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SCHOOL NOTES.

We offer our most appreciative thanks to E. A. Mortleman, Esq. (O.A.), for his gift of a splendid pair of bowling screens. They are a most valuable addition to our Sports equipment and should encourage our cricketers to attain further heights of success. Appropriately enough they were used for the first time in the O.A. Match.

R. C. Clarke is Captain of the School and Head of the House this term. G. J. Goodey, J. C. H. Kortright and P. A. D. Jones are School Prefects, and H. Bosley, D. G. Brown, A. L. Fleet, J. Grover, M. N. Laybourne, C. F. Powell, R. G. Sandercock, M. Thomas and A. J. Turnham (Waste Court) are sub-prefects.

R. C. Clarke is Captain of Rugger and D. G. Brown, Hon. Sec.

T. J. H. Charley is School Librarian and P. H. Gould Assistant Librarian.

We are glad to welcome Miss E. Balfour-Browne on the Staff this term. Last term she was prevented by ill-health from undertaking the teaching

of Art in the School. During her absence Miss M. M. Fraser carried out this work very successfully for us.

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

Higher School Certificate, Group I (Classics) :—D. G. Lovibond. Group II :—P. A. D. Jones passed in Maths.

School Certificate :—Honours :—H. Bosley, R. E. Bradfield, G. J. Goodey (with Distinctions in Latin and Greek), H. J. Holborow, E. A. N. Robinson.

Passed :—R. A. Bosley, T. J. H. Charley, P. V. Collings, R. V. Cox, H. H. Eeles, A. N. Elley, J. Grover, J. C. W. Jacob, W. G. E. Jacob, J. Lay, M. N. Laybourne, K. Mills, R. P. F. Mills, E. F. Parks, C. F. Powell, A. J. Turnham.

First XI. Colours were awarded last term to P. B. Pfordten and M. N. Laybourne on June 18th and to J. Grover, G. E. Warrick, R. N. Green and A. J. Turnham on July 9th. Second XI. Caps were awarded to J. E. Emmett, W. G. E. Jacob and H. J. Holborow.

The bat for the best batting average in the First XI. (given by the Masters' Common Room) was won by J. Grover, and for the best bowling average (given by the Headmaster) by P. B. Pfordten. W. G. E. Jacob won the bat for the best fielder in the First XI.

The two 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 H. J. Holborow and D. E. Mills. The bats provided under the will of the late Dr. B. W. Henderson, by G. E. H. Warrick as the best all-rounder under 16, and J. A. Fletcher as the best all-rounder under 15.

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

In the Inter-House Shooting Match the Reeves Challenge Cup was won by Blue House.

The 'Lin' Cup has been presented by his family in memory of Lindsay Sinclair, to be the Challenge Cup for the Senior House Rugby Teams. We warmly welcome this memorial of one who, in addition to his unique qualities, already shewed signs of becoming a great player.

To W. D. C. Erskine-Crum, Esq., of Fyfield Manor, Abingdon, and Christ Church, Oxford, we offer our best thanks for the gift of three cases of birds presented to the School this term. The gift is in memory of his father, Sir W. Erskine-Crum, who shot and set up the birds himself as a boy in 1888.

In future the Confirmation of boys in the School will take place in the Christmas term, instead of in March as hitherto. Bishop Shaw is coming to hold a Confirmation on Sunday, December 11th, at 3 p.m.

On Friday, October 28th, a lecture illustrated by lantern slides, was given by Commander H. M. Denny, D.S.O., under the auspices of the Navy League.

This term ends on Tuesday, December 20th, boarders leaving on December 21st. The Easter term begins on Tuesday, January 17th, boarders returning on Monday, January 16th.

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

VALETE.

VI. FORM. D. G. Lovibond (1924 iii.). School Prefect, 1931; Captain of School and Head of House, 1932; O.S.C. Exam., 1st Class Honours, 1929; Distinctions in Latin and Greek, 1929 and 1930; H. S. C. Exam., 1931 and 1932; Pembroke Scholarship (Classics), 1932; 1st XV. Rugger, 1931; 2nd XV. Colours, 1931; Hon. Sec. Games 1931–32; Hon. Sec. L.S.D.S., 1931.

J. E. Emmett (1925 ii.). School Prefect, 1931; O.S.C. Exam., 1931; 1st XV. Rugger, 1930–31; 1st XV. Colours, 1931; 1st XI. Cricket, 1932; 2nd XI. Colours, 1932; 1st Athletic Colours, 1932; 1st IV. Rowing, 1932; Colours and Captain of Boats, 1932; Sergeant, O.T.C., 1932; 1st Class Shot.

K. W. Barr (1926 iii.). School Prefect, 1931; O.S.C. Exam., 1930 and 1931; 1st XV. Rugger, 1931; 2nd XV. Colours, 1931; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1932; C.S.M., O.T.C., 1931; Certificate A, 1931; 1st Class Shot; Hon. Treas. L.S.D.S., 1931; Hon. Sec. A.S.P.S., 1931.

J. M. Allison (1926 iii.). School Prefect, 1931; O.S.C. Exam., 1931; 1st XV. Rugger, 1930–31; 1st XV. Colours, 1931; 2nd XI. Soccer, 1928; 1st XI. Cricket, 1930–32. 1st XI. Colours and Captain, 1932; 1st Athletic Colours, 1932; Sergeant, O.T.C., 1932; Certificate A, 1931; 1st Class Shot.

T. S. Coulson (1930 iii.). School Prefect, 1932; O.S.C. Exam., 2nd Class Honours, 1931; Natural Science Prelims., 1932; Lee.-Cpl., O.T.C., 1932; School Librarian.

P. B. Pfordten (1929 ii.). School Prefect, 1932; O.S.C. Exam., 1931; 1st XV. Rugger, 1930–31; 2nd XV. Colours, 1931; 1st XI. Cricket, 1930–32; 1st XI. Colours, 1932; 1st Athletic Colours, 1932; Lee.-Cpl., O.T.C., 1932; 1st Class Shot.

J. E. Barber (1926 iii.). O.S.C. Exam. 1931; 2nd XV. Rugger, 1931; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1931.

W. G. E. Jacob (1924 ii.). Sub-prefect, 1932; O.S.C. Exam., 1932; 1st XV. Rugger, 1931; 2nd XV. Colours, 1931; 1st XI. Cricket, 1932; 2nd XI. Colours, 1932; 2nd IV. Rowing, 1932; Lee.-Cpl., O.T.C., 1932; Certificate A, 1932; 1st Class Shot.

Va. FORM. J. C. W. Jacob (1926 iii.). O.S.C. Exam., 1932; 1st XV. Rugger, 1931; 2nd XV. Colours, 1931; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1932; 2nd XI. Colours, 1932; 1st IV. Rowing, 1932; Colours, 1932.

E. A. N. Robinson (1929 iii.). O.S.C. Exam, Honours, 1932.

P. V. Collings (1929 i.). O.S.C. Exam., 1932; Lee.-Cpl., O.T.C., 1932; 1st Class Shot; 2nd XV. Rugger, 1931.

R. V. Cox (1927 iii.). O.S.C. Exam., 1932; 1st XV. Rugger, 1931; 2nd XV. Colours, 1931; $\frac{1}{2}$ Athletic Colours, 1932; Cpl., O.T.C., 1932; Certificate A, 1932; 1st Class Shot.

K. Mills (1929 iii.). O.S.C. Exam., 1932; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1931-32.

V. G. E. Rant (1924 iii.).

Vb. FORM. R. M. Drew (1927 iii.).

REMOVE FORM. N. H. Crossland (1929 iii.).

J. F. H. Ellis (1930 i.). 1st Class Shot.

R. L. Lambourn (1932 i.).

III. FORM. C. E. Williams (1931 i.).

J. H. Burgess (1930 iii.).

N. L. Geary (1931 iii.).

SALVETE.

Vb. FORM.—M. H. Holme, H. L. Jacob, P. J. Woolf.

REMOVE FORM.—A. L. V. Barnes, D. R. H. Brown, E. A. Joseph, G. F. Rice.

III. FORM.—P. E. M. Holland, P. H. Wooster, R. D. Hawkes, A. Beaton, F. N. T. Campion.

II. FORM.—J. N. F. Andrews, J. S. Richings, D. Pimm, C. G. Carter, M. Sprules, G. J. James, J. A. Pressland, V. G. Polley, W. J. Leahy, G. H. Lewington, L. L. Bernthal.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

We were, this year, favoured with an unusually fine Founder's Day; a marked change from that of last year, when, as most of us can remember the weather was exceedingly unkind to us.

A large congregation was assembled at the service in St. Helen's Church which was conducted by the School Chaplain, the Rev. G. R. Palmer. Miss Peach was at the organ, and the Anthem "O Praise the Lord," was sung by the Choir.

The preacher was the Reverend A. B. Burrowes, Dean and Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford, and taking as his text, "Peace I leave with you; My Peace I give unto you, but not as the world giveth it," he said that just as most people made their wills before they died, he thought we might say

that Our Lord's legacy to us was "Peace"; but what did "peace" mean? It meant what Our Lord told us it meant, and it included both life, love and sacrifice. But what did happiness mean? It was, he said, a dish made up of many ingredients, but what we could not tell each other was the proportion in which we could mix them. We were, he said, asked by God not to misinterpret the meaning of happiness and to concentrate on merely bodily comforts. For did Jesus enjoy that? No, He did not, but there is yet no doubt that He was happy. His happiness was, however, happiness of the soul and that was what was so unique in his legacy; and it was on this happiness that God wished us to concentrate and to guide our lives by it.

Following the service the prizes were presented in the Corn Exchange by the Honourable Mrs. Ralph Glyn, and also on the platform were, the Headmaster, the Rev. H. E. Salter, Messrs. A. W. Morland, W. Brewer, R. W. Langford, W. T. Morland and W. A. Rudd.

After reviewing in detail the School's achievements in the various examinations and those of Old Abingdonians, the Headmaster turned to the activities of the School in the past year, among which one of the most notable was the installation of the organ in the Chapel, an instrument which had proved most satisfactory and which suited the requirements of the School Chapel ideally, and he said that he wished to thank all those who had contributed to the fund. In the sphere of athletics and sports generally, things had been somewhat marred by the unusually severe epidemic of influenza; this both had affected our Rowing and had led to the postponement of the Sports till the Summer Term; however this latter arrangement had proved quite satisfactory and the prospect of holding them, henceforward, in the Summer Term was being considered. The Headmaster then said that he wished to thank Mr. E. A. Mortleman for the presentation of the bowling screens, which were a great improvement on the old sheets. He concluded by thanking the Hon. Mrs. Glyn for consenting to present the prizes; her husband, a member of the Governing Body, had always taken a great interest in the School, and he was very grateful indeed for these kind services.

The Hon. Mrs. Glyn then presented the prizes as follows:—

VIa.—Classics, Meredith Latin and Greek Proses, D. G. Lovibond; Mathematics, P. A. D. Jones; Physics and Chemistry, K. W. Barr.

Vib.—Classics, G. J. Goodey ; Mathematics, C. F. Powell ; Physics and Chemistry, T. S. Coulson.

VI.—Divinity and French, D. G. Lovibond ; Modern History and English, P. B. Pfordten ; Senior Art Prize, J. E. Emmett.

Va.—English, M. Thomas ; Latin, R. E. Bradfield ; English History, E. A. N. Robinson ; Divinity, W. G. E. Jacob ; French, K. Mills ; Mathematics, R. V. Cox ; Science and Greek, H. H. Eeles ; Pianoforte, M. N. Laybourne.

Vb.—French and English, W. J. Head ; Divinity and Latin, D. C. Woolf ; History, J. Ranger ; Mathematics, D. E. Mills ; Science, W. J. Head ; Greek, E. S. Willey ; Singing, P. R. Wood.

REMOVE.—History and English, R. F. Cox ; Latin, E. C. Cann ; Divinity, R. Emmett ; French and Greek, R. L. Lambourn ; Mathematics, J. A. Fletcher ; Science, J. S. Randle ; Special Prize, H. A. Lunghi.

III.—History and English, W. G. Smith ; Latin, D. Jones ; French, R. J. Longford ; Divinity, W. G. Smith ; Mathematics, G. V. Bayley ; Science, G. Barnett.

II.—English, R. F. Simmonds ; Divinity, R. Hedger ; History, K. E. Fisher ; French, E. O. Jones ; Mathematics and Nature Study, R. Goodey.

Having presented the prizes, the Hon. Mrs. Glyn said that she felt highly honoured in being the first woman to present the prizes during the nineteen years that the Headmaster had been at the School. She said that she believed that the School dated back to pre-Norman days, but she preferred, and thought that most of us would agree with her, the present time to the "good old days" when the motto had been "spare the rod and spoil the child." She said that she considered the achievements of the School during the year to be very good indeed, and she hoped that those who had not received prizes would do so next year. There were many opportunities, she said, for boys nowadays, if only they were willing to take them, and those who received such an education as the School provided should experience little difficulty when they went out into the world. She was pleased, she said, to learn that there was an Old Abingdonian Club in existence, since it afforded a connection between those who were at present at School and those who had left and that, consequently, no boy need feel alone in the world.

Cheers for the Honourable Mrs. Glyn, the Headmaster and Miss Grundy concluded the ceremony.

The usual "At Home" was then held at the School by Mr. and Miss Grundy ; and on this occasion it was possible to lay out the tea tables on the Upper Field without any anxiety as to the weather. During tea music was provided by the City of Oxford Band, and a display of Physical Drill was given by a most efficient squad under Sergt. Instructor Eyre.

During the afternoon the visitors were able to inspect the School buildings, and were particularly interested in the new organ, on which selections were played by Miss Peach. Demonstrations were also given in the Woodwork Shop and an exhibition of photographs was on view in the Science Laboratories.

Donors of Prizes, to whom our best thanks are due, were as follows:—Dr. H. S. Challenor, Miss I. Sheldon Peach, Messrs. S. R. Benson, N. Duncan (President of the O.A. Club), W. M. Grundy, J. Knowles, W. T. Morland, J. H. Morrell, A. E. Preston, H. P. Simpson, T. Skurray, T. S. Wilding.

REGATTA.

The Regatta was held on Thursday, June 16th, in Wilsham Reach. This year we were fortunate enough to have a brilliantly fine day which helped considerably to make the afternoon thoroughly enjoyable for everyone. It is worth noting that this was the first day bathing had been possible owing to the strong stream.

There were several close races and an average catch of crabs provided the unexpected element. Red House are to be congratulated on beating a strong Green House crew in the Senior House Fours, while Green House won the Junior Fours deservedly.

In conclusion we must thank Miss Grundy and all who helped in the difficult task of providing tea for us on the river bank.

The results were as follows:—

Junior Pairs : H. B. King, D. G. Brown, R. C. Gould (cox).

Senior Pairs : K. W. Barr, R. E. G. Morewood, P. B. Pfordten (cox).

Senior Dongola : R. C. Clarke, K. W. Barr, J. McPherson, R. V. Cox, J. Ranger.

Junior Dongola : R. G. James, D. C. Woolf, W. G. Davis, A. C. Emms, R. Emmett, J. Viney.

Senior House Fours : Red House 1 : R. C. Clarke, bow, D. G. Brown, K. W. Barr, J. C. Kortright, str., R. Emmett, cox. Green House 2.

Junior House Fours : Green House 1 : J. M. Allison, bow, A. C. Emms, R. F. Andrews, K. G. Corbett, str., H. T. Jones, cox. Red House 2.

CRICKET 1932.

Considering that we started the term without a single old Colour, the Cricket Season of 1932 can be regarded as more than satisfactory ; of eleven matches, four were won, four drawn and three lost. This is especially creditable, seeing that a big reaction might possibly have occurred after the victorious performances of the teams of the two previous years, which between them lost only two matches out of twenty-one played.

First of all the fielding might be mentioned, for whatever the strength or weakness of a team, there is no reason why, with practice, its fielding should not be good ; and it is pleasant to mention that, as a reward for frequent practices, the high standard of fielding set by the teams of the two previous years was fully maintained ; in all the matches it was a pleasure to watch the clean ground-fielding and the smart and alert throwing in ; one cannot remember a single reasonable catch being missed in the field by any of those who played regularly. W. G. F. Jacob was especially sure and reliable.

It was not surprising that an almost entirely new team should make a somewhat uncertain start, and in the early matches we were on the whole fortunate to obtain a draw against St. Edmund Hall and the City of Oxford School ; on the other hand, the first match of all, against Lincoln College, certainly need not have been lost ; there was an unfortunate run-out, while also, if only one or two of the later batsmen had shown more patience, we could have played out time. Laybourne made a happy start as a first wicket batsman, and Turnham, with four wickets for 25 runs, showed form which was encouraging, as we were particularly wanting bowlers to support Pfordten.

The Pembroke match, which followed, might well have been won, but for a stand for the ninth wicket by our opponents, who, after losing 8 wickets for 73, finally made 112, to which we replied with 97 for 7 wickets. Pfordten and Laybourne gave us a good start and another partnership for the 6th wicket between Laybourne and Grover brought us almost within sight of victory. This was Laybourne's match, as besides the satisfaction of getting his fifty, he took 3 wickets for 17.

As already mentioned, we were perhaps fortunate to draw our next two matches, but they gave us good practice, and the team showed, as a result of them, that it was getting into its stride. This was demonstrated in no uncertain manner in the following match, *v.* Leighton Park School, and this

victory was perhaps the outstanding performance of the season. Leighton Park batted first and were all out for 55 ; Turnham bowled extremely well and in 17 overs took 5 wickets for 22. We made a bad start, losing Pfordten for only one run, but after that a magnificent partnership between Laybourne and Allison put on 109 runs, and settled the issue ; both batted splendidly and each deservedly reached his fifty. We wish we could have seen one or two more of these partnerships during the season. The team was now really in its stride, although it suffered a temporary setback at the hands of Magdalen College School, Oxford. J. Emmett played a courageous innings for 37 and we made the fairly satisfactory score of 131 ; it was, however, Magdalen's day, and nothing that we could do would dislodge them. Pfordten bowled very well and never lost heart, but by confident batting they were able to pass our score for the loss of only two wickets.

The Old Boys match, as in the two previous years, produced an excellent game, full of interest all through. The Old Boys, batting first, scored 192, W. W. Brown and G. E. Sinclair giving them a magnificent start with 108 for the first wicket ; Pfordten is greatly to be praised for his bowling, for he kept it up without flagging during this formidable stand, sending down some excellent balls, but meeting with no luck. However, he reaped his reward, for after lunch the Old Boys were all out for 192 ; Pfordten took 5 wickets for 69 and was ably backed up by Green, who showed welcome form with 5 wickets for 24. Pfordten then went on to put on with Grover 56 runs for the second wicket, both batting so confidently that there seemed no reason why they should not remain together for the rest of the afternoon. Andrews at last showed something of his proper form, which next year he must try and produce in every match, and Warrick batted sturdily ; he and Green put on 28 runs for the last wicket, and our innings closed for 143. It was hard luck that Laybourne was not properly fit ; a good innings from him would have made it a very close and exciting finish.

An excellent run of three victories now followed, in which Pfordten's bowling had a large share ; his figures (7 wickets for 17) against Magdalen College School, Brackley, speak for themselves ; he and Turnham (3 for 26) bowled unchanged and Magdalen were out for 53. Our batting, however, was not too certain, and we had five wickets down for 27, but finally made 93. Chief credit is due to Warrick, who really saved the game with 31 not

out; Allison helped with 17 and Grover might have made a good score if he had not been run out. In the next match, against the Oxford Exiles, it was Green's turn (4 wickets for 29) to bowl unchanged with Pfordten, who was again like a ravening tiger, hungry for victims; this time it was 6 wickets for 35, and the Exiles were out for 64. We batted confidently from the start, and passed their total for the loss of five wickets; Allison and Laybourne laid the foundation of victory.

The "hat-trick" of victories was gained in the match against Wantage School; this time our voracious tiger insisted on having one more victim, and took seven wickets for 45, his figures for the last three matches being, in all, twenty wickets for 97 runs. Wantage were out for 90, and our reply was good; after losing the first wicket for one run, Grover (42), Allison (26) and Pfordten (38) all batted well; Grover was very unlucky to be hurt during his innings, and this probably prevented him from getting a well-deserved fifty. Our score was 140 for 5 and we won by 5 wickets.

This trio of victories and a match against the Staff ended the season on a very pleasant note, and the team as a whole are to be congratulated on the general results, for they had settled down into a well-balanced side, and several members made notable progress as the season went on.

Allison, with his responsibilities as Captain, very rightly restrained his natural tendency to hit at everything, as he had done the previous year, and consequently developed into quite a reliable batsman; he played some good restrained innings and finished the season most consistently. His innings of 65 against Leighton Park School was naturally of especial merit, for he played himself in carefully and then treated us to a fine display of hitting; his partnership of 109 with Laybourne can be singled out as the best batting performance of the season, and his was a typical Captain's innings. He also improved his own fielding very considerably. It will not have required a very careful reader to gather that Pfordten was an indispensable member of the team; he rendered us yeoman service and thoroughly deserved his successes with the ball, which were due to the fact that, while maintaining his speed, he yet did not try to bowl too fast and kept a greater command over length than in the previous year. He never bowled better than against the Old Boys (although these were not his most striking figures), and his whole record of 37 wickets at an average cost of 13.51 was excellent. His batting also improved considerably, and he played several useful innings, especially against the Old Boys and

Wantage School. Laybourne fulfilled all his promise and was a most reliable opening batsman; until the Old Boys match he never failed to reach double figures, and was unlucky on that occasion to be unfit. He played two particularly good innings, against Pembroke College and especially against Leighton Park School, and did well on various other occasions, notably against Lincoln College; he watches the ball carefully, makes up his mind quickly and has a very good off-drive, in which he gets well over the ball and keeps it down along the ground. He and Grover ought to do especially well next year, for Grover made great strides and was perhaps the most improved batsman of the year; his defence is good and he has a very attractive style. He was improving throughout the season, and played especially good innings against the Old Boys and Wantage School. Warrick also came on well in batting and scored steadily in the second half of the season; he deserves praise for the way he filled the difficult position of wicket-keeper. He had little experience and naturally made some mistakes, but he improved greatly, and had a fine record against the Old Boys, when he caught three and stumped two. Turnham and Green both gave very useful backing to Pfordten as bowlers, and both did some good things; their records were curiously similar, for up to the Staff match each had taken 15 wickets, with two outstanding performances. Turnham helped to win the Leighton Park match by taking 5 wickets for 22, and he had 4 for 25 against Lincoln College, while Green took 5 for 24 against the Old Boys and 4 for 29 against the Oxford Exiles; each also bowled unchanged with Pfordten through an innings. Turnham was most effective on the wet wickets in the early part of the season; Green came on very well in the second half. He flighted the ball well, had a good control of length and was difficult to hit. Both of them should take many wickets next year. Of the others, there is no reason why Andrews, Brown and Holborow should not train on with careful practice to render good service next year to what should be a good side, aided as it will be by some promising talent lower down in the School.

The "Under 15" Team were all very keen and did very well; they should have had an unbeaten season, but unfortunately lost to Wantage School. All credit is due to Wantage for their fine recovery, but after losing nine wickets for 36 they should never have been allowed to make 95; Fletcher, who took 7 wickets for 17 altogether, was taken off and kept off far too long; our own score was ten runs too little. This game, however, was a

lapse, and good evidence of how the "Under 15" Team improved can be gained from the two matches v. City of Oxford School, both of which were won. In the first match on June 8th, the City of Oxford were out for 53, Fletcher taking 4 wickets for 9 runs; we replied with 76, of which D. E. Mills made 23. In the second match on July 2nd the City of Oxford with a slightly stronger team made 62, Fletcher taking 4 wickets for 17 and Cooper 3 wickets for 4; we made 84 for 3 wickets, winning by 8 wickets. D. E. Mills and Cox gave us an excellent start and Luker batted sturdily for 27. D. E. Mills and Fletcher are both good and keen all-round cricketers, who give great hope for the future; Cox turned himself into a praiseworthy wicket-keeper and was a steady and reliable opening batsman, while Luker can hit lustily; if he can cultivate a better style and strengthen his defence, he should be very effective. Others did useful service and the great thing was that all were keen. It is always pleasant to be able to write of a successful "Under 15" season, for that is naturally a happy augury for the future.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Lincoln College, away, May 18th. Lincoln won by 88 runs. (Last year: Drawn.)

LINCOLN COLLEGE.

H. J. Aish, b Turnham.....	44
C. Cooper, c Simpson, b Pfordten.....	15
F. X. Houghton, b Turnham.....	43
A. H. Jackson, lbw., b Turnham.....	2
J. S. Keith, not out.....	24
G. Goodban, b Pfordten.....	3
J. W. Cardwell, c and b Turnham.....	0
A. H. Tomlin, not out.....	3
J. Whatley and W. Rothschild did not bat	—
Total for 7 wickets.....	156

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Laybourne, run out.....	22
Pfordten, b Aish.....	4
Andrews, b Aish.....	0
Allison (J. M.), b Jackson.....	17
Simpson, b Jackson.....	6
Jacob (W. G.), not out.....	2
Grover, b Aish.....	2
Warrick, b Aish.....	1
Turnham, c Jackson.....	3
Brown, b Aish.....	0
Green, b Aish.....	0

Total..... 68

Turnham, 4 for 25; Pfordten, 3 for 32. Aish 6 for 21.

v. Pembroke College, away, May 25th. Match drawn. (Last year: abandoned.)

PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

W. M. Duncan, c Warrick, b Pfordten....	0
A. J. Marvel, b Pfordten.....	4
F. A. Harvey, b Turnham.....	18
E. A. Sutcliffe Smith, b Grover.....	25
K. A. Bull, lbw., b Laybourne.....	16
P. J. Morice, c and b Laybourne.....	1
F. H. Kennedy, b Laybourne.....	0
J. E. Esdaile, c Brown, b Allison.....	8
L. R. Griffith Jones, b Turnham.....	28
J. N. Daniels, c Andrews, b Green.....	8
A. A. Webb, not out.....	1
Extras.....	4
Total.....	112

Laybourne, 3 for 17.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Pfordten, b Morice.....	13
Laybourne, c Kennedy, b Esdaile.....	53
Jacob (W. G.), b Bull.....	0
Allison (J. M.), b Bull.....	9
Andrews, b Bull.....	0
Simpson, b Bull.....	1
Grover, not out.....	13
Turnham, b Webb.....	0
Warrick, not out.....	0
Brown and Green did not bat.....	—

Total for 7 wickets..... 97

Bull, 4 for 15.

v. St. Edmund Hall, home, May 28th. Match drawn. (Last year: won by 6 wickets.)

ST. EDMUND HALL.

J. G. Richard, c Warrick, b Laybourne...	48
A. G. Hopwell, c Turnham, b Pfordten...	0
J. G. Woodford, c Turnham, b Laybourne	5
R. B. Parkes, c Jacob, b Laybourne.....	8
A. W. Roberts, c Jacob, b Laybourne....	34
C. G. Worrall, b Pfordten.....	0
C. G. Lawrence, run out.....	1
W. Charleton, lbw., b Pfordten.....	0
F. M. Farter, b Allison.....	22
E. E. Hughes, not out.....	14
E. J. Burrough, not out.....	1
Extras.....	6

Total for 9 wickets..... 139

Laybourne, 4 for 32.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.				R. A. Atkinson, b Laybourne.....	6
Pfordten, c Burrough, b Worrall.....	1			J. D. Priestman, b Turnham.....	9
Laybourne, c Burrough, b Hughes.....	15			R. Towers, b Laybourne.....	14
Jacob (W. G.), c Burrough, b Worrall....	6			L. W. Headly, c Brown, b Allison.....	9
Allison (J. M.), c Roberts, b Richards	6			H. F. Worldridge, b Allison.....	2
Emmett, run out.....	7			L. H. Doncaster, not out.....	0
Grover, not out.....	8			Extras.....	3
Simpson, Brown, Warrick, Turnham and Green did not bat.....	—			Total.....	55
Total for 5 wickets.....	44			Turnham, 5 for 22.	
v. City of Oxford School, home, June 1st. Match drawn. (Last year : drawn.)				ABINGDON SCHOOL.	
CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.				Pfordten, c Vincent, b Atkinson.....	0
J. G. Halliday, not out.....	81			Laybourne, c Worldridge, b Biuyon.....	51
H. G. Webb, c Laybourne, b Turnham....	1			Allison (J. M.), b Vincent	65
D. M. Chaundy, st. Warrick, b Green....	23			Grover, not out.....	10
R. T. Owens, c Turnham, b Green.....	0			Jacob (W. G.), not out.....	12
J. E. Hills, b Pfordten.....	7			Emmett, Simpson, Brown, Green, Warrick and Turnham did not bat.....	—
J. R. Beament, c Warrick, b Pfordten....	0			Extras.....	11
A. J. Lowe, c Jacob, b Green.....	0			Total for 3 wickets.....	149
T. Waller, not out.....	3			Allison hit eight 4's and two 6's. Laybourne and Turnham contributed largely to the School's first victory.	
F. G. Collett, C. B. Burch, and E. W. Parbow did not bat.....	3			v. Magdalen College School, home, June 11th. Lost by 8 wickets. (Last year : lost by 70 runs.)	
Extras.....	3			ABINGDON SCHOOL.	
Total for 6 wickets (dec.).....	118			Laybourne, c Hay, b Pether.....	14
ABINGDON SCHOOL.				Pfordten, c and b Cotton.....	19
Pfordten, b Chaundy.....	4			Allison (J. M.), b Pether	9
Laybourne, lbw., b Burch.....	12			Grover, c Fayle, b Alden.....	12
Grover, st. Webb, b Owens.....	4			Jacob (W. G.), b Cotton.....	1
Allison (J. M.), c and b Waller	13			Emmett, b Pether.....	37
Jacob (W. G.), lbw., b Owens.....	0			Simpson, not out.....	5
Simpson, b Waller.....	4			Warrick run out.....	7
Brown, not out.....	2			Turnham, c Hall, b Pether.....	3
Emmett, c Hills, b Waller.....	2			Green, b Alden.....	1
Green, not out.....	2			Brown, lbw., b Pether.....	0
Warrick and Turnham did not bat.....	—			Extras.....	23
Extras.....	3			Total.....	131
Total for 7 wickets.....	46			Pether, 5 for 38.	
Waller, 3 for 5.				M.C.S.	
J. G. Halliday played a brilliant innings for the visitors.				G. T. Carter, not out.....	81
v. Leighton Park School, home, June 4th. Won by 8 wickets. (Last year : drawn.)				D. R. Fayle, run out.....	15
LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.				S. Pether, c Jacob, b Pfordten.....	19
S. A. Cadbury, b Pfordten.....	3			D. S. Haig, not out.....	34
D. Hoyland, c Pfordten, b Turnham.....	0			D. S. Burrell, J. E. Alden, A. O. Bridgeman, A. S. Haig, E. C. Hall, B. A. Cotton and B. L. Alden did not bat.....	—
J. S. Maw, b Turnham.....	9			Extras.....	5
W. R. Vincent, lbw., b Turnham.....	0			Total for 2 wickets.....	154
R. B. Binyon, lbw., b Turnham.....	0				

v. O.A.C.C., home, June 18th. Lost by 49 runs.
(Last year : won by 70 runs.)

O.A.C.C.

W. W. Brown, c Warrick, b Pfordten....	66
G. E. Sinclair, c Jacob, b Pfordten	72
S. A. Fabes, c Turnham, b Green.....	10
H. R. Lansdowne, c Emmett, b Green ..	9
S. D. Plummer, c Emmett, b Pfordten....	0
J. H. Bartlett, st. Warrick, b Green.....	4
E. P. Rice, st. Warrick, b Green.....	8
W. R. Kettle, c Warrick, b Pfordten....	9
L. P. Mosdell, c Warrick, b Pfordten....	0
H. A. L. Donkin, b Green.....	7
R. F. Brown, not out.....	2
Extras.....	5

Total..... 192

Pfordten, 5 for 69 ; Green, 5 for 24.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Grover, hit wicket, b Kettle.....	29
Laybourne, c. Fabes, b Sinclair.....	1
Pfordten, b Brown (W. W.).....	28
Allison (J. M.), c Bartlett, b Sinclair	5
Jacob (W. G.), lbw., b Bartlett.....	2
Emmett, b Sinclair.....	0
Andrews, c Lansdowne, b Rice	18
Turnham, b Sinclair.....	0
Simpson, c Brown (R. F.), b Rice.....	10
Warrick, not out.....	14
Green, b Brown (W. W.).....	5
Extras.....	31

Total..... 143

Sinclair, 4 for 21.

Pfordten and Laybourne were awarded 1st XI.
Colours after the match.

v. Magdalen, Brackley, away, June 22nd. Won
by 2 wickets. (Last year : Scratched.)

M.C.S., BRACKLEY.

Hosein, c Turnham, b Pfordten.....	1
Leaton, b Pfordten.....	1
Willoughby, c Grover, b Turnham.....	1
Bradley, c Andrews, b Turnham.....	4
Breese, b Pfordten.....	11
McKay, b Pfordten.....	4
Goodwin, b Pfordten.....	6
Gardiner, not out.....	13
Bush, b Pfordten.....	0
Peace, c Turnham, b Pfordten.....	1
Good, b Turnham.....	1
Extras.....	10

Total..... 53

Pfordten, 7 for 17.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

P. B. Pfordten, b McKay	0
M. N. Laybourne, b Willoughby.....	3
J. M. Allison, c Willoughby, b Goodwin..	17
Grover, run out.....	10
Jacob (W. G.), c Gardiner, b Willoughby..	1
Andrews, b Willoughby.....	0
Turnham, b Goodwin	6
Simpson, c Gardiner, b Leaton.....	1
Warrick not out.....	31
Green, b Willoughby.....	0
Brown, c Breese, b Willoughby.....	9
Extras.....	15

Total..... 93

Willoughby, 5 for 27.

v. Oxford Exiles, home, June 25th. Won by
5 wickets (Last year : no match.)

OXFORD EXILES.

K. Gingell, c and b Pfordten.....	0
W. Ruff, c Grover, b Green.....	0
G. Fowler, b Green.....	3
N. Hedges, c Allison, b Pfordten.....	30
C. Steff, c and b Pfordten.....	0
R. Rogers, c Brown, b Pfordten.....	9
T. Warrick, c and b Green.....	0
P. Blagrove, b Green.....	13
R. Hicknott, b Pfordten.....	2
S. Daniels, not out.....	7
C. Bush, c Grover, b Pfordten.....	0
Extras.....	0

Total..... 64

Pfordten, 6 for 35.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Grover, c Bush, b Fowler.....	1
M. N. Laybourne, b Fowler.....	20
J. M. Allison, b Hedges.....	25
P. B. Pfordten, b Fowler.....	1
Warrick, c Bush, b Gingell.....	12
Andrews, c Daniels, b Hedges.....	1
Jacob (W. G.), b Hedges.....	10
Brown, not out.....	2
Green, lbw., b Hedges.....	0
Turnham, not out.....	16
Simpson did not bat.....	
Extras.....	10

Total for 8 wickets..... 98

v. Wantage School, home June 29th. Won by 8 wickets. (Last year : won by 6 wickets.)

WANTAGE SCHOOL.

J. Walker, c Andrews, b Green.....	15
J. H. Rumsey, c Pfordten, b Green.....	0
A. G. Pallaster, c Turnham, b Pfordten...	31
D. W. Green, run out.....	0
K. Walker, b Pfordten.....	1
M. Disney, b Pfordten.....	23
R. Pike, st Warrick, b Pfordten.....	0
W. Kearvell, b Pfordten.....	0
P. Heading, not out.....	2
T. Rumsey, b Pfordten.....	10
J. R. Morrison, c and b Pfordten.....	0
Extras.....	8

Total..... 90
Pfordten, 7 for 45.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

M. N. Laybourne, c Kearvell, b Rumsey	0
Grover, b Heading.....	42
J. M. Allison, c Rumsey, b Disney.....	26
P. B. Pfordten, b Disney.....	38
Warrick, lbw., b Heading.....	10
Andrews, not out.....	8
Holborow, not out.....	5
Green, Jacob (W. G.), Turnham and Brown did not bat.....	
Extras.....	11

Total for 5 wickets..... 140

v. Common Room, home, June 6th. Drawn.

COMMON ROOM.

J. B. E. Alston, b Pfordten.....	6
W. M. Grundy, c Andrews, b Pfordten...	8
W. Bevir, b Green.....	1
W. A. Rudd, b Turnham.....	39
Rev. G. R. Palmer, b Green.....	17
R. C. Bateman, c Andrews, b Allison....	25
G. E. Sinclair, c Green, b Holborow.....	77
H. A. L. Donkin, b Pfordten.....	19
J. W. Piper, not out.....	9
Dr. H. Bradbrooke and H. M. Gray did not bat.....	
Extras.....	16

Total for 8 wickets (dec.).... 217

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

P. B. Pfordten, b Bradbrooke.....	33
M. N. Laybourne, c W. M. Grundy, b Rudd	24
J. M. Allison, lbw., b Bevir.....	16
Grover, not out.....	23

Warrick not out.....	9
Jacob (W. G.), Mills (D. E.), Green, Jacob (J. C.), Holborow and Turnham did not bat.....	
Extras.....	17

Total for 3 wickets..... 122

This match proved a most enjoyable and entertaining conclusion to the season.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

J. M. Allison (Captain). Colours 1932. He steadied down his batting very well and developed into quite a reliable batsman ; he was still rather apt to get himself out early in his innings through a reckless stroke, but improved greatly on last year in this respect. His fielding also was much better. He captained the team quite well in the field and can look back on a most satisfactory season on part of the whole side ; he might perhaps at times have changed the bowling rather more frequently.

P. B. Pfordten. Colours 1932. He led the School's attack this season most successfully, and kept a steadier length than last year ; he had a particularly good ball which pitched on the off and went away. His batting improved considerably, and he opened the innings during the first half of the season. Extremely good in the field.

M. N. Laybourne. Colours 1932. Scored the highest total of runs for the side, and batted well throughout the season. He rose to the occasion when called upon to bowl, and his fielding was very keen. Altogether an invaluable member of the team.

R. N. Green. Colours 1932. He bowled extremely well on several occasions, and came on most satisfactorily. A useful bat ; should be good in all directions next season.

J. Grover. Colours 1932. Opened the innings for the School in the latter part of the season, and always made runs. A much improved batsman. Bowled well sometimes, but did not take many wickets. Fielding quite good.

G. E. Warrick. Colours 1932. Wicket-keeper. He gained in experience during the season and filled a difficult position well ; was extremely good on his day. His batting was quite good, and he should make many runs next season.

A. J. Turnham. Colours 1932. He bowled well, especially during the first part of the season, but sometimes could not control his length. His slip-fielding was extremely good.

J. E. Emmett. 2nd IX. Cap. Quite a good forcing bat, but rather uncertain. Played a good innings against Magdalen College School, Oxford. His fielding was good, especially at square leg.

R. F. Andrews. 2nd XI. Cap. A promising bat, but did not do much this season until towards the end. Should make many runs next year if he can only settle down. A very good field.

W. V. Simpson. 2nd XI. Cap. Has developed a unique style, and if he could have played leg balls properly would probably have made some runs. Should develop into a good bowler with more practice. His fielding could be considerably improved.

W. G. E. Jacob. 2nd XI. Cap. Rather disappointing in batting as he seemed to have difficulty in playing the ball and getting it full in the middle of the bat. He was excellent in the field, and very sure in his catching.

D. G. Brown. 2nd XI. Cap. A keen cricketer, who should develop into a good bowler next year, and also be a useful batsman. He was very keen in the field.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Dorchester College. Wednesday, May 11th. Home. Drawn. Dorchester College, 88. Abingdon School, 75 for 8. (Last year : Scratched.)

Dorchester batted first and made 88, Simpson taking 6 for 29 and Turnham 2 for 12. The School then made 75 for 8, top scorers being Simpson 18 and Grover 13.

v. City of Oxford School. Wednesday, June 1st. Away. Lost by 39 runs. (Last year : won by 84 runs.)

The School started well by taking the first 5 wickets for 11 runs, but the Oxford team played up well and finally scored 92. Holborow took 6 wickets for 37 and Andrews 2 for 12. The School batting was weak, the highest score being 11 by Mills ii out of a total of 53.

v. Leighton Park School. Saturday, June 14th. Away. Drawn. L.P.S., 123 for 7. Abingdon School, 58 for 1. (Last year : drawn.)

Leighton batted first and made 123 for 7. Blackmore taking 3 for 24 and Holborow 2 for 49. The School then batted, making 58 for 1 wicket. Andrews making 29, Holborow 10; McPherson, being rather unlucky, was caught after making 8. Owing to our slowness in taking our opponents' wickets the game was drawn. Phillips of L.P.S. played an excellent innings of 53 not out.

v. Magdalen College School. Wednesday, June 11th. Away. Drawn. M.C.S., 128 for 7. Abingdon School, 40 for 6. (Last year : lost by 38 runs.)

Magdalen batted first making the good score of 128 for 7. Andrews took 3 wickets for 10 runs and Holborow 3 for 55. The School then batted but did not do so well as against Leighton Park School, our top scorers being Andrews 12 and Fletcher 14.

v. Radley College 3rd XI. Wednesday, June 22nd. Home. Lost. Radley, 227 for 5. Abingdon School, 54. (Last year : lost.)

Radley batted first and instantly made themselves at home, knocking up 100 in about 30 minutes. They continued to hit the School bowling hard, until the innings was declared closed at 227 for 5, Holborow taking 4 wickets for 64 runs. The School then batted but only made 54, the top scorers being McPherson 13 and Fletcher 12.

v. Bloxham School. Wednesday, June 29th. Away. Lost. Bloxham, 106. Abingdon School, 43. (Last year : lost.)

Bloxham batted first making 106. Simpson took 5 for 43 and Fletcher 4 for 21. The School fielding was good, four of our opponents being caught. The School then batted and made 43, the top scorers being Mills iii 13 and Fletcher 9.

The following played for the 2nd XI. :—Fleet (Captain), Andrews, Simpson, Fletcher, Mills ii., Mills iii., Jacob ii., Holborow, McPherson, Gould i., Corbett, Bosley iii., Blackmore and Sandercock.

" UNDER 15 " MATCHES.

v. City of Oxford School. Wednesday June 8th. Home. Won. C.O.S., 53. Abingdon School, 76. (Last year : won by 6 wickets.)

The School bowling and fielding were good. Fletcher, 4 wickets for 9 runs. Mills iii. scored 23 and Luker 12.

v. Wantage School. Wednesday, June 15th. Home. Lost. Wantage, 95. Abingdon School, 85. (Last year : drawn.)

The School were caught napping in this match. After taking 9 wickets for 36, they allowed Wantage to score 95 and so win the match. Mills iii. (19), Elley (14) and Cann (17) were our chief scorers. Fletcher took 7 for 18.

v. St. Edward's School. Saturday, June 25th. Away. Drawn. St. Edwards, 213 for 1 (declared). Abingdon, 51 for 4. Abandoned on account of rain.

After taking the only wicket for no runs, the School allowed their opponents to run up the score of 213 for 1 wicket. Mills iii. was top scorer with 17.

v. City of Oxford School. Saturday, July 2nd. Away. Won. C.O.S., 62. Abingdon School, 84 for 3.

Mills iii. (19), Cox (22, not out) and Luker (27) were the top scorers, while Fletcher took 4 for 17 and Cooper 3 for 2.

The following played for the "Under 15" XI. :— Mills iii. (Captain), Fletcher, Elley, Cooper, Cox, Luker, Graeme, Gould ii., King, Cann, Emms, Town and James.

LAWN TENNIS.

The long awaited match of the Staff against the School, over which we were three times baulked last year, was graciously allowed by the elements to take place this year on the last Saturday of the Summer Term.

An excellent match and most enjoyable afternoon resulted.

The programme was formidable if matches were to run a long course, as each side put four pairs in the field, each pair playing every pair on the opposing side; play started at 2 p.m. and the last ball was not hit over the net (or was it into it?) until 7.45 p.m.

The match ended in a victory for the Staff by $8\frac{1}{2}$ matches to $6\frac{1}{2}$; it will be seen from this that the struggle was close, and the Staff had indeed to look to their guns. Several of the matches went to three setts, and Messrs. W. A. Rudd and W. Bevir, who had two long three sett matches in succession, found that they had embarked on a positive Marathon; in their third match the first sett was lost, which meant another three-setter if they were to win. They won the second sett and then retired amidst the shades of evening, having battled with extreme gallantry throughout the day. The School's first pair, Laybourne and Blackmore, did very well to win three of their matches, while Pfordten and McPherson combined well and won two matches. The other two pairs also did well enough to feel very satisfied with their day's play, and Thomas and Turnham scored one well-deserved victory and gained a draw in another; Fleet and W. G. E. Jacob showed that they had a good idea of the lob, a delicate and most invaluable stroke for driving back volleyers who are firmly entrenched at the net. A volleyer will not come

in so close to the net, or with the same certainty if he feels there is the possibility of his being lobbed. The essential point in Tennis, as with most other games, is variety of attack, so as to keep the opponents guessing.

The results were :—

Laybourne and Blackmore beat J. Y. Ingham and H. M. Gray (6—4, 6—3); beat W. A. Rudd and W. Bevir (6—3, 4—6, 6—2); beat W. M. Grundy and E. J. P. Ross-Barker (6—2, 6—1); lost to J. B. E. Alston and R. C. Bateman (2—6, 1—6).

Pfordten and McPherson beat J. Y. Ingham and H. M. Gray (6—3, 6—4); lost to W. A. Rudd and W. Bevir (6—4, 5—7, 4—6); beat W. M. Grundy and E. J. P. Ross-Barker (6—3, 4—6, 6—4); lost to J. B. E. Alston and R. C. Bateman (2—6, 1—6).

Fleet and W. G. E. Jacob lost to W. M. Grundy and E. J. P. Ross-Barker (2—6, 5—6); lost to J. Y. Ingham and H. M. Gray (6—5, 5—6, 4—6); lost to J. B. E. Alston and R. C. Bateman (1—6, 1—6).

M. Thomas and Turnham lost to W. M. Grundy and E. J. P. Ross-Barker (0—6, 1—6); drew with W. A. Rudd and W. Bevir (6—3, 4—6); beat J. Y. Ingham and H. M. Gray (6—3, 4—6, 6—2); lost to J. B. E. Alston and R. C. Bateman (1—6, 0—6).

O.T.C.

The annual inspection was carried out on June 4th by Colonel J. P. Tredennick, D.S.O., who expressed himself well satisfied with the work of the corps as a whole, the march past being exceptionally good. This term we have been fully occupied with the training of recruits and the preparation of candidates for the Certificate "A" Practical Examination. This Examination took place on October 20th and we are very pleased to announce that out of our 13 candidates, 11 were successful. A Field Day had been arranged in co-operation with other contingents for October 27th, but unfortunately had to be postponed due to an infectious outbreak at Stowe. Sgts. Turnham and Powell are now in command of the 2 platoons, while Cpl. Simpson is in charge of the armoury. Promotions :—To be Sgts. : R. C. Clarke, P. A. D. Jones, Turnham, Powell; to be Cpls. : D. G. Brown, Fleet, Laybourne, Simpson; to be Lee-Cpls. : Adams, Blackmore, G. J. Goodey, Green, Kortright, Holborow, Morewood, McPherson.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

In the Easter Holiday competition there were eight entries, five by R. E. G. Morewood, one by P. R. Wood and two by R. F. W. Andrews. "The Forth Bridge" by Morewood was adjudged the winner.

On Founder's Day an exhibition of photographs was held in the Physics and Chemistry Laboratories. This proved a popular success, in all 123 photos being exhibited.

There were six entries in the Open Competition at the end of term. Four by R. G. Sandercock and two by N. H. Crossland. "The Dining Hall" by Sandercock was the winner.

At an early meeting this term A. J. Turnham was elected Hon. Secretary.

Two new members have joined the Society: M. N. Laybourne and A. L. V. D. Barnes.

"Pictures with Human Interest" was chosen as the subject for the next competition which closed on November 2nd.

The membership of the Society this term numbers twenty-five.

SIXTY YEARS AGO.

The following is an extract from a letter from R. J. Rhys, now County Coroner for Glamorganshire, who was at the School from 1872 to 1875 and went up to Trinity College, Oxford:—

"In my time the School was a very small concern, very few boarders and not more than half a dozen boys of sixteen and upwards. We could not run a proper Eleven and had to make up scratch sides for matches. I could bowl a bit and used to play for Long Wittenham, Marcham and Abingdon. Our ground was on Dandridge's Farm at Northcourt—he kept wicket and was quite good. We had a light four and a tub pair kept at Blake's Lock, and luckily for us there were two Curates under Pott (Vicar of St. Helens, 1868-74), Randolph, who rowed with Goldie when Cambridge turned the tide in the early 70's, and Swinny who was spare man for the Oxford boat about the same time. They coached me a bit and I got on pretty well when I went up to Trinity. I made a lot of friends in Abingdon and the neighbourhood and used to spend a good deal of time with them as there was practically no School life after business hours. We played football in the Park and had no ground for a cricket match so had to go to Northcourt."

THE RAG CONCERT.

The concert opened gaily with the assurance by Mr. Bateman, in the words of Pish Tush, that "All is right as right can be," and to this excellent sentiment actors and audience responded throughout the evening. "G. & S." were further represented by a duet and trio from "H.M.S. Pinafore" in which Mr. Bateman, transforming himself with airy ease from a Japanese lord to a naval officer, and then to the daughter of same, was ably supported by Mr. Alston and Mr. Ingham.

Another musical item which afforded much pleasure was "Robin Hood's Wedding," given by "The Lodgers," assisted by R. Emmett, who acted as musical *compère*. H. A. Lunghi mimed the part of Robin Hood with grace and aplomb, whilst the various guests acted and sang with engaging individuality.

Comedy was represented by the short play "Sir Herbert is Deeply Touched," in which D. G. Lovibond had to portray the part of a famous and conceited actor. It was virtually a one man sketch which required considerable skill to bring off satisfactorily, and all credit is due to the protagonist for his success in the rôle. Minor parts were played by P. A. D. Jones and T. S. Coulson with a just sense of proportion.

"The Emporium" which followed made no claims to be anything but unadulterated farce. Mr. Bulp (H. B. King), the proprietor of the Emporium, is ably assisted by 'Erbert (D. F. W. Newman), late of Gamages, but even two such personable salesmen are unable to make the business flourish, and a succession of potential customers—William Silver (P. H. Gould), James Joskins (R. G. James), Mme Elise (D. R. Thomas), Robert Takepiece (J. S. Randle) and Miss Simpkins (P. R. Wood)—provide nothing but further financial strain on the establishment. Ruin seems inevitable when 'Erbert's suggestion of holding a sale is adopted, and nobly saves the situation. A certain amount of new talent, which acquitted itself very creditably, figured in the cast of this sketch, and will undoubtedly be heard of again.

The evening closed with melodrama. The title of the play alone—"Too Many Crooks"—would suggest this, and also excuse any attempt here to summarise and unravel so intricately woven a plot, which depended for its success on good team work. But the team certainly worked well, and tackled the difficult situations with conspicuous success. It may be mentioned, too, that the newly acquired traverse curtain was invaluable in making

the presentation of this piece run smoothly, so that it was possible to change from a S.R. platform (rendered more convincing by some realistic train noises "off") to an "interior" setting in a few moments. The complete cast was as follows:—James Hobson (A. L. Fleet), Harry Walton (K. W. Barr), Newsboy (D. C. Woolf), Fisher (W. G. Davis), Hartog (H. L. G. Livingston), Bill Slime (R. E. G. Morewood), Police Sergeant (A. C. Emms), P.C. Joe (W. V. Simpson).

THE DUKE OF YORK'S CAMP.

On Saturday, July 30th, there were assembled at the Mews of Buckingham Palace 200 factory lads and 200 Public School boys, drawn from all parts of England, Scotland and Wales. After a sound dinner we started to walk to the train which would take us to Southwold. Among us were many who had never visited London before and were consequently amazed at some of the buildings and sights which were seen during our walk to King's Cross. As the train began to pull out of the station an outsider might have thought that we had known each other all our lives, and during the three and a half hours' journey we were able to introduce ourselves properly. Arrived at our destination we proceeded by bus loads to the camp, which was situated about a quarter of a mile from the sea. Everything was in perfect order when we arrived and after putting our coats and bags away in our sleeping quarters we all made a bee-line for the dining marquee which seated the whole 400 of us. After a meal which would have satisfied an ox we were asked to attend a concert to be given in the Sing-song marquee. Making a walking tour before the concert started, we fully observed the comparatively luxurious way in which the whole camp was laid out. Some of us who had been to O.T.C. camps previously, realised what a vast difference there was between the two. Electric light was set up in every tent, water was laid on from the mains and the general running of the place was smart and original. The concert started at 8.30 and later we discovered that these concerts were held every night and were usually preceded by films. They were generally concluded at 10 p.m. and at 11.0 all lights were put out, when most of us felt like sleep. We awoke at 7.30 next morning and rushed down to the sea to bathe. The water was bitterly cold but gave us an amazing appetite for breakfast. The food was extremely good all round and the breakfast that morning seemed especially inviting. At 10.15 games started. Each person belonged to a Section and the competition

between all Sections was amazingly keen. One of the first games our Section played was termed "foot and mouth disease" but officially called foot and hand net-ball. The only game to beat it for hardening would probably be rugger on skates, but our's seemed most certainly more dangerous. There were games of all kinds and the keenness shown in each was immense. Finally at 11.45 all games stopped and everyone started to make his way to the sea for a swim. After a great deal of amusement and enjoyment most of us began to feel an aching void and want of a really good meal, so we started back to the camp and when dinner did commence not a word was spoken until our hunger was appeased. After lunch, at 2.45, rugger, cricket and soccer duels commenced between the Sections. One afternoon Southwold Town challenged us to a cricket match which we won easily. Tea was always at 4.30 and after tea until 7.0 we wandered on our own and explored places round about. Just before supper every night the concert programme was put up outside the concert marquee and one could choose whether one wished to go that night or not. But these concerts were such a success that few people ever missed going to them. Among the most popular items was the Camp Jazz Band which was capable of playing any tune shouted out from the audience, besides many new numbers of its own. One night Smythe the leader of the Kamet Expedition came down and gave us a long lecture on his adventure. The following night a mimic comedian got up and in an exaggerated way made the whole camp rock with laughter by imitating Smythe. The Duke of York was due to arrive on the following Thursday at 4.30 but was one hour late; during the period of waiting a few of the boys hired a car and one of these did his best to impersonate the Duke while another made up as a chauffeur and the third member a footman. They calmly drove into the camp amidst shouts and cheers of applause from the onlookers outside and in. It is left to the imagination to picture what happened to them; when the Duke finally arrived, there certainly was a great cheer. The Duke could only stay one night and he had to leave early the next morning. On the Friday night two Indian princes visited us and received the usual hearty welcome which we gave our visitors. On the last night after the concert, which was longer than usual, we all sang around a large camp fire as big as a medium-sized house. The blaze was enormous and we sang, chiefly campsongs, until about 1.30 a.m. When we retired to the camp

feeling fairly exhausted, we started fighting with our pillows, tent against tent; the battle lasted for half an hour, fast and furious, until the lights went out and we had to make our way to bed as best we could. On the last morning we all got up and rushed down to the sea to have our last bathe, and finally dispersed at 10.30, most of us needing a good shave.

R.C.C.

[What R. C. Clarke does not mention is that he came in 3rd in the Camp Cross-Country Race. Hearty congratulations. *Ed.*]

CRUISING AROUND THE CANARY ISLANDS.

At about half-past two on an August afternoon the White Star liner *Homer* was boarded by some thousand people who were about to enjoy themselves for a fortnight; at six o'clock this 36,000 ton liner left Southampton docks.

After two days at sea which included the Bay of Biscay (what a feed for the fishes!) we reached the blue Mediterranean. When we had cruised for four days we arrived at Madeira early in the morning. A fine welcome was awaiting us as we dropped anchor. The native boys rowed their small boats towards the liner and shouted, "Big boy dive for sixpence." These natives would dive off the top deck for sixpence in magnificent style.

The ship stayed at Madeira for two days. This place has a wonderful warm climate and is a very famous health resort. It has a population of 170,000.

The Cathedral, begun in 1485, has a gaudily decorated interior and possesses a large 16th century silver crucifix of fine workmanship. There are several convents of which the first is the Santa Clara, founded in 1492; in the chapel is the tomb of Zargo, discoverer of the island.

There are many more places of interest on the island which add to the enjoyment of the visitor.

After two days' stay we set sail once more. In the meantime games (deck-tennis, etc.), swimming and sun-bathing had been in full swing on board. There was also a talkie apparatus on board which kept many people amused.

The next place we stopped at was Teneriffe. This is almost a long mountain ridge, more or less wooded in the west and very rocky and volcanic in the south. It occupies an area of 919 sq. miles and is dominated by the Peak of Teneriffe, whose majestic snow-clad cone, towering over 12,000 ft.

above the sea, is visible to ships from an immense distance.

Santa Cruz, the capital of the Canaries and the chief port of Teneriffe, is a picturesque town. The Town Hall and the 16th century Cathedral are the most interesting sights.

Teneriffe is a great banana centre. One sees bananas on every plot of land and sixty may be bought for 10 cents (6d.).

After the ship had stayed here a day it continued on its cruise until it reached Las Palmas. This town is the capital of Grand Canary, and the busiest and wealthiest in the Archipelago. It has a population of 100,000. The interesting sights are the Cathedral, Town Hall and a good Museum. There are also some fine banana groves and vineyards.

The *Homer* next set out for Casablanca. In the meantime games were going on on board, horse racing on deck and aquatic sports, much to the amusement of the competitors and spectators. Handsome prizes were awarded to the winners and runners-up.

Casablanca was reached at about seven o'clock at night and the brilliantly lit up harbour was a sight to behold. The *Homer* dropped anchor about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the harbour, as it was too big a ship to go right in. This applied to all the places visited by the *Homer*.

Casablanca ("White House") is the chief port of French Morocco. It is a very modern town. The old native quarter dates from the second half of the 18th century but the population is well over 100,000.

From the Place de France, near the crowded and picturesque native quarter, wide boulevards and avenues bordered by up-to-date buildings, parks and gardens, radiate fan-wise and are intersected by a magnificent semi-circular "Boulevard Circulaire" nearly four miles long.

A journey of some 50 miles by electric railway, or by car across the desert, along the coast north of Casablanca takes the visitor to Rabat, the seat of the French Government in Morocco, and one of the Sultan's official places of residence. It has a population of 30,000.

Places of interest include the imposing Hassan Tower of Victory, 50 feet square at the base and 150 feet high; the ruins of Shella, where the Phœnicians and Romans had colonies; and the native quarters.

Now homeward bound we made headway for Gibraltar the last port of call. As one nears Gibraltar one sees a massive piece of rock resembling in shape a figure of a lion, crouching and alert—a fitting symbol of the great British fortress

which stands sentinel over the Gateway to the Mediterranean. It forms a narrow promontory, bounding the bay of Gibraltar on the east and linked to Spain by a strip of neutral territory only just above sea level. From this neutral zone the northern face of the rock springs to a height of 1,400 feet. Southward it tapers down, with various drops and rises, to Europa Point.

This great rock has plenty of history behind it. Among the ancients it was renowned as one of the Pillars of Hercules. In 711 A.D. it was seized by the Moors and named after their general Jebel-el-Tarik (Hill of Tarik), whence the present name, Gibraltar. The Spaniards then recaptured it in the 15th century but lost it again to the British in 1704.

The narrow streets of Gibraltar are thronged with a cosmopolitan crowd, British soldiers and sailors mingling with the resident population of Spaniards and Italians and occasional Moors who come from Tangier for trade.

Tobacco and cigarettes are cheap, as there is no duty to pay on them. Fruit can also be bought at a very low cost.

When the *Homeric* left Gibraltar it made straight for Southampton.

During the three days of this 1,150 miles journey the finals of the games on board were being held, and one was changing into warmer clothes as the change of climate came upon one.

On the last night a fancy dress ball was held and a concert was given by passengers on the ship.

When the giant liner docked at Southampton on Saturday night people parted as they had come on, but this time, they felt that they were one huge family, and a very jolly one too.

"Au Revoir" to another summer holiday—and what a holiday!!

M.T.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTHS.

MILES.—On July 2nd, at 178 Lightwoods Hill, Warley Woods, Birmingham, to Vera, wife of A. W. Miles, a daughter.

STEVENS.—On August 6th, at Hampstead, to Kathleen, wife of Alec H. K. Stevens, a daughter.

DAVIDGE.—On September 19th, at Little Houghton, Northants, to Catherine, wife of C. Vere Davidge, a daughter.

DEATHS.

POWELL.—On June 27th, at The Warren Hospital, Abingdon, Claude Reginald Powell, of Garford, aged 54 years.

YOUNG.—On October 25th, at Arnprior, Ealing, Helena Sarah Young, widow of Herbert Young, of Dorking.

C. R. Powell entered the School in September 1890, and was here, with the exception of a year's absence owing to illness, until July 1894. In this year he was elected by the Berkshire County Council to an Agricultural Scholarship of £50 a year for three years, which he held at Reading University. During the South African War he served with the Berks Imperial Yeomanry, but was invalided home after a dangerous illness in 1901. He farmed for many years at Wootton and Garford, and had been a regular follower of the Old Berks Hunt. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

The Rev. J. W. Reynolds has been appointed Principal of St. Christopher's College, Blackheath, and entered upon his duties at the beginning of this term.

We have the following recent examination successes to chronicle:—

A. M. Thatcher, First Class Honours in Mathematical Greats at Oxford.

R. A. Langford, Degree in Agriculture at Oxford after gaining one of the only four distinctions awarded in the Final Examination.

E. G. Langford, Second Class Honours in the School of Jurisprudence at Oxford.

M. Ogle has secured an appointment with the British East Africa Corporation. He is at present at the London Headquarters in the City, but hopes to be sent out to East Africa in the Spring.

M. Ogle, Third Class Honours in the School of Modern History at Oxford.

K. R. Savage, London University B.A. Degree with Third Class Honours.

E. P. Rice, Final Examination for M.R.C.V.S.

P. J. Squire, Honours in the Final Pass List at Faraday House.

J. G. Waldron, Parts I. and II. of the Institute of Bankers Examination.

R. L. Triggs, Intermediate Examination for the London B.Sc.

C. Spalding, June Matriculation Examination of London University in the First Division.

T. S. Coulson, Oxford Preliminary Examination of the Science School in Physics and Chemistry.

C. H. Farrar, Matriculation Examination.

Of the above—

A. M. Thatcher, whom we congratulate very heartily on his two First Classes at Oxford, has been appointed Senior Mathematical Master at Magdalen College School, Brackley.

E. G. Langford is with a firm of London Solicitors, Messrs. Field, Roscoe & Co., of Lincoln's Inn Fields.

R. A. Langford is working on a farm at Beedon, near Newbury, Berks, where he hopes to gain six months' practical experience before taking up estate work.

E. P. Rice is at Aldershot, putting in six months' probationary work in the Army.

P. J. Squire is taking a course with the English Electric Company in Rugby.

C. H. Farrar has obtained a post with a local Surveyor at Slough.

K. R. Savage is teaching in a big Central School at Orange Hill, Burnt Oak.

Of other O.As. we have the following news :—

E. C. Beaven has secured an appointment in a school at Barnes

H. S. Bartlett returned from Carcavellos in May, and is now taking an Engineering course at the E.T.C. School in Hampstead.

D. C. K. Wright has left Stamford and is in an Estate Agent's office in Bournemouth.

R. F. L. Thomas, of the Bombay Pioneers, is now stationed at Nowshera, N.W.F.P.

T. E. Gardiner is with an old-established firm of Solicitors in Derby. He pursues Rugger as a pastime, and last season played several times for Derby 1st XV.

We learn that S. D. Plummer has deserted Chartered Accountancy and has secured a post in the Guildhall, in the Lord Mayor's and City of London Court.

O. T. M. Rayment has been taking a course at the Small Arms School at Hythe, and is now with his Regiment, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, at Tidworth, where he hopes to ride in some military steeple-chases during the winter.

A. C. Smith has obtained a post with Messrs. W. J. Bush & Co., of Hackney, Manufacturing

Chemists and Essential Oil Distillers, and proprietors of Patten & Moore, Ltd., Mitcham Lavender Firm.

J. H. Woodley is with Messrs. W. H. & F. S. Collins, Solicitors, Ross-on-Wye.

H. R. d'Almaïne is now with the Donaldson line of steamers. He has been ill with malaria, contracted on the Los Angeles run; but he has now recovered and has been transferred to the Montreal branch.

D. E. Healy has been selected for a pupilship by the Gas-Light & Coke Company, and is at present in their district office in Kilburn.

R. W. H. Taylor has been distinguishing himself on the Reigate and Redhill Golf Course, where he won the Summer Scratch Medal of the Club in 69, the Summer Handicap Medal likewise in 69 (from scratch), and tied for the Challenge Cup.

G. E. Sinclair has been elected Secretary of the Pembroke College Cricket Club for next season. He has also been awarded his College colours both for Rugger and Soccer.

F. H. G. Taylor has rowed at "3" in one of the Oxford Trial Eights.

L. P. Mosdell is devoting his spare time to running on the O.U.A.C. ground.

R. F. Brown, playing in the O.U. Golf trials at Southfield, accomplished a round of 78. He has since been playing regularly for the Varsity and winning his matches.

Of those who left last term :—

K. W. Barr is studying at University College, London.

T. S. Coulson has gone into residence at Queen's College, Oxford.

J. M. Allison is at Culham College.

P. B. Pfordten has returned with his people to Shanghai.

J. C. W. Jacob is engaged upon the probationary course for the E.T.C.

We cannot close these Notes without a few words of sorrow for the death of Mrs. Brown of Leamington. She was so well known to the many O.As. who have received so much of kindness and hospitality at her hands and those of her husband, that we need no excuse for remembering her in this column. She will be greatly missed at the School too, in which she had not ceased to take a warm personal interest, even after her three sons

had left it. Her visits, which gave such manifest pleasure to herself, were more than welcome here ; for her cheerful keenness and steady human sympathy were a grateful and bracing tonic to all who knew her. To her bereaved family we offer our sincere and deep condolences. Her death, which was quite unexpected, occurred on September 14th, after an operation.

O.A. CLUB NOTES.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the School Common Room at the Past v. Present Cricket Match on June 18th.

The accounts shewed a balance in hand of £41 17s. 2d. The following officers were then elected :—

President : R. E. Eason.

Vice-President : W. M. Grundy.

Committee : E. J. P. Ross-Barker, G. F. Powell, G. S. Sturrock, W. G. Hancock, M. Ogle, L. P. Mosdell, W. W. Brown.

Hon. Sec. and Treas. : H. A. Donkin, Caldecott Cottage, Abingdon.

Assistant Hon. Sec. and Treas. : G. E. Sinclair.

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

As a result of the meeting it is hoped to have a new tie ready in a few weeks.

The Committee were instructed to consider the question of a Dance after the Rugger Match and also next summer, if times were more propitious.

The Meeting was heartily in agreement with the suggestion of the School that the O.A. Sports should be held in the summer term and further suggested that instead of changing the Weight, that points be counted for firsts and seconds in each event.

NOTES.

We congratulate the School on their Cricket XI. particularly their bowlers and wicket-keeper. Some of the younger members should be very useful next year.

Twelve members of the Club played golf for the Reeves Challenge Cup at Frilford on Sunday, June 19th. The result was as follows :—

H. A. L. Donkin	84—11 = 73.
G. L. Thatcher ..	92—16 = 76.
A. M. Thatcher	87—10 = 77.
W. Wiseman ..	83—4 = 79.

The Dinner was held in the Lion Hotel as usual on Saturday, July 1st, at a reduced price of 7s. 6d. There were thirty-three members and guests present. We are much indebted to W. W. Brown for bringing as a guest Mr. Walter Fennell who entertained us so admirably with songs during the evening.

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RUGGER FIXTURES.

1st XV.

Wed. Oct. 12	Radley College	2nd XV.	Away.
Wed. „ 19	Bloxham School		Home.
Sat. „ 22	Pembroke College		Away.
Sat. „ 29	Leighton Park School		Away.
Sat. Nov. 5	Abingdon R.F.C.		Home.
Sat. „ 12	G. E. Sinclair's XV.		Home.
Sat. „ 19	Magdalen College Sch., Oxford		Away.
Sat. „ 26	Magdalen College Sch., Brackley		Home.
Sat. Dec. 3	O.A.R.F.C.		Home.
Sat. „ 10			

2nd XV.

Sat. Oct. 8	Oxford Exiles " B "		Home.
Wed. „ 19	Bloxham School		Away.
Sat. „ 22			
Sat. „ 29	Leighton Park School		Home.
Wed. Nov. 30	Magdalen College Sch., Oxford		Home.

" UNDER 15."

Wed. Oct. 12	Magdalen College Sch., Brackley		Away.
Wed. Nov. 2	Bloxham School		Home.
Sat. „ 12	Magdalen College Sch., Oxford		Away.
Wed „ 23	Leighton Park School		Home.