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EDITORIAL NOTICE.

An Index to Volume VI of the *Abingdonian* has now been completed and is in the press. The price will be 2/- and applications for copies, accompanied by a remittance should be sent to the Editor at the School. Arrangements have been made for binding the volume in the usual red and white cloth with leather back at a cost of 8s. 6d., and the Editor will gladly receive sets and arrange for their despatch. Back numbers may be obtained at half the price of publication.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The School has suffered a very heavy loss by the death of Lord Faringdon, the Chairman of the Governing Body. He had been a Governor of the School since 1915 and Chairman since 1927. He not only contributed most generously to our extension funds, but took a real personal interest in assisting the progress of the School. His vigorous outlook and clear-sighted judgment were invaluable. He twice gave away the Prizes for us

on Founder's Day, and many will recollect the speech he made on this occasion in June, 1931. His kindly courtesies will always be remembered by us.

Mr. T. P. R. and Miss Rachel Layng have founded a prize to be called "The Thomas Layng Reading Prize" in memory of their father, the Rev. Thomas Layng, who did such valuable work as Headmaster of Abingdon School from 1893 to 1913.

We record with many thanks yet another benefaction of J. B. Reeves, Esq., O.A., who is generously defraying the cost of the new water-proof covering to the Five's Court.

Founder's Day will be celebrated on Friday, June 22nd. The Regatta will be held on Thursday, June 21st, and the O.A. Cricket Match on Saturday, June 23rd.

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Abingdon has kindly consented to present the prizes on Founder's Day, and the Sermon at the Service in St. Helen's

Church will be preached by the Rev. H. A. Kennedy, M.A., formerly Vicar of Abingdon.

A. J. Turnham has been elected Captain of Cricket. A. L. Fleet is Hon. Sec.

First IV Rowing Colours were awarded last term to D. H. Blake, F. A. Bennett and D. F. W. Newman (coxing), and Second IV Colours to R. G. James and J. A. Fletcher (coxing).

The name of E. F. Pollard was omitted in our last issue in the list of those awarded 2nd XV Colours.

Full Athletic Colours were awarded this term to R. F. Andrews and A. J. Turnham, and Half Colours to O. E. Clarke, K. G. Corbett, A. L. Fleet and M. H. Holme.

The Bayley Cup for Junior House Football was retained by Blue House.

The *Abingdonian* Committee consists of G. F. Duxbury, Esq. (Editor), E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq., (Treasurer and O.A. Correspondent), P. A. D. Jones, A. L. Fleet, A. J. Turnham and F. A. Bennett.

On Feb. 5th Mr. Aston gave a lecture on Hadrian's Wall, illustrated for the most part by photographs or drawings of his own, which shewed clearly the interesting possibilities in a week's tramp across the North of England from sea to sea.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*The Brighton College Magazine*, *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*.

This term ends on Monday, July 30th., the O.T.C. leaving for camp and boarders returning home on the following day. The Christmas Term begins on Thursday, September 20th., boarders returning on the previous day.

VALETE.

VI FORM.—C. F. Powell (1927, iii). School Prefect, 1933; O.S.C. 1931; 2nd XV Rugger 1932; C.Q.M.S., O.T.C., Cert A. 1932; 1st Class Shot.

VA FORM.—J. S. Randle (1929, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1933; 2nd XV Rugger 1933; Lce-Cpl. O.T.C.

VB FORM.—A. W. Lewis (1928, iii).

REMOVE FORM.—W. M. Dewe (1931, iii).

SALVETE.

VB FORM.—C. A. Ronan.

REMOVE FORM.—C. E. M. Hayes.

III FORM.—J. W. Ownsworth, A. L. Hicks.

II FORM.—N. H. Kortright, P. Hicks, D. E. Jarvis, H. R. Wyatt.

LIBRARY.

The Library Committee this term consists of G. F. Duxbury, Esq., A. C. Emms (Librarian), D. G. Brown, P. A. D. Jones, A. L. Fleet and A. Lunghi. We acknowledge with thanks the gift of a copy of Shakespeare's Works by D. R. Thomas. The following additions have also been made:—*Companion to English Literature*, *The Continents of Europe and Asia*, *The Whipsnade Animal Book*, *The Wheelwright's Shop*, *The Doll's House*, *Culture and Anarchy*, *Reginald Kennedy Cox*, *Erewhon*.

ROWING.

It may be said without exaggeration that the Season of 1934 was quite the most satisfactory for many years. The weather conditions were, with one or two exceptions, eminently favourable for the preliminary period of training, and continued to improve throughout.

There were few casualties due to illness and the spare men were called upon so seldom that no real inconvenience was felt by the crews as constituted.

With more colours than usual remaining from 1933, the task of filling up the vacancies was somewhat difficult, there being so little to choose between the five or six "probables." However, after the first fortnight it seemed likely that three of last year's 2nd IV would, with one new man, compose the crew to row on fixed seats. This was a very big advantage for the 2nd, proved by their successes in races. The previous experience and similarity of combination was extremely valuable.

There were two seats to be filled in the 1st. IV; these were filled by Bennett and Blake. Newman last year's 2nd cox, was pilot for the 1st, and Fletcher came into the 2nd.

Work began on the first day of term with intensive tubbing which was continued until the arrival of the racing boat (rowed down under unpleasant conditions) from Oxford on Feb. 3rd. Owing to the early date of the first race, it was

necessary to proceed without delay with the constitution of the two crews, 1st on slides, and 2nd on fixed seats; the former being coached by Mr. Duxbury, while Mr. Bevir looked after the 2nd, who did their racing in 'The Radley.'

The First IV taken as a whole, developed into a workmanlike crew, well up to, if not above the average, though it must be confessed that they did not achieve such pace as at one time seemed likely. Like many crews, they discovered the rate of striking that suited them best and then found it difficult either to raise or lower it. The abnormally fine conditions with total absence of stream were partly responsible, since it was very difficult to work the stroke up in such dead water. The blade-work can only be described as fair, but they sat the boat quite well and certainly worked very hard in their rowing, being rather better over the second half of the course than the first, as was clearly shewn in the races. Taking the crew individually, D. G. Brown filled the position of stroke quite creditably, but as already stated, he found it difficult to work up the stroke without sacrificing steadiness forward. When a high rate was attempted in the Magdalen race, it did not prove a success, but otherwise he kept a very good length. Both he and Ranger swung their bodies well and worked exceedingly hard all over the course. Ranger's blade work was very effective without being pretty, and he backed up stroke very well indeed. D. H. Blake at '2' and F. A. Bennett at 'bow,' lacked racing experience, but came on quite well. The former was too inclined to shoot his slide at the beginning to get full benefit from his leg-drive, while bow's chief trouble was his blade-work, but neither shewed any sign of sparing himself. D. F. Newman proved a very competent Cox, steering well and refusing to be edged off his course in races. He used his voice sensibly, and also used his ears, which means much to the coach. In fact he shewed a proper appreciation of a cox's responsibilities, which are considerably wider than is generally realised.

After this criticism, which is only intended as a guide to better things, the crew deserve full praise not only for their keenness, but for their racing record; they failed to do themselves justice in one race, but in the last race, against St. Edmund's Hall, they showed excellent form and racing spirit and can look back on 1934 as a successful and enjoyable season.

To come to the 2nd Four. To have an unbeaten record for the season certainly merits congratu-

lation and praise. This success was attained by thoroughness and a determination not to spare themselves. As a crew they proved very good when working hard in rowing as contrasted with paddling. It was noticeable that they were without exception slow at starting, but after the first half minute or so of rowing they settled down to it, and rowed very strongly over the latter part of the course.

Turnham at stroke was very steady and set a uniform rhythm for the rest, who backed him up well, without getting ragged or hurried. Adams was a hard-working '3,' but not as good with his blade as one could wish. James at '2' though light, did very well, especially in the longer course against Culham. He needs to avoid any hunching up of the shoulders at the finish of the stroke. Fleet (bow) is quite a neat oar, has improved a good deal since last year. He kept his form throughout the races without becoming short; has now learnt to get his hands away more smartly. Fletcher, the cox, did his part well, avoiding monotony, encouraging and reproving at appropriate times. He steered well on most occasions.

We tender our sincere thanks to the various College crews who came down and added much to the enjoyment of the season by providing some excellent races.

FIRST IV RACES.

v. St. John's College, Oxford, on Friday, Feb. 23rd, on Culham Reach. Won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 3 mins. 24 secs., record time for the course.

St. John's were handicapped by rowing in the Blue, and were $\frac{1}{2}$ length down at the Big Tree. The School kept long and steady and gradually increased their lead. This was a distinct improvement on performances in practice. Conditions were perfect.

v. Magdalen College School on Wednesday, Feb. 28th, on Culham Reach. Lost by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 3 mins. 33 secs.

A strong N.W. breeze was blowing and the School had the tow-path station. The start was poor and though rowing a faster stroke than Magdalen they were rather rushed and ragged, being $\frac{3}{4}$ length down at the Big Tree. Magdalen rowing comfortably and well together increased their lead to about 2 lengths, but over the last part the School got together much better and made up some of the leeway. A disappointing performance.

v. Culham College, on Saturday, March 3rd, from Culham Railway Bridge to the Boat House. Won by 5 lengths. Time 8 mins. 26 secs.

Strong headwind right down the course. With the first bend against them the School did well to keep on level terms for the first 2 mins. They then settled down to a long steady stroke and gradually drew away to win comfortably—shewing very good form on the long course under trying conditions.

v. Keble College, on Wednesday, March 7th, on Culham Reach. Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length in 3 mins. 53 secs. N.W. breeze.

Keble rowed in the Blue, and led by a canvas until past the Big Tree. The School again took too long to settle down, but having done so they steadily crept up to win by a narrow margin. The crew backed stroke up very well when he made his big effort.

v. St. Edmund Hall, on Saturday, March 10th, on Culham Reach. Lost by a canvas. Time 3 mins. 25 secs.

This was certainly the best race of the year. The School went off well and led by $\frac{1}{2}$ length after a minute, but the Oxford crew gradually came up and, each crew spurting in turn, a thrilling race was provided right to the post, with the School going very strongly at the finish.

1st IV.

Bow.	F. A. Bennett	9st. 8lbs.
	D. H. Blake	10st. 4lbs.
	J. Ranger	11st. 0lbs.
Str.	D. G. Brown	12st. 0lbs.
Cox	D. F. W. Newman	7st. 7lbs.

SECOND IV RACES.

v. Magdalen College School on Wednesday, Feb. 28th, on Culham Reach. Won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 4 mins. 5 secs.

After being slightly down at the start, the School drew level at the Big Tree and with some well-timed efforts gradually drew away. The form was not so good as in previous trials, but the racing spirit was excellent.

v. Culham College, on Saturday, March 3rd, at Culham. Won easily. Time 6 mins.

Culham were seriously handicapped by the indisposition of two members of their crew. The School went ahead from the start, and rowing very well together, and swinging well out to the wind, went away steadily to win by a distance.

v. Keble College, on Wednesday, March 7th, on Culham Reach. Won by 2 lengths in 3 mins. 51 secs.

Keble rowed in the John Roysse and very little separated the crews after a minute, the School having a slight lead. From that point the School gradually went ahead, swinging long and keeping well together, altogether a very good performance.

v. O.A's. on Saturday, March 10th. Won by 2 lengths in 3 mins. 45 secs., the fastest time of the year.

The School made a poor start and were nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ length down after 1 min., but they then settled down to row steadily, and, as lack of training began to tell on the O.A's, went away to win comfortably. Apart from the shaky start the whole crew shewed very good form indeed.

	2nd IV.	O.A. Crew
Bow	A. L. Fleet 10st. 0lbs.	G. F. Duxbury
	R. G. James 8st. 7lbs.	J. E. Emmett
	A. R. M. Adams 11st. 2lbs.	W. V. Simpson
Str.	A. J. Turnham 9st. 6lbs.	G. A. R. Boyd
Cox	J. A. Fletcher 7st. 9lbs.	R. Emmett

During the remaining weeks of term after the races, a good deal of tubbing work was done with new material, while most of the 2nd and 3rd IV's gained some practice on slides. There is plenty of promising material forthcoming, much of it still in the rough state, it is true, but if everyone makes up his mind, from the moment he takes an oar in his hand, to listen intelligently to advice and to try as hard as he can to make himself proficient, there is no reason why we should not be able, even in the short time available, to turn out two creditable crews next year.

Before concluding these notes, we must record that a concrete floor has now been laid in the Boat House, which, with the cinder approach, adds greatly to the general comfort, especially in wet weather. Also the 'Blue' after years of loyal service as a fixed seat four, has been fitted with slides and though somewhat weak in the rigging, should prove very useful for practice work, for those who have graduated from the tub-four.

HOCKEY.

Fortunately a good many still remained in the Hockey Game from last year, and as they made good use of their increased experience and familiarity with the game, a very useful team was formed, which was distinctly stronger than that of

last year. One or two matches had to be scratched, but three good games were played, against Lincoln College 'A' team, the Old Boys, and the usual match against the 'Wet Bobs' at the end of the term.

The Lincoln match was particularly satisfactory, and a very level game was played; the only score was by Lincoln five minutes before the end, and they thus won by 1-0, a result which compares very favourably with their victory of 8-0 last year.

The game against the Old Boys was as usual most enjoyable, and another even game ended in a draw of 2 goals all. The School were leading 2-1 when Mr. Stevens, who had only been brought in at the very last second to make up numbers as an 'Old Boy,' scored a very good equalizing goal from a difficult angle, again only five minutes before time; R. F. Andrews and D. E. Mills scored for the School.

The game against the Wet Bobs was won 3-0, but the oarsmen worked extremely hard and put up a very good fight. Considering their lack of experience they made some creditable and dashing attacks, and their defence, though uncertain, was by no means weak.

In all these matches Warrick, at centre-half, set a fine example to the side, and with his added height and strength he was a veritable tower in defence; his tackling was powerful and he fed his forwards well with judicious passes. He always worked extremely hard and his stick-work improved noticeably, his reverse hits to bring the ball into a suitable position being cleverly done. Cox gave him excellent support at half-back and settled down very quickly for his first season at the game; he also was a hard worker and marked his man well. Luker and Wiggins made a very sound pair of backs, who were not easy to get past; Luker showed an especial ability and with an excellent natural eye for hitting the ball, brought off many good clearances. He was also quick in his tackling and in getting about, while Wiggins was generally rock-like and gave him good support. Smallbone was a quick learner in the difficult position of goal-keeper and made very good progress; originally rather slow in running out to meet an attack on the edge of the circle, he was finally distinctly good at this and managed to smother various dangerous assaults upon his goal in this way. He was also quite good in stopping hard shots when he was in goal.

The defence was better than the attack, but the forwards always worked hard and were by no means to be ignored; they varied somewhat as a line, but at their best they were well together and brought off some good movements. The three insides, Andrews (in the centre), D. E. Mills (inside right) and H. B. King (inside left) could be quite effective; the last two both were better than last year, especially Mills, who made some good shots and was quite quick in taking his opportunity of shooting without wasting precious time; King was neat with his stick and good in his passing, though at times inclined to be a little slow. Andrews did well for his first season of playing, and got in some hard shots. Clarke showed distinct speed on the wing and was often prominent in sending across good centres, but he slightly spoilt his game by a tendency to give 'sticks' after a dashing run. If he can thoroughly rid himself of this habit, he should be most useful.

Taken all round, the side this year was distinctly strong, especially in defence, and was well led; it was probably the best team we have yet had.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

Brilliant weather favoured the School Sports held on Saturday, May 12th, and some good performances were accordingly expected. Weather conditions by themselves however cannot account for the fact that records were beaten in the High Jump and Quarter (open), the Senior Relay, and the 100 yds. and Quarter (under 15), while the records for the 100 yards (open and under 12), and the Junior Relay were equalled. Taken in conjunction with the results of the O.A. Sports, these performances prove that the School Athletics are in a very flourishing state at the moment, and shew what can be achieved by conscientious training.

The officials were:—*President*: The Head Master; *Starter*: J. B. E. Alston, Esq.; *Judges*: R. C. Bateman, Esq., W. A. Rudd, Esq.; *Time Keepers*: G. F. Duxbury, Esq., J. Y. Ingham, Esq.; *Stewards*: P. A. D. Jones, H. Bosley, A. C. Emms; *Committee*: W. A. Rudd, Esq., (Chairman), J. B. E. Alston, Esq.; *Ex-Officio*: D. G. Brown, J. Ranger, L. E. Carter, A. J. Turnham, R. F. Andrews, A. L. Fleet (Hon. Sec. and Treas.); *Elected*: D. H. Blake, K. G. Corbett, E. F. Stevens, J. M. Wood, J. Lay, W. M. Potter.

RESULTS.

1. LONG JUMP (Open)
(Record : 21ft. 3½ins.)
1. D. G. Brown, 20ft. 2½ins. 2. L. E. J. Luker.
2. LONG JUMP (Under 15).
(Record : 17ft. 3½ins.)
1. P. J. Hill, 16ft. 8ins. 2. H. H. Whitfield.
3. HIGH JUMP (Open).
(Previous Record : 5ft. 2ins.)
1. R. F. Andrews, 5ft. 3ins. 2. O. E. Clarke.
4. HIGH JUMP (Under 15).
(Record : 4ft. 8½ins.)
1. R. Goodey, 4ft. 6½ins. 2. P. J. Hill.
5. HURDLES (Open).
(Record : 16½secs.)
1. D. G. Brown. 2. R. F. Andrews.
Time : 16½secs.
6. HURDLES (Under 16).
(Record : 18½secs.)
1. E. F. Stevens. 2. P. J. Hill.
Time : 19½secs.
7. 100 YARDS (Under 12).
(Record : 13secs.)
1. N. J. Holmes. 2. L. J. Bunford.
Time : 13secs.
8. 100 YARDS (Under 15).
(Previous Record : 12½secs.)
1. P. J. Hill. 2. J. Lay.
Time : 11½secs.
9. 100 YARDS (Open).
(Record : 10½secs.)
1. D. G. Brown. 2. J. Ranger.
Time : 10½secs.
10. 220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 13).
1. N. J. Holmes (2 yds.) 2. L. B. King (8 yds.)
11. QUARTER MILE (Under 15).
(Previous Record : 62½secs.)
1. P. J. Hill. 2. J. Lay.
Time : 62½secs.
12. QUARTER MILE (Open).
Previous Record : 55½secs.)
1. D. G. Brown. 2. J. Ranger.
Time : 54½secs.
13. PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12lbs.)
(Record ; 39ft. 0ins.)
1. D. G. Brown. 2. L. E. J. Luker.
Distance : 37ft. 3ins.
14. HALF MILE (Under 15).
(Record : 2mins. 29½secs.)
1. S. R. Ashby. 2. R. Goodey. 3. J. Lay.
Time : 2mins. 32½secs.
15. HALF MILE (Open.)
(Record : 2mins. 17½secs.)
1. D. G. Brown. 2. A. J. Turnham.
3. D. R. H. Brown.
Time : 2mins. 20½secs.
16. RELAY RACE (Junior).
(Record : 3 mins. 9½secs.)
1. Blue. 2. Red. Time : 3mins. 9½secs.
17. RELAY RACE (Senior).
(Previous Record : 2mins. 48secs.)
1. Red. 2. Blue. Time : 2mins. 45secs.

The Prizes were distributed at the conclusion of Sports by Mrs. Bevir. The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup was won by D. G. Brown with 70 points, and the Shallard Cup by P. J. Hill with 34 points.

The House Cup, presented by the Ladies of Abingdon, was won by Blue House with 148 points, Red House being runners up with 143 points.

MILES.

The Miles were run on Thursday, March 22nd, on Waste Court Field. Both provided interesting races, and some close finishes, particularly in the Open, where Turnham ran Ranger very close.

OPEN.

(Record : 4mins. 50½secs.)

1. J. Ranger. 2. A. J. Turnham. 3. R. F. Andrews
Time : 5mins. 21½secs.

House Placings :—Blue, 34 points ; Red, 40 points.

JUNIOR.

(Record : 5mins. 23 secs.)

1. S. G. Burt. 2. R. Goodey. 3. P. J. Hill.
Time : 5 mins. 41½secs.

House Placings :—Green, 37 points ; Blue, 41 points ; Red, 45 points.

The Subscribers to the Prize Fund, to whom we offer our best thanks, were as follows :—J. B. E. Alston, Esq., Mrs. Bailie, Mrs. Balfour-Browne, Mrs. Bevir, Dr. H. N. Bradbrooke, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Carslaw, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Bromley Challenor, Mrs. Bromley Challenor, Junr., Miss E. Challenor, Dr. H. S. Challenor, O.A., Miss P. Challenor, Mrs. Cornish, H. Donkin, Esq.,

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O.A. SPORTS.

The Athletic Meeting between the School and O.A.'s. again provided a very close and interesting contest. The weather was dull with some wind, but in spite of that two new records were established in the High Jump and Relay Race. W. B. Badcock's jump of 5ft. 5½ins. was one inch better than the previous record made by R. G. Rice in 1907, while the O.A.'s. knocked another 2 seconds off the record for the Relay, the lowering of which is almost becoming an annual event. D. G. Brown was again successful in the Long Jump, Hurdles and Quarter Mile, and A. J. Turnham is to be congratulated on winning a very close Half Mile from J. Ranger. The School finally won by the narrowest of margins, 14 points to 13. It is interesting to note that the School has won every fourth year during the past twelve years.

The results were as follows:—

1. 100 YARDS.
(Record : 10secs.)

1. L. P. Mosdell (O.A.) 2. D. G. Brown.
Time : 10 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs.
G. A. R. Boyd (O.A.), O. E. Clarke.

2. HURDLES.
(Record : 16½secs.)

1. D. G. Brown. 2. R. F. Andrews.
Time : 16 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
W. B. Badcock (O.A.) M. Thomas (O.A.)

3. HIGH JUMP.

(Previous Record : 5ft. 4½ins.)

1. W. B. Badcock (O.A.) 5ft. 5½ins.
2. R. F. Andrews.
J. S. V. Beasley (O.A.) O. E. Clarke.

4. LONG JUMP.

(Record : 22ft. 2ins.)

1. D. G. Brown 20ft. 6½ins. 2. L. P. Mosdell (O.A.)
G. F. Powell (O.A.) L. E. J. Luker.

5. HALF MILE.

(Record : 2mins. 9½secs.)

1. A. J. Turnham. 2. J. Ranger.
Time : 2mins. 14secs.
S. A. Fabes (O.A.) J. S. V. Beasley (O.A.)

6. QUARTER MILE.

(Record : 55secs.)

1. D. G. Brown. 2. G. A. R. Boyd (O.A.)
Time : 55secs.
M. Thomas (O.A.) M. H. Holme.

7. MILE.

(Record : 4mins. 50½secs.)

1. S. A. Paige (O.A.) 2. L. E. Carter.
Time : 5mins. 13secs.
H. B. Joseph (O.A.), K. G. Corbett, H. B. Healy
(O.A.), A. J. Turnham,

8. PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

(Record : 42ft. 7ins.)

1. G. F. Powell (O.A.) 40ft. 1in. 2. D. G. Brown
W. B. Badcock (O.A.) L. E. J. Luker.

9. RELAY RACE.

(Previous Record : 1mins. 58½secs.)

1. O.A.C.	2. A.S.A.C.
H. B. Joseph	A. L. Fleet
M. Thomas	O. E. Clarke
H. B. Healy	J. Ranger
G. A. R. Boyd	M. H. Holme
G. F. Powell	L. E. J. Luker
L. P. Mosdell	D. G. Brown

Won by 5 yards in the record time of 1min. 56 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

O. T. C.

Training was brought to a successful conclusion last term with the staging of a mimic battle on the Lambourn Downs. In co-operation with Radley the contingent defended the locality of Knighton Bushes and held out for some time against an enemy decidedly superior in numbers not to mention aeroplanes and armoured cars ! The two

platoons were respectively commanded by Sgts. Turnham and Jones, who proved most efficient in reconnaissance work and in maintaining lines of communication.

The Annual Inspection will be carried out on June 5th, by Major L. F. S. Dawes, M.B.E., R.E., from the War Office. Rifle exercises and platoon drill are now receiving their final polish under the expert direction of Sgt.-Major Eyre. We must also thank Sgt.-Major Eyre for the considerable pains he takes to improve the shooting on the miniature range. Forty-six Cadets will fire this term and it is hoped to obtain a high percentage of 'firsts.'

The contingent will be attending camp at Tidworth Pennings from July 31st to Aug. 8th, and we are already looking forward to this event. We conclude by congratulating A. C. Emms on obtaining Certificate 'A.'

L. S. D. S.

The Society met only once in the Easter term. On Saturday, February 17th, the motion "that this house regards Hitler as a menace to Europe" was debated. Mr. P. J. Hill proposed and Mr. D. G. Brown opposed the motion, being seconded respectively by Mr. H. B. King and the Hon. Treasurer. Eight other members spoke, the motion being lost by four votes to ten.

Other debates were arranged but had for one reason or another to be cancelled. The root of the trouble was that Saturday is by no means an ideal day for meetings. A society which possessed a large membership might be able to withstand rival attractions: one which on 'good' days boasts an attendance of fifteen must choose its dates more fastidiously.

RAG CONCERT.

The sketch "Breakfast" was cleverly produced, and the silhouette effect well staged. Reggie was excellently played by M. R. T. Cooper, whose pendant forelock was well in character, and H. A. Lunghi's femininities were delightfully convincing. These two formed the base angles of a variation on the eternal triangle; the apex was a most persistent wasp, with a marked penchant for marmalade.

Both producer and actors exhibited a fine appreciation of the opportunities and limitations of this somewhat unusual medium.

Of the other two sketches "Hoards of Money" was the more elaborate. H. L. G. Livingston

as the old miser was credible enough, although his dialect was not one dialect but many; visually he was very good. As the burglars Jim and Bill, G. V. Bayley and D. C. Woolf were adequate; D. C. Woolf can always be relied upon to give the prompter a good hearing. Our only criticism of the production is that the play sagged badly after the climax, being taken too slowly and giving an inconclusive curtain.

The third sketch, "Artistes are so temperamental," was founded on a clever conceit. In a quick emotional scene, both actors might have been a little smarter on their cues. H. T. Jones, as the Editor of a newspaper, spoke rather indistinctly; S. K. Muir, took the difficult part of a Prima Donna fairly creditably. The actions of both were good, Muir in particular making appropriate use of his hands. The play worked up to a good climax, and the pistol (improving, we understand, on its behaviour in rehearsal) took its cue promptly.

A. L. Fleet and A. J. Turnham sang; both have good voices. "The Village Pump" (with outside help) was well done; some of their topical limericks were excellent; most were appreciated.

L. E. Carter, most charming in a becoming linen smock and a terribly bewitchingly shapeless soft felt hat, attracted much notice; he recited the entertaining adventures of Farmer Giles in "Lunnon."

An item which gained much applause was the singing of "Shut the Door", "We'll all Go Riding on a Rainbow" and "My Hat's on the Side of my Head" by E. A. Joseph, P. R. Wood and P. J. Hill. This was a praiseworthy effort, the stage setting being very well in keeping; but the device of coming out onto the fore-stage for the chorus was perhaps somewhat overdone. The mirror 'business' was quite diverting.

Among the items by the staff, Mr. J. B. E. Alston, supported by P. R. Wood, P. J. Hill, R. Emmett, E. A. Joseph and A. L. Shepherd, 'Knocked 'em in the Old Kent Road' very effectively. Then, dressed in pre-war Cockney clothes, they invited us to 'See them Dance the Polka'; Mr. Alston danced the polka, and the chorus also danced; we thoroughly enjoyed seeing them.

Mr. G. F. Duxbury somewhat beat the air as an obfuscated caretaker in an empty house trying to dissuade a prospective purchaser, who in the end turns out instead to be the landlord,

The sketch, however, was of so fragmentary a nature that Mr. Alston was required more often as prompter than as landlord.

Mr. J. Y. Ingham contributed a sad song about a lobster, and Mr. W. Bevir, indescribable and inimitable in frock coat and top hat swathed in black crepe, provided two cautionary numbers that nearly moved us to tears.

JUNIOR RUGGER.

Two 'Under 15' matches were played at home; the first on February 10th, against Bloxham School, the second on February 17th, against The Central Boys' School, Oxford. Both matches were won, the first by 21-0, the second by 18-0. The forwards played very well on both occasions and paved the way to victory by their vigorous offensives, Bury scoring five tries in the two matches, a feat equalled by Hill outside the scrum, while Emmett got a try in each match. These were by no means individual efforts, but rather the rounding off of good combined play by a team well-balanced fore and aft. The one weak spot was the place-kicking. Of the thirteen tries scored in these two matches, not a single one was converted!

The team in the first match was:—Jones VI: Stevens I, Giles, Emmett, Wooster: Hill, Lunghi: Goodey, Baker, Ashby, Bury, Muir, England, Bowman, Smith. In the second match the team was the same except that Pimm played instead of Muir.

Blue House retained the Bayley Cup for another year by winning both their matches. They had no difficulty in disposing of a weak 'Green' team to the tune of 39-5, but their meeting with 'Reds' produced a sterner struggle. Each side scored two tries, and it was Bowman's conversion of Blue's first try which turned the scales and decided the fate of the Cup.

O. A. NOTES.

BIRTH.

SMALLBONE.—On March 16, at The Warren, Abingdon, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smallbone, a son.

MARRIAGES.

WEAVER—LAITY.—On Jan. 4, at St. Levan Parish Church, Porthcurno, Cornwall, Herbert Loraine Weaver to Susan Mary Laity.

PARRY—THATCHER.—On Feb. 12, at Radley, Ernest Leonard Parry, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Parry, of Weeley, Essex, to Winifred May, only daughter of Mr. F. Thatcher and the late Mrs. Thatcher, of Trelawney, Norman Avenue, Abingdon.

MORLAND—WHEELDON.—On Feb. 12, in South Africa, Charles S. Morland, of Nigel, Transvaal, third son of the late Mr. Frank Morland and Mrs. Morland, to Lois Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wheelton, of Umtata, Cape Colony.

THOMAS—COLE.—On April 21, at the Catholic Cathedral, Shrewsbury, Philip T. Thomas to Joan, daughter of Mr. R. E. Cole.

BARTLETT—PERKINS.—On May 19, at St. Giles' Church, Hampton Gay, Hugh Shortland Bartlett, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Bartlett, to Mildred, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Perkins, of Mont Estoril, Portugal.

DEATH.

PACKER.—On May 1, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Edward Norman Packer, aged 25. (Drowned while bathing.)

E. N. Packer joined the School as a day-boy in April 1921 and left in December 1924, proceeding to Newbury School on the appointment of his father to a post at Kintbury. Both here and at Newbury his sterling qualities were manifest and won the respect of his contemporaries. On leaving Newbury School, where he had become senior prefect, he secured a clerkship in the Royal Mail Lines Company, and had spent a year in Spain before going out to Rio de Janeiro. We deplore the untimely end of a promising career, and our sympathy goes out to his parents and other relatives, and to his fiancée, in their bereavement.

The Rev. H. Hughes, vicar of Godney, near Wells, and lately Headmaster of King's College, Taunton, has accepted the offer of the vicarage of Pilton, Somerset, in the patronage of the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

The Rev. T. M. Layng, who since his ordination has been Dock Chaplain at Sharpness, Glos., has been presented to the living of Duloe, Cornwall, in the gift of Balliol College.

It will be of interest to many O.A.'s to know that the Rev. J. H. Kirkby, formerly our School Chaplain, has relinquished the living of Shippon

and retired to St. Alban's, where we wish him and Mrs. Kirkby many years of well-earned rest and happiness. Their address is :—Beechwood Avenue, St. Alban's, Herts.

O. B. Challenor has been appointed Worshipful Master of the Abbey Lodge of Freemasons in Abingdon for the year. Another post of honour which he now holds is that of Chief Officer of the local Fire Brigade.

H. A. L. Donkin has been elected President of the Rotary Club of Oxford for the year (as from next July.)

At the examinations held in London last March, R. A. Langford was successful in passing the final of the Chartered Land Agents' Society and the special examination (for degree-holders) of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution. He has been appointed Assistant on the Marquis of Hertford's Ragley Estate, Alcester.

M. N. Laybourne, who left us last December, is studying Medicine at Guy's Hospital.

C. F. Powell has joined Messrs. Buckle and Ballard, Auctioneers and Estate Agents, Oxford.

J. S. Randle has obtained a clerkship in Barclay's Bank at Brackley.

P. M. Lane is attending classes at the Regent Street Polytechnic, preparatory to qualifying as an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Decorators.

Playing in the inter-Varsity Golf Match at Formby in March, R. F. Brown, in partnership with R. D. Knox, defeated their Cambridge opponents in the foursomes by the crushing margin of 9 and 8. In the singles he was pitted against Hugh Neilson, this year's Cambridge captain, and after a thrilling encounter the match was halved.

In the English Amateur Golf Championship W. F. Wiseman, of the Leamington and County Club, who plays regularly for Warwickshire, was beaten in the second round by a narrow margin, after a fairly comfortable victory in the first.

G. E. Sinclair is Captain of Cricket at Pembroke this term.

A. F. R. Fisher has joined the Dart Rowing Club at Totnes and rows for their second four.

O.A. CLUB.

The Club Dance will be held at the Crown and Thistle Hotel, Abingdon, on the evening of Founder's Day, June 22nd, at 8.15 p.m. till midnight. Tickets 4/- each.

The Dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel on Saturday, June 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 7/6.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of Members at both functions and that they will bring as many guests as possible. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to hear as soon as possible from those members who are coming.

The Golf Bowl will be played for at Frilford Heath on Sunday, June 24th; 18 holes medal play, under handicap.

J. B. Reeves, O.A., the donor of the Cup, has again very kindly presented a prize for the winner.

CRICKET FIXTURES.

FIRST ELEVEN.

	DATE	OPPONENTS	GROUND
W.	May 23	Mr. R. M. Salberg's XI ..	Home
S.	" 26	Pembroke Coll., Oxon ..	Home
W.	" 30	Lincoln College " A " ..	Away
S.	June 2	Bloxham School ..	Away
W.	" 6	Magdalen C.S. Oxford ..	Home
S.	" 9	Master's Common Room ..	Home
W.	" 13	Wantage School ..	Home
S.	" 16		
W.	" 20	Leighton Park School ..	Home
S.	" 23	Old Abingdonians ..	Home
W.	" 27	City of Oxford School ..	Home
S.	" 30	Magdalen C.S. Brackley ..	Away
W.	July 4		
S.	" 7		
W.	" 11	Oxford City ..	Home

SECOND ELEVEN.

W.	May 30	Dorchester College ..	Home
S.	June 2	Bloxham School ..	Home
W.	" 6	Magdalen C.S. Oxford ..	Away
W.	" 20	Leighton Park School ..	Away

UNDER 15 ELEVEN.

W.	May 23	Magdalen C.S. Brackley ..	Home
W.	" 30	City of Oxford School ..	Away
W.	June 13	Wantage School ..	Away
S.	" 16	City of Oxford School ..	Home
S.	" 30	St. Edward's School ..	Home
W.	July 4	Leighton Park School ..	Away