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SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. E. J. P. Ross Barker gave up his teaching work at the end of the Easter Term. He was Classical VI Form Master from 1899-1905, and rejoined the Staff in September, 1918. His fine scholarship and literary taste have been of the greatest benefit to boys throughout the School. His insistence on boys' personal efforts coupled with his ability to make literature live and awake an emotional response of the mind have resulted in our attaining in Classics an average standard which has been recognized by various outside examining bodies as considerably above the normal for a school of our size. We are very grateful to him for devoting his high intellectual powers so whole-heartedly to our service.

His activities outside the teaching sphere have been manifold. He has edited *The Abingdonian* and maintained a good standard for a School Magazine. He has looked after the book-store and helped with the O.T.C. and the games. His charming personality, clarity of judgment, unselfish persistence in seeing through whatever he

undertakes, his kindness and sincerity have made the name R.B. a talisman among his old pupils.

We are very glad however that the dropping of his teaching work does not mean his departure from our midst. He still retains charge of the Waste Court Boarding House, a matter of deep satisfaction to all who have the welfare of these boys at heart.

We have at present in our School Chapel an inadequate harmonium which is deteriorating. We are very anxious to be able to purchase an organ for the proper musical rendering of our Services. This was mentioned at Speech Day last year; but the question had not been thoroughly explored. We have now had the opinion of experts and the suggestions and prices of different firms put before us. As the result we have an option till September next on an organ with the latest type of tubular-pneumatic transmission, electrically blown, and covering a range which will suit well our requirements. It is made by a good London firm and guaranteed by them.

The price for such an instrument is very reasonable. We required £540 and have issued an appeal. We have already been generously given £268 of this amount; we publish a list of our benefactors below, and tender to them our grateful thanks. We still require £272. We know it is a hard financial time to be making any appeal. But we hope that Old Boys, the parents of boys still at the School, and our many friends who have shown us such kindness in the past, may be able by a united effort to bestow this equipment in such an important field for the boys of this generation. As the motto on our School Clock has it "Tempora pereunt et imputantur." And particularly in these days it is the things that fortify the spiritual aspirations of the young warm-hearted adventurers on life's journey that can least be spared.

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Vice-Admiral F. Clifton Brown, C.B., C.M.G., has been appointed a Sheriff for Berkshire.

The four tennis courts laid down at Waste Court last year are already being played upon, and the turf appears to be in very good condition. Three of them are available for the boys, and a Tennis Club has been formed whose members will have a prior right to the courts. The Club subscription is 10/- for the term but non-members will be able to play on payment of 1/- for the day, if courts are available.

1st IV Rowing Colours were awarded last term to L. Sinclair (cox), and 2nd IV Colours to H. B. Healy, P. B. Squire, A. F. R. Fisher, R. F. Brown, and R. Emmett (cox).

L. P. Mosdell again Captains the Cricket XI this year and R. F. Brown is Secretary.

Athletic Colours were awarded to the following, last term:—Full Colours: G. E. Sinclair. Half Colours: F. H. G. Taylor, P. B. Quelch, J. Ranger and W. V. Simpson.

A Confirmation was held in the School Chapel on Sunday, March 15th, by the Bishop of Oxford, Bishop Shaw, when the following boys were Confirmed: R. L. Triggs, A. E. B. Foxwell, A. C. Smith, P. B. Pfordten, L. Sinclair, W. G. E. Jacob, R. E. Bradfield, J. C. Jacob, J. H. Holborow, M. N. Laybourne, P. V. Collings, E. F. Parks, K. Mills, J. Grover, L. Carter, G. E. H. Warrick, J. McPherson, A. R. M. Adams, W. V. Simpson and J. F. Ellis.

The O.T.C. was inspected by Colonel J. P. Tredennick, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commanding 145th Infantry Brigade, on Thursday, June 4th.

The School Contingent goes into camp at Tweseldown, Aldershot on July 28th till August 5th.

On Thursday March 5th a number of boys went by bus to Frilford Heath Golf Course to watch the trial for the Ryder Cup team, and so had the opportunity of seeing many well-known golfers playing.

G. E. Sinclair goes up to Oxford next October as Pembroke Scholar, L. P. Mosdell to St. Edmund's Hall, F. H. Taylor to Pembroke, and R. F. Brown to Brasenose College.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*The Aldenhamian*, *The Brighton College Magazine*, *The Chigwellian*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *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.—B. G. Steff (1926 iii) O.S.C. 1930.

III FORM.—S. R. Hinks (1928 ii), S. J. Boshier (1930 iii).

II FORM.—R. M. Aldwinckle (1929 ii).

SALVETE.

REMOVE FORM.—D. C. Woolf.

III FORM.—W. G. Davis, W. R. Savage.

II FORM.—D. G. Carter, E. W. F. Frearson, E. O. Jones, W. J. Lewington, R. F. Simmonds.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society met on January 31st when the motion before the House was "That fagging in Public Schools is a good institution" This motion was not carried. At the meeting on February 21st there was the motion which always proves an interesting subject for debate. "In the opinion of this House capital punishment should be abolished." Views on this subject differed greatly. Half the members voted for the motion and half against; but the chairman, who in such circumstances has the casting vote, gave it in favour of the motion which was thus carried by 11 votes to 10.

ROWING.

Our prospects for the season were distinctly encouraging. The same First Four as last year remained intact, and the Second Crew were not devoid of experience; further, there was the additional advantage of having Mr. Duxbury's enthusiasm and experience as coach. Work with 'tubbing' was begun as soon as weather conditions permitted, and all was proceeding satisfactorily when our plans received a sudden and unexpected check.

Magdalen College School had hastily decided to go on to 'slides,' and to keep the fixture on the list we must do likewise—retaining the fixed seats for the Second crews. It was considered unwise to attempt to convert any of our existing 'ships' to slides, and the alternative—hiring from Oxford—was adopted. No efforts were spared to make the most of the short time available for training, and indeed very praiseworthy progress was achieved;

but it is not an easy matter to learn to row on slides in a short three weeks. The two long journeys—to and from Oxford—were valuable aids towards settling the crew down together; but it would have been far more satisfactory had the notice of the change been received earlier in the term.

The Second Four showed commendable keenness in their training and became a decidedly fast and powerful combination. It was a great disappointment that Magdalen College School found it quite impossible at the last minute to put on a 'four' to oppose them, the more so because their race against a Wadham Four proved them to be a crew above the average.

Among the Juniors there was found to be a fair amount of promising material, and instruction in tub pairs was carried on as far as conditions allowed. The third Four—though seldom the same combination—showed that they possessed stamina and determination. Each aspirant needs to concentrate on correcting his own individual faults without the necessity of being continuously reminded of the same defect in his methods, and more attention given to the 'general' remarks would probably procure quicker results.

As a mark of recognition for meritorious efforts the Second Four were given their 2nd Colours; and the awarding of 2nd Colours for rowing has become an established custom.

THE RACES.

Abingdon School 1st IV. v. Magdalen College School.

This was rowed off on Wednesday, March 4th, at 11.30 a.m. at Oxford, from Weirs Bridge. We were extremely unfortunate in the start, our opponents having procured a surprising advantage before we had got into our stride. In spite of this, Abingdon kept up a steady pressure past Long Bridges, but along the Green Bank Magdalen began to draw ahead in such a way that when crossing over at the Varsity Boat House they were able to get the benefit of our water all along the Barges. However, Abingdon still kept up the struggle, and, though now becoming rather 'done,' kept their form. All efforts to reduce the lead were in vain, and Magdalen rowed past the winning post with a comfortable margin to spare.

CREWS.

M.C.S.	Abingdon Sch.	st. lbs.
Bow J. S. E. Harris	Bow G. A. R. Boyd	10 8
2. J. F. Barrell	2. L. P. Mosdell	11 6
3. H. D. Bushell	3. F. H. G. Taylor	11 3
Str. P. Gough	Str. G. E. Sinclair	11 5
Cox. F. H. Bridgman	Cox. L. Sinclair	7 6

Owing to the scratching of the fixture with the Magdalen College School 2nd IV, a race was arranged with a Four from Wadham College. At the last moment their bow was unable to turn out and his place was taken by Mr. Duxbury.

The Oxford IV had the better of a good start and led by $\frac{1}{4}$ length after 15 strokes; they increased their lead to half a length at the minute tree and held it till about half-way when they struck a bad patch for a few strokes. Healy seized the opportunity to work up the stroke and quickly gained a lead of nearly a length. The Wadham crew got together again and began to make up some of the lost ground but the School crew stuck to it well and finished $\frac{1}{2}$ length ahead. Healy stroked well all over, and was well backed up by the whole crew, who shewed that they had the proper racing spirit. We should like to express our appreciation of the sporting effort of the Wadham crew in taking to fixed seats at very short notice and giving us such a good race.

CREWS.

Abingdon 2nd IV.	st. lbs.	Wadham College IV.	st. lbs.
Bow R. F. Brown	10 6	Bow G. F. Duxbury	10 10
2. A. F. Fisher	11 6	2. J. N. Duxbury	10 9
3. P. B. Squire	11 4	3. T. H. Vaughan	11 8
Str. H. B. Healy	11 4	Str. F. H. Towle	10 10
Cox. R. Emmett	6 2	Cox. L. Sinclair	7 6

HOCKEY, 1931.

We had some very enjoyable games of Hockey last Term, and it was very gratifying to see the keenness shown and the general interest that was taken in the play. Unfortunately the weather, either in the form of frost that made the ground unfit on an otherwise pleasant day, or of rain, rather interfered with our practice, and it was disappointing that a match with an 'A' team of Lincoln College, Oxford, had to be scratched owing to snow. Consequently, a team representing our available resources did not have to be definitely decided upon, and the filling of two places was still rather an open question. Luckily, over the difficult question of a goalkeeper A. C. Smith early came to the rescue and revealed himself as a capable and resourceful 'keeper.' He showed that he had a natural instinct for the position; which is a far from easy one; he has a good eye for getting his pads well behind a hard shot and also has good judgment in running out to smother a threatening forward on the edge of the Circle.

Lansdown can also play in goal, but is better at back, where as last year he showed good form in tackling and in clearing the ball well up to mid-field.

After a few games had been played there remained no doubt as to the half-back line, and this consisted of Joseph, Allison (centre) and Simpson. Allison is exceedingly keen and always got through a tremendous amount of work; he tackled and passed well, and with more play and experience will vary his passes a little more and so get the opposition guessing and on the run: the element of surprise and the unexpected is one of the greatest assets in attack. He held his line well together and received good support from Simpson and Joseph, who both have a good eye for the ball and a natural ability for the game; both hit the ball hard and cleanly, and the half-back line was most efficient altogether. The forwards too settled down satisfactorily and realised the great importance of becoming a line, and not five individuals.

Clarke, R. C., in the centre has made a great advance since last year, and his play was very good: he is fast and controls the ball well and is an excellent opportunist in shooting, never spending unnecessary time in making his shot. He is good at going through quickly on his own, but, like Allison, with more play he will learn to distribute the ball more on either wing. Pfordten and Laybourne, as insides, combined with Clarke well, and they both at once struck the eye as being natural players of the game; they have a neat control over the ball in dribbling and passing, in other words, neat stickwork; and as they are both young they should do very well in future years.

Wardlaw played at outside-left; he showed a great deal of dash, and speed, but might be better than he is; he does not get the ball under sufficient control and therefore loses good opportunities; he has however a good reverse stick pass, but is inclined to overrun the ball. This also applies to Thomas at outside right; like Wardlaw he makes good use of his speed, but is too impetuous. McPherson, too, had some claims to being in the forward line, as he has knowledge of the game and passes well: a little more pace would improve his play. Of others, Langebear was quite a useful hard-working half back, and W. G. Jacob, Lovibond and J. C. T. Jones were all very fair backs, who were good in their tackling, without being very strong in their clearing, Jacob perhaps being the best of the three in this point. Kitto also was a keen and quite a useful forward, and Emmett's assistance was welcomed when other duties permitted: he

has some idea of the "flick" pass and would probably do well with more play. It is to be hoped that some of the above mentioned will be available to play next year.

The season finished with a most enjoyable game against the Boat Club (who showed praiseworthy form) on the last Tuesday of Term, and ended in a victory for the Hockey Club by five goals to three.

JUNIOR RUGGER.

This term two rounds of junior house matches were arranged for the Bayley cup. This competition has proved invaluable for bringing out all those who are of promise. Great keenness was shown in training for the matches and practices were amply rewarded by the increased knowledge of play and the ability to apply that knowledge. The result was that the standard of play was high and the games fiercely contested.

In the first round Greens beat Blues in a good game and Red lost both to Blue and Green though against the latter they made a valiant effort, only losing by two points. In the second round Blue turned the tables on Green by winning a hard match wherein Ranger (J.) did yeoman service for the winners. Both Green and Blue gained big wins over Red. This necessitated a play off in the final between Green and Blue.

THE FINAL.

In the first half Blues held a slight advantage J. Ranger getting over for an unconverted try. Just before half-time however Jacques cut through splendidly and scored after a run of fifty yards; the try was converted. Changing over with two points to make up Blues pressed hard for about fifteen minutes and then Ranger ploughed his way through to score in the corner to give Blue one point's lead. Soon after, however, Green forwards asserted themselves and the ball went quickly from the line out to Jacques who ran and sent L. Sinclair over for a good try. The try was not converted. During the remaining ten minutes Green forwards took command of the game and further tries were scored by L. Sinclair and Stross, leaving Green victorious by 16 points to 6. Thus Greens win the Bayley cup.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

The sports were held in the School grounds on Saturday, March 14th. No records were broken but results were well up to standard.

The officials were :—President, The Head Master. Starter, J. B. E. Alston, Esq. ; Judges, R. C. Bateman, Esq. ; W. A. Rudd, Esq. ; Time-keepers, G. F. Duxbury, Esq. ; W. Bevir, Esq. ; Stewards, D. G. Lovibond, J. Lansdown, A. C. Smith. Committee, W. A. Rudd, Esq. (chairman), J. B. E. Alston, Esq. ; ex-officio, L. P. Mosdell, G. E. Sinclair, G. A. R. Boyd, R. C. Clarke, R. F. Brown. Elected, F. H. G. Taylor, J. B. Ottiker, D. A. Kitto, J. Ranger, O. Clarke, J. A. Philpots.

RESULTS.

LONG JUMP (OPEN).

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| 1. L. P. Mosdell. | 2. F. H. G. Taylor. |
| Distance, 19ft. 6ins. | |

LONG JUMP (UNDER 15).

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| 1. R. Ranger. | 2. D. G. Brown. |
| Distance 16ft. 5ins. | |

HIGH JUMP (OPEN).

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| 1. G. E. Sinclair. | 2. W. V. Simpson. |
| Height 4ft. 10½ins. | |

HIGH JUMP (UNDER 15).

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| 1. R. Andrews. | 2. D. G. Brown. |
| Height, 4ft. 3½ins. | |

HURDLES (OPEN).

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| 1. L. P. Mosdell. | 2. G. E. Sinclair. |
| Time, 18 secs. | |

HURDLES (UNDER 16).

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| 1. P. B. Quelch. | 2. D. E. Healy. |
| Time, 20 secs. | |

100 YARDS (UNDER 12).

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| 1. P. J. Hill. | 2. W. Barnett. |
| Time, 14 1-5th secs. | |

100 YARDS (UNDER 15).

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| 1. J. Ranger. | 2. D. G. Brown. |
| Time, 12 1-5th secs. | |

100 YARDS (OPEN).

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| 1. G. A. R. Boyd. | 2. L. P. Mosdell. |
| Time 10 3-5th secs. | |

220 YARDS HANDICAP (UNDER 13).

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| 1. R. C. Gould. | 2. R. Emmett and P. J. Hill. |
| Time 33 secs. | |

QUARTER MILE (UNDER 15).

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| 1. J. Ranger. | 2. D. G. Brown. |
| Time, 62 4-5th secs. | |

QUARTER MILE (OPEN).

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| 1. G. A. R. Boyd. | 2. L. P. Mosdell. |
| Time 59 secs. | |

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12 LBS.).

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| 1. G. E. Sinclair. | 2. F. H. G. Taylor. |
| 34ft. 2ins. | |

HALF MILE (UNDER 15).

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| 1. J. Ranger. | 2. D. G. Brown. | 3. R. Stross. |
| Time, 2 min. 29 1-5th secs. | | |

HALF MILE (OPEN).

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| 1. G. E. Sinclair. | 2. G. A. R. Boyd. |
| 3. R. C. Clarke. | Time, 2 min. 18 secs. |

RELAY RACE (JUNIOR).

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| 1. Blue House. | 2. Red House. |
| Time, 3 min. 16 secs. | |

RELAY RACE (SENIOR).

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| 1. Red House. | 2. Green House. |
| Time, 2 min. 48 secs. | |

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Sturrock. The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup was won by G. E. Sinclair with 34 points. The Shallard Challenge Cup was won by J. Ranger with 44 points.

The House Cup presented by the Ladies of Abingdon was won by Red House with 200 points, Green being second with 123 points.

MILES.

The Miles were run on Thursday, March 19th, in perfect weather. Entries for both open and junior were more numerous than usual.

Results were as follows :—

OPEN.

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| 1. P. B. Quelch. | 2. G. A. R. Boyd. |
| 3. D. A. Kitto. | Time 5 mins. 16 secs. |

Quelch came in a good first but Boyd finished very strongly and beat Kitto on the post.

JUNIOR.

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| 1. D. G. Brown. | 2. J. Ranger. |
| 3. R. Andrews. | Time, 5 mins. 23 secs. |

This was a very good race, Brown just managing to beat Ranger.

STEEPLECHASES.

The Steeplechases were run on the Common on Monday, March 16th.

The weather was not too pleasant ; but the common was in fairly good condition. A head-on wind faced the competitors on the homeward run down the bank of the Ock.

There were good entries in both senior and junior races.

The junior was run first and resulted as follows :—

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| 1. M. M. Barnes. | 2. A. G. Osmand. |
| 3. P. J. Hill. | Time, 6 mins. 12 2-5th secs. |

STEEPLECHASE (OPEN).

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| 1. D. A. Kitto. | 2. D. G. Brown. |
| 3. G. A. R. Boyd. | Time 11 mins. 53 1-5th secs. |

Kitto won easily and Brown finished well in front of Boyd.

The prize donors, to whom our best thanks are due were as follows:—Miss Grundy, Mrs. Kirkby, Mrs. Tatham, and Messrs. A. Stockton, W. A. Rudd, J. B. E. Alston, R. A. R. Townsend, W. T. Morland, A. E. Preston, H. S. Challenor, H. P. Simpson, T. Skurray, H. G. W. d'Almaine, J. H. Kirkby, J. H. E. Morland, M. T. Tatham, J. F. Downing, O. B. Challenor, W. M. Grundy, A. W. Morland, E. M. Challenor, C. E. H. Dolphin, R. L. C. Footit, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, A. B. West, and the following Ladies of Abingdon who subscribed for the Ladies' Prizes:—Lady Norman, Mrs. Bailie, Mrs. Martin-Baker, Mrs. Barge, Miss Ross-Barker, Mrs. Bevir, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Bradbrooke, Mrs. Carter, Miss B. Challenor, Mrs. B. Challenor (Waysmeet), Mrs. Challenor (The Firs), Miss P. Challenor, Miss Cope, Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Donkin (junior), Mrs. Duxbury, Miss Florey, Mrs. Gardner, Miss G. Harris, Mrs. E. Langford (Redcliffe), Mrs. R. Langford, Mrs. Longford, Mrs. Mainwaring, Mrs. Margetts, Mrs. Mayhead, Miss M. Morland, Mrs. Napier, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Pryce, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Rippon, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Sturrock, Mrs. Woodford.

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

The annual sports meeting between the School and the Old Abingdonian Club took place on Saturday, March 21st. This year the Old Boys won by 6 events to the School's 3. Last year it will be remembered the School won by 6 events to 3.

The record for the Relay was broken and Powell established a record for Putting the Weight, this being the 3rd year in which a 12 lb. weight was used.

The programme was as follows:—

LONG JUMP.

1. G. F. Powell (O.A.). 2. F. H. G. Taylor.
Distance, 21ft. 2ins.

L. P. Mosdell.

100 YARDS.

1. G. F. Powell (O.A.). 2. G. A. R. Boyd.
Time, 10 1-5th secs.

L. P. Mosdell. M. Ogle (O.A.)

HALF MILE.

1. S. A. Paige (O.A.). 2. J. Ranger.
Time, 2 mins. 15 secs.

P. B. Squire, S. A. Fabes (O.A.)

HIGH JUMP.

1. A. F. Hill (O.A.). Height, 4ft. 11½ ins.
2. O. T. M. Rayment (O.A.), G. E. Sinclair, W. V. Simpson, who all failed at 4ft. 11½ ins.

QUARTER MILE.

1. L. P. Mosdell. 2. G. A. R. Boyd.
Time 58 secs.
G. F. Powell (O.A.), M. Ogle (O.A.)

MILE.

1. S. F. Thatcher (O.A.). 2. P. B. Quelch.
Time, 5 mins. 25 4-5th secs.
D. G. Brown, S. A. Fabes (O.A.), D. A. Kitto,
S. A. Paige (O.A.).

HURDLES.

1. L. P. Mosdell. 2. G. E. Sinclair.
Time, 18 secs.
O. T. M. Rayment (O.A.)

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

1. G. F. Powell (O.A.) 2. G. E. Sinclair.
F. H. G. Taylor.
Distance, 42ft. 7ins.

RELAY RACE.

- | A.S.A.C. | O.A.C. |
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| L. P. Mosdell. | M. Ogle. |
| M. Thomas. | S. A. Paige. |
| D. E. Healy. | S. A. Fabes. |
| R. F. Brown. | S. F. Thatcher. |
| F. H. G. Taylor. | O. T. M. Rayment. |
| G. A. R. Boyd. | G. F. Powell. |

The School won easily in record time of 1 min. 59 2-5th secs.

THE RAG CONCERT.

As usual the Rag Concert surpassed our expectations, and the whole programme went with a great swing.

This time the Lodge boys gave a short sketch entitled "Has anyone seen our Aunt?" J. N. Paige, following in his brother's footsteps, took the part of the school-boy "Freddie," and nobly assisted his sister "Kathleen," (R. Emmett) in pulling "The wrong Aunt" (J. M. Wood) from the Refreshment Room where she—or should we say he?—was gorging herself on Banbury Cakes. Prior to this culminating scene, we saw brother and sister rushing from the Cockney ticket-collector (H. A. Lunghi), to the corpulent policeman (J. O. Bury), then on to the Lost Property Office official (Lunghi again, deputising at short notice for O. J. Gill) and other Station officials.

With the lights turned low we listened, with nerves keyed up, to a Broadcast play entitled 'Light and Shade.' 'Reggie' (A. E. B. Foxwell) and 'Delia' (Miss I. Sheldon Peach) amid the crash of falling vases have a nerve-wracking few minutes in a room in which the lights have failed. All ends well when Reggie discovers the matches on the mantel-piece, and it transpires that the door

which would not open was the book-case, and the 'sinister presence' creeping round the room none other than an indignant pussy.

We were also introduced to the latest device in stage-craft—Silent Prompting. In a short sketch, 'Midnight in an Inn,' the actors (S. D. Plummer and D. A. Kitto) unfortunately forgot their lines, but the prompter does not fail them. Round the edge of the curtain appears a hand holding a paper-covered hoop, through which crashes a heavy foot—"er-er- (hasty glances to the wings) er, quite put his foot in it." And so day by day stage-craft becomes more perfect!

We were again indebted to D. P. Edsall for a sketch which concluded the evening. "Small Arms and the Man" was written round the two main characters, G. A. R. Boyd, the policeman, and D. G. Lovibond, the 20th century dude, Duncan de Duncan. We find our dude in imminent danger of arrest for having no license for his bayonet fire-poker, officially classed as a 'wepping.' A small bribe fails to produce the desired effect, but with the aid of another souvenir, a blunderbus, de Duncan is able to save the P.C. from the bullet of a desperate villain 'Vanoli Vanoni,' (J. A. Engall) who had entered the flat. Reassured once more our dude announces his intention of charging Scotland Yard for damage to his clock, caused by hurriedly taking down the blunderbus, but the inexorable Force replies by arresting him on the spot for being in possession of a second lethal weapon without a licence.

Interspersed between these plays and sketches were quartets, trios and solos given by members of the Staff; among these Mr. R. C. Bateman's more or less impromptu topical words to "There is a Tavern in the Town," and "All the King's Horses," proved extremely popular. Nor must we forget our Shakespearean item "Romeo and Juliet," "dished up as a vocal duet, garnished with frill and flounce, and served with pep and a seasoning of punch" by D. E. Healy and A. F. R. Fisher. And so another term has come and gone!

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

In spite of the poor weather, for photographs, in the Easter Term the Society flourished and 7 new members were elected.

The "Best Photograph of the Year" Competition ended on January 19th. Although only 6 photographs were entered the quality was good.

The Prize, value six shillings, was awarded to A. E. B. Foxwell whose, "Elixir of Life" was adjudged the winner.

In the Christmas Holiday Competition some 9 photographs were entered; the weather being blamed for lack of entries. In the Amateur Class "The Candle" by R. F. Andrews was the winner and in the Professional Class "Lustre Jugs" by P. A. D. Jones; the Special Prize being awarded to the latter.

Although there was only one lecture during the term, it was one of outstanding excellence. On Wednesday February 6th, H. E. L. Porter, Esq., of Sutton Courtenay, showed us a collection of lantern slides made from his own photographs which he has taken on various mountaineering expeditions in England, Switzerland and New Zealand. The quality of the photographs and the beauty of the snow-clad peaks combined to make one of the finest set of slides we have ever seen. Visitors were invited to this meeting, and a large number thoroughly enjoyed the display, which was enhanced by the interesting descriptions and explanations that Mr. Porter gave of the various pictures and of mountaineering in general.

The Competition "Architecture" ended on March 11th. Altogether 12 photographs were entered. In the Amateur Class, "Bishop Jewel's Porch" by K. W. Barr was the winner and in the Professional Class "The Stairs, Christ Church," by J. C. H. Kortright.

It is hoped that the usual Photographic Exhibition will be held in the Physics Laboratory on Founder's Day. The Society's Album of Prize-winners will be on view and also the entries for the "Best Photograph of the Year" Competition.

TRIOLETS.

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Who will read my rhymes?

Who will pay my wages?

Quick, I want the dimes!

"Who will read my rhymes"?

There are distant climes,

Will be later ages,

Who will read my rhymes,

Who will pay my wages?

The world will have one charm for me

When I no more can turn a sonnet.

Tho' wanting rhyme and rhapsody

The world will have one charm for me,

If I can sit where I can see

An apple-tree with apples on it.

The world will have one charm for me

When I no more can turn a sonnet.

Weather-cock on the church pinnacle,
 You're always veering to the North !
 Your obstinacy makes me cynical.
 Weather-cock ? On the church pinnacle ?
 You might be a compass in a binnacle
 For all your weather-wisdom's worth,
 Weather-cock on the church pinnacle !
 You're always veering to the North.

MARCH EVENING.

The wind-vanes and the weather-cocks
 Are all a-pointing different ways.
 This eerie lull at sundown shocks
 The wind-vanes and the weather-cocks.
 Ye spirits of the Equinox,
 What deep design your counsel sways ?
 The wind-vanes and the weather-cocks
 Are all a-pointing different ways.

WALKING THROUGH BY-WAYS.

The ways are foul
 But not the air
 Wherein I prowls.
 The ways are foul,
 But the sour speed-ghoul
 Exhales not there.
 The ways are foul
 But not the air.

RECONSIDERATION.

Fifty years of Europe
 to a cycle of Cathay.
 Well, I've made a tour up
 fifty years of Europe,
 and I'm not so sure up-
 on the question as to say,
 " Fifty years of Europe
 to a cycle of Cathay " !

L'AVENIR.

The river of Life is swirling fast,
 And we are in its sway :
 Too soon our school-days will be past ;
 Then we are cast away
 Into the mighty surge of Life,
 Our slender crafts to sail,
 There, in its turmoil and its strife,
 To conquer or to fail.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTHS.

SMITH.—On March 11, at the Bungalow,
 Wellington Road, Ashford, Middlesex, to Mr. and
 Mrs. K. Casson Smith, a daughter.

MEMORY.—On April 21, at Hedge Row, Antoney's
 Corner, Pinner, Middlesex, to Mr. and Mrs. W.
 Memory, a son (William Bruce).

MARRIAGE.

MILES—GILES.—On Easter Monday, April 6, at
 St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Albert William, son
 of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miles, of 100 Ock Street, to
 Vera Irene, daughter of the late Mr. Alfred E.
 Giles, of 73 Stert Street, and of Mrs. Neate, of 43
 Stert Street.

DEATHS.

YOUNG.—On Feb. 3, at The Widenings, Nan-
 pantan, Loughborough, Adrian Young, aged 80.

MEREDITH.—On March 21, at Knock Cottage,
 Crieff, Perthshire, the Rev. Canon William Mac-
 donald Meredith, aged 82.

RIDDOLLS.—On April 12, the result of an
 accident, at Auckland, New Zealand, Robert Henry
 Riddolls, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Riddolls,
 late of 171 Ock Street, in his 26th year.

COMINS.—On May 8, at Old Hall, Whitkirk,
 Leeds, Frederick Innes Comins, in his 69th year.

Canon Meredith, to whose munificence the School
 has for many years been indebted for its annual
 Greek and Latin Composition Prizes, was a younger
 brother of the late J. H. Meredith, O.A., whose
 death we recorded two years ago, and son of the
 late Rev. Richard Meredith, at one time Vicar of
 Hagbourne. Leaving the School in 1868 he
 proceeded with a scholarship to Hertford College
 (then Magdalen Hall), Oxford, where he graduated
 in 1871 with 2nd Class Honours in Classical
 Moderations and a 1st Class in the final school
 of Theology. He was ordained deacon in the
 following year and priest in 1873, and a year later
 was appointed Vicar of Hagbourne, his father's old
 living. Here, however, his health broke down
 temporarily, and in 1876 he removed to Scotland,
 where he remained for eleven years, at first as
 examining chaplain to the Bishop of Edinburgh
 and later as senior chaplain of the Cathedral. In
 1887 he accepted the Vice-Principalship of Chi-
 chester Theological College, which office he held
 until 1891, when he returned to Scotland as Rector
 of St. James', Muthill; and it was during his
 incumbency here that—in 1894, the year in which
 he first presented his Meredith Composition Prizes,
 —he married the daughter of the late Mr. James
 Edward, of Balruddery, Forfarshire, who survives
 him. In 1897 he was transferred to Crieff, as
 Rector of St. Columba's Church, and here he

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remained until his retirement, owing to advancing years, in 1926.—Although, as will be seen, the greater part of his active life was spent in Scotland and far from the associations of his boyhood, he maintained a lively interest in his old School and was at one time (1912 to 1913) President of the O.A. Club.

In respect of his personal character we cannot do better than quote the following from *The Strathearn Herald*, of which Mrs. Meredith has kindly sent a copy :—

Apart from his church work, Canon Meredith was a man of broad and catholic views, who never hesitated to join with other clerical brethren in upholding causes for moral and spiritual uplift. In particular, he was an ardent temperance reformer, and did much to forward this cause in the town and district. To him also is due the start of the Boy Scout movement in the district, and to the end he maintained his interest in the movement.

He was for some years Chairman of the Strathearn Institute, and only resigned that position a few days previous to his death. He was also Chairman of the local Branch of the League of Nations Union.

He took a great interest in the Belgian refugees, located in Crieff during the war. It is not generally known that his interest was so great and so continued that he studied the Flemish language, so that he might the better communicate with them in their own tongue. He corresponded with several of them frequently, and had communications from them last Christmas.

B. V. Edsall has accepted a post as Wireless Announcer in Georgia, U.S.A. His brother, D.P., is reading for the London Matric., and filling up his spare time with miscellaneous writing. He seems to have journalistic aspirations, and we wish success to his endeavours. Meanwhile, another little play from his pen would not, we feel sure, be unwelcome to our School dramatic impresario.

To both the Edsall brothers we offer our sincere condolences on the recent sudden death of their father, whose familiar figure will be missed at our annual Founder's Day gatherings.

A sketch of the chancel of the new English church at New Delhi, designed by H. A. N. Medd, O.A., appeared in *The Times Educational Supplement* for February 22. Medd, it will be remembered, went out to New Delhi in 1924.

A. W. Miles, whose recent marriage we record, is in the Birmingham branch of Messrs. Thornton and Thornton, Chartered Accountants. His private address is 178 Lightwood's Hill, Worley, Birmingham.

E. N. Oram has been articled to a surveyor in Reigate.

H. R. Lay has a clerical post with The Cowley Concrete Company, Ltd., Abingdon.

P. E. Wagstaff has secured a post with a Leather Company near London.

B. G. Steff has a junior clerkship with The General Accident, Fire and Life Assurance Company, Ltd., at Oxford.

We learn that A. T. Hatfield and H. J. K. Genders are now in residence at the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Adrian Young was a younger brother of the late Herbert Young, co-founder of our "Young and Summers Scholarships," who died in 1922.

F. I. Comins, who came to the School in September 1870, was the fourth son of the late Mr. W. H. Comins of Abingdon. His three elder brothers were all at the School, and his son, R. I. Comins, was here from September 1907 to March 1912.

R. H. Riddolls was at the School from September 1917 to July 1919. We have heard no particulars of his untimely death.

In the Inter-Varsity Golf Match at Sandwich in March E. G. Langford and his partner (Loveday) were successful against the Cambridge pair opposed to them in the foursomes, but in the singles Langford found the redoubtable McRosty at the top of his form and had to admit defeat.

R. W. H. Taylor, of the Redhill and Reigate G.C., has been doing well in Club Competitions, and in partnership with his mother lately won the Green's Challenge Cup Bogey Foursomes.

In the realm of Athletics A. J. A. Watson has won the Weight Putting for Sandhurst v. Blackheath and in the triangular contest between Sandhurst, Woolwich and Cranwell, and in both cases with a putt of over 39 feet.

CRICKET FIXTURES.

FIRST XI.				SECOND XI.			
Sat. May 16.	Pembroke College.	Home.		Sat. May 16.	Dorchester College.	Away.	
Wed. „ 20.	Lincoln College.	Home.		Wed. „ 20.	Radley Colts.	Away.	
Wed. „ 27.	City of Oxford School.	Away.		Sat. „ 23.	Abingdon Imperials.	Home.	
Sat. „ 30.	St. Edmund's Hall.	Home.		Wed. „ 27.	City of Oxford School.	Home.	
Wed. June 3.	Leighton Park School.	Away.		Wed. June 3.	Leighton Park School.	Home.	
Sat. „ 13.	Oxford City.	Home.		Wed. „ 24.	Radley College 3rd XI.	Home.	
Sat. „ 20.	Old Abingdonian C.C.	Home.		Sat. „ 27.	Magdalen College Sch.	Home.	
Wed. „ 24.	Magdalen C.S., Brackley.	Away.		Wed. July 1.	Bloxham School.	Away.	
Sat. „ 27.	Magdalen College School.	Away.					
Wed. July 1.	Wantage School.	Away.					
Wed. „ 8.	Radley 2nd XI.	Home.					

“ UNDER 15 ” XI.

Wed. June 3.	St. Edward's School.	Away.
Wed. „ 10.	City of Oxford School.	Away.
Sat. „ 13.	Wantage School.	Home.
Wed. July 1.	St. Edward's School.	Home.
Sat. „ 4.	City of Oxford School.	Home.

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