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EDITORIAL.

Periodically complaints reach the editor to the effect that this magazine is dull or even worse. While frankly admitting that such complaints are often justified we protest that the fault lies not with the editorial staff but with the readers themselves. The object of a School Magazine in our opinion is to provide a record of the activities and interests of the School rather than to act as a nursery or playground for literary aspirants. The dry bones of facts and figures, however, need some added relish to make them palatable and the magazine should always have some lighter material of general interest. There must be many both past and present members of the School who could draw upon their experiences or imagination to provide something of interest or amusement to others and to them we appeal to provide us with material to make an answer to any complaints. Apart from the public service thus performed, the appearance in print of their own compositions should provide sufficient interest for any dissatisfied readers.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The following boys were confirmed in the School Chapel on Sunday, March 13th, by Bishop Shaw:—R. F. Andrews, K. W. Barr, F. A. Bennett, J. C. Blackmore, J. H. Bowditch, A. A. Bristow, D. G. Brown, P. V. Collings, A. L. Fleet, G. L. Graeme, P. H. Gould, D. E. Mills and D. C. Woolf.

Congratulations are due to D. G. Lovibond on his election to the Pembroke Scholarship in Classics.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. A. E. Preston, O.A., Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, upon his being presented with the Freedom of the Borough of Abingdon. This is a notable distinction and a worthy reward of his many public services.

On February 8th we received another visit by Mr. John Aston who lectured on Joan of Arc. Mr. Aston seems to be perfectly at home in a remarkably wide range of subjects and this lecture was fully as interesting as its predecessors.

We thank Miss Rachel Layng for presenting books including a number of volumes of the "Abingdonian," "Chronicles of the Monastery of Abingdon," and "St. Nicholas and other Papers," also 8 pictures representing the old and the present school buildings.

The School has recently acquired an H.M.V. Radio Gramophone. The tone, volume and selectivity are all remarkably good and the Sunday evening concerts in the Art Room are very much enjoyed.

J. M. Allison has been elected Captain of Cricket.

First IV. Rowing Colours were awarded last term to J. E. Emmett, J. C. Jacob, R. E. G. Morewood, J. Ranger and R. Emmett (coxing) and Second IV. Colours to J. C. Kortright, K. W. Barr, W. G. Jacob, R. N. Green and R. G. James (coxing).

Founder's Day this year will be celebrated on Friday, June 17th. The Regatta will be held on Thursday, June 16th, and the O.A. Cricket Match on Saturday, June 18th.

The Hon. Mrs. Glyn has kindly consented to distribute the prizes on Founder's Day, and Major Glyn, M.C., M.P., also hopes to be able to attend. The sermon at the service held in St. Helen's Church before the Prize Distribution will be preached by the Rev. A. B. Burrowes, Dean and Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford.

At the end of last term parties of boys did some good work in cutting back the raised ground just inside the gate of the lower field. The excavated material was used to level up the right-hand side of the field where a steady progress is being made towards the hedge.

While on the subject of improvements we note with appreciation the removal of the railings round most of the Waste Court field.

Full Athletic Colours were awarded this term to:—J. M. Allison, D. G. Brown, J. E. Emmett, P. B. Pfordten, J. Ranger and M. Thomas; and Half-Colours to:—R. V. Cox, G. J. Goodey, J. C. Kortright and M. N. Laybourne.

The O.T.C. will be inspected on Tuesday, June 7th, by Colonel J. P. Tredennick, D.S.O.

This term ends on Tuesday, July 26th, boarders leaving on the following day. The Christmas term will begin on Thursday, September 22nd, boarders returning on the previous day.

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

VALETE.

VI. FORM. L. Sinclair (1925 ii.). O.S.C. Exam., 1931; 1st XV. Rugger, 1931; 2nd XV. Colours, 1931; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1930; 2nd XI. Colours, 1930; First Class Shot, 1931; 1st IV. Coxing, Colours, 1930.

VB. FORM. M. M. Barnes (1926 iii.).
A. G. Osmand (1930 iii.).

III. FORM. J. G. Glass (1931 i.).
P. Hedger (1931 iii.).

II. FORM. P. Osmand (1931 iii.).

SALVETE.

REMOVE FORM. J. A. Fletcher.

II. FORM. W. M. Potter. L. B. King.
M. C. Barnard.

OBITUARY.

LINDSAY SINCLAIR.

(Born March 6th, 1916: died March 16th, 1932.)

It is hard to write worthily of the sorrow which befell us last term by the death of Lindsay Sinclair. He was indeed in many ways a boy of exceptional qualities: not socially obtrusive—in fact, rather shy than otherwise, but gifted with a quite exceptional faculty for endearing himself to those with whom he came in contact: not brilliantly clever or endowed with precocious abilities, but a great lover of things worth loving, of the simple things and wild life of the country, country sport, and games of every kind. In our school games he had already distinguished himself, and not more by his skill and keenness and amazing physical courage, than by the modest, unselfish spirit in which he invariably played them. Down in Cornwall, where his home was, he was the friend of all and sundry; and the country folk, who took him to their hearts, have borne affectionate testimony to his sympathetic knowledge of themselves, and of the manifold book of nature that fills their lives with interest. And with all this he was a thorough boy: not serious beyond his years or a stranger to boyhood's vagaries, but straight and fair-minded always and resolute to play the game.

He was just sixteen and had been with us for close upon seven years. For many of us, however,

the acquaintance had earlier beginnings; for his two brothers were here before him, and for many years now we have reckoned his family as among our staunchest friends. To them, and to all who knew and loved him, we offer our heartfelt sympathy. "He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed." There may perhaps be comfort even in the thought that makes our loss seem greater—that his short life was so perfectly happy and beautiful.

ROWING.

We started the season this year under the severest handicap imaginable. Of last year's 1st, 2nd and even 3rd IV.'s there remained only the coxes, so we had to set to work to produce two racing fours from entirely new material. One or two had done some tubbing last year but the only asset the majority possessed to begin with was enthusiasm. After the foregoing remarks anyone who realises the difficulties to be mastered before a crew can row even presentably on slides, must have been favourably surprised that the 1st IV. rowed as well as they did. To add to our troubles, influenza took its toll of possible candidates for places in both crews and ultimately we were left with only one available spare man. In the 1st IV. J. E. Emmett proved a steady and capable stroke and managed to get the best out of the men behind him. J. C. Jacob at '3' worked hard and also shewed the best form in the crew, though inclined to be rather ponderous at times. Morewood at '2' improved considerably in the later stages of practice, though always inclined to rush forward. J. Ranger was a competent bow doing his fair share of the work. The last three will form a very useful nucleus of a crew if they are still here next year.

Of the 2nd IV. it is difficult to speak fairly. The order was continually being changed owing to illness, D. G. Brown and W. V. Simpson being particularly unlucky to lose their places owing to influenza, and the IV. finally chosen never had a chance of settling down into a crew, chiefly owing to lack of experience. They had a good day in the race against the Keble IV. but in the Magdalen race they were unable to get going together.

Owing to the postponement of the Sports we were able to continue rowing till the end of term, and the 1st IV. managed to get in a useful amount of practice. Further, a good number of younger boys were initiated into the rudiments of rowing,

and several shewed distinct promise—a good omen for the future. Such keenness among the junior boys is much to be commended and encouraged, because, owing to the short time available for rowing and the inevitable gaps left in our IV.'s every year, it is essential that there should be fresh material *with some experience*, continually forthcoming.

THE RACES.

1st IV.

v. The Old Boys.

Rowed on Saturday, February 27th, in Culham Reach. The Old Boys led slightly at the start and rowing a longer and slower stroke, were about half a length up at the Big Tree. The School then drew level with a good spurt and gradually went ahead and finishing strongly won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. Time: 4 mins. 8 secs. This was a very promising performance as the Old Boys Crew was stronger than usual.

CREWS.

Abingdon 1st IV.
Bow, R. J. Ranger.
R. E. G. Morewood.
J. C. Jacob.
Str., J. E. Emmett.
Cox, L. Sinclair.

O.A.'s.
Bow, R. F. Brown
G. E. Sinclair.
G. A. R. Boyd.
Str., F. H. G. Taylor.
Cox, R. G. James.

v. Magdalen College School.

Rowed on Wednesday, March 2nd, in Culham Reach. Magdalen got away quickly at the start and after a minute were half a length up and they increased the lead to one length at the Big Tree. Abingdon quickened up and held their own for some time and though Magdalen went away steadily in the last minute, to win by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, the School stuck to it to the finish. Although beaten by a faster crew their form was a distinct improvement on that shewn in the previous race. Time: 4 mins. 2 secs.

The crew was the same as against the O.A.'s except that R. Emmett coxed in place of L. Sinclair—absent through illness.

2nd IV.

v. A Keble College IV.

Rowed on Saturday, February 27th. The visitors were heavily handicapped by a strange boat and fixed seats and consequently the race was a very close one. Leading at the start, they had an advantage of half a length at the half-way

mark. The School then made two very good spurts and shewed ahead and leading by a canvas 20 yards from the finish, won by half a length, Keble easing up a little too soon owing to a misunderstanding. Time: 4 mins. 20 secs. It was a very exciting race and a most creditable performance by the School considering their lack of practice.

Abingdon 2nd IV.

Bow, R. N. Green.
W. G. E. Jacob.
K. W. Barr.
Str., J. C. Kortright.
Cox, R. Emmett.

v. Magdalen College School 2nd IV.

Rowed on Wednesday, March 2nd. In this race unfortunately the School failed to produce the form of the previous Saturday. Magdalen established an early lead and increased it steadily all over the course. The School tried to quicken up several times but were never sufficiently together to make any impression, Magdalen finally winning by 4 lengths. Time: 4 mins. 8 secs.

In this race R. G. James coxed in place of R. Emmett.

HOCKEY, 1932.

Hockey had a longer run than usual this year, as the Sports were postponed until the Summer Term, but this was not the only reason why a greater improvement in the general standard of play was noticed than in either of the two previous years. There was a better control of the ball shown generally; the hitting was cleaner and more certain, and the forwards, although they were unfortunately almost always without R. C. Clarke, settled down into a good line and on many occasions showed some good combination.

Over the question of goal-keeper (always a knotty problem) Jacques fortunately proved capable of filling the position left vacant by A. C. Smith. He adapted himself quickly and for his first year showed promising form; he was good at running out to frustrate an attack on the edge of the circle, but was sometimes a little too impetuous. His eye was very keen for clearing the ball with his stick, but he wants to keep his eye on the ball more carefully when clearing with his pads.

R. V. Cox and Lovibond made a sound and steady pair of backs; the former showed a great

improvement on last year, for he had increased his pace and was quick in getting across to meet an attack. Moreover, his tackling was generally certain and his clearing hits clean and hard. Lovibond made a steady partner to him and as a rule was very sure in his tackling; he wants to try and get rather more length and power in his clearing. W. G. Jacob played on various occasions when he was free, and although he had been quite good last year, he showed a particularly striking improvement. He was very certain in his tackling and cleared with powerful hits; although it is a mistake in the right direction, a back must be careful to avoid clearing too hard, otherwise he may tire his own forwards in making them chase vainly after the ball. An effective half-back line centred round Allison in the centre, a keen veteran of two years' standing; the two wing halves were P. V. Collings and Warrick, and both did very well, especially for their first year. They were very hard working and quite fast, marking their wing forwards carefully and often bringing off some good interceptions. Both at times were a little uncertain of their clearing, especially when being pressed, but this is a natural fault which will be remedied with more practice. Allison always got through a tremendous amount of work, and sometimes appeared in the circle to score a goal; he sometimes spoiled an excellent piece of work by having difficulty in getting rid of the ball in the end, but he worked so hard that he could be forgiven this, and during his three seasons at hockey he has always been most useful to the side.

The forwards were handicapped by the loss of R. C. Clarke, who had shown such good form last year in the centre, and who, owing to injuries, hardly ever played this year; but none the less they worked most satisfactorily as a line and some very neat and effective combination was seen at times. This was mainly due to the three inside forwards, Pfordten in the centre, and Laybourne and McPherson at inside left and inside right. Pfordten has distinctly increased his speed, his stick work and control of the ball were good and he played a strong game. He made some dangerous individual runs and was at his best on his own; but he might at times, perhaps, have passed a little more. McPherson started at outside right for the few occasions when Clarke played, and then moved to inside-right, where he played a steady and effective game. Laybourne played a large part in the good combination of the line; his stick work was excellent and he controlled the

ball very neatly. He was moreover very unselfish and though he did not score many goals, it was his work which led up to many, and his passing was shrewd and well thought out. Barber filled the difficult position of outside-left; he showed plenty of dash but was rather variable. He did not have quite enough control of the ball and should try and get into position so as to send an effective centre across, which he rarely managed, but he sometimes worked the ball in himself on his own rather well and in this way scored several goals. Of the other forwards Coulson and Goodey were the best; neither possessed much skill in controlling the ball, but they always tried hard and showed some dash. K. Mills played fairly well at times, and should be better next year with the experience.

Of other halves, Turnham showed good form but spoilt his play by his tendency to give "Sticks." M. Thomas at first played at outside-right, but this position did not suit him and he was never able to make use of his pace; later on he went to half-back and showed that he would be very useful there next year with more practice. Wiggins was useful in filling the position of the other goal-keeper; he did his best and made some good saves, but he was not quick enough in coming out to smother an attack on the edge of the circle or to pick the ball away from a threatening forward. There were several other particularly keen players who will improve with more practice and experience.

Two good and enjoyable matches were played; the first against a strong 'A' Team of Lincoln College, Oxford, which ended in a creditable draw of two goals all. Allison scored one goal and R. C. Clarke the other; this was a clever goal and was led up to by some good work by Laybourne. The other match was against Witney Old Grammarians who proved to be quite a good and experienced side; they led 2—0 at half-time, but then the School played up very well in the second half, and actually drew level, scoring goals through Allison and Coulson. This is how the score should have ended, but unfortunately Witney in the last ten minutes scored two rather unexpected goals and so won 4—2.

The season was ended by the usual game on the last Saturday against the Wet Bobs, who played up gamely and made a creditable showing; the score was 6—2 to the Dry Bobs. It was an entertaining game, and the play was enlivened by an animated running commentary during most of the game.

JUNIOR RUGGER.

An "Under 15" Match was played with M.C.S., Brackley on their ground on February 20th, and was won by our opponents with a score of 19 points to 3. The match was less one-sided than the score indicates, but we were unable to hold a heavier side in the later stages of the game, the first half of which was very even.

Only one round of the Junior House Matches was completed, and as each House had won a match and lost one, it was decided to award the Bayley Cup on points. Accordingly the Cup went to Blue House who were first with 14 points, Red House being second with 6 points.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

The School Sports, postponed from last term, were held on the School Grounds on Saturday, May 7th. It was particularly unfortunate that while March was exceptionally fine and dry, the first week of May registered a rainfall of over two inches. Actually some of the preliminary heats had to be postponed owing to a section of the track being under water, and the heaviness of the ground may have accounted in part for some of the slow times recorded, which, with one exception, were inferior to last year's performances. D. G. Brown, however, is to be congratulated on a remarkable achievement in winning five Open events as well as the "Under 16" Hurdles.

The officials were:—

President, the Head Master. Starter, J. B. E. Alston, Esq. Judges: R. C. Bateman, Esq.; W. A. Rudd, Esq. Time-keepers: G. F. Duxbury, Esq.; J. Y. Ingham, Esq. Stewards: J. S. Coulson, P. A. D. Jones, A. L. Fleet. Committee: W. A. Rudd, Esq. (Chairman), J. B. E. Alston, Esq.; ex-officio J. M. Allison, J. E. Emmett, R. C. Clarke, D. G. Lovibond. Elected: K. W. Barr, M. N. Laybourne, J. Ranger, R. Morewood, E. F. Stevens, R. Goodey.

RESULTS.

(1). LONG JUMP (Open).

1, P. B. Pfordten, 18ft. 1½ins.; 2, D. G. Brown, 17ft. 5¾ins.

(2). LONG JUMP (Under 15).

1, L. E. J. Luker, 15ft. 6½ins.; 2, P. J. Hill, 13ft. 10ins.

(3). HIGH JUMP (Open).

1, J. M. Allison, 4ft. 11ins.; 2, V. Simpson, 4ft. 10ins.

(4). HIGH JUMP (Under 15).

1, W. J. Brewer, 4ft. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.; 2, O. Clarke, 4ft. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

(5). HURDLES (Open).

1, D. G. Brown; 2, P. B. Pfordten. Time: 19 4-5th secs.

(6). HURDLES (Under 16).

1, D. G. Brown; 2, R. Andrews. Time: 19 3-5th secs.

(7). 100 YARDS (Under 12).

1, V. A. Harfield; 2, G. Barnett. Time: 14 3-5th secs.

(8). 100 YARDS (Under 15).

1, L. E. J. Luker; 2, G. Graeme. Time: 12 3-5th secs.

(9). 100 YARDS (Open).

1, M. Thomas; 2, P. B. Pfordten. Time: 10 4-5th secs.

(10). 220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 13).

1, R. Emmett (scratch); 2, V. A. Harfield (scratch).

(11). QUARTER-MILE (Under 15).

1, L. E. J. Luker; 2, G. Graeme. Time: 67 4-5th secs.

(12). QUARTER-MILE (Open).

1, D. G. Brown; 2, P. B. Pfordten. Time: 60 2-5th secs.

(13). PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12 lbs.)

1, D. G. Brown, 31ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.; 2, J. Emmett, 31ft. 9ins.

(14). HALF-MILE (Under 15).

1, L. E. J. Luker; 2, O. Clarke; 3, D. E. Mills. Time: 2min. 47secs.

(15). HALF-MILE (Open).

1, D. G. Brown; 2, R. Clarke; 3, J. Ranger. 2min. 26 1-5th secs.

HOUSE RELAY RACES.

Juniors.

1, Blue; 2, Red. Time: 3min. 23 4-5th secs.

Seniors.

1, Red; 2, Blue. Time: 2min. 51secs.

The prizes were distributed at the conclusion of the Sports by Miss Florey. The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup was won by D. G. Brown with 64 points, and the Shallard Challenge Cup by L. E. J. Luker with 50 points.

The House Cup presented by the Ladies of Abingdon, was won by Red House, with 217 points, Blue House being runners-up with 69 points.

MILES.

The Miles were run on Tuesday, May 10th. The conditions were good, but the entries were fewer than usual.

OPEN.

1, D. G. Brown; 2, R. C. Clarke; 3, R. V. Cox. Time: 5mins. 25secs.

Brown led throughout and finished 40 yards ahead of Clarke. His win was due in large measure to a very fast first lap.

JUNIOR.

1, L. E. J. Luker; 2, R. F. Cox; 3, P. J. Hill. Time: 6mins. 15secs.

Luker was allowed to set the pace—a slow one—for the whole of the race. There were close finishes for the first three places, but thanks to the slow time even the smallest runners were within 100 yards of the winner at the finish.

The Subscribers to the Prize Fund, to whom our best thanks are due, were as follows:—

H. G. W. d'Almaine, Esq., O.A., J. B. E. Alston, Esq., S. T. Austin, Esq. and Mrs. Austin, Mr. Bailie, Mrs. Martin-Baker, Mrs. Balfour-Browne, Mrs. Barge, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq. and Miss Ross-Barker, Mrs. Bevir, Mrs. Bowen, Dr. and Mrs. Bradbrooke, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Carslaw, E. M. Challenor, Esq., O.A., H. S. Challenor, Esq., O.A. and Miss P. Challenor, Miss B. Challenor, O. B. Challenor, Esq., O.A. and Mrs. Bromley Challenor, Senior, Mrs. Bromley Challenor, Junior, Miss Cope, Mrs. S. Cornish, Mrs. H. A. L. Donkin, J. F. Downing, Esq., N. Duncan, Esq., O.A., Mrs. Duxbury, Miss Florey, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Wilson-Green, The Headmaster and Miss Grundy, Mrs. Hayward, Miss L. Harris, Rev. J. H. Kirkby and Mrs. Kirkby, Mrs. E. Langford, Mrs. R. Langford, Mrs. Longford, Mrs. Mainwaring, Mrs. Margetts, Mrs. Mayhead, W. T. Morland, Esq., O.A., J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A., A. W. Morland, Esq., O.A., Miss Oliver, Mrs. Lowell, A. E. Preston, Esq., O.A. and Mrs. Preston, J. B. Reeves, Esq., O.A., W. A. Rudd, Esq. and Mrs. Rudd, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Scott, H. P. Simpson, Esq., O.A., Mrs. Sturrock, M. T. Tatham, Esq. and Mrs. Tatham, R. A. R. Townsend, Esq., O.A., A. B. West, Esq., O.A., Mrs. Woodford.

O.A. SPORTS.

The Annual Sports Meeting between the School and the Old Abingdonian Club was held on Saturday, May 14th, in delightful weather.

The Old Boys won by 7 events to 2, but there were some very exciting finishes, particularly in the Mile where R. C. Clarke beat S. A. Paige by 3 yards and in the Quarter, where M. Thomas after a splendid effort was beaten by L. P. Mosdell in the final straight by a few yards in the good time of 57 seconds. J. M. Allison's winning jump of 5ft. 1in. was also a notable achievement. It was very unfortunate that D. G. Brown was prevented by illness from taking part. The results were as follows:—

(1). 100 YARDS.

1, G. A. R. Boyd (O.A.); 2, G. F. Powell (O.A.).
Time, 10 4-5th secs.
M. Thomas; J. Ranger.

(2). LONG JUMP.

1, L. P. Mosdell (O.A.); 2, G. A. Powell (O.A.).
Distance, 19ft. 3ins.
P. B. Pfordten; J. Ranger.

(3). HIGH JUMP.

1, J. M. Allison; 2, A. F. Hill (O.A.).
Height, 5ft. 1in.
G. E. Sinclair (O.A.); W. V. Simpson.

(4). HURDLES.

1, L. P. Mosdell (O.A.); 2, P. B. Pfordten.
Time, 18 secs.
M. Thomas; G. E. Sinclair (O.A.).

(5). HALF-MILE.

1, S. A. Fabes (O.A.); 2, C. E. Ellis (O.A.).
Time, 2mins. 21secs.
J. Ranger; G. J. Goodey.

(6). MILE.

1, R. C. Clarke; 2, S. A. Paige (O.A.).
Time, 5mins. 22 1-5th secs.
S. A. Fabes (O.A.); H. B. Healy (O.A.); R. V. Cox; J. E. Emmett.

(7). QUARTER-MILE.

1, L. P. Mosdell (O.A.); 2, P. B. Pfordten.
Time, 57secs.
G. A. R. Boyd (O.A.); M. Thomas.
Thomas fell 5 yards from the finish, overbalancing Boyd and neither finished.

(8). PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

1, G. F. Powell (O.A.); 2, F. H. G. Taylor (O.A.).
Distance, 42ft.
J. E. Emmett; J. C. Kortright.

RELAY RACE.

O.A.C.

L. P. Mosdell
G. F. Powell,
G. A. R. Boyd,
H. B. Healy,
C. Ellis,
S. A. Paige.

A.S.A.C.

P. B. Pfordten
M. N. Laybourne,
R. C. Clarke,
J. Ranger,
M. Thomas,
J. E. Emmett.

The Old Boys won by 20 yards in 2mins. 3 4-5th secs.

O.T.C.

The result of the March Certificate 'A' Written Examination has just become known, and we congratulate Cpls. R. V. Cox, W. G. Jacob, A. J. Turnham and L./Cpls. P. A. D. Jones and C. F. Powell on gaining their certificates. This term we have the immediate prospect of the Annual Inspection, while the musketry course on the miniature range has also to be carried out. Exercises with rifle and bayonet are being brought to a stage of perfection and it is hoped that we shall impress the Inspecting Officer,—Colonel J. P. Tredennick, D.S.O.—as favourably as last year. L./Cpl. P. V. Collings is now in charge of the Armoury, and we owe him our thanks for his care of the arms and equipment. Owing to our breaking up early last term we were unable to join Stowe and Magdalen College School in a Field Day, but hope to be more fortunate this term. The following promotions were made at the beginning of term:—To be Sergt.: Cpl. J. E. Emmett. To be Cpls.: L./Cpls. W. G. Jacob, A. J. Turnham. To be L./Cpls.: Cdts. R. C. Clarke, P. V. Collings, T. S. Coulson and P. B. Pfordten.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

There were five entries for the competition "Interiors," three by J. E. Emmett and two by N. H. Crossland, all in the professional class. "The Lobby" by N. H. Crossland was adjudged the winner.

There has been a number of promising photographs entered for the holiday competition.

This term two new members, R. G. Sandercock and W. G. Jacob, have joined the Society.

At an early meeting this term "Arches" was chosen as the subject for the next competition which will close on June 7th.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTHS.

SHALLARD.—On January 25, to Dorothy, wife of Sidney W. D. Shallard, of Patumahoe, Auckland, New Zealand, a daughter.

BUSH.—On April 15, to Winifred (née Rogers), wife of H. Bush, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SAXBY—BARNETT.—On February 4, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Ronald, younger son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Ernest Saxby, of Abingdon, to Joan Marion, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett, of Windyridge, Braiswick, Colchester.

COXETER—REASON.—On March 15, at the Primitive Methodist Church, Faringdon, Wilfred Bathurst, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coxeter, of Abingdon, to Winifred Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Reason, of Faringdon.

THATCHER—HEMMINGS.—On March 25, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Walter Norman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thatcher, of Stert Street, Abingdon, to Frances Edith, only daughter of Mr. G. and the late Mrs. Hemmings, of 143 Ock Street, Abingdon.

DEATHS.

ALDWINCKLE.—On March 4, Percy Aldwinckle, aged 48.

NICHOLAS.—Recently, the Rev. George Davenport Nicholas, aged 95.

It is close on eighty years since the Rev. G. D. Nicholas was a boy here under Dr. Strange. He won the School scholarship to Pembroke in 1854, the year in which the College petitioned Parliament to throw the Abingdon scholarships open. Ordained in 1860 he was for two years curate of Holy Trinity Church, Windsor. For another two years he was Vice-Principal of the Theological College at St. John's, Newfoundland, but returning to England in 1865 he became curate and subsequently vicar of Clewer St. Stephen, which office he held for upwards of forty years. Since his retirement he had lived at Maidenhead. He never completely lost touch with the School, being a life-member of the O.A. Club, and helping now and again with subscriptions for School purposes. In 1903 he contributed to *The Abingdonian* (No. 12, Vol. III) an interesting letter of reminiscences of the School.

Percy Aldwinckle came here in September 1892 and left in July 1898. He was until recently tenant of the Manor Farm at Shippon, and for some years represented the Rural District of Abingdon on the Berkshire County Council.

At a special meeting of the Abingdon Borough Council on April 29, at which many of his fellow townsfolk were present as invited guests, the Freedom of the Borough was conferred upon our eminent Governor and Old Boy, Alderman A. E. Preston. The same honour, it may be remembered, was conferred ten years ago upon the late Alderman J. T. Morland, likewise a Governor of the School, and it is indeed the highest form of complimentary honour that cities and boroughs are empowered to bestow in recognition of distinguished public service. Since the passing, in 1885, of the Act of Parliament which legalised this form of recognition, Aldermen Morland and Preston are the only two who have been so honoured in Abingdon.

Mr. J. Y. Ingham and G. S. Sturrock (O.A.) have recently taken their M.A. degrees at their respective Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

A. C. Croasdel has been admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court.

W. R. A. Kettle has passed 37th out of Sandhurst, and has received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Devonshire Regiment.

J. C. R. Gardner, who has a commission in the King's Regiment, has recently sailed for India, where he will be stationed at Jubbulpur.

L. D. Hutchison has obtained a post with the Palestine Police Force.

E. N. Oram has passed the Preliminary Examination of the Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

N. S. Field is a clerk in the office of Mr. E. Gordon Hudson, House and Estate Agent, Cornmarket, Oxford.

We congratulate E. G. Langford on his success in the inter-Varsity Golf Match, both in the foursomes, in which he was partnered by E. L. Dunnett, of Queen's, and in the singles on the following day. Mr. Bernard Darwin, writing of the match in *The Times*, described Langford as "trustworthiness personified . . . he played remarkably accurate golf."

F. H. G. Taylor has been rowing "3" in the first Pembroke boat in the Oxford Summer Eights. Though the boat was unsuccessful and dropped several places, we have heard nothing but praise of Taylor's personal proficiency. M. Ogle was

rowing "7" and G. E. Sinclair stroke in the Pembroke third boat, which, not without some ups and downs, maintained its position as sandwich-boat between the fourth and fifth divisions.

Congratulations to 2nd Lt. A. J. A. Watson, 2nd Queen's Royal Regt., on becoming Army Champion for Putting the Weight, with a put of 41ft. 8ins.—3ft. 4½ins. ahead of the runner-up.

We would again remind O.A.s that the next London O.A.C. Dinner has been fixed for November 4 at the City Livery Club's premises, Chapter

House, St. Paul's Churchyard. It is hoped that all who can will make a point of being present. The London Secretary is W. H. Stevens, Wood Ride Cottage, Pett's Wood, Kent.

The Club Dinner in Abingdon will be held as usual at the Lion Hotel at 7.30 on June 18, the evening of the O.A. Cricket Match. The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at the School at 6 o'clock, immediately after the Match. The Golf Competition (Challenge Cup and Prize presented by J. B. Reeves, O.A.) will take place at Frilford Heath on June 19.

CRICKET FIXTURES.

1ST XI.

Date.		Opponents.	Ground.
Wed. May	18.	Lincoln College, Oxon.	Away.
Sat. „	21.	St. Catherine's, Oxon.	Home.
Wed. „	25.	Pembroke College, Oxon.	Away.
Sat. „	28.	St. Edmund Hall, Oxon.	Home.
Wed. June	1.	City of Oxford School.	Home.
Sat. „	4.	Leighton Park School	Home.
Wed. „	8.		
Sat. „	11.	Magdalen Coll. School.	Home.
Wed. „	15.		
Sat. „	18.	Old Abingdonians.	Home.
Wed. „	22.		
Sat. „	25.	Oxford Exiles	Home.
Wed. „	29.	Wantage School	Home.
Sat. July	2.	Harwell.	Home.
Wed. „	6.	Magdalen C.S. Brackley.	Away.

2ND XI.

Wed. May	11.	Dorchester College.	Home.
Wed. June	1.	City of Oxford School.	Away.
Sat. „	4.	Leighton Park School.	Away.
Sat. „	11.	Magdalen College School.	Away.
Wed. „	22.	Radley College 3rd XI.	Home.
Wed. „	29.	Bloxham School.	Away.

"UNDER 15" XI.

Sat. May	28.	Magdalen C.S. Brackley.	Away.
Wed. June	8.	City of Oxford School.	Home.
Wed. „	15.	Wantage School.	Home.
Sat. „	25.	St. Edward's School.	Away.
Sat. July	2.	City of Oxford School.	Away.