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SCHOOL NOTES.

We regret the death of Sir A. Mortimer Singer, K.B.E., who was for a short time a Governor of the School, being appointed in 1923. Though Sir Mortimer found little time to attend our Governors' meetings, he was a generous contributor to the Waste Court Purchase Fund, towards which he gave £250; and he had already given twenty-five guineas for our War Memorial Fund. The School, like the rest of the county and country, will miss the benefit of his liberal philanthropy.

Congratulations to M. Ogle, who has won the Abingdon Scholarship at Pembroke College in Modern History.

Second XI. Caps have been awarded to S. D. Plummer, G. A. R. Boyd, G. Garton, A. F. Hill, J. G. Milsom and G. A. Wood.

In connection with Cricket, presentation bats have been awarded as follows:—Under the will of the late Dr. B. W. Henderson, (i.) for the best all-round cricketer under 16, to A. F. Hill, and (ii.) to the best all-round cricketer under 15, to L. Sinclair.

For the best 1st XI. batting average (given by the Common Room), to F. H. G. Taylor; for the best 1st XI. bowling average (given by the Headmaster), to G. E. Sinclair; for fielding (special prize given by the Headmaster for this year only), to S. D. Plummer.

The special bowling prizes, given by Miss Meredith in memory of her father, the late J. H. Meredith, O.A., have not yet been awarded at the time of going to press. Up to the present L. P. Mosdell and J. H. Taylor have tied for the senior prize and J. E. Barber, R. A. Bosley and C. Spalding for the junior. These competitors will bowl again before the end of the term, and the winners' names will be recorded in our next issue.

Form VA. and some of VI. attended an evening performance of "Richard II." at the Oxford Theatre on June 4 by the Stratford-upon-Avon Festival Company.

The School enjoyed the usual half-holiday on Whit Monday.

Henley Saturday this year was July 6. The day was granted as a whole holiday to boys in the VIth. Form and others who had won their Colours, to enable them to bicycle to Henley and see the racing. About 20 availed themselves of the privilege.

We have to thank Mrs. Kirkby for her gift to the School Library of albums containing interesting

and beautiful photographs of Egypt, China and Japan.

This term ends on Monday, July 29, boarders leaving on the following day. There will be a Rag Concert in the evening of the 29th. Next term begins on Wednesday, Sept. 18, boarders returning on the preceding day.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

Brilliant weather again favoured us this year for our Founder's Day on Friday, June 21st, and contributed largely to the success of the afternoon. The School buildings, both inside and out, were looking at their best. Waste Court, of course, was the great attraction, and no wonder! The house, fresh from the decorators' hands, provoked general admiration: the luxurious appointments made it seem almost too much like home! The appearance of the grounds was second only to that of the house, and the surrounding path afforded a most pleasant shady walk for visitors. Finally, there was an innovation in the form of a car-park in the Lower Field for visitors' cars,—an excellent plan.

To deal with the proceedings in detail, the usual service in St. Helen's Church began at 2.30 p.m. This year we had the pleasure of hearing a sermon preached by an Old Abingdonian, the Rev. H. Hughes, Headmaster of King's College, Taunton. The lesson was read by the Headmaster and the Rev. J. H. Kirkby (the School Chaplain) and the Rev. R. C. MacKeown, Vicar of Abingdon, officiated. The choir, trained by Miss Peach who was at the organ, gave the impression that a few picked voices could be trained to give excellent results. Their rendering of the anthem "In Humble Faith and Holy Love" (Garnett) and Arthur Somerville's setting of the Magnificat were particularly pleasing, the treble solos, by J. E. Emmett and H. R. Lay, being especially praiseworthy. The Rev. Hughes took as his text St. John viii., 46: "Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?"

"These words contain Christ's challenge to His contemporaries and to all time. He claimed to be sinless. His life and His death, the verdict of His followers, the verdict of the more honest of His enemies (men like Pilate, and the centurion who commanded the guard which carried out His crucifixion), and no less the verdict of History, have fully substantiated this claim. Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without

sin. He was the one supreme, unblemished, perfect type of greatness.

"Men, women, boys and girls, we all want to become better, greater, nobler, nearer to God. And for this we need, first of all, an ideal to aim at, an example to follow, a type of human life at its highest and greatest that we may try to imitate. There are times when what we need most is to look closely into the daily working and details of our life, when we must bring our thoughts to bear on this and that temptation, in order that we may know how we have been assailed, may repent and confess our weakness, and by God's absolving grace may be strengthened and be better prepared for future attacks.

"We have Christ's teaching, and His words seem often hard to reconcile with one another, and hard to accept in themselves, yet some instinct tells us that here is the highest goal of human endeavour. But somehow, at home, at school, in business, in public life, quite a different set of principles seems to be inculcated. We are warned, no doubt, that self-indulgence and sloth and carelessness are things to be avoided, but not so much on the ground that they are wrong, as that they do not pay. Success seems to be the one test: work now that you may become successful and distinguished and comfortable later on; give up something that attracts you for the moment, because to do so will pay you better in the long run. Even Christianity itself is sometimes commended to us from the same point of view: we are urged to concentrate on the saving of our souls; it means, no doubt, adopting a troublesome and disagreeable standard of life, but then the discomfort will be amply repaid hereafter.

"Is Christianity itself, then, only an enlightened form of self-interest? I think we shall find little of the temper of Christ in such Christians as are content to think only of their own salvation, and to regard their duty to their neighbour merely as a means to an end. There is, in truth, no way of

reconciling the standard of the world and the standard of Christ, and there never will be, however much Christianity may be watered down to suit the queasy stomach of the man of the world. The contradiction is in the nature of man himself. We are born selfish—it is part of the taint of original sin in every man; and the history of man, nature's youngest child, brought into a world of war and blood, and forced from the first to fight for his very existence, has been one long record of strife and competition, a struggle in which the fittest survived and the weakest went to the wall. Hebrew prophet, Greek thinker, Christian saint have put an ideal before man; but the old Adam has not been banished from the world. How little man's nature has changed we may see from the world to-day. Only a few years since, all the civilized so-called Christian nations were literally at each other's throats; the path of those who seek disarmament to-day is beset with difficulties and hindered by scoffers; hatred and suspicion are ready to raise hydra-heads at any moment between nation and nation, between class and class.

"The cynic will say that Christianity has failed—has been tried and found wanting. The truth is, as Mr. Chesterton tells us, Christianity has been found difficult—and not tried. Civilization regarded from this point of view has obviously failed. Men have secured control over the forces of nature and can produce wealth undreamed of in former ages; but the happiness that all men dream of seems as far off as ever.

"A practical man might sympathise with much of Christ's teaching, but he would think it well to avoid anything extreme, anything rash or quixotic. That young man who had great possessions very rightly declined (he would say) to sell all that he had and give to the poor,—for he would only have pauperised them, whereas charity should, of course, discriminate, and, if it is to be effective, must be more a matter of the head than of the heart. There is no reconciling the two points of view; you cannot serve God and Mammon. In many ways we all unwittingly accept the standard of the world with its cautious and self-regarding maxims, but God still speaks to our hearts. All history shows that Christ's paradox is, in fact, sober truth, and that only he who loses his life can find it. It is easy to be content with the mean and vulgar standards of the world, with outward success and selfishness within, with something less than true greatness; yet the ideal of the English gentleman, which the public schools

(whatever their faults) strive to hold before us, is nothing else than the Christian ideal translated into the language of common life."

The prizes were distributed in the Corn Exchange by Mr. S. R. Benson, the Recorder of Abingdon, who was supported by the Mayor (Mr. A. B. Woodley), Admiral Clifton-Brown, Dr. H. S. Challenor, the Revs. H. E. Salter and H. Hughes, Messrs. R. W. Langford and W. T. Morland, the Headmaster and Mr. W. A. Rudd.

The Headmaster, before giving his annual report, welcomed the large company of friends and thanked Mr. Hughes for his sermon. He then said that he was glad to be able to inform the company that owing to the unbounded generosity of our friends we had been able to purchase the Waste Court estate. It would have been a tragedy for the School, if for any reason we had been unable to do so. It was a crisis in the School's history: we had to raise £2,000 in a fortnight. Lord Faringdon and Mr. Preston immediately responded with great generosity by promising half that amount. And so great was the response to our appeal generally that by the end of the fortnight we had £2,300 and were able to purchase. What pleased us most was that it showed how wide was the circle of our friends. After this great relief, it was necessary to get the place in order for this term, and there was much to be done in the time available.

The trustees of Waste Court had put in a complete new drainage system, electric light system, central heating, domestic hot water supply, which gives 500 gallons of hot water for the new bathroom and washing rooms, and a new gas supply for heating purposes. Various structural alterations had to be made and the house was re-decorated. The trustees had in mind the levelling of the strip of ground bordering Park Crescent and laying it out as tennis courts. The War Memorial tablet had not yet been erected, but it was hoped to have a formal ceremony next year when the additional work had been carried out.

After mentioning in detail the successes won by the School in the department of scholarship, Mr. Grundy added that the School had been examined by the Board of Education in October, four of their experts spending three days at the School. They had drawn up a report in which there were, of course, criticisms, and useful criticisms too, but its main tone was highly complimentary. In fact the President of the Board was reported to

have said that it was one of the best he had seen. One of the results of that report was that the Headmaster of Rugby asked if one of his staff might be allowed to come and see the teaching methods in vogue here. In the School Certificate Examination candidates could gain a plain pass or a pass with credit in each subject, and it was noteworthy that, although we sent in as many as 20 per cent. of the School for the examination, over 50 per cent. of passes were obtained with credit in all subjects, and the Masters on the School staff were to be congratulated on such a good result.

As regards the out-of-door side of the School's life, Mr. Grundy said that the O.T.C. had been able for the first time to obtain a full-time sergeant-instructor, and the result of this had been excellent. The daily physical training, which was started last summer, had had an excellent effect on the general physique of the boys. The chief interest on the athletic side during the past year had centred on the introduction of Rugby football, and for their first term at the game the teams did extraordinarily well. Mr. Alston, who was indefatigable in teaching them, deserved their warmest thanks, and they were grateful to Mr. Henderson for his friendly criticism and advice, which, coming from an International Player and an Oxford Blue, was a great help and stimulus to the teams. Rugby football required a larger ground space than Association, and he did not know what they would have done without the new Waste Court field.

Mr. Grundy then referred to the successes of Old Abingdonians who had just left, all of which will be found recorded on other pages of "The Abingdonian," and in conclusion he mentioned that we had suffered loss by the death of two of our Governors—Mr. Nash, the late Recorder of Abingdon, and Dr. Henderson, late Fellow and Senior Tutor of Exeter College, Oxford. Dr. Henderson had taken great interest in the School, and in his will he had endowed the gift of two bats for the best cricketers under 15 and 16 years of age respectively. They were fortunate in being able to welcome as new Governors Admiral Clifton-Brown, who was already taking a great interest in the School, and Mr. S. R. Benson, the new Recorder of Abingdon.

Mr. S. R. Benson then distributed the prizes as follows :—

VIA., Classics, K. R. Savage.

VIB., Classics, G. E. Sinclair.

VI., Modern History, M. Ogle.

VI., "Meredith" Greek and Latin Prose, K. R. Savage.

VI., Divinity, B. J. Pedlar.

VIC., Mathematics, L. S. Bailey.

VI., French, K. R. Savage.

VID., Mathematics and Physics, P. J. Squire.

VIC., Chemistry and Physics, R. A. Langford.

VA., English and History, E. R. Leslie-Smith ; Latin and French, D. G. Lovibond ; Mathematics, S. A. Paige ; Science, D. S. Kite ; Greek, D. G. Lovibond ; Divinity, E. F. Slatter ; Art, J. G. Milson.

VB., English and History, A. L. Fleet ; Mathematics and French, R. L. Triggs ; extra prize for English History and Mathematics, H. B. Healy ; extra prize for French, L. A. Smart ; Latin and Greek, R. L. Triggs ; Science, H. R. d'Almaine ; Divinity, H. B. Healy.

Remove, English and History, D. E. Healy ; Mathematics and French, G. J. Goodey ; Science, G. A. H. Bosley ; Latin and Greek, G. J. Goodey ; Divinity, H. G. Hedges.

III., English and History, R. E. Bradfield ; French, V. G. E. Rant ; Mathematics, E. G. Hunt ; extra prize for Mathematics, L. E. Carter ; Latin, J. C. W. Jacob ; Science, R. G. Sanderdock ; Divinity, R. P. F. Mills.

II., Divinity, English and History, P. A. Town ; French, P. R. Wood ; Mathematics, L. C. Smallbone ; Nature Study, I. F. Carleton.

Pianoforte, G. Garton.

Singing, J. E. Emmett.

Mr. Benson in an amusing speech told us that he had come straight from Ascot in an "Austin 7" and therefore was hardly in the orthodox attire for a prize-giving ; but as he had brought all the breeziness of that famous gathering with him, we were not sorry. He expressed pleasure at the compliment which had been extended to him in asking him to present the prizes, especially as he was but the newest of the Governors. In congratulating the prize-winners he compared prize-giving to the awarding of decorations in the War, remarking that the fellow who got an extra decoration in war-time invariably deserved it, but at the same time there were a number of others who deserved decorations too but were not lucky enough to get them. However, just as the soldier, irrespective of decorations, was able to say that he functioned in the Great War, so the boys would be able to say that they belonged to a jolly good school, even if they were unable to get a prize while they

were there. He had only attended one meeting of the Governors, but he felt sure that the more he was brought into contact with the School, the more he would realise how fine it was. He again thanked them for the compliment they had extended to him and hoped that when he was made Chancellor they would ask him to come again.

Cheers for the Headmaster and Miss Grundy, Mr. Benson, Mr. Hughes and the visitors concluded the proceedings here, which were followed by the usual "at home" in the School grounds. A novelty this year took the form of a physical training display by a picked squad under the direction of Sergeant-Instructor Eyre. Thus parents were able to see for themselves the kind of thing we have been doing, and all seemed very favourably impressed. A band as usual provided music

during tea, and was later moved into the Waste Court grounds, which together with the house were thrown open to visitors.

Altogether a highly enjoyable afternoon.

The prize-donors, to whom our best thanks are due, were :—Mr. S. R. Benson, Dr. H. S. Challenor, Mr. W. M. Grundy, Rev. H. Hughes (President of O.A. Club), Mr. J. Knowles, Mr. R. W. Langford, Canon W. M. Meredith, Mr. W. T. Morland, Mr. J. H. Morrell, Miss Sheldon Peach, Mr. A. E. Preston, Mr. H. P. Simpson, Mr. T. Skurray, Mr. T. S. Wilding, Mr. A. B. Woodley (Mayor of Abingdon), Mr. C. O. Wright.

We have also to thank Mrs. C. R. Scott for repeating her kindness of last year in making the wreath for John Roysse's tomb.

O.T.C.

The Annual Inspection was carried out on June 6th by Colonel E. R. Clayton, C.M.G., D.S.O., who commands the 145 Brigade, T.A. The inspecting officer spoke highly of the efficiency of the contingent, and all ranks are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Thirty-five of us are going to Camp at Tidworth Pennings for nine days after term ends. It seems

that we shall have an opportunity of going to the Tidworth Tattoo, and we hope that this camp will be as happy as those we have already enjoyed in the neighbourhood of Tidworth.

The House Shooting Match for the Reeves Cup was held on Thursday, July 17; below are the results :—

BLUE.		RED.		GREEN.	
F. H. G. Taylor	.. 40	H. R. Lay	.. 37	J. H. Taylor	.. 27
P. W. Lay	.. 44	M. Ogle	.. 39	D. S. Kite	.. 38
J. G. Milsom	.. 43	H. R. d'Almaine	.. 37	P. O. Darbishire	.. 42
W. R. A. Kettle	.. 34	R. A. Langford	.. 46	A. F. R. Fisher	.. 45
P. J. Squire	.. 46	H. B. Healy	.. 42	J. E. Emmett	.. 34
B. J. Pedlar	.. 39	W. G. C. Denny	.. 35	G. E. Sinclair	.. 40
V. E. Pollard	.. 42	H. N. Trye	.. 44	R. F. Brown	.. 39
T. H. Hodgson	.. 48	G. A. Wood	.. 47	E. R. Leslie-Smith	47
TOTAL 336		327		312	

REGATTA.

The annual School regatta was held on Wilsham Reach on Thursday, 20th June, when warm sunny weather prevailed, with a slight breeze blowing which added to the enjoyment of the afternoon. The coxing of some of the competitors, which often resulted in collisions between the two boats or with the bank, and the immersions of several canoeists caused much amusement among the spectators. However, some good racing was witnessed, especially in the House fours.

The prizes were presented after the last event by Mrs. Donkin as follows :—

Senior House fours, "Red House";
 Junior House fours, "Red House";
 Senior Pairs, G. A. Wood, Leslie-Smith, Kite;
 Junior Pairs, S. A. Paige, Langebear, P. B. Squire;
 Canoes, Hodgson, F. H. G. Taylor;
 Dongola, L. Sinclair, Wagstaff, Spalding, W. G. E. Jacob, d'Almaine.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Bevir for the trouble he took in arranging the programme and the able way in which he carried it through.

CRICKET.

This has been a disappointing season. Notwithstanding the fact that we had six of last year's XI., including four old colours, we were unable to win a single one of the twelve matches played, losing seven and drawing the remainder. The team started badly by losing their first three matches. After a temporary improvement in their match with the City of Oxford School, they sustained severe defeats at the hands of Leighton Park and Magdalen; while in the O.A. match, after a promising start, they collapsed badly, their very moderate score being easily passed by the Old Boys' first pair, Dolphin and Taylor, who batted with a confidence and ease, which we hope was a lesson to their opponents. In their last two matches, both of which were drawn, the XI. showed improved form and must be accounted unlucky not to have won either of them.

The main weakness of the XI. undoubtedly lay in their batting. On wickets which throughout the season favoured the batsman they were constantly on the defensive and struggling for runs. This was due not to lack of ability or experience—we had four of last season's most successful bats and several others who had shown promise—but rather to want of confidence and enterprise in batting. If we are to avoid a repetition of this season's failure it must be realized that more aggressive batting methods are required in order to win matches. The batsman should endeavour without being reckless to take the offensive whenever possible, and if he has made up his mind to hit, hit hard.

The bowling was not so strong as last year. Sinclair was the most successful of our four bowlers, while Kettle and Mosdell were useful change-bowlers, if rather expensive at times. Taylor, however, was disappointing. Last year he was very successful, being easily our best bowler, but this season he has met with little success, his bowling being unsteady and lacking in "length," a quality which must be cultivated assiduously by all who wish to become good bowlers.

Alertness and anticipation in the field will often do much to make up for moderate bowling, and these qualities were not sufficiently in evidence.

The 2nd XI. were very weak in batting and could only win one match, though they provided the thrill of the season in their match with Dorchester

College, which they lost by one run. Clarke was the most successful bowler.

Unfortunately A. E. Winter, whose coaching was so beneficial to the XI. last season, was unable to assist us this year, and we missed his services greatly.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Harwell, at home, on May 4th.

A.S.C.C.

J. B. E. Alston, Esq., b Cohen.....	0
F. H. G. Taylor, b Harris.....	5
G. E. Sinclair, c Harris, b B. Harris....	2
L. P. Mosdell, b Harris.....	6
W. R. A. Kettle, b Clinch.....	1
R. F. Brown, st Ellis, b Baker.....	14
S. D. Plummer, b Clinch.....	1
K. R. Savage, c Clinch, b Harris.....	6
G. Garton, not out	9
T. H. Hodgson, c Clinch, b F. Harris....	13
G. A. Wood, lbw, b Cohen	2
Extras.....	11
Total.....	70

HARWELL C.C.

E. L. Ellis, c Taylor, b Kettle.....	0
H. S. Baker, b Taylor.....	5
B. Harris b Sinclair.....	16
L. Clinch, c Sinclair, b Taylor.....	17
A. Young, b Sinclair.....	16
E. Harris, b Sinclair.....	27
Capt. Payne, b Sinclair.....	2
R. Day, b Sinclair.....	2
F. Harris, c Wood, b Taylor.....	0
C. Merford, b Sinclair.....	0
Rev. Cohen, not out.....	0
Extras.....	10
Total.....	95

Sinclair bowled well and took 6 wickets for 16.

v. St. Edmund's Hall, at home, on May 11th.

A.S.C.C.

F. H. G. Taylor, b Hordern.....	5
W. R. A. Kettle, b Oliver	11
J. B. E. Alston, Esq., b Oliver.....	8
L. P. Mosdell, st Holland b Oliver.....	4
G. E. Sinclair, run out.....	7
R. F. Brown, b Oliver.....	0
S. D. Plummer, run out.....	8
K. R. Savage, not out.....	5
G. Garton, c Holland, b Oliver	1

T. H. Hodgson, c Hordern b Lawrence..	6
G. A. Wood, run out.....	11
Extras.....	8
Total.....	74

ST. EDMUND'S HALL.

R. T. Thomas, b Taylor.....	43
J. M. Edmunds, c Taylor, b Kettle.....	9
R. Waye, c Alston, b Sinclair.....	24
C. J. Record, c Garton, b Kettle.....	47
C. S. Lawrence, run out.....	0
K. C. Oliver, b Kettle.....	0
T. N. C. Holland, b Sinclair.....	19
L. W. Hanson, c Taylor, b Hodgson.....	22
H. L. Green, not out.....	13
W. W. E. Giles, not out.....	1
P. S. Hordern, did not bat.....	
Extras.....	13

Total for 8 wickets..... 191

v. Milton (R.A.F.), at home, on May 18th.

MILTON C.C.

E. White, run out.....	2
R. Reynolds, b Kettle.....	9
W. Jones, hit wkt., b Alston.....	23
S. Ritchens, c Brown, b Sinclair.....	10
F/Lt. Organ, lbw. Taylor.....	10
R. Cox, b Sinclair.....	12
H. Chambers, b Taylor.....	1
W. Tuson, b Taylor.....	4
J. Holborow, b Taylor.....	3
J. Woods, b Taylor.....	0
F. Aldworth, not out.....	3
Extras.....	8

Total..... 85

A.S.C.C.

F. H. G. Taylor, b Ritchens.....	0
W. R. A. Kettle, c and b Ritchens.....	2
J. B. E. Alston, Esq., c Organ, b Ritchens	5
L. P. Mosdell, b Tuson.....	15
G. E. Sinclair, c Chambers, b Ritchens..	4
R. F. Brown, c Holborow, b Chambers ..	10
S. D. Plummer, not out.....	1
K. R. Savage, c Tuson, b Ritchens.....	0
G. Garton, c Chambers, b Ritchens.....	4
G. A. Wood, c Chambers, b Ritchens....	0
S. A. Paige, b Ritchens.....	2
Extras.....	9

Total..... 52

Taylor took 5 wickets for 22.

v. St. Catherine's C.C., at home, on May 22nd.

ST. CATHERINE'S.

J. B. Pigg, b Sinclair.....	19
A. Headley, c Mosdell, b Sinclair.....	43
D. G. Farrow, b Sinclair.....	0
L. B. Frewer, c Plummer, b Sinclair....	4
R. Narain, c Sinclair, b Taylor.....	2
G. S. Jones, b Kettle.....	5
R. D. Lyne, b Sinclair.....	0
E. W. Lippit, b Sinclair.....	2
F. M. Howe, c Plummer, b Sinclair.....	20
W. W. Barnes, b Sinclair.....	1
S. Smith, not out.....	14
Extras.....	11

Total..... 121

A.S.C.C.

W. R. A. Kettle, c Howe, b Frewer.....	26
R. F. Brown, lbw., b Smith.....	4
J. B. E. Alston, Esq., b Smith.....	0
F. H. G. Taylor, b Smith.....	0
L. P. Mosdell, c Smith, b Frewer.....	34
G. E. Sinclair, c Farrow, b Smith.....	0
K. R. Savage, not out.....	3
S. D. Plummer, c Smith, b Frewer.....	1
G. Garton, c and b Frewer.....	1
G. A. Wood and S. A. Paige did not bat	
Extras.....	17

Total for 8 wickets..... 86

Again Sinclair was in good form with the ball taking 8 wickets for 50 runs.

v. City of Oxford School, away, on May 25th.

C.O.S.

G. F. Goddard, c Taylor, b Mosdell.....	57
H. K. Pusey, b Sinclair.....	0
P. H. Edmunds, b Sinclair.....	12
E. L. C. Turner, b Taylor.....	4
P. F. Buckingham, c Sinclair, b Taylor..	0
C. H. Webb, b Mosdell.....	0
W. T. Dale, c Paige, b Sinclair.....	8
W. A. Freeborn, c Garton, b Mosdell....	3
V. L. Taylor, not out.....	15
K. Halsey, c Paige, b Sinclair.....	4
R. J. Owens, b Kettle.....	8
Extras.....	15

Total..... 126

A.S.C.C.

W. R. A. Kettle, c Edmunds, b Turner..	10
R. F. Brown, b Halsey.....	12
F. H. G. Taylor, b Turner.....	29

L. P. Mosdell, not out.....	15
G. E. Sinclair, not out.....	7
Savage, Plummer, Garton, Boyd, Wood, and Paige did not bat.....	
Extras.....	6

Total for 3 wickets..... 79

v. Leighton Park School, away, on May 29th.

A.S.C.C.

W. R. A. Kettle, b Simmons.....	0
R. F. Brown, c Dunlop, b Simmons....	2
F. H. G. Taylor, c Phillips, b Simmons..	9
L. P. Mosdell, b Buckley.....	5
G. E. Sinclair, c Dunlop, b Buckley....	25
K. R. Savage, b Buckley.....	5
S. D. Plummer, c Goodbody, b Buckley..	19
G. Garton, c Kitchen, b Buckley.....	8
G. A. R. Boyd, c Thompson, b Buckley..	0
G. A. Wood, not out.....	3
S. A. Paige, c Clayton, b Simmons.....	4
Extras.....	5

Total..... 85

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

Sherborne, c Savage, b Kettle.....	47
Buckley, b Taylor.....	25
Goodbody, not out.....	8
Cuthbertson, not out.....	16
Clayton, Thompson, Kitchen, Dunlop, Baynes, Phillips and Simmons did not bat.....	
Extras.....	9

Total for 2 wickets..... 105

The School batted first and completely collapsed.
When Leighton went in, the School were unable to
break the first wicket partnership until 77 runs
had been scored.

v. Wantage School, away, on June 12th.

WANTAGE SCHOOL.

Barnes, c and b Sinclair.....	19
Hatchard, b Sinclair.....	20
Templer, c Boyd, b Taylor.....	1
Tucker, c Garton, b Taylor.....	0
Sansum, b Taylor.....	9
Mansell, b Sinclair.....	22
Roberts, not out.....	46
Evans, run out.....	0
Pallister, lbw., b Sinclair.....	0
Walker and Bullock did not bat.....	
Extras.....	16

Total for 8 wickets, declared 133

A.S.C.C.

G. E. Sinclair, b Sansum.....	0
R. F. Brown, lbw. Mansell.....	1
W. R. A. Kettle, b Sansum.....	1
F. H. G. Taylor, lbw., b Barnes.....	22
L. P. Mosdell, c Barnes, b Mansell.....	22
K. R. Savage, c and b Barnes.....	15
S. D. Plummer, run out.....	12
G. Garton, c Roberts, b Mansell.....	6
G. A. Wood, c Hatchard, b Sansum....	18
G. A. R. Boyd, not out.....	1
J. G. Milsom, not out.....	0
Extras.....	13

Total for 9 wickets..... 111

Wantage batted first and although they lost 4
wickets for 54 runs, the School were unable to
break a 5th wicket partnership which put on 66
runs. The School lost 3 wickets for 4 runs, but
then Taylor and Mosdell saved the situation, and
for the first time the tail wagged, and Boyd and
Milsom played out time.

v. Magdalen College School, away, June 15th.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

Bushell, c Milsom, b Sinclair.....	12
Carter, run out.....	0
Toye, c Sinclair, b Kettle.....	23
Brown, b Taylor.....	8
Rigby, lbw., b Taylor.....	0
Mayne, b Mosdell.....	21
Jackson, b Kettle.....	9
Forsyth, lbw., b Kettle.....	15
Woodin, lbw., b Kettle.....	0
Fitch, c Boyd, b Kettle.....	19
Shepperd, not out.....	1
Extras.....	13

Total..... 121

A.S.C.C.

W. R. A. Kettle, run out.....	17
R. F. Brown, lbw., b Mayne.....	2
F. H. G. Taylor, b Brown.....	17
G. E. Sinclair, c Woodin, b Brown.....	8
L. P. Mosdell, run out.....	9
K. R. Savage, c Toye, b Jackson.....	8
S. D. Plummer, st Shepperd, b Mayne...	2
G. Garton, c Bushell, b Jackson.....	1
G. A. Wood, b Jackson.....	0
G. A. R. Boyd, lbw., b Mayne.....	0
J. G. Milsom, not out.....	0
Extras.....	5

Total..... 69

Magdalen batted first and made the moderate total of 121. The School then went in and took far too many risks in trying to get the runs in the time, which really lost them the match.

v. Pembroke College, away, on June 19th.

A.S.C.C.

J. B. E. Alston, Esq., c Bartlett, b Munro	8
W. R. A. Kettle, b Hancock.....	4
F. H. G. Taylor, lbw., b Hancock.....	15
G. E. Sinclair, b Harvey.....	15
L. P. Mosdell, c Earley, b Harvey.....	2
R. F. Brown, b Harvey.....	4
K. R. Savage, not out.....	27
S. D. Plummer, c Salt, b Snowden.....	7
G. A. Wood, lbw., b Snowden.....	0
J. G. Milsom, b Harvey.....	19
G. A. R. Boyd, lbw., b Harvey.....	8
Extras.....	22

Total..... 131

PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

R. E. Earley, b Mosdell.....	17
H. R. Munro, not out.....	72
H. R. M. Salt, st Boyd, b Mosdell.....	25
A. C. Snowden, b Taylor.....	14
G. F. Bartlett, G. T. Whiteman, W. G. Hancock, F. A. Harvey, N. W. Lee, E. G. Lock and L. R. Griffith-Jones did not bat.....	
Extras.....	13

Total for 3 wickets..... 141

The School did not make enough runs, but Savage and Milsom batted well, and put on 43 for the 9th wicket. The School were unable to break a 2nd wicket partnership until 69 runs had been added.

v. O.A.C.C., at home, on June 22nd.

A.S.C.C.

F. H. G. Taylor, c Wood, b Hancock....	1
W. R. A. Kettle, b Brown.....	11
G. E. Sinclair, lbw., b Taylor.....	30
L. P. Mosdell, lbw., b Brown.....	17
R. F. Brown, c Wood, b Taylor.....	0
K. R. Savage, b Brown.....	10
S. D. Plummer, c Donkin, b Taylor.....	3
J. G. Milsom, not out.....	2
G. A. R. Boyd, lbw., b Brown.....	3
G. A. Wood, b Taylor.....	1
P. O. Darbishire, b Taylor.....	0
Extras.....	31

Total..... 109

O.A.C.C.

R. Taylor, b Sinclair.....	97
C. E. H. Dolphin, b Sinclair.....	75
W. W. Brown, not out.....	42
B. J. Bury, lbw., b Kettle.....	11
W. G. Hancock, J. H. Bartlett, E. P. Rice, N. C. Wood, G. M. G. Macfarlane, H. A. L. Donkin and K. T. Wood did not bat.....	
Extras.....	16

Total for 3 wickets..... 241

The School batted first and when one run had been scored, Taylor was caught. Kettle and Sinclair brought the score to 54, but after that the School batting failed and they were all out for 109. O.A.s then went in, and Taylor and Dolphin were not parted until 168 runs had been scored. Then Brown and Bury carried the score to 241, before Bury was out. The School fielding was far below standard, and Sinclair was the only bowler who looked at all dangerous.

When the School went in again, despite a stand between Brown and Savage, they were all out for 55.

v. Milton (R.A.F.), away, on June 26th.

A.S.C.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq., c Vinten, b Ritchens	12
J. B. E. Alston, Esq., run out.....	2
F. H. G. Taylor, lbw., b Ritchens.....	28
W. R. A. Kettle, c Holborow, b Keep....	11
G. E. Sinclair, b Knowler.....	9
L. P. Mosdell, b Ritchens.....	30
K. R. Savage, c Organ, b Holborow.....	0
J. G. Milsom, b Hall.....	1
S. D. Plummer, not out.....	30
A. F. Hill, run out.....	4
G. A. R. Boyd, not out.....	1
Extras.....	14

Total for 9 wickets, declared 142

MILTON R.A.F.

Jones, b Kettle.....	0
Heggs, c Savage, b Taylor.....	0
Ritchens, c Boyd, b Alston.....	32
F/O. Hall, c Savage, b Kettle.....	10
F/Lt. Organ, b Sinclair.....	14
Vinten, c Savage, b Sinclair.....	1
White, lbw., b Mosdell.....	5
F/O. Knowler, c Taylor, b Sinclair.....	0
Keep, not out.....	15

Aldworth, not out.....	4
Holborow, did not bat	—
Extras.....	10
Total for 8 wickets.....	91

Plummer batted very well. The School were unlucky in not having time to finish the match.

v. City of Oxford School, at home, on July 3rd.

A.S.C.C.

F. H. G. Taylor, c Darlow, b Turner....	57
W. R. A. Kettle, c Darlow, b Turner....	10
G. E. Sinclair, b Dale.....	7
L. P. Mosdell, b Turner.....	8
S. D. Plummer, b Turner.....	0
J. G. Milsom, c and b Turner.....	0
A. F. Hill, b Turner.....	8
R. F. Brown, not out.....	14
G. Garton, b Turner.....	6
G. A. R. Boyd, run out.....	0
G. A. Wood, b Taylor.....	3
Extras.....	11

Total..... 124

C.O.S.

Goddard, b Kettle.....	8
Pusey, c Brown, b Taylor.....	12
Edmunds, b Kettle.....	4
Turner, b Mosdell.....	17
Buckingham, c Taylor, b Kettle.....	24
Webb, c Hill, b Mosdell.....	0
Darlow, b Mosdell.....	2
Owens, not out.....	0
Dale, b Mosdell.....	5
Wright, not out.....	0
Taylor, did not bat.....	—
Extras.....	12

Total for 8 wickets..... 84

Taylor played an excellent innings and saved the side. Turner bowled well for C.O.S. taking 7 wickets for 23 runs, including the 'hat-trick.' Again the School were unlucky as regards time.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

L. P. Mosdell (Captain, Colours 1927). As a bat he has not yet fulfilled the promise of several years ago. Would probably be more successful if he were less restrained. At present he is apt to get himself out owing to over-anxiety in the early stages of his innings. Improved as a bowler and might perhaps have bowled more than he did. Has an easy action and with more command over

length will do well. Should place his field better, especially when bowling himself. Batting average, 15.2; bowling, 17.6.

F. H. G. Taylor (Colours 1928). A good bat, who has played several useful innings. He is inclined to play back to a ball to which he ought to go forward. A good fielder, but as a bowler he has not shown the form he showed last year. Batting average, 15.7; bowling, 15.3.

W. R. A. Kettle (Colours 1928). A good bowler, who can turn the ball either way; but he has had few wickets that have suited him. As a bat he has not a large enough variety of strokes, but has stayed in well on many occasions. His fielding is indifferent. Batting average, 8.7; bowling, 16.3.

G. E. Sinclair (Colours 1928). A good bat, who has let himself get out too easily. Has made runs on one or two occasions when the rest of the side have failed. As a bowler he has not kept up the form displayed at the beginning of the season. A fair fielder. Batting average, 10.4; bowling, 12.8.

K. R. Savage. Plays with a very straight bat and has a good defence, but lacks variety of scoring shots. He is stronger on the leg side than on the off. A fairly good fielder. Batting average, 11.3.

S. D. Plummer. Is rather handicapped by lack of inches, but for all that he is a very good bat and has played several useful innings. He is inclined to cut a ball that is on his wicket. A good fielder, and very keen. Batting average, 9.3.

R. F. Brown. Has been rather disappointing. Does not put enough power behind his shots and is too much inclined to step across his wicket, though he has quite a good defence. In the field he is too slow. Batting average, 6.3.

A. F. Hill. Came into the team late. Hits hard and has a nice shot to leg. Quite a good fielder. Batting average, 6.

J. G. Milsom. Quite a good left-handed batsman. Needs to improve his shots on the off-side. As a fielder he has been good on occasions. Batting average, 7.3.

G. Garton. Plays far too much with a cross bat, but has a good eye and some nice shots, especially on the leg-side. He must learn to keep awake in the field. Batting average, 5.1.

G. A. R. Boyd. He came back to School late in the term, but has improved greatly as a wicket-keeper. When batting, he is inclined to try to turn a ball on his wicket to leg, thereby getting out l.b.w.

G. A. Wood. A poor bat, inclined to play right across the ball and far too fond of the golfer's swing. A very good fielder, who throws in well.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Abingdon Junior Imperials C.C. Played on May 18th at Abingdon. Lost by 33 runs. The A.J.I.C.C. scored 12 runs for the first six wickets and then brilliantly recovered and ended by scoring 51. The School then went in and scored 18. Badcock scored highest with 5. Pfordten took 3 wickets for 11 runs and Clarke 6 for 31.

v. City of Oxford School. Played at home on May 25th. Lost by 42 runs. C.O.S. scored 89 and the School scored 47. Hill made 14 and Pfordten 8. Pfordten took five wickets for 47 runs, Clarke 2 for 31, and Hodgson 2 for 7.

v. Leighton Park School. Played at home on Wednesday, May 29th. Lost by 89 runs. Leighton scored 132 and the School 43. Hodgson made 17 and Milsom 7 not out. Taylor took 5 wickets for 46 runs and Clarke 4 for 32.

v. Dorchester College. Played at home on Saturday, June 1st. Lost by one run. This was the most exciting match of the season. Dorchester scored 85 and the School 84. Hill made 19 and Hunt 16. Taylor and Lay made 12 apiece. Clarke took 5 wickets for 22, Pfordten 4 for 18 and Taylor one for 21.

v. Abingdon Junior Imperials C.C. Played at home on Saturday, June 15th. Lost by 99 runs. The School went in first and scored 65 runs, of which Hunt made 22, Pollard 15 and Milsom 10. The A.J.I.C.C. then made a score of 165, of which North made 104 not out. Taylor took 3 wickets for 24, Hodgson 2 for 25 and Sinclair 2 for 31.

v. Magdalen College School. Played at home on June 15th. This match proved a welcome change in a long series of defeats. The scores were Abingdon 150 and Magdalen 94. Hunt obtained top score with 37, Hill made 28, Pfordten made 19 not out and Pollard made 16. Clarke took 4 wickets for 7, Taylor 3 for 9 and Darbishire 2 for 27. The fielding in this match was very good.

v. C.O.S. on July 3rd, at Oxford. Lost by 55 runs. C.O.S. scored 117 and the School 62. Badcock made the highest score with 13. Darbishire took 4 wickets for 24 and Paige 3 for 16.

The following have played for the second IX. :—J. H. Taylor (Captain), T. H. Hodgson, W. B. Badcock, R. C. Clarke, J. E. Emmett, A. F. Hill, E. G. Hunt, P. W. Lay, E. R. Leslie-Smith, J. G.

Milsom, S. A. Paige, P. B. Pfordten, V. E. Pollard, L. Sinclair, P. E. Wagstaff, D. H. Wardlaw.

JUNIOR MATCHES. UNDER 15.

v. City of Oxford School, away, on May 22nd. The School made 18, of which Wardlaw made 10. C.O.S. made 107 for 4 wickets.

v. City of Oxford School, at home, on June 12th. C.O.S. made 107. We made 13, of which Spalding made 7.

v. Wantage School, away, on July 6th. The School batted first and got Wantage out for 58. The School made 86, of which Jacob and Pfordten made 17 apiece and Wardlaw 15. Sinclair took 7 wickets for 22 runs.

The following have played for the "under 15" XI. :—L. Sinclair (Captain), J. C. Blackmore, A. L. Fleet, J. Grover, D. E. Healy, W. G. E. Jacob, J. C. T. Jones, H. B. Joseph, R. Langebear, P. B. Pfordten, C. Spalding, M. Thomas, R. L. Triggs, A. J. Turnham, D. H. Wardlaw.

UNDER 14.

v. New College School, away, on May 18th. New College batted first and made 101 for seven wickets, when they declared. The School made only 36, of which Grover made 11. Our team was, L. Sinclair (Captain), J. C. Blackmore, A. L. Fleet, G. J. Goodey, J. Grover, D. E. Healy, J. C. W. Jacob, R. G. Sanderecock, B. G. Steff, A. J. Turnham, G. E. H. Warrick.

INTER-HOUSE CRICKET.

This year it was proposed that there should be two rounds in the House matches, so that each House should play the other two twice, but unfortunately this, for divers reasons, could not be carried out.

In the first Senior match Green met Blue. This resulted in an easy victory for Blue, who went in first and scored 164 (F. H. G. Taylor 32, Savage 26, Hill 25). Green House then tried "safety first" tactics and took (literally) hours to make the score 40 for 2. Kettle however captured two wickets, after which Taylor despatched the rest with astonishing rapidity. His analysis was 6 for 28. Final score—Blue, 164; Green, 60.

The second senior match was won by Red House by three runs. Red were fortunate to get a strong batting side out for 70. Of the Blues only F. H. G. Taylor and W. R. A. Kettle offered any successful resistance to the bowling of L. P. Mosdell and G. A. Wood. They scored 14 and 17 respectively. Reds, except for Mosdell 29, Plummer 13 and Paige 10,

failed before the onslaught of Taylor and Kettle. Mosdell played a very sound captain's innings, and when the situation demanded two runs for victory and the last man in, he rose to the occasion nobly by scoring a boundary, though by the very next ball he was bowled.

The first Junior House Match, between Green and Blue, resulted in a win for Green House by 7 wickets. Scores—Blue, 30 (W. G. E. Jacob 10). Blackmore took 5 wickets for 6 runs for Green. Green, 56 for 3 wickets (Wardlaw, 37, Triggs, 12).

In the second Junior Match, Red and Green, the bowlers must surely have been deadly, for the scores of both sides verged on the ridiculous. Red House won by two wickets. Scores—Green, 16; Red, 21 for 8 wickets.

The last Junior Match, between Blue and Red, was also won by Red. Scores—Blue, 67; Red, 80.

Thus the Cricket Cup is won by Red, who have not been defeated, Blue House, the holders, being second.

IF I WERE A FREE MAN.

If I were a free man,
And could do just what I wished,
—But I am not,
And I cannot—
I would leave this country at once;
This cold and drear country.
This country of granite walls,
And harsh and frowning heights.
This country of rushing torrents:
And I would take the South Road.
The most straight and direct road
Until I came to Berkshire,
To the little towns of Berkshire,
To the quiet little towns of Berkshire.
I would climb by Faringdon Folly
And stand in the sunny street,
And watch sheep ambling thro' the town.
I would stand on Wallingford Bridge
And watch the water.
I would lie by the lasher at Abingdon,

And listen to the water,
And smell the smell of the river.
The weedy smell of the slow river.
And then I would go by the lanes
And look at the hedges,
And stare at the hedges,
Dividing the fields round Sunningwell,
And hear the ducks on the village pond.
I would take the grassy path to Radley
And follow the scented rushes
Till I saw the round back of the "Clumps."
And dream of the Atrebatas
Watching the Dobuni
Pushing their coracles
Over the moat of the river.
If I were a free man,
And could do what I wished.
But I am not,
And I cannot.

ALAN W. STEVENS, O.A.

MONTREAL.

No matter from which direction you come, you have to pass over a huge bridge to get into Montreal, for the city of Montreal is situated on the island of Montreal, which is about 100 miles in circumference. The surrounding water consists of the River St. Lawrence and some of its branches.

Suppose you come into Montreal, as I did, over the famous Victoria Bridge, which is just a trifle short of two miles in length. As your train approaches the South shore of the St. Lawrence through the riverside residential city of St. Lambert, you see away on the north shore a long line of mist and smoke, and standing out from this the masts of ships, the spires of churches, the crests of huge buildings, and here and there a tall chimney-stack of some industrial plant. Back of the mist that envelops the city you will notice the broad long line of the mountain, Mount Royal, from which

the city takes its name, and you will find later that the mountain is not at the back of the city, as you may have thought, but in its centre.

Once across the bridge, the smoke that looked so thick is not apparent. You will wonder where it has all gone. Your first glimpses of the city are not favourable: you see freight sheds and warehouses, and a seething traffic of trucks and horse-drawn lorries. Later you find that Montreal is highly picturesque, and you will also find that it is distinctly cosmopolitan. You will find it contains splendid hotels, fine squares, great stores, and hills. Heavens! what a hilly place it seems to be!

You will see all the street signs and most of the public notices and outdoor advertising in both English and French—a reminder that you are in the largest French-speaking city in the world

outside Paris. Everywhere in the crowds you will hear the French as well as the English language, and if you visit the "movies" you will have the sub-titles put before your eyes in both languages. For all that you are not in a French city, but in a great cosmopolitan city, in which English is the universal tongue. Therefore, no matter where you go, you are thoroughly at home with English, for most of the French-Canadians speak English, though not so large a proportion of the English speak French. And you will soon get used to the fact that the City Hall is also the Hôtel de Ville, the Court House, the Palais de Justice, and so on.

There are few cities so sharply divided into sections as Montreal. East is predominantly French and West predominantly English. Then again, down along the river front you are in the unlovely surroundings of one of the world's largest sea-ports—towering grain elevators and harbour sheds, a maze of railway tracks, streets of warehouses, long lines of rumbling trucks and lorries laden with a nation's freight. The water you scarcely see; and where are the ships? But when you do get a glimpse of them you are amazed! Go where you will, for mile after mile along the harbour front you will find them—stately liners of 20,000 tons or more, freighters from all over the world, ships and barges from inland waters, grain-carriers from the Great Lakes, fussy tugs, perhaps a British or a foreign warship—and all a thousand miles inland.

But come up from the harbour on to the first of the city's rising levels. You are now in the financial district, the oldest part of the city. It is

overshadowed by a twenty-five storied skyscraper, the Head Office of the Royal Bank of Canada. Within a short distance are the head offices of most of the Canadian banks, and the beautiful great French Church of Notre Dame. It is wonderfully ornate inside, will seat over 15,000 people, and has in its belfry one of the largest bells in America.

Going up to the next of the levels you will find yourself in the shopping and theatre centre—St. Catherine Street, a street always thronged with people. The size and luxury of the leading stores attest the prosperity of a great city.

Above this again, on the next level, is Sherbrooke Street, formerly the leading residential street and now in process of transformation. It traverses the city from end to end, has no street-car tracks, and day and night is crowded by an immense stream of cars. On this street are the noble buildings of McGill University.

The next level is the mountain itself, from which lovely views of the city may be obtained. In the winter it is a centre for skiing and tobogganing, and in the summer it is the city's principal playground.

From the mountain you get an idea of what a great industrial city Montreal is. The population of Montreal and its immediate suburbs is now estimated at one and a quarter millions, and the city is growing at an astonishing rate. One feels that Montreal is only at its beginning. In every direction it is bursting its bounds and building building, building!

CYRIL STACEY.

"THE GREATEST OF THESE."

Be good, O Soul, for goodness doth ascend
On wings to Heaven, enriching far and wide;
But sooner be thou bad and save thy friend,
Than good and save thyself and none beside.

By holy, Soul,—lift up thine eyes on high,
Count those dear wounds in hands and feet that
But better never look upon God's sky [bleed;
Than turn thy face from earth's despairing need.

Be pure, O Soul, for such, 'tis written, may
See God Himself, and find a sure retreat;
But better to be foul than draw away
From those soiled hands that cling about thy feet.

Be faithful, Soul, nor wrestle with thy grief,
Think that God knows, nor seek His meaning out;
Yet, rather be thou plunged in unbelief
Than that thy faith should scorn another's doubt.

But love, O Soul, love always, with thy life,
Love outward, and love downward, and above;
No matter what it cost in pain and strife,
Love utterly:—'There is no fear in Love.'

E.A.R.B.

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

The Annual General meeting of the Club was held in the School Common Room after the Past v. Present Cricket Match. There were present 32 members. J. H. E. Morland, the Senior Ex-President, took the Chair.

The accounts were passed, shewing a balance in hand of £39 11s. 9d.

The following officers were elected :—President, J. B. Reeves; Vice-Presidents, Rev. T. Layng, W. M. Grundy; Committee, H. W. Stone, W. B. Coxeter, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, G. F. Powell, G. S. Sturrock, W. G. Hancock; Hon. Secs. and Treasurers, H. A. L. Donkin, Caldecott Cottage, Abingdon, R. E. Eason, Radley College, Abingdon; London Secretary, W. H. Stevens, Shirley, Page Heath Lane, Bickley, Kent.

The Secretary was instructed to write to J. B. Reeves, thanking him for the gift of the Golf Challenge Bowl.

A discussion followed on a new club tie and a sub-committee consisting of H. P. Simpson, G. F. Powell and H. A. L. Donkin was appointed to decide the design.

The President (Rev. H. Hughes) preached the Sermon on Founder's Day. We regret that he had to leave us early on Saturday and so miss the meeting and dinner. The Club held the usual dance in the Council Chamber on the evening of Founder's Day. There were 70 present. The Secretary is most grateful to Miss P. Challenor for her help with the refreshments, which enabled him to run the dance without loss, although the numbers were much less.

The report of the Cricket Match will be found elsewhere. We congratulate Dick Taylor on his fine innings and also Dolphin on making the most of his opportunities. Taylor and Brown also bowled very steadily. We hope the School will be able to benefit by some coaching next year. We suggest to them that the only way to make runs is to hit the ball and hit it hard, and that this is also a good cure for "nerves"—a malady which also unfortunately spread to their fielding.

The Club dinner was held in the Lion Hotel on Saturday evening after the Cricket Match. Mr. Mayhead provided us with the usual excellent meal. In the absence of the President, A. W. Morland took the chair. There were 31 members and guests present.

The Secretary hopes to be able to make an announcement about the proposed new tie in the next number.

GOLF COMPETITION.

The Challenge Cup presented by J. B. Reeves, O.A., was played for at Frilford Heath G.C. on Sunday, June 23rd. We are grateful to the Golf Club for their kindness and also for giving visitors the courtesy of the green. There were twelve entries.

We congratulate Thatcher on his win.

Result.

A. M. Thatcher	95 - 16 = 79
E. G. Langford	84 - 3 = 81
J. D. Wood	94 - 13 = 81
W. W. Brown	91 - 9 = 82
S. Cullen	98 - 14 = 84

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTH.

KIRKBY.—On June 30, at Pernambuco, Brazil, to Joyce, wife of Geoffrey R. Kirkby, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BLACKNELL—REYNOLDS.—On June 8, at St. Paul's Church, East Molesey, Edward H. Blacknell to Rosamund Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, of 7 Rusthall Avenue, Bedford Park, W.3.

DEATHS.

WENIGER.—On Feb. 22, at 9 Fairlawn Court, Chiswick Park, W.4, James Frederick John, only son of Mr. F. H. O. Weniger and Mrs. Weniger, of heart-failure following influenza, aged 16.

DIGBY.—On June 3, at Osterley Park, Middle-

sex, Hugh Mountjoy Digby, following four operations for pleurisy and lung-trouble, aged 65.

We heard with great regret of J. F. J. Weniger's early death. He was never a strong boy and his school career here (Sept. '23 to March '26) was closed prematurely for reasons of ill-health. For the past three years he had lived mostly in Marseilles, where his parents were stationed. Much sympathy will be felt with them on the loss of their only son.

H. M. Digby was at the School from May, 1878, to July, 1883. From here he proceeded to St. John's College, Oxford, with the intention of taking Holy Orders, but this idea was frustrated by family circumstances attendant on his father's death. He then went out to India, but after a short time was invalided home and settled down to a business

career in London. Always the keenest of sportsmen he was a member of the School Four in 1881 and 1882 (stroke in the latter year) in each of which years the School won the Town Challenge Cup at the Town Regatta. Later, and with equal success, he stroked his College eight at Oxford. On revisiting his old College in June of 1927—and he paid us a visit on the same occasion—he noticed in the Quadrangle certain manifest signs of recent celebrations. On asking the cause, he was informed that “St. John’s had made more bumps than any year since a chap called Digby stroked the eight in the eighteen-eighties!” But he was as keen on Rugger as he was on Rowing. To quote from J. B. Reeves in his article on “Rugger in the Eighties”—to which, it will be remembered, H. M. Digby himself subscribed a paragraph—“he was one of the best players the School ever had. When at St. John’s, Oxford, he played for the Varsity several times, but missed his Blue. He afterwards played for Bath and got his County Cap for Somerset.”

When too old to take an active part himself he still maintained his interest in sport. He was a regular attendant on Saturday afternoons at Twickenham or Richmond, and during his many years in London he never missed an International Rugby Match or the Boat Race.

Congratulations to S. R. Hunt, who has been awarded First Class Honours in Part I. of the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge.

C. R. Wright was again stroking the first Pembroke Eight this year, and J. B. O. Durell was rowing at “4.” The boat made four bumps. S. E. Clark was rowing at “2” in the second Eight and aided it to make three bumps. Altogether a good record both for the School and the College.

J. D. Wood, who is qualifying as an architect, is now in his father’s office in Craven Street, Strand, W.C.

H. M. Insley has successfully negotiated the Intermediate Examinations of the Surveyors’ Institute and of the Institute of Auctioneers.

Sidney Shallard has moved again and his new address is c/o. C. N. Harvey, Esq., Manaroa, Pelorus Sands, South Island, N.Z. He is now only a few minutes walk from his brother Harold, but further than ever, he says, from his fiancée, whose surname, by the way, is Olson and not Olsen, as we erroneously printed it in our last issue. Sidney’s present job is a sheep-farm of some 3,000 acres or more, running about 2,700 sheep.

H. S. Bartlett writes from Carcavellos (Quinta Nova, Carcavellos, Portugal), where he seems to be enjoying himself greatly. He has had quite a lot of Football, both Rugger and Soccer, during the winter, and is now playing Cricket with some success. Their principal matches (both winter and summer games) appear to be *versus* Oporto. “We go up there one year and they come down here the next,” and on these occasions the visiting team, it seems, is always most royally feted and entertained.

Cyril Stacey, who is in the Bank of Montreal, is now at Cornwall, a town about 70 miles further up the St. Lawrence from Montreal. He seems to find life out there enjoyable and occupies his leisure time with Golf. We are indebted to him for our article on Montreal.

R. B. Masterman Wood has gone out to Kenya Colony to grow coffee. He sailed in May. His address is Buckholt Estate, Thika, Kenya, South Africa.

Congratulations to R. E. Broadbent on winning (from scratch) the Men’s Doubles Handicap in the South Beds. Lawn Tennis Tournament at Luton.

F. G. H. Allen is at present on a farm at Bracknell, where he is taking a course of Agricultural Chemistry preparatory to proceeding to Calcutta in the employ of Imperial Chemical Industries.

B. W. L. Buckland is in the Westminster Bank in South Kensington.

M. A. Drewe left the School towards the end of May, having obtained a clerkship in Barclay’s Bank in Banbury.