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SCHOOL NOTES.

We are very sorry that the Rev. J. H. Kirkby, who is only able to do part of the Chaplain's work this term, finds that owing to his duties in his Parish he will not be able to continue his Chaplaincy at the School after this term. He has been with us now since January, 1914, and the many boys all over the world whom he has prepared for Confirmation will read this news with much regret. We hope, however, that he will continue his interest in the School and that we shall still have the pleasure of seeing him at our various School functions. We have been fortunate in being able to arrange with the Rev. G. R. Palmer, Vicar of Marcham, to undertake the Chaplaincy.

The Organ has now been installed in the School Chapel by the John Compton Organ Company. It has not yet received its final tuning nor has the electric blower been boxed in as it will be. But we have already been able to discover what a fine instrument it is. It is mellow and full in tone and suits the Chapel admirably. We thank most heartily those generous donors who have nobly helped us in these difficult times to add so much to the musical side of our Chapel Services.

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On Armistice Day the School did not parade at the War Memorial, as in former years, but a short service was held in the School Chapel, during which the two-minutes' Silence was observed.

On November 27th the majority of the School attended the performance by the Abbey Guild of Players, of "A Damsel in Distress," taken from the novel by P. G. Wodehouse. It is an amusing piece and was extremely well done, and the School enjoyed in particular Miss Grundy's part of the austere Lady Caroline.

On November 12th a party of 100 boys and masters, in three buses, went to Oxford to watch the match between the Springboks and the University. We had a very good view of a bright and interesting game from seats on the touchline and everything—including the weather—contributed to a very enjoyable, as well as instructive afternoon.

The clump of rather melancholy firs has now been removed from the Waste Court field and the mound levelled and turfied. There may be some regret at the passing of this landmark, but its removal makes room for another Rugger or Cricket pitch.

The following were made prefects this term:—
School Prefects: R. C. Clarke, T. S. Coulson, J. M. Allison, P. B. Pfordten. Sub-prefects: P. A. D. Jones, G. J. Goodey, W. G. Jacob (Waste Court) and J. C. H. Kortright.

First XV Colours were awarded last term to J. E. Emmett, J. M. Allison and P. B. Quelch, and Second XV Colours to D. G. Lovibond, K. W. Barr, P. B. Pfordten, L. Sinclair, A. E. B. Foxwell, G. J. Goodey, R. V. Cox, W. G. Jacob, M. N. Laybourne, G. E. H. Warrick, D. G. Brown and J. McPherson.

J. E. Emmett is Captain of Boats this term.

Owing to the unfortunate effects of influenza, it has been decided to postpone the Athletic Sports from this term to the beginning of the Summer Term. Dates have been provisionally fixed as follows:—

Tuesday, May 3.	Miles.
Saturday, „ 7.	School Sports.
Tuesday, „ 10.	Steeplechases.
Saturday, „ 14.	O.A. Sports.

We might remark that owing to the short time between the beginning of term and the Sports, those who wish to do themselves justice in the Sports would be well advised to make themselves as fit as they can during the latter part of the holidays.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Contemporaries:—*The Aldenhamian*, *The Bracklean*, *The Chigwellian*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Lily*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*.

This term ends on Tuesday, March 22nd, boarders leaving on the following day. Next term begins on Tuesday, April, 26th, boarders returning on the previous day.

VALETE.

VI FORM. G. A. R. Boyd (1927 i.) School Prefect, 1930; Captain of School and Head of House, 1931; 1st XV Rugger, 1928–31, Colours, 1929; 1st XI Cricket, 1929–31, Colours, 1931; 1st IV Rowing, 1930–31, Colours, 1930; Athletic Colours, 1930; Q.M./Sgt. O.T.C.; Certificate 'A'; 1st Class Shot.

A. E. B. Foxwell (1926 iii.) School Prefect, 1931; O.S.C. Exam., 1930; 2nd XV Rugger, 1930–31; 2nd XV Colours, 1931; L/Cpl. O.T.C.; Certificate 'A'; 1st Class Shot; Hon. Treas. A.S.P.S., 1931.

J. B. Ottiker (1929 iii.) Sub-Prefect, 1931; O.S.C. Exam., 1931; 1st XV Rugger, 1930–31, Colours, 1930. L/Cpl. O.T.C.; Certificate 'A'; 1st Class Shot.

P. B. Quelch (1924 iii.) Sub-Prefect, 1931; O.S.C. Exam., 1931; 1st XV Rugger, 1930–31, Colours, 1931; Half Athletic Colours, 1931; L/Cpl. O.T.C.; Certificate 'A'; 1st Class Shot.

VB FORM. R. J. Ranger (1928 iii.) 2nd XV Rugger, 1931.

D. Lee (1927 iii.).

REMOVE. P. V. Leigh (1931 i.) 2nd XV Rugger.

II FORM. E. W. F. Frearson (1931 ii.).

SALVETE.

REMOVE. R. L. Lambourn.
 III FORM. G. A. D. Baker, S. G. Burt.
 II FORM. J. P. Amies.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

The annual School Concert took place in the Corn Exchange on Friday, December 4th at 8 p.m.

The platform was tastefully decorated with flowers and in the front of the platform were ferns which helped considerably to brighten up a very dull building, and we thank Mrs. and Miss Sturrock for their kind assistance. There was not so large an audience as we have seen on other occasions, but it was a very appreciative one, which, after all, is everything.

It was very nice to see so many O.A.s amongst us again. We missed Mr. Bevir's cheery items very much, but hope he will help us next year.

The collection for the School Organ, which was taken at the door, after the concert amounted to £11 12s. 6d.

We render our best thanks to Mrs. Gotch and Mr. and Mrs. St. George-Moore for their beautiful and finished performance. All those who listened to their playing must have realized what finished artists they were. The delightful precision and attack, combined with perfect balance of tone, was a lesson to music lovers. To speak of the three items, they gave us, separately would take up too much room, but one of the outstanding performances was "Siesta," by Armstrong Gibbs, which was played beautifully and descriptively, bringing in an atmosphere of "mist" so necessary to this charming little piece.

The delightful "Old Airs" were greatly admired. The rendering of "Three Poor Mariners" was magnificent, showing again the perfect balance and harmony of the Trio.

The School Unison Song was quite good, but could have had a little more "tone" in it, if all had worked. The light and shade, so necessary in the "Volga Boatmen" to describe the coming and going, was very creditable.

The four part songs were good, considering how difficult it was to get a good balance of parts this year, but the trebles gave their attention to the conductor and so kept down their part, where it was necessary, to suit the others.

The two four-part songs by the choir were exceptionally good, the best being "By a Bank." They got into the quick crisp rhythm which it requires and again, watching the beat, the whole performance was "clean" at the end of phrases.

In the carol the trebles are to be congratulated for so well sustaining the long "Gloria" which required good breathing and tone balance to be effective against the other moving parts.

The pianoforte pieces were not so good, owing to nervousness, but the playing—when it was right—was clear and expressive. R. G. James is to be congratulated on "getting through" with a clear interpretation.

All the performers would do so much better if they would sing as individuals and not rely on each other, or on the few workers who always lead.

It will be very nice when everyone will watch the beat, not only for the audience, who must wonder why some people are there at all, as they never look up, but also for the conductor.

When this is done the songs etc. will be rendered in a more perfect and finished style, because everyone will see what she is telling them to do.

Miss Peach sang us four delightful songs in her fresh and finished manner, and once more we express our appreciation of the trouble she takes, not only with the Concert, but with the music as a whole throughout the School.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Unison Song "The Volga Boatmen" Arr. by
The School. *Gerard Williams*
2. Pianoforte "Sarabande with
Solo Variations" *Handel*
J. C. W. Jacob.
3. Part Song "Sweet Day, so cool." *Parry*
The School.
4. Trio In G major *Haydn*
Andante
Poco Adagio
Gipsy Rondo
Mary Gotch, Alice St. George Moore,
C. A. St. George Moore.
5. Songs (a) "Verdant Meadows" *Handel*
(b) "Piping down the Valleys Wild"
Ivy Sheldon Peach. *Arthur Somerville*
From five Songs of Innocence.
6. Part Song "There Rolls the deep" *Parry*
The Choir.

7. Pianoforte Solo "The Reef" *Walter Carol*
R. G. James.
8. Part Song "John Ball shot them all"
The School. *Adam Carse*

The following promotions were made last term :
to be Sgts. : Cpls. Barr, Allison ; to be Cpls. :
L/Cpls. Emmett, J. E., Ottiker ; to be L/Cpls. :
Cdts. Cox, Foxwell, Jacob, W. G., Jones, P. A. D.,
Powell, Quelch, Turnham.

PART II.

1. Pianoforte (a) "The passing of Una" *Walter*
(b) "From Sea Green Caves" *Carol*
D. F. W. Newman.
2. Part Song "The Shower" *Elgar*
The Choir.
3. Song "Where the Bee Sucks" *Arne*
Trebles from III and II Forms.
4. Trio "Country magic" *Armstrong*
"Siesta" *Gibbs*
"The open road"
"An old song"
Mary Gotch, Alice St. George Moore,
C. A. St. George Moore.
5. Song "My mother bids me bind my hair"
Ivy Sheldon Peach. *Haydn*
6. Part Song "By a bank as I lay" 1609
arr. by *Peter Warlock*
The Choir.
7. Trio Two old English Tunes Arr. by *Roger*
"Drink to me only with thine *Quilter*
eyes"
"Three poor mariners"
Mary Gotch, Alice St. George Moore,
C. A. St. George Moore.
8. Carol "Shepherds in the fields abiding" From
The School. Cowley Carol Book
At the Piano—Janet Hards.

O.T.C.

Twenty-one recruits were enrolled last term, and under the vigilance of Sergt. Eyre are now becoming quite proficient with a rifle. This term finds us without C.Q.M.S. Boyd, who has done so much towards the smooth working of the Corps, and to whom Certificate 'A' candidates are also indebted for much valuable assistance.

Nevertheless the high standard of efficiency has been maintained and we feel very gratified at the success of all the four members of the O.T.C. who took the November Written Examination, namely L/Cpls. Allison and Ottiker, and Cdts. Foxwell and Quelch.

A Field Day has been in view for some time ; it had to be held over from last term, but should take place in March.

FOOTBALL.

We give below a brief summary of the results of the 1st XV matches :—

<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points for</i>	<i>against</i>
8	4	4	77	71

Although we won half our matches and scored more points in the aggregate than our opponents the season was, on the whole, disappointing. For of the matches lost those with Magdalen College School, Leighton Park, and the Old Boys might well have been won had not the splendid efforts of the forwards been neutralized by poor combination and weak defence on the part of the outsides. As it was, although in none of these three matches were we able to score in the first half, yet in the second half we scored try for try with Magdalen College School and actually out-pointed Leighton Park and the Old Boys.

The Bloxham match in which we met with our heaviest defeat was not as one-sided as the score suggests ; but our opponents were quicker to seize their opportunities and our defence was too shaky to keep them out when they got near our line.

We started the season with a promising victory over Oxford Exiles 'A' and also won our matches with M.C.S. Brackley, G. E. Sinclair's XV, and Radley 2nd XV.

The chief weakness of the team lay in the three-quarter line which was deficient in combination, largely owing to poor handling and sense of position. The defence of the outsides, as a whole, was very unreliable, with the exception of Goodey and Warrick in the later matches. The value of kicking both for offensive and defensive purposes was never properly grasped. In attack Boyd and Thomas ran strongly and were our most prolific scorers outside the pack. Sinclair and Laybourne, when they settled down together, made a useful pair of halves, though the former was handicapped by the slow heeling of the scrum.

This defect was probably the only defect of a pack which was undoubtedly the strongest feature of the team. Under the excellent leadership of Ottiker they developed into a combination sound

and solid in the tight scrums, fast and clever in the loose, where their footwork and short hand-to-hand passing were very effective, while the wingers Clarke and Emmett were always prominent, the former especially getting through a tremendous amount of work. It is significant that in a comparatively dry season the forwards scored almost as many tries as the outsiders.

The 2nd XV had rather a poor season, losing all their matches except one, which was drawn. They lost heavily to Magdalen College School, and Leighton Park, but gave a better display against Bloxham in their last match. They were, on the whole, very weak in defence though W. G. Jacob's handling and kicking at full back were good. Jacques showed promising form at scrum-half and of the three-quarters Brown and Ranger ran strongly in attack. Foxwell, J. C. Jacob, Holborow and McPherson were perhaps the best of the forwards.

The "Under 15" team were seriously handicapped by their lack of size, but played with plenty of spirit and determination, and had very close games with Magdalen College School and Bloxham. Their performances enable us to look forward with confidence to next season when the majority of them will still be under 15.

FIRST FIFTEEN CHARACTERS.

G. A. R. Boyd. Captain. Colours, 1929. The best attacking player in the team, very quick off the mark and able to swerve effectively. Kicks well in attack and defence but is inclined to tackle too high. A most enthusiastic captain who made the most of the material available.

J. B. Ottiker. Colours, 1930. Front row forward who was specially good in line-out and loose. Led the forwards very well indeed and displayed a sound knowledge of forward tactics. Has improved his defence greatly since last year.

R. C. Clarke. Colours, 1930. A wing forward who amply fulfilled the promise of last year. A tremendous worker, always on the ball. Dribbles at a great pace, though rather apt to lose control of the ball. Is still apt to mar an effective cut-through by not passing out.

J. M. Allison. Colours, 1931. Forward. Makes good use of his height in the line-out. A bustling forward who dribbles and tackles well and is good with his hands.

P. B. Quelch. Colours, 1931. Has come on a lot since last season and makes effective use of his

weight and height, particularly when near the opponents' line. Tackles fairly well.

J. E. Emmett. Colours, 1931. Wing Forward. Plays very hard and pushes well in the tight scrums. Conspicuous in the open for his dribbling and passing. A very good tackler.

M. Thomas. 2nd XV Colours, 1930. A determined runner who is hard to stop when near the line. Should vary his methods of attack more and cultivate a more elusive run. Still rather slow in defence.

G. H. Warrick. 2nd XV Colours, 1931. Full-back. A much improved player especially in defence. Should make more ground before kicking and improve his length, especially with the left foot. Has a good sense of position.

P. B. Pfordten. 2nd XV Colours, 1931. Right Wing Three-quarter. Plays with great dash but is too apt to run away from the touch-line and get mixed up with the forwards. Has not much idea of combination at present. Makes good use of his feet and is fairly sound in defence.

G. J. Goodey. 2nd XV Colours, 1931. Right Centre. Came into the team late and strengthened the defence considerably, his tackling being excellent. Owing to lack of experience he is too stereotyped in attack and must time his passes better and do more kicking.

M. Laybourne. 2nd XV Colours, 1931. Stand-off Half. Has a safe pair of hands, runs straight and passes out well. Might kick more frequently with advantage. Ought to be really good next year.

L. Sinclair. 2nd XV Colours, 1931. Scrum Half. Another young and promising player. Goes down to the ball and kicks well in defence. Should concentrate on getting the ball away from the scrum more quickly. Combined well with Laybourne.

D. G. Lovibond. 2nd XV Colours, 1931. Forward. A solid scrummager who also does his share in the loose and tackles quite well. Has improved a lot during the season.

R. V. Cox. 2nd XV Colours, 1931. A hard working front row forward who is always up in attack and is moderately good in defence. Assisted the hooker well.

K. W. Barr. 2nd XV Colours, 1931. In the capacity of hooker has been of great value to the team, always getting his fair share of the ball. In addition he is effective in the loose. His tackling could be improved.

The following also played in the 1st XV : D. G. Brown, J. Ranger, W. G. E. Jacob and J. C. W. Jacob.

FIRST XV MATCHES.

v. Oxford Exiles. Won 11—0.

Played on the School ground, the School winning by one goal and two tries to nil.

The School started off well, and after a few minutes' play Thomas scored the School's first try, Cox failing with the place-kick. Brown and Ranger soon got a useful movement going which resulted in another good try, Boyd failing with the kick. Half time, 6—0.

In the first minute of the second half Allison caught the ball from the kick-off, and ran through to score between the posts, Boyd being successful with the place-kick. There was no further scoring on either side. The School's weak point was tackling, especially in the first half, but it improved slightly later.

Team :—Jacob i ; Thomas i, Pfordten, Brown, Ranger ii ; G. A. R. Boyd, Sinclair ; R. C. Clarke, Lovibond, Emmett i, Quelch, Allison, Cox i, Jacob ii, J. B. Ottiker.

v. Leighton Park School. Lost 7—14.

Played at Reading, the School losing by one drop goal and a try to one goal, two tries and a penalty goal.

The first score came after about ten minutes play, when, as the result of a good movement from the half backs, the Leighton wing three-quarter scored by the corner flag, the kick being successful. Our opponents scored once more in the first half, the School failing to score. Half time 8—0.

In the second half the School forwards showed their superiority, and kept the ball in Leighton's half most of the time. After a few minutes' play Boyd dropped a goal, which put more life into the team. After a good forward rush Allison got a try, Boyd failed with the place kick. Leighton scored twice in the second half, both kicks failing.

Team :—Jacob i ; Thomas i, Pfordten, Brown, Ranger ii ; G. A. R. Boyd, Sinclair ; R. C. Clarke, Lovibond, Emmett, Quelch, Allison, Cox, Barr, J. B. Ottiker.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford. Lost 3—8.

Played at home, the School losing by one try to one goal and a try.

Magdalen started off at a good pace, and pressed the School line hard, the backs, however, held their own very well. Eventually Magdalen got their first try by some very good backing up. The place-kick failed.

In the second half the School got together, and in the last ten minutes they had the game completely in their hands.

Brown made a very fine run to score from the half-way line. The forwards played a very good game, Clarke and Allison doing some good foot work.

Team :—Jacob i ; Thomas i, Pfordten, Brown, Ranger ii ; G. A. R. Boyd, Sinclair ; R. C. Clarke ; Clarke, Lovibond, Emmett i, Quelch, Allison, Cox i, Barr, J. B. Ottiker.

v. Magdalen College School, Brackley. Won 14—5.

Played at Brackley, the School winning by one goal and three tries to one goal.

This was a good forwards' game, the ground being very sodden. The School had the game in their hands from the kick off. The School, playing down hill in the first half, did all the scoring.

The first try came from a three-quarter movement, Thomas breaking away and scoring under the posts. Boyd was successful with the place-kick. The second try was due to a forward rush from the half-way line, Emmett finally kicking the ball out of the full-back's reach, and scoring by the corner flag. The School then did their best piece of backing up of the day, the ball being passed between no less than seven players, Emmett finally scoring. Half time 11—0.

In the second half, our opponents having the advantage of the hill, pushed us slightly ; but Barr hooked the ball nine times out of ten. The last try came from a breakaway by Thomas.

Tackling showed a great improvement in this game ; and there were some good dribbling movements by Clarke, Lovibond and Emmett.

Team :—Warrick ; Thomas i, G. A. R. Boyd, Brown, Pfordten ; Laybourne, Sinclair ; R. C. Clarke, Lovibond i, Emmett, Quelch, Allison i, Cox, Barr, J. B. Ottiker.

v. G. E. Sinclair's XV. Won 9—6.

Played on the School ground, the School winning by two tries and one penalty goal to two tries.

The first half was a very even struggle, though the play was rather scrappy on the School's part. Our opponents scored first, by a good three-quarter movement, Mosdell getting over by the corner flag. After this the School got together and began to press hard. A free kick was given in the centre of the field, which Boyd converted. This brought the score at half time to three all.

In the second half the school forwards played a very hard game, and after a good piece of short passing between them, Ottiker got over, Boyd failing with the place-kick. After a very bad cross-kick by our wing three-quarter, Mosdell again scored. Taylor failed with the place-kick. In the last five minutes of the game Thomas, after a good movement, scored by the corner flag.

Team :—Warrick ; Thomas i, G. A. R. Boyd, Brown, Pfordten ; Laybourne, Sinclair ; R. C. Clarke, Lovibond, Emmett i, Quelch, Allison, Cox i, Barr, J. B. Ottiker.

v. Bloxham School.

Played at Bloxham, the School losing by two goals and three tries to nil.

The School showed much more life than in the previous match, and for the first ten minutes kept the ball in the Bloxham '25.' The School then began to fall off a little, and our opponents scored an unconverted try. Bloxham again scored about a minute before half time, the place kick being successful. Half time 8—0.

In the second half the School forwards showed that they were by far the superior pack, Allison and Emmett doing some fine foot work. Our back division did not seem to get together until it was too late. Bloxham three-quarter line was fairly fast and was provided with many excellent opportunities by a very quick scrum half ; three tries were scored, two of which were converted.

Warrick played a very good game at full back, saving our line many times by falling and kicking. J. E. Emmett and J. M. Allison were awarded their 1st XV colours after the match.

The team was the same as in the previous match.

v. Radley College 2nd XV. Won 25—3.

Played on the School ground, the School winning by 2 goals and five tries to one try.

The School scored soon after the start, Thomas getting over by the corner flag.

The School pack played a splendid game ; and the halves fed their three-quarters well.

Tries came from Thomas, Pfordten, Clarke and Boyd, two out of the seven scored being converted.

The second half resulted in a very even struggle, Radley being the only scoring side.

Goodey took the place of Brown in this match, and showed a great improvement, both in attack and defence.

Team :—Warrick ; Thomas i, G. A. R. Boyd, Goodey i, Pfordten ; Laybourne, Sinclair ; R. C. Clarke, Lovibond, J. E. Emmett, Quelch, J. M. Allison, Cox i, Barr, J. B. Ottiker.

v. O.A.R.F.C. Lost 16—8.

Played on the School ground, the School losing by two goals and two tries to one goal and one try.

The Old Boys gained their victory by the superiority of their back division.

The School kicked off and got going almost at once, only to be counter-attacked quickly by the O.A.s. The first try came after five minutes' play, when W. W. Brown broke through in the centre and started a movement, Taylor finally scoring. The kick at goal failed. The O.A.s attacked again at once, and Mosdell went right through the defence ; Taylor being successful with the kick. Mosdell after intercepting the ball scored a third try, the kick failing. There was no further score in the first half, though the School pressed hard. Half time : O.A.s, eleven ; School, nil.

In the second half the School started well, and after a few minutes' play Clarke scored by the corner flag. Boyd was successful with the kick. The play then became a very even struggle, and after some hard backing up by the School forwards Clarke again scored for the School. Boyd failed with the place-kick.

The Old Boys did their final scoring about three minutes before time, when D. E. Healy went over after a scrum ten yards from the School's goal line. Taylor kicked the goal.

P. B. Quelch was awarded his 1st XV colours after the match.

Teams were :—

O.A.s :—R. F. Brown ; M. Ogle (capt.), F. H. G. Taylor, W. W. Brown, L. P. Mosdell ; G. E. Sinclair, D. E. Healy ; S. F. Thatcher, A. C. Smith, M. A. Drewe, G. A. Wood, H. B. Healy, J. C. Toogood, P. E. Rowlandson, A. F. Hanks.

School :—Warrick ; Thomas i, G. A. R. Boyd, Goodey i, Pfordten ; Laybourne, Sinclair ; R. C. Clarke, Lovibond, J. E. Emmett, P. B. Quelch, J. M. Allison, Cox i, Barr, J. B. Ottiker.

SECOND XV MATCHES.

v. Oxford Exiles Extra 'A' (Home).

The visitors owed their victory to the speed of their backs.

It was a disappointing start to the season, and the School's tackling was especially weak.

Result : Lost, 0—24.

v. Oxford Exiles Extra 'A' (Home).

The School showed distinct improvement on their form of the previous match. We were leading by nine points at half time but allowed our opponents to equal our score at the end of the game.

Result : Draw, 9—9.

v. Leighton Park School (Home).

The visitors were quicker at handling the ball, and by backing one another up produced good results.

Our forwards played a good game however, but we failed to score.

Result : Lost, 0—23.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford (Away).

The School showed poor spirit in the first half and allowed our opponents to score twenty-four points. R. J. Ranger kicked a good penalty goal considering that the ball was slippery.

In the second half the forwards were more successful in taking the ball by themselves and more than once nearly scored.

Result : Lost, 3—33.

v. Bloxham School (Home).

On this occasion the School showed its best form and a marked improvement was shown by the backs. Notable tries were scored by Green, Ranger and Jacques. It was on the whole a most enjoyable game.

Result : Lost, 11—15.

The following played for the 2nd XV :—

Andrews ; Barber ; Bosley, G. A. ; Brown ; Corbett ; Collings, P. V. ; Foxwell (capt.) ; Green Grover ; Holborow ; Jacob, W. G. ; Jacob, J. C. Jacques ; Laybourne ; Leigh ; McPherson ; Ranger, R. J. ; Ranger, J. ; Simpson ; Stross ; Smart ; Turnham.

"UNDER 15" XV.

The "Under 15" had very bad luck in coming up against teams who over-weighted them each time ; considering this handicap they played well.

Against Magdalen College School, Brackley, they lost by three goals and one try to one try.

Against Magdalen College School, Oxford, they lost by one goal and three tries to two goals.

Against Bloxham School they lost by one try to nil.

The following played for the "Under 15" :—

Blake ; Cann ; Clarke, O. E. ; Corbett (capt.) ; Collings, P. V. ; Emms ; Gould, P. H. ; Gould, R. C. ; Hill ; King ; Luker ; Mills, D. E. ; Osmand, A. G. ; Pollard ; Robinson ; Smallbone ; Wood, P. ; Woolf.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The term started well with a good entry for the Holiday Competition, twenty-one photographs being entered in all. "High Seas on the Cornish Coast" by K. W. Barr and "Spring Tides" by A. E. Foxwell were adjudged the winners of the professional and amateur classes respectively.

On Sunday, October 11th, an exhibition of members' photographs was held in the Physics Laboratory : about seventy photographs were exhibited, and quite a large number of visitors shewed great interest in them.

"Interiors" was the subject chosen for the Termly Competition, but for one reason or another entries were lacking when the closing date arrived. Nothing daunted, however, members have chosen this subject once more for competition.

The Hon. Treasurer, A. E. B. Foxwell, having left at the end of the term, P. A. D. Jones has been elected his successor.

THE RAG CONCERT.

The Christmas Rag Concert was opened by "The Waste Court Rhythm Boys," who produced an excellent volume of weird sounds from four equally weird instruments.

The Lodge then presented "The Dragon's Bride." The story concerns a certain King Kandy of Marmaladia, who has promised the hand of his youngest daughter, Princess Nougat, to Ginger the Dragon, upon her eighteenth birthday, on condition that Ginger will stop eating the King's subjects. As the princess has already had four seventeenth birthdays, Ginger is becoming impatient. The job of killing the dragon is offered to two villains, Liquorice and Bull's-eye in the absence of all the knights (eaten by Ginger, who has a special weakness for the nobility). However, being villains, their scruples prevent them from doing an act of chivalry, and two gardeners, Marzipan and Toffee, take on the job :

they then proceed to slay the dragon, although both halves fight to the bitter end. It is now the privilege of one of these gardeners to wed the princess, but as they much prefer Ju-jube and Lollipop, favourites of the princess, Marzipan saves an awkward situation by becoming betrothed to the princess, and they all live happily ever afterwards. Lunghi gave a delightful study of a foppish monarch, and Jackson of a charming but unsophisticated princess, and the technique of each excelled that of many grown-ups; indeed the acting of every member of the cast was remarkable, and the dressing and presentation reflected great credit on their producer.

The next item was an excerpt from "H.M.S. Pinafore" by Mr. R. C. Bateman, with a chorus of Able-bodied Seamen Ottiker, Quelch, Turnham, Coulson, Smart and Jones. The nautical flavour of this *scena* was refreshing. *Captain Corcoran* was surely the kindest captain that ever stood on a bridge, whilst a more active sweet-throated crew we have never met.—WHAT, NEVER?—Well, hardly ever!

As this was the last opportunity of having Boyd and Lovibond together, "The Hole in the Road" was revived, in which D. G. Lovibond represented a belated reveller, and G. A. R. Boyd the proprietor of an "ole." Many of us had seen this piece before, but welcomed the opportunity of seeing it again, for the presentation reached a high standard of excellence, and the item seemed more entertaining than ever.

This was followed by "The Brass Band's Benefit." *Mr. Boldwell* (J. C. H. Kortright) is organizing a charity matinée, and is about to supervise a rehearsal. We find him on the stage of the theatre waiting for performers to arrive and try through their parts. *Bunce* (J. C. Blackmore) ushers them in one by one. The first to arrive are *Mr. Hoskins* (A. E. B. Foxwell) and *Mr. Joskins* (M. Thomas), purveyors of second-hand magic. *Mr. Hoskins* strives valiantly to keep his end up, while *Mr. Joskins* lifts weights and drops bricks with equal ease. The next to arrive are *The Coal Gas Co.'s Nigger Minstrels* (A. L. Fleet, A. R. M. Adams, J. McPherson and R. E. G. Morewood). They sing two very effective songs "De Ole Banjo" and "Buffalo Gals." In the second the new spotlight was used to good effect for colour lighting. *Mr. Phlex*, a ventriloquist (K. W. Barr) and his doll *Hodge* (D. F. W. Newman) next showed us how two people can pretend to be one person pretending to be two people, and

introduced some very amusing dialogue. The rest of the "talent" was then called back from tea (below) to try over a concerted vocal item of *Mr. Boldwell's* own composition, which he felt would make a good close to the proceedings. It did.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

A business meeting of the Society was held in the Pembroke Room, on Saturday, October 14th, at which Mr. K. W. Barr was elected Hon. Treasurer and Mr. D. G. Lovibond, Hon. Secretary. The following new members were also elected:—

Messrs. J. E. Barber, L. Sinclair, C. F. Powell, A. J. Turnham, M. N. Laybourne, Peter V. Collings, M. Thomas, J. C. W. Jacob, D. G. Brown, T. G. H. Charley, J. C. Blackmore, R. P. F. Mills, J. McPherson, R. V. Cox, J. M. Allison.

The session commenced too late in the term for the Society to meet often; two debates, however, were held, and were both quite successful. The first of these was on Saturday, November 7th, when the motion that "In the opinion of this House a camping holiday is the ideal form of holiday" was lost by nine votes to ten. The other was held on Saturday, November 14th, the proposition "In the opinion of this House the World would be happier without books," produced a keen discussion. The House divided equally for and against the motion, but the chairman giving his casting vote in its favour, it was carried by twelve votes to eleven.

It is hoped that the Society will be more active this term, when opportunities for meeting will be more frequent.

A PERUVIAN ELECTION.

(Extract from a letter from D. M. Brown of the Banco Anglo, Lima.)

The elections here were really very amusing, and to anyone who did not know the people the following account would appear to be exaggerated, to say the least.

There have not been *free* elections for about twenty years. Each succeeding president has got in by force and stayed there by the same means. The late president had elections every five years, but the ballot was not secret and only his own supporters were allowed to vote; so the first task this time was to compile an electoral roll. In order to carry this out, offices were set up in all

the towns of the republic and staff engaged. To qualify for a vote one had (i.) to be able to read and write (this cut down numbers immediately) : (ii.) to produce one's army service card : (iii.) ditto birth certificate : (iv.) to state one's present employment : (v.) to give one's address. Then, after the payment of two soles and the production of three photographs, the register was opened, all particulars entered, and a "carnet" (a sort of voting-passport) was made. Next the photographs were affixed—two to the register and one to the "carnet," and finger-prints were then taken in the same way. The book was then given to the applicant for his signature and a number was written on the "carnet" and in the book. One was then allowed to sally forth in search of some means of removing the ink from the finger which had been used for the imprint—not at all an easy matter.

This register took about three months to compile: then the elections were fixed for Sunday, October 11th. All towns were split into wards, with one polling-booth for every 150 electors. Lists were published giving the names of the booths and the numbers of the "carnet" holders who were to vote there. Apart from going to vote no one, foreigners excepted, was allowed to move out of his immediate neighbourhood all day. All bars, theatres and churches were closed, public meetings were forbidden, and martial law declared for the day. Then each presidential candidate had to delegate a man to be present in each booth to see that all was carried out fairly. In each booth, to attend 150 people, there were present :—the president of the booth, two men to assist him, one to hand out voting-papers, one to receive them back, one to see that all unused papers were destroyed, one to see that voters did not do anything except vote, a man at the door to search people for fire-arms as they came in, another to examine "carnets" and take proofs of the presenter being the owner, two others to do odd jobs and also one representative for each of the four candidates : fifteen people in all. In other words, the officials numbered one-tenth of the total electorate.

Having proved himself, the voter was given voting-papers of all the parties, one to vote for the president and one for the local representatives in the Government, and an envelope. These he had to take to one of the desks, fill in his votes, put them in the envelope, and seal it down. He then returned to the table, had the envelope examined and stamped by the president of the table, and

got glared at suspiciously by three of the party representatives and beamed upon by the fourth, for, despite the secret ballot, everyone knew for whom everyone else would vote. Then the president affixed his stamp and put the envelope in the box. The voter then proceeded to a neighbouring box and, under the eye of an official, tore up his unused forms and dropped them in. He then walked to the door, had any fire-arms he may have possessed returned to him, and was allowed to stagger into the street again, his duty well and truly done.

Despite all these precautions there were about 500 more votes polled than there were names on the electoral register in Callao. The two chief parties engaged, through their official newspapers, in a series of claims for annulment of elections in the towns in which they were defeated, the losing party in each instance claiming that the whole election was faked and the victorious one maintaining that all was fair and above board.

OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

It is usual, at varying intervals, for some member of those Abingdonians who are at Oxford to give, through your columns, some account of the recent doings of his fellow labourers. With this end in view and encouraged by your hospitality to previous writers I crave a little of your space this term. The task is not a light one, for a course must be steered between the Scylla of those things everyone knows and the Charybdis of those things no one should know.

We are pleased to welcome a larger quantity of new blood than usual this year, though, believe me, Sir, the old blood has not lost any of its richness. It is pleasing also to see that there is more than usual originality in the choice of Colleges this year ; for, without wishing in any way to detract from the merits of Pembroke which are so well, possibly too well, known throughout the University, it is good to find Abingdonians remembering that there are other Colleges and Halls with sufficient merit to claim some of the School's output of Oxonians.

The newcomers, I hesitate to say "Freshers" for is not this the second term, have given excellent promise in the Athletic realm. L. P. Mosdell began last term by winning his heats in the 100 yards and quarter mile at the Freshmen's Sports. Though he failed in the finals this is no mean achievement and this was officially recognized by his receiving a trial for the Inter-Varsity relay

aces. He has since taken to Rugger but we expect to hear a good deal more of him later on, on the track. F. H. G. Taylor also burst into the limelight by obtaining a Rugger trial. To prove his versatility he then turned to Rowing and stroked the winning crew in the Robinson Fours. He is now rowing '7' in the Pembroke Toggler. G. E. Sinclair is playing regularly for the 1st XV Rugger Team and is also believed to be working very hard. R. F. Brown (B.N.C.) has joined the ranks of the golfers and is to be seen regularly on the Southfield Course endeavouring to cope with it's mud and lumpy fairways.

To turn now to those who have been in residence for some time. M. Ogle is taking life seriously and by way of preparation for Colonial work has joined all available University Clubs having any bearing upon the Empire. He has recently been elected Secretary to the University Imperial Club which is evidence that his powers are not unrecognised. By way of relaxation he, too, plays Rugger.

The remaining three Abingdonians are devoted, with different degrees of success, to the game of Golf. E. G. Langford has, apart from keeping himself in form for the coming Inter-Varsity Match, to help in the unenviable task of selecting those who will fill the last places in the team. As there appear to be about ten people with very similar claims to these places this is no easy matter. We wish him all good luck next March. The opposing team has given evidence that it is not to be taken lightly but we feel that he will not fail to strike hard and Cambridge will again meet their superiors.

R. A. Langford has been very unfortunate in being unable to produce the quality of golf of which we know he is capable. That he still has a chance of occupying one of the remaining places in the team was proved by his being selected as one of the dozen or so players to receive a trial at the beginning of this term. A. M. Thatcher also plays this game, but merely as a change from the sublimity of Higher Mathematics.

This brings me, Sir, to the end of our personnel. Another fact, however, is worthy of notice. This year, we have a new institution in the academic sphere. The Science or Art of Law has changed its curriculum and henceforth Law Moderations will replace "Law Prelims." As two of our newcomers, Brown and Mosdell, are reading Law they will have the distinction of being the first to sit for this Examination. Whether any Abingdonian will attain to the distinction of being the last to plough in "Divvers" remains yet to be seen.

Allow me, on behalf of all at Oxford, to wish the School every prosperity and personally to thank you for your indulgence to this letter.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours sincerely, OXON.

O.A. NOTES.

Under the heading of BIRTHS we are pleased to chronicle :—

KIRKBY.—On September 29, at Warescot Nursing Home, to Joyce, wife of Geoffrey Kirkby, a daughter.

GILBERT.—On October 2, at the Warren Hospital, Abingdon, to Nellie, wife of Roy Gilbert, a daughter.

TAYLOR.—On October 10, at Peachcroft, Radley, to Grace Elizabeth, wife of Charles Taylor, a daughter.

Under MARRIAGES we may mention, on excellent authority, though up to the present we have had no definite particulars, those of J. W. Morland (last January), J. D. Lynn Robinson and E. M. Holbrook; and *à propos* we would congratulate C. S. Morland and R. C. F. Saxby upon their respective engagements. Ronald Saxby, we understand, is to be married next month. He is now home from Zanzibar, where he has been stationed since the autumn of 1928.

Under the third heading we record, with keen regret, the death of Mrs. Layng, the widow of our former Headmaster, which occurred on New Year's Eve at her home at Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

The annual London Dinner of the O.A.C. was held on Wednesday, November 4. Through the good offices of J. B. Reeves the City Livery Club again allowed the use of their premises at the Chapter House, St. Paul's Churchyard. There were seventeen members present at the dinner, the Chair being taken by N. Duncan, this year's President of the O.A.C. The meeting, like its two predecessors, was an unqualified success, and it is proposed to hold the next dinner at the same place and on the same date this year. Will O.A.s kindly make a note, and remember to keep that date open?

In memory of the late Canon W. M. Meredith a chancel screen has been erected in St. Columba's Church, Crieff, where he was rector for 25 years.

A good deal has appeared in the papers lately about the exploit of four Oxford undergraduates who rowed a boat from Oxford to London in

three days. The writer of this note remembers, in his undergraduate days, coxing an out-rigged treble-sculler from Oxford to London in three days; but the oars-men concerned—fellow undergraduates—did not regard their performance as anything very exceptional. A more heroic effort would appear to be that of the brothers Hallett, the youngest of whom, Canon Cyril Hallett, is an Old Abingdonian. It is thus described by the eldest, Mr. M. Hallett of Upper Norwood:—

On a September morning in 1879, the great flood year, I and two younger brothers, now Sir Frederic Hallett, lately Secretary to the Conjoint Examination Board, and Canon Cyril Hallett, lately Archdeacon of Zanzibar and a member of a great Oriel boat in the eighties, started in a pair-oared skiff from Hampton Ferry at 6 a.m. to row against that tearing flood to Marlow Bridge, which we reached about 9 p.m. At times we made hardly any way; we stuck on a fence which in normal seasons stands high above the river; we had to plug our way through Bray Lock standing open, with a very spare margin for a pair of oars. The reach from Maidenhead Bridge to Boulter's Lock pretty well finished us, but a sumptuous tea at Raymede Hotel put us all right, and the only bad bit we had afterwards was the reach from Quarry Woods to Marlow Lock. Thirty-four miles against that flood took some doing. I am thankful to say that all three live to tell the tale.

The Rev. Basil M. Challenor has left Sutton-in-Holderness and was on October 10 inducted to the living of Swerford, near Hook Norton, in Oxon.

Captain T. M. Layng is now in residence at Ripon Hall, Oxford, where he is studying with a view to ordination. At week-ends he is to be found at 3 Spring Terrace, Abingdon, where his wife and little daughter are living.

R. B. H. Morland is at a place called Bekwai on the Gold Coast.

T. F. T. Morland has left the Royal Mail S.P. Company and is now Purser on the *Lady Nelson* of the Canadian National Steamships, cruising between Halifax and the West Indies.

S. W. D. Shallard has again shifted his quarters in New Zealand, having found a better job further north. His new address is Box 5, Patumahoe, Auckland, New Zealand.

A. F. James, of the G.P.O. Secretariat, after a spell of work in the Mails Branch of the Secretary's

Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, is now, for the time being, Acting Assistant on the Surveying Staff at Cardiff.

A. F. Hanks, gazetted to the 1st Devonshire Regiment, has sailed for India (Quetta), taking out a draft of men.

We have good news of the Wood brothers in Southern Rhodesia. K. T., who has been ill but is now fortunately recovered, has been moved from Bulawayo to Salisbury, where N. C. was already quartered: so the two brothers will now be together. They seem to find plenty out there in the way of work and sport and general interest to make them satisfied with their surroundings.

S. R. Hunt has accepted a post in the Income Tax Department of the Home Civil Service.

A. C. Croasdell has passed the Final Examination of the Incorporated Law Society, held on Nov. 2 & 3.

K. R. Savage has passed the Examination for the Teachers' Certificate, held on November 9. He was awarded distinctions in Physical Culture and Hygiene and in Advanced Music. Of late, we understand, he has been the students' General Chairman at the Borough Road Training College.

The doings of our Oxford representatives are duly recorded in the Oxford Letter, which will be found in another column.

S. S. Bates is now studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, Gower Street, W.C.

S. D. Plummer is qualifying in Accountancy with the firm of W. G. Kay & Co., Melbourne House, Aldwych.

A. E. B. Foxwell is also taking up Accountancy.

D. P. Edsall has found work with the *Daily Sketch*.

J. C. T. Jones is in the Advertising Department of the *Daily Herald*.

H. B. Healy is with a firm of East African Export Merchants—A. J. Baumann & Co., Aldgate.

R. Langebear is attending a Technical College in Birmingham, with a view to a business career.

P. B. Quelch is learning the details of the fruit business with Hicks Bros., Wholesale Fruit Merchants, of Oxford.

F. L. Mitchell is learning the book trade with J. Thornton & Son, Oxford.

H. F. D. Smart has gone out to South Africa to take up farming.

J. B. Ottiker is shortly proceeding to S. America, to join his father in business in Lima, Peru.