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BIRTHS.

CULLEN.—On January 15, at Two Trees, Radley Road, Abingdon, to Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cullen, a son.

HOOKE.—On February 28, at Ottawa, Canada, to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hooke, a son.

CULLEN.—On May 6, at 22 East St. Helen's, Abingdon, to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Cullen, a son.

MARRIAGES.

RICE—MORTIMER.—On February 19, at Christ Church, Chelsea, Alexander Guy Campbell, second son of Dr. R. Rice, of Harwell, to the eldest daughter of Mr. G. F. L. Mortimer, K.C., Recorder of Rotherham, and Mrs. Mortimer.

CLARK—BENSON.—On March 16, at Shippon, by the Rev. J. H. Kirkby, Percival Francis, son of the late Mr. Dawson Clark and Mrs. Clark, of St. Helen's Mill House, Abingdon, to Emmie, daughter of the late Mr. J. H. Benson and Mrs. Benson, of Dunmore Farm, Abingdon.

CHALLENGER—NUTTALL.—On April 16, at Christ Church, Harrogate, the Rev. Basil Montfort, third son of the late Mr. Bromley Challenor and Mrs. Challenor, of The Firs, Abingdon, to Violet Marie

Sutton, daughter of the late Mr. J. W. Nuttall and Mrs. Nuttall, of Clifton House School, Harrogate.

HOOKE—HAHN.—On April 17, at St. John's Church, Toronto, Canada, Henry Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hooke, of Parkfield, Abingdon, to Hilda Claire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Hahn, of Toronto.

DEATHS.

THORN.—On December 23, in London, after an operation, Percy Alexander Nowell, eldest son of the late Alexander Thorn, aged 63.

HENDERSON.—On January 11, at New Lodge, Windsor Forest, Bernard William Henderson, M.A., D.Litt., Fellow and Tutor of Exeter College, Oxford, aged 57.

ILES.—On January 31, at Taunton, Dr. Alfred Robert Iles, son of the late Dr. Daniel Iles, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, aged 76.

MEREDITH.—On February 11, at Worcester, John Hopkins Meredith, elder surviving son of the late Rev. Richard Meredith, Vicar of Hagbourne, Berks, and afterwards Rector of Westborough and Dry Doddington, aged 88.

WILLIAMS.—On February 16, at Abingdon, John Montague Williams, aged 85.

NASH.—On February 25, at Iver Heath, Bucks, William Harry Nash, Recorder of Abingdon, aged 80.

ABBOTT.—On March 11, suddenly, at Wormingford Vicarage, Colchester, William Martin Abbott, Vicar of the parish, aged 68.

HOLMES.—On April 17, at Bush Steep, Porlock, William Perowne Holmes, Rector of Porlock, aged 73.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We have to lament the loss by death of two members of our Governing Body, Mr. W. H. Nash, the late Recorder of Abingdon, and Dr. B. W. Henderson, of Exeter College, Oxford.

Mr. Nash, who had a long and distinguished legal career, had held the Recordership of Abingdon, and with it *ex officio* his Governorship of Roysse's School, since 1888. He is succeeded in the dual office by Mr. S. R. Benson, of Worcester, who was installed as Abingdon's new Recorder on April 18. As our new Governor we are hoping to welcome him at the School on Founder's Day this year, when he has kindly consented to distribute the prizes, thus early giving a proof of the interest which at his installation he promised to take in our affairs.

In our last issue, commenting on Dr. Henderson's illness, we expressed the sincere wish of all for his speedy and complete recovery. This wish was never destined to be fulfilled. Dr. Henderson died on January 11 at New Lodge, Windsor Forest. We have lost a very good friend, whose kindnesses extended far beyond the sphere of his official services. Ever ready with help and encouragement, he endeared himself to many among school-boys and undergraduates, and many Abingdonians who have played cricket in junior teams at Oxford will retain pleasant memories of his hospitality. It was his custom to present annually a bat for the best all-round cricketer under 15, and this custom he has perpetuated and extended in his will, whereby he has left £100 to the Governors of Roysse's School, to provide annually two bats for the best cricketers under 15 and 16 respectively.

He was a distinguished classical historian and published several authoritative works upon his subject. He had been a Fellow and Librarian of Merton College, Oxford, and subsequently, and to the time of his death, Fellow and Tutor of Exeter College. He had been a Governor of the School since 1923.

A third vacancy on the Governing Body has been caused by the retirement, owing to pressure of other business, of Mr. A. P. Iliffe. He had been

a Governor of the School for eight years and rendered much useful and loyal service. His place on the Governing Body has been filled by Vice-Admiral F. Clifton Brown, C.B., C.M.G., of Faringdon.

The new Boarding House of Waste Court was opened this term with twelve boarders in occupation. Extensive alterations have been made to the house, which has thus been most effectually adapted to its new purpose. The boarding accommodation is little short of luxurious. The ground too has received attention. Obstructive timber and brushwood have been cleared, the paths put in order, and an entrance way made from the School through Roysse's Lane. Goal posts were erected in the field last term, and some junior Rugger games were played there; but it will be some little time yet before it can be got ready for cricket on an extensive scale. The westward portion—the old vegetable garden—has been cleared of stock, and is to be laid down in grass for Lawn Tennis courts.

While wishing success to our Waste Court extension, and happiness and prosperity to Mr. and Mrs. Rudd and their charges, we should like to record our sense of gratitude to those who have given their thought to the preparation of both house and grounds. More especially we desire to thank Mr. Preston, without whose zealous and effectual support our hopes for the new venture could never have materialized. In these later stages of adaptation his great experience has been equally at our service. In the outside work—carried out largely by his own gardeners—his knowledge of horticulture has proved invaluable, while we are no less indebted to him for much sound advice and help upon the economic side.

It may come as a shock, perhaps, to Old Boys visiting the School to find that the elm trees in the Upper Field have been lopped: not all of them, but those directly fronting the School: and one of them has been cut down altogether. From the aesthetic standpoint there may be room here for divergence of views; but at least it must

be granted that more light has been admitted to the class rooms, and much-needed air and sunshine to the outer fabric of the walls.

Mr. J. W. Reynolds was ordained Deacon by Bishop Shaw at Cuddesdon on Sunday, December 23.

The following were confirmed by Bishop Shaw in the School Chapel on March 10:—R. F. Brown, H. R. d'Almaine, P. O. Darbishire, F. H. G. Taylor, G. A. Wood.

The following were appointed sub-prefects in January:—L. P. Mosdell, G. E. Sinclair, J. E. Spencer, G. A. Wood.

This term's appointments are:—Prefects, G. E. Sinclair, L. P. Mosdell, W. R. A. Kettle, G. A. Wood, S. S. Bates, B. J. Pedlar, M. A. Drewe.

L. P. Mosdell has been elected Captain of Cricket this term, with G. E. Sinclair Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

We take this opportunity of thanking Miss Meredith, daughter of the late Mr. J. H. Meredith, O.A., for her kind offer to continue, in memory of her father, the annual gift of special bowling prizes—senior and junior—which he had so generously instituted. These will be competed for, as in former years, at the end of the summer term.

The School enjoyed an interesting lantern lecture on Coal Mining given by Mr. John Aston in the Gymnasium on Saturday, February 9.

We have to thank the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Kirkby for some excellent photographs, mounted in albums, of Egypt, India, China and Japan.

Athletic Colours were awarded last term to R. C. Clark.

Rowing Colours were awarded to J. A. Howard, D. S. Kite (cox), R. A. Langford, P. J. Squire and W. F. Wiseman.

Condolences herewith to the six victims of the Scarlet Fever germ last term, and best wishes for their renewed health this term. We were all in some measure sufferers, owing to consequent dislocation of School arrangements, culminating in the last-minute cancellation of the "Rag."

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 Lily*, *The Limit*, *The Liverpool*

College Magazine, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*.

Founder's Day this year is June 21, when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. H. Hughes, O.A., Headmaster of King's College, Taunton, and President this year of the O.A.C. The prizes will be distributed by Mr. S. R. Benson, the new Recorder of Abingdon.

The Regatta is fixed for June 20 and the O.A. Cricket Match for June 22.

The Oxford examinations begin on July 16. Term ends on July 29, boarders leaving on the following day.

VALETE.

(December, 1928.)

VI. FORM.—W. B. Smith (1922, ii). School Prefect; 2nd XI. Football, 1927; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1927–8; Athletic Colours, 1928; 1st XV. Rugby, 1928; O.S.C. exam., 1927; L.-Cpl., O.T.C.; 1st class shot.

A. M. D. Greene (1922, ii). Sub-prefect; 2nd XV. Rugby, 1928; 2nd XV. Colours; O.S.C. exam., 1927; Cpl., O.T.C.

A. B. Blackmore (1922, iii). Sub-prefect; 2nd XV. Rugby, 1928; O.S.C. exam., 1928; L.-Cpl., O.T.C.

J. W. Page (1926, i). Sub-prefect; 2nd XV. Rugby, 1928; O.S.C. exam., 1928; L.-Cpl., O.T.C.; 1st class shot.

G. V. Cook (1922, iii). Sub-prefect; 1st XI. Football, 1927, colours, 1927; 1st IV. Rowing, 1928, colours, 1928; 1st XI. Cricket, 1928, colours, 1928; 1st XV. Rugby, 1928, colours, 1928; O.S.C. exam., 1928; Sgt. O.T.C.; 1st class shot.

Va. FORM.—G. W. Williams (1925, iii).

REMOVE FORM.—D. G. Smith (1926, iii.); G. Jones (1927, iii).

(March, 1929.)

VI. FORM.—J. E. Spencer (1926, iii). Sub-prefect; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1928, colours; O.S.C. exam., 1928, 1st class honours; O.T.C.; 1st class shot; Hon. Sec. and Treas. of Games, 1928.

J. A. Howard (1920, iii). Sub-prefect; 2nd XV. Rugby, 1928; 1st IV. Rowing, 1929, Colours; O.S.C. exam., 1928; L.-Cpl. O.T.C.; 1st class shot.

Va. FORM.—H. G. R. Constable (1925, iii).

REMOVE FORM.—J. E. Mobbs (1922, ii).

SALVETE. (*January, 1929.*)

REMOVE FORM.—M. Thomas, H. B. Joseph.

III. FORM.—P. V. Collings.

II. FORM.—Pat. V. Collings, J. E. Earwaker,
P. A. Town.

(*April, 1929.*)

REMOVE FORM.—P. B. Pfordten, D. H. Wardlaw, D. G. Brown, J. C. Blackmore, A. J. Turnham.

III. FORM.—E. N. Oram, R. E. G. Morewood.

II. FORM.—L. G. Cather, J. G. Bury, J. A. Philpots, H. T. Jones, R. M. Aldwinckle, J. M. A. Darell-Seal.

O.T.C.

Eight cadets were examined in Part I. of Certificate "A" held early last term, and all of them passed. Five of them succeeded in Part II., in the following order of merit:—R. A. Langford, P. D. Smith, M. Ogle, W. R. A. Kettle, L. P. Mosdell.

Sgts. Ogle and Langford are platoon commanders, and Sgts. Savage and Squire are platoon sergeants.

Last term the Contingent was fortunately able to offer Sgt.-Instructor Eyre, late of the Royal Berks Regiment, full-time employment as instruc-

tor. So now, for the first time in its history, the contingent has the full services of a very competent instructor.

We are down to go with thirty-five cadets to Tidworth Pennings from July 30—August 7. It does not seem that there will be any difficulty in finding more than half of those in the Corps ready to give up nine days of the summer holidays for what is a very important and necessary conclusion to the year's work on the parade ground.

ROWING.

Work began in earnest on January 19, and continued with hopeful energy up to the time of the severe frost which set in on February 13. During this period three "fours" were collected and were able to practise with very few days off, thanks to absence of strong winds and flood water. In addition another four pairs were given fairly regular coaching, and the prospects seemed quite encouraging, but when the river was completely frozen over from bank to bank all work had to be abandoned. Following the thaw sickness made serious inroads on the crews and it was found quite impossible to put a four of any description on the river; and consequently the fixture with Magdalen College School was scratched. Under the circumstances it was decided to award rowing

colours to the probable first crew, constituted as follows:—J. A. Howard, bow; W. F. Wiseman, 2; P. J. Squire, 3; R. A. Langford, stroke; D. S. Kite, cox. The 2nd four was manned by G. E. Sinclair, bow; E. R. Leslie-Smith, 2; M. Ogle, 3; G. A. Wood, stroke; L. Sinclair, cox; and this combination showed promise of developing into a very uniform crew, though lacking somewhat the necessary drive to win races. Of the others, F. H. G. Taylor, P. D. Smith, D. P. Edsall and T. H. Hodgson showed some prospect of becoming useful oars. With more than the usual amount of talent it was a decided pity that "circumstances" curtailed the season's prospects so drastically and prevented the use of a first rate set of Ayling oars procured for the benefit of the 1st Four.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The School sports were held in the Upper Field on Saturday, March 16th. The weather was rather cold, but there was little wind and the sun shone brightly. No records were broken, but on the whole the results were up to standard. The condition of the track had been greatly improved by rolling and cinders. The officials were:—President, The Head Master; Starter, J. B. E. Alston, Esq.; Time Keepers, C. O. Wright, Esq., W. Bevir, Esq.; Judges, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq., W. A. Rudd, Esq.; Stewards, S. S. Bates, W. R. A. Kettle, J. A. Howard.

The Committee was composed of:—W. A. Rudd, Esq. (Chairman), J. B. E. Alston, Esq.; *ex-officio*, M. Ogle, L. P. Mosdell, K. R. Savage, S. F. Thatcher, J. E. Spencer (Hon. Sec. and Treas.); and elected, R. A. Langford, R. F. Brown, D. P. Edsall, G. J. Goodey, J. Ranger, P. R. Wood.

Results:—

1. Long Jump (Open).

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

Prizes presented by T. Skurray, Esq.

1. L. P. Mosdell.

2. G. A. Wood.

Distance, 18 ft. 4 ins.

2. Long Jump (Under 15).

Prizes presented by Miss Sandys and W. A. Rudd, Esq.

1. W. B. Badcock. 2. G. J. Goodey.
- Distance, 15 ft. 9 ins.

3. High Jump (Open).

Prizes presented by W. T. Morland, Esq., O.A., and Lady Norman.

1. K. R. Savage. 2. A. F. Hill.
- Height, 4 ft. 9½ ins.

4. High Jump (Under 15).

Prizes presented by A. E. Preston, Esq., O.A.

1. W. B. Badcock. 2. G. J. Goodey.
- Height, 4 ft. 4½ ins.

5. Hurdles (Open).

Prizes presented by Miss Grundy.

1. L. P. Mosdell. 2. G. E. Sinclair.
- Time, 19 4/5 secs

6. Hurdles (Under 16).

Prizes presented by H. S. Challenor, Esq., O.A.

1. E. R. Leslie Smith. 2. W. B. Badcock.
- Time, 21 2/5 secs.

7. 100 Yards (Under 12).

Prizes presented by H. P. Simpson, Esq., O.A.

1. Y. H. Aldwinckle. 2. M. Austin.
- Time, 16 secs.

8. 100 Yards (Under 15).

Prizes presented by R. W. Langford, Esq.

1. W. B. Badcock. 2. R. L. Triggs.
- Time, 12 4/5 secs.

9. 100 Yards (Open).

Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Price.

- Prizes presented by H. G. W. d'Almaine, Esq., O.A.
1. L. P. Mosdell. 2. J. A. Howard.
- Time, 11 4/5 secs.

10. 220 Yards Handicap (Under 13).

Prizes presented by Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Kirkby.

1. M. Austin (35 yds.). 2. Y. H. Aldwinckle (20 yds.).
- Time, 30 2/5 secs.

11. Quarter Mile (Under 15).

Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon.

1. W. B. Badcock. 2. G. J. Goodey.
- Time, 67 1/5 secs.

12. Quarter Mile (Open).

Challenge Cup presented by W. Pierpoint, Esq.

Prizes presented by the Ladies of Abingdon.

1. S. F. Thatcher. 2. L. P. Mosdell.
- Time, 58 2/5 secs.

13. Throwing the Cricket Ball.

Prizes presented by J. F. Downing, Esq.

1. G. E. Sinclair. 2. K. R. Savage.
- Distance, 78 yards.

14. Half Mile (Open).

Challenge Cup presented by D. H. Brown, Esq.

Prizes presented by B. Challenor, Esq., O.A., H. Donkin, Esq., and Mrs. Donkin.

1. R. C. Clarke. 2. S. F. Thatcher.
 3. D. P. Edsall.
- Time, 2 mins. 22 1/5 secs.

15. Half Mile (Under 15).

Prizes presented by M. T. Tatham, Esq., and Mrs. Tatham.

1. G. J. Goodey. 2. W. B. Badcock.
 3. J. Ranger.
- Time, 2 mins, 34 secs.

16. Putting the Weight (12 lbs.).

Prizes presented by J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A.

1. L. P. Mosdell. 2. K. R. Savage.
- Distance, 28 ft. 11 ins.

17. Relay Race (Junior).

1. Green House. 2. Red House.
- Time, 3 mins. 19 4/5 secs.

18. Relay Race (Senior).

1. Green House. 2. Red House.
- Time, 2 mins, 54 1/5 secs.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Rudd.

The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup was won by L. P. Mosdell, with 44 points.

The Shallard Challenge Cup was won by W. B. Badcock, last year's joint holder, with 54 points.

The House Cup, presented by the Ladies of Abingdon, was won by Red House with 204 points, Green House being second with 164 points.

THE STEEPLECHASES.

These were run on the Common, as usual, on Monday, March 11th.

Senior.

Challenge Cup presented by C. E. H. Dolphin, Esq., O.A., and R. L. C. Footitt, Esq., O.A.

Prizes presented by Rev. H. Hughes, O.A., and G. Saxby, Esq.

The Entries for the senior event were fewer than last year, partly through illness, partly through lack of enterprise. Last year's frozen ground and arctic conditions were a marked contrast to the almost tropical heat under which this year's event was run, and everything was in favour of a fast time being recorded. Ogle set the pace, being well away over the first few ditches. But Thatcher, Langford, Paige and Trye, not to mention Sinclair, ran ahead in a bunch for the greater part of the way to the butts.

After turning and crossing the stream Thatcher and Paige went right away, the latter, who ran a fine race all the way, keeping just behind Thatcher.

Half way along the bank, Paige took the lead and ran hard for the water-jump. At this period it was painfully apparent to the runners that the time would be approaching a record. Really, there was a longing to linger in the "crystal Ock" when the second water-jump came along. Alas, this could not be. Paige finished with a fine burst (so I am told) followed by Thatcher, with Langford third. The time was the best on record for the last twelve years.

Those who came in early must be complimented on the kind and sympathetic way in which they attended to those who finished after them, in rather distressed condition.

Time, 11 min., 18 2/5 secs.

Junior (Under 14).

Prizes presented by E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq., and J. G. T. West, Esq., O.A.

The junior race was run first, and in this too the time was very good. Goodey took the lead from the start and set his own pace. After the first hundred yards, as usual, the field began to straggle. Goodey was closely followed by Healy (D. E.) and Sinclair (L.). After turning Quelch came into second place and Sinclair third. This was the order of finishing. The "Senior", however, could not be run for quite a time, as two rather tardy runners were still contending for last place on the distant verge.

1st G. J. Goodey, 2nd P. B. Quelch, 3rd L. Sinclair.

Time, 6 mins. 49 1/5 secs.

THE MILES.

The Miles were run on Thursday, March 14th. In the Senior event the pace for the first two laps was rather slow, but afterwards it was quickened. S. F. Thatcher, last year's runner-up, was the winner. In the Junior race Badcock won comfortably.

The first three in each event were :—

Senior.

Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Burkett.
Prizes presented by the Headmaster and A. W. Morland, Esq., O.A.

1. S. F. Thatcher.
2. R. C. Clarke.
3. S. A. Paige.

Time, 5 mins. 19 3/5 secs.

Junior.

Prizes presented by E. M. Challenor, Esq., O.A.
1. W. B. Badcock.- 2. G. J. Goodey.
- 3. F. G. Hedges.

Time, 5 mins. 52 1/5 secs.

The results for the Houses were as follows :—

Senior.

1. Red.
2. Green.
3. Blue.

Junior.

1. Red.
2. Blue.
3. Green.

The prize donors, to whom our best thanks are due, were as follows :—Lady Norman, Mrs. H. Donkin, Miss Grundy, Miss Sandys, Mrs. Tatham, Mrs. Kirkby, and Messrs. B. Challenor, E. M. Challenor, H. S. Challenor, O. B. Challenor, H. G. W. d'Almaine, H. Donkin, J. F. Downing, W. M. Grundy, J. H. Kirkby, R. W. Langford, A. W. Morland, W. T. Morland, J. H. E. Morland, A. E. Preston, E. J. P. Ross Barker, W. A. Rudd, G. Saxby, H. P. Simpson, T. Skurray, M. T. Tatham, J. G. T. West, Rev. H. Hughes, and the following Ladies of Abingdon, who subscribed for prizes for the Quarter Mile Races, junior and open :—Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Barge, Mrs. Bevir, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Budgett, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Challenor (The Firs), Mrs. Challenor (Waysmeet), Miss B. Challenor, Miss P. Challenor, Miss Childs, Miss Cope, Mrs. Cornish, Miss Edwards, Miss Florey, Mrs. Gardner, Miss Harris, Mrs. Hayward, Miss Hugh Smith, Mrs. Kirkby, Mrs. Mainwaring, Lady Norman, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Reynolds (The Gables), Mrs. Reynolds (Sunnyside), Mrs. Rippon, Mrs. Rudd, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Tatham, Mrs. Woodford, Mrs. Wright.

O.A. SPORTS.

The annual meeting of the School v. the Old Abingdonian Club was held on March 23rd and resulted in a win for the O.A.C. by 7 events to 2. It was a beautiful day, with a slight breeze. Some good racing was witnessed, and much to the delight of the spectators Powell broke the record of these O.A. meetings for the 100 yds. with the wonderful time of 10 secs.

Results

1. 100 yards (Record, 10 1/5 secs.)
1. G. F. Powell, O.A.C. 2. L. P. Mosdell, A.S.A.C.
Time, 10 secs.
2. Quarter Mile (Record, 55 secs.)
1. G. F. Powell, O.A.C. 2. J. G. Brewerton, O.A.C.
Time, 57 2/5 secs.

3. High Jump (Record, 5 ft. 4½ ins.)

This was won by K. R. Savage, A.S.A.C., with a jump of 4 ft. 11¼ ins. All the four competitors had failed at this height three times. The referee decided to give them another jump each, when Savage cleared and the others again failed. The other competitors were A. E. Hill (A.S.A.C.) and F. G. H. Allen and O. T. M. Raymont (O.A.C.)

4. Half Mile (Record, 2 mins. 9 4/5 secs.)

1. E. G. Langford, O.A.C. 2. R. C. Clarke, A.S.A.C.
A good race: Clarke ran very pluckily.

Time, 2 mins. 18 4/5 secs.

5. Hurdles (Record, 16 1/5 secs.)

1. O. T. M. Raymont, 2. L. P. Mosdell,
O.A.C. A.S.A.C.

Time, 18 3/5 secs.

6. Mile (Record, 4 mins. 50 1/5 secs.)

1. S. F. Thatcher, 2. J. G. Brewerton,
A.S.A.C. O.A.C.

A strong finish by Thatcher won the race for the School by five yards.

Time, 5 mins. 14 4/5 secs.

7. Long Jump (Record, 22 ft. 2 ins.)

1. G. F. Powell, O.A.C. 2. L. P. Mosdell, A.S.A.C.
Distance, 19 ft. 11 ins.

8. Putting the Weight.

1. G. F. Powell, O.A.C. 2. L. P. Mosdell,
A.S.A.C.
Distance, 40 ft. 10 ins.

This year for the first time a 12 lb. weight was used as against the 16 lb. weight of previous years.

9. Relay (Record 2 mins. 0 2/5 secs.)

Won by the O.A.C. in 2 mins. 2 secs. The teams were as follows:—

O.A.C.

R. W. Snell,
A. F. James,
O. T. M. Raymont,
E. G. Langford,
J. G. Brewerton,
G. F. Powell.

A.S.A.C.

M. Ogle,
E. R. Leslie-Smith,
F. H. G. Taylor,
S. F. Thatcher,
J. A. Howard,
L. P. Mosdell.

Other School representatives in one event or another were D. P. Edsall, S. A. Paige, G. E. Sinclair, J. E. Spencer, G. A. Wood.

FROM THE WEST INDIES.

St. John's,
Bartica,
British Guiana.

. . . I went from Barbados by steamer, and had a few hours at St. Vincent and Grenada on the way. After a few days at the Bishop's house at Georgetown I came here, crossing the Demerara River by steam ferry; then a 20 mile train journey to the Essequibo, and 40 miles up the latter by steamer.

You can have no idea of what these South American rivers are like. The Essequibo is about 600 miles long, with a perfect maze of channels amid hundreds of islands, where inexperienced people can easily get lost. No one knows how many islands there are. It is great and glorious, and I wish I could describe it so as to give you some idea of it. All along the banks are thick tropical forests, with here and there a small town. Navigation is not easy, for there are many shallows and also dangerous rapids higher up. Three rivers, the Essequibo, Cuyuni, and Mazaruni meet here, and I can just see the opposite bank 3 or 4 miles away.

People are constantly passing through here on their way to and from the gold and diamond fields, so that there are always about 2,000 people in the place, though the actual residents only number about 800, made up of white, black and

coloured people, Portuguese, East Indians, Chinese, and aboriginal Indians (Arecunas).

Mr. Firth, besides being Vicar of Bartica, has charge of about half-a-dozen missions, which he visits by an outboard motor-boat. Communication is all by water. Virgin tropical forest and bush separate each place from the next.

There is a troop of Scouts here and also an Indian settlement. I like the Indians very much; they are very quiet, and have a wonderful natural refinement about them; quite a contrast to the big, burly, quarrelsome Africans, who are always fighting and noisy.

I have been in some of the Indian huts: they are quite neat and artistic. They are made of wattle, leaves, etc. Many of the Indians are Christians, but that does not always debar them from having more than one wife (in accordance with their custom).

Mr. Firth has a little Indian boy known as "Linctum" attached to his household. He is 15, but looks only about 8, for these S. American Indians are a very small race, thus contrasting strongly with those of N. America. He always sits in the bow of the motor-boat and directs the steersman, for he can see all the treacherous rocks and sands under the water, and currents, which no white man would ever see.

I continue to have a good time here, swimming.

at least once a day, and sometimes by moon light, and visiting the mission stations. The river continues to amaze me with its marvels and its immensity. It looks more like a lake than a river from here. At one moment it will be like glass, then twenty minutes later it will be like the sea with a squall of wind and rain, and in another half-hour very likely like glass again. It is subject to sudden squalls, and in particular we have a daily one which always arrives between 1 and 4 p.m.

Now I will tell you about our visit to Groete Creek, an Indian village and mission station about 17 miles up stream. We started in the "Viator" (outboard motor boat) at 7 a.m. and got to the mouth of Groete Creek about 11.30 a.m. We went about a mile up the creek, landed, and walked to the Indian village, where we made ourselves at home in an empty Indian hut. As it was a one-roomed place we borrowed a tarpaulin to divide the living part from the sleeping part. A bare-legged Indian was unrolling the tarpaulin (which was alive with gigantic but harmless cockroaches) when an Indian woman standing by let out a warning yell. Instantly the man doubled up the tarpaulin and jumped on it. Then he showed us what he had killed—a large scorpion, about 4 inches long. I was very thankful that she spotted it, or the Indian might have been stung on his bare feet and suffered intense pain for hours.

After tea we had evensong and slept in hammocks. In the morning Mr. Firth celebrated, after which we returned to the boat, escorted by the whole population. There Mr. Firth distributed medicines to them, chiefly quinine, Epsom salts, castor oil, iodine, bandages, lint, etc. These are

provided free by Government. Then we started for home, the Indians waving until we were out of sight. On our way back we were caught in a squall complete with wind, waves, and rain. The waves and swell were like the sea, and the rain was so heavy that we could not see the land. Thanks, however, to the skill of our Indian we got back safely.

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Barbados.

After leaving Bartica I returned to Georgetown, and then spent a week at New Amsterdam, after which I returned to Georgetown, met C—, and set about getting a passage to Barbados. The only available craft turned out to be a small three-masted schooner, in which we booked our passage. We started for the wharf in one of Georgetown's crazy cabs, with a big pile of luggage, and on the way one of the springs slipped and we were nearly shot out. The driver tied it up with wire, and so we went on to the wharf. It is really wonderful what a distance a broken-down cab can travel if properly tied up with wire. I thought it humorous and exciting.

The passage from Guiana to Barbados was not over pleasant. The schooner, besides being old and small, was very hot and not any too clean. Still, she brought us safely to Barbados in good time to start the term at College. So endeth the Long Vacation of 1928.

H.T.H.

(We are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. A. Howard of Caldecott, Abingdon, for permission to print the foregoing letter from their son H. T. Howard, O.A., who is studying Theology at Codrington College, Barbados.—ED.)

CRICKET FIXTURES.

1ST XI.

Sat. 4 May	Harwell C.C.	Home.
Sat. 11 "	St. Edmund's Hall	Home.
Sat. 18 "	R.A.F. (Milton)	Home.
Wed. 22 "	St. Catherine's C.C.	Home.
Sat. 25 "	City of Oxford School	Away.
Wed. 29 "	Leighton Park School	Away.
Wed. 5 June	Pembroke College	Home.
Wed. 12 "	Wantage School	Away.
Sat. 15 "	Magdalen College School	Away.
Wed. 19 "	Pembroke College	Away.
Sat. 22 "	O.A.C.C.	Home.
Wed. 3 July	City of Oxford School	Away.

2ND XI.

Sat. 18 May	Abingdon Imperials C.C.	Away.
Sat. 25 "	City of Oxford School	Home.
Wed. 29 "	Leighton Park School	Home.
Sat. 1 June	Dorchester College	Home.
Sat. 8 "	Abingdon Imperials C.C.	Home.
Sat. 15 "	Magdalen College School	Home.
Wed. 3 July	City of Oxford School	Away.

"UNDER 15" XI.

Wed. 22 May	City of Oxford School	Away.
Wed. 12 June	City of Oxford School	Home.
Sat. 6 July	Wantage School	Home.

NEW YORK.

For those who have not paid as much attention to their geographical studies as others, a word about the exact position of the city of New York will not be unwelcome, and for those who have this paragraph may be ruled out.

New York is built on solid rock and is situated in the state of the same name on the eastern coast of the U.S. The little island on which this great city is built is so situated that it is completely protected from the sea, and therefore it has a perfect natural harbour. This fact may be in part responsible for the rapid growth of New York, which, although it has been in existence for a comparatively short time, to-day ranks as one of the largest cities in the world. With the exception possibly of Chicago, I think that it has grown more rapidly than any other city in the country.

My entrance into New York was very similar to that of any other visitor—rushed, flurried, and all over before I could think about it. I remember vividly, however, my first glimpse of New York as I stood on the ship and saw the grey mist of the early morning slowly lifting like a curtain, and revealing those tall, stately skyscrapers as they towered aloft. The statue of Liberty was there on the left, but it was not half as inspiring and awesome as the skyline of the city itself. But, as I say, the actual landing in the U.S. for the first time was all over so quickly, and I was installed in my hotel in so short a time, that I can hardly remember what happened. And that, I suppose, is the real spirit of this great metropolis—one continuous bustle from morn till night.

The island of Manhattan on which the city is built is long shaped, something like a loadstone, if my memory serves me right as to the shape of a loadstone. The avenues run north and south, or the length of the island, and the streets run east and west, or across. Although skyscrapers are rapidly being built all over the island, it is a mistake to suppose that there is nothing but tall buildings. This is not by any means the case. There are two distinct "skyscraper" sections—the uptown section and the downtown section. The downtown section is the older part of the city, and it is there that some of the first skyscrapers were built.

Most people have a sort of horror of skyscrapers until they have seen one. That a building, because it is tall, must necessarily be ugly, is the most ridiculous supposition that I have ever heard. Skyscrapers have grace and excellent proportions,

and are as a rule well built and well designed. In consequence, there are many very beautiful skyscrapers. They look much more beautiful from a distance, or when looking down an avenue of them. I have stood many a morning on Fifth Avenue and looked down the broad sweep before me, and on each occasion I have been particularly struck by the impressiveness of the scene.

The mention of Fifth Avenue prompts me to say something about the streets of New York. To the stranger the number of a street seems so meaningless—just one of many streets or avenues. But to those that know the city each number is like a distinct and separate name, just as if the streets had actual names. Fifth Avenue is not thought of as the fifth avenue from the east river: it is a distinctive name, just as Bond Street and Piccadilly are distinctive names.

But all the buildings in New York have never proved half as interesting to me as the two giant railroad stations, into which run all the railroads to New York. The first time that I went into the Grand Central Terminal, I could not believe that it was a station. It was too vast, too elaborate, too beautiful to be a railroad station. I must be mistaken. It is some tomb of a Caesar, or some everlasting memorial of some great act or deed. Such were my thoughts, but I was not mistaken. It was a railroad station, and here were hundreds of people rushing to and fro, catching trains and going about their business, no more thinking about the beauty of this great edifice than I should think about the beauties of a London 'bus. I admit that when I asked where the trains were (there were no signs of any) I was told that they were "over there"; and all I saw over there were huge carved iron gates, tightly closed and guarded by elaborately uniformed men. I made no further enquiries for fear that my guide might think that I had completely lost my wits. I was looking so wonder-struck as it was. I have since been behind those big iron gates and discovered that there are actually trains there; so it is really a railroad station.

The city has some subtle magnetic attraction: just what it is I don't know. Perhaps it is the infinite variety of people, or amusements, or the lively, youthful spirit that prevails. There seems to be in New York at least one representative of every nation, and, of course, in a number of cases many thousands. This cosmopolitan population naturally makes the place more interesting, and it

is amusing to see these different nationalities rubbing shoulders with one another and rapidly learning to be Americans. Italians and Russian Jews transacting business with one another, Chinese running restaurants and laundries, Frenchmen wildly arguing with an Irish policeman, are amongst the sights to be seen daily in the city.

And in the midst of all this there is ever present the all-powerful influence of the American people and the so-called spirit of freedom. With but a few exceptions, it is safe to say that the foreigners who come to the U.S. are as patriotic on the first day that they arrive as any full-blooded American who has lived in the country all his life.

But to write about the U.S. and discuss foreigners is as ridiculous as writing about France and talking about the Americans, so therefore I will say a word or two about the Americans. When I came to America I expected to find rude, insolent people in charge of all the public services, such as the trains and the buses. I expected never to hear the words "thank you" until I once again set foot in England. I expected to be treated indifferently by shopkeepers and their assistants. Thus you see I was not expecting much of the ordinary American people, and I was very agreeably surprised when I found them polite and helpful. I have never been spoken to either rudely or in an offhand manner by the people who run the buses and so on. On the contrary I have always received the utmost respect and civility—far more than I can possibly deserve. That the shopkeepers and their assistants are rude and indifferent is a delusion for which I cannot possibly account. They have always appeared to me to go out of their way to be just the opposite.

Of Americans as a whole I can only say that I am extremely fond of them and do not find them the vulgar, boastful people that they are popularly supposed to be in England. They are proud of their country, and why should they not be? They have something of which they can be justly proud. They are not, I must admit, blessed with the virtue of extreme modesty, but that virtue is so often false that it is sometimes better to be without it. Taken individually they are kind, thoughtful, honest, and interesting. As a rule they say what they think, but that their thoughts are not always quite as matured as might be expected does not in

any way, in my estimation, detract from their charm.

They possess nothing that is outstanding either in literature or in music, but they know how to appreciate both when they come across them. They, possibly more than any other nation, are passionately fond of music, though this statement may sound strange to those who have such musical countries as Austria and Germany in their minds. It is in Austria and Germany that the music is written, but it seems that it is in America that it is appreciated. This statement is borne out by the fact that the musical societies in America are all well supported by all types of people, and the excellent reception that choral concerts and the opera get in all the larger cities in the country is still another proof.

Unfortunately the literary side of the country seems to be in a bad way. There seem to be no signs of a recovery. There are a few reasonably good novelists (mostly women) but other than that there is nothing to speak of.

Space is limited and therefore it is quite impossible to give anything but a brief sketch of this great country. But possibly a few words about the universities would prove of interest to some readers. The American University, outside of Yale and Harvard and Princetown, seems to be either one of three things:—(1) a glorified country club (if you know what that is), (2) an Athletic club, or (3) a social gathering of young people. The primary object of a university—the teaching of how to think—is the last thing that seems to enter the heads of the students. Of course in such universities as Yale and Harvard more serious attention is paid to actual study, but in the smaller universities (of which there are many) the object in attending the college seems to be anything but to study. A few of the more enthusiastic of the college deans are now endeavouring to right this ridiculous situation, but up to the present they have not got very far.

In closing I would hand out a little advice, which may be taken just as you wish. That advice is that no one should miss an opportunity of seeing America; or if he cannot see America, he should try at least to see New York.

BRIAN V. EDSALL.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GREYSTONES,
HEXHAM.

15-1-29.

To the Editor of *The Abingdonian* :—
SIR,

My schoolfellow and friend, W.A. Ker, has sent me your issue of December last. In it J. B. R. mentions that "T. R. Davies" and "C. J. Bickmore" became Lacrosse internationals, playing for England. I don't think T. R. Davies played for England. He may have played in 1884 against the American touring team. He was with me in the Cambridge Varsity team of 1885, but not in that of 1886, as he had gone down. I just missed playing against the Americans, as an ex-varsity player accompanied them from Cheshire and took my place. The 1886 team was a remarkable one. We were never beaten and had only 9 goals scored against us. We won the South of England challenge flags and half of us were chosen to play for the South v. the North, five of us actually playing. That was the first time the South beat the North, and I don't think this has happened

often. We scored 4 goals to nil—3 were from my crosse and the fourth was a shot of mine half stopped and put through by another attack player. I should have played for England v. Ireland had I not been ordained just previously. So I too am not an international!

My meteoric success in Lacrosse was all due to an accident. T. R. Davies persuaded me to play and lent me a crosse, which I held unorthodoxly, my right hand being nearer to the netting than my left. I believe now attack players all hold their crosses thus, which enables the player to receive a pass and make a shot in one action. But I have never seen a game of Lacrosse played since that memorable game in Manchester, and I am sure I have never spent a longer and more (physically) strenuous day in my life!

I am glad to hear again of Digby. If my memory can be trusted, I think Mr. Deazeley introduced Soccer in the Easter term of 1879. It was not then anything like the national game it has now become.

C. F. BICKMORE.

ALSO RAN.

The sun shone bright, the day was warm,
To win the race he was in form.
He took his place among the rest,
In spotless shorts and cool gym vest.
The pistol went—and so did he,
In the first ditch on top of three.
But up he sprang, with fate unsealed,
And dashed ahead to lead the field.

The butts were reached by not a few,
Ere his long form had come thereto.
Along the bank he slowly went,
All hope of winning now was spent.
He reached the post—alas to state!—
The twenty-first—six minutes late.

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O.A. CLUB.

A committee meeting of the Club was held after the Past v. Present Sports. It was agreed to hold the Dance on the evening of Founder's Day, as usual, and also the Club Dinner on the following evening.

The Golf Bowl presented by J. B. Reeves will be played for at Frilford Heath G. C. on the Sunday.

The Hon. Secs. are reprinting the Book of Rules and Addresses, which members will receive with the usual notices.

A suggestion has been received that the Club tie should be altered, or that there should be two. It is hoped to put something about it before the general meeting.

O.A. NOTES.

J. H. Meredith, who died at Worcester on February 11, was one of our oldest Old Boys. Elder brother of W. M. Meredith (now Canon Meredith, of Crieff), he came to the School—the old School by the Market Place, of course—but little short of eighty years ago, and spent five happy years within its precincts. Of his contem-

poraries he writes—in a letter of last May to the Secretary of the O.A.C.—“The names of many Old Boys come back to me in memory :—W. R. Portal and his brother—John Mayo (who, I think, went into the Bank of England)—“Ferdinand and Henry Collins—John Taylor (married Mary Strange)—Frank Taylor—John

"Newbolt—Teddy Newbolt (went into the Army)—
 "R. E. Coles (Pembroke Scholar)—Charley Coles
 "(Army)—Currie—H. P. Bockett and his brother
 "—Tom Rowland Box—Lay; and I wonder if
 "any of these are still living. Also Heatherfield
 "Young. The masters whom I well recollect were
 "Dr. W. A. Strange—Hervey Day (a fine Latin
 "versifier, who afterwards became Headmaster of
 "Burton-on-Trent)—Wilbraham (lower forms)—
 "Challis—Harvey (ordained)—Wardle." T. S.
 Simpson of 19 Ock Street, Abingdon, must also
 have been a contemporary; and so too must W. H.
 Richardson, the antiquarian, who died in 1910.

On leaving School Mr. Meredith went abroad to Germany (Coblenz) and Switzerland, with a view to acquiring conversational German and French. Returning to England he first entered the Civil Service, but shortly left it to join his uncle, Mr. Thomas Hopkins, as a hop-merchant in Worcester. Afterwards he succeeded his uncle, and carried on the business until he retired in 1909.

In private life one of his great interests was music, and he played the 'cello in the old Worcester Musical Society, known later as the Festival Choral Society. He was also a prominent Freemason. Throughout his long life he retained the warmest affection for his old School, and to present-day Abingdonians his name is well known for his kindly annual gifts for the encouragement of cricket.

Of his personal character we are privileged to quote the following, from an appreciation by a life-long friend:—"He was loved and trusted by
 "all who knew him well enough to appreciate the
 "integrity of his character, his high sense of duty,
 "selflessness and warm-hearted sympathy. He
 "shared the sorrows of his friends as he shared their
 "hopes and joys, and none who sought help or
 "counsel ever went to him in vain. He loved all
 "the good and wholesome things in life—good
 "books, good pictures, above all, good music; and
 "he brought to these, as to his games, a tempered
 "enthusiasm that seemed to reflect the quiet
 "happiness of his nature. At the age of eighty he
 "could play and enjoy golf, his mind was still
 "fresh and his heart still young. He is no longer
 "with us, but his spirit and example will remain
 "with us always."

But little junior in years was J. M. Williams, who died on February 16. He was a son of the old Abingdon firm of Williams and Co., hemp-spinners, and his father exhibited in the Great Exhibition of 1851. He was a Bennett Scholar at the School, and subsequently worked for many

years in the Abingdon Carpet Factory. He held strong views on many matters of local interest, and was not slow to express them in vehemently worded letters to those in authority in the town.

Dr. A. R. Iles was a pupil at the School in the early 'sixties. He received his medical and surgical training at St. Thomas' Hospital, and then took over a practice in Taunton, which he carried on for nearly fifty years, retiring in 1925. He was a man universally esteemed and beloved by those who knew him, a good friend, a loyal churchman, and a keen sportsman. In his younger days he used to ride to hounds three days a week, and he played golf to within a few weeks before his death. He leaves a widow, one son (Dr. A. J. H. Iles, of Taunton), and two married daughters.

The Rev. W. P. Holmes entered the School as a boy in January, 1872, and was here for about three years. He proceeded to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, took his B.A. in 1877, and was ordained in the following year. He held curacies at Market Harborough and Braunston, Northants, and from 1883 to 1890 was Minor Canon and Sacristan of Peterborough Cathedral. In 1887 he was appointed Vicar of Longthorpe, Northants, and subsequently held in succession the livings of Paston, in the same county, St. Peter's, Leicester, St. Bartholomew's, Sydenham, and Porlock, where he died. This last he had held since 1917. He paid a visit to his old School not many years ago, when he was staying in the town as a guest of the late Mr. C. A. Pryce.

The Rev. W. M. Abbott came to the School at the age of nine in May, 1870, proceeded to Hertford College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1884, and the same year entered Salisbury Theological College. Ordained in Sherborne Minster in 1886, he held curacies at Powerstock, Dorset, and St. Thomas', Salisbury, at Branksome and at Margate. In 1911 he was appointed Vicar of Brightwell with Foxhall and Kesgrave, and this living he held, with the Chaplaincy to the King Edward VII Sanatorium, until 1916. He then accepted the living of Wormingford, Essex, and remained there to the time of his death. He leaves a widow and two sons.

P. A. N. Thorn, the eldest of three brothers at the School, was a pupil here from January, 1880 to July, 1882. Both here and afterwards in London he—like his brothers—devoted much of his leisure time to rowing. At School he rowed in the second School Four at the last Abingdon Amateur Regatta in 1882, when the Town Cup was won by our first Four, stroked by H. M. Digby. Later he

joined the London Rowing Club and stroked the winning crew for the Wyfold Cup at Henley in 1889, in which year he also rowed in the L.R.C. crew for the Grand Challenge Cup; while in 1891 and 1892 he and his brother, F. E. Thorn, competed unsuccessfully for the Silver Goblets. From 1892 to 1894 he acted as Hon. Sec. to the L.R.C.

We print elsewhere a letter we have received from the Rev. C. F. Bickmore, à propos of our article by J. B. Reeves on "Rugger in the 'Eighties." In a subsequent letter Mr. Bickmore tells us that he now plays golf and enjoys two rounds a week. "I stayed several years ago," he says, "with Harry Challenor and played golf with him at Frilford, of which course I have a good opinion. It is the only game left me. I hope it forgives me for despising it as long as I could find time for cricket."

E. F. Shepherd, who played in the Rugger XV. with J. B. Reeves and H. M. Digby, tells us that he has an interesting old group of the team, "taken in bowler hats (!) and not in the "wasp" jerseys we then wore."

In a recent issue of this *Magazine*—July, 1928, in which year an Oxford O.A. crew beat the School crew by a length and three-quarters—a question was asked as to the last occasion on which the O.A.s had won against the School. We have heard from F. E. Thorn, O.A., who suggests 1898 as the probable date, with a crew composed of A. R. Thorn, N. G. Powell, W. E. Robinson, F. E. Thorn, G. Brown (cox). He is, however, in error, as we find, on searching our back numbers, that the O.A.s have won on two occasions since then—in 1904, when their crew consisted of B. Challenor, C. B. Good, O. J. Couldrey, G. S. Saxby and F. O. Townsend (cox), and in 1907, when it consisted of T. S. Wilding, H. G. Louth, O. J. Couldrey, H. Hughes and H. W. Weaving (cox).

Sir Michael W. S. Bruce's book—"Sails and Saddles" (Jonathan Cape)—has been favourably reviewed in the newspapers. "This amazing book," says one writer, "is the story of an amazing character." Sir Michael takes his readers with him to Rhodesia and Johannesburg, to Gallipoli and France in the War, to Brazil and the Argentine, round Cape Horn in a sailing ship, across the Andes and up the Amazon; and everywhere there is adventure—enough and to spare. So much so, in fact, that "Sir Michael," says the *Daily Telegraph* reviewer, "seems born to meet trouble. He has survived so many accidents, murderous assaults and illnesses that he seems

"to bear a charmed life. At any rate his account of it is amusing."

His brother, W. N. E. Bruce, is at present appearing in Sir Gerald du Maurier's "Fame" at the St. James's, where his acting, as usual, wins unqualified praise from the critics.

H. L. Neligan, who is poultry-farming at Kells, co. Kerry, sends news of his brother, the Rev. G. F. Neligan. The latter is now in England, doing parson's work at Woodside Green, near London. His address is:—178 Birchanga Road, Woodside, S.E. 5. He is married and has two children.

F. B. Glenny, who returned from the French Congo in the autumn, paid a brief visit to the School before Christmas. He has now got an appointment with the British American Tobacco Company at Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo, where we wish him every success and happiness. His address is:—c/o British American Tobacco Company, Ltd., P.O. Box 142, Leopoldville, Belgian Congo. He expects to be home again in September of next year.

A letter has been shown to us from Sidney Shallard, who is engaged to be married to a Miss Dorothy Olsen of Egmont Village, Taranaki, N.Z. He has been employed since July on a large farm of 230 acres at Oeo, about 50 miles distant from his fiancée. There are 102 cows to attend to and life appears to be strenuous, a sixteen-hour working day being nothing uncommon; but he seems to be happy and contented.

Of his brothers he writes:—"Harold is on a sheep run near Picton, in the north of the South Island. His place is on the sea and he gets fishing, swimming, boating, etc. He likes the place very much and says sheep are much better than cows. Walter is at Egmont Village. The people are very good to him. He has grown a great deal: in fact you would not recognize him."

Sidney's address, by the way, is c/o Henwood Bros., South Road, Oeo, Auroa Rural Delivery, Taranaki; and Harold's is:—c/o G. L. Rogers, Esq., Manaroa, Pelous Sands, South Island.

B. V. Edsall, to whom we are indebted for our article on "New York," is now working for a New York paper called *Town Topics*. He does a little editorial work occasionally and has been promised a job on the regular editorial staff. His present address in New York is 4706 Bliss Street, Woodside, L.I., N.Y.

G. R. D. Estcourt has left the Research Laboratory of the Shell Oil Company at Martinez and

transferred to the Shell Development Company—a new corporation which has risen out of the Oil Company. There he is acting in the triple capacity of storekeeper, purchasing-agent and accountant, and finds his time well occupied.

S. E. Clark has been awarded Third Class Honours by the Oxford Moderators in Classics.

T. G. Austin has left the Century Insurance Company, having obtained “a new and more congenial job in the Ammunition Department of ‘Imperial Chemical Industries,’ wherein we wish him prosperity. He has also joined the Artists Rifles in London.

F. G. H. Allen, who has returned from Singapore, has also got an appointment in Imperial Chemical Industries, under whose auspices he is hoping to proceed to India shortly. We were glad to see him here last term at the O.A. Sports, and hope he will pay us another visit before he goes East again.

In a letter from Conjuring Creek (c/o Mr. Angus Macaulay, near Ledue, Alta, Canada), F. M. Cole writes with enthusiasm about the country of his adoption. “If you know anybody ‘going to Canada,’” he says, “you can tell him ‘from me that, if he doesn’t succeed, it will be ‘entirely his own fault, and not the country’s.’” It seems to suit Cole, anyhow, as he says he is 6 ft. 1 in. in height and weighs 13 st. 12 lbs.—Good luck to him!

Congratulations to R. J. Lay, who reached the final, and came within measurable distance of winning it, in the Young Professionals’ Racquets Tournament at Queen’s Club this year.

C. Stacey has gone out to Montreal, Canada, where he is in the Head Office of the Bank of Montreal.

D. L. Dunkin is in the Furnishing Department of Benthall’s, in Worthing.

Chris. Ellis has been appointed Assistant Surveyor to the Halifax Corporation.

D. M. Brown now has a clerkship in the Anglo-South American Bank in Old Broad Street, London, and is expecting shortly to proceed to South America.

His brother, W. W. Brown, has moved from Lincolnshire to Watford, where his employers have a contract for the roads.

J. F. Sinclair writes happily from Calcutta, where he is sharing a bungalow with R. L. C. Footitt and some others. He seems to be getting plenty of lawn tennis, and some cricket; also riding; and we understand that he has bought a motor-car.

But he sends us bad news of E. O. Hills, who has, he says, been invalided home from Ceylon, where he was doing very well at his job.

H. S. Bartlett—E.T.C.—has successfully passed the exam. for the Post Master General’s Certificate in Wireless, being placed in the First Class. He has now gone out to Carcavellos, Portugal.

F. M. Butterfield is with the General Electric Company in London.

L. L. Baumann has been playing Rugger this winter for the Milan team. His brother, C. F., is hoping to come to England shortly on a three months’ visit.

In the O.U.A.C. Sports in March G. F. Powell was competing in the 100 yards and in the Weight Putting. He was third in the latter and fourth in the former event.

S. E. Clark and J. B. O. Durell were rowing in the first Pembroke “togger” at Oxford last term. A. F. James was prevented from rowing in the Exeter “togger” by an attack of “flu” on the eve of the races.

A. M. D. Greene is in the Bank of Australasia in London.

A. B. Blackmore is in London with the Royal Insurance Company, Lombard Street.

J. W. Page is in Barclay’s Bank in Oxford.

J. A. Howard is in the Westminster Bank in Newbury.

W. B. Smith has joined the E.T.C. School at Hampstead.

J. E. Spencer is in the office of the International Harvester Company in Brussels.