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BIRTHS.

MAY.—On July 14, at Ridgcot, Blenheim Park Road, South Croydon, to Dorothy, wife of J. T. D. May, a son.

LAYNG.—On September 9, to Betty (née Colebrook) and T. P. R. Layng, of Three Ways, Stapleford, Cambridge, a daughter (Elizabeth).

BUTLER.—On September 20, at Sunnymead, Balcombe Road, Horley, Surrey, to Eleanor, wife of C. J. Butler, a son.

MARRIAGES.

CROSSLAND—COOMBS.—On June 2, at St. Peter's Church, Ealing, Francis, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Crossland, of The Vineyard, Abingdon, to Evelyn, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coombs, Cole Henley, Whitchurch, Hants.

WIGGINS—GAWTHORNE.—On July 28, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Stanley Frank, third son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wiggins, of 39 Oak Street, Abingdon, to Chrissie Hilda, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gawthorne, of 37 Radley Road, Abingdon.

SHALLARD—OLSON.—On August 2, at St. Andrew's Church, Inglewood, New Zealand, Sidney W. D. Shallard to Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Olson.

CHARLETON—DORMAN.—On August 7, at Medstead, Hants., Henry William Douglas Charleton to Isabel Vause Dorman.

STEVENS—PRICE.—On September 11, A. H. K. Stevens, of 214 Lyttelton Road, Hampstead Garden Suburb, N.W. 11, to Kathleen Price.

DEATHS.

WIMBERLEY.—On July 23, at St. Andrew's Parsonage, Fettercairn, N.B., the Rev. Charles Frederick Arabin, eldest son of the late Rev. C. Irving Wimberley, aged 67.

SALISBURY.—On September 4, at 24 Tesdale Terrace, Abingdon, George Wilfred Salisbury, aged 23.

LAYNG.—On October 1, at Windmill House, Minchinhampton, the Rev. Thomas Layng, formerly Rector of King's Stanley, Gloucestershire, and for twenty years Headmaster of Abingdon School, aged 68.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We have to regret the death of Mr. A. B. Woodley, who for two years, as mayor of Abingdon (1927-1929) gave his services to the School as a member of our Governing Body. Incidentally it may be recalled that on one occasion during his term of office Mr. Woodley, who was always a keen sportsman, appeared upon the School ground as Referee in a School football match. He died on Sept. 29 at the comparatively early age of 55.

The following were awarded certificates in the summer examinations:—

Higher School Certificate, Group I (Classics)—G. E. Sinclair.

School Certificate:—1st Class Honours—R. L. Triggs; 2nd Class Honours—P. B. Squire; 3rd Class Honours—H. R. Lay; Passed—K. W. Barr, R. F. Brown, D. P. Edsall, K. W. Ewing, A. L. Fleet, A. E. B. Foxwell, L. J. F. Godwin, H. B. Healy, A. F. Hill, P. A. D. Jones, S. A. Paige, S. D. Plummer, S. J. Lansdown, L. A. Smart, A. C. Smith, C. Spalding, B. G. Steff, F. H. G. Taylor.

S. D. Plummer was granted a distinction in History. D. G. Lovibond gained distinctions in Latin and Greek.

We are glad to record a substantial increase in numbers, the total on the Roll at the beginning of this term being 147 as against 135 last term. As regards Day Boys, the numbers have remained stationary, but there has been a large influx of new Boarders and the Houses are now full for the time being—65 at the School House and Lodge and 24 at Waste Court, where the large "Billiard Room" has been redecorated and put into commission as a dormitory.

We condole with the Rev. J. W. Reynolds on the closure from financial considerations of the school at Bishop's Stortford to which he was lately appointed Headmaster. At the same time we cannot but congratulate ourselves that in one respect his loss has been our gain, as several of his ex-boarders have through his mediation found a haven of refuge among us; and it is therefore doubly satisfactory to learn that Mr. Reynolds has himself secured a suitable appointment as Chaplain to Gresham's School, Holt, in Norfolk.

The School Prefects this term are G. E. Sinclair (Head of the School and of the School House), L. P. Mosdell, R. F. Brown, G. A. R. Boyd and D. S. Kite. R. F. Brown is now Prefect at Waste Court. Sub-prefects (in alphabetical order) are—

D. P. Edsall, H. B. Healy, S. J. Lansdown, H. R. Lay, S. D. Plummer, P. B. Squire, F. H. G. Taylor.

G. E. Sinclair is Captain of Rugger, and R. F. Brown Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

The "Abingdonian" Committee consists of—Mr. Ross Barker (Editor), G. E. Sinclair, L. P. Mosdell, R. F. Brown, D. S. Kite, D. G. Lovibond, H. B. Healy.

First XI Cricket Colours were awarded last term to S. A. Paige and S. D. Plummer, and Second XI Caps to J. M. Allison, E. G. Hunt, R. Langebear, M. N. Laybourne, P. B. Pfordten and L. Sinclair.

The bat for the best First XI batting average (given by the Masters' Common Room) was won last term by F. H. G. Taylor, and that for the best First XI bowling average (given by the Headmaster) was won by L. P. Mosdell; while for the benefit of the juniors three bats were presented, partly under the will of the late Dr. B. W. Henderson, and partly through the kindness of Miss Meredith and in memory of her father, the late J. H. Meredith, O.A. These were awarded to P. B. Pfordten as the best all-round cricketer under 16, and to M. N. Laybourne and L. Sinclair as the best all-round cricketers under 15.

The Carr Challenge Cup for Inter-House Cricket was won this year by Green House. A summary of the matches played is given in our Cricket columns.

Before this term very few of our number had played the game of Fives or even seen it played. With the opening of the Fives Court presented by J. B. Reeves, O.A., we have no doubt that the game will be as popular here as it is at other schools; and before the end of this term we confidently expect to find our new source of recreation in frequent and general use.

The fourth and last of the new Lawn Tennis courts was sown with grass-seed in the spring. All four courts appear now in excellent condition and should provide yet one more outlet for our superfluous energies next summer.

To accommodate in comfort our augmented numbers on the Boarding side, the Dining Hall (old "Underground") has been extended by the demolition of the partition wall and inclusion of the somewhat unnecessary lobby which used to serve as a receptacle for tuck-boxes and bicycles on the sick-list. The Dining Hall now extends under the whole length of the Big School Room.

The School enjoyed the usual half-holiday on Whitmonday, and the Vith Form and Colours availed themselves of the remission of work on "Henley" Saturday to see something of the finals at the Regatta. On June 7 some twenty of the senior boys were enabled to visit Oxford to witness the performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the theatre.

This term ends on Tuesday, December 16, the boarders leaving on the following day. Next term begins on Tuesday, January 13, the boarders returning on the preceding day.

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

VALETE.

VI FORM.—W. R. A. Kettle (1926 iii). School Prefect, 1929; O.S.C., 1928 (2nd Class Honours); 1st XV Rugby, 1929 (2nd XV Colours); 1st XI Cricket, 1928 (Colours, 1928); Sgt. O.T.C., Cert. A., 1929; 1st Class shot.

B. J. Pedlar (1923 iii). School Prefect, 1929; O.S.C., 1928, 1929 (1st Class Honours twice); Cpl. O.T.C., Cert. A., 1929; 1st Class shot; School Librarian; Hon Treasurer L.S.D.S., 1929.

P. W. Lay (1923 iii). Sub-prefect, 1929; O.S.C., 1929; 1st XV Rugby, 1929 (2nd XV Colours); 2nd XI Cricket, 1929; 1st Class shot.

S. A. Paige (1927 iii). O.S.C., 1929, 1930; 1st XI Cricket, 1930 (Colours, 1930); L/Cpl. O.T.C.

J. Ashby (1925 iii). O.S.C., 1929; 1st Class shot.

Va FORM.—A. F. Hill (1925 iii). O.S.C., 1930; Athletic Colours, 1930; 2nd XV Rugby, 1930; 2nd XI Cricket, 1929 (2nd XI Colours); 1st Class shot.

L. A. Smart (1927 iii). O.S.C., 1930; 2nd XV Rugby, 1930.

W. B. Badcock (1925 iii). 1st XV Rugby, 1930 (2nd XV Colours); 2nd XI Cricket, 1930.

K. W. Ewing (1928 iii). O.S.C., 1930.

S. F. Thatcher (1925 iii). 1st XV Rugby, 1930; Athletic Colours, 1928; L/Cpl. O.T.C.

REMOVE FORM.—D. A. Slatter (1928 iii), E. N. Oram (1929 ii), E. G. Hunt (1924 iii), II FORM.—

J. E. Earwaker (1928 ii), P. H. G. Walker (1929 iii).

SALVETE.

Va FORM.—T. S. Coulson, H. F. D. Smart.

Vb FORM.—A. R. M. Adams, J. McPherson.

REMOVE FORM.—R. Andrews, E. L. Bong, P. H. Gould, R. N. Green, R. G. James, A. G. Osmand, W. V. Simpson.

III FORM.—E. C. Cann, S. J. Boshier, J. H. Burgess, G. W. J. England, T. H. A. Gill, R. C. Gould, H. A. Lunghi, E. F. Stevens.

II FORM.—G. Barnett, O. J. Gill, D. R. Gould, R. F. Jackson, A. C. Rogers, W. G. Smith, M. H. Wheat, J. M. Wood.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

The Founder's Day Service at St. Helen's Church on June 20th was attended by an even greater number of parents and friends than in previous years. The sermon was preached by The Rev. A. Stanley Walker, King's Professor of History at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. The preacher, taking as his text, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," said that it was a commonplace and trite saying that the world was in a tangle and also that it was all due to the war. Although to many boys present the great events of the war were mere historical facts, nevertheless the present generation—some of them were babies at the time of the war, and others still unborn—had to face the results of that world wide calamity. England had changed economically, psychologically, and from the point of view of religion. She needed leaders to extricate her from those difficulties. Looking around he could not see many great leaders. How could leaders be trained? They would have to revert to the old system of hero-worship. Therefore, as a worthy hero, he suggested St. Paul. St. Paul, he pointed out, in his early life had been a zealous persecutor of the Christians: then had come the vision while he was on the road. That vision had been very real to Paul. He had the nerve and grit to change his mode of life completely; and we next see him as a bold teacher of the very faith he had persecuted. In spite of tremendous opposition he had spread the Christian religion even as far as Rome, just because he had faith in his vision and had the courage of his convictions. Future leaders must have the nerve and endurance and faith of St. Paul. England had to work and they as individuals had to finish their course. The race was not a sprint

but rather a relay race with unlimited numbers of runners, but if they kept their faith, they could finish their course and hand on the flag.

The anthem "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy House" (*Torrance*) was well rendered by the School choir, trained by Miss Peach, who was at the organ. The treble solo by Emmett was excellent.

For the wreath laid upon John Roysse's tomb we are again indebted to the kindness and skill of Mrs. C. R. Scott.

After the service prizes were distributed at the Corn Exchange by Admiral Clifton-Brown. On the platform were Sir William Mount, Chairman of the Berkshire County Council, and Mr. S. R. Benson, the Recorder of Abingdon; the Revs. A. Stanley Walker, H. A. Salter and J. H. Kirkby; Messrs. W. Brewer, A. E. Preston, A. W. Morland, W. T. Morland, the Headmaster (Mr. W. M. Grundy) and Mr. W. A. Rudd.

The Headmaster welcomed Admiral Clifton-Brown and extended a special welcome to Sir William Mount and the Recorder. He thanked Professor Walker for his stimulating sermon, and recalled that he had been a member of the School Staff ten years ago.

During the past year three past members of the Staff had been appointed to headmasterships—Mr. J. W. Reynolds to be headmaster at Bishop's Stortford School, Mr. M. T. Perks at Gillingham School, Dorset, and Mr. A. E. P. Sloman had taken over the headmastership of a new public school in Greece on the island of Spezzia, which had been referred to as the "Eton of Greece."

After mentioning in detail the School's successes in examinations he went on to say that they all regretted losing Mr. J. W. Reynolds during the past term and extended a hearty welcome to Mr. R. C. Bateman. Some of the more notable achievements of the Old Boys were then recalled. Turning to Sport he said that the Rugger XV, although only in their second season, had been very successful, winning four and drawing one of their eight matches. This was due mainly to the untiring coaching of Mr. J. B. E. Alston. In the Easter term the Rowing IV, coached by Mr. Bevir, had recorded an unusually fast time when they beat the O.A. crew. In the athletic sports, the School, for the first time for several years, defeated the O.A.s. In cricket they had fortunately secured the services of Mr. J. W. Piper, the old Oxford County wicket-keeper, and Mr. R. C. Bateman's help had been most valuable. The Headmaster expressed his thanks to the President

of the O.A. Club (Mr. J. B. Reeves) who had presented them with an open-air Fives Court, which was nearly completed. He said that the most important achievement for the School in any sphere last year had been the publication of Mr. A. E. Preston's book, one third of which dealt with the early history of the School. They deemed themselves singularly fortunate that their own ranks and their own Governing Body should have furnished them with so competent and devoted a chronicler. The Headmaster mentioned that the School Chapel had an organ loft but possessed as yet only a harmonium. The fund for the organ, started some years ago, already had about £130 in sight. They wanted a further £120. If any friends of the School felt disposed to help, they would be very grateful. He thanked Admiral Clifton-Brown for coming to present the prizes and for the interest he displayed in the School.

Admiral Clifton-Brown then presented the prizes as follows:—

- VIA., Classics, G. E. Sinclair.
- VIB., Classics, D. G. Lovibond.
- VI., Modern History, S. A. Paige.
- VI., Mathematics, P. B. Squire.
- VI., Meredith Greek and Latin Prose, G. E. Sinclair.
- VI., Divinity, B. J. Pedlar.
- VI., French, D. G. Lovibond.
- VI., Physics, P. B. Squire.
- VA., English and History, H. B. Healy; Latin and Mathematics, R. L. Triggs; French, H. R. Lay; Science, K. W. Barr; Greek, A. L. Fleet; Divinity, H. B. Healy; Art, G. Langford; Pianoforte, D. P. Edsall; Singing, J. E. Emmett.
- VB., History, D. E. Healy; English and French, G. J. Goodey; Mathematics, G. J. Goodey; Science, P. B. Quelch; Latin and Greek, G. J. Goodey; Divinity, J. E. Emmett; Art and Geography, W. G. E. Jacob.
- Remove, English and History, E. A. N. Robinson; English (extra prize) R. E. Bradfield; Mathematics and Latin, J. C. W. Jacob; French, P. V. Collings (i); French (extra prize) K. Mills; Science, J. Lay; Greek, J. Grover; Divinity, E. A. N. Robinson.
- III., English and History, D. E. Mills; French and Latin, L. M. M. Barnes; Mathematics, D. E. Mills; Science, D. H. Blake; Divinity, L. M. M. Barnes.
- II., Divinity and English, A. W. Lewis; History, H. T. Jones; French and Mathematics, L. G. Cather; Nature Study, J. M. A. Darell-Seal.

Admiral Clifton-Brown then thanked the Headmaster and Governors for the honour they had accorded him in asking him to present the prizes. He reminded the boys that they were at school to be trained as good citizens. He said that he had had a lot to do with the Scout movement and recommended the adoption of their mottoes, "Be Prepared" and "Service," and said that if they carried this out they would be very useful citizens. He congratulated the prize winners but at the same time pointed out that those who had not won prizes could learn the lesson of their failings and become just as good citizens as their more fortunate colleagues. He congratulated them on belonging to such a splendid school (Cheers) and hoped that when they grew up they would remember with pride that they were Abingdonians (Loud cheers).

After the prize-distribution the company repaired to the School, where the Headmaster and Miss Grundy held their usual "At Home." As the weather was so threatening, tea was served this year in the class-rooms. Subsequently the School grounds and buildings generally, including Waste Court, were thrown open for the inspection of visitors, while a display of Physical Training exercises was given in the Upper Field, and appeared to be much appreciated by the spectators. The City of Oxford Band was in attendance.

Donors of the prizes, to whom our best thanks are due, were as follows:—Dr. H. S. Challenor, the Rev. Canon W. H. Meredith, Miss I. Sheldon Peach, Messrs. S. R. Benson, W. M. Grundy, J. Knowles, R. W. Langford, W. T. Morland, J. H. Morrell, A. E. Preston, J. B. Reeves (*President of the O.A.C.*), H. P. Simpson, T. Skurray, T. S. Wilding.

OBITUARY.

THE REV. THOMAS LAYNG.

The news of Mr. Layng's death, which occurred when our pages were already going to press, will revive grateful memories in the minds of many, who owed much in their school days to his wise guidance and kindly help and encouragement. Here, in Abingdon, his name is still spoken with affection, and the School still honours the tradition of his headmastership. But it is not our intention now to enlarge upon his many great gifts as schoolmaster, administrator and friend, or upon the long record of effort and achievement, which rendered his headmastership here a notable one. Of these things we published a full appreciation

at the time of his retirement in the Spring of 1913. It must suffice here to add that since his retirement, whether as Chaplain for three years at Clifton College, or for fourteen years as parish-priest and Rector of King's Stanley in Gloucestershire, the same high qualities of brain and character have ennobled his later years and won for him everywhere respect and confidence and love.

A son of the Rev. Henry Layng, M.A., he was born on Nov. 9, 1861, at Foulden Vicarage, Norfolk. Educated at St. John's School, Leatherhead, and at Oundle School, where he won an entrance scholarship, he proceeded as Rustat scholar to Jesus College, Cambridge. Graduating in due course with a Second Class in the Classical Tripos and a Second in Theology, he was ordained deacon in 1885 and priest in 1886. After a brief temporary appointment at Shrewsbury School, he joined the Staff of Cranleigh School in 1884, becoming Second Master in 1886. Here he remained until the Spring of 1893, when he entered upon his new duties as Headmaster of Abingdon School.

Of the School's growth and progress under his vigorous and successful management we have clear indication in the rapid increase of its numbers. Starting with a total of 34 boys all told, he had raised this figure at one time to 126; and if the increase was not maintained until the end, this was due rather to adverse external conditions than to any loss of efficiency in the School itself. But it would be too long a story to chronicle in detail the twenty years of Mr. Layng's régime. A period of growth they certainly were—not only in numbers, but *pari passu* in building and equipment, as visibly testified by the large additions of 1902. But they were years also of crisis and financial stress, and of problems and difficulties which to a smaller man might well have seemed insoluble; and that Mr. Layng did not think so is itself a testimonial to his unflinching faith and courage.

Nor did he confine himself to the immediate concerns of the School. As member of the Abingdon School Board and later of the Berkshire Education Committee, as county representative on the Council of the Headmasters' Association and Chairman of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon division, as co-opted member of the Committee of the Headmasters' Conference, and in various other offices, he gained more than a local reputation, even as he gave more than a local service to the cause that was nearest to his heart.

O.A.s of Mr. Layng's time will remember his first wife, Margaret Gertrude Allen, whom he lost

in 1918—not two years after his appointment to the living of King's Stanley. They will remember too the children of that marriage—Rachel and Peter Layng, the latter of whom has now two children of his own. The second wife, Eleanor Muriel Jolly, whom he married in 1924, but few of those who knew him here have been privileged to meet. With her he retired in March of the present year to Windmill House, Minchinhampton, when ill-health made it no longer possible for him to continue his labours at King's Stanley. His sister, Miss L. M. Layng, still lives in Abingdon, and one other sister, Miss Amy Layng, also survives him.

Mr. Layng was buried on Saturday, Oct. 4th, in King's Stanley churchyard, where his first wife and one of his sisters also lie. Among the large company at the funeral service were four of his old colleagues from Abingdon School, while wreaths were sent, among many others, by the School and by the Old Abingdonian Club.

REV. C. F. A. WIMBERLEY.

It was under Mr. Wimberley's management that Tesdale House in the Marcham Road was opened as a school boarding house at the beginning of 1900, and it is naturally in that connection that his name will be best remembered here. He was the eldest son of the Rev. C. Irving Wimberley and born at Bedhampton, Hants., in 1863. Educated as a boy at Eagle House, Wimbledon, preparatory school, and subsequently at Haileybury College, he proceeded to Durham University, where he took his degree in 1888. In the following year he was ordained deacon at Llandaff, where he was prepared by Dr. Vaughan, then Dean of Llandaff—a connection and a privilege which he valued most highly throughout his subsequent career. He was acting at the time as Assistant Master at Llandaff Cathedral School. Two years later he became Precentor of Holy Trinity, Hull, and Headmaster of the Choir School there, proceeding to priest's orders in 1892 at York. In 1893 he was appointed Headmaster of Chard School, Dorsetshire, and it was on the reconstitution of that school, upon lines of which Mr. Wimberley did not approve, that he transferred his activities to Tesdale House, together with sixteen boarders of his personal connection.

Here he made many friends and won the regard of the boys by manifold help and kindness. But his stay here was of no long duration, for in 1903 he became Headmaster of Gillingham Grammar

School—the post which is now held by Mr. M. T. Perks. From here, after another three years, he migrated to Scotland, where he spent the remainder of his life, for three years as Chaplain and Assistant Master at Loretto, and then until his death as Rector of St. Andrew's, Fettercairn, in the diocese of Brechin. During the War, from 1915 to 1918 he acted as Chaplain to the Forces.

In his early days, at Durham, Mr. Wimberley won distinction as an athlete, gaining his University colours for Football, Athletics and Rowing, captaining for a season the University Rugby XV, and playing for Durham County. As a boy at Haileybury he had won the School Foils for Fencing.

He leaves a widow, whom many here remember with affection, and a daughter and a married son with children of his own.

REGATTA.

As in previous years this event took place on the Thursday afternoon before Founder's Day, along Wilsham Reach. The weather was on the whole favourable, except for a rather heavy downpour at the interval, which somewhat marred the efforts to enjoy tea in the open. The racing was quite up to the average with one or two close finishes, and one or two "fouls." It may be once more emphasized that more races are lost by bad coxing than by inferior oarsmanship, the standard of which was a distinct improvement on that of some previous years. Red House had two very creditable victories in the Senior and Junior House Fours. The Senior Pairs, won by Sinclair and Taylor, with Edsall (cox), were well fought out; likewise the Junior Pairs.

The winners were as follows, with the names of the crews:—

Senior Fours, "Red House"—G. A. R. Boyd (bow), H. B. Healy, P. B. Squire, L. P. Mosdell (str.), S. D. Plummer (cox).

Junior Fours, "Red House"—E. G. Hunt (bow), J. A. Engall, J. B. Ottiker, S. A. Paige (str.), D. E. Healy (cox).

Senior Pairs—F. H. G. Taylor, G. E. Sinclair, D. P. Edsall (cox).

Junior Pairs—J. B. Ottiker, C. Spalding, A. L. Fleet (cox).

Canoes—F. H. G. Taylor, P. B. Squire.

Dongola—K. W. Barr, C. Spalding, P. V. Collings (i), R. L. Triggs, R. C. Clarke.

O.T.C.

The annual Inspection took place on June 5th when the contingent was inspected by Major C. W. Norman, General Staff, who reported very favourably on its efficiency.

Musketry has been one of the chief activities this term, culminating in the Inter-House Shooting Match for the Reeves Challenge Cup. This was held on Friday, July 25th, and was won by Green House. Below are the detailed scores:—

GREEN.			BLUE.			RED.		
R. F. Brown ..	..	19	B. J. Pedlar ..	..	21	H. B. Healy ..	..	23
A. F. R. Fisher ..	..	28	W. R. A. Kettle ..	..	23	P. B. Squire ..	..	7
G. E. Sinclair ..	..	19	A. E. B. Foxwell ..	..	24	R. V. Cox ..	..	14
D. S. Kite ..	..	27	D. P. Edsall ..	..	19	D. E. Healy ..	..	16
G. Langford ..	..	23	A. J. Turnham ..	..	16	G. A. R. Boyd ..	..	9
J. E. Emmett ..	..	25	R. Langebear ..	..	25	H. R. Lay ..	..	14
L. Sinclair ..	..	17	A. F. Hill ..	..	20	P. B. Pfordten ..	..	16
D. H. Wardlaw ..	..	31	F. H. G. Taylor ..	..	25	E. G. Hunt ..	..	27
TOTAL ..			173			126		

CRICKET.

It is with much pleasure that we write of the season of 1930, for we can say at once, without any qualifications, that it was thoroughly successful. Of the 12 matches played by the 1st XI, 6 were won decisively, 5 were drawn and 1 was lost. Indeed, we can say that the School XI has passed through the season without any defeat from outside, since the one defeat was received from the Old Boys after a very good match; and even then there might possibly have been a different tale to tell had the School taken second knock! In all five drawn matches the School was in a safe position, while two of them—those against Pembroke College (first match) and Magdalen College School—might fairly be claimed to be moral victories.

The secret of the XI's success has lain in its ability to bat almost all the way down the list; although there have been some outstanding performances, the team has not merely depended upon the efforts of two or three men. Allison, for example, going in No. 8 and taking his courage in both hands, nearly won the match against Pembroke College, and S. A. Paige, going in No. 7, played an admirable innings of 24 not out against the Old Boys; and various other instances of good batting in the lower half of the list could be given.

Then, again, another great key to success has been the excellence of the fielding, and for this the whole team deserves unstinted praise. Several

Thirty-five of us are going to the annual camp at Tidworth Park on July 29th for nine days. We hope that the weather will be kinder to us this year than it was last. As in 1928, we are to be accompanied by Sergeant Larsen, Coldstream Guards, attached Oxford University O.T.C.

The majority of the cadets have completed their annual musketry training and so far twenty have qualified as first class shots in the Empire Test.

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unexpected wickets have been gained by smart and agile catches, and the ground fielding has invariably been neat, alert and efficient. A tendency to give away runs by overthrows (due to over-keenness) was remedied as the season went on. The fielding of the whole team has been so good that it is almost invidious to mention any individual names, but S. D. Plummer and S. A. Paige both distinguished themselves by making some smart and acrobatic catches and by their quick intercepting fielding.

The bowling has been useful in its variety, and in Taylor, Kettle, Sinclair, Pfordten and Mosdell, we have had five regular bowlers who between them could be confidently relied upon to get the wickets. Taylor almost always bowled excellently, coming quickly off the pitch, and in addition to his analysis of 30 wickets for 10 runs apiece, it should be noted that of 140 overs bowled by him no less than 50 were maidens. Pfordten has an easy action and should be good next year, while Sinclair and Mosdell were both useful change bowlers, likely to get a quick wicket soon after they had been put on. Kettle at times bowled very well indeed, and could be difficult to play: if he can get a little more consistent command of his length, he will avoid the punishment which somewhat spoilt his analysis. He deserves a word of praise too for being both our opening bowler and opening batsman. Langebear, coming late into the side, shows promise for next year.

In batting, Taylor, Sinclair and Mosdell have all done well and should all three be pillars of strength next year: the two former are to be heartily congratulated on centuries—both, rightly enough, in School matches—110 not out v. Wantage School and 102 not out v. Magdalen College School respectively. Kettle has been a very steady and useful opening batsman, and we shall miss him next year, as we shall miss Paige, whose left-handed batting has been rock-like. Plummer has batted very nicely on several occasions and is reliable; he should make many runs next year. Brown has a good style and should be full of runs, but he did not have much luck, and several times got out rather unfortunately for a small score. A word of praise is due to Boyd who, although not a skilful wicket-keeper, none the less filled in a stout-hearted way a position which without him would have been a distinct problem to fill.

The team gained confidence in itself from the very start of the season, when it made a very creditable draw with Lincoln College, who are a powerful team and were not far short of full strength; and this confidence, once gained, remained with the team throughout the season. Amongst especially noteworthy performances were the 215 runs for 4 wkts. (declared) made before tea v. Wantage School; the first match v. Pembroke College (Pembroke 141, Abingdon School 127 for 6 wkts.); the 174 for 8 wkts. (dec.) v. Magdalen College School; the dismissal of the City of Oxford School for 66 runs; and the defeat of St. Edmund Hall (St. Edmund Hall 86, Abingdon School 125 for 3). It must not be left unmentioned, as being hopeful for the future, that the Under 15 XI had an unbeaten record, whilst the 2nd XI, after meeting with several reverses, at last found its proper constitution, and finished off the season with a welcome and decisive victory over Leighton Park School 2nd XI, scoring 181 for 6 wkts (declared) against 109. No review of the Cricket Season would be complete without a tribute to the untiring work of Mr. J. W. Piper at the nets: the School has not enjoyed his services previously, and his work has been of great value.

In conclusion, we feel we cannot do better than to wish the School as successful and pleasant a season in 1931 as it has had in 1930.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

A.S.C.C. v. Milton R.A.F.

Played at Abingdon on May 17th, and resulted in a win for the School by 16 runs.

MILTON R.A.F.

E White, c Mosdell, b Alston.....	37
W. Jones, c and b Taylor.....	0
R. Reynolds, c Plummer, b Sinclair.....	3
W. Tuson, b Sinclair.....	0
H. Coles, c Alston, b Mosdell.....	6
Deacon, c Alston, b Mosdell.....	1
Ft. Lt. Hillier, c and b Mosdell.....	3
R. Cox, b Kettle.....	3
J. Holborow, run out.....	6
F. Hazel, not out.....	3
F. Aldwinckle, b Mosdell.....	0
Extras.....	11
Total.....	73

A.S.C.C.

W. M. Grundy, Esq., b Tuson.....	37
J. B. E. Alston, Esq., lbw Reynolds.....	17
G. E. Sinclair, b Tuson.....	12
F. H. G. Taylor, b Tuson.....	0
W. R. A. Kettle, not out.....	12
L. P. Mosdell, c Reynolds, b Tuson.....	0
S. D. Plummer, b Tuson.....	4
R. F. Brown, b Tuson.....	1
G. A. R. Boyd, b Tuson.....	0
A. F. Hill, b Tuson.....	0
J. M. Allison, lbw Cole.....	0
Extras.....	6
Total.....	89

A.S.C.C. v. Lincoln College.

Played at Oxford on May 21st and resulted in a draw.

A.S.C.C.

G. E. Sinclair, run out.....	6
W. R. A. Kettle, b Lloyd.....	0
F. H. G. Taylor, c Phillips, b Heneker....	29
R. F. Brown, b Heneker.....	4
L. P. Mosdell, c Sinclair, b Richardson....	21
S. D. Plummer, c Ford-Smith, b Heneker..	2
A. F. Hill, b Richardson.....	10
J. M. Allison, c Richardson, b Heneker....	24
P. B. Pfordten, lbw Heneker.....	6
S. A. Paige, lbw Lloyd.....	0
J. E. Emmett, run out.....	0
Extras.....	24
Total.....	126

LINCOLN COLLEGE.

Lloyd, c Pfordten, b Kettle.....	14
Bullocke, lbw Taylor.....	0

Cooper, c Plummer, b Kettle.....	10
Heneker, lbw Kettle	43
Sinclair, b Taylor.....	31
Rajar, b Taylor.....	3
Richardson, c Pfordten, b Kettle.....	0
Taylor, run out.....	4
Roope, not out.....	0
Phillips, not out.....	0
Extras.....	7
Ford-Smith did not bat.....	—

Total for 8 wickets..... 112

This was a very exciting match. Lincoln lost 3 wickets for 26. The 4th wicket fell at 102, Lincoln wanting 25 to win with 6 wickets to fall. They made a sporting effort to get the runs in the time, but it almost ended in disaster.

A.S.C.C. v. Harwell C.C.

Played at Harwell on May 24th and resulted in a win for the School by 63 runs.

A.S.C.C.

G. E. Sinclair, c Betteridge, b Jefferies....	9
W. R. A. Kettle, b Jefferies.....	7
F. H. G. Taylor, c F. Harris, b Betteridge..	37
R. F. Brown, st F. Harris, b Betteridge....	26
L. P. Mosdell, not out.....	32
S. D. Plummer, b B. Harris.....	5
A. F. Hill, b B. Harris.....	0
J. M. Allison, c B. Harris, b F. Harris....	4
P. B. Pfordten, not out.....	5
S. A. Paige and J. E. Emmett did not bat..	—
Extras.....	4

Total for 7 wickets (declared).... 129

HARWELL C.C.

E. L. K. Ellis, b Kettle.....	2
F. Harris, not out.....	52
B. Harris, b Taylor.....	0
J. Betteridge, c Taylor, b Kettle.....	2
R. Day, b Mosdell.....	1
E. Harris, b Taylor.....	5
Howard, b Mosdell.....	0
Lanning, b Taylor.....	1
Mulford, c Plummer, b Mosdell.....	2
Jefferies, b Taylor.....	0
Blissett, b Taylor.....	1
Extras.....	0

Total..... 66

A.S.C.C. v. City of Oxford School.

Played at Abingdon on May 28th and resulted in an easy win for the Home side.

CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

Halsey, c Sinclair, b Taylor.....	9
Owens, c Plummer, b Taylor.....	1
Edmonds, lbw Kettle.....	0
Webb, c Plummer, b Taylor.....	8
Dale, c Paige, b Taylor.....	9
Cripps, c Paige, b Kettle.....	22
Halliday, b Sinclair.....	3
Taylor, not out.....	8
Kinchin, c Plummer, b Mosdell.....	0
Sigeaud, c Emmett, b Mosdell.....	2
Lowe, c Taylor, b Mosdell.....	4
Extras.....	0

Total..... 66

A.S.C.C.

G. E. Sinclair, c Edmonds, b Taylor.....	43
W. R. A. Kettle, b Taylor.....	2
F. H. G. Taylor, b Dale.....	16
R. F. Brown, b Taylor.....	12
L. P. Mosdell, b Halsey.....	15
S. D. Plummer, c Cripps, b Taylor.....	13
G. A. R. Boyd, b Taylor.....	4
J. M. Allison, b Taylor.....	0
S. A. Paige, not out.....	5
P. B. Pfordten, not out.....	1
J. E. Emmett did not bat	—
Extras.....	7

Total for 8 wickets..... 118

The outstanding feature of this match was the School fielding; the whole team fielded well, Paige and Plummer being particularly brilliant.

A.S.C.C. v. Pembroke College.

Played at Oxford on June 4th and resulted in a draw.

PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

Duncan, lbw Taylor.....	0
Sergaunt, lbw Kettle.....	1
Stone, b. Taylor.....	13
Griffith-Jones, c Emmett, b Kettle.....	0
Marval, c Paige, b Pfordten.....	47
Munro, b Mosdell.....	13
Close, not out.....	32
Harvey, lbw Taylor.....	7
R. E. Early, c Kettle, b Sinclair.....	11
Esdaile, b Taylor.....	0
O. T. M. Raymont, c Kettle, b Taylor.....	3
Extras.....	14

Total..... 141

A.S.C.C.			
G. E. Sinclair, c Munro, b Duncan.....	20	F. H. G. Taylor, c Carter, b Pether.....	16
W. R. A. Kettle, b Close.....	1	R. F. Brown, lbw Brown.....	0
F. H. G. Taylor, c Marval, b Munro.....	38	L. P. Mosdell, st Bushell, b Brown.....	4
R. F. Brown, lbw Munro.....	3	S. D. Plummer, c Bushell, b Alden.....	14
L. P. Mosdell, lbw Munro.....	14	G. A. R. Boyd, b Alden.....	0
S. D. Plummer, not out.....	3	E. G. Hunt, b Soame.....	25
G. A. R. Boyd, lbw Munro.....	8	J. M. Allison, st Bushell, b Brown.....	0
J. M. Allison, not out.....	22	S. A. Paige, not out.....	5
S. A. Paige, P. B. Pfordten, and J. E. Emmett did not bat		P. B. Pfordten did not bat.....	
Extras.....	18	Extras.....	5
Total for 6 wickets.....	127	Total for 8 wickets, (declared)..	174
Taylor bowled well, taking 5 wickets for 30 runs.		MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.	
A.S.C.C. v. St. Edmund's Hall.		G. T. Carter, c Paige, b Mosdell.....	18
Played at Abingdon on June 7th and resulted in a win for the School.		H. D. Bushell, b Taylor.....	0
ST. EDMUND'S HALL.		P. S. Fitch, b Taylor.....	0
C. F. Cardale, b Pfordten.....	36	D. R. Fayle, c Boyd, b Kettle.....	16
Johnson, b Taylor.....	0	E. S. Brown, c Taylor, b Kettle.....	65
L. W. Hanson, c Brown, b Taylor.....	9	E. J. Soame, c Taylor, b Kettle.....	29
R. C. Thomas, c Boyd, b Pfordten.....	8	S. Pether, c Plummer, b Kettle.....	10
A. W. V. Roberts, c and b Sinclair.....	3	H. G. Haynes, b Kettle.....	0
G. A. D. Calderwood, c Taylor, b Sinclair..	6	A. O. Bridgman, not out.....	2
W. Johnson, lbw Pfordten.....	7	A. Woods, not out.....	0
W. W. Bolland, b Sinclair.....	5	J. E. C. Alden did not bat.....	
J. C. Yates, b Sinclair.....	0	Extras.....	3
Jerrom, b Sinclair.....	0	Total for 8 wickets.....	143
F. Yates, not out.....	1	Sinclair batted very well indeed for his century, hitting up the runs very quickly. The School were unlucky in just being defeated by the clock.	
Extras.....	11	A.S.C.C. v. Pembroke College.	
Total.....	86	Played at Oxford on June 18th and resulted in a draw.	
A.S.C.C.		PEMBROKE COLLEGE.	
G. E. Sinclair, c Roberts, b Johnson.....	36	H. R. Munro, b Taylor.....	11
W. R. A. Kettle, not out.....	33	A. J. Marval, c Mosdell, b Kettle.....	7
F. H. G. Taylor, b Roberts.....	31	H. V. Stone, b Taylor.....	50
R. F. Brown, b Bolland.....	9	R. M. Salt, b Pfordten.....	9
L. P. Mosdell, not out.....	8	W. M. Duncan, c Plummer, b Mosdell....	21
S. D. Plummer, G. A. R. Boyd, E. G. Hunt, J. M. Allison, S. A. Paige, and P. B. Pfordten did not bat.....		M. S. Close, c Sinclair, b Mosdell.....	19
Extras.....	8	F. A. Harvey, b Allison.....	25
Total for 3 wickets.....	125	G. J. Bartlett, b Kettle.....	20
Sinclair bowled well and took 5 wickets for 23 runs.		R. E. Early, c Boyd, b Mosdell.....	9
A.S.C.C. v. Magdalen College School.		E. G. Lock, not out.....	3
Played at Abingdon on June 14th and resulted in a draw.		R. J. L. Nelson did not bat.....	
G. E. Sinclair, not out.....	102	Extras.....	10
W. R. A. Kettle, c Brown, b Soame.....	3	Total for 9 wickets, (declared)...	184
		A.S.C.C.	
		G. E. Sinclair, b Close.....	3
		W. R. A. Kettle, not out.....	35
		F. H. G. Taylor, c and b Close.....	4
		R. F. Brown, lbw Marval.....	30

L. P. Mosdell, not out.....	12
S. D. Plummer, S. A. Paige, P. B. Pfordten, G. A. R. Boyd, E. G. Hunt and J. M. Allison did not bat.....	2
Extras.....	—
Total for 3 wickets.....	86

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

Played at Abingdon on June 21st and resulted in a win for the Old Boys by 59 runs.

A.S.C.C.

G. E. Sinclair, c Broadbent, b Taylor.....	14
W. R. A. Kettle, c Hancock, b Taylor.....	9
F. H. G. Taylor, c Taylor, b Hancock.....	20
R. F. Brown, run out.....	2
L. P. Mosdell, b Brown.....	15
S. D. Plummer, c Hancock, b Brown.....	3
S. A. Paige, not out.....	24
P. B. Pfordten, b Taylor.....	4
G. A. R. Boyd, c Lansdown, b Taylor.....	6
E. G. Hunt, b Taylor.....	2
J. M. Allison, c Lansdown, b Fabes.....	9
Extras.....	13
Total.....	121

O.A.C.C.

C. E. H. Dolphin, lbw Kettle.....	6
R. Taylor, c Plummer, b Kettle.....	2
W. W. Brown, b Pfordten.....	52
H. R. Lansdown, c Pfordten, b Taylor....	29
W. G. Hancock, c Pfordten, b Mosdell....	63
J. H. Hooke, c Boyd, b Allison.....	4
H. V. Stone, b Pfordten.....	3
J. H. Bartlett, b Mosdell.....	1
S. A. Fabes, c Mosdell.....	2
R. E. Broadbent, c Brown, b Mosdell.....	4
H. A. L. Donkin, not out.....	5
Extras.....	7
Total.....	178

The School collapsed rather badly in this match, Paige being the only batsman to show resistance for any length of time. The O.A.s had 3 wickets down for 42 but the School were unable to break a partnership between Brown and Hancock, who were not parted until the School total had been passed. The remaining 6 wickets fell very cheaply.

A.S.C.C. v. Milton R.A.F.

Played at Milton on June 25th and resulted in a win for the School.

MILTON R.A.F.

E. W. White, b Taylor.....	0
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W. Jones, run out.....	6
Ft. Lt. Hillier, b Sinclair.....	3
W. Tuson, c Boyd, b Taylor.....	13
F/O Hitchens, b Pfordten.....	25
S. Vinten, not out.....	14
J. Holborow, c Plummer, b Pfordten.....	0
F. Hazel, b Pfordten.....	2
R. Sprules, b Pfordten.....	0
F. Howard, c Sinclair, b Mosdell.....	25
F. Aldworth, c Boyd, b Taylor.....	10
Extras.....	7

Total..... 105

A.S.C.C.

G. E. Sinclair, b Aldworth.....	38
S. A. Paige, lbw Aldworth.....	2
F. H. G. Taylor, lbw Aldworth.....	2
R. F. Brown, lbw Tuson.....	5
L. P. Mosdell, lbw Howard.....	19
S. D. Plummer, not out.....	35
J. M. Allison, b Tuson.....	7
P. B. Pfordten, b Aldworth.....	7
A. F. Hill, not out.....	2
G. A. R. Boyd and J. E. Emmett did not bat.....	—
Extras.....	6

Total for 7 wickets..... 123

Plummer batted well for his 35 not out, and Pfordten secured 4 wickets for 35 runs.

A.S.C.C. v. Wantage School.

Played at Abingdon on June 28th and resulted in a win for the School.

A.S.C.C.

G. E. Sinclair, c Bullock, b Thompson.....	21
S. A. Paige, lbw Clack.....	14
F. H. G. Taylor, not out.....	110
R. F. Brown, lbw Clack.....	0
L. P. Mosdell, c Bullock, b Lowsely.....	33
S. D. Plummer, not out.....	25
E. G. Hunt, P. B. Pfordten, A. F. Hill, G. A. R. Boyd and R. Langebear did not bat.....	—
Extras.....	12

Total for 4 wickets, (declared).. 215

WANTAGE SCHOOL.

Walker (J. F.), lbw Sinclair.....	16
Tucker, b Sinclair.....	4
Pallister, c and b Sinclair.....	1
Gerring, b Pfordten.....	0
Bullock, c Paige, b Pfordten.....	0
Adams, c Plummer, b Pfordten.....	0

Thompson, b Pfordten.....	14
Walker (F. E.), c Mosdell, b Langebear....	17
Templer, c Paige, b Langebear.....	7
Lowsely, not out.....	7
Clack, b Langebear.....	0
Extras.....	10
Total.....	76

This was the team's best effort of the Season. Taylor after a shaky start batted very well indeed, making the second century of the season. Wantage offered little resistance and were all out for 76, Langebear taking 3 wickets for 6 runs.

A.S.C.C. v. Leighton Park School.

Played at Abingdon on July 9th and resulted in a draw.

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

J. R. Cuthbertson, c Boyd, b Taylor.....	71
P. H. Evans, b Taylor.....	8
D. E. Nicholls, c Paige, b Pfordten.....	10
J. D. Williams, c Plummer, b Pfordten....	4
J. B. Longmore, b Langebear.....	23
M. S. Dunlop, not out.....	29
P. N. Phillips, not out.....	10
A. H. Chamberlain, M. M. Foot, H. B. Taylor and B. L. Veysey did not bat....	
Extras.....	22

Total for 5 wickets, (declared)... 177

A.S.C.C.

G. E. Sinclair, b Dunlop.....	0
W. R. A. Kettle, c Williams, b Dunlop....	21
F. H. G. Taylor, c Longmore, b Dunlop....	19
R. F. Brown, b Cuthbertson.....	5
L. P. Mosdell, not out.....	46
S. D. Plummer, c Chamberlain, b Veysey..	10
S. A. Paige, c Taylor, b Nichols.....	6
P. B. Pfordten, not out.....	0
G. A. R. Boyd, R. Langebear and J. M. Allison did not bat.....	
Extras.....	16

Total for 6 wickets..... 123

This was rather a tame finish to the season, Leighton leaving the School little over an hour and a half to bat. Although the 1st wicket fell for no runs, the School was never in real danger of defeat.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

L. P. Mosdell (Captain, Colours 1927). He has guided the team well through a successful season. A powerful bat, who watches the ball well, and by consistent batting has played many useful

innings; he will probably make many runs next year. A useful change bowler, who is likely to come on and get a quick wicket during a stand. He has set a good example in the field to a team that has been outstanding in fielding. Batting average, 27.37; bowling, 7.55.

F. H. G. Taylor (Colours 1928). Has shown good form in all departments of the game. He has borne the brunt of the attack with Kettle, and been consistent in run-getting. His batting is rather weak behind the wicket on the off side: he does not get right on top of the ball when late-cutting, this making a very dangerous shot. Batting average, 29.27; bowling, 10.46.

G. E. Sinclair (Colours 1928). He has developed a more aggressive style of batting this season, and has been quite successful. On occasions has shown good form with the ball. He varies his flight, pace and spin with judgement. Has developed into a good cover-point and throws in well. Batting average, 27.63; bowling, 17.54.

W. R. A. Kettle (Colours 1928). Is apt to be rather expensive when bowling, but sends down some very good balls. Should try and gain more command over length. A very steady batsman, who takes a lot of tempting. Batting average, 17.57; bowling, 15.65.

S. D. Plummer (Colours 1930). As a batsman is capable of making runs from shots all round the wicket. Is rather inclined to step across his wicket when making a defensive shot, hence getting out lbw. A good fielder and very keen. Batting average, 16.28.

S. A. Paige (Colours 1930). A steady left-handed batsman, who plays with a straight bat. Is strong on the leg side and comes forward very well. Must try and improve his shots on the off side. Has developed into a good point. Batting average, 14.

Brown. Has been very unlucky this season. He has a nice style and when he once gets going plays very steadily, but is rather over-anxious in the early stage of his innings. Should try and show more agility in the field. Batting average, 8.09.

Allison. Must use his head more when batting, and learn not to "swipe" at every ball that is bowled. He has played several useful innings, but has thrown his wicket away too often. As a bowler has not fulfilled the promise shown at the beginning of the season. Batting average, 9.43; bowling 28.5.

Pfordten. His bowling shows great promise. Is capable of bowling for long spells at a time, and

keeps a steady length. His batting is weak. Must learn to play forward to a ball that is well pitched up. A good fielder, who has saved many runs. Batting average, 7.66; bowling, 10.03.

Boyd. A poor bat, who must learn to keep his eye on the ball. At the beginning of the season showed signs of being a batsman, but has failed because he is far too reckless. Still shows room for improvement as a wicket-keeper: at present he tries to stump the batsman before he has got the ball properly into his hands. Batting average, 3.6.

Langebear. Came into the team very late. A very good bowler, who is capable of bowling the "wrong 'un." Should try and vary his bowling more. Has shown good form in the field. Bowling average, 6.25.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Magdalen College School, Brackley, 1st XI. Played at home on May 21st. Lost by 40 runs. The School went in first and, after having 5 wickets down for 5, scored 45. Triggs scored 17 and Badcock 10. M.C.S. made 85. L. Sinclair took 5 wickets for 29.

v. Dorchester College. Played at home on May 24th. Lost by 144 runs. Dorchester scored 171 for 9 (declared), and the School replied with 27, Badcock and Hunt making 6 each. Spalding took 5 wickets for 20 and Hunt 2 for 6.

v. City of Oxford School. Played at Oxford on May 28th. Won by 3 runs. This was a very exciting match. The School scored 73, of which Hill made 33, Hunt 17 and Triggs 11. C.O.S., after having 5 wickets down for 21, managed to make 70.

v. Abingdon Imperials. Played at home on May 31st. Drawn. This match was stopped owing to rain, after the Imperials had scored 81 for 2.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford. Played at Oxford on June 14th. Lost by 48 runs. Magdalen scored 92 and the School 44, of which Langebear made 9 and Badcock 8. Langebear took 5 wickets for 14 and Laybourne 4 for 35.

v. Leighton Park School. Played at Leighton Park on July 9th. Won by 72 runs. The School went in first and scored 181 for 6 (declared). L. Sinclair made 44, Wardlaw 42 not out, and Laybourne 37. Leighton Park scored 109. Sinclair took 3 wickets for 28 and Wardlaw 3 for 18.

The following have played for the second XI. :—
R. L. Triggs (Captain), J. M. Allison, W. B. Badcock, R. C. Clarke, J. E. Emmett, D. E. Healy, A. F. Hill, E. G. Hunt, W. G. E. Jacob, H. B. Joseph, R. Langebear, M. N. Laybourne, J. B. Ottiker, L. Sinclair, L. A. Smart, C. Spalding, M. Thomas, D. H. Wardlaw.

"UNDER 15" MATCHES.

On the 8th of June against City of Oxford School, away. City of Oxford batted first and made 54, L. Sinclair taking 3 wickets for 10 runs and Warrick 3 for 5. The School replied with 75, of which Laybourne made 27 and Sinclair 21.

On 2nd July against City of Oxford School at home. The School batted first and totalled 102, Laybourne making 29. The City of Oxford then made 86, L. Sinclair taking 4 wickets for 23 runs and Laybourne 4 for 24.

The following have played for the "Under 15" XI. :—L. Sinclair (Captain), M. N. Laybourne, D. E. Healy, J. C. W. Jacob, A. L. Fleet, A. J. Turnham, G. E. H. Warrick, R. G. Sandercock, J. Grover, A. C. Emms, R. J. Jacques, D. G. Brown, J. H. Holborow.

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

Blue *v.* Green. This was won by Green House. Scores: Green 108 (R. F. Brown 50, Allison 21), Blue 37.

Blue *v.* Red. F. H. G. Taylor and W. R. A. Kettle gave Blues a good start, the first wicket falling at 101. F. H. G. Taylor made 75 and W. R. A. Kettle 31. Langebear contributed a bright 21 to bring the final score up to 156. The batting of Red House was consistent, but they were all out for 138 (L. P. Mosdell 30, Paige 20, Hunt 20).

Green *v.* Red. R. F. Brown batted beautifully for Greens and made an invaluable 70. He was ably backed up in the last part of his innings by Jacob (J. C. W.) who made some very sound strokes in his useful stand. Wardlaw scored 26 very quickly. Green's innings closed for 156.

Red started well with some good batting by Plummer 25, Paige 11, L. P. Mosdell 35, Hunt 28. Jacob (J. C. W.) took two splendid catches at point. The score at the end of the second day was 112 for 5 wickets. On the following day however the end came quickly, Red being all out for 123 (G. E. Sinclair 7 for 44, Brown 2 for 17).

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

Green v. Blue. Blue made 26 (Sinclair (L.) 8 for 8). Green made 130. (Sinclair (L.) 55, Barber 39, Emms 13 not out.)

Green v. Red. Green 36, Red 202. (Laybourne 88, Healy (D.) 56).

The House Cup was thus won by Green House.

A WEEK IN DENMARK.

A troop of fifty Boy Scouts representing the county of Berkshire visited Denmark this year. Leaving Harwich on Friday, June 6th, on board the Danish steam-ship *A.P. Bernstorff*, we spent twenty-four hours on our voyage, arriving at Esbjerg late on Saturday night. Our journey was enlivened by one of the ship's mates, who spoke English, giving us a few hints on signalling and seamanship generally.

At Esbjerg we were kindly received by the K.F.U.M. (Danish Y.M.C.A.) who gave us accommodation for the night.

Esbjerg is the North Sea outlet for the agricultural products of Denmark. It has a splendid harbour, which is capable of sheltering five hundred or more seagoing vessels, in addition to having the largest fishing fleet of Northern Europe.

On Sunday morning we caught an early train for Silkeborg, arriving there in five hours or so. The country we passed through is well worth remarking on. For the first twenty-five miles after leaving Esbjerg it is very flat, somewhat similar to Holland. Windmills are extensively used and most of the carting is done by ox-wagons, which we saw in nearly every village we passed. But soon the nature of the country changed from the flat to small sand dunes, and later to beautiful wooded hills, covered mostly with silver birch and oak trees.

On arrival at Silkeborg, a town of 1200 inhabitants and one of the most noted health-resorts of Denmark, we at once proceeded to the harbour and started out for our camp site by boat down the Gudena, the broadest river of all Denmark; and after twenty minutes or so we reached the first of the great lakes leading down to Mount Himmelsbjerget.

It is round these island-studded lakes that Denmark's most beautiful scenery lies. The large woods and heather-covered hills, dotted here and there with tiny villas, seem almost like a piece taken from our own English lake district.

At Laven we pitched camp in a clearing amongst the woods, about a mile from the lakes. The tents were arranged in a large semicircle with the flagstaff in the middle, which flew both the British and Danish flags, for we had twenty or thirty Danish scouts with us, whom we had picked up at various places on the route. These proved very congenial and pleasant companions, for all of them knew English, which is taught in the schools, and several of them had visited England for the World Jamboree of 1929.

One of the most pleasant recollections was our visit to Aarhus, the biggest town in Jutland, and next to Copenhagen in size and importance. It is the next largest port and has a constant service of train-ferries running to Copenhagen. The old gothic cathedral there is the largest in Denmark and contains many rare works of art. In Aarhus too is an open-air museum "Den gamle By" ("The old town") which contains local relics dating back as far as the 12th century. Another item of interest was our visit to a bacon factory. We passed first through the great stockyards, where hundreds of pigs were waiting to be slaughtered, and then we went into the killing house itself, where we found the air thick and oppressive and the noise deafening. The process of pig-slaughtering is rather gruesome and horrible to witness, as such things must necessarily be; but it is skilfully and rapidly done, and the time taken after catching the pig by the hind legs, until its carcass, rolled in the boiling vat, scraped by machinery and slit and disembowelled, finally reaches the cooling room, is just four minutes.

We left Denmark on the 14th of June, arriving in Reading on the 16th after a most enjoyable holiday.

F.L.M.

HOW TO MANAGE A POPULAR DAILY NEWSPAPER.

BEGINNER'S COURSE.

1. Elementary Principles.

The first point to be noticed is the fact that the modern popular daily newspaper is not a newspaper of the old type at all, but a magazine comprising a great variety of subjects. One of your chief objects is a large income from advertisements, and advertisers will not use your paper unless it has a large circulation. To obtain this, it must interest as many people as possible—people too, of every type. The amount of space allotted to any one

topic, except sport, must be strictly limited. Sport, as being the public's chief interest in life, must be given every inch of space that is available. In particular, it is of supreme importance that your racing tips should compare favourably with those of other papers. Great care should be bestowed on the financial news, so important to the small investor. Politics, though the space they occupy will be comparatively small, need very special treatment, and will be considered later. Murder cases and sensational trials of every kind must be reported at great length, with proper emphasis on all the interesting details, even at the expense of other features. A daily article recording all the tittle-tattle of Society, with the *minutiae* of the dresses worn at private views, garden parties, dinners, balls, and receptions of every kind, is eagerly lapped up by a snobbish public, and is therefore indispensable.

Of even greater importance is the correspondence column, where letters supporting, in the strongest terms, the views expressed in your leaders, may occasionally be varied by others voicing mild protests against them (about one of the latter to fifty of the former is a very good proportion), in order to show how fair is the selection of letters printed. Always print letters expressing their writers' views, however idiotically dogmatic they may be, on highly controversial subjects, as these are sure to evoke whole showers of equally dogmatic letters from sympathetic or hostile writers, the appearance of whose views in the columns of your paper greatly strengthens their interest in it. The "Is this a record?" letter is a never-failing source of interest and emulation, whether it is concerned with the weight of tomatoes, the earliest cuckoo, or the aggregate ages of a family of twenty-four.

The principal page should contain, beside three leading articles, the first of which should be very violent, the second much less so, and the third quite mild or even humorous, two or three short and chatty essays on those subjects in which the public is so much interested, whether of the everlasting kind, e.g. the Universities (remember that the dissection of Oxford is good form, the discussion of Cambridge only just permissible, while for a popular daily the modern Universities do not exist) and especially Women, or subjects of more recent growth, e.g. Film Stars, Faults of the B.B.C., Prohibition, Night Clubs. Remember that Women are *News par excellence* (men are not). They may be discussed from any point of view you like, e.g. Should they use powder? Lipstick? Cut

their hair? Let it grow? Lengthen or shorten their skirts? Propose? Engage in strenuous sport? Be educated? Compete with men in the professions and in business? Think? Exist?

Finally, if you can secure some regular contributor who can write articles, in grandiose and flowery language, on semi-ethical, semi-religious subjects, in such a way as to say nothing in particular at great length, you will give immense pleasure to all the muddle-headed and tender-hearted among your readers, i.e. the great majority of them, who, disliking logical reasoning as something that passes their understanding, delight to wallow in that super-sentimental and barely intelligible substance which Mark Twain dubbed "soul-butter."

(To be continued.)

A. F. JAMES.

KINGFISHER!

When the starry halcyon flies

Even the proud swans turn to look—
Unwillingly, with fretful eyes,

When the starry halcyon flies!

You'd think a fleeting, faint surprise

Their scornful white composure shook

When the starry halcyon flies.

Even the proud swans turn to look!

O.J.C.

DREAMS OF YESTERDAY.

A scent of summer came on Memory's wings,
And stirred in drowsy mind long buried things—

The blinding glare of sunlight, through that arch
Whose steps, worn thin by young and care-free
tread,

Still lead light footsteps hurrying on their march
Through fleeting days of youth, too quickly dead:

A field, with colours brown to brilliant green,
Dappled with light through elm trees' lambent
leaves:

A chapel, whence young voices rise unseen

To stab the hazy sky through listening eaves:

Red walls, stained grey and gold by lichen'd
growth,

Re-echoing to the ringing of a bell

Whose firm, insistent summons called me, loth
To leave the sunshine and the clean, sweet smell
Of fresh-mown grass beneath the elm trees' shade
For the warm whispering rooms—

Of these my dreams of yesterday were formed:

All the lost joys of youth about them swarmed.

O.A.

THE RAG CONCERT.

Once again in the Rag Concert we enjoyed a number of selections from the Gilbert and Sullivan operas by the same successful artistes of the previous term.

D. P. Edsall, with an Irish Chorus, gave a spirited rendering of "Phil the Fluter's Ball": later he joined S. A. Paige in some original and topical limericks. To our delight Mr. Alston produced from his repertoire an apparently new song, but we understand it was first performed some seven years ago. We hope he will again dip into his bag for next time.

The pièce de résistance of the programme was a one act play entitled *Mrs. Perkins, Protagonist*. Here we first meet Mrs. Perkins and family engaged in a trivial domestic tiff. During the course of the piece, however, we find that Mrs. Perkins possesses traits which we little suspected. By a series of remarkable coincidences she gains possession of a diamond, which apparently taps some suppressed complex in her mind, and changes a simple domestic wife into an adventuress.

G. A. R. Boyd sustained the part of Mrs. Perkins with great éclat. Whether as the disgruntled housewife, or when with fired imagination she took charge of the whole proceedings, she was always the leading figure on the stage. We were quite impressed, too, by the amount of knitting she accomplished in the course of the piece.

Mr. Perkins (P. B. Quelch) was the typical paterfamilias, who wholly failed to back up his wife in her "crowded hour of glorious life."

Their daughter Polly (A. J. Turnham) was also unable to follow her mother's flights of fancy, and remained prim and proper throughout.

The part of the "Stranger" was played with considerable originality by P. B. Pfordten whom we guessed to be a crook the moment we saw him. Albert (D. E. Healy), the dark horse of the piece, after a dramatic entry through the window, succeeded in clearing up the situation with all the efficiency which one expects in a bright young man from Scotland Yard.

THE ABINGDON SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

At an early meeting of the Society it was decided to have a competition as nearly as possible every month. Two classes were arranged:—An Amateur class for photographs entirely the work of the competitor and a Professional class for photographs developed or printed by a professional. Two enlargements of winning photographs are

to be made, one for presentation to the competitor and one to be put in an album kept by the Society.

In the June Competition, "Reflections," "The Meet," by J. C. Blackmore, was adjudged the winner. (Professional Class.)

On June 1st an Exhibition of photographs, taken by members of the Society, was held in the Physics Laboratory. Altogether some 90 prints were shown and the Vice-President, E. J. P. Ross Barker, Esq. exhibited some very good stereoscopic photographs and some lantern slides.

On June 4th the Chairman organised a bicycle expedition to Oxford and the vicinity. Although the weather was not too favourable, the eleven members of the party took a number of good photographs.

On June 20th, Founder's Day, an Exhibition of photographs was held in the Physics Laboratory. Some 120 prints were shown. This Exhibition proved a popular success with the visitors.

The subject for the July Competition was "People In Action." Some 10 photographs were entered. "Suspense," by A. F. R. Fisher, was adjudged the winner. (Amateur Class)

Soon after the launching of the Society the dark-room was rehabilitated: electric light, another sink, more shelf-room and a useful cupboard were installed.

The thanks of the Society are especially due to E. G. Hunt and W. R. A. Kettle for their help in the carpentry. We are also indebted to R. G. Sandercock for an artistic notice board, which is a great asset to our publicity department.

O.A. CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the School Common Room after the Past vs. Present Cricket Match on June 2nd.

The following officers were elected:—President, Col. A. Stockton; Vice-Presidents, Rev. T. Layng, W. M. Grundy; Committee, W. B. Coxeter, H. V. Stone, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, G. F. Powell, G. S. Sturrock, W. G. Hancock and S. E. Clark; Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers, H. A. L. Donkin, Caldecott Cottage, Abingdon and R. E. Eason, 17 Oxford Road, Abingdon; London Secretary, W. H. Stevens, Shirley, Page Heath Lane, Bickley, Kent.

The accounts shewed a balance in hand of £45 7s. 2d. It was agreed to donate £10 10s. to the New Organ Fund for the School Chapel.

Members were very anxious to revive the Club Dance on Founder's Evening next year and the Secretary was instructed to arrange this. The

Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the question of a new tie reported that they had not so far been successful in finding a satisfactory pattern and were allowed another year in which to continue their search.

London members held a dinner during the winter, which was very successful. They hope to repeat this and trust that Abingdon members and others will also be able to attend.

The "Social" Evening arranged for the evening of Founder's Day was not a success. We trust members will turn up in greater numbers to the Dance next year.

An account of the Past v. Present Cricket match will be found elsewhere.

The Club Dinner, held at the Lion Hotel on Saturday evening, was well attended and was, we consider, a success in every way.

We congratulate W. W. Brown very heartily on his great round of golf at Frilford on Sunday, thereby winning the President's Cup for the year.

The full scores were as follows:—

W. W. Brown	..	..	80- 9 = 71
O. B. Challenor	..	..	82- 7 = 75
E. G. Langford	..	..	78- 2 = 76
H. A. L. Donkin	..	..	89-11 = 78
H. R. Lansdown	..	..	96-18 = 78
A. M. Thatcher	..	..	91-12 = 79
R. A. Langford	..	..	87- 8 = 79
G. S. Sturrock	..	..	103-18 = 85
K. T. Wood	..	..	111-20 = 91

O.A. NOTES.

We have been asked by the London Secretary of the O.A.C. to announce that the next London O.A. Dinner has been fixed for Friday, November 14. He will be glad if O.A.s living *outside* London, who may wish to attend the dinner, will advise him of the fact at an early date, when he will furnish them with fuller particulars. Members of the O.A.C. living *in* London have already been circularised by the Secretary.

G. W. Salisbury, who died on September 4, was a boy at the School as recently as the summer of 1923. Though tall and well-grown—he was a member of the first XI both at Football and at Cricket—he was never really of a strong constitution, and a severe illness shortly after leaving school left him less able to fight against the inherent weakness. Of a quiet and unassuming nature, he was well liked by all who came in contact with him, and many will deplore the early close of a happy and useful career.

J. W. Veysey, having now reached the age-limit, has retired from the office of H. M. Inspector of Schools.

The Rev. G. S. Deacon has been inducted recently to the Vicarage of Worminghall, near Thame, Oxon.

S. J. Minkley, who holds the post of "Sound" Manager for the B.T.H. Company, is at present superintending the acoustics of a chain of Cinemas ("Talkies") along the North Wales coast.

N. V. Pearson has been appointed to the post of Latin Master at Truro College, Cornwall.

Paymaster-Lieutenant T. T. Theophilus, R.N., has just returned home after two years in China, and is due shortly to sail for South Africa on the Admiral's Secretarial Staff. Meanwhile he is making good use of his time by getting married, on October 16, to Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Elwell, of Inglewood Lodge, Great Barr, near Birmingham. We wish them cordially a long life of prosperity and happiness.

The following *critique*, which we copy with acknowledgments from *The Cambridge Review* of May 30, will be of interest to all our readers:—

THE CHURCH AND PARISH OF ST. NICHOLAS, ABINGDON.

In addition to that which its title leads one to expect, this admirable work contains within its covers two other historical investigations, viz: one covering the ancient grammar school and the other descriptive of a local manor. All three sections form models of their kind, and if all such pieces of work were as capably prepared and edited the study of local history would indeed be facilitated. Mr. Preston brings a ready pen and skilled knowledge to bear upon his problems, the Oxford Press has supported him in its accustomed manner, and the result is a volume replete with documentary evidence, fortified with a first-rate index, maps and plans and embellished with numerous illustrations. Its publication throws a flood of light upon the history of Abingdon and its people, while the association of Pembroke, Oxford, increases its value to the University historian. The School section is on a level seldom attained by similar works even when a whole volume is devoted to the purpose. The author of this comprehensive book is to be warmly congratulated upon his success.

J.A.V.

We have to congratulate—

A. F. James on passing (22nd) into the Home Civil Service ;

A. M. Thatcher on gaining First Class Honours in Mathematical Moderations at Oxford ;

W. H. Stevens on gaining the Colwyn Gold Medal of the Rubber Industry for 1929 ;

N. V. Pearson on obtaining Second Class Honours in the London B.A. Examination, and E. A. Passam on obtaining Third Class Honours in the same ;

K. T. Wood on passing the Final Examination of the Incorporated Society of Accountants ;

K. R. Savage on passing the Intermediate Arts Examination (for external students) of London University ;

R. E. Broadbent on coming out top in the annual Students' Examination of the Vauxhall Motor Works at Luton, whereby he is excused all further fees during the period of his training—the award thus amounting to the equivalent of a very substantial scholarship.

In connection with the above we should add that the Colwyn Gold Medal was awarded for the best essay on "the Characteristics and Applications of Rubber" submitted by any member of the Institution under twenty-five years of age. It was presented to W. H. Stevens by Lord Colwyn in person last January.

Congratulations are also due to E. G. Langford, who finished 7th in the competition for the Prince of Wales' Golf Cup at Sandwich this summer ; to W. W. Brown, who won two cups in the autumn meeting at Leamington ; and to R. W. H. Taylor, who has won the Challenge Cup at the Reigate and Redhill course. Likewise to R. E. Broadbent on winning the Men's Singles (Championship) at the Dunstable Lawn Tennis tournament, and the Mixed Doubles at the Aylesbury tournament. In the Leighton Buzzard meeting he was beaten in the Men's Singles by the eventual winner, and had bad luck in the Doubles, both open and handicap, as his partner had to scratch.

R. L. Dawson, who has now been 18 months in Australia, has written describing the difficult times that have been experienced there during the recent drought. His address is c/o Mr. W. McClintock, Moorabenya, West Wyalong, New South Wales.

C. F. Baumann is now established in Rome, and played in that city's Rugger XV against Milan, of which team L. L. Baumann is a member. The bigger brother's side won, and thereby Milan gained the all-Italy championship for the second year in succession.

E. M. Holbrook's address is:—c/o C. W. Osmond, Torryburn, Trevallyn. He writes to say that he is in the best of health, and at present spending most of his time milking cows and preparing their food, which consists of saccaline, oats, and a few turnips thrown in. For recreation he "hunts" rabbits.

H. N. Trye is now with Messrs. Wm. Cory and Son, Ltd.

P. O. Darbishire is at the Park Gates Hotel, Eastbourne, learning the business of Hotel management.

P. W. Lay left early last term to take up an appointment with the Morris Motor Works.

Of the others who left last term, W. R. A. Kettle has passed into Sandhurst ; B. J. Pedlar has joined the Borough Road Training College, at Isleworth ; J. Ashby is in the engineering department of the Post Office at Oxford ; S. A. Paige has joined his father in the Cotton trade ; A. F. Hill is with Mr. Hammond, Chartered Accountant, in Abingdon ; W. B. Badcock is in the Post Office in Abingdon ; S. F. Thatcher is with Mr. Cowley, Chartered Accountant, in Abingdon ; L. A. Smart is on the clerical staff at Hartwell's Garage in Oxford ; and K. W. Ewing has gone for the time being to France—to Blois, near Orleans.

RUGGER FIXTURES.

FIRST XV.

Oct. 11	Oxford Exiles A.	Home
" 15	R. E. Eason's XV	Home
" 18	Oxfordshire Nomads	Home
Nov. 1	Magdalen College School	Away
" 8	Bloxham School	Home
" 12	Leighton Park School	Home
" 19	Pembroke College A.	Away
" 29	Radley College 2nd XV	Away
Dec. 6	O.A.R.F.C.	Home

SECOND XV.

Oct. 11	Bloxham School	Away
Nov. 1	Oxford Exiles Extra A.	Home
" 5	Magdalen College School	Home
" 8	Oxford Exiles Extra A.	Away
" 12	Leighton Park School	Away

EDITORIAL NOTICE.

With this number we conclude Vol. VI of "The Abingdonian." An index will be prepared in due course. We would remind those who may wish to complete their sets that back numbers, both of this and of earlier volumes, may be had at half-price. The first number of Vol. VII will be published in January.