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SCHOOL NOTES.

We are greatly indebted to J. B. Reeves, Esq. (O.A.) for his gift to the School Library of the Shorter Oxford Dictionary. As a standard work which is likely to remain in the front rank for many years to come it is a valuable addition which we greatly appreciate.

The Rev. H. E. Salter of Magdalen College, Oxford, who has lately received the Degree of D.Litt., was married on June 1 to Miss Gladys N. Dewar, the elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dewar.

D. G. Brown is Captain of the School and Head of the House this term. P. A. D. Jones, A. L. Fleet, M. N. Laybourne (Waste Court), A. J. Turnham, H. Bosley, C. F. Powell and J. Ranger are School Prefects; A. R. M. Adams, R. F. Andrews, D. H. Blake, L. E. Carter, A. N. Elley, R. P. F. Mills, J. A. Randle and G. E. H. Warrick are Sub-Prefects.

D. G. Brown is Captain of Rugger and A. L. Fleet Hon. Sec.

A. C. Emms is School Librarian.

The following were awarded Certificates in the July Examinations:--

Higher School Certificate, Group I (Classics): A. L. Fleet. Group II (Mathematics): P. A. D. Jones.

School Certificate: A. R. M. Adams, F. A. Bennett, D. G. Brown, L. E. Carter, H. H. Eeles (with Distinction in Chemistry), A. N. Elley, A. C. Emms, P. H. Gould, W. J. Head (with Distinction in French), D. E. Mills, R. P. F. Mills, E. F. Parks, E. S. Willey and D. C. Woolf.

Last term Cricket Colours were awarded to W. V. Simpson and R. F. Andrews: and 2nd XI Caps to J. A. Fletcher and D. E. Mills on June 24th, to J. McPherson, R. F. Cox and K. G. Corbett on July 12th and to A. L. Fleet, L. E. J. Luker and P. H. Gould on July 27th.

The bat for the best batting average in the 1st XI (given by the Masters' Common Room) was awarded to M. N. Laybourne, and for the best bowling average (given by the Headmaster) to A. J. Turnham. The bat for the best fielder in the 1st XI was awarded to R. F. Andrews.

Bats presented in memory of the late J. H. Meredith, O.A., were won by L. E. J. Luker as the best bowler in the 2nd XI and J. A. Fletcher, the best bowler under 15. The two bats provided under the will of the late Dr. B. W. Henderson for the best all-rounders under 16 and 15 were awarded to D. E. Mills and R. F. Cox.

A cricket ball presented by Mr. Piper for the boy whose cricket boots had been kept in the best condition during the season was won by C. G. Carter.

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

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

M. N. Laybourne and A. J. Turnham attended the Camp held annually at Littlestone-on-Sea at the invitation of H.R.H. the Duke of York.

Members of both IV's and other full 'Colours' were given the customary leave off morning school on Saturday, July 8th to make the pilgrimage to Henley, where some of them saw the American Schoolboys carry off the Thames Cup.

Bishop Shaw will hold a Confirmation in the School Chapel on Sunday, December 17th.

This term ends on Tuesday, December 19th, boarders leaving on the following day. The Easter term begins on Tuesday, January 16th, boarders returning on the previous day.

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

VALETE.

VI FORM.—G. J. Goodey (1926, iii). School Prefect, 1932; Captain of School, 1933; O.S.C. Exam., 1st Class Honours, 1931; 1st Class Honours and Distinctions in Latin and Greek, 1932; 1st XV Rugger, 1932; 2nd XV Colours, 1932; 1st Athletic Colours, 1933; Cpl. O.T.C., 1932.

J. McPherson (1930, iii). Sub-prefect, 1933; 1st XV Rugger, 1932; 2nd XV Colours, 1931; 1st XI Cricket, 1933; 2nd XI Colours, 1933; Cpl. O.T.C., 1933; Certificate "A", 1933.

W. V. Simpson (1930, iii). Sub-prefect, 1933; 1st XV Rugger, 1932; 2nd XV Colours, 1932; 1st XI Cricket, 1932-33; 1st XI Colours, 1933; 1st IV Rowing, 1933; 1st Athletic Colours, 1933; Cpl., O.T.C., 1933; 1st Class Shot.

R. E. G. Morewood (1929, ii). Sub-prefect, 1933; 1st XV Rugger, 1932; 2nd XV Colours, 1932; 1st IV Rowing, 1932-33; Half-Athletic Colours, 1933; Lce.-Cpl., O.T.C., 1933; 1st Class Shot.

T. J. H. Charley (1929, iii). Sub-prefect, 1933; O.S.C. Exam., 1932; School Librarian, 1932.

R. A. Bosley (1926, iii). O.S.C. Exam., 1931-32; 2nd XI Cricket, 1932-33.

H. H. Eeles (1928, iii). O.S.C. Exam., 1932-33; Distinction in Chemistry, 1933.

E. F. Parks (1928, iii). O.S.C. Exam., 1932-33; Honours, 1933.

VA FORM.—J. C. Blackmore (1929, ii). 2nd XI Cricket, 1932-33; Lce.-Cpl., O.T.C., 1933.

P. H. Gould (1930, iii). O.S.C. Exam., 1933; 2nd XV Rugger, 1932; 2nd XI Cricket, 1932-33; 2nd XI Colours, 1933; 2nd IV Rowing, 1933; Half-Athletic Colours, 1933; 1st Class Shot.

VB FORM.—W. J. Brewer (1925, iii).

REMOVE FORM.—W. R. Savage (1931, ii).

E. J. F. Punter (1928, iii).

III FORM.—M. Austin (1928, iii).

P. E. M. Holland (1932, iii).

SALVETE.

VB FORM.—R. E. Bowman.

REMOVE FORM.—A. L. Shepherd, P. J. Wootten.

III FORM.—W. J. Eeles, C. G. Rowe, G. D. Randall, F. G. D. Dean, G. W. Povey, A. C. Wiggins, J. W. D. Downie, R. J. Faulkner, J. Lay.

II FORM.—L. J. Bunford, D. G. Sandercock, P. F. S. Amies, R. W. B. Dawson.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

We were again favoured with fine weather for our Founder's Day Celebrations which fortunately fell on the sunniest day of a rather unsettled week.

Proceedings opened as usual with a service in St. Helen's Church, conducted by the Rev. G. R. Palmer, Vicar of Marcham and School Chaplain.

The Vicar of Abingdon, the Rev. R. C. McKeown was also present, and Miss I. S. Peach was at the organ. The School choir led the singing and sang the Anthem, "Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy house." The wreath for John Roysse's tomb was again very kindly provided by Mrs. C. R. Scott.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. R. Palmer, who took as his text, "Freely ye have received, freely give." He said that to receive gladly and to give generously were two of the great duties which contributed to a happy and useful life. These words, given by our Lord as advice to His disciples setting out on a venture of faith for God's work, still stood as a warning to us to-day to use the gifts that have come to us from the past wisely and in the service of God. He reminded us how much we owed to the generosity of John Roysse, and men like him, "who have laboured, and we have entered into their labours." Further, whether we acknowledge it or not, we were definitely influenced by our legacy from the past, and though youth, in striving after its ideals claimed to look forward not back, yet youth could not afford to ignore, not so much the achievements as the ideals of the past; since the ideals which we as Christians have inherited are not only unchanging, but always call for a higher level of attainment.

Following the Service the prize distribution was held in the Corn Exchange. The prizes were presented by Major-General Sir Charles Corkran, C.B., C.M.G., and on the platform also were the Headmaster, Vice-Admiral F. Clifton-Brown, the Revs. H. E. Salter and G. R. Palmer, Dr. H. S. Challenor, Messrs. W. Brewer, A. W. Morland, W. T. Morland and W. A. Rudd.

In his review of the School's activities during the past year, the Headmaster said that it was now 20 years since he first addressed the friends of the School on Founder's Day, and mentioned, among many changes that had taken place in that period, the purchase of the Waste Court property, the extension and levelling of our playing fields, chiefly due to the efforts of Mr. Rudd, the building of a school boathouse, and the stage proscenium and fittings in the gymnasium. Also two years ago Mr. J. B. Reeves had given a five's court, and this year thanks to Mr. Ross-Barker we had acquired a hard tennis court. Reverting to the general activities of the School, he said that the Certificate Examinations had been satisfactory and the Athletic performances as a whole distinctly good. In asking General Corkran to present the

prizes, he said the School was proud to have as a neighbour a man of his personal distinction and services to his country, and ventured to hope that Lady Corkran and he would continue to take an interest in the School.

General Corkran then presented the prizes as follows:—

VIA. Classics, Meredith Latin and Greek Proses, A. L. Fleet; Mathematics, P. A. D. Jones; Physics, C. F. Powell.

VIB. Classics, D. G. Brown; Chemistry, H. H. Eeles; Physics, R. P. F. Mills.

VI. Divinity, H. Bosley; French, G. J. Goodey; Modern History, M. N. Laybourne; English, T. J. H. Charley; Senior Art Prize, R. E. G. Morewood.

VA. English and French, W. J. Head; Latin and Mathematics, D. C. Woolf; History, J. McPherson; Divinity, J. Ranger; Science, W. J. Head; Greek, G. E. H. Warrick.

VB. English and Science, H. A. Lunghi; French, H. L. Jacob; Divinity, P. A. Town; Latin, P. J. Woolf; Greek, P. R. Wood; History, R. F. Cox; Mathematics, P. J. Hill; Singing, P. R. Wood.

REMOVE. French and History, W. G. Smith; Latin, D. Jones; Divinity, A. C. Rogers; Greek, G. A. D. Baker; Mathematics and Science, G. V. Bayley; Pianoforte Prize, S. K. Muir.

III. Latin and French, R. Hedger; Divinity and Science, A. Beaton; Mathematics, R. Goodey; History, R. Hedger.

II. Divinity and History, C. G. Carter; French and Mathematics, C. G. Carter; Nature Study, W. J. Leahy.

Having presented the prizes, General Corkran caused much laughter by describing his apprehension, when invited to give away the prizes, at the thought that he might be expected to make a speech in Latin. He added a word of congratulation to the School on its achievements and of encouragement to those who had not received prizes. He then made some very sound observations on two expressions in common use to-day—"Safety First" and "Labour Saving," urging that the first should not be allowed to cramp the spirit of adventure nor the second rob us of thoroughness and pride in our work. In conclusion he pointed to the example of the Prince of Wales, whose birthday coincided with Founder's Day, which we might do well to follow in our interpretation of those two expressions.

The ceremony ended with cheers for General Corkran, the Headmaster and Miss Grundy.

The company then adjourned to the School grounds, where the Headmaster and Miss Grundy held an "At Home," and the guests were entertained to tea on the Upper Field. During tea, music was provided by the City of Oxford Band, and a display of Physical Drill given by a squad under Sergt.-Instructor Eyre. During the afternoon the School buildings were open to inspection by the visitors. Demonstrations were given in the workshops and an exhibition of photographs was on view in the Science Laboratories.

Donors of Prizes, to whom we offer our best thanks were Dr. H. S. Challenor Miss I. Sheldon Peach, Messrs. S. R. Benson, N. Duncan, R. E. Eason (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 and T. S. Wilding.

CRICKET.

The Cricket Season of 1933 fully bore out the hopes that had been entertained of it; thanks to the fine weather and the way each member worked under the Captain to make a well-knit team, it was a pleasant season, and it was certainly successful, as successful as the very good season of 1931. This was especially satisfactory as the team was a fairly young one; but various players fulfilled their promise, and the reward was felt of a good foundation laid in 1932.

Including the Staff match, seven matches were won, two drawn and one lost; our only defeat was at the hands of the Old Boys, and if one match has to be lost in a season, probably that is the match everyone would select. Although there were some outstanding players, the team played together definitely as a team and not as a collection of individuals, and this helped in no small measure towards the success of the season; it was especially satisfactory that the batting could as a rule be relied upon all the way down the list, and in fact no less than four of our victories were won through the tail wagging vigorously. Another factor in success was the fielding, which was again admirable and fully up to the high standard which we always try to maintain; Andrews and D. E. Mills were perhaps outstanding, but Laybourne, Turnham and Corbett were also very good, and D. G. Brown by his fast-footed fielding saved a great many runs.

The first match of all, against Pembroke, provided perhaps the most striking and astonishing example of how our "tail" could wag and save the

situation. Turnham (5 for 20) and Simpson (5 for 23) bowled splendidly to get Pembroke out for 45. We then lost five wickets for 8 runs, and the game seemed lost beyond recovery, but Andrews and all the last five batsmen pulled the game round gallantly, and we finally made 76, a score which, though small, seems almost remarkable in view of the early collapse. Perhaps this was the best kind of opening match we could have had, for it served to give the team confidence all through and to show that a game, however hopeless in appearance, is never lost until the last wicket has fallen.

Perhaps our three best victories were against Leighton Park, the Oxford Exiles and Oxford City; Leighton Park was our second match and we did well to get them out for 82, after they had looked at the start like getting a fairly large score. Our bowling was steady, Simpson's especially, and Fletcher came on to finish off the innings quickly, getting 3 wickets for 9 runs. Our batting was also steady, Andrews (24) and Fletcher (38) both playing especially well, while Warrick, who was not too fortunate in run-getting this season, played a useful innings. We finally made 142 for 7. Against Magdalen College School, Oxford, we were rather fortunate to avoid defeat; we were clearly saved here by Laybourne who played a fine Captain's innings of 52 and was unlucky to be out in the last over; this game started a very good succession of scores by him and from now on his batting was most consistent. The next match, against the Oxford Exiles, was one of our most decisive victories; Turnham (5 for 41) was the chief thorn in their flesh, but Simpson (3 for 19) also made his presence felt. To their score of 94 we replied with 168 for three wickets, and everyone who batted played well; Andrews (35) played his best innings and showed a graceful style. He and D. E. Mills put on 53 for the first wicket, and Laybourne added the finishing touches generously by making 64 not out; he was aided by Fletcher (18) who was playing very nicely until he was unfortunately run out, a sad fate which was to overtake him twice more in the course of the season. The Wantage match may be said to have been won by Turnham, Laybourne and the "Tail"; when Wantage batted, Turnham proved to be a most formidable engine of destruction. He bowled very finely and in 22 overs took 7 wickets for 30 runs; even so, Wantage made the respectable total of 112, and when we lost three wickets for 15 and five for 58, matters looked serious. It was in these somewhat regrettable situations that memories of the Pembroke match

were so useful ; they fortified us throughout the rest of the season. Laybourne (46) had been playing another Captain's innings, and aided by Warrick, Turnham, McPherson, Brown and Blackmore he succeeded in stemming the adverse tide ; it was a good match and a good finish, for the 8th wicket fell at 101 and there was some excitement. We finally made 124, winning by two wickets.

The Old Boys brought down a hot team, and batting consistently, declared at 196 for 5 wickets ; W. W. Brown (62) made his customary score against us and we feel that he is being encouraged to make this too much of a habit. It is clear that the proper policy is to induce him to get run out before he has scored. We replied with the quite satisfactory score of 143, and thus suffered our only defeat ; Laybourne, maintaining his consistency, played a good innings of 45, and Fletcher (14) was batting well when he was most unfortunately run out. This was a great pity, as he was well set, and had there been a big partnership between him and Laybourne, as seemed quite likely, the finish might have been exciting. The match was, as usual, most enjoyable.

Against the City of Oxford School we were on the whole fortunate to draw ; they made 118 ; and Turnham, again in good form, took 4 wickets for 35. This was quite satisfactory so far, but our batting was rather disappointing ; when the second wicket fell at 46, things seemed to be going well, but there was then something of a collapse, and six wickets were down for 65. However we managed to play out time with the score 77 for 8 wickets ; Andrews played a good innings of 26, Laybourne made 17, and Simpson played a useful innings to save the situation at the end.

The "Tail" again played gallantly against Magdalen College School, Brackley ; on paper this match appears to be a decisive victory, as we scored 120 to their 60, but actually the situation was at one time rather perilous. In getting them out for 60, Simpson decided to take the leading role this time, and bowled very well in taking 5 wickets for 34 ; Andrews (3 for 8) helped to finish off the innings quickly. After making a fairly good start, however, we lost five wickets quickly, and with six wickets down for 42, anything might have happened ; the credit for our recovery lies entirely with the tail, which waggled even more vigorously than in the Pembroke match. Simpson (21) hit about lustily at this critical period and helped by Turnham (20) made things safe for us, while later on, when anxiety was over, Brown (26) hit in care-free style, so that we finally made 120.

The season was ended fittingly with one of the best victories of all, against Oxford City, who brought down a strong team ; their wickets fell fairly steadily and they were all out for 89. Simpson, who finished up very strongly in his last two matches, again bowled very well, taking 5 wickets for 39, and Fletcher repeated his trick of finishing off the innings quickly by getting 3 wickets for 6 runs in three overs. After a fair start we lost three wickets rather quickly, but when the score was 38 for 4 Laybourne and Cox in a good partnership took the score to 76 ; we appeared to be safe, but another three wickets fell quickly and the score was 77 for 7. Turnham then kept his wicket up, but at 83, Laybourne, whose fine innings of 40 largely helped to win the match, was run out ; he deserved to stay for the winning hit. Even now, with eight wickets down, the match might have been lost, but Brown, showing no nerves, came in and hit two boundaries, and we made 102, a very good ending to a most satisfactory season.

Laybourne was a most hard-working Captain, who is thoroughly to be congratulated on the success of his team ; he set them a very good example in the field, and his batting was most consistent and successful, as is shown by his total of 290 runs for nine innings, an excellent record. After one failure, in the first match, he never looked back ; perhaps his best innings were those against Magdalen College School, Oxford, Wantage and Oxford City, in that his batting on those occasions either saved, or largely helped to win the match. Turnham had a very good season as a bowler and fully came up to expectations ; although he was hit at times, one felt he was always likely to get a wicket at any moment ; he had four particularly good matches and his 7 wickets for 30 against Wantage was an outstanding performance ; in all, he took 29 wickets at an average cost of 9.55 runs per wicket. Simpson's record of 28 wickets for ten runs a piece was nearly as good, and he always bowled very steadily. He did not have much opportunity last year, but this year he came into his own and seemed to get better and better as the season went on. He and Turnham bore the brunt of the bowling very well. It was very pleasant to see Andrews at last showing his real form ; one felt that he only needed to get confidence to do well, and this year he played several good innings and showed an excellent style. With the confidence he has now gained he should make a great many runs next season. Fletcher is another player with a good style who should do

well next year ; he did some good things and was a very useful all-round member of the team. Warrick's batting was a little disappointing, but mention must certainly be made of his excellent wicket-keeping ; he has profited by experience and proved himself invaluable behind the stumps. D. E. Mills was also a keen and useful all-round member of the team ; he was rather unlucky in his batting, but he should do well next season with added strength. Of the others it can truly be said that they all contributed worthily towards the general success.

The 2nd XI did not have many matches, owing to games being scratched. but they had one good win, against the City of Oxford School 2nd XI, who were dismissed for 59 ; Fleet bowled particularly well and took 5 wickets for 11 runs. When we in our turn had lost five wickets for 30 runs we seemed in some danger, but Luker came to the rescue and hit about courageously to score 32 ; Emms later on made 21 not out and our total reached 80. Fleet's bowling and Luker's batting won the match for us. We should also have won against Leighton Park School 2nd XI, for we got them out for 84, and had ourselves at one time scored 64 for four wickets ; after this things went wrong and we unfortunately lost our grasp of the match, being all out for 73. Fleet was a conscientious captain and a steady bowler ; he should also make runs if he can be quicker in making up his mind what stroke he is going to play. Luker (who in one match took 8 wickets for 18 runs) and Gould were both useful bowlers and Luker also sees the ball well and has the makings of a batsman.

The " Under 15 " Team were keen and had a good season ; out of five matches they won three, lost one (which was perhaps rather thrown away) but on the other hand they were distinctly lucky to draw the fifth, against Leighton Park School. All three victories were very well gained and were won against Magdalen College School, Brackley, Wantage School and the City of Oxford School in their return match. The last named had beaten us in the first match, and the return game was excellent ; the City of Oxford had made the useful score of 83, Woolf ii finishing off the innings well by getting 4 wickets for 3 runs. Cox (45) and Fletcher (36) then practically settled the issue by putting on 70 runs for the first wicket in a splendid opening partnership ; the other batsmen caught their confidence and we made 153 for 6 wickets. Fletcher, when he was not playing for the 1st XI, captained the team very well, and he and Cox

were the outstanding members ; Cox, of whom much was expected, certainly did not disappoint us, and he had a splendid season, scoring 221 runs in five innings. He watches the ball well and has a very strong defence ; his chief triumph was a great innings of 88 against Wantage School. He also kept wicket well. Others backed up Fletcher and Cox well, more especially in bowling, and Hill and Woolf ii particularly, and also Harfield and Baker, bowled well at various times. The fielding was on the whole good.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE, away, May 24th. Won by 3 wickets. (Last year : Drawn).

PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

D. Evans, b Simpson.....	1
R. A. Waldman, lbw, b Turnham.....	0
H. V. Stone, lbw, b Simpson.....	25
P. J. Morice, b Turnham.....	7
A. A. Webb, b Turnham.....	2
G. E. K. Esdaile, b Simpson.....	5
G. Harger, b Turnham.....	0
N. A. Macgregor, b Simpson.....	0
R. A. Pecover, lbw, b Simpson.....	1
J. N. Daniels, not out.....	2
D. A. Ireland, b Turnham.....	0
Extras	2
Total	45

Turnham 5 for 20.

Simpson 5 for 23.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

G. Warrick, c Stone, b Webb.....	3
Mills, lbw, b Morice.....	4
M. Laybourne, c Evans, b Morice.....	0
Andrews, b Esdaile.....	17
A. J. Turnham, b Morice.....	0
Brown, b Morice.....	0
Fletcher, b Morice.....	3
Cox, c Evans, b Morice.....	11
Simpson, b Esdaile.....	17
McPherson, st Evans, b Esdaile	11
James, not out.....	4
Extras	6
Total	76

Morice 6 for 37.

v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL, away, June 3rd.
Won by 7 wickets. (Last year : won by 8 wickets).

LEIGHTON PARK.

Hayland, c Warrick, b Turnham.....	20
Gillett, lbw, b Fletcher.....	36
Maw, lbw, b Turnham.....	0
Towers, c Laybourne, b Turnham.....	0
Phillips, c Brown, b Simpson.....	4
Cadbury, lbw, b Simpson.....	0
Burgon, lbw, b Fletcher.....	15
Moore, lbw, b Mills.....	3
Ainstie, c Warrick, b Mills.....	0
Robson, b Fletcher.....	0
Thorley, not out.....	0
Extras.....	4
Total	82

Fletcher 3 for 9.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Mills, lbw, b Ainstie.....	3
Andrews, st Robson.....	24
M. N. Laybourne, lbw, b Phillips.....	14
Fletcher, ct Phillips, b Burgon.....	38
G. E. Warrick, c Maw, b Gillett.....	18
Cox, st Moore.....	4
Simpson, not out.....	18
A. J. Turnham, st Robson.....	6
Brown, not out.....	6
McPherson, James did not bat.....	
Extras.....	11
Total (for 7 wickets)	142

v. MAGDELEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, away, June 7th
Drawn. (Last year : lost by 8 wickets).

M.C.S.

A. S. Haig, b Simpson.....	9
B. A. Cotton, c Cox, b Simpson.....	21
S. Pether, c Laybourne, b Simpson.....	42
D. S. Haig, b Laybourne.....	32
D. S. L. Burrell, lbw, b Fletcher.....	12
G. R. Pate, c Andrews, b Fletcher.....	4
R. E. Munsey, b Laybourne.....	21
D. F. G. Walker, not out.....	16
G. D. Carter, b Turnham.....	0
F. G. H. H. Wood, not out.....	4
V. R. Paterson did not bat.....	
Extras.....	8
Total (for 8 wickets declared)	169

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Cox, b Cotton.....	14
McPherson, b Pether.....	2
Andrews, c Walker, b Pether.....	2
Mills, lbw, b Pether.....	0
M. N. Laybourne, lbw, b Pether.....	52
Fletcher, lbw, b Cotton.....	5
G. E. H. Warrick, run out.....	4
Simpson, b Pether.....	0
A. J. Turnham, lbw, b Pether.....	13
Brown, not out.....	0
Corbett, not out.....	0
Extras.....	12
Total (for 9 wickets)	104
Pether 6 for 33.	

v. OXFORD EXILES, home, June 10th. Won by
8 wickets. (Last year : won by 5 wickets).

OXFORD EXILES.

White, b Simpson.....	3
Fowler, b Turnham.....	46
Ellis, lbw, b Simpson.....	0
Gallop, c Cox, b Simpson.....	5
Saunders, b Turnham.....	1
Smith, b Turnham.....	17
Harrison, b Turnham.....	0
Harris, absent.....	—
Hall, c Warrick, b Turnham.....	0
Huntley, lbw, b Fletcher.....	3
McLeod, not out.....	6
Extras.....	13
Total (for 9 wickets)	94

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Andrews, lbw, b Smith.....	35
Mills, c and b White.....	18
M. N. Laybourne, not out.....	64
Fletcher, run out.....	18
Cox, not out.....	9
G. E. H. Warrick, Simpson, A. J. Turnham, Brown, McPherson, Corbett, did not bat.....	
Extras.....	24
Total (for 3 wickets)	168

M. N. Laybourne played a splendid innings for the second time in the season.

v. WANTAGE SCHOOL, away, June 14th. Won
by 12 runs. (Last year : won by 8 wickets).

WANTAGE SCHOOL.

Green, b Turnham.....	13
Heading, c Simpson, b Turnham.....	0
Kearvell, b Turnham.....	4
K. G. Walker, b Simpson.....	45
C. F. Brooke-Smith, b Turnham.....	1
Rumsey, b Simpson.....	25
Disney, b Turnham.....	3
Liles, c Laybourne, b Turnham.....	3
Austin, b Turnham.....	0
Rigden, not out.....	11
Morrison, c Warrick, b Simpson.....	1
Extras.....	6

Total 112

Turnham 7 for 30.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Andrews, b Rumsey.....	1
Mills, run out.....	1
M. N. Laybourne, c Disney, b Rumsey...	46
Fletcher, lbw, b Disney.....	5
G. E. H. Warrick, c Disney, b Rumsey...	16
Simpson, b Rumsey.....	7
A. J. Turnham, c Rumsey, b Disney.....	13
McPherson, run out.....	11
Brown, c Walker, b Heading.....	14
Blackmore, not out.....	9
Corbett, c and b Heading.....	0
Extras.....	1

Total 124

v. O.A.C.C., home, June 24th. Lost by 8
wickets. (Last year : lost by 49 runs).

O.A.C.C.

J. F. Sinclair, c McPherson, b Turnham..	24
G. E. Sinclair, c Warrick, b Turnham....	28
W. W. Brown, b Laybourne.....	62
R. F. Brown, c Warrick, b Fletcher.....	43
E. C. Beaven, c Cox, b Laybourne.....	28
J. M. Allison, not out.....	6
S. A. Fabes, E. P. Rice, H. S. Bartlett, G. A. R. Boyd and H. A. L. Donkin did not bat.....	
Extras.....	5

Total (for 5 wickets declared) 196

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Andrews, hit wicket, b Fabes.....	12
Mills, lbw, b Sinclair, G. E.....	1
M. N. Laybourne, b Fabes.....	45
Fletcher, run out.....	14
G. E. H. Warrick, c Boyd, b Brown, W.W.	1
Cox, b Beaven.....	5
Simpson, c Boyd, b Sinclair, G. E.....	11
A. J. Turnham, b Sinclair, G. E.....	0
Brown, c Brown, W.W., b Sinclair, G. E...	5
McPherson, not out.....	6
Corbett, b Brown, W. W.....	8
Extras.....	35

Total 143

Sinclair, G. E., 4 for 20.

v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL, away, June 28th.
Match drawn. (Last year : drawn).

CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

J. G. Halliday, c Mills, b Fletcher.....	49
A. J. Lowe, b Turnham.....	17
D. M. Chaundry, lbw, b Turnham.....	7
R. W. Cripps, c Warrick, b Turnham....	0
A. G. Ambrose, c Andrews, b Mills.....	2
F. Hane, lbw, b Fletcher.....	5
W. J. Baucalair, b Simpson.....	9
D. A. Clowe, run out.....	17
J. Beament, b Turnham.....	5
B. F. Colcutt, b Simpson.....	4
V. W. Darlow, not out.....	1
Extras.....	3

Total 118

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Mills, b Lowe.....	2
Andrews, c Beament, b Colcutt.....	26
M. N. Laybourne, b Chaundry.....	17
Fletcher, b Chaundry.....	0
G. H. Warrick, b Halliday.....	5
Cox, b Lowe.....	3
Simpson, c Chaundry, b Halliday.....	14
McPherson, not out.....	2
A. J. Turnham, b Halliday.....	0
Brown, not out.....	0
Corbett, did not bat.....	
Extras.....	8

Total (for 8 wickets) 77

v. COMMON ROOM, home, July 1st. Won by 3 wickets. (Last year : drawn).

COMMON ROOM.	
W. Bevir, c and b Simpson	9
W. M. Grundy, b Laybourne.....	20
J. B. E. Alston, c Warrick, b Simpson...	2
W. A. Rudd, b Turnham.....	0
G. R. Palmer, c Brown, b Turnham....	2
R. C. Bateman, c and b Andrews.....	30
H. A. L. Donkin, b Andrews.....	3
J. W. Piper, lbw, b Simpson.....	2
H. N. Bradbrooke, b Andrews.....	5
D. E. Morgan, not out.....	4
H. M. Gray, c Mills, b Andrews.....	3
Extras	5
Total	85

Andrews 4 for 18.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.	
Mills, lbw, b W. Bevir.....	5
Andrews, lbw, b W. Bevir.....	3
M. N. Laybourne, lbw, b J. B. E. Alston..	1
Fletcher, b J. B. E. Alston.....	2
G. E. H. Warrick, not out.....	44
Cox, lbw, b J. B. E. Alston.....	4
Simpson, c J. B. E. Alston, b W. Bevir..	13
A. J. Turnham, c J. W. Piper, b W. Bevir.	10
Brown, lbw, b W. Bevir.....	4
McPherson, lbw, b J. B. E. Alston.....	3
Corbett, c substitute, b D. E. Morgan....	0
Extras	5
Total	94

W. Bevir 5 for 38.

v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY, home, July 5th. Won by 3 wickets. (Last year : won by 2 wickets).

M.C.S., BRACKLEY.	
Bradley, c Laybourne, b Simpson.....	3
Shepherd, lbw, b Turnham.....	1
Husein, c and b Simpson.....	12
Parkinson, c McPherson, b Simpson.....	5
Peace, run out.....	6
Gardiner, b Simpson.....	15
Hayes, b Andrews.....	5
Breese, c Mills, b Andrews.....	1
Skinner, not out.....	7
Blencowe, c Laybourne, b Andrews.....	0
George, c Warrick, b Simpson.....	2
Extras	3
Total	60

Simpson 5 for 34.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Mills, c Blencowe, b George.....	10
Andrews, lbw, b George.....	7
M. N. Laybourne, b George.....	12
Fletcher, c Husein, b Bradley.....	1
Cox, b Bradley.....	0
G. E. H. Warrick, b Bradley.....	0
Simpson, b Shepherd.....	21
McPherson, lbw, b George.....	3
A. J. Turnham, c Shepherd, b Bradley..	20
Brown, c Skinner, b George.....	26
Corbett, not out.....	4
Extras	16
Total	120

v. OXFORD CITY C.C., home, July 12th. Won by 2 wickets. (Last year : no match).

OXFORD CITY C.C.	
Williams, b Turnham.....	10
Blackwell, b Simpson.....	9
C. W. Reece, c Brown, b Simpson.....	1
Carslow, c Warrick, b Simpson.....	0
C. Pieterston, st Warrick, b Simpson....	23
G. E. Bradfield, not out.....	23
J. Piper, run out.....	3
H. Walker, ct Mills, b Simpson.....	2
J. T. Pieterston, b Fletcher.....	10
Farshaw, ct Warrick, b Fletcher.....	2
R. W. Haynes, ct Andrews, b Fletcher...	0
Extras	6
Total	89

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Mills, ct Blackwell, b Williams.....	6
Andrews, b Williams.....	8
M. N. Laybourne, run out.....	40
Fletcher, run out.....	2
G. E. H. Warrick, lbw, b Haynes	0
Cox, b Blackwell.....	6
Simpson, b Haynes.....	1
McPherson, ct Reece, b Haynes.....	0
A. J. Turnham, ct Walker, b Blackwell..	6
Brown, not out.....	8
Corbett, b Haynes.....	5
Extras	20
Total	102

Haynes 4 for 29.

This match proved a fitting conclusion to a very successful season.

Simpson and Andrews were awarded 1st XI Colours after the match.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. DORCHESTER COLLEGE, Wednesday, May 31st, away. Lost. Dorchester College, 62. Abingdon School, 36. (Last year : Drawn).

The School batted first but no one succeeded in reaching double figures. Huntingford took 6 for 16. When Dorchester batted Nixon was top scorer with 24; Gould had the excellent analysis of 6 for 12.

v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL, Saturday, June 3rd, home. Lost. Leighton Park School 84. Abingdon School 73. (Last year : Drawn).

Leighton batted first, B. A. Haughton making 21 and J. B. Haughton 15; Luker took 8 wickets for 18 runs. When Abingdon went in the early batsmen did well—Corbett making 24 and Gould 15—and when 6 wickets only were down for 71 a win seemed more than probable, but the remaining four batsmen added only 2 runs, Woodall taking 4 wickets in 2 overs.

v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL, Wednesday, June 28th, home. Won. Abingdon School, 80. C.O.S. 59. (Last year : Lost).

C. O. S. batted first and wickets fell fairly regularly, Fleet proving very successful at the end of the innings with 5 for 11. For the School, after 5 wickets had fallen for 30 runs, Luker and Emms, came to the rescue with scores of 32 and 21 not out.

The following played for the Second XI : A. L. Fleet (Captain), K. G. Corbett, P. H. Gould, A. R. Adams, L. E. J. Luker, A. C. Emms, G. L. Graeme, R. A. Bosley, D. C. Woolf, L. C. Smallbone, L. E. Carter, E. S. Willey, J. C. Blackmore, R. G. James, M. R. Cooper.

" UNDER 15 " MATCHES.

v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, BRACKLEY, Saturday, May 27th, away. Won. Abingdon School, 128 for 6. M.C.S., 97. (Last year : No match).

M.C.S. batted first compiling a very fair total. Cox paved the way to a good victory for the School with 64 supported by P. J. Woolf who scored 30 and Emmett 12 not out.

v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL, Wednesday, May 31st, home. Lost. C.O.S., 68. Abingdon School, 56. (Last year : Won.)

C.O.S. batted first, and after 7 wickets had fallen for 36 runs, the later batsmen were allowed to take the score to 68. Fletcher took 5 for 15. When the

School batted Fletcher alone made any showing, though the last batsmen made some effort after 6 wickets in a row had gone down for the addition of 4 runs.

v. WANTAGE SCHOOL, Wednesday, June 14th, home. Won. Abingdon School, 149 for 8. Wantage School, 46. (Last year : Lost).

Wantage batted first and made most of their runs in the latter part of the innings. P. J. Woolf took 4 for 8. For the School, after losing two wickets rather cheaply, Cox played a magnificent innings of 88, backed up by Holme and Baker.

v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL, Saturday, July 8th, away. Won. Abingdon School, 153 for 6. C.O.S., 83. (Last year : Won).

C.O.S. batted first, but after making a steady 76 for 7 the remaining wickets fell quickly. P. J. Woolf was again successful taking 4 wickets for 3 runs. The School batting was very sound, Cox making 45, Fletcher 36 and Baker 20, giving us victory by 8 wickets.

The following played for the " Under XV " XI : J. A. Fletcher (Captain), R. F. Cox, P. J. Hill, R. Emmett, P. J. Woolf, M. H. Holme, V. A. Harfield, P. H. Wooster, G. A. D. Baker, E. F. Stevens, H. H. Whitfield, D. Jones, W. G. Smith.

HOUSE MATCHES.

SENIOR.

Red House beat Blue House by 60 runs.

Red 180. (D. E. Mills 40, D. G. Brown 58).

Blue 120. (Turnham 40, Fletcher 23).

Red House beat Green House by 53 runs.

Red 127. (D. G. Brown 35, Warrick 25).

Green 74. (Andrews 46).

JUNIOR.

Red House beat Green House by 6 wickets.

Red 128 for 4 wickets. (Cox 71, Wooster 25).

Green 58. (Bayley 29).

Red House beat Blue House by 19 runs.

Red 82. (Baker 25, Cox 13).

Blue 63. (Pimm 14, Hill 13, Fletcher 12).

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

M. N. Laybourne (Captain), Colours 1932 and 1933. He made an admirable Captain and deserved the success, both general and personal, that came to him as a result of his efforts. He was a most reliable batsman and his consistency in

scoring was a great help in building up the confidence of his team. A useful bowler, but he did not feel called upon much this year. Very neat and quick in the field.

A. J. Turnham, 1st XI Colours 1932. Has been the main support of the bowling during the season, bowling exceptionally well in the Pembroke and Wantage matches. His keenness and reliability were a great asset to the team. Is inclined to be rather erratic as a batsman.

G. Warrick, 1st XI Colours 1932. Kept wicket remarkably well in all the matches, showing a very great improvement on last year. Had rather a disappointing season in his batting but was useful in the Leighton Park School match and against the Staff.

R. F. Andrews, 1st XI Colours 1933. A keen cricketer who fulfilled our hopes in his batting. He proved very useful throughout the season, playing an exceptionally fine game in the City of Oxford School match. His fielding was excellent.

W. V. Simpson, 1st XI Colours 1933. Contributed greatly towards the success of the bowling and seized the opportunity of showing his capabilities; has been very steady throughout the season. His batting saved the situation on two or three occasions.

Brown ii, 2nd XI Colours 1932. A keen player who unfortunately did not have the opportunity of showing more of his batting. Was an outstandingly good fielder, combining agility with a safe pair of hands.

Fletcher, 2nd XI Colours 1933. Bowled and batted extremely well for so young a player. Proved a very useful change bowler. Batted with a free and easy style and shows great promise for next year. Is inclined to be rather slow in the field.

Mills iii, 2nd XI Colours 1933. A good all-rounder who played very steadily as a first wicket batsman. Shows signs of becoming a good bowler; proved an excellent fielder, bringing off some remarkable catches.

McPherson, 2nd XI Colours 1933. Kept his end up very well during the season. Made good use of his batting and was most efficient in the field.

Cox, 2nd XI Colours 1933. A calm batsman, who played with a straight bat and put up a strong defence throughout the season. Could improve his fielding by being quicker on his feet.

Corbett, 2nd XI Colours 1933. A newcomer to the team who did his best when called upon. Was an excellent fielder who should prove very useful next season. Showed great keenness.

THE REGATTA.

The Regatta was held on Wilsham Reach on Thursday, June 22nd. The weather was kind to us, because though there were rumbles of thunder round about the rain kept off until the programme was finished. The racing was as keen as ever and in the Second House Fours the margins in both races were matters of feet. In the Senior event Blue House were the winners in the final against Reds, but all three Houses were represented by good crews. Once more we express our gratitude to those whose labours provided us with tea, with the easy efficiency that still leaves us wondering how it is done.

The results of the racing were as follows :—

Senior Pairs : R. E. G. Morewood, D. G. Brown, T. J. H. Charley (cox).

Junior Pairs : P. R. Wood, F. A. Bennett, J. A. Fletcher (cox).

Senior Dongola : J. Ranger, A. R. M. Adams, K. G. Corbett, D. C. Woolf.

Junior Dongola : P. R. Wood, A. C. Emms, R. Emmett, P. V. Collings, G. M. Stevens, J. Viney.

House 1st IV's. Blue House : A. R. M. Adams, A. J. Turnham, J. Ranger, R. E. G. Morewood, A. A. Bristow (cox).

House 2nd IV's. Green House : A. C. Emms, P. A. D. Jones, P. R. Wood, M. R. T. Cooper, H. T. Jones (cox).

TENNIS.

A tennis match was played on Saturday, July 29th between Staff and Boys, each being represented by four pairs. Two sets were played in each match, each set won scoring 1 point. Considering how little time the boys had had for practice they did well to run their opponents as close as they did in many of the matches. The Staff finally won by 22 points to 10.

Results :—

R. C. Bateman and J. B. E. Alston beat Laybourne and Blackmore 6-1, 6-0; beat Fleet and Turnham 6-1, 6-1; beat McPherson and Andrews 6-3, 6-0; beat James and Simpson 6-0, 6-0.

W. A. Rudd and W. Bevir lost to Laybourne and Blackmore W.O., beat Fleet and Turnham 6-6, 6-4, beat McPherson and Andrews 6-4, 6-4; beat James and Simpson 6-0, 6-3.

W. M. Grundy and E. J. Ross-Barker lost to Laybourne and Blackmore 3-6, 4-6; beat Fleet and Turnham 6-4, 6-1, beat McPherson and Andrews 6-3, 6-4, beat James and Simpson 6-1, 6-1.

H. M. Gray and J. Y. Ingham or S. G. Stevens lost to Laybourne and Blackmore 1-6, 3-6, halved with Fleet and Turnham 4-6, 6-3, lost to McPherson and Andrews 4-6, 3-6, beat James and Simpson 6-3, 6-6.

THE STEEPLECHASES.

In accordance with the plan of running these events in the Christmas Term, the Steeplechases took place on the Common on Tuesday, Oct. 10th. The day was fine and the course in good condition but after the dry summer there was very little water in the Ock.

The Junior event was run first and at the finish the leading runners were quite well together. Individual placings were: 1, R. Goodey; 2, J. Lay; 3, D. Jones vi; 4, W. M. Potter. Time 7min. 7 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

The Senior event was won by D. G. Brown with a lead of about 10 yards, but Turnham held on to him very well all round the course. Order of finishing: 1, D. G. Brown; 2, A. J. Turnham; 3, J. Ranger; 4, L. E. Carter. Time 11min. 31secs.

In each case the places of the Houses were decided by the narrowest of margins, though Green House won both events. First five home for each House counted. Results: Senior Steeplechase, 1, Green House 39 points; 2, Red House 42 points. Junior Steeplechase, 1, Green House 38 points; 2, Blue House 39 points.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Among additions to the Library last term we acknowledge with many thanks the following gifts: *The Shorter Oxford Dictionary* from J. B. Reeves, Esq., O.A.; *Famous Ships* from T. H. Charley; *Kamet Conquered* from the Library Committee; *Green's History of the English People* from P. A. D. Jones.

The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* has been placed in the Library for reference and it is hoped that boys will make careful but regular use of it.

A. C. Emms is the new Librarian.

O.T.C.

The annual inspection was carried out on June 8th by Major-General C. G. Fuller, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the 48th Division. The contingent received a good report, the drill being especially commended. A very successful camp was held at Tweseldown, Aldershot, from Aug. 1st to Aug. 9th, when 34 N.C.O.'s and cadets spent the nine days under canvas. We were favoured by glorious weather and rejoiced in the freedom of khaki shorts and open shirts on parade. The country proved ideal for tactical exercises and we also had the excitement of a night attack in which a canal was crossed by Kapok Bridge. The contingent was privileged to furnish the Battalion Quarter Guard for the night of August 4th and this function was ably carried out under the command of Sgt. Turnham by Cpl. Laybourne, edts. Corbett, Emms, Gould, Morewood, Randle, Warrick and Bugler Wood.

This term the two Platoon Commanders are Sgts. Fleet and P. A. D. Jones, while Sgt. Adams is in charge of the armoury.

Promotions:—To be C.S.M.: A. J. Turnham; to be C.Q.M.S.: C. F. Powell; to be Sgts.: A. R. M. Adams, M. N. Laybourne; to be Cpl.: I. J. Ranger; to be Lce. Cpls.: F. A. Bennett, M. R. T. Cooper, K. G. Corbett, A. C. Emms, G. E. H. Warrick, F. W. Wiggins.

THE RAG CONCERT.

The Concert opened on a rousing note with a few numbers by the less musical members of Vb specially selected for their warbling abilities, followed by an equally rousing party composed of M. N. Laybourne, D. G. Brown, A. L. Fleet, A. J. Turnham and J. McPherson tuning up for Camp with the "Orderlies Song." The next item, a sketch entitled "Passports" in spite of drastic alterations at the eleventh hour due to the indisposition of one of the leading ladies, succeeded in proving that even Passports Officials are human. The "Tweseldown Twins" Teddie (E. A. Joseph) and Tillie (P. R. Wood) having mislaid their passports at Folkestone, convinced both the Customs Officer (G. M. Stevens) who had already produced strange and varied articles of apparel from Tillie's suit case, and the Passport Man (P. J. Hill) of their identity by their rendering of the popular number "A Bit of Sunshine." We need hardly add that further proof was provided by the discovery of the

lost passport. The Second Form then gave us some of our favourite old Nursery Rhymes, culminating in the "goatish" antics of one "Aikin Drum" (P. A. D. Jones). Jan Stewer, up from Devon (Rev. G. R. Palmer) then gave us his views not only on how cricket should not be played but also on how it was played on Appledore village green, where apparently the bowlers regularly practiced "head theory." Old Sam next put in another appearance in the person of Mr. Duxbury, with some local history—but the visitors must have been somewhat mystified by some of the allusions and innuendoes. With some difficulty Mr. Bevir was then induced to take the stage to the accompaniment of loud applause from the back rows and produced an egg which he declared to be bad but was declared by the audience a very good egg indeed. Mr. Alston next led the Orderly Squad through divers ditties including "Ten Green Bottles" and "Widdecombe Fair" to the accompaniment of plenty of "business" (and a piano). The final item was a play entitled "Elegant Edward," a pretty contrast in burglarious methods displayed by Burglar Bill (G. V. Bayley) and "Mr. Traherne" alias Elegant Edward himself (R. F. Simmonds) who proved himself a finished actor. His scene with Mrs. Traherne where his callous deception enabled us to discover where women keep their jewelry was excellent. The police (G. F. Rice and J. O. Bury) were as efficient as usual, and the curtain closed on a neatly original finale.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The Society commenced the summer term with a meeting in the Strange Room on Thursday, May 11th, at 8.30 p.m. The only business was that of choosing a competition for the term and deciding upon the terminal subscription. It was decided, after the hon. treasurer had given a statement of the financial position, that the subscription should be the same as in previous terms, namely three-pence.

The subject eventually chosen for the competition was "Nature."

In the Easter holiday competition there were 7 entries. H. L. Livingstone submitted four and M. N. Laybourne three. They were all in the professional class. After a slight diversity of opinion, necessitating the casting vote of Mr. Charleton, "Tilly Whim Caves," by H. L. Livingstone was adjudicated the winner.

An exhibition of photographs was held on Founder's Day in the Physical and Chemical

laboratories. This was, as in previous years, a pronounced success. Altogether 125 photographs were shown, some tinted bird studies by J. C. Blackmore gaining special approval.

At an early meeting this term, R. F. Andrews was elected Steward of the dark room in succession to J. C. Blackmore. P. A. D. Jones, finding the task of treasurer of the society and hon. sec. of the Debating Society too arduous, submitted his resignation, and R. G. James was appointed his successor.

A TRIP TO NORWAY.

A party of 23 boys with officers left Newcastle on the ss. *Blenheim*, a boat of about 3,000 tons, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 19th. The boat was towed by a small paddle steamer to Tynemouth, and then proceeding under its own power reached Oslo at 1 p.m., Monday, 42 hours later, having steamed up Oslo Fjord at half-speed.

Our luggage, which consisted mainly of haversacks, was taken up to the Blindern Studentterhjem, a students' residence in a suburb of Oslo.

Each day until Friday we were shown all the places of interest, round about Oslo, such as the Akershus, which is the Castle, The Naval College, Relics of the Viking Ships and Museums, etc.

Many of the old cottages have their roofs covered with turf, and when the grass grows long the inhabitants put goats on the roof to nibble the grass short again.

On Thursday, August 24th, most of the Norwegian Guides and Scouts turned out, in Carl Johans Gate, like Regents Street in London, to greet Baden Powell, when he arrived in the White Star Liner *Calgaric* after touring various countries.

At 9 a.m., on Friday, we left Oslo by steam train bound for Bergen, which is situated on the West Coast of Norway. The line passed through numerous tunnels and wooden snow-sheds, used to keep avalanches of snow off the line, ascending the whole time as far as Finse, about 6,000 feet up, and then descending again until Bergen is reached. There was hardly any snow to be seen other than glaciers higher up the mountains, as it had been the hottest summer that the Norwegians had experienced for several years.

We stayed at Myrdal, a hamlet among the mountains, for 3 days and during that time we visited Bergen, a train journey of 5 hours from Myrdal, a distance of 80—100 miles.

The party went up a mountain 2,000 feet on the outskirts of Bergen by funicular railway.

From Myrdal, we walked 2 Norwegian miles down the Flaam Valley, to Fretheim [1 Norwegian mile is the equivalent of 7 English miles!]. This valley is very picturesque for it has waterfalls on each side, in one of the waterfalls the water drops 800 feet. After lunch at Fretheim we boarded a Fjord steamer, which took us to the entrance of the Gudvangen Fjord, and there we changed into a larger boat, in mid-Fjord, which carried us on to Laerdal, where we stayed the night.

The next two days, the party travelled by charabanc up mountain roads overlooking deep ravines to Tyin. The driver of the charabanc was like Jehu.

From Tyin, 5,000 feet above sea level, we descended through picturesque valleys, with high mountains on either side, to Fagernes. From here a train was caught back to Oslo, where Friday night was spent on the ss. *Bessheim* and on Saturday the party sailed back to Newcastle, after having a moving picture of them taken by a Norwegian Film Photographers.

A.A.B.

A WEEK-END CAMP IN THE MATOPOS HILLS, S. RHODESIA.

The King's birthday falling this year very conveniently on the Saturday before Whit-Monday, we had a long week-end from Friday night until Tuesday morning, and two days leave on the following Tuesday and Wednesday made a welcome break from the joys of income tax! Leaving here on the Friday night by train for Buluwayo, 300 miles distant, arriving there at 7 a.m., after a rather restless night which was mainly due to the crowded state of the train. Six bunks, five occupied by human beings and the sixth full of luggage is not conducive to good sleeping.

I spent the morning collecting up a rather fractions one-ton Chevrolet lorry and loading it up with all the necessary blankets, cooking utensils, and food for a three days camp, and we made a start about 11 a.m. Our personnel consisted of three ladies, three men and the cook-boy belonging to a married couple in the party.

I drove the lorry and the married lady and her husband elected to ride with me, she in the driving cab and her husband on the back with the "impashli" and the cook-boy. The other two ladies went with the remaining male in his small Standard saloon.

The Matopos Hills are situated about 30 to 40 miles south of Buluwayo and the going was good

for the first 20 miles, as the Government has recently laid parallel concrete strips down on the road. These strips are about two feet wide and are laid down about the wheel base of a normal car apart, and make a very good surface for driving. When we came to the end of them the road was really bad, as the previous season's rains had corrugated the surface and we had to travel at between 35 and 40 m.p.h. at least to avoid the worst of the vibration. My enjoyment was not increased by reason of the fact that the wind-screen was missing, the hand-brake refused to function at all, and the foot-brake was almost useless! Owing to the absence of brakes I had to change down for most of the down hill runs, as a good many have nasty dry spruits at the bottom.

About 27 miles out we turned off the road on to a farm track and came to the farm house after about three miles of very bumpy country, with plenty of thorn bush to amuse the people on the back.

The farm house is situated half-way up the side of a kopje and in negotiating the gateway in to the garden I managed to stall the engine whilst the "boy" was shutting the gate (consisting of barbed wire and poles) and having no brakes the lorry ran backwards to the bottom of the hill, carrying the gate with it, and barbed wire was whipping all over the place. Not a very propitious start but the owner did not seem very perturbed.

Having picked up milk, eggs and butter from our friends at the farm we proceeded to drive across the veldt for a couple of miles along an almost invisible track, round the base of several huge granite kopjes, and down into, and out again, of the most boulder strewn spruits I have ever seen. The lorry rocked alarmingly and it was necessary to change gear at a frantic speed. At times the back of the lorry was canted in one direction and the front at a horrid angle the other way. We arrived, however, at our camping spot about 1.30 p.m., and promptly unloaded our "impashli" and sat down to a cold lunch.

The spot was ideal as we bivouacked at the foot of steep krauts of hard granite in a neck between two kopjes. We purposely kept to the top of a grass vlel because it is so much warmer at night than down at the bottom where the morning sun strikes last.

Luckily there was a stream of water, nothing but a trickle at this time of the year, but sufficient for our wants as we dug a hole and sank a petrol can full of holes for filtration purposes. We had, of course, to boil all water for drinking, but it was quite pleasant.

Having cut grass for our beds and chopped down some dead wood for the fires, one of the men and I sallied forth in search of meat for the pot at about 4 p.m. We walked for about four miles without seeing any game at all when he suddenly put up a small buck amongst some trees. He didn't notice it, being unsighted by thick bushes, but I saw the direction it took and followed the spoor for about half-a-mile, but never came up on the animal at all. I abandoned the chase and retraced my steps having great difficulty in spotting my companion as we were both attired in khaki shirts, and he in slacks whilst I favoured shorts in spite of the thorn bush. We then turned for camp and in the dusk just after sundown I spotted a "duiker" (small buck about the size of a goat) at about 200 yards. I let drive with my 7 mm. Mauser, but missed, and we thought the larder was going to be empty for certain, but luckily my companion brought off a rather fine shot at a "stembok" at about 150 yards when it was running away from him. Hitting it in the hindquarters, the bullet passed out of its chest and it dropped stone dead. This buck is rather smaller than a "duiker" but it kept us in meat for the rest of the camp.

We got back to camp to find the beds all made, a roaring fire going and four or five of our friends over from the farm enjoying "sundowners." We were only too glad to join the party, as a long trek on the veldt works up a pretty good thirst.

When they had gone we skinned the buck, the boy cut some chops and we settled down to a really good meal by the light of the fire. We felt miles away from the world and thoroughly enjoyed lying by the fire smoking and playing dance records on a gramophone that had been put on board by a thoughtful member of the party.

Although we went out shooting every morning and evening for the rest of the trip we none of us had any more luck. It was only early in the season and the grass was still very long, so that in most of the standing shots the aim was spoilt by the intervening grass, and we never had a running shot under 200 yards. Actually the best time is September and October when the grass has got burnt and the buck have separated after the mating season and are not nearly so wild.

Our days were spent very lazily. Returning from shooting about 9 a.m., having risen before dawn, we sat down to breakfast with splendid appetites. That finished, we lay in the sun reading or sleeping until it got too hot and we shifted into the shade of a nearby mimosa. Lunch followed at

1 p.m. and then we slept until it was time to shoot again at about 3.30 p.m.

The best time of the day was the evening after dinner sitting round the fire with high dark hills all round and everything quiet except for the crackle of the fire and the occasional squawking of a rock-rabbit and the bark of a baboon. Overhead were millions of stars and the moon kept us company for half the night, setting about 4 a.m. I happen to know this, because I woke up at that hour feeling cold, so crept out of my blankets to make up the fire and saw it just disappearing behind a range of hills.

We slept out in the open under a pile of blankets which are very necessary at this time of year, as the temperature drops at night to round about 32° F., and we kept the dew off by means of a covering of tarpaulin filched from the Railways by one of the party who works in that service. As a precaution we kept loaded rifles at our sides at night because we had been warned that there were two leopards round the homestead on the night before we arrived, but our slumbers were quite undisturbed, except when I roused the whole party thinking I heard something in the bushes nearby. On investigation this turned out to be a piece of stray paper rustling in the breeze and I retired to my blankets feeling rather foolish!

We were actually camping fairly close to Cecil Rhodes' grave at the World's View, but we did not make the journey over as we had all been there before.

On Tuesday afternoon we struck camp and made for home. We left soon after 3.30 p.m., and arrived in Buluwayo about 5.30 p.m., feeling tired, dirty, but very happy, having had an extremely good trip with no accidents to mar it.

Camping in Rhodesia during the dry season is good fun provided you have a "boy" who can cook and do all the odd jobs pertaining to the cook-house!

I have still to shoot my buck, but am hoping for better luck next time!

K.T.W.

MY FIRST SOLO.

For four solid hours in the air I have been learning to turn the machine to the left or the right—for another eight or nine hours I have been trying to learn to land the machine. There was a time when it seemed literally impossible. I have perhaps been longer than most, but I was a little slow at first, and my instructor—one of the best in England—has high standards. However,

now I'm more or less "ready for solo." Every day I wonder now, will he let me go off alone. This morning I have taken off, circuited the aerodrome and landed six times. The voice in the earphones sounds a little less despairful than usual. After the sixth landing we taxi back to take off again. Suddenly "Now will you take it round by yourself once." I feel cooler than I thought I would and say that I should like to. He clambers out in the middle of the aerodrome and does up his straps so that they shan't get in the way of the dual controls in the front cockpit. What a time that takes! It shakes my confidence a little—I begin to think how many other people have done it—little groups of people are gathering, noticing that my instructor is leaving the machine. What a party for them. It's bound to be all right or my instructor wouldn't let me go, would he? What confidence I have in that stalwart. "Off you go" he says at last, with a tap on the shoulder "and pick me up when you come down. It's a long walk in." How can anyone be so casual at a moment like this. Still I suppose he must expect me to get round if he says that. Oh well! I set the tail trims—push the throttle open—much too fast, the machine gathers speed, I ease the stick a little forward, the tail comes up, now back—we're off the ground thank God, even if it was a bit shaky. I'm clear of the aerodrome now, about 300 feet high, almost time to start turning. How much lighter the machine feels and how much more unstable, and gosh! what a bump, one wing right up, why is the wind so much stronger now I'm alone? it isn't fair. If only that greatest of all pilots, my instructor, were here he would know what to do and everything would be all right. Bumps mean nothing to him. However, here I am at least 500 feet away from anybody else and only myself to rely on. I've got to get round! It's not only a matter of pride as it always has been before. It's a matter of personal security. I grip the stick tightly and brace my feet on the rudder bar. Unfortunate because that makes it wobble. I ought to have known better. I must pull myself together. Why it's nearly time to shut off and turn in to land. The party's over; I gain confidence, though this is really the most dangerous part of my task. I've only got to keep the nose down at first, I mustn't stall it whatever happens, and then get it up gradually and I'll be all right. Now I'm the height of the trees ease the stick back a little steady! Now I'm pretty well on the ground "stick right back," I seem to have heard some-

where about a hundred times, so let's do it. Oh Lord! a bit of a bump, still I'm on the ground. I've piloted an aircraft for four minutes without anybody's help. It's easy really and nothing to be frightened of!
G.F.P.

O.A. CLUB NOTES.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held after the Past v. Present Cricket Match. The following officers were elected:—

President: E. J. P. Ross Barker.

Vice-President: Mr. W. M. Grundy.

Committee: G. F. Powell, O. S. Sturrock, W. G. Hancock, L. P. Mosdell, W. W. Brown, R. F. Brown.

Hon. Sec. and Treas: H. A. L. Donkin, Caldecott Cottage, Abingdon, and R. E. Eason, Radley College, Abingdon.

Asst. Hon. Sec.: G. E. Sinclair, Pembroke College, Oxford.

London Sec.: W. H. Stevens, Wood Ride Cottage, Pett Wood, Kew.

Eleven new members were elected and the accounts shewed a balance in hand of £48 1s. 8d.

A dance was held at the "Crown and Thistle" on Founder's Day evening and was extraordinarily successful, over 70 members and their friends being present.

The dinner was held, as usual, at the Lion Hotel on Saturday evening—33 members and guests being present.

The Golf Competition on Sunday at Frilford Heath resulted as follows:

E. G. Langford ..	74— 1 = 73
H. A. L. Donkin ..	87—12 = 75
R. F. Brown ..	80— 3 = 77
R. A. Langford ..	83— 3 = 80
W. W. Brown ..	87— 7 = 80
S. A. Paige ..	96—16 = 80
C. E. H. Dolphin ..	84— 3 = 81
H. B. Joseph ..	97—16 = 81
W. Wiseman ..	82 scr. = 82
G. S. Sturrock ..	98—14 = 84

E. G. Langford therefore holds the Cup for the year and also received the prize presented by J. B. Reeves, O.A., the donor of the Cup.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTHS.

EASON.—On July 15, to Ena, wife of R. E. Eason, a daughter.

WILLIAMS.—On July 21, to Edna, wife of Ivan Williams, a daughter.

TAYLOR.—On August 11, to Grace, wife of Charles Taylor, a son.

COXETER.—On September 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred B. Coxeter, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

KITTO—GILLET.—On July 12, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Hugh Reginald Kitto to Helen Maud Gillett.

BALLARD-NEALE—WOOD.—On August 3, at Wantage, Jack Edward Ballard-Neale to Freda B. Wood.

HUMFREY—DAVIS-TAYLOR.—On September 2, at St. Mary's Church, Monmouth, Cyril Maurice, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Humfrey, of Abingdon, to Rosalind Maud, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Davis-Taylor, of Ivy Bank, Monmouth.

CARTER—WOODLEY.—On September 19, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Gilbert Neale Carter to Edith Molly Woodley.

FOOTITT—SIMON.—On October 6, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, Raymond Langdon Carter Footitt to Lolita ("Bunch"), only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Simon, of Calcutta and The Rookery, Roehampton.

DEATHS.

TRAFFORD.—On July 6, at 2 Woburn Square, London, Harper Edward Trafford, aged 66.

POLLARD.—On September 16, at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Thomas Ralph Pollard, aged 25.

H. E. Trafford joined the School as a little boy in 1876 and remained for several years. On leaving he took up the profession of Auctioneer and Estate Agent, serving his apprenticeship with a firm in London. After a short spell of work in the country he returned to practise in London, where he spent the long remainder of his business career. He was a native of Abingdon, where he has two sisters still living, and retained to the end his interest in his old school.

T. R. Pollard, whose early death we deeply deplore, was a boy at the School from 1919 to 1924. Afterwards he obtained a post in the Accountant's department of Messrs. Spencer, Turner and Boldero, Ltd., textile manufacturers of Grove House, Lisson Grove, London, where his many sterling qualities won him universal respect. Of late he had been honorary general secretary of the Grove House A.A.A. We quote the following from an appreciatory notice in *The Draper and Drapery Times* of September 30 :—" Mr. Pollard had made his mark during his nine years' service with the firm as a man of business. In the realm of sport he was one of the best all-round sportsmen connected with the Grove A.A.A., and West End sport."

J. A. Squire has passed the final examination of the Conjoint Board of the Royal College of Physicians, and obtained his L.R.C.P. diploma.

In the recent Trinity Bar Examinations, E. G. Langford was awarded second class honours in Criminal Law and third class honours in Constitutional Law (English and Colonial) and Legal History.

A. M. Greenwood has passed the Testamur Examination of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers.

A. F. R. Fisher has passed out of the Somerset Farm Institute with a first class certificate in Horticulture, and has been appointed Assistant Orchardist at Dartington Hall.

We have also to congratulate H. R. Lansdown on passing his final examination in Economics, and S. J. Lansdown on obtaining his first certificate in the Insurance Examinations.

L. A. C. Creswell has been appointed an Officer on H.M.S. *Vortigern*, with the Home Fleet.

F. O. D. S. Kite, of the R.A.F., has gone to Egypt, where he has been detailed for service for the next five years.

E. P. Rice, M.R.C.V.S., has decided to give the Army a miss, and is now assistant to a veterinary surgeon in Godalming.

H. D. and W. D. Shallard have together taken a small farm—sheep and corn—at a place called Timaru, a hundred and fifty miles south of Christchurch, New Zealand. S. W. D. Shallard is still in Taranaki province.

P. B. Pfordten has secured a job in Shanghai in the office of Messrs. Wilkinson, Heywood and Clark, wholesale Paint and Varnish makers.

G. A. Wood has decided to go in for tobacco-farming in South Africa and sailed in July for Rhodesia, where we wish him all success. His address is:—Delta, Marandellas, Southern Rhodesia, S.A.

H. F. Good, of Grindlay's Bank, London, has been transferred to a branch in India, whither he sailed in June.

K. T. and N. C. Wood are finding life pleasant in Rhodesia. They are both prominent in local Rugger circles, though in consequence of a game knee K.T. is no longer able to play. He acts however as secretary and coach to the Alexandra Club in Salisbury, and is a member of the Mashonaland selection committee. N.C. is captain of the same club in Salisbury, and he likewise captained the Mashonaland side against Manicaland in the semi-final of the Rhodesian inter-province knock-out.

R. E. Broadbent, of Vauxhall Motors, Luton, is now in their New Project Office, concerned mainly with details of factory planning, disposition of machinery, and devices to facilitate production. He has had a successful Lawn Tennis season, winning the Men's Doubles Championship (open) for South Beds., and reaching the semi-final of the Mixed Doubles, though he lost the Singles title which he held last year. At the Dunstable and Houghton Regis tournament he won all three events in the same afternoon—Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

J. F. Sinclair, who is home on leave from India, and G. E. Sinclair have both been playing Lawn Tennis for Cornwall this summer.

L. P. Mosdell won the Quarter-mile in 52 seconds at the Berks A.A. Championship meeting at Reading in June. Furthermore he was playing in the O.U. Seniors' Rugger match on October 10, at three-quarter.

About those who have left more recently we can give the following information: J. C. Blackmore is in the Building and Engineering department of Huntley & Palmer's, Reading.

T. J. H. Charley has secured a clerkship in Barclay's Bank (Dominion, Colonial and Overseas) in London.

H. H. Eeles is in the Post Office in Abingdon.

G. J. Goodey has joined the Goldsmiths' Training College for Teachers at Blackheath.

R. J. Jacques has succeeded his father in the bakery business at Steventon.

R. E. G. Morewood is an Art student in Edinburgh.

E. J. F. Punter is employed with Mr. E. H. Beesley, High Street, Abingdon.

W. V. Simpson has entered Liverpool University with a view to reading for a Medical degree. He has also joined the Liverpool Rowing Club.

RUGGER FIXTURES, 1933.

FIRST XV.

Sat.	Oct.	14	Oxford Exiles "A"	Home.
Sat.	"	21	Abingdon R.F.C.	Away.
Wed.	"	25	Bloxham School	Away.
Wed.	Nov.	1	Abingdon R.A.F.	Home.
Sat.	"	4	London Old Abingdonians	Home.
Wed.	"	8	Leighton Park School	Home.
Wed.	"	15	Radley College 2nd XV	Home.
Sat.	"	18	Pembroke College	Home.
Sat.	"	25	Magdalen College School	Home.
Wed.	"	29	Magdalen C.S. Brackley	Away.
Sat.	Dec.	9	Old Abingdonians	Home.

SECOND XV.

Sat.	Oct.	7	Oxford Exiles "B"	Home.
Wed.	"	25	Bloxham School	Home.
Wed.	Nov.	8	Leighton Park School	Away.
Wed.	"	15	Magdalen College School	Away.

"UNDER 15" XV.

Wed.	Oct.	18	Bloxham School	Away.
Sat.	Nov.	4	Leighton Park School	Away.
Wed.	"	22	Magdalen College School	Home.
Wed.	"	29	Magdalen C.S. Brackley	Home.