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SCHOOL NOTES.

We offer our heartiest thanks to Mr. W. Thatcher and his sons for the gift of a full-size cinematograph projector, which has been erected in the Gym. It is adaptable for Lantern Slides and we look forward to many interesting shows.

G. J. Goodey is Head of the School and D. G. Brown, Head of the House.

Other Prefects are :—School Prefects : P. A. D. Jones, A. L. Fleet, M. N. Laybourne, A. J. Turnham (Waste Court). Sub-prefects : H. Bosley, C. F. Powell, J. Grover, T. J. H. Charley, J. McPherson, R. E. G. Morewood, J. Ranger, W. V. Simpson.

J. Ranger is Captain of Boats.

Bishop Shaw held a Confirmation in the School Chapel on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11th, when the following boys were confirmed : A. L. V. Barnes, D. H. Blake, T. J. H. Charley, M. R. T. Cooper, K. G. Corbett, A. C. Emms, J. A. Fletcher, H. B. King, H. L. G. Livingston, D. F. W. Newman, J. S. Randle and A. C. Rogers.

First XV Colours were awarded last term to R. J. Jacques, J. Ranger, M. N. Laybourne,

M. Thomas, R. N. Green and D. G. Brown, and 2nd XV Colours to W. V. Simpson, A. J. Turnham, H. J. Holborow, R. E. G. Morewood, A. L. Fleet, J. Grover and R. F. Andrews.

On Nov. 23rd Mr. G. G. Farnfield—a member of the noted Soccer family—came down to give an exhibition of Sound Films, by arrangement with Messrs. Selfridge, to whom our best thanks are due. The films shewn included a historical survey of aviation, a description of the manufacture of Austin cars and a humorous cartoon—altogether a most interesting and amusing programme.

On Nov. 24th all the senior boys went to watch the match between the University and Major Stanley's XV. As usual the arrangements were excellent and a good game resulted in a narrow win for the Varsity.

On the following night most of the School visited "The Farmer's Wife," performed by the Abbey Guild of Players, and spent a most entertaining evening.

The "Lin" Cup for Senior House Football was won by Red House.

The Robinson Cup for Junior House Football was won by Green House.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*The Aldenhamian*, *The Bloxhamist*, *The Bracklean*, *The Brighton College Magazine*, *The Chigwellian*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Lily*, *The Liverpool College Magazine*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The "Worcester" Magazine*, at the same time apologising for any omissions.

This term ends on Tuesday, March 28th, boarders leaving on the following day. Next term begins on Tuesday, May 2nd, boarders returning on the previous day.

VALETE.

VI FORM.—R. C. Clarke (1925, ii). School Prefect, 1932; Captain of School and Head of House, 1932; 1st XV Rugger 1930–32, 1st Colours 1930, Captain 1932; Athletic Colours, 1929; Sergeant, O.T.C.; 1st Class Shot.

J. C. H. Kortright (1925, iii). School Prefect, 1932; 2nd IV Rowing, 1932; Half Athletic Colours, 1932; Lee.-Cpl., O.T.C.; 1st Class Shot.

R. G. Sandercock (1925, iii). Sub-prefect, 1932; 2nd XV Rugger, 1932; 2nd XI Cricket, 1932.

M. Thomas (1929, iii). Sub-prefect, 1932; 1st XV Rugger 1930–32, 1st XV Colours 1932, Athletic Colours, 1932.

G. A. H. Bosley (1926, iii). O.S.C. Exam., 1931; 2nd XV Rugger, 1930–31.

R. E. Bradfield (1927, iii). O.S.C. Exam. Honours, 1932.

VA FORM.—R. N. Green (1930, iii). 1st XV Rugger 1932, 1st XV Colours 1932; 1st XI Cricket 1932, 1st XI Colours 1932; 2nd IV Rowing, 1932; Lee.-Cpl., O.T.C., 1932; 1st Class Shot.

J. H. Bowditch (1927, ii).

VB FORM.—R. C. Gould (1930, iii).

III FORM.—J. A. Philpots (1929, ii).

SALVETE.

VB FORM.—G. M. Stevens.

II FORM.—E. H. Holland.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

The annual School Concert took place in the Corn Exchange on Friday, Dec. 2nd.

There was a larger attendance than last year owing to the better weather. We are very grateful to them for coming to listen to us and their kind appreciation.

We all enjoyed the String Quartet and hope we shall hear them again.

Mrs. Gotch led the Haydn Quartet, and the beautiful tone she always produces in her violin playing was at its best and gave the rich and tuneful melody Haydn calls for.

The Scherzo movement was exquisite. The first violin, and Cello (Mrs. H. C. Stewart) were in perfect harmony with each other.

The Rondo was a delightful and well balanced climax.

In the second half of the programme the Quartet played one movement from *Beethoven* and two short pieces by *McEwan*. These were led by Miss Underhill, with Mrs. Gotch as second violin, and here again she was giving all the tone and delicate rendering each movement needed, but in the *Beethoven* the Quartet were not so well together.

"Peet Reek" was beautifully mystical and exquisitely played, but not so perfectly in tune as the Haydn movements. There were rich movements that were so contrasting to the lighter ones, and one wanted the melody a little truer to make it a more combined and perfect "whole."

"The March of the little Folk" was very dainty and fantastic, but the pitch was not perfect. The second violin and cello were outstanding and always beautifully together.

The items given by the choir were good. The trebles were perfectly in tune and, having memorised all they did, were free to give their attention to the conductor.

"Crossing the Bar" and "The Tide Rises" were well balanced and sympathetically sung. The tenors were especially good in the first, and helped to bring out the perfect harmony in the last verse which is full of colour and typical of the surprises Maurice Besley gives us in his four-part songs.

"All ye who music love" came as a great contrast to "The Tide Rises" and the choir excelled themselves here. Time, pitch and enunciation were good.

The items given by the School were better than we have heard for two years. The pitch again being true, and the interpretation good.

In the unison songs they gave spirit and life to their rendering, the trebles especially giving of their best, and always attentive to the beat.

The two-part songs could have been better. Pitch and enunciation were kept up but they lacked life. In "Twickenham Ferry" we rather lost the thread of the whole thing and in "Bablock Hythe" the "picture" was not vivid enough.

There were some singers who lacked enthusiasm, but only a few. It would be so much better if everyone would watch the beat. It is a great anxiety for any conductor to know there are voices who will not attend, and who have to be constantly watched. To a musical ear nothing is so distressing as a bad start or dragging voice. Although they are very much in the minority they can be heard.

I.S.P.

Miss Peach's own songs were very much appreciated and to her we are indebted for the success of the whole concert.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Unison Song (a) "Worship" *Geoffrey Shaw*
Four-part Song (b) "Eldorado" *Ciro Pinsuti*
The School.
2. Four-part Song "Crossing the Bar" *Maurice*
The Choir. *Besley*
3. String Quartet in C, Op. 33, No. 3 *Haydn*
Allegro moderato
Scherzo
Rondo
Mrs. Bernard Gotch, Miss Norah Underhill,
Dr. H. C. Stewart, Mrs. H. C. Stewart.
4. Songs (a) "Weep no more" *Handel*
(b) "May Dew" *Sterndale Bennett*
Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach.
5. Two-part Song "Twickenham Ferry" *Marzials*
First & Second Trebles. Arr. by *Alec Rowley*
6. Four-part Song "Loch Lomond" Arr. by *Tho.*
The School. *H. Dunhill.*
7. Unison Song "Here's to the maiden of
bashful fifteen" *R. B. Sheridan*
The School.

PART II.

1. Four-part Song (a) "The Tide Rises" *Adam Carse*
Madrigal (b) "All ye who music love"
The Choir. *B. Donato*
2. Songs (a) "A Burden" *Landon Ronald*
(b) "If there were dreams to sell"
Miss Ivy Sheldon Peach. *John Ireland*
3. Two-part Song "Bablock Hythe" *Corbett*
First and Second Trebles. *Sumsion*

4. String (a) One movement from Quartet
Quartet in B flat, Op. 100, No. 6

Beethoven

(b) "Peet Reek"

(c) "March of the little Folk" *McEwan*

Mrs. Bernard Gotch, Miss Norah Underhill,
Dr. H. C. Stewart, Mrs. H. C. Stewart.

5. Unison Song "Come lasses and lads"

The School.

English Air,
17th century

GOD SAVE THE KING.

FOOTBALL.

The season began rather unpromisingly for the First XV with two heavy defeats. Unfortunately they met their two strongest opponents in Radley and Bloxham during the first month of the term, before the forwards had settled down, and while the outsides were very weak in defence. The formation of the pack presented considerable difficulties owing to the lack of material available, Clarke being the only first XV, and Green, Holborow, McPherson and Turnham the only second XV forwards remaining from last year. Ranger, Simpson and Morewood completed the pack and contributed some much-needed weight, although in spite of their presence the forwards were at a disadvantage in this respect in almost every match. This disadvantage they eventually were able to counteract by fast play in the loose and quick-breaking from the scrums. Under the leadership of Clarke, himself an admirable exponent of this type of forward play, they made rapid progress and gave particularly good displays in the matches with Abingdon, Magdalen College School, Oxford, and the Old Boys.

The weakest feature of their play throughout the season was in the line-out where they were poor at getting possession and too unsystematic in their methods. Green was an efficient hooker and got a good share of the ball considering the lack of weight behind him.

Jacques and Laybourne were a sound combination at half, Jacques being always very reliable and especially good in defence, while the best features of Laybourne's play were his handling and straight running.

The three-quarters were at first, with the exception of Goodey, weak in defence, but in this respect they improved considerably. They all at times exhibited a certain hesitancy, due probably to an incomplete understanding among themselves.

In attack the left wing—Thomas and Brown—was much the stronger, but was not as effective as it should have been with so much weight and pace present.

Warrick's kicking was consistently good, but he was too frequently caught out of position. He tackled well when he did get to his man.

On the whole the main defect of the outsiders was the lack of constructive play and penetrating power in the centre, as a result of which Thomas' pace was largely wasted and most of our attacking movements were not driven home.

In their first match the team found their opponents, Radley 2nd XV, distinctly superior in weight and speed and were quite unable to hold them in the second half. The match with Bloxham was fairly even until half-time, after which the opposing outsiders discovered the gaps in our defence and exploited the kick ahead with considerable success. In this game our forwards played well in the loose.

In the next three matches there was a marked improvement, especially in defence. We beat Pembroke College and drew with Abingdon: Leighton Park beat us by three tries to nil in a game the latter part of which was played in heavy rain which seemed to upset us more than our opponents.

In the match with G. E. Sinclair's XV the adverse weather conditions again unsettled our outsiders, whose handling was very faulty.

We were perhaps fortunate in having heavy conditions for the match with Magdalen College School, whose outsiders were superior to ours in attack. However, our defence was very sound and Jacques played a magnificent game. The forwards were excellent and more than held their own in the tight and loose.

The team again played well against the Old Boys and were leading by a single point at half-time. In the second half Thomas, owing to an injury, was little more than a passenger and quite unable to hold Mosdell, who scored two tries. Apart from this the game was very even and the School outsiders showed more attacking power than in any other match.

The Second XV were again weak this year, but after sustaining a heavy defeat in their match with Bloxham, they improved sufficiently to beat Leighton Park and give Magdalen College School a good game. In the last two matches the forwards played well. Mills and Andrews combined fairly well at half and the latter showed promise as an attacking player, and his defence was good. The

three-quarter line never developed any powers of combination and their defence was very shaky; Fleet and Luker were individually good at times.

The "Under 15" had a triumphant career, winning all their matches with ease and scoring in the aggregate 73 points to 3. Their success was due chiefly to the dash of the forwards, who went hard from start to finish of every game; the individual brilliance of Luker at stand-off half; the splendid full-back play of Cox; and, above all, the keenness of the whole team. These assets more than counterbalanced a certain weakness in combination outside the scrum. Without wishing to detract from the meritorious achievement of the "Under 15" team, we feel that it is justifiable to draw particular attention to the above-mentioned weakness. For it was present in all three teams and was one of the chief reasons why the First and Second Fifteens did not meet with more success in their matches. Improvement in the standard of play can only come from below: that is why we are so gratified at the success of the "Under 15" team. We should be still more gratified if the junior players would try to improve their teamwork and combination and so ensure a supply of good outsiders for future seasons.

FIRST XV CHARACTERS.

R. C. CLARKE. Captain. Colours 1930. An untiring wing forward, he set a splendid example to the rest of the pack, whose rapid improvement was due to his enthusiastic leadership.

R. J. JACQUES. Colours 1932. Scrum-half. His defence has been invaluable to the team. Kicks and passes well and cuts through effectively.

J. RANGER. Colours 1932. A hard-working forward who makes good use of his weight in the tight and loose. His handling and dribbling are good. Should persevere with his place-kicking which is promising.

M. LAYBOURNE. Colours 1932. Stand-off half. A sound player who is quick off the mark and feeds his three-quarters well. Has improved his tackling and defensive kicking. He might with advantage go through himself more in attack.

M. THOMAS. Colours 1932. A fast and determined wing three-quarter who unfortunately got too few opportunities. Has improved his defence greatly since last season.

R. N. GREEN. Colours 1932. A fast forward who hooked well in the tight scrums and was conspicuous for his neat footwork and good backing-up in the loose.

D. G. BROWN. Colours 1932. Improved greatly towards the end of the season, when he had gained confidence in his ability to pierce the defence and had conquered a tendency to run across in attack. In defence is still rather slow.

G. J. GOODEY. 2nd XV Colours 1931. Right-centre. Very sound in defence. He has improved his handling since last season, but in attack lacks penetrating power, and his kicking is rather weak.

G. H. WARRICK. 2nd XV Colours 1931. Full-back. A long and accurate kicker and gathers the ball well, but is inclined to hang back and is slow at getting into position.

J. McPHERSON. 2nd XV Colours 1931. A very neat winger who, despite his lack of weight, pushes hard. Controls the ball well in the loose and tackles fairly well.

V. SIMPSON. 2nd XV Colours 1932. Improved tremendously in the second half of the season, and became quite useful in the line-out and a hard worker in the tight and loose. Should improve his tackling.

A. J. TURNHAM. 2nd XV Colours 1932. Forward. Though handicapped by injury and lack of weight he has shown plenty of keenness. A very fair dribbler who is always up in attack. Should be very useful next season.

H. J. HOLBOROW. 2nd XV Colours 1932. A hardworking forward who has improved a great deal, though still not good at controlling the ball in a scrum. Should make better use of his height in the line-out.

R. MOREWOOD. 2nd XV Colours 1932. Although very inexperienced at the start he came on wonderfully and developed into a very useful forward, his weight being of great service in the tight scrums.

J. GROVER. 2nd XV Colours 1932. Played on the right wing in most of the matches, though hardly fast enough for this position. Kicks well but is apt to kick for touch when he should go for the line. His defence was weak at first but became fairly sound in the later matches.

The following also played for the 1st XV :—
D. H. Blake, R. G. Sandercock.

FIRST XV MATCHES.

v. Radley College 2nd XV. Played at Radley. Lost : 3—43.

In this match after a fairly promising start the School found the superior weight and speed of their

opponents too much for them and although replying to Radley's first try by a good three-quarter movement resulting in a try by Brown on the right wing, thereafter scarcely assumed the offensive again. The score at half-time was 3—16.

In the second half our forwards soon tired and, though they stuck to their work, could not prevent Radley from getting the ball back nine times out of ten. The School outsiders' defence was very weak, their covering especially being poor and Radley continued to score at regular intervals until the close.

Team :—G. E. H. Warrick : M. Thomas, J. Grover, G. J. Goodey, D. G. Brown : M. N. Laybourne, R. J. Jacques : R. C. Clarke, R. G. Sandercock, J. McPherson, H. J. Holborow, R. E. G. Morewood, W. V. Simpson, R. N. Green, J. Ranger.

v. Bloxham School. Played at home. Lost : 8—38.

The School played much better in the first half than they had done in the previous match, the forwards especially showing improved form and giving their outsiders plenty of chances. The handling of the three-quarters was faulty however and their defence shaky. Bloxham opened the scoring as the result of a strong run by their left wing. Clarke broke away and was well backed up by Laybourne, a try resulting. Before half-time came Bloxham scored twice again through kicks ahead and at half-time led by 3 goals (15 points) to 1 try (3 points).

Soon after resuming the School attacked strongly and obtained a try, which was converted. Almost immediately Bloxham went further ahead with a dropped goal and this seemed to discourage our team, for their play fell off considerably and Bloxham, whose outsiders handled well and ran strongly, added four more tries. These, together with a penalty goal, brought their score up to 38 points.

Team :—G. E. H. Warrick : M. Thomas, D. G. Brown, G. J. Goodey, J. Grover : M. N. Laybourne, R. J. Jacques : R. C. Clarke, D. H. Blake, J. McPherson, H. J. Holborow, R. E. G. Morewood, W. V. Simpson, R. N. Green, J. Ranger.

v. Pembroke College. Played at Oxford. Won : 14—5.

After a quarter of an hour's play Jacques made a good run and scored in the corner, the place-kick failing. Play then became rather scrappy. Pembroke soon drew level with a try, which was converted, and at half-time led by 5 points to 3.

In the second half the School forwards, by improved play in the loose, kept their opponents on the defensive and frequently gained much ground by dribbling rushes. Thomas made use of his speed to score a good try, and Clarke and Laybourne combined to obtain another. The combination of the School three-quarters was only moderate, otherwise our score would have been much larger.

The School team was the same as in the previous match.

v. Leighton Park School. Played at Reading. Lost : 0—9.

The feature of this match was the marked improvement of the School in defence. The Leighton Park three-quarters were faster and more dangerous in attack but were unable to score until just before half-time. In the second half rain began to fall and our handling deteriorated. Leighton Park, however, continued to press and scored two more tries, neither being converted.

The School forwards played very well and Clarke and Green were prominent in the forward rushes.

The School team was the same as in the previous match.

v. Abingdon R.F.C. Played at home. Drawn : 6—6.

Abingdon brought a heavy pack but the School forwards, playing well together, held them successfully. Five minutes after the commencement Ranger rounded off a forward rush by picking up and forcing his way over the line. A long struggle ensued and the Abingdon forwards began to get more of the ball but their three-quarter line was innocuous. Then came an excellent run by Thomas and Brown up the left wing. Starting from half-way they indulged in some short passing which would have beaten almost any defence and led to a well-deserved try. The score at half-time was 6—0 and the School appeared to have the match well in hand, but Abingdon played very much better in the second half and their outsiders showing improved combination scored two tries, neither of which was converted.

Team :—G. E. H. Warrick : M. Thomas, D. G. Brown, G. J. Goodey, J. Grover : M. N. Laybourne, R. J. Jacques : R. C. Clarke, A. J. Turnham, J. McPherson, H. J. Holborow, R. E. G. Morewood, W. V. Simpson, R. N. Green, J. Ranger.

v. G. E. Sinclair's XV. Played at home. Lost : 0—20.

The conditions for this match were very unpleasant, the ground being muddy and rain

falling most of the time. The School outsiders during the first half handled very badly and were quite unable to adapt themselves to the strange conditions. The visitors attacked from the start and Mosdell rounded off a good movement by scoring after a strong run down the right wing. Taylor cut through and shook off two half-hearted tackles before scoring under the posts, the try being converted. Although the School rallied somewhat at this stage, the visitors again scored, once through their three-quarters and once from a scrum on our goal-line. The score at half time was 0—14.

After the interval the School forwards woke up and Clarke, Green and Turnham were particularly prominent in the loose. Play was very even until Mosdell was given a clear run in by his inside and scored far out on the right. There was no further score until the very end of the match when the opposing forwards dribbled the ball into our "25," Mosdell picked up and kicked ahead, Warrick being beaten in the race for the ball.

The team was the same as in the previous match.

v. Magdalen College School. Played at Oxford. Drawn : 0—0.

This was a very thrilling game, played on a heavy ground, which was a handicap to the fast Magdalen three-quarter line. The School forwards touched their best form in this match and Green hooked well. Ranger and Simpson got through a tremendous amount of work, and the latter frequently made a lot of ground, his handling being very good. In the loose Clarke's dribbling was conspicuous. The three-quarters on both sides were too well marked to make much ground. At the beginning of the match the School kept their opponents in their own "25" for some time. Then Magdalen made a raid into our territory and came near to scoring on their right wing.

After half-time Magdalen began to press more strongly but, thanks to the excellent defensive kicking of Jacques, were repeatedly forced back. Ranger nearly kicked a penalty goal, the ball hitting the crossbar. In the closing stages of the game both teams made great efforts, but the defence was too good and there was no score.

R. J. Jacques was awarded his colours after this match. The team was the same as in the previous match.

v. O.A.S. Lost : 11—21.

The weather was perfect for this match which started sensationally, the ball going to Thomas who ran strongly down the wing and rounding

Mosdell scored under the posts. The try was converted by Ranger (5—0). Play was then very even for some time, during which several good movements by each side were frustrated by close marking. Brown nearly got through for the School but with only the back to beat dropped the ball. For the Old Boys Sinclair and Taylor played cleverly and Taylor cut through in the centre to score a try which he converted (5—5). The School retaliated swiftly and Brown, showing his best form and running with great determination, obtained a good try (8—5). A long pass was sent out to Mosdell giving him a clear run-in on the right wing. The try was converted (8—10). The School forwards put in a spell of good work and took the play up to their opponents' line where Ranger forced his way over (11—10).

At half-time the Old Boys made several changes which had the effect of stiffening their pack and, as a result, they attacked much more in the second half. Boyd cut through and handed to Mosdell who hugged the touch-line cleverly and scored a try which was converted (11—15). The Old Boys then kept play in the School "25" for some time and Sinclair, with a strong run, beat the defence and scored (11—18). The School counter-attacked and kept the Old Boys in their own half until nearly the end of the game when a good movement by the Old Boys ended in Mosdell securing the ball and beating Thomas and Warrick to score right in the corner (11—21).

Teams :

O.A.s :—J. H. Guy : P. D. Smith, H. S. Bartlett, G. A. R. Boyd, L. P. Mosdell : F. H. G. Taylor, G. E. Sinclair (captain), S. A. Paige, D. E. Healy, R. Langebear, M. A. Drewe, A. C. Smith, G. A. Wood, J. Emmett, D. A. Kitto.

School :—G. E. H. Warrick : M. Thomas, D. G. Brown, G. J. Goodey, J. Grover : M. N. Laybourne, R. J. Jacques : R. C. Clarke, A. J. Turnham, J. McPherson, H. J. Holborow, R. E. G. Morewood, W. V. Simpson, R. N. Green, J. Ranger.

J. Ranger, M. Thomas, R. N. Green and D. G. Brown were awarded their 1st XV colours after this match.

SECOND XV MATCHES.

v. Oxford Exiles "B." Home.

The School played best in the first half when tries were scored through Thomas (two) and McPherson. In the second half we allowed our

opponents to get through twice more and so lost an equal game.

Result : lost, 9—11.

v. Bloxham School. Away.

The School were quite outplayed by a much larger and faster team, though some resistance was shown in the first half. The score at half-time being 14—0 in their favour. The School backs were bad and the tackling especially weak.

Result : lost, 51—0.

v. Leighton Park School. Home.

Distinct improvement was shown by the School, especially in the first half, when tries were scored by Luker, Adams, Stross and Fleet. In the second half the play got rather scrappy and our opponents scored one try. The School tackling was much better than in the previous match.

Result : won, 14—3.

v. Magdalen College School. Home.

The School showed good spirit against a stronger side, the score at half-time being 3 all. We allowed our opponents to obtain three more tries in the second half, though a stubborn resistance was shown. It was a very enjoyable game and the School tackling was fairly good.

Result : lost, 12—3.

The following played for the 2nd XV :—Fleet. (captain), Andrews, Corbett, Blake, Davis, Adams, Pollard, Powell, Sandercock, Collings, Clarke (ii), Luker, Mills (iii), Willey, Smallbone, Gould (i), Wiggins, Stross.

LIBRARY NOTES.

During the last two terms a considerable number of books of various classes has been added to the Library and it is very gratifying to see that there is a large increase in the number of books taken out. There is not much time available for general reading during term and so it is all the more important to make the best use of what time there is. Good writing is always easy to read and a little curiosity combined with a little perseverance will soon prove that a book is not to be judged by the dullness or brightness of its cover. It is earnestly hoped that the suggestion made last term, that boys should present a book or books to the Library, on leaving the School, will become a recognised custom. The demands of a library are infinite and we extend this invitation to any O.A.s who would care to leave a tangible and legible memento of their stay at the School.

G.F.D.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The summer holiday competition closed on Wednesday, Oct. 5th. In all there were 27 entries. In the amateur class there were 4, all by M. N. Laybourne and in the professional 23 by Messrs. J. C. Blackmore, R. F. Andrews, P. R. Wood, D. R. Thomas, L. G. Cather and R. G. Sandercock. "The Fountain at Glarus" was the winner in the amateur class and "The Long Mynds," by J. C. Blackmore, in the professional.

An exhibition of photographs was held in the Physics Laboratory on Sunday, Oct. 9th. Sixty-five photos were shown.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19th, there was a conversation in the Physics Laboratory. The Vice-President, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq., provided some stereoscopic views and the chairman, Mr. J. Y. Ingham, gave a talk on photography.

The following were elected members of the society:—Messrs. J. A. Fletcher, M. Wood, M. Wheat, D. B. West and J. Paige.

On Saturday, Nov. 5th, Mr. C. L. Clarke of the Kodak Fellowship gave us an extremely interesting lecture on "The Wonderland of Photography." This was illustrated by some very fine lantern slides. Non-members were invited.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16th, the Chairman gave a talk on lenses and stops, illustrating the formation of images by a smoke box specially constructed for the occasion by R. G. Sandercock.

The competition "Scenery" closed on Dec. 15th. There was only one entry—by J. C. Blackmore in the professional class. His photograph "The Avenue" was awarded the usual prize.

The competition decided upon for this term was "Action" to close on Wednesday, March 18th.

The membership of the society is now 30.

THE RAG CONCERT.

After a song by Mr. Ingham, the proceedings opened with a play by "the Lodge," which was received with enthusiasm. The title role of "Peter Coffin" was played by J. Paige, and among his somewhat "shady" confederates *Brandy Bill* (R. F. Jackson) especially provided us with great amusement. The play represented a struggle between the Pirates and Savages of an island in the Pacific, whose chief *Gollo* (H. A. Lunghi) was noted for his charming smile and quite rightly too! But alas for the Pirates! For when they lay down to rest with their booty, the Savages whom they had counted dead attacked them with the direst results. The costumes and lighting effects were

very pleasing and contributed greatly towards the success of the play.

An account of the piece, however, would not be at all complete without some reference to *Gollo's* trusty steed, who bore his important position in the correctly dignified fashion!

The ever-popular Gilbert and Sullivan were represented in the Ghost Song from "Ruddigore." This was contributed by Mr. Bateman, who, arrayed in an appropriately ghostly garb, gave an excellent dramatic performance.

The next item was a short domestic drama written by Mr. Duxbury, which centered round, to use Ada's words, "Them gas stoves," and this one had chosen to blow up and incapacitate Ada on the very day Auntie was coming for lunch. We were highly amused when Betty, who had been studying Auntie intently for some time, suddenly remarked, "Auntie, why do your teeth move up and down?" But we ought to sympathise with Auntie for she met with a peculiar reception, and being left alone with Betty was not likely to improve her temper. A novel feature of the play was Towser the dog, and she certainly made the best of her part. The caste was as follows:—

Mary (the wife), P. R. Wood; *James* (the husband), S. K. Muir; *Betty* (their child), D. F. W. Newman; *Ada* (their cook), J. S. Randle; *Mrs. Herringway* (their aunt), H. B. King; *Police Constable*, R. E. G. Morewood; *Towser* (their pet), Fry-me. It certainly was an "oventful" morning!

We have great pleasure in welcoming Mr. Palmer to our stage. He gave us an amusing monologue on hot-water bottles. An old fashioned farmer, he preferred the safe warming-pan to "them newfangled things," since it neither swamped, nor burnt, the bed.

The concluding item was, to say the least of it, unusual. It was a pantomime entitled "Penelope's Peregrinations in Peri-Land," composed and produced by Mr. Ingham. It will also be a long time before we forget it. The costumes and lighting effects again contributed largely towards the success of the piece. . . . After a prologue on earth, where we were introduced to a very charming *Penelope* (R. Emmett), we were transported, along with her, to the Moon. Here, in an azure atmosphere against a star-bespangled firmament, we met some old pantomime favourites. The *Knave of Hearts* (D. C. Woolf) ate his stolen tarts with manifest gusto and shewed equal knavish delight in pulling the cat's tail or discomfiting *Humpty*

Dumpty. The latter was a wonderful figure, about as broad as long, with a core made of H. T. Jones. As a family grocer he suggested a firm of sound standing. *Dick Whittington* (H. L. G. Livingston) was still on the tramp with his Scotch cat *Mac* (J. McPherson). This feline phenomenon proved a canny kitten from the tip of his tail to the end of his well-groomed whiskers and caught mice (off stage) or danced gavottes (on) as occasion demanded. *Dr. Foster* (R. G. James), in an impressive costume, talked high-brow "wireless" and revealed some of his astounding inventions [item: one *Gollivog* (J. A. Fletcher)]. Amongst all these personages and their doings *Penelope* was piloted by a very sprightly *Chimney Elf* (A. L. Fleet), who was all that a benevolent sprite should be. His duet with *Penelope* was a high light in a generally luminous performance.

It was pleasant on coming back to earth again to realize that it was not all a dream, for the pantomime season really was with us.

A TRIP UP THE HILL.

My pater had invited me to take a trip with him "up the Hill," as they call it, although it is merely 17,000 feet high. So at three o'clock on a Tuesday afternoon I boarded the Market train at Desamparados, the Waterloo (having two platforms) of the Central Railway of Peru. I was going to go up by easy stages to avoid the possibility of getting mountain sickness. Hence my presence on the Market train which seemed to be composed of empty milk cans, grubby cholos in the second class and a few passengers in the first class. The train kept stopping to shed milk cans and load cholos. It seemed a very happy-go-lucky state of affairs but I afterwards learned about the precise schedule of all train movements.

Looking back on Lima one could only see a bevy of church towers. The train ran past a very modern cement factory, a cotton mill and a sugar factory. On either side of the line there were sugar plantations and cotton fields but I did not see many cement shrubs. All the buildings are of adobe and look as if a good downpour would obliterate the whole lot. As it never rains the question does not arise and adobe is a wonderful material for withstanding the frequent earthquakes besides being a remarkably cheap composition. Its formula is about 99 per cent. mud with a few bits of straw and stones thrown in to help. After a run of forty kilometres, on a steady gradient of two and a half per cent., we reached Chosica, a beautiful little winter resort, 3,000 feet above

sea level. The sun always shines in Chosica and it is known as the "Villa del Sol." There my pater awaited me, and we began the ascent rapidly. The valley narrowed and the train ran along the mountain sides, which had great boulders dotted all over them and looked as if they were waiting to roll down and crush all to smithereens. The grade was now four per cent. and the engine appeared to know the fact as it snorted up, pulling 150 tons behind it.

Cocachacra and San Bartolomé, a fruit growing district, were next reached. This district is renowned for a very bad sickness called Verrugas fever, and is left strictly to itself at night because it is then that the flies, whose bite causes the fever, delight to come out of their haunts and gambol around.

A few miles further on we came to Surco, where flower sellers invade the train offering bunches of violets 12 inches in diameter for the equivalent sum of one shilling. By this time the sun had gone down and a full moon taken over. The effect of the latter as it illuminated the valley would take the imagination of a poet to describe, and, whereas I was occasionally quite hot stuff at bean bags, I was never a really good poet.

At 8 p.m. we arrived in Matucana, the end of the first stage. After a dinner, highly seasoned with garlic, at the local hotel (and what a hotel!) we took a stroll around the town, and so to bed as Mr. Pepys would say.

Early the following morning my pater heaved me out of bed and planted me, with the rest of his baggage, on an open waggon of a freight train. This was a particularly comfortable mode of travelling, especially going under tunnels. However, forcing down the natural remarks that came to my lips at having to share a compartment with a new Ford lorry, I began to look around and found that there was a certain amount of sense in the old man's madness. The way that the line circles around, goes through tunnels and reverts to zig-zags is simply amazing.

We ascended to Tamboraque where a friend of the pater has some silver mines and a smelter. We were met by the owner's son and first taken up to the mines situated on the opposite side of the valley 2,400 feet above the smelter. A cableway is used for transporting the ore and a small trolley car, four feet long by two wide, was put at our disposal. I expressed my gratitude but inwardly wished that Peruvians were not quite so hospitable. However, there was no way out, so, with a nonchalant air that I was far from feeling, I stepped in

and my pater clambered into the opposite seat. The ride was particularly thrilling because at one spot where you are 1,600 feet above the ground the engineer, no doubt a humorist, has put a splice in the cable. Being quite unaware of the fact I just caught my heart in time as it leapt out of my mouth, on feeling a sharp bump. The ride took fourteen minutes and after the first couple of minutes I was able to appreciate the view. Well, a little, anyway. Looking down a train appeared like a child's toy and the river, which is comparatively big, was merely the suspicion of a dribble. We were at about 12,000 feet altitude but the temperature was still hot although we could see snow-clad hills in the distance.

The cableway terminated near the entrance of one of the mine levels, of which there were four, namely the Coricancha, Oyama, Dos de Mayo and Reserva, all connected by a shute that runs from the top to the bottom. Thus ore that is mined in high levels is thrown into the shute where it falls to the bottom.

After inspecting the Coricancha and following what is called a "mispické" vein, we returned to go on muleback to the higher levels. I might possibly be mistaken, but if asked my estimation of the angle of elevation I should undoubtedly say 90°. The mules could only ascend by taking a zig-zag course. Going up my head was between the mule's ears and coming down it was on that part where the tail meets the rest of the animal.

The morning soon passed in a most interesting way, and on the return cableway journey I was fearfully blasé and took a number of photos. Our host, Sr. Proaño, then took us to his house for lunch, where we met his wife, a charming young Swiss lady.

After lunch we were shown over the smelter and the different processes were explained. The ore, which had been brought over by the cableway, was crushed, toasted, mixed with sinter, limestone and coke, and then the whole bag of tricks was smelted, the molten metal being run into moulds. I was greatly surprised by the modern machinery and electric plant that had been installed. Although not very big it was exceptionally efficient.

At Tamboraque I had my first close-up view of a pack of llamas. These animals are said to live on nothing and digest it several times. They will cheerfully carry 100 pounds, but place 101 pounds on one and he will proceed to go to bed for the day. All efforts to rouse him would be quite useless. When the extra pound is removed he will promptly

arise, spit in your face and rejoin the ranks. Such is the effect of Trade Unions on the New World.

We spent the night very pleasantly at Tamboraque and the following morning proceeded on our way. The whole line now ran along ledges that had been dynamited out of the mountain side, through tunnels and frequently climbing by zig-zags. I am told that there are sixty-eight tunnels, sixty-six bridges and twenty-one zig-zags all in one hundred miles of travel, the line reaching a height of 15,806 feet above sea level. This is higher than any other railway in the world with a standard gauge.

We were now on the passenger train which was a vast improvement on the Market and freight trains. In the first-class saloon carriages, which are not split up into compartments, there are only eight seats, and these are big leather armchairs which would do credit to Waring and Gillow's. You can move them about as much as you like. Naturally the train was not going at sixty miles an hour up a gradient of four per cent., but it would be difficult to find, even in England, a train that could carry you from tropical heat to eternal snow in less than six hours.

On the hillsides could be seen the terraces constructed by the Incas centuries ago. How they were irrigated is a mystery, like a great many other things about the Incas. There are many traces left in Peru to show what a wonderful race they were, but their descendants of to-day have sadly degenerated. They are addicted to chewing coca (the leaf from which cocaine is extracted) and thus have become very stupid.

At Ticlio we pass over the summit. The Galera Tunnel at this point is humped and some of the water that drips into it runs into the Pacific and some into the Atlantic after a very long journey down the Mantoro, Ucayali and Amazon rivers. Glaciers and snow clad peaks abound in the district and look magnificent. There are also many mines rich in copper, silver and lead.

At 5 p.m. we arrived at Croya, quite a big town, where the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation have a big smelter. I was invited to go over it but unfortunately did not have the time.

The pater's pullman coach awaited him, so we could drop the train at any spot and not go without a meal. We spent the night at a place called Llocclapampa. All the land there is owned by a community of Indians who are very jealous of their rights. They have kept the old Incaica system of communism. Each person is allotted a small plot of land and everybody helps the other.

The scenery had now changed from the grandeur of the mountains to the beauty of a plateau covered with wheat fields and eucalyptus trees.

After the night at Llocllapampa we left the coach and returned twenty kilometres by a train to Pachacayo, where I was taken to visit a cattle ranch. Pure-bred Black Angus and Hereford were raised there on a farm that encompassed fifty square miles. The usual delightful hospitality was extended and after a huge lunch we took horses for a run over the ranch and back to Llocllapampa. As my previous experience in riding did not go much further than a penny donkey ride at Weymouth I was given a very "quiet" horse. The pater and our host mounted fiery demons and disappeared in a cloud of dust over the horizon. My faithful steed wanted to know what it was all about and so followed suit. I leave to your imagination the picture of myself hugging a horse's neck, trying to strangle the bally thing, and at the same time registering that *sang froid* expression that an Englishman has to wear on such an occasion. However, when we eventually stopped I was still in the vicinity of the saddle; although I must confess that it was more luck than judgment. The little gallop gave me a spot of confidence and for the rest of the 35 kilometres I felt quite an old timer.

During the night the coach had been taken on to Jauja, an old city of the Incas and still thriving. This town has a large sanatorium for tubercular cases and I understand that a great number of miraculous cures have been effected, mostly due to the climate. We were taken over it and saw a lot of patients. In the afternoon two doctors and a Roman Catholic priest came over to the coach to play bridge and dine. The old padre was distinctly a character and, although he had his leg persistently pulled, he always came up for more. Later in the evening we went up to the Casino, where the members tried their English on me and I occasionally ventured on a word or two of my Spanish, which was still very much in its infancy. We found that we understood each other far better by the simple method of wagging our arms.

The next day being a Sunday we moved over to Huancayo, where there is a big market. About 12,000 Indians had swarmed in and arranged themselves along every pavement in the town. Their goods consisted of hand-woven rugs, pottery, shoes, hats, silver ornaments and knickknacks. The medicine stalls must also be mentioned.

Every herb under the sun that looks poisonous was laid out as a cure for some disease or other. Dried toads, rotten fish and snakes in aguardiente were especially recommended as having quick results. I did not doubt it. Very little money changes hands, most of the things being bartered. At the present rate of exchange a cow is worth a pig, three rugs, two pairs of shoes and four dried toads.

By midday the bartering was over and then began the real business of the day, namely, the good old Spanish custom of getting most fearfully blotto. The Indians excel in the gentle art. It is considered infra-dig to leave in a state resembling sobriety. About four o'clock in the afternoon they pack up and go off for another week. The women have to carry most of the wares on their backs, with a baby stuck in an odd corner. They go along at a jog-trot and incessantly spin wool with their hands.

Near Huancayo the Carnegie Institute has built a magnetic observatory. They have some exceedingly delicate instruments from which they record how many inches the world has moved out of its orbit and all that sort of thing. Professor Compton was there recently making experiments with regard to the Cosmic Rays.

Leaving Huancayo was much regretted as I thought that my trip was almost over; but there was still more to come. On returning to Oroya we took an automobile fitted with wheels for the rails and went over to Morococha, which is on a branch line. The object of this was that I should reach the 15,806 feet altitude point of the railway. And then, as a grand finale, at Tielio we took a small open hand-car fitted with brakes and cruised the whole way down to Chosica, 75 miles away. Market train, freight train, cableway, passenger train, autocarril and even my equestrian experiences were completely forgotten in the thrill of dashing along the line, around curves, over bridges and under tunnels in an open truck moving under its own momentum faster and faster down the "Hill," with nothing but a pair of brakes that looked old and rusted.

And so we returned after a most wonderful trip to the "Roof of the World."

In conclusion I must not forget to express my appreciation of the warm hospitality of the Peruvians. Wherever I went everybody seemed to go out of their way especially for my enjoyment and made me feel that henceforth I was a valued friend.

J.B.O.

OXFORD LETTER.

"It is idle to lament the passing of the great; they have left their tales behind them to be a memorial for all time."—*Thucydides*.

With that assurance we must leave the illustrious figures who have gone down with degrees and glory. Four of us were left and Coulson came into residence at Queen's. That made five.

Mosdell is at St. Edmund Hall. He still wears grey-white gloves on the slightest provocation and a green bicycle. His rugger has improved surprisingly and he is pursuing the elusive greyhound everywhere. On the track he has acquired a centipede and a huge chest. During the morning he may be found sipping coffee at Ellistons. In his spare time he works.

Brown is at B.N.C. He was so busy playing golf that he was seldom seen. We hope he may prove a worthy successor to Geoffrey Langford. He passed Law Mods. in the summer and is working terribly hard for his finals. He may be found in the George or the Super any evening.

Taylor is at Pembroke and is otherwise distinguished for having rowed in the preliminary trial eights. He is a good oar, we hear: he certainly looked very pretty in the boat. This versatile sportsman hung up his oar at half-term and graced the rugger field, where he played with some of his old abandon and brilliance: then he played soccer and was finally seen with a lacrosse stick. He has been working desperately hard for P. Mods.

Sinclair is at Pembroke, but why does he wear a tweed cap? He always seems to be in a hurry and dirty flannel bags. He does still play rugger with more enthusiasm than skill, but finds soccer less strenuous and plays with more skill than most people think.

Coulson we welcome up to Queen's. He plays hockey, we believe, and works harder than ever.

For this letter I can only crave your indulgence. It is the worst of its predecessors as Thucydides would say, and we would agree with him.

Oxford O.A.

THE EMPEROR HADRIAN TO HIS DEPARTING SOUL.

Little soul, pretty soul, wilt thou stray,
Boon companion of this my clay?
Into the unknown whither away—
Wan little, cold little naked one, say,
Quite forgetting our wonted play?

H.H.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTHS.

BALLARD.—On November 23, at Abingdon, to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ballard, a son (Ben Stuart).

HOOKE.—On November 30, at Snowdon Avenue, Toronto, Canada, to Hilda, wife of Harry Hooke, a daughter.

STEVENS.—On March 3, at Northfield, Bickley, Kent, to Barbara (née Mosdell) and Henry Stevens, a son (Henry Beville).

MARRIAGE.

COLE—YOUNG.—On October 15, Frank M. Cole, of Smithville, Ontario, Canada, to Jessie Frances, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young, of Ontario.

DEATH.

NELIGAN.—Last April, at Bray, County Wicklow, Ireland, Henry Lancelot Neligan, youngest son of the late Dr. Neligan, of Croydon, aged 43.

Harry Neligan joined the School as a boarder at Tesdale House in May 1902, and left in July 1907, after a useful school career in which he was equally successful in work and games. He gained his colours both for Football and Cricket and in his last term headed the 1st XI batting averages. As head of the Sixth Form he won the Pembroke Scholarship in Classics in the spring of 1907, and was to have proceeded to Oxford in due course; but a serious breakdown in health during the summer holidays frustrated all hopes and caused him first to postpone and finally to relinquish altogether his prospects of an Oxford course. Later, when his health was sufficiently recovered, he matriculated at Trinity College, Dublin, and from that time Ireland became his adoptive country. In 1912, while still a student at Trinity, he qualified for the Royal Irish Constabulary, being placed second on the list of successful candidates. He served with this body during all the difficult period of the war and the subsequent Irish disturbances, rising to the rank of a District Inspector in the Dublin area. On his retirement after the settlement he decided to take up poultry-farming and, with this object, purchased a farm at Kells, in County Kerry. He had recently (at the end of 1930) removed to a new farm at Bray, in County Wicklow; but the hard work entailed brought about another breakdown in health and, though he seemed to be on the road to recovery, he died quite suddenly and unexpectedly from heart failure. He has left many friends to mourn his loss and his old school-fellows will remember him as a warm-hearted and cheerful comrade.

We have received from W. H. Stevens, A.R.C.Sc., A.I.C., O.A., a copy of the new (1933) edition of "Rubber Latex" of which he is joint author. Although the first edition was published so recently as 1928, a great advance in the application and uses of latex has occasioned considerable re-writing to bring this hand-book up to date. It now contains a clearly written account of latex which gives all the information on the subject that any layman could require. The research worker will find it equally valuable, for although it only covers the groundwork of the subject, it is well documented throughout and contains both bibliography and patents list.

R. D. Lanning has been appointed Headmaster of Thatcham School, Berks.

D. S. Kite has successfully graduated from the R.A.F. College at Cranwell and has now taken up his commission as a Pilot Officer. During his cadet course he was appointed Acting Sergeant in his squadron and in his senior term he won the prize offered for the flight cadet obtaining highest marks in humanistic subjects. He gained his colours for boxing and rowing.

L. S. Bailey and S. A. Fabes have passed the Intermediate Examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.

A. F. R. Fisher has finished his course at Dartington Hall and is now beginning a one-year course in Horticulture at the Somerset Farm Institute, Cannington, near Bridgwater.

C. R. Hall has severed his connection with Messrs. Alex. Cowan and Sons and has now a post in the Sales Department of Messrs. John Dickinson & Co., Paper Manufacturers, of London & Watford.

J. A. Squire (St. Bartholomew's Hospital) has passed the Midwifery and Pathology sections of his final examination and hopes to take the other two sections—Surgery and Medicine—in the course of the year.

P. J. Squire has taken his Diploma at Faraday House with First Class Honours and is now at the English Electrical Engineering Factory at Stafford (attached to Faraday House).

E. A. Mortleman, playing for Middlesex, has been awarded his County Cap for hockey.

Shaw Brown's address is now: c/o Moxham Bros., Courallie Station, Tottenham, N.S.W. Here he, and three others, are in charge of some 22,000 sheep on 17,000 acres of land, with an outlier, ten miles distant, of 8,000 sheep on 10,000 acres. Some flock!

Leonard B. Bayley, who was at the School from 1898 to the end of 1900, retired last year from the Sudan Government Railways, after 23 years of service, during which he had risen to the position of Traffic Manager. Some of our readers may have noticed his name in the Honours List last June, as a recipient of the O.B.E. in recognition of valuable services rendered. He had previously, in 1922, received the "Fourth Nile" decoration (Fourth Class Order of the Nile), and in 1928, in connection with the visit of the Crown Prince of Italy to the Sudan, was awarded the insignia of Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy. He is now living at Amersham and hopes shortly to settle down permanently at Chesham Bois.

C. V. Davidge, M.A., B.C.L., has been elected a Fellow of Keble College, Oxford.

J. B. Ottiker, who sends the interesting account of his experiences in the Peruvian Andes which we publish in another column, has found employment at the Casa Beech, which he describes as "a sort of glorified agency business." He seems to be well and happy, has been playing rugger for the Lima club and is now in training for the local regatta in March. His address is c/o Ferro-carril Central, Lima, Peru.

P. B. Pfordten writes from 154 Route Pichon, Shanghai. He enjoyed the voyage out and is delighted with the place now that he has got there. He is playing hockey for the Shanghai club.

F. M. Cole, a notice of whose marriage we print above, has now a farm of his own at Smithville, which is about 15 miles from Hamilton. We wish him and his bride all happiness and prosperity.

News of our Oxford contingent, now unfortunately depleted by the defection of F. H. G. Taylor, who has gone down, will be found in our Oxford Letter. But we may note here our satisfaction at seeing the name of R. F. Brown among those representing the Varsity at golf in most of the matches to date. He has met with a very fair measure of success and we hope that this augurs well for his chances of a "blue" before his time comes to go down.

Of the boys who left last term R. C. Clarke and R. G. Sandercock are at Faraday House; G. A. H. Bosley has passed the entrance examination of the Pharmaceutical Society and is articled to Messrs. J. W. Richardson & Co., Didcot; R. E. Bradfield is with his father's firm, W. E. Bradfield & Son, Drayton Mills, Steventon.

O.A. CLUB NOTES.

The London Dinner was held on Friday evening, Nov. 4th, at the City Livery Club (through the kind offices of Mr. J. B. Reeves). Fifteen members attended and, in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. Reeves kindly presided.

The dinner this year will be held on Friday evening, Nov. 3rd, and the price is to be reduced to 5s. I should be glad if all London O.A.s will make a note of the date and write me at least 14 days beforehand should they not receive a detailed notice in the early part of October. This is because the O.A. address list is getting very out of date and it is difficult to ensure that no one is overlooked.

It is hoped that more members will make use of the facilities so kindly put at our disposal each year by Mr. J. B. Reeves.

W.H.S.

FOOTBALL.

"UNDER 15" MATCHES.

v. Magdalen College School, Brackley. Away. Won : 27—3.

This season's "Under 15" Team, of which high hopes had been formed in practice fulfilled its promise with a handsome victory in its first match. Magdalen, Brackley, had the distinction of being the only team to score against us, in four matches; tries were scored for us by Collings (3), Clarke (2), Woodley (2), Luker and Hill. The ground was heavy for kicking and no try was converted.

v. Bloxham School. Home. Won : 10—0.

One of the hardest and best fought Junior matches the writer has ever seen. The two teams were very even and the game was full of tense moments from start to finish. Cox's fine display of tackling at full-back was the deciding factor in the result; the Bloxham three-quarters made some splendid dashes for the line, but they were invariably pulled up by his sterling defence. The whole of our team played up very well, the forwards, with Smallbone as a battering ram, more than holding their own. Luker in attack was always menacing, and had bad luck in not scoring. Two good tries were scored for us by Clarke and Willey, each of which was splendidly converted by an inspired Smallbone.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford. Away. Won : 15—0.

To the forwards goes the credit for this victory, for the game was played on a heavy and wet ground and the backs were rendered rather helpless. The pack played excellently and kept well together; they went hard throughout and dominated the game. The backs had few chances, but although the conditions were difficult their handling showed need of improvement. Clarke (2), Smallbone, Emms and Pollard scored tries, but none was converted, although Smallbone made one very good kick.

v. Leighton Park School. Home. Won : 21—0.

A match played in somewhat similar conditions to those against Magdalen, in which the pack as a whole again went hard to the finish and played very well; the backs had rather more of the play than in the previous match and, in the main, did well. Their handling had improved, though it was still somewhat inclined to break down during a promising movement. Luker and Clarke both made some excellent runs on their own, the former also doing some good-length kicking; but both, at present, are too individual in their play. They do, however, penetrate in their running, and Luker had quite a field-day, scoring three tries, one of which was especially good and could only have been gained by really determined running for the line. Other tries were scored by Clarke (2), Collings and Wood v, but not a single kick went between the posts.

This match brought to a close a season in which all four matches were won, the total record of the team was 73 points to 3.

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