Brighton College Magazine*, *The Chigwellian*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Limit*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*.

The "Abingdonian" Committee consists of :—Mr. Ross Barker (*Editor*), A. M. Thatcher, S. R. Hunt, E. G. Langford, T. G. Austin, E. P. Rice, S. A. Fabes, K. R. Savage.

Football Colours have been awarded to E. P. Rice, L. L. Baumann, F. A. J. Povey, R. W. H. Taylor, A. E. Belcher, G. V. Cook, H. W. Stone.

Mr. A. E. Winter, of the Pavlova Company, is still giving valuable help with our games. He comes to us once a week, on Mondays, to coach the teams in Football.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. J. B. Reeves, O.A., for his generosity in presenting to the O.T.C. a Challenge Cup for shooting.

To the same generous donor we are indebted for the gift of an old coloured print (framed) of "Abingdon from the River" (1805).

Other benefactors to whom we are grateful are J. W. Morland, O.A., for the gift of some geological specimens of silver ores from British Columbia, and the Vicar of Midhurst for a copy of his book, "The Happy Traveller," which he has presented to the Library.

There has lately come back into the Headmaster's keeping an old School Register containing names of boys entered between 1810 and 1831.

The School again attended the Armistice Day service in the Town Square, the O.T.C., as in

previous years, forming part of the guard round the War Memorial.

Most members of the School attended the admirable "Scenes from Abingdon History" given at the Corn Exchange on Nov. 17 and 19 under the auspices of the North Berks (Abingdon) Boy Scouts Association. Some also lent their services towards the success of the performances, both behind the stage and on it. Of the latter we would mention especially Mr. J. W. Reynolds, who took the part of the Prior, and A. M. D. Greene, who made an excellent boy king Henry III. The School was also well represented in the persons of some of its Old Boys—notably by Mr. H. G. W. d'Almaine, whose impersonation of Thomas Pentecost, the last Abbot of Abingdon, made us more than half wish that he had chosen the stage as his vocation, and by Mr. A. E. Preston, who, in addition to contributing invaluable help to the talented authoress (Miss Agnes C. Baker) from the rich stores of his historical and archaeological knowledge, sustained on the stage the part of Richard Mayott, first Mayor of Abingdon, with dignity and conviction.

We had another visit on Nov. 26 from Mr. R. Kennedy Cox, Warden of the Dockland Settlements in Canning Town, who gave us an interesting and instructive talk about the very lovable people with whom he comes in contact, and the problems that have to be faced in working for and with them.

Among lectures given this term under the auspices of the Abingdon Literary and Debating Society, most of which senior boys have been enabled to attend, the most interesting included "Delphi," by the Rev. A. E. J. Rawlinson, D.D., "A short Tour in Greece," by Miss Lucy Silcox, and "the Symbolism of Chess," by Miss M. B. Sanders.

We offer our condolences to little W. J. Brewer, who was knocked down and seriously injured by a motor-car when on his way home to Marcham at the beginning of the term. He has since been in the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford, where we learn with pleasure that he is making very satisfactory progress towards complete recovery.

Miss Grundy did not stay with us long. She went out in August with her aunt, Mrs. Sturrock, and family to Suez, where we wish her a very pleasant holiday.

Our representatives at the Duke of York's summer camp this year were N. V. Pearson and W. W. Brown.

Apropos of the letter published in our last issue on the subject of the School Coat of Arms, our indefatigable correspondent, W.H.S., has looked the School up in the Register compiled by the College of Arms, and finds, after a brief description of the Arms as generally blazoned, a bracketed legend ("of no authority"). It appears, however, that to have the whole matter put straight would cost exactly £76 10s., so that, unless our correspondent can find a considerable number of others willing, like himself, to bear their share of this cost, it is difficult to see how the matter can be compassed. The Editor of this Magazine would be willing personally to subscribe a guinea.

The contingent is extremely grateful to J. B. Reeves, Esq., O.A., for his gift of a challenge cup. This cup will be used as a prize for the best House Shooting team and will be competed for some time during the summer Term after the completion of the annual Musketry course.

When I was very young I coveted
 The little fish that swam in Shippon brook ;
 For oh ! said I, how pretty they would look
 In a glass box, with cotton softly spread,
 Like sleeping angels on a white cloud-bed !
 Therefore I bent a pin into a hook,
 And tying string to a wand my journey took
 To Shippon, bearing heaven in my head.

In this School we have some people of responsibility appointed as Prefects. These officials are "Lions under the Throne," and perform the duty of keeping law and order, as far as desirable, to make things run smoothly in the absence of some higher official (such as the Matron or a master). To help these *very* hard-working officials, there was not long ago instituted a weeny little red book, stating exactly what was to be done and what was not to be done. To use this document properly one must pay attention chiefly to the important rules, such as "No ragging in the Reading Room," "Pullovers must be dark grey and worn between the shirt and trousers and under a waistcoat," "No hair-lubricants may be used," and that a boy must never borrow anybody else's articles of attire. To be well versed in all these laws and rules a boy is advised, on his first coming to School, to devote a short time after tea each day to studiously applying himself to this most interesting pamphlet.

Our thanks are due to E. P. Rice for re-habilitating the School wireless set, which had got out of order.

This term ends on Dec. 15th : boarders leave on the 16th. We are looking forward to the usual Rag Concert on the evening of the 15th.

Next term begins on Jan. 13th, boarders returning on the previous day.

The end of the Easter term is fixed for March 27th, the beginning of the Summer term for April 28th, and the end of the Summer term for July 23rd. (The dates given are those on which the school terms officially end or begin ; not those on which boarders are expected to leave or arrive.)

O.T.C.

The following cadets were successful in the Practical Part of Certificate A Examination, held in November :—T. G. Austin, L. L. Baumann, S. A. Fabes, J. C. R. Gardner, E. G. Langford, M. Ogle, E. P. Rice.

IDEALISM.

Nurse tried in vain to dash that first romance :
 Told how the silver lacquering, that fish had,
 Rubb'd off ; said fish smell'd fishy and soon went
 bad,
 With more of realistic circumstance.

Her dismal wisdom I could never win,
 Because I had no luck with my bent pin. O.J.C.

RULES.

The most difficult part about the rules, in our days, is that so many rules, such as "No smoking on School premises," "No deriding prefects," etc., are all unwritten. If by any chance, for breaking one of these restrictions, one finds oneself in the "Head Prefect's Study," and likely at any moment to connect with the lash, it is not of the slightest avail saying "Oh indeed, but that is not written in the rule book," because you are supposed to know these things and they form part of School etiquette. From this we may quite justly assume that the most important rules are kept in a human rule book, namely, our head. Therefore, having versed ourselves well in the book of rules, we are in no wise perfect. Boys who have been at School for a long time, by instinct avoid doing things which are likely to incur the wrath of the officials. Therefore I humbly suggest that the Head Prefect enumerates the unwritten rules at the commencement of each term to all new boys, who have not yet had a chance to break any rules. G.U.E.S.S.

FOOTBALL.

The past season has not been a particularly good one for us, neither the 1st XI. nor the 'Under 15' XI. being above the average, whilst the 2nd XI. was distinctly below it.

The 1st XI. at first shewed promise; but that promise was not fully realized, largely because of the lack of penetrative power possessed by the inside forwards and their weakness in finishing off attacking movements and shooting, a weakness which was also present in a greater or less degree in the other two elevens. This was a great pity, as the 1st XI., at any rate, played with science up to that point.

The defence of the team was weakened by a lack of speed and a failure to mark the opposing forwards closely enough. Povey, however, played a good game at left back.

The half-back line was greatly improved and the attack of the team generally strengthened when Baumann moved from right-back to centre-half, where he opened up the game well.

On the whole it was unfortunate that so many of the matches had to be played on heavy, rain-soaked grounds, as these conditions appeared to affect the team unduly.

The 2nd XI. had rather a poor record, winning only two out of six matches, and twice sustaining heavy defeats from the City of Oxford School.

The 'Under 15' XI. though not strong was better than the record of one win out of four matches appears to indicate, two of the matches lost being very closely contested.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Magdalen College School. Won 3—1. This, the first match of the season, was played away on Wednesday, Sept. 28th. It was quite a good game, though the ground was very wet. The forwards showed little dash, but the School defence was good. Stone scored first for the School from the wing, but Magdalen equalized just before half time. In the second half Rice scored twice for the School but Magdalen failed to score again. Savage played well in goal. Team:—K. R. Savage (goal); L. L. Baumann, R. W. H. Taylor (backs); F. A. J. Povey, S. A. Fabes, L. P. Mosdell (halves); R. E. Broadbent, G. V. Cook, A. E. Belcher, E. P. Rice, H. W. Stone (forwards).

v. City of Oxford School. Won 3—0. Played at home on Sat., Oct. 1st. The School won the toss and played with the wind, which was rather strong. The game was very equal though

the School should have scored more than they did. Belcher was the only scorer in the first half. In the second half goals were scored by Cook and Stone respectively. Baumann and Fabes played well, but the latter's passing was not so good as his tackling, which was very good. The team was the same as before.

v. R. E. Eason's XI. Drawn 1—1. This was a very good game indeed, and the School would have had some more goals but for the fine goal-keeping of J. F. Sinclair for the opposing team. They scored in the first half and Stone equalized for the School in the second. The School defence was very sound and Cook shot very well, though he was thwarted by the opposing goalie. The team was the same as before.

v. R. E. Eason's XI. Won 1—0. The match with King Alfred's School, Wantage, having fallen through, R. E. Eason's XI. played us a return match on Oct. 19th. Baumann went to centre half, Povey to left back and Fabes to left half. The team played better like this, and Baumann gave some very fine low passes to the forwards. The game was very keenly contested and Belcher was the only scorer. Cook and Broadbent put in a lot of hard shots, which were stopped by the opposing goal keeper. E. G. Langford played at right half instead of Mosdell.

v. Keble College. Lost 1—5. This game was played at home on Oct. 22nd, in the pouring rain with a strong wind blowing. In the first half the School did well against the wind. Mr. Alston scored for the School but our opponents equalised before half time. In the second half the Keble forwards improved tremendously and scored four more goals with excellent shots. The School forwards seemed unable to shoot.

v. Pembroke College. Lost 1—4. This match was played at Oxford on a fine day, Oct. 29th. The School again played well in the first half and pressed a lot, but could not shoot. The score was 0—0 at half time. In the second half the School defence again weakened and Pembroke scored two goals. Rice scored one for the School but Pembroke added two more. Broadbent played a very fine game on the wing, but our inside forwards never seemed able to shoot. Savage was not as good as usual.

v. Abingdon Junior Imperials. Won 3—1. This match was played on their ground on Nov. 12th. Our team was weakened through Broadbent's leaving, but Hillier played quite well in his place. The School played with the wind and scored once in the first half. In the second half

two more goals were added and our opponents scored one from a bad goal kick, which they put in while Savage was by the post. Cook, Stone and Belcher scored for the School.

v. Pembroke College. Won 2—1. This match was played at home in fine weather on Nov. 16th. The School defence was good but our inside forwards should have had several goals in the first half. At half time the score was 1—0 for our opponents, but in the second half Baumann and Cook scored for the School. In this match Cook went on the wing and Mosdell went to centre forward.

v. Magdalen College School. Lost 3—4. This match was played on Nov. 19th, at Oxford, as our ground was unfit for play. Theirs was not much better. The field was very wet and it was raining. In the first half Magdalen scored twice and Stone scored for us. In the second half Magdalen scored twice more and Stone and Rice each scored for the School. The School defence was rather weak and Taylor let the opposing inside left go too much unmarked.

v. Exeter College. Lost 0—8. This match was played away on Nov. 23rd. Baumann and Taylor were on the sick list and Mr. Alston and H. F. Good came into the team. Our opponents were very good and scored three goals in the first half and five in the second. Our forwards could not get hold of the ball, and we missed Baumann at centre half, while Mr. Alston was out of his place at right back.

v. City of Oxford School. Lost 2—5. This game was played on Nov. 26th, at Oxford. We defended a very muddy goal, playing uphill in the first half. Our opponents scored twice in the first half and Baumann scored for the School. The defence was quite good, but in the second half our opponents were allowed to score three more goals, to which we replied with one through Belcher. Their inside left scored four of their five goals. Our forwards were very weak and we should have had several more goals.

v. Abingdon Junior Imperials. Drawn 2—2. Played Dec. 3rd at home. This match provided one of our best games. The defence played very well indeed. Savage made some fine saves. The forwards were not so good, but the result was a very fair one. Our goals were scored by Belcher and Cook, one in either half, the score at half time being one goal all.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Magdalen College School. Won 2—1. The following represented the School in this match,

which was played at home on Sept. 24th :—G. A. Wood (goal); W. B. Smith, R. S. L. Robinson (backs); S. R. Hunt, G. Garton, H. F. Good (halves); D. J. W. Hillier, M. Ogle, E. G. Langford, R. M. Short, G. E. Sinclair (forwards).

The play was even from start to finish. Our goals were scored by Good and Langford.

v. City of Oxford School. Lost 3—9. This match was played, mainly in pouring rain, on Oct. 1st at Oxford. The play of our forwards was rather wild at times, and many opportunities were missed. Langford and Short were responsible for three goals, but our opponents attacked strongly and scored many times. Our team was the same as in the last match.

v. Dorchester College. Won 7—2. Played on the School ground on Nov. 5th. Rain fell during the match, making the ground treacherous and the ball difficult to control, but in spite of this there were distinct signs of improved passing and tackling on the part of the home team. Cook, Hillier and Sinclair were responsible for our goals, of which 5 were scored during the first half. Our team was as follows :—G. A. Wood (goal); W. B. Smith, R. S. L. Robinson (backs); H. F. Good, W. F. Wiseman, G. Garton (halves); G. E. Sinclair, G. V. Cook, R. M. Short, R. L. Dawson, D. J. W. Hillier (forwards).

v. Culham College. Lost 1—6. This game was played away on Nov. 9th. The School team did not seem at all comfortable on the strange ground. The opposing forwards were very strong and often broke through. Wood saved many difficult shots, being particularly good on the ground. Our goal was scored by Short. Our team was the same as in the last match, except that W. B. Badcock displaced Dawson forward, playing inside right.

v. City of Oxford School. Lost 3—10. Played at home on Nov. 26th. Good scored one of our goals with a fine shot, and Short got the other two. Hillier tried hard on the wing and put in some good centres, but nothing came of them. Our opponents were quicker on the ball and proved themselves by far the better team, as the result shows. In this match A. M. Thatcher displaced Wiseman at half, while the forward line consisted of D. J. W. Hillier, F. H. G. Taylor, R. M. Short, R. L. Dawson and G. E. Sinclair.

v. Dorchester College. Lost 0—4. Played at Dorchester on Nov. 30th. In this match C. J. E. Steff played in goal instead of Wood, who had hurt his wrist, Ogle played on the left wing, and Mosdell and Badcock took the places of Dawson and F. H. G. Taylor respectively. Our forwards failed to

utilise their chances, of which they had several. Garton played well, as he has done in all the matches, but, for the rest, the opposing forwards were too good for our defence.

" UNDER 15 " MATCHES.

v. City of Oxford School. Lost 1—2. This match, played on the home ground on Oct. 12th, produced a very even contest from start to finish. Our team was as follows :—S. P. Austin (goal) ; E. R. Leslie-Smith, F. H. G. Taylor (backs) ; J. M. Allison, W. F. Wiseman, P. O. Darbishire (halves) ; E. F. Slatter, W. B. Badcock, R. F. Brown, D. S. Kite, G. E. Sinclair (forwards). Austin played well in goal and Wiseman at centre-half was the mainstay of the team. The defence was sound but the forwards were rather weak.

v. Reading Schools F.C. Lost 1—3. Played at home on Nov. 12th. The score at half-time was one goal all, our goal being scored by S. A. Paige. The Reading boys played well and deserved their victory ; but the game was evenly contested, and with a little more luck the School might have made a draw of it. In this match V. E. Pollard played half *vice* Darbishire, L. P. Mosdell centre forward and S. A. Paige inside right, *vice* Brown and Kite respectively.

v. City of Oxford School. Lost 1—7. This return match was played at Oxford on Nov. 16th. The ground was slippery and our opponents' forwards were too fast for our rather erratic defence, while our three inside forwards kept too close together to do any useful passing. Taylor and Allison played well at back and half respectively. Our goal was from a free kick by Wiseman. The team was the same as in the former match *v. C.O.S.*, except that V. E. Pollard and S. A. Paige took the places of Darbishire and Brown respectively.

v. New College School. Won 3—0. Played at Oxford on Nov. 23rd. A good and fast game, in which the back division put up an excellent defence. Our goals were scored by Paige and Badcock in the first half, and Kite (a good goal from a centre by Slatter) in the second. A. F. Hill displaced Leslie-Smith at back ; otherwise the team was the same as in the previous match.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

K. R. Savage (goal). Colours, 1926. A good goalkeeper. He is very reliable with shots in the air but rarely gets down to ground-shots. This often proves a serious fault. He has a very strong kick.

F. A. J. Povey (left back). Colours, 1927. Has played a good game throughout the season, but has improved a lot as well. His tendency to be erratic has decreased a lot and his strong kick is a great help to the forwards.

R. W. H. Taylor (right back). Colours, 1927. Has played well and has developed a good kick with either foot. He tackles well but is inclined to be erratic, especially on wet ground.

S. A. Fabes (left half). Colours, 1926. A very energetic player, who tackles well. His long passing to the wing is very good, but he is not so accurate with short passes. He sometimes forgets his wing man, but is always doing good work.

L. L. Baumann (centre half). Colours, 1927. Has been of the utmost use to the team. Marks his man with untiring energy and passes and heads very well indeed. Uses his weight well but is hampered by it on muddy ground.

E. G. Langford (right half). Has improved a great deal and passes very well. Does not tackle scientifically, but tries very hard indeed.

R. E. Broadbent (outside left). Colours, 1926. Has played well and centred accurately. He was rather slow at first but improved a great deal and became a good winger. His leaving left a big gap in the forward line.

D. J. W. Hillier (outside left).—Came into the team late. Tries very hard but suffers from a poor kick. He combines well however with his inside men.

A. E. Belcher (inside left). A very hard-working player. He does rather too much work in helping the defence. He shoots poorly, but rushes the ball along very well.

G. V. Cook (centre forward). Quite a good shot. His passing, which was poor, has improved a lot. Wastes time rather a lot, but is very tricky.

H. W. Stone (inside right). Is very light but uses what weight he has well. His shooting is very poor and he does not seize his opportunities for shots. He passes very well to his inside men and wing.

E. P. Rice (outside right). Captain. Colours, 1927. The most consistent player in the forward line. Gets away well and puts in good centres and shoots well. He is faster than last season, but would find some additional weight a great asset. Has been a very conscientious and enthusiastic captain.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Debating Society has met as usual this term. It was decided to hold debates once a fortnight, but this was not always possible owing to other engagements.

The first meeting was held for the election of officers, and S. A. Fabes was elected Honorary Treasurer, and E. G. Langford Honorary Secretary.

On Sat., Oct. 1st, the House met to debate that "capital punishment should be abolished." The Vice-President took the chair, and T. G. Austin seconded by A. M. Thatcher proposed the motion. The Hon. Sec. seconded by E. P. Rice opposed. The following members also spoke. *Pro.*: G. A. Wood. *Neut.*: J. E. Spencer. *Contra*: Mr. J. W. Reynolds; G. E. Sinclair; F. W. Jennings, and the Vice-President. The motion was lost by 6 votes to 10.

The Society met again on Oct. 15th, and the motion before the House was that "the amenities of the countryside are unnecessarily endangered by modern buildings." This was proposed by the Hon. Treas. and seconded by A. M. Thatcher. E. P. Rice seconded by F. W. Jennings opposed. The following members also spoke. *Pro.*: M.

Ogle; D. J. W. Hillier; F. C. L. Humphrey; the Vice-President, and C. J. E. Steff. *Contra*: F. M. Butterfield; J. E. Spencer; J. C. R. Gardner; J. H. F. Kay; G. V. Cook; G. A. Wood; N. J. Banes, and the Hon. Sec. The House divided against the motion by 9 votes to 11.

On Oct. 29th the Society met with A. M. Thatcher in the chair. C. J. E. Steff was called upon to propose that "in the opinion of this House tipping should be prohibited." This was seconded by M. Ogle. J. C. R. Gardner and T. G. Austin opposed.

The following members also addressed the House. *Pro*: L. L. Baumann; E. P. Rice; F. W. Jennings; W. R. A. Kettle; N. J. Banes; A. M. Thatcher, and the Hon. Sec. *Contra*: J. E. Spencer; D. J. W. Hillier; R. S. L. Robinson; S. A. Fabes; J. H. F. Kay.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried by 9 to 6.

The Vice-President, Mr. E. J. P. Ross-Barker, has kindly cyclostyled copies of the rules of the Society to be distributed among the members.

ABINGDON SCHOOL BREAKING UP.

[It is not generally our custom to describe *in extenso* our doings at the end of the term, but the following account, published independently in *The North Berks Herald* for July 29, and here reprinted with all due acknowledgments, should interest many of our readers who will not have had a chance to read it in the local paper.—Ed.]

On Sunday the school service, which is held annually on the last Sunday of the summer term, took place in St. Nicholas' Church. Eaton Fanning's setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were rendered by the choir, while the anthem was Elvey's "I beheld and, lo, a great multitude." The treble soloists, J. E. Emmett and H. R. Lay, were in good form, and A. M. Thatcher and N. V. Pearson, who were responsible for the bass solos, were heard to advantage. The whole service reflects the greatest credit on Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach, who was responsible for the training of the choirs and accompanied the singing.

The summer term concluded on Monday with a rag concert in the Gymnasium. The programme opened with syncopated items by the "Syncopated Citizens" (J. A. Squire, S. A. Fabes and M. Ogle), which was followed by a spirited rendering of Haydn's "Toy Symphony" by the

following: Mrs. Fairthorne and Mrs. Reynolds (1st violins), Mrs. Humphrey and K. R. Savage (2nd violins), Mrs. Scott ('cello), J. A. Squire (piano), N. J. Banes (trumpet), S. A. Fabes (cuckoo), W. G. C. Denny (drum), C. R. Hall (nightingale), R. W. H. Taylor (triangle), D. S. Kite (rattle), S. A. Fabes and D. S. Kite (quail). After this a two-part song "Twelve by the Clock," by Loyd, was rendered by J. E. Emmett, H. R. Lay, L. Bailey, L. P. Mosdell, G. A. Wood, with great clarity of tone. The rest of the evening, with the exception of "Luncheon Interval," was occupied by the presentation of a mock trial, in which "Mr. Maison" (D. L. Dawson) sued "Mr. Lyons" (A. B. Blackmore) for damages for injuries inflicted with a cricket ball. The officials of the court were as follows:—Mr. Justice Sheen, C. R. Hall; Counsel for Plaintiff (Mr. Huntley), A. M. Thatcher; Counsel for defendant (Mr. Palmer), T. G. Austin; Clerk of Court, N. V. Pearson; Usher, C. J. E. Steff; P.C. Marcham, E. A. Passam; Plaintiff's witnesses, Miss Mary Higgs, J. E. Spencer, Mr. Isaac Adams, J. G. Milson; Defendant's witnesses, Albert Lyons, W. G. C. Denny, Mr. Edwin Swan, S. S. Bates.

The success of this trial was well deserved, as the whole case was composed and arranged by

the two Counsel and the Judge, and no small trouble was involved in training the witnesses. Especially praiseworthy were P.C. Marcham's efforts to obtain "Silence in Court!"

During the luncheon hour the audience were treated to songs by Miss Peach, who was in her usual good form and thoroughly deserved her encore. Miss Peach's two songs were "The

Second Minuet," by Maurice Besly, and "The Fairy Pipers," by Herbert Brewer. M. K. S. Girdler's song, "My Bassoon," was also much appreciated.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. Y. Ingham, in whose hands was the arrangement of the programme, and to those members of the orchestra who so kindly contributed to the pleasure and success of the evening.

FOOTBALL IN SWITZERLAND.

The subject that would interest the majority of you, now that the cricket season at the School is over, would be the game you will be playing this term. As I happen to be away from England at present, and as you are all probably rather vague as to what sort of football is played here, I might as well make that the subject of my contribution.

As you probably all know, professional football has been, up to the present, entirely restricted to the British Isles, though doubtless it will be taken up on the Continent later on. As a natural consequence to there being no professional clubs here, or, as I might unkindly put it, no dumping heap for the rougher spirits of the game, there is no club, such as the Corinthians, known for their high standard and their clean play. Of course, the standard varies greatly, Lausanne being well known for their clean game, whilst the southern teams, from the Tessin and Italy, have a very doubtful reputation indeed.

I will not bore you with the classification of the clubs, but will merely mention one or two to show you what curious names they have:—"Grasshoppers," from Zurich, which reminds me of a polo team; "Old Boys and Young Fellows," whose names have nothing to do with the matter at all, as people of any age can play. Such are the English names. Why the *English* names, I don't know, unless they think it is more "sporty."

As is only natural, the onlookers often misuse

English football terms when watching a match. A favourite ejaculation, which can be heard everywhere, is the word "shoot." "Shoot" is employed whenever anybody kicks the ball, whether the goal-keeper, a back, or a forward. Afterwards you hear people commenting on the good *shoot* (shot). When a crowd of supporters wants to make someone "get a move on," everyone shouts "hop! hop! hop!" Rather unnerving for an English team, when it comes out here!

After all this, you will ask yourself what the standard of the play is. To quote the words of an English club director:—"The standard of play in the leading Swiss teams is that of the third league, but it is improving so rapidly that within five years they will be challenging first league teams in England." That is a bad look-out for English football, as the total population of Switzerland is just half that of Greater London. Recently we had a visit from Manchester United, who finished fifteenth in the first league. They played a series of five matches, winning them all with a goal aggregate of 25-6. I saw a match between them and a local club, when they won 9-1. Against Lausanne, however, they only just pulled it off by 3-1.

I'm afraid I have taken up too much room already, so will wish you the best of luck for the next season.

BERTIE.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

'Twas Christmas Eve: the frozen moor
Lay white beneath the moon:
The cattle shivered in their stall
And longed for days of June.
For every tree and every leaf
Was clasped in winter's spell:
The north wind blew as cold as death:
And the snow fell.

The traveller stumbled on: his face
Was white as the snow around.
No coat had he; his weary feet
Nigh froze to the frozen ground.

The village lights were near; but for all
That his dimmed eyes could tell,
They were far away as the stars above—
And the snow fell.

The village lights were near: they told
Of joy and festive cheer;
While children's laughter o'er the snow
Came faint to his dying ear.
But the merry din of the Christmas chimes
Rang his death knell:
He lay, as still as the earth beneath—
And the snow fell.

C.C.W.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

The annual School Concert was held this year in the Corn Exchange on Friday, Dec. 2nd, before a large audience. We have again to thank Mr. Wright for the time and trouble he takes in arranging the decorations.

We had much pleasure in welcoming a larger orchestra than in previous years, the "Abingdon Orchestra Society," whose playing contributed largely to the success of the evening, and we thank them. Their rendering of the 1st movement of Mozart's G minor symphony called forth a well-earned encore, and to the great delight of the audience they repeated two of the selections given in the first part of the programme.

Miss Peach's songs were given with her accustomed excellence and she was particularly good in "Still as the Night" and "Where e'er you walk," which were enthusiastically encored.

A very welcome name on the programme was that of J. B. O. Durell, O.A., whose three items "Come Let's be Merry," "Yarmouth Fair," and "Sigh No More Ladies," (the last as an extra) were deservedly popular.

The part songs rendered by the School were well done, but many of the singers did not give the conductor the attention due to her, a practice involving great risk. The trebles unison song "Nymphs and Shepherds" was delightfully light and dainty, although there was slight uncertainty in the more difficult parts.

The two quartettes, especially the second "The Long Day Closes," were very well rendered, and received a well-merited encore.

Finally we must congratulate the accompanists on their performances, while thanking Mrs. A. Mills for the help she gave. Jennings was very good in Miss Peach's "Still as the Night," showing great sympathy with both the song and the singer.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Anglican Carol *M. R. Dobson.*
"In the Silence of the Night"
The School.

2. Selections (a) "Gavotte" *Lully.*
(b) "Hornpipe" "
(c) "Cibet" "
(d) "Jig" "
The Orchestra.
3. Part Song "The Miller's Wooing" *Eaton*
The School. *Fanning.*
4. Songs (a) "Still as the Night" *Carl Bohm.*
(b) "A May Morning" *L. Denza.*
Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach.
5. Quartette, "As Torrents in Summer" *Elgar.*
H. R. Lay, P. W. Lay, S. A. Fabes, A. M. Thatcher.
6. Song "Come Let's be Merry" *H. Lane*
J. B. O. Durell, O.A. *Wilson.*
7. Unison Song "Nymphs and Shepherds" *Purcell.*
A. E. B. Foxwell, L. J. F. Godwin, A. L. Fleet,
J. E. Emmett.
8. Part Song "Oranges and Lemons" *Malcolm*
The School. *Brodie.*

PART II.

1. Symphony G Minor (1st Movement) *Mozart.*
Orchestra.
2. Part Song "Drake's Drum" *E. D. Rendall.*
The School.
3. Three Part Song *Arr. by Gerard*
"Robin Hood and Little John" *Williams.*
The Trebles.
4. Song "Yarmouth Fair" *Peter Warlock.*
J. B. O. Durell, O.A.
5. National Air "The Miller of the Dee" *Arr. by*
with Descant The Trebles. *Alan Gray.*
6. Quartette "The Long Day Closes" *Sullivan.*
H. R. Lay, P. W. Lay, S. A. Fabes, A. M. Thatcher.
7. Songs (a) "The Little Waves of Breffny" *Graham Peel.*
(b) "Where e'er you walk" *Handel.*
Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach.
8. Part Song "Crossing the Bar" *Maurice*
The Choir. *Besley.*
9. Unison Song "Worship" *Geoffrey Shaw.*
The School.

ROUND THE STONE WALL.

Names are called, and off we go,
Willy-willy, fast or slow:
Now we're through the iron gate:
(Poor, dear children! What a fate!)

Off we go, away we run,
Out to have our bit of fun,

Puffing, blowing (never mind!
Soon we'll get our second wind.)

Past St. Helen's, ruled by Sisters,
(Bless these shoes!—they give me blisters:)
By the brook and orchards three,
(Wistful glances!—Look and see!)

Past the Golf Club, blowing, puffing :
 (See the shot that fellow's muffing !)
 Little breath is left for talking :
 (Who was that suggested walking ?)

Here's the good old wall at length :
 (Race along it ! show your strength !)
 Here's the half-way hay-stack too :
 (Half the journey still to do !)

Straggling now the line and long :
 Some, it may be, going strong ;
 Others, unlike Hercules,
 Weak and sagging at the knees.

Now we're on the asphalt road :
 (Shoes and stockings—what a load !)
 Stumbling, staggering, on we trot :
 (Shirts and shorts !—it makes you hot !)

Opposite th' allotment grounds,
 Where the red-brick power-house pounds,

Beating time as on we go,
 (Wish I were a dynamo !)

On we totter, blown and weary,
 (Throats are dry and eyes are bleary,)
 Where the Boxhill Walk emerges,
 (Flesh is weak, but spirit urges,)

On to where the two roads meet,
 And fairly gallop down the street,
 Fairly gallop like a horse,
 (Those who have not *run* the course.)

But one and all, the goal in sight,
 Feel new courage for the fight,
 Scamper up John' Roysse's lane,
 Down the Park, and home again ;

Waddle up John Roysse's tower,
 Change, and rest for half-an-hour ;
 Then (gentle reader, pity me !)
 Two hours' work before our tea !

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FEDERATION OF MEN'S SOCIAL CLUBS.

21, Denison House,
 Vauxhall Bridge Road,
 London, S.W. 1.
 17th October, 1927.

DEAR SIR,

May I be allowed to draw your attention to the enclosed copy of an Appeal now appearing in the principal London and Provincial journals and to ask your very kind support through the School and any periodical circulating among past and present members.

As a means for promoting goodwill among all sections of the community, the Federated Clubs afford a unique opportunity for the Public School boy to gain first-hand knowledge of the conditions under which the workers exist, and the ground of equality upon which both meet in the common activities inside and outside the building promotes an intimate feeling of sympathy not otherwise easily obtainable. The standard of Sport aimed at is of the highest known to amateurs and the Club members readily respond to the lead set.

The existing Settlements and School Missions in many cases offer residential accommodation and I shall be very glad to give any information respecting this, but the assistance of those who, having settled residence in London, can devote one or more evenings a week to a club, or who will assist the Central organisation by creating interest in their own circles, will be most warmly welcomed

by the Council, and any help you can give in the matter will be most gratefully acknowledged by
 Yours faithfully,

EDWD. YOUNG,
 Hon. Secretary.

CLUB WORKERS WANTED.

It is universally agreed that the chief need of our Country is the spread of goodwill and friendship in place of enmity and suspicion. This is the chief object of a branch of social activity to which we invite the attention of your readers.

The "Federation of Working Men's Social Clubs" was formed in 1895 to unite Institutions in all parts of London, which had no specified political object, where alcohol was not sold, and whose athletic and other enterprises were conducted on genuine amateur principles.

There has been a reduction in the number of Federated Clubs since the war, but this is not due to any falling off in the desire of London Workers for Club life, but to the lack of capable men willing to undertake the responsibilities of management and administration.

It is to such men that this Appeal is addressed. We ask them to consider the possibility of devoting some part of their leisure time to Men's Clubs. There is no better way of gaining valuable knowledge of Industrial conditions ; there is no surer means of establishing mutual confidence between

those for whom such Clubs were founded and men drawn from other sections of the community. Existing Clubs are in urgent need of personal help and old Clubs ought to be re-opened. Volunteers are urgently wanted to organise outdoor games and indoor pastimes of every description. Rowing, Boxing and Cricket coaches, Chess experts, leaders of Debating Societies, Musical and Dramatic Societies, librarians, etc., etc., will all receive a hearty welcome.

The best way of all is to live in or near the Club. Most of the University, School and other Settlements are anxious to get more Residents; but men who can give up a night or two a week are just as badly needed.

It is impossible to compress into a small space the variety of work that can be done or to describe the pleasure and benefit experienced by Club Managers.

The opportunity afforded to men engaged in Professional or Commercial life in London for establishing goodwill as opposed to the existing suspicion among all sections of the community is unique, while the experience to be gained is of the greatest possible value.

Full details may be obtained from the General Secretary of the Federation of Men's Social Clubs, 21, Denison House, S.W. 1, who will gladly give advice and suggest suitable spheres of work.

HAROLD BOULTON (President).

CRAWFORD AND BALCARRES.

CHELMSFORD.

HUGH CECIL.

J. H. THOMAS.

PERCY ALDEN.

FRANK BRIANT.

W. H. BONHAM-CARTER

(Chairman of Council).

THE ELUSIVE ODOUR.

An extraordinary and disturbing visitation troubled the study corridor one evening during the term. The first indication that some unseen influences were at work, took the form of a faint but insistent aroma. The smell steadily increased in volume and offensiveness, so that it soon pervaded the whole corridor. At length it became unbearable and many heads popped out of studies angrily exhorting the practical joker to quit it. The supposed joker, however, gave no response, and so with much nasal anguish a few bold spirits tracked the pungent odour to the door of "No. 4."

Now perfumes, ranging from those of sardines and gorgonzola to that of bad fish-paste, have often been known to emanate from this home of gastronomical delights, but never before had such noxious vapours been wafted on the breeze. Before any further steps could be taken, the door burst open and the inhabitants staggered forth with piteous cries for assistance. The open door revealed the electric-light switch to be partly enveloped by a cloud of dense smoke, through which one could see vivid flashes.

By now several members of the modern sixth were present and being called upon to examine this electrical phenomenon. Since they are always ready to do something really useful, one by one they gingerly advanced, and laying their hands upon the switch remarked that it was "arc-ing." Next the porter was summoned. He at once got

a grip of the situation, and with his usual perspicacity said, "there's something wrong here." Soon the wireless expert was seen shouldering his way through the throng. A quick survey was sufficient for him, and turning round he immediately made the cryptic remark, "arc-ing."

This last statement was made so convincingly that, by this time, the universal opinion of the affair was that the switch was, well—"arc-ing." But alas! it was not destined for a Modern to unravel the mystery, for one of the Classic inmates, now thoroughly exasperated, suddenly revolutionised public opinion by saying, "the sparks are burning the rubber insulation." At last light was thrown upon the matter: at last the source of the smell was laid bare. Unfortunately the actual cause of the disorder was not ascertained, as the second tea bell bade us depart to the dining hall, and so "No. 4" switch was deserted with all its glorious halo.

No-one knows to this day how the trouble was put right. Rumour has it that a Modern, anxious to redeem his seeming ignorance, crept furtively out of tea to effect a repair: it was even suggested that the village electrician was hastily summoned. Anyway, the occupants found peace and order reigning once more on their return from the Hall.

We are now wondering what troubles we shall have to 'ark to next term from that study.

R. K. S.

THE OTHER END OF BROADCASTING.

Most people are, by now, acquainted with the working of an ordinary wireless receiving set, or at

least with the type which merely needs the pressing of a switch to fill the room with music from the

loud-speaker, but there are still a few, I believe, who do not realize quite all that is necessary to bring this music to them.

There are three important links in the chain at the transmitting end, namely, the studio or concert hall in which the broadcast is taking place, the control-room, and the transmitter. In the days before the Post Office telephone lines were used for simultaneous broadcasting these were generally housed in the same building, but now it is found more convenient to have the transmitter situated close to a power station and connected by telephone lines to the studios and control-room in the heart of the city they serve, for the convenience of artists and the staff.

Originally the studios were very heavily draped with hangings round the walls, and had thick carpets on the floors to prevent any trace of echo, but in the light of subsequent research these have been modified to introduce a slight echo, thus giving greater realism to the broadcast, and in the latest London studios the hangings can be varied at will to give just the amount of echo required by the performance which is taking place. In addition to this there is now an 'echo-room' to provide a still more convenient method of giving the correct amount of echo; a second microphone in each studio is connected to an amplifier which works a loud-speaker in the echo-room, and a microphone in this room picks up the sound from this loud-speaker and conveys it to the control-room, where it is amplified and super-imposed upon the current from the other microphone in the studio.

The most important part of the studio furniture is, of course, the microphone. In the early days of broadcasting a small carbon microphone, similar to those found in the ordinary telephone, was used, and each member of an orchestra had to have one suspended near his instrument as they were so lacking in sensitivity. The obvious shortcomings of these led Captain Round to experiment with microphones, and he invented the Round microphone or magnetophone, in which a thin pancake coil of fine aluminium wire is suspended in the field of a very powerful magnet, and the movements of the coil in this field, caused by the sound waves in the air, induce in the coil a small current, which is amplified in the control-room and passed on to the transmitter. This type of microphone is still in use in most of the provincial studios of the B.B.C., while London uses a still more recent invention—the Reiss microphone—which is a development of the original carbon type. This

type of microphone is also generally used for outside broadcasts, both in London and the provinces, owing to the greater ease with which the necessary accessories can be transported.

For gramophone records an ordinary microphone is no longer used. Instead, an electric 'pick-up' is fitted to the tone-arm of the gramophone. This 'pick-up' consists generally of two small coils in the field of a magnet, one on each side of a reed to which the needle is clamped, and the vibrations of this reed in the field of the magnets set up a small current in the coils. This current is then amplified and passed on to the transmitter in the ordinary way.

The control-room is the room where all the amplifiers are situated and where the strength of the current passed on to the transmitter is regulated. At one of these amplifiers an engineer sits, with a pair of headphones on, the whole time that the broadcasting station is working, and he watches a galvanometer which tells him whether the current is at the right strength, and if not, he adjusts it by means of two variable resistances in the amplifier.

In the control-room also is a switchboard at which the trunk telephone lines from the other broadcasting stations terminate. In the London control-room this covers the whole of one wall, for amplifiers, which are automatically switched on when the line is in use, are incorporated in the switchboard. There is another switchboard at which terminate the telephone lines from the principle cafés, theatres, etc., from which music is from time to time relayed. There are over a hundred such places in London, all connected to 2LO by Post Office telephone lines: the B.B.C.'s annual bill from the Post Office for the rent of telephone lines exceeds £20,000. A recent addition to the control-room is the 'line-corrector,' which consists of a series of inductances, resistances and capacities which can be varied to correct faults in the transmission due to a defective line.

Adjoining the control-room is the battery-room, which contains all the high and low tension batteries for the valves in the control-room. In the London control-room there are over one hundred and twenty.

The final link in this end of the broadcasting chain is the transmitter. This is generally housed in a small room near a power station, and consists of four large panels to accommodate the transmitting valves, which are as big as a Rugby football. The high tension current is supplied by a dynamo driven by an electric motor and stepped up through

a transformer—it is not supplied direct from the power station to the transformer in order to eliminate any hum which might otherwise be picked up from the large generators—and then rectified by two valves in one of the large panels. The other panels are, the oscillator, which contains one valve, to provide the carrier wave of the station; the modulator, also containing one valve which super-imposes on the carrier wave the electrical counterpart of the sound waves; and the amplifier, which contains three large and several smaller valves, to amplify still further the signals from the control-room, to bring them to

the strength required by the modulator. A high tension current of over half an ampère is required at 10,000 volts. The low tension current is supplied by two large banks of twenty volt accumulators in parallel, which have to deliver seventy ampères.

This transmitting room is connected to the control-room by telephone lines, and there is a small wireless set and loud-speaker so that the engineer, who is always on duty while the transmitter is in use, can see that the station is working properly.

2ZY.

OXFORD LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.

We really find it extremely difficult to know exactly how to begin this letter; it is some time since we have had the pleasure of reading a letter in your excellent journal that purported to come from Abingdonians in Oxford. Nevertheless we have some recollections of never varying formulae according to which such a letter was in time past composed. There was, it seems, to start with a mass of iridescent *facetiae* or merely dull fatuities; according, we imagine, as the writer's liver or breakfast was good or bad.

It seems hard to get away from the butcher's shop, but without, Sir, trying to offend your more susceptible readers, we must say that, as far as we remember, we now come to the 'meat' of the letter, the news of doings of O.A.s at Oxford; pithy, humorous comments on the lines of the "snappy social 'pars'" of the more jaundiced dailies, witty, cruel, but never unkind. Our letter ended on a high note of hope and encouragement to future endeavour.

You may well ask, Sir, why all this meaningless rigmarole? But, Sir, you must know that it is indeed a serious offence to break with literary tradition; and if unwittingly we shall offend in this respect, we must explain that we have not had a proper opportunity to assimilate the canons of our illustrious predecessors in this University. We fear we cannot boast either their scholarship or undoubted literary ability.

But, Sir, we grow tedious and must to business. Another term has passed and we must here first briefly welcome to our spiritual if not our spatial midst the three new members of the University. And here too, in passing, it seems worth while to remark how inevitably the best people find the best college. You may have grasped our meaning, Sir. (What! You have too, Mr. James? and

you're not sure you like it? We're sorry, but the majority of the commission with which you are associated, appointed to write this letter, has ventured a purely general opinion. Yes, Mr. James? No!! Mr. James; we cannot allow that your position in this University is really such as to destroy the validity of this general rule: we can only say that we find in you an example of the time-honoured paradox that the exception proves the rule. What! You believe that this is just a meaningless obscurity. Shame! Sir. You may of course be right, but we really have not time to argue about it here.)

To continue, Sir, after this regrettable interruption. We must tell you a thing or two about ourselves.

J. F. Sinclair, our oldest inhabitant, supports the dignity of his position by the simplest of methods. Like those of all oldest inhabitants his words are so cryptic that they are unintelligible: it is doubted whether he himself knows the significance of his profundities. For the rest he leads a quiet tranquil life, appearing from time to time to exert himself in mild games of ball.

James (Yes! we mean Jimmy) we suspect, has contracted some disease. After two years of complete integrity of life he has taken to the river and is now to be seen pushing a neat and workmanlike blade in the bows of an Exeter tub four. He has also taken to Greats with this same gusto, and is astonishing us all by his easy exposition of what we had always thought were inexplicable problems.

Cory Wright holds the arduous position of secretary of the Pembroke Boat Club. They do say that, given a megaphone and a bicycle, he straightway ceases to be that mild-voiced "very parfit gentil knight" we have always believed him. He is in strict training for a joust with the

Moderators next term, in what should prove to be a notable passage of arms. Of his ultimate and glorious victory we have no feelings of doubt.

Gerald Hancock continues, with that delightful and comforting appearance of weight, to shed the light of his countenance upon us, a light that never for a moment is dimmed by the petty worries of lesser folk. He has undertaken the task of finding teams to play soccer; no light task in these rough and ungentlemanly rugger days. He himself plays with his old familiar deftness, for Pembroke, at full back. He is a magnificent jurist and no problem of common law can long withstand his balanced and supremely overpowering assault.

But it is from our noble Geoffrey Powell that we acquire our chief lustre this term. Planting his feet firmly on the ground one after the other with terrific rapidity, leaving those fools who hoped to catch him far behind, with that elusive swaying of the hips we know so well, he ramped into the Oxford Four Hundred Yards Relay Team. That the team did not win its race, was in spite of the fact that G. F. P. ran like the symbolic stag.

Sidney Clark has swum through this term, undisturbed by wars or rumours of wars, in a manner of

speaking. The Mods Syllabus has been inspected with contempt: to a really great brain all things are easy. His rowing has provoked the admiration of the authorities and like other rowing men he is expected to go a long way: up and down stream of course, we mean.

Our inimitable Durell has rowed and rowed and rowed, sometimes with an oar, sometimes without: a notable example of sheer virtuosity. The Bach Choir and Durell sang Handel's "Israel in Egypt" with vigour and aplomb. Schools lose their terrors beneath his masterly persuasive touch.

Our one history expert, Raymont, is facing problems that touch the deepest interests of our country: he is not dismayed. Rowing has in him another willing victim, interested not so much in rowing as such, as in some of the more intricate and particular problems of that sport.

Well, Mr. Editor, here you have it: we have trespassed too far upon your valuable space; but the difficulty is that, once we begin writing on the all-absorbing topic of ourselves, we cannot stop.

But, Sir, by way of conclusion we hope we may offer you and your readers a Merry Xmas.

Yours, etc.,
O.A., OXON.

O.A. NOTES.

There are many O.A.s who will have heard with regret of the death of the Rev. W. H. Cam—many who owe much to his scholarly teaching and sympathetic guidance. He was a New College man and a scholar of his college, and took his degree in 1874 with a Second Class in Classical Moderations and a First in the final School of Literae Humaniores. After five years as an Assistant Master at Wellington College he went to Dudley Grammar School as Headmaster, and thence proceeded to Abingdon in 1883. Perhaps it may not be out of place to mention, that it was during his ten years' regime as Headmaster here—on Dec. 12, 1890—that the first number of *The Abingdonian* was published; whilst the O.A. Club, of which he was a Vice-President from the start, was proposed during his last term here and founded the term after he left. Of his influence here we cannot do better than quote the words of our predecessor, from our issue of December, 1892, when the news of his impending retirement was made known:—"There are a good many of us who have been under his guidance for some years. May we always have an authority to turn to in our troubles and difficulties in after life, who will appreciate them so keenly, and

consequently sympathise with us and direct us aright so willingly as our present Headmaster."

On his retirement from Abingdon Mr. Cam accepted the living of Birchanger, Essex, and in 1911 that of Paulers Pury, near Towcester, both New College livings, and retired last year to Oxford, where he died.

Mr. C. J. Battersby was a Master on the Staff here during the 'eighties, and a contemporary of Mr. Cam. He was a Cambridge man and a good classical scholar. Later he was appointed to a mastership at the Bradford Grammar School, which he held until 1902. Of late years he had been living at Scarborough.

H. G. Veysey, the younger of the two brothers, came to the School in May, 1886, and left in December, 1891. He too, therefore, was a contemporary of Mr. Cam's Headmastership. At School he was a prominent member of the Cricket and Football Elevens, and took an active interest in the former game until as recently as 1925, when he turned out for the O.A.s in the Past v. Present Cricket Match. He had always taken a great interest in the doings of his old School; he served for many years on the Committee of the O.A. Club,

and was frequently to be seen at O.A. gatherings of a sporting or social nature, his last appearance in Abingdon being at the O.A.C. dinner at the Lion Hotel last term, when his brother (J.W.) was also present. He adopted Insurance as his profession, and was manager of the Head London Office of the Scottish Provident Institution. The sympathy of all will go out to his widow and daughters on their sad and sudden bereavement.

C. T. Gibbs, the youngest of three brothers who were at the School, came here in September, 1912, at the age of 12 years and left in July, 1916. At School he was known as a promising singer, and he made good use of his talents afterwards as a regular member of the St. Michael's Church choir. He was employed at the Morris Motor Works, Oxford. We take this opportunity of expressing our sympathy with his relatives and friends at his untimely death.

We would call the attention of O.A.s resident in London to the appeal from the Federation of Men's Social Clubs, which we print in another column.

We greatly regret to state that Dr. H. S. Challenor has recently had to undergo a severe operation in London, and it is likely to be some time yet before he is well enough to resume his work in Abingdon.

The Rev. T. Layng has been back at King's Stanley since August and able, with help, to conduct the work of his parish; but we regret that he is not yet completely recovered from the effects of his illness last winter.

We have had a visit from J. B. Hodgson, who has been home on leave from India, whither he has now returned. He was looking well and prosperous, and he brought his wife with him. They have one small child—a daughter.

Congratulations to the Rev. B. M. Challenor on his appointment as vicar of Sutton-in-Holderness, near Hull. He expects to settle down to his new work before Christmas.

P. G. Perks-Morris is (and has been for some time) in the Bank of England in London.

H. S. Bartlett, who is now convalescent after a severe attack of typhoid fever in the summer, was spending a few days in Abingdon in the early part of the term. He has since returned to his work at the E.T.C. School in Hampstead.

We offer our condolences to A. M. Garton, who met with a serious motor-cycling accident in

the summer. We are glad to learn that he is now convalescent and out of hospital.

H. W. Hooke has gone out to Canada, where he is to take up a position with the Ottawa Electric Company.

M. G. Candy has got into the Air Force.

H. T. Howard has passed the Matriculation Exam. of Durham University, and has gone out to Codrington College, Barbados, where he hopes in due course to take a Durham degree and enter Holy Orders.

C. F. Baumann has been employed since September at the Milan branch of the Dunlop Rubber Company.

D. M. Brown has passed Part I of the examination of the Bankers' Institute in Banking and Foreign Exchange.

A. C. Croasdel has passed the London Intermediate Examination.

K. T. Wood has safely negotiated the Intermediate Examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors. This was last May, and we apologize for inadvertently omitting it from our Summer number.

To the same K. T. Wood we offer our hearty congratulations on his engagement to Miss Edna Langford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Langford, of "Donnington," Abingdon, and sister of Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, and others.

Likewise to R. B. H. Morland on his engagement to Miss Muriel Penn Symons, of Tunbridge Wells.

J. W. Morland is at present home on leave from British Columbia. T. F. T. Morland, who has likewise been seen in Abingdon lately, is now on his way to Brazil in the R.M.S. "Severn." C. S. Morland writes happily from South Africa, where he is farming.

K. C. Smith was stroking the Staines crew which won the Woodhurst Cup (Junior Eights Challenge Cup) at the Maidenhead Regatta in the summer, equalling the record time for the course. Previously they had lost to the ultimate winner at Kingston Regatta, won two heats and lost to the ultimate winner at Molesey, and lost by two feet to the Thames crew in the final at Staines. Congratulations to K. C. Smith on a very stout performance!

F. B. Glenny writes (in July) from Fernan Vaz, in the upper regions of the French Congo. He was expecting to be there for some months yet,

clearing stocks of ebony down the river to Port Gentil. There are very few white men up there, he says, and life gets somewhat monotonous. But a fortnight's trekking in the bush, visiting the factories, sleeping in huts of mud or bamboo, and living mostly on bananas and ground-nuts, would seem to have provided at least a temporary diversion. He hopes to be home on leave next autumn.

When we last heard from J. Harding (in August) he was again in Geneva, working for the League of Nations and lodging in a "pension" family with "two Turks, a Hungarian, three Germans, a Dutchman, three Swiss, a Swede and a Russian." (They hold heated arguments in German on Balkan politics!) On a recent holiday between two conferences Harding managed to do the home-journey via Berne, Heidelberg and the Rhine (from Mainz to Bonn and Cologne); thence via Belgium, through Brussels, Bruges and Ostend. Lucky fellow!

H. M. Insley has returned to Bournemouth after a year's residence at Saintes. He seems to have made the most of his opportunities in France, as, in addition to a week in Paris, where he saw most of the "sights" (including Lacoste and Borotra), he managed to put in a fortnight's sight-seeing on the return journey, visiting such towns as Limoges, Bourges, Tours, Saint Malo, and places of interest in the neighbourhood of these. He has now taken up Surveying as his profession.

G. R. D. Estcourt has been transferred to the Research Laboratory of the Shell Oil Company at Martinez. He is engaged upon a series of experiments on oils for insecticides—a task, it seems, not wholly free from risks of a personal nature.

S. Brown has left the dairy farm near Moss Vale, N.S.W., where he was working when he first went out to Australia, and has taken a "jackeroo-ship" (*sic*) on a sheep farm, which he says he likes much better. His new address is c/o J. W. Mathews, Wahroonga, Nevertire, N.S.W.

E. M. Holbrook has joined the Experimental Farm at Glen Innes, to the North of New South Wales. The work seems to be both varied and strenuous, and designed to impart a very practical familiarity with horses and cows and sheep and other quadrupeds, as well as with the ordinary work of agricultural farming.

F. M. Cole is now working at The National Institute for Research in Dairying at Shinfield, near Reading. This is a State-aided Dairy

Farm and is controlled by Reading University. Cole hopes to go out to New Zealand in the early part of next year.

It must be a long time since the School has had so many as seven representatives at Pembroke, or eight in Oxford altogether. For news of their doings we must refer our readers to our "Oxford Letter." We would, however, like to add our congratulations to G. F. Powell, on being chosen to represent the Varsity in The Relay Races v. Cambridge on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Of those who left us last term, N. V. Pearson and E. A. Passam are at the Borough Road Training College, Isleworth.

C. R. Hall is taking the entrance exam. for the Bank of England.

J. A. Squire is at St. Bartholomew's Hospital London, where he is training for the career of a Naval Surgeon.

H. R. Lansdown is working with a firm of engineers.

W. W. Brown is with a tarmac road contractor in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.

J. G. Waldron is in the National and Provincial Bank at Pangbourne.

R. F. Martin is in a mercantile office in London.

D. C. K. Wright has been farming with the Taylors at Sunningwell, preparatory to being articled to a firm of surveyors and auctioneers at Henley in January.

A. T. Hatfield is in London, studying for the Junior Civil Service examination.

R. V. Allison is in Messrs. Challenors' office in Abingdon.

W. J. Farmer sailed on Dec. 8th, in the s.s. "Barima," for South Australia, where he is to take up farming under the auspices of the Big Brother Movement.

R. E. Broadbent, who left us in the course of this term, has joined as a First Grade pupil at the Vauxhall Motor Works at Luton.

The O.A. Club has sent to each of its members a leaflet giving an account of last Founder's Day, with a full report of Mr. A. E. Preston's speech on the History of the School.

The following dates are announced:—

Saturday, Feb. 25th—O.A. Boat Race.

Saturday, March 24th—O.A. Sports.