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SCHOOL NOTES.

Everyone connected with the School will be sorry to hear of the accident to Mr. Grundy, which laid him up for most of the Summer holidays, and be very glad to know that he has made a good recovery from the effects of it.

The number of boys who left last term was rather higher than usual, the VI Form, as was inevitable, suffering particularly severely. In spite of this however the School Roll totals 152 this term, only 3 less than last term.

Last term H. B. Healy was appointed a School Prefect and D. G. Lovibond and R. L. Triggs Sub-prefects.

The School Prefects this term are: G. A. R. Boyd (Head of the School), D. G. Lovibond, K. W. Barr, J. E. Emmett, and A. E. B. Foxwell. Sub-prefects are: T. S. Coulson, J. B. Ottiker, P. B. Quelch (Waste Court), J. E. Allison, P. B. Pfordten, R. C. Clarke.

G. A. R. Boyd is Captain of Rugger and D. G. Lovibond Hon. Sec.

The "Abingdonian" Committee consists of: Mr. G. F. Duxbury (Editor), Mr. E. J. P. Ross Barker (Treasurer and O.A. Correspondent), D. G. Lovibond, K. W. Barr, A. E. B. Foxwell, T. S. Coulson and P. A. D. Jones.

T. S. Coulson has been appointed Librarian.

The following were awarded Certificates in the Examinations last July:—

Higher School Certificate, Group I (Classics):—G. E. Sinclair, D. G. Lovibond. Group III (Maths.):—P. B. Squire passed in Maths.

School Certificate:—First Class Honours:—G. J. Goodey (with Distinction in Greek). Second Class Honours:—T. S. Coulson, R. L. Triggs. Third Class Honours:—A. L. Fleet (with Distinction in Greek), D. E. Healy.

Passed:—J. M. Allison, J. E. Barber, K. W. Barr, G. A. H. Bosley, H. Bosley, R. A. Bosley, R. F. Brown, N. S. Field, S. Hainsworth, H. B. Healy, J. C. T. Jones, P. A. D. Jones (with Distinction in Additional Mathematics), F. L.

Mitchell, J. B. Ottiker, P. B. Pfordten, C. F. Powell, P. B. Quelch, H. F. D. Smart, C. Spalding, A. J. Turnham, J. H. Woodley.

First XI Cricket Colours were awarded last term to R. F. Brown, G. A. R. Boyd and R. Langebear.

The bat for the best batting average in the First XI (given by the Masters' Common Room) was won by S. D. Plummer, and that for the best First XI bowling average (given by the Headmaster) was won by G. E. Sinclair. A third bat provided by the Games Fund for the best fielder in the XI was awarded to F. H. G. Taylor.

The bats presented in memory of the late J. H. Meredith, O.A., for the best bowlers in the Second XI and 'Under 15' XI were won by D. H. Wardlaw and D. E. Mills respectively; while the bats presented under the will of the late Dr. B. W. Henderson were awarded to M. N. Laybourne as the best all-round cricketer under 16, and D. F. Andrews as the best all-round cricketer under 15.

The Carr Challenge Cup for Inter-House Cricket was won by Red House.

It has been found that the Organ which we originally intended to instal in the School Chapel, for which we required £540, is too loud for the Chapel; but we have now ascertained that the firm which supplied, among others, the excellent Organ at Cranleigh School can fit a small Organ adapted to our building and at a cost that will mean a saving of £60. Out of the total of £480 for which we are accordingly appealing we have already, through the generosity of subscribers, obtained £414 and we therefore now need some £66 in order to make the purchase. We sincerely hope that even in these very difficult times the generosity of our friends will give us this additional amount and so enable us to supply such an urgent requirement for our Chapel Services. We append a list of those who have subscribed to the Fund since our last publication and extend to them our warm thanks.

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We cannot refrain from adding our own diatribe against the deplorable weather of last term. Bathers found the river running at an unprecedented level, wickets were almost invariably sticky, four matches were scratched or abandoned owing to rain, and on no less than three occasions a downpour, rather heavier than usual, thwarted the attempt at holding a tennis match between the School and the Masters.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries :—*The Aldenhamian*, *The*

Bracklean, *The Brighton College Magazine*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Limit*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian* and *The Liverpool College Magazine*.

This term ends on Tuesday, December 15th, boarders leaving the following day. Next term begins on Tuesday, January 12th, boarders returning on the preceding day.

VALETE.

VI. FORM. G. E. Sinclair (1923 ii.). School Prefect, 1929; Captain of School and Head of House, 1929–31; O.S.C. Exam., 2nd Class Honours, 1928; 1st Class Honours and Distinction in Latin and Greek, 1930; Pembroke Scholarship, 1930; H.S.C. Exam., 1930–31; 2nd XI. Soccer, 1928; 1st XV. Rugger, 1928–30, Colours, '28, Captain, 1st XV. Rugger, 1928–30, Colours, 1928, Captain, 1929–30; 1st XI. Cricket, 1928–31, Colours, 1928; 1st IV. Coxing, Colours, 1926; 1st IV. Rowing, Colours, 1930–31; Captain of Boats, 1930–31; Athletic Colours, 1931; Sgt., O.T.C.; Certificate A; 1st Class Shot; Hon. Sec. Games, 1928.

L. P. Mosdell (1921 iii.). School Prefect, 1929; O.S.C. Exam., 1928; with 2nd Class Honours and Distinction in Greek, 1929; 2nd XI. Soccer, 1927; 1st XV. Rugger, 1928–30, Colours, 1928; 1st XI. Cricket, 1927–31, Colours, 1927, Captain, 1929–31; Athletic Colours, 1928, Captain of Athletics, 1929–31; 1st IV. Rowing, Colours, 1930–31; C.S.M., O.T.C.; Certificate A; 1st Class Shot; Hon. Sec., L.S.D.S., 1929–30; Hon. Sec., Games, 1929.

R. F. Brown (1927 iii.). School Prefect, 1930; O.S.C. Exam., 3rd Class Honours, 1929; 1st XV. Rugger, 1929–30, Colours, 1930; 1st XI. Cricket, 1928–31, Colours, 1931; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1930–31, 2nd IV. Colours, 1931; Corporal, O.T.C.; 1st Class Shot; Hon. Sec. Games, 1930.

P. B. Squire (1926 i.). Sub-prefect, 1930; O.S.C. Exam., 1929–30, 2nd Class Honours; 1st XV. Rugger, 1929–31, Colours, 1931; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1930–31.

S. T. Lansdown (1928 iii.). Sub-prefect, 1930; O.S.C. Exam., 1929–30.

S. D. Plummer (1928 ii.). Sub-prefect, 1930; O.S.C., Exam., 1929; with Distinction in History, 1930; 2nd XV. Rugger, 1930, 2nd XV. Colours; 1st XI. Cricket, 1929–31, Colours, 1930; Lce.-Cpl., O.T.C.

F. H. G. Taylor (1923 i.). Sub. prefect, 1930; O.S.C. Exam., 1930; 1st XV. Rugger, 1928–31, Colours, 1928; 1st XI. Cricket, 1928–31, Colours, 1928; 1st IV. Rowing, 1930–31, Colours, 1930;

Athletics, Half-Colours, 1931; Cpl., O.T.C.; 1st Class Shot.

H. B. Healy (1928 i.). School Prefect, 1931; O.S.C. Exam., 1930-31; 1st XV. Rugger, 1929-30, Colours, 1930; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1930-31, 2nd IV. Colours, 1931; 1st Class Shot; School Librarian.

R. L. Triggs (1925 iii.). Sub-prefect, 1931; O.S.C. Exam., 1st Class Honours, 1930, 2nd Class Honours, 1931; 2nd XV. Rugger, 1929-30; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1930-31; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1930; Cpl., O.T.C.; Certificate A.

C. Spalding (1926 ii.). O.S.C. Exam., 1930-31; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1930-31; 1st Class Shot.

A. C. Smith (1924 iii.). O.S.C. Exam., 1930; 1st XV. Rugger, Colours, 1930.

Va. FORM.—D. E. Healy (1928 i.). O.S.C. Exam., 3rd Class Honours, 1931; 2nd XV. Rugger, 1930, 2nd XV. Colours; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1930-31.

R. A. Woodley (1929 iii.). O.S.C. Exam., 1931.

N. S. Field (1927 iii.). O.S.C. Exam., 1931.

J. C. T. Jones (1927 i.). O.S.C. Exam., 1931; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1931; Cpl., O.T.C.; Certificate A; 1st Class Shot.

G. Langford (1926 iii.). 1st Class Shot.

R. Langebear (1928 iii.). 1st XI. Cricket, 1930-31, Colours, 1931; 2nd XV. Rugger, 1930; 1st Class Shot.

S. Hainsworth (1926 iii.). O.S.C. Exam., 1931.

J. A. Engall (1928 iii.). 2nd XV. Rugger, 1930.

F. L. Mitchell (1927 iii.). O.S.C. Exam., 1931.

A. F. R. Fisher (1925 i.). 1st XV. Rugger, 1930, 2nd XV. Colours; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1930-31, 2nd IV. Colours, 1931; Sgt., O.T.C.; Certificate A; 1st Class Shot; Hon. Sec. A.S.P.S.

Vb. FORM.—D. A. Kitto (1925 i.). 2nd XV. Rugger, 1930; Lce.-Cpl., O.T.C.; 1st Class Shot.

D. H. Wardlaw (1929 ii.). 2nd XI. Cricket, 1931; 2nd XV. Rugger, 1930, 2nd XV. Colours; 1st Class Shot.

H. B. Joseph (1929 i.).

REMOVE FORM.—E. L. Bong (1930 iii.).

SALVETE.

Vb. FORM.—F. A. Bennett, G. L. Graeme, H. B. King, D. F. W. Newman.

III. FORM.—S. R. Ashby, P. L. Beckett, B. N. Bosley, N. L. Geary, V. A. Harfield, P. Hedger, D. Jones, H. H. Whitfield.

II. FORM.—A. F. Cowley, W. M. Dewe, K. E. Fisher, W. Giles, R. Goodey, R. Hedger, L. A. G. Hendley, H. K. Mitchell, P. Osmand, K. Prior.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

Owing to the poor sense of humour possessed by an English summer, Founder's Day brought unsettled weather. Undaunted by the threats of rain an exceptionally large number of people flocked to St. Helen's Church, the ladies in gorgeous frocks.

Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach was at the organ and the singing throughout the service was beautiful. The Anthem, "Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Almighty," was excellent. The Sermon was preached by the Warden of Radley College. Basing his sermon on the text, "I have considered the days of old," he said that life was really ordered for us in the light of past experience which taught us to order our life more wisely in the future. That strong sense of membership derived from the traditions of a school must accompany us in the wider life beyond. He asked those at the School to make this day a turning point in their lives and never, through the mocking of the world, to be ashamed of their conviction in their faith. By their consistency they should attain a life wherein practising and preaching would become one and the same thing. For a guide in their life they should follow the ideals of Jesus Christ.

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

Following the Service the prizes were presented in the Corn Exchange by Lord Faringdon. He was supported by the Warden of Radley, the Rev. H. E. Salter, Dr. H. S. Challenor, Messrs. A. E. Preston, W. Brewer, A. W. Morland, W. T. Morland, the Headmaster and Mr. W. A. Rudd.

The Headmaster thanked the Warden of Radley for his kindness in preaching the sermon, and said that ever since he had been at Abingdon, the School had received constant kindnesses from Radley College. After mentioning in detail the School's successes in examinations and in sports, he expressed himself satisfied with the progress made. During the year three new members had joined the staff, Mr. G. F. Duxbury, late Classical Scholar of St. John's College, Oxford, Mr. H. M. Gray, late Science Scholar of Jesus College, Oxford and Miss M. K. Sturrock. They were very glad to have procured the full-time services of Mr. Piper as cricket coach. The team had not yet been beaten and they had achieved notable victories over St. Edmund Hall and Oxford City, whom they defeated without the loss of a wicket.

The School health had been exceptionally good, thanks mainly to the untiring care of Miss Florey, the School Matron and the system of health, exercise and diet which they had gradually built up. The new boarding house at Waste Court had enabled them to bring the number of boarders up to nearly a hundred. Of late special attention had been paid to boys between the ages of eight and ten, and the addition of a lady to the School Staff and the extra time Miss Grundy had been able to devote to these boys had borne excellent results.

He was a strong believer in the system of a boy going from an early age on to 18 or 19 in the same school; his father, who was Headmaster of Malvern College, held the same view and had acted upon it in his own case. "I think one can make the most of a boy if one has him right from his earliest days. There is no break in his school career and he goes steadily on along a definite line of development. Arranged in separate houses as they are, the small boys are happy in their own circles, and when they reach positions of responsibility later they look on themselves as members of a large family, and it is wonderful what they will do for the good of a place which has become almost a second home to them." He then paid tribute to the excellent work of the prefects and particularly that of G. E. Sinclair the Head Prefect of the School.

On visiting the School, he said, parents would find a new Fives Court, presented by Mr. J. B. Reeves, O.A., and four new tennis courts. For an organ for the chapel, by the generosity of subscribers, they had got nearly half the money required. They had in view a good instrument by a London firm. He concluded by thanking Lord Faringdon for consenting to present the prizes. Since he had become Chairman of the Governing Body in 1928 the School had progressed by leaps and bounds and had nearly doubled its estate. As a result of this forward movement a fresh vigour and keenness had been instilled into every side of the school life.

Lord Faringdon received a great ovation and presented the prizes as follows:—

VIa.—Classics and Meredith Greek Prose, G. E. Sinclair; Mathematics, P. B. Squire; Physics, S. J. Lansdown.

VI.—Meredith Latin Prose, D. G. Lovibond; English, R. L. Triggs; Divinity, G. E. Sinclair; French, D. G. Lovibond; Modern History, H. B. Healy; Chemistry, K. W. Barr.

Vib.—Mathematics and Physics, R. L. Triggs; Classics, A. L. Fleet.

Va.—Latin and Greek, J. G. Goodey; English and Science, T. S. Coulson; History, P. B. Quelch; French, J. G. Goodey; Mathematics, J. B. Ottiker; Art, G. Langford; Divinity, D. E. Healy.

Vb.—Latin, R. C. Clarke; English and History, M. Thomas; Mathematics, H. J. Holborow; Science and Divinity, R. E. Bradfield; French, K. Mills; Greek, H. Eeles; Art, R. G. Sandercock; Pianoforte, D. G. Brown.

REMOVE.—Latin and Greek, A. C. Emms; English and History, J. Ranger; Divinity, E. S. Willey; Mathematics, D. E. Mills; Science, A. G. Osmand; French, W. J. Head; Singing, E. H. Pollard

III.—English and History, R. F. Cox; Latin, H. A. Lunghi; French, N. H. Crossland; Divinity, E. O. Cann; Mathematics, R. A. Woodley; Science, R. Emmett.

II.—English and History, W. G. Smith; French, and Nature Study, G. Barnett; Divinity, A. C. Rogers; Mathematics, G. V. Bayley.

Lord Faringdon suggested to parents that, although this was a difficult time financially, they should keep their sons on a little longer at school than some of them did at present, so that they might show the results of their training. Too many left just before they had reached their prime. Addressing the boys, he said a school like this was a little kingdom in itself and that its efficiency and happiness could be ensured by willing co-operation through the whole school. This system he had found true during all his public life. There was a disposition sometimes among boys to shirk responsibility. What the country needed now was men of enterprise. The School had been re-endowed in 1563 and the latter half of the sixteenth century was an age of adventure. The spirit of the School should always, therefore, be one of enterprise and adventure. These qualities alone would now keep Britain in her place above other nations. He recommended that, in this utilitarian age, boys should decide on their careers at an early age and concentrate on achieving those aims. He was proud, he said, to be associated with such an ancient foundation which was thriving in difficult times.

Cheers for Lord Faringdon, the Warden of Radley and the Headmaster and Miss Grundy concluded the ceremony.

Visitors then proceeded to the School, where Mr. and Miss Grundy held their usual "At Home." Tea, owing to the inclemency of the weather, was served in the School buildings to the music of the City of Oxford Band. An interesting (and once rather amusing) Gym. display was held on the gravel and after this a highly praiseworthy P.T. Squad drilled on the Upper Field under Sgt.-Instructor Eyre.

Donors of the prizes, to whom our best thanks are due, were as follows:—Dr. H. S. Challenor, Col. A. Stockton (President of the O.A. Club), 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, H. P. Simpson, T. Skurray and T. S. Wilding.

REGATTA.

The Regatta was held in Wilsham Reach as usual on Thursday, June 18th, but owing to the exceptionally strong stream it was considered unwise to include any of the Junior events. As a result we were robbed of the entertainment afforded by the sight of enthusiasm triumphing over inexperience, but we were rewarded by some very close races in the Senior events, and the general standard of the rowing was distinctly good.

Red House carried off both the events for House Fours, the 1st IV. being a particularly good crew.

Once again the value of being able to row a fast stroke well together, particularly over such a short course, was clearly demonstrated.

The winners were as follows:—

House Fours, 1st IV., "Red House."—G. A. R. Boyd (bow); L. P. Mosdell, P. B. Squire, H. B. Healy (stroke); R. Emmett (cox).

House Fours, 2nd IV., "Red House."—J. B. Ottiker (bow); S. D. Plummer, J. C. H. Kortright, D. E. Healy (stroke); M. N. Laybourne (cox).

Pairs.—P. B. Squire, A. F. R. Fisher, R. Langebear (cox).

Dongola.—H. B. Healy, J. B. Ottiker, K. W. Barr, F. H. G. Taylor, R. F. Brown, C. Spalding.

CRICKET.

The high expectations aroused by the successful season of 1930 were not disappointed last term, and it is pleasant to be able to record another distinctly good season in 1931. The results read: Played 9 matches, of which 4 were won, 4 were drawn, and 1 lost; in addition, the first match of all (v. Pembroke College) had to be abandoned

owing to rain after less than an hour's play, in which the School had made a promising start. Two of the draws ended with the game in our favour, and the other two were level, so that, especially in a summer which has been remarkable for the persistence of its rainfall, the whole record can be regarded as highly satisfactory. In view of the fact that the team was largely the same as that of the previous successful year, hopes were entertained that we might go through the season unbeaten, and when the Old Boys (who were justifiably regarded as the chief obstacle to this pleasant attainment) were vanquished after a great match, it seemed as though this ambition would be realised; but cricket is a game of glorious uncertainty (therein lies its charm) and it was fated that we were to be defeated by Magdalen College School, Oxford, although in that game we made an excellent start which gave no hint of future disaster.

L. P. Mosdell, however, is to be congratulated on leading a team for two years running which has only suffered one defeat in each season; he set an excellent example in the field, which contributed largely to the fine standard of fielding maintained by the team as a whole, both this year and last. He did not make quite as many runs as had been hoped, and as one felt he had it in him to make, but to compensate for this he played a magnificent Captain's innings against the Old Boys, which undoubtedly played a large part in the victory. This match was the team's best achievement of the season; things looked black with 5 wickets down for 60, and Taylor run out when well set, but a fine partnership between Mosdell and Laybourne marked the turning of the tide, and the later batsmen all gave Mosdell support in his great effort, so that the School finally made 186.

The Old Boys were then steadily dismissed, W. W. Brown being the chief danger, and were all out for 116. G. E. Sinclair (4 for 24) and Langebear (3 for 44) both bowled very well, and the victory was well earned after a most pleasant match.

Of our other victories, St. Edmund Hall were defeated by 7 wickets, the Hall being dismissed for 78, a good performance. Taylor had the chief hand in this win, taking 4 wickets for 13 runs and then making 35. It is interesting to note that St. Edmund Hall, with much the same team, later on defeated Magdalen College School, who were our only conquerors.

An excellent performance was the decisive defeat of Oxford City by 10 wickets; Pfordten

(4 wickets for 13) bowled very well and was well backed up by Taylor, Langebear and G. E. Sinclair, who each got two wickets, and Oxford City were out for 70. Taylor (35) and Brown (42) then put on 80 for the first wicket and won the match for us: we finally made 178 for 8 wickets.

Our fourth victory was against Wantage School; here by a coincidence we made exactly the same score as in the previous year, 215 for 4 wickets declared. R. F. Brown had a great batting triumph with 94 and we were sorry he missed his century; Taylor made 33, and G. E. Sinclair had a splendid all-round match, making 58 not out and then taking six wickets for 8 runs, a fine bowling feat. Wantage were all out for 61.

We batted well against Lincoln College, Oxford, who were not so good as last year, and made 170, Plummer, Taylor, Allison and Brown all getting runs, and we were unlucky in not having time to get Lincoln out; their score was 104 for 7 wickets at the drawing of stumps.

The team was not quite at its best in batting against the City of Oxford School, and ought to have forced a victory instead of having to be content with a draw. There was too great an eagerness to get runs quickly at the start and some valuable wickets were unnecessarily thrown away; Mosdell batted steadily, and Allison (3 wickets for 19) and G. E. Sinclair bowled well.

When we had 75 runs on the board with only three wickets down against Magdalen College School, the possibility of defeat seemed remote indeed, especially as Mosdell and Plummer were together, and apparently getting well set; but at 76 Mosdell was out unluckily from a catch at the wicket, Plummer was bowled by the best ball of the match, and a dramatic collapse took place. We were all out for 86. But with three of our opponents' wickets down for 30 there still seemed a chance; however, after the fifth wicket had fallen at 70 we met with no further success until our own slender score had been passed. It was one of those unlucky days which, cricket being the game it is, any team is liable to suffer once in a season.

As regards individuals, we have already mentioned Mosdell, the Captain; the most improved batsman of the year was S. D. Plummer, who thoroughly fulfilled the expectation expressed in these notes last year, that he would make many runs this season; he strengthened his batting both in attack and defence and made various

good scores. Amongst them, he made 46 *v.* Leighton Park School and shared in a great stand of 83 for the third wicket with Taylor, and he finished up the season most appropriately with 59 not out *v.* Radley 2nd XI. Taylor's batting, although he made no big score, was fully up to last year's standard, and he was most reliable. His consistency will be seen when it is said that in nine innings he only once failed to reach double figures, while with 40 as his highest score, he had four other innings of over 30, and was run out for 24 against the Old Boys. He bowled well at the beginning of the season, but was not quite so effective towards the end; but together with his good fielding he was a most valuable all-round member of the side. G. E. Sinclair was always in pursuit of his excellent 1930 batting form and could never really catch it; however, he finished off in a welcome manner with 58 not out *v.* Wantage School, and also he had the compensation of bowling very well on various occasions, notably against the Old Boys and Wantage School; with his fielding he too was a most useful all-round player.

R. F. Brown, like Plummer, also fulfilled our hopes that he would make some good scores this season; last year he could never get going at all, but with his attractive style one felt sure he was worth many runs, and he proved that this year; his best innings were 94 (the highest of the season) *v.* Wantage, and 42 *v.* Oxford City.

Langebear and Pfordten both did some good bowling performances, and Langebear showed especial improvement; he can produce a very difficult ball and he bowled consistently well throughout the season. Pfordten was not so consistent, and on some days could not find his length; but on others he bowled very well with a fine easy action. He ought, if he is here, to be a real power in attack next year and to get a great many wickets.

Boyd was hardworking as a wicket keeper and he showed distinct improvement, and Allison got several useful wickets as a change bowler; in batting he played two good innings in his own style against Lincoln College and the Old Boys, but otherwise did not come off. Laybourne is a most promising recruit for next year.

The 2nd XI. had its ups and downs, but was far better and much more of a team than last year; good performances were the defeat of the City of Oxford School by 119 to 35 and the draw against Leighton Park School, who made 122, to which

we replied with 120 for 5 wickets at the drawing of stumps, Laybourne scoring 63 not out. Wardlaw, who had only been "discovered" at the end of the previous season, fully maintained his form as a fast medium bowler, and bowled very well throughout the season; he has trained on well and it is a pity he will not be here next year.

The "Under 15" team was unfortunate in having some of its matches scratched, but there was a good win against the City of Oxford School, who made 93 to our 120 for 4 wickets, Warrick scoring 54 and D. G. Brown 32. These two, with Andrews, Holborow and Corbett did well as batsmen, while D. E. Mills and Blackmore were the most successful as bowlers.

There are some promising cricketers here as well as higher up the School, and there is no reason why a good team should not be formed to carry on the successful records of the last two seasons.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Pembroke College, at home, on May 16th.

PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

W. M. Duncan, c Boyd, b Taylor.....	1
A. J. Marval, c Boyd, b Taylor.....	7
A. Mackinnon, not out.....	22
H. V. Stone, b Taylor.....	0
K. R. Bull, not out.....	6
G. J. Bartlett, P. J. Morice, L. F. Malone, F. A. Harvey, H. R. Munro and R. A. Pecover did not bat.....	
Extras	4

Total for 3 wickets..... 40

Match abandoned owing to rain.

v. Lincoln College, at home, on May 20th.
Match drawn.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

G. E. Sinclair, b Aish.....	0
Brown, run out	24
F. H. G. Taylor, c Aish, b Henniker.....	32
S. D. Plummer, c Cardwell, b Taylor...	38
L. P. Mosdell, hit wicket, b Jackson.....	11
Andrews, c Cardwell, b Aish.....	2
Boyd, b Aish.....	8
Sinclair iii., b Aish.....	3
Allison, c Sale, b Taylor.....	36
Pfordten, not out.....	1
Langebear, b Taylor.....	0
Extras	15
Total	170

LINCOLN COLLEGE.

H. J. Aish, lbw., b Sinclair	47
A. H. Jackson, c Boyd, b Taylor	2
R. M. Cooper, st Boyd, b Taylor.....	2
J. S. Keith, c Boyd, b Pfordten	0
T. H. Taylor, c Plummer, b Allison.....	9
J. Cardwell, c Sinclair, b Taylor.....	26
S. Rothschild, run out.....	6
J. A. Davis, not out.....	0
G. S. R. Sale, not out.....	6
J. Karaka, did not bat.....	
Extras	6

Total for 7 wickets..... 104

v. City of Oxford School, away, May 27th.
Match drawn.

CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

J. G. Halliday, lbw., b Pfordten.....	0
H. G. Webb, c Sinclair, b Allison.....	14
R. S. K. Owens, c Boyd, b Taylor.....	0
A. S. Cripps, lbw., b Allison.....	53
P. H. Edmunds, b Sinclair	3
J. E. Hills, b Sinclair.....	2
T. J. Waller, c Boyd, b Pfordten.....	8
K. G. E. Mundy, b Sinclair iii.	0
M. H. Lowe, c Langebear, b Allison.....	5
A. E. Legraud, not out.....	2
L. H. White, b Mosdell.....	0
Extras	13

Total

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

F. H. G. Taylor, c Hills, b Halliday.....	19
Brown, b Lowe.....	3
G. E. Sinclair, c and, b Halliday	3
S. D. Plummer, c White, b Halliday	14
L. P. Mosdell, c Cripps, b Lowe.....	21
Allison, b Lowe.....	7
Sinclair iii., not out.....	7
Boyd, lbw., b Lowe.....	11
Andrews, not out.....	0
Pfordten and Langebear did not bat.....	
Extras	6

Total for 7 wickets..... 91

v. St. Edmund Hall, at home, on May 30th.
Won by 6 wickets.

ST. EDMUND HALL.

C. F. Cardale, c Boyd, b Sinclair.....	9
W. G. Hopewell, b Taylor.....	1
B. B. Ward, b Taylor.....	1
T. G. C. Woodford, b Taylor.....	11
A. W. V. Roberts, c Taylor, b Allison....	5

P. S. Hordern, b Sinclair.....	2
W. A. H. Warrall, b Pfordten.....	26
E. L. Philips, c Mosdell, b Taylor.....	2
F. Cooke, c Brown, b Allison.....	6
M. Healey, b Langebear.....	6
M. Burrough, not out.....	0
Extras.....	9

Total 78

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

F. H. G. Taylor, lbw., b Roberts.....	35
Brown, c Warrall, b Burrough.....	4
G. E. Sinclair, hit wicket, b Healy.....	5
S. D. Plummer, not out.....	29
L. P. Mosdell, b Burrough.....	3
Allison, b Burrough.....	0
Sinclair, iii., not out.....	0
Boyd, Andrews, Pfordten and Langebear did not bat.....	0
Extras.....	19

Total for 5 wickets..... 95

Taylor took 4 wickets for 13.

v. Leighton Park School, away, on June 3rd.
Match drawn.

LEIGHTON PARK.

Cuthbertson, c Andrews, b Pfordten.....	70
Evans, not out.....	56
Gilbery, b Pfordten.....	0
Foot, b Pfordten.....	10
Chamberlain, run out.....	5
Nichols, c and b Langebear.....	1
Veysey, not out.....	1
Giles, Williams, Green and Taylor did not bat.....	0
Extras.....	8

Total for 5 wickets (dec.) 151

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

F. H. G. Taylor, c Cuthbertson, b Gilbery.....	40
Brown c Evans, b Green.....	1
G. E. Sinclair, b Gilbery.....	9
S. D. Plummer, b Veysey.....	46
L. P. Mosdell, not out.....	3
Andrews, c Williams, b Veysey.....	1
Allison, st Nichols, b Gilbery.....	1
Sinclair iii., not out.....	7
Boyd, Pfordten and Langebear did not bat	
Extras.....	6

Total for 6 wickets..... 114

Taylor and Plummer batted well. As last year
the time for this match was not long enough.

v. Oxford City, at home, on June 13th. Won
by 10 wickets.

OXFORD CITY.

D. Kyd, c Boyd, b Taylor.....	1
Hoddinoth, c Mosdell, b Pfordten.....	4
Heather, b Taylor.....	1
Cullum, b Pfordten.....	1
Eadie, b Langebear.....	13
Biggers, c Boyd, b Sinclair.....	30
Howells, b Langebear.....	3
G. Cooper, b Pfordten.....	12
J. Walker, b Pfordten.....	0
I. Cooper, c Plummer, b Sinclair.....	4
J. W. Piper, not out.....	0
Extras.....	1

Total 70

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

F. H. G. Taylor, lbw., b Walker.....	35
Brown, b Howells.....	42
G. E. Sinclair, st Piper, b Howells.....	28
S. D. Plummer, b Cullum.....	13
L. P. Mosdell, c Walker, b Cooper.....	13
Laybourne, b Howells.....	0
Allison, run out.....	8
Sinclair iii., lbw., b Howells.....	8
Boyd, not out.....	10
Pfordten, not out.....	1
Langebear did not bat.....	0
Extras.....	21

Total for 8 wickets..... 178

Pfordten bowled well, taking 4 wickets for 13.
Taylor and Brown passed Oxford City's score
without being separated.

v. O.A.C.C., at home, on June 20th. Match won
by 70 runs.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

F. H. G. Taylor, run out.....	24
Brown, c Bartlett, b Brown.....	0
G. E. Sinclair, lbw., b Brown.....	5
S. D. Plummer, lbw., b Bartlett.....	5
L. P. Mosdell, not out.....	57
Pfordten, b Brown.....	7
Laybourne, c Taylor, b Dolphin.....	17
Allison, c Footit, b Brown.....	19
Andrews, c Kettle, b Dolphin.....	0
Boyd, st Lansdown, b Dolphin.....	17
Langebear, c Lansdown, b Dolphin.....	0
Extras.....	35

Total 186

O.A.C.C.

C. E. H. Dolphin, c Taylor, b Langebear..	17
S. A. Fabes, lbw., b Taylor.....	5
W. W. Brown, b Sinclair.....	37
R. Taylor, c Sinclair, b Pfordten.....	6
H. R. Lansdown, c Sinclair, b Langebear.	11
S. A. Paige, st Boyd, b Sinclair.....	2
E. P. Rice, lbw., b Langebear.....	11
W. R. A. Kettle, run out.....	0
J. H. Bartlett, b Sinclair.....	17
R. L. C. Footit, c Boyd, b Sinclair.....	0
H. A. L. Donkin, not out.....	1
Extras	9
Total	116

This was the School's best effort of the season. The School lost their first 5 wickets for 60 runs, but the tail wagged and, with the addition of 35 byes, reached the total of 186. When the O.A.'s went in, wickets fell at regular intervals. Brown was the only batsman to show any determined resistance to the bowling.

Sinclair bowled well and took 4 wickets for 24.

v. Magdalen College School, away, on June 27th.
Lost by 70 runs.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

F. H. G. Taylor, c Carter, b Willis.....	22
Brown, c Dutton, b Willis.....	14
G. E. Sinclair, c Barrell, b Willis.....	18
S. D. Plummer, b Soame.....	11
L. P. Mosdell, c Bushell, b Soame.....	11
Pfordten, lbw., b Pether.....	0
Laybourne, not out.....	2
Allison, b Soame.....	3
Andrews, lbw., b Pether.....	1
Boyd, lbw., b Soame.....	1
Langebear, b Soame.....	0
Extras	3
Total	86

M.C.S.

Carter, lbw., b Pfordten.....	5
H. D. Bushell, b Langebear.....	14
S. Brown, c Taylor, b Langebear.....	6
A. O. Bridgeman, lbw., b Sinclair.....	1
P. S. Pfitch, b Pfordten.....	17
S. Pether, c Boyd, b Langebear.....	17
E. J. Soame, not out.....	23
J. E. C. Alden, c Sinclair, b Allison.....	28
D. S. M. Barrell, b Allison.....	9

R. D. L. Dutton, b Mosdell.....	5
J. E. L. Willis, c Laybourne, b Mosdell...	16
Extras	15
Total	156

This was a disappointing match. The School won the toss and batted first on an easy wicket. Taylor and Brown made a good start and the first wicket realized 35. Five wickets were down for 77, and then a collapse began; the next 5 wickets falling for 9 runs. Although Magdalen had 5 wickets down for 70, the next wicket did not fall until 101.

It was a poor show after the good effort in the O.A. match. Owing to this lapse the School suffered its one and only defeat of the season.

v. Wantage School, away, on July 1st. Won by 6 wickets.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

F. H. G. Taylor, c and b S. H. Rumsey...	33
Brown, b Morrison.....	94
G. E. Sinclair, not out.....	58
S. D. Plummer, c Lousley, b Morrison...	8
L. P. Mosdell, c Rumsey, b Edmonds...	14
Pfordten, Laybourne, Allison, Andrews, Boyd and Langebear did not bat.....	8
Extras	—
Total for 4 wickets (dec.)	215

WANTAGE SCHOOL.

Pallister, b Langebear.....	8
T. F. Walker, st., Boyd, b Sinclair....	15
Tucker, c Pfordten, b Taylor.....	1
S. H. Rumsey, c Allison, b Sinclair....	10
Tousley, c Langebear, b Sinclair.....	1
Green, c Langebear, b Pfordten.....	4
Pike, b Pfordten.....	6
J. H. Stoks, b Sinclair.....	3
Disney, b Sinclair.....	0
Morrison, not out.....	4
Edmunds st Boyd b Sinclair.....	4
Extras	5
Total	61

Brown batted very well for 94, the highest individual score of the season. Sinclair had a good match, making 58 not out and taking 6 wickets for 8.

This was the School's highest score of the season. The 215 mark was reached before tea.

v. Radley College 2nd XI., at home, on July 8th.
Match drawn.

RADLEY COLLEGE.

C. Mackezin, lbw., b Langebear.....	2
G. A. Laugham, c Langebear, b Mosdell..	39
R. H. Hammersley, run out.....	12
Royds, b Sinclair.....	14
Borgnis, c Allison, b Sinclair.....	38
C. A. de Bourville, b Langebear.....	0
Haygate, not out.....	23
Birks, not out.....	11
Coombe, Dodwell and Wallis did not bat	
Extras	19

Total for 6 wickets (dec.) 158

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

F. H. G. Taylor, c Royds, b Wallis.....	6
R. F. Brown, run out.....	28
G. E. Sinclair, c Coombe, b Wallis.....	16
S. D. Plummer, not out.....	59
L. P. Mosdell, b Haygate.....	1
Pfordten, st Bourville, b Dodwell.....	3
Boyd, not out.....	2
Laybourne, Allison, Andrews and Langebear did not bat.....	0
Extras	—

Total for 5 wickets..... 115

Time again prevented this match from being brought to a definite result. Plummer prevented a collapse and batted well for his 59 not out.

CRICKET CHARACTERS.

L. P. Mosdell (Captain, Colours 1927, '28, '29, '30). A strong batsman who improved his defence and his offside play greatly, and was seen at his best in the fine innings he played against the Old Boys. He watches the ball carefully and keeps a very straight bat. He set an excellent example to maintain the high fielding standard of the team, and has captained the School during two very successful seasons.

F. H. G. Taylor (Colours 1928). Has been most consistent in his batting throughout the season and is a useful opening batsman. Is a good bowler and has opened the bowling throughout the season but should try and vary it more. A good fieldsman who throws in well. Batting average, 27.33 ; bowling, 16.6.

G. E. Sinclair (Colours 1928). Has shown good all-round form. His bowling has improved enormously. He varies pace and spin with judgement. A useful man in the field. Batting average, 17.75 ; bowling, 6.5.

S. D. Plummer (Colours 1930). A batsman capable of scoring runs all round the wicket. Is top of the averages this year. Except for one or two lapses has been a very good mid-off. Batting average, 31.85.

R. F. Brown (Colours 1931). Has developed into a good opening batsman and has a nice style. His 94 against Wantage was an effort especially meritorious. His fielding has improved. Batting average, 23.33.

G. A. R. Boyd (Colours 1931). His wicket keeping has improved out of all recognition and he has dismissed many batsmen. His batting is not strong, but he played a useful innings against the Old Boys. Batting average, 12.25.

R. Langebear (Colours 1931). One of the best bowlers in the team. He can pitch the ball well up and make it turn from the leg-side with great effect. His batting is very weak ; he must try and put more vigour into his shots. Bowling average, 12.16.

Allison (2nd XI. Cap). Has been a useful man on more than one occasion. He plays his hitting game always and sometimes knocks up the runs very quickly. A useful change bowler. His fielding is weak. He must show more life in the field. Batting average, 10.57 ; bowling, 13.8.

Pfordten (2nd XI. Cap). A useful all-rounder. Is a steady batsman and plays with a nice straight bat. He would be a very good bowler if he had more command over length. At present he is apt to be rather loose in his bowling. Batting average, 4.0 ; bowling, 12.7.

Laybourne (2nd XI. Cap). Came into the team rather late. Is a resolute batsman and should be very useful next year. Played a good innings in the O.A. match. Is a neat fieldsman. Batting average, 9.5.

Andrews. A promising batsman. Should do well next year. Plays with a straight bat and goes forward well. Batting average, 1.33.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. City of Oxford School. At home. Won, 119—35.

The School batted first and made 119, Wardlaw scoring 27 and Turnham 15 not out. The City of Oxford School scored 35. Jones took 4 wickets for 12 runs and Laybourne 2 for 7.

v. Leighton Park School. At home. Drawn. Leighton batted first and scored 122. Simpson

took 3 wickets for 10 runs. The School had made 120 for 6 when stumps were drawn. Laybourne batted very well and scored 63 not out. Leighton very sportingly allowed us an extra over, but we just failed to get the runs.

v. The Abingdon Imperials. At home. Lost, 28—105. The Imps went in first and scored 105. Wardlaw took 5 wickets for 12 runs. The School made 28. Andrews was the only successful batsman, scoring 16.

v. Radley 3rd XI. At Radley. Lost, 41—151 for 7. Radley scored freely and had made 151 for 7 when they declared. The School's fielding was poor. Simpson took 4 wickets for 38 runs. The School's batting was very weak, Wardlaw (9) being top scorer.

v. Magdalen College School. At home. Lost, 55—93. Magdalen batted first and scored 93. Wardlaw took 4 wickets for 30 runs and Simpson 3 for 22. The School could only make 55, of which Triggs scored 15.

v. Bloxham School. At Bloxham. Lost, 61—99. Bloxham after starting badly made 99. Wardlaw bowled well, taking 7 wickets for 38 runs. The School scored 61. Triggs (15), Jacob (14), Simpson (14) and Brown (13) were top scorers.

The following have played for the 2nd XI. :—R. F. Andrews, D. G. Brown, J. E. Emmett, J. Grover, D. E. Healy, W. G. E. Jacob, J. C. T. Jones, M. L. Laybourne, K. Mills, W. V. Simpson, L. Sinclair, H. F. D. Smart, C. Spalding, R. L. Triggs, A. J. Turnham, D. H. Wardlaw.

"UNDER 15" MATCHES.

v. Wantage School, away, on June 13th. Match drawn.

Scores :—Wantage School, 156 ; Abingdon School, 72 for 8 wickets. Mills, 4 wickets for 17 runs. Brown, 23 ; Blackmore, 20.

v. City of Oxford School, at home, on July 4th. Won by 6 wickets.

Scores :—City of Oxford School, 93 ; Abingdon School, 120 for 4 wickets. Blackmore 4 wickets for 18 runs.

v. Bloxham School, away, on July 8th. Lost by 71 runs.

Scores :—Bloxham School, 101 ; Abingdon School, 30. Mills, 3 wickets for 23 runs.

The following have played for the "Under 15 XI." :—Andrews, Brown (Captain), Holborow, James, Mills iii., Corbett, Blackmore, Gould i., Gould ii., Ranger ii., Luker, Warrick, Woolf.

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

Red House, 72 (Taylor, 6 wickets for 11) ; Blue House, 50 (Pfordten, 7 for 25). Red House won by 22 runs.

Blue House, 130 (Taylor, 100) ; Green House, 65. Blue House won by 65 runs.

Red House, 107 for 2 wickets (Mosdell, 73) ; Green House, 105 (G. E. Sinclair, 48). Red House won by 8 wickets.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

Red House, 101 (Luker, 32) ; Blue House, 48 (Gould i., 4 for 17, Mills iii., 4 for 18).

Green House, 80 (Cooper, 23, Corbett, 16) ; Blue House, 14 (one man absent hurt. Blackmore, 6 wickets for 5 runs).

Red House thus won the Carr Challenge Cup with three victories.

THE RAG CONCERT.

As usual, the Rag Concert was a great success. The first sketch was "The Responsive Chair," acted by our retiring stage managers, A. F. R. Fisher as Mr. Salmon ; H. B. Healy as Mr. Chink ; and D. E. Healy as Mr. Otis P. Basher.

The chair, of doubtful antiquity, is supposed to furnish answers to any question put to it, but it has to be bribed to give results. Mr. Salmon dupes Mr. Chink with the chair, for under the cover is a copy of *Answers* !

Mr. Chink then "takes in" our worthy Yankee, Mr. Basher, who then tackles Mr. Salmon on the subject of the chair.

He is, however, again "had," for Mr. Salmon uncovers not *Answers* but *Tit-bits* ! O, the cruel deception !

The event of the evening was a play by Mr. J. B. E. Alston, called "The Evil Eye." The author, working within the "scanty plot of ground" afforded by crook-drama, had produced a most intriguing entertainment : the plot, it is true, was not remarkable, being such as every school-boy knows ; but the execution was admirable.

It will be long before we forget Uncle Walter, the shady gentleman who tried to put over the Wild West stuff, or the agonising moment of suspense while the "voices off" determined for us the ultimate fate of the enterprising burglar.

The cast was :—

Hammond, the burglar	..	A. R. M. Adams.
Douglas Woodrow	..	P. V. Collings.
Gilbert	..	J. C. H. Kortright.
Detective-Inspector Thursley		D. H. Wardlaw.
Uncle Walter, alias Slippery		
Sam	..	D. A. Kitto.

Between these two plays were some songs by the Staff, which proved as popular as ever. The Lodge were heard in an amusing folk-song, "The Farm Yard," sung by R. Emmett, M. Wood, Paige, O. J. Gill and Lunghi.

Lastly we had a scene from "The Pirates of Penzance."

Major-General Stanley.—Mr. R. C. Bateman.

Policemen.—G. A. R. Boyd, D. G. Lovibond, H. B. Healy, J. A. Engall, A. F. R. Fisher, J. B. Ottiker.

Pirates.—A. E. B. Foxwell, S. D. Plummer, D. E. Healy, K. W. Barr, A. L. Fleet, C. Spalding.

Solos were sung by Mr. Bateman, Boyd, Fisher, Foxwell and H. B. Healy, who each gave individuality and a freshness of interpretation to his part, whilst the supporting chorus sang and acted with such ease and efficiency that the whole went with quite a professional swing.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The competition for photographs taken during the Easter holidays resulted in an entry of twenty prints. "On Guard" (amateur), by D. E. Healy and "Basingstoke Canal" (professional), by R. E. G. Morewood were the winners in their respective classes; and the special holiday competition prize was given to Morewood.

Two competitions were held in the course of the Summer term. In the first one, "Nature," "Black and White," by D. H. Wardlaw, and "The Laburnum Tree," by A. E. B. Foxwell were adjudged first in the professional and amateur class respectively. In the second competition, "Action," "Speed," by N. H. Crossland, and "Taking Off," by A. E. B. Foxwell were the winners.

The membership of the Society has been well maintained, four new members having joined at the beginning of term. A highly successful exhibition of photographs was held in the laboratories on Founder's Day. One hundred and forty prints were on view, including the special enlargements of prize-winning photographs, and a

large number of visitors inspected these with evident pleasure.

At the end of term the Society took the opportunity of expressing its thanks to the retiring Secretary, A. F. R. Fisher. From the outset his organising energy and practical photographic efficiency have been of the utmost value to us, and he certainly leaves the Society in a state of flourishing prosperity, the credit for which is largely his.

At early meetings this term new officers have been appointed as follows:—*Secretary*, K. W. Barr; *Treasurer*, A. E. B. Foxwell; *Steward of the Dark Room*, J. C. Blackmore.

O.T.C.

The inspection took place on June 4th, the inspecting officer being Colonel J. P. Tredennick, D.S.O., Commanding the 145th Infantry Brigade, who congratulated the Contingent on its smartness and efficiency.

The last-minute cancellation of all O.T.C. camps for 1931 came as a great disappointment to those of us who were looking forward to Aldershot as a change from the perennial Tidworth.

Certificate "A" was obtained by Barr, Fisher, J. C. T. Jones and Triggs. Promotions were made as follows:—Sgt. Fisher; Cpls. Barr, J. C. T. Jones and Triggs.

In the Inter-House Shooting Match for the Reeves Challenge Cup, Green House won with 229 points, Blue House being second with 205 points.

SUMMER TIME IN SEPTEMBER.

When people call it ten o'clock

It's really only nine.

The dew still gems the hollyhock

When people call it ten o'clock.

So do not too unkindly knock

If I am still supine

When people call it ten o'clock.

It's really only nine.

O.J.C.

REVIEW.

"Ivory Palaces," Willoughby Weaving's little book of new poems, contains more than a little of his best work. Some half of these twenty-four sonnets wake gracious pagan echoes, playful, wistful or serene. The rest cover a wide range, from rural scenes and nature's grandeur to the signs of the times and the problems of life in

general. All, as *The Times* remarks, have "a grave beauty"; not excepting the more humorous pieces; and the gravest as well as the others are uncommonly lively as sonnets go in England. Pseudo-poetic diction is carefully avoided. Abrupt (rather ballad-like) transitions, and bold breaks in the line, are used upon occasion with arresting dramatic effect. Sounds echoing the sense pervade the verse, being sometimes very vivid, as in the passing description of the bilge in Charon's ferry-boat. Incidentally the "grip and shudder of the oars" of the Argonauts may be a memory of ancient Pembroke, for "the present reviewer" remembers toiling in a tub-four coxed by the poet: "again the helmsman howls his word of cheer!" The book is aptly dedicated to Mr. Ross-Barker. Rumour says that a sister volume is ready to follow.

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O.A. NOTES.

MARRIAGES.

ESTCOURT—DORN.—On May 10th, at San Francisco, George Rowland Damer Estcourt to Dorothy Ellen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Dorn, of San Francisco.

GAMMAGE—TRINDER.—On May 24th, at St. John's Church, New Hinksey, Owen Thomas Gammage to Doris May, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Trinder, of Headington.

STANILAND—MAY.—On August 2nd, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Archibald William Staniland to Phyllis Edna Ann May.

SMALLBONE—CAUDWELL.—On August 15th, at the Baptist Church, Abingdon, William A. Smallbone to Marjorie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Caudwell, of Abingdon.

BALLARD—MAYHEAD.—On August 27th, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Edward G. Ballard to Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Mayhead, of the Lion Hotel, Abingdon.

STEVENS—MOSDELL.—On September 12th, at St. Mary's Church, Mortimer, Berks, William Henry Stevens to Barbara Joyce, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mosdell, of East End House, Mortimer.

MATTHEWS—WOODS.—On September 24th, at St. Mary's Church, Wingfield, Wilts, Gerald William Matthews to Irene, daughter of Mr. F. W. Woods, of Church Farm, Wingfield.

DEATHS.

HARPER.—On January 13th, Sydney Harper, of Lloyds.

WEST.—On May 17th, at his home, The Knowl, Stert Street, Abingdon, John George Timothy West, aged 69.

WOOD.—On May 22nd, at the European Hospital, Seremban, Federated Malay States, William Harold Wood, aged 34.

POVEY.—On May 25th, suddenly, at Oxford, Fred A. J. Povey, aged 19.

J. G. T. West, who was a member of an old Abingdon family, was born in the town and was one of the first pupils to enter the School after its removal to its present site in 1870. Choosing the career of an architect he served his articles with the late Mr. Edwin Dolby, and started in practice in Abingdon about 1883. Professionally, as was to be expected, he has left his mark in many quarters of the town and neighbourhood, but nowhere, perhaps, is his work seen to greater advantage than in the important building-extensions at his old school of 1902-3.

As a Borough Councillor and (in 1903-4) as Mayor of Abingdon, Mr. West took an active and useful part in the public life of the town. He was also a keen churchman and for many years Churchwarden of St. Nicholas. As Honorary Secretary he rendered invaluable service to the Abingdon Horticultural Society. Lastly, he was a prominent Freemason, and a Justice of the Peace for the Borough.

He leaves a widow (eldest daughter of the late Mr. J. L. Johnson, of Abingdon), two sons and a daughter. Of the sons, both educated at the School, the elder, A. B. West, succeeds his father in the practice, in which he has for some years been associated with him.

W. H. Wood joined the School as a little boy at Tesdale House in September, 1908. He remained here for seven years, and before he left had taken his full part in all our varied activities. A School Prefect during his last two years, a member of the Vth Form, with First Class Honours in the Oxford Senior Locals to his credit, a singer, a leading spirit in the L.S. and D. Society, a useful member of the Cricket and Football Elevens, a plucky long-distance runner—in all these and many other ways he set for himself and others a high standard of helpfulness and achievement. On leaving school he at once "joined up," and served with

credit as an Officer (ultimately Captain) in the Royal Berkshire Regiment, being wounded in action in France. After the War, in 1920, he entered the Colonial Civil Service, and was employed to the time of his death in administrative work in the Federated Malay States. In him the School loses, thus early, a well-remembered Old Boy, and the Empire a valuable servant. He leaves a widow (married in 1920) and one son.

F. A. J. Povey, who left the School only three years ago, was employed on the clerical staff of Morris Motors at Cowley. His early death was due to heart-trouble: he collapsed, it appears, after taking a run before breakfast, and never recovered consciousness. He had many friends, who will remember him with affection and respect, and deep sympathy is felt for his parents and family in their bereavement.

The following *Olim Alumni* have won distinction for themselves and the School, and we offer them our hearty congratulations:—

S. R. Hunt—First Class Honours in Part II. of the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge. This constitutes admission to the select company of "Wranglers." He had already secured a First Class in Part I.

Cadet H. R. d'Almaine—Five first prizes and one second prize on board the *Worcester*, awarded at the end of the summer term. He was also selected by the Commander and Headmaster as one of the four candidates for the King's Gold Medal.

S. R. Hunt has followed his successes at Cambridge by securing tenth place, out of 190 candidates, in the Junior Civil Service Examination. He is hoping to find employment in the department of Inland Revenue.

Cadet d'Almaine's achievement must surely be something of a record. His first prizes were for (i) highest combined marks in School and Seamanship, (ii) First Nautical Class, (iii) Practical and Theoretical Knowledge of Navigational Instruments, (iv) Electricity and Engineering, and (v) Photography. The second prize was for Geography. By the method in vogue on the *Worcester* the choice of the King's Gold Medalist rests finally with the boys themselves, but it is no small distinction for d'Almaine that he was chosen by the Chiefs of the Ship as a candidate worthy of the honour. *Macte virtute esto!*

The following have passed their final examinations, admitting to membership of their several professions:—

T. E. Gardiner—Law Society (Second Class Honours).

R. W. Snell—Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.

C. Ellis—Surveyors' Institution (Building Section).

C. E. Lowe—Law Society.

D. C. K. Wright—Surveyors' Institution.

S. E. Clark has taken a Third Class in "Greats" at Oxford, and O. T. M. Rayment a Third Class in the Final School of Modern History.

R. F. Martin has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Surveyors' Institution.

D. C. K. Wright is in an Estate Agent's office in Stamford. The Estate Agent is himself an O.A.—A. W. Miller.

W. W. Brown is now acting as manager for Messrs. T. Swan and Co., Public Works Contractors, at Coleford, near Monmouth.

A. Ellis is in charge of the engines at the Naval Wireless Station, Matura, Ceylon.

E. C. Beaven is now teaching in a large Central School in Rotherham, where his address is 62, Deepdale Road. The school, he tells us, is the very last word in design and equipment, being furnished, in addition to the customary classrooms and laboratories, with up-to-date wood-work and metal-work shops, a cinema theatre, and a large swimming-bath.

H. G. R. Constable is on the staff of the Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society, including Parent and State and National Health Societies. He is on the State Insurance Section.

E. A. Passam has been teaching for the past year at a Primary School in Coventry, where his address is 103, Radford Road.

N. C. Wood has been sent to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where letters addressed c/o The Standard Bank of South Africa will find him. His elder brother, K. T. Wood, has not been slow to follow him to Southern Rhodesia, having obtained an appointment in the Public Service as Junior Income Tax Assessor. He is stationed at Bulawayo, and as distances are reckoned in South Africa, the two brothers will not be far apart.

J. H. F. Kay, who has a clerkship in the Royal Bank of Canada, is now at Westmount, in the Province of Quebec, and seems to be well pleased with his surroundings.

R. B. Masterman Wood (56A, Craven Avenue, Ealing Broadway) has become a Motor Engineer.

W. G. Cullum is an Estate Agent. His address is Littlecote, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks.

A. F. Hanks, who has finished his course at Sandhurst, is now with the 2nd Devon Regiment at St. Lucia Barracks, Bordon Camp, Hants.

O. T. M. Rayment has a commission in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

At a recent exhibition in Abingdon of pictures by local artists, O. J. Couldrey's work was well represented. Among others of his pictures were four attractive sketches of local subjects—"The Lock Pool," "Abingdon Lasher," "Under the Guild Hall," and "The Croquet Lawn in the Park."

We welcome a collection of twenty-four sonnets by Willoughby Weaving, published in May by Basil Blackwell, Oxford. A brief critical notice will be found in another column.

Mr. W. H. Thomas, to whose help and teaching the School was at one time indebted, has been appointed Wood-work Instructor and Music Master at Abergavenny Grammar School.

Of those who left at the end of last term we can give the following particulars:—

G. E. Sinclair and F. H. G. Taylor go to Pembroke College, Oxford; L. P. Mosdell goes to St. Edmund Hall; and R. F. Brown to Brasenose.

S. J. Lansdown has secured a billet with the Sun Insurance Company.

R. L. Triggs is taking an engineering course at King's College, London.

Cyril Spalding is going for a year to the London Polytechnic.

D. E. Healy has a post on the staff of Debenham and Company, London.

J. C. T. Jones is going into the Advertising Business.

G. Langford has found employment in a Nursery Garden near Bournemouth.

S. Hainsworth is with Taylors Limited, Chemists, of George Street, Oxford.

J. A. Engall is with Lever Brothers, London.

A. F. R. Fisher is studying the art of fruit-growing and is now at Dartington Hall, Devonshire, in the Orchards and Cider House department, with the intriguing title of "Cider-Student."

D. A. Kitto is articled to Mr. Reginald E. Hookham, House, Land and Estate Agent in Oxford.

D. H. Wardlaw took the Law Prelim. Exam. in October.

H. B. Joseph is apprenticed to the firm of O. C. Hawkes Limited, Birmingham, to learn the practical side of high-grade furniture-manufacture.

Of the rest we have heard nothing definite at present.

O.A. CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the School Common Room on Saturday, June 28th, 1931, after the Past v. Present Cricket Match.

The President (Col. A. Stockton) was in the Chair, and 22 other members were present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President:—N. Duncan.

Vice-President:—The Headmaster (Mr. W. M. Grundy).

Committee:—W. B. Coxeter, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, H. V. Stone, G. F. Powell, G. S. Sturrock, W. C. Hancock and M. Ogle.

Hon. Secs. and Treasurers:—H. A. L. Donkin, Caldecott Cottage, Abingdon; R. E. Eason, Oxford Road, Abingdon.

London Secretary:—W. H. Stevens, Wood Ride Cottage, Petts Wood, Kent.

The accounts shewing a balance in hand of £43 9s. 7d. were adopted. It was agreed that the Committee be given power to subscribe up to a further ten guineas from the Club Funds to the School Organ Fund.

The Secretary reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the question had not been able to come to a decision with regard to a new tie. The matter was referred back to the Sub-Committee with power to act.

The Committee was empowered to deal with the question of a dance next year.

The Club Dance was held in the Council Chamber on Friday, June 19th. Unfortunately only 45 were present and although the Secretary believes that those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves, he would point out to members that the Club cannot face a loss of between £6 and £7 again another year, and that therefore the Committee will be forced either drastically to cut down the expenses or drop the dance altogether.

The Club Dinner was held at the Lion Hotel on Saturday, June 20th, when thirty members and their guests were present.

RUGGER FIXTURES.

1ST XV.

Sat.	10 Oct.	Oxford Exiles "A."	Home.
Wed.	21 „	Merton Mudlarks.	Home.
Sat.	31 „	Leighton Park School.	Away.
Sat.	7 Nov.	Magdalen College Sch., Oxford.	Away.
Wed.	11 „	Magdalen College Sch., Brackley.	Away.
Sat.	14 „	Mr. G. E. Sinclair's XV.	Home.
Sat.	21 „	Bloxham School.	Away.
Sat.	28 „	Radley College 2nd XV.	Home.
Sat.	5 Dec.	O.A.R.F.C.	Home.

2ND XV.

Sat.	3 Oct.	Oxford Exiles Extra "A."	Home.
Sat.	24 „	Oxford Exiles Extra "A."	Home.
Sat.	31 „	Leighton Park School.	Home.
Wed.	18 Nov.	Magdalen College Sch., Oxford.	Away.
Wed.	25 „	Bloxham School.	Home.

"UNDER 15."

Wed.	28 Oct.	Magdalen College Sch., Brackley.	Home.
Sat.	21 Nov.	Magdalen College Sch., Oxford.	Home.
Sat.	28 „	Bloxham School.	Away.