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SCHOOL NOTES.

Last term we said farewell to Mr. R. C. Bateman. He came to the School in 1930 as successor to Mr. Reynolds, and during his five years with us he took a very active part in the encouragement of the various games. The success of the Cricket XI and the Junior Rugger teams bear witness to his advice and encouragement, and to him was due the development of hockey in the Easter term. In addition his skill at tennis and fives gave many boys much assistance in those games. On the last day of term presentations were made to him by the boys and the Staff, and we wish him every happiness and success in his future work.

In his place we welcome Mr. W. G. Holmes, lately Exhibitioner of Brasenose College, who comes to us with a high reputation for rugger, having played for the Varsity on many occasions. He is also a keen cricketer, so that both these games should benefit greatly by his presence.

We are gratefully indebted to Mr. W. Brewer, who has been one of our Governors for many years, for his presentation to the School of a Challenge Bowl. This will be competed for annually by the Junior House Cricket teams.

We congratulate A. R. M. Adams on passing into Woolwich.

The following were awarded School Certificates at the July Examination:—G. A. D. Baker, G. V. Bayley, R. E. Bowman (Honours), D. R. H. Brown, A. N. Elley, R. Emmett, J. A. Fletcher, P. J. Hill, M. H. Holme, H. L. Jacob, D. Jones, H. T. Jones, H. L. G. Livingston, L. E. J. Luker, H. A. Lunghi, S. K. Muir, D. F. W. Newman, G. F. Rice, D. E. Roberts, A. C. Rogers, C. A. Ronan, W. G. Smith, G. M. Stevens, M. H. Wheat, H. H. Whitfield and P. R. Wood.

Distinction was gained by R. E. Bowman in General Science.

F. A. Bennett is Captain of the School and Head of the House. The other School Prefects are :— A. N. Elley, J. A. Fletcher, R. Emmett, L. E. J. Luker and O. E. Clarke. The Sub-prefects are :— R. E. Bowman, D. R. H. Brown, J. O. Bury, L. G. Cather, P. J. Hill, G. F. Rice (Waste Court) and W. G. Smith.

L. E. J. Luker is Captain of Rugger and R. Emmett, Hon. Sec.

Last term L. E. J. Luker was awarded Cricket Colours and 2nd XI Caps were awarded to P. A. Wimberley, R. E. Bowman, J. O. Bury, G. A. D. Baker, M. R. T. Cooper, W. G. Smith and V. A. Harfield.

The Carr Challenge Cup for Senior Inter-House cricket was won by Red House, as was also the new Brewer Challenge Cup for Junior House cricket.

The bat for the best batsman in the 1st XI (given by the Masters' Common Room) was awarded to J. A. Fletcher, and for the best bowler in the XI (given by the Headmaster) to P. A. Wimberley. L. E. J. Luker won the bat for fielding. The "Henderson" bats for the best all-rounders under 16 and 15 were won respectively by R. E. Bowman and J. Lines. The "Meredith" bats for the best bowlers in the Second XI and "Under 15" XI were awarded to G. A. D. Baker and D. Pimm.

The cricket ball presented by Mr. Piper for the boy who kept his cricket boots cleanest throughout the season was won by G. H. Lewington.

The Reeves Challenge Cup for Inter-House Shooting was won by Red House.

A. R. M. Adams and H. L. G. Livingston attended the Duke of York's Camp at Littlestone-on-Sea.

On Whit-Monday evening, June 11th, the boarders visited the new Abingdon Cinema ; while members of the IV's and other full Colours had glorious weather for the customary Henley Saturday excursion.

The Confirmation will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 12 noon in the School Chapel by The Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw.

We congratulate Mr. S. G. Stevens on his appointment to the Headmastership of Cumnor School.

This term ends on Tuesday, December 17th, boarders leaving on the following day. Next term begins on Tuesday, January 14th, boarders returning on the previous day.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Contemporaries :—*The Aluredian*, *The Brighton College Magazine*, *The Chigwellian*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Lily*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The R.M.A. Magazine*.

VALETE.

VI FORM.—D. G. Brown (1929, iii). School Prefect, 1932 ; Captain of the School and Head of the House, 1933–35 ; O.S.C., 1932, 1933 ; Pembroke Scholarship (Classics), 1935 ; 1st XV Colours, 1932 ; Captain, 1933, 1934 ; 1st VI Rowing, 1933–35 ; Captain of Boats, 1935 ; Full Athletic Colours, 1932 ; Captain of Athletics, 1933–35 ; 1st XI Cricket, 1932–35 ; 2nd XI Colours, 1932 ; O.T.C. Sergt., 1934 ; 1st Class Shot ; Hon. Treas. L.S.D.S., 1933 ; Hon. Sec. and Treas. of Games Committee, 1932.

A. R. M. Adams (1930, iii). School Prefect, 1934 ; O.S.C., 1933 ; 1st XV, 1933–34 ; 2nd XV Colours, 1933 ; 1st IV Rowing, 1935 ; 1st XI Cricket, 1935 ; 2nd XI Colours, 1934 ; Full Athletic Colours, 1935 ; O.T.C. Sergt., 1933 ; Cert. "A," 1933 ; 1st Class Shot, 1932.

R. P. F. Mills (1928, iii). School Prefect, 1934 ; O.S.C., 1932, 1933 ; 2nd XI Cricket, 1935 ; O.T.C. Corporal, 1935 ; 1st Class Shot.

D. E. Mills (1929, iii). School Prefect, 1935 ; O.S.C., 1933, 1934 (Honours) ; 1st XV Rugger, 1933 ; 1st XV Colours, 1934 ; 1st XI Cricket, 1933 ; 1st XI Colours, 1934 ; Captain, 1935 ; O.T.C. Lance-Corporal 1935 ; 1st Class Shot.

H. L. G. Livingston (1931, i). School Prefect, 1935 ; O.S.C., 1934, 1935 ; 1st XV, 1934 ; 2nd XV Colours, 1934 ; O.T.C. Sergt., 1934 ; Cert. "A," 1934 ; 1st Class Shot ; Hon. Treas. A.S.P.S.

M. R. T. Cooper (1930, ii). School Prefect, 1935 ; 1st XV, 1934 ; 2nd XV Colours, 1934 ; 1st IV Rowing, 1935 ; 1st XI Cricket, 1935 ; 2nd XI Colours, 1935 ; Athletic Half-colours, 1935 ; O.T.C. Lance-Corporal, 1933 ; 1st Class Shot.

D. F. W. Newman (1931, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1935 ; O.S.C., 1934, 1935 ; 1st IV Cox, 1934–35 ; O.T.C. Lance-Corporal, 1934 ; Hon. Sec. A.S.P.S. ; *Abingdonian* Committee.

G. M. Stevens (1933, i). Sub-Prefect, 1935 ; O.S.C., 1934, 1935 ; 1st XV, 1933 ; 1st XV Colours, 1934 ; 2nd IV Rowing, 1935 ; O.T.C. Corporal, 1935 ; Cert. "A," 1935 ; 1st Class Shot.

P. R. Wood (1928, ii). Sub-Prefect, 1935; O.S.C., 1934, 1935; 2nd XV Colours, 1934; 2nd IV Rowing, 1935; O.T.C. Corporal, 1935; Cert. "A," 1935; 1st Class Shot.

VA FORM.—M. H. Holme (1932, iii). O.S.C., 1935; 2nd XV Rugger; 2nd XI Cricket, 1934-35; Athletic Half-colours, 1934.

G. A. D. Baker (1931, i). O.S.C., 1935; 1st XI Cricket, 1935; 2nd XI Colours, 1935.

A. L. V. D. Barnes (1932, iii).

VB FORM.—S. R. Ashby (1931, iii).

A. L. Shepherd (1933, iii).

J. M. Viney (1928, iii).

R. D. Hawkes (1932, iii).

REMOVE.—J. W. D. Downie (1933, iii).

A. L. Hicks (1934, ii).

J. W. Ownsworth (1934, ii).

III FORM.—A. P. Head (1934, iii).

P. C. Goddard (1934, iii).

P. W. Pullen (1935, ii).

II FORM.—J. A. Pullen (1935, ii).

SALVETE.

VB FORM.—D. M. Cracknell, J. Graff, G. B. Peck, M. D. Wells.

REMOVE.—J. P. Aldersley, A. W. Mills i.

III FORM.—T. M. Bowerman, G. J. Bowman, W. G. A. Brind, N. A. R. Carlton, A. R. J. Collick, B. W. O. Dockerty, A. M. Mills ii, J. S. T. Mills iii, J. G. L. Pearson, K. T. B. Sayer.

II FORM.—J. B. Alliban, G. R. Amey, J. V. Beveridge, M. Collett, R. R. Cottrell, J. E. Cutteridge, R. E. Dew, G. Farnsworth, I. S. Holland, J. McMahon, J. R. Young.

REGATTA.

The Regatta was held as usual on the Thursday before Founder's Day, June 20th. The afternoon was sunless and rather wet, but as the programme was operated from the Boathouse bank this year the spectators could find some shelter in cars or the Boathouse, the last serving also as tea and changing room. Owing to an unfortunate accident to one of the pair-oared boats in one of the early heats the Pairs had to be worked off in canoes—a change which the competitors did not seem to resent. The results were as follows:—

House First Fours: 1, Red House, R. Emmett (Bow), F. A. Bennett, G. M. Stevens, D. G. Brown (Str.), M. H. Wheat (Cox). 2, Blue House.

House Second Fours: 1, Red House, S. R. Ashby (Bow), H. L. Jacob, G. A. D. Baker, H. L. G. Livingston (Str.), J. M. Wood (Cox). 2, Blue House.

Senior Pairs: J. A. Fletcher, G. F. Rice, J. O. Bury.

Junior Pairs: D. B. West, A. L. Shepherd, J. M. Viney.

Canoes: J. A. Fletcher, R. Emmett.

Dongolas: R. F. Simmonds, A. L. Shepherd, J. M. Viney, L. A. G. Hendley, S. R. Ashby.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

Founder's Day was favoured with a blue sky and hot sun, June 22nd doing its best to make amends for the previous day. The service in St. Helen's Church was conducted by the Rev. G. R. Palmer, Vicar of Marcham and School Chaplain. Miss I. Sheldon Peach was at the organ and the School Choir sang the anthem. Miss Scott very kindly provided the wreath for John Roysse's tomb.

For his sermon Canon C. M. Lenton, Vicar of Hessele, East Yorks, took the text "I am the Way" and in plain terms he appealed to his hearers, particularly the younger ones, to realise that implicit belief in Christ was essential for all who wished to master the difficult art of living. From the religious view point people might be divided into three classes, avowed unbelievers or agnostics, the hesitant or indifferent majority, and the convinced followers of Christ. These last had an infallible guide for their lives in the One who had lived the only perfect life, and also an expert instructor in the game of life, a game that demanded all the finest efforts and qualities in a man.

Following the Service the Prize Distribution took place in the Corn Exchange. Mr. J. F. Stenning, Warden of Wadham College, who gave away the prizes was supported on the platform by the Headmaster, Canon Lenton, the Rev. H. E. Salter and Messrs. W. Brewer, H. P. Simpson and W. A. Rudd.

Reviewing the achievements of the past year the Headmaster said that more than one-sixth of the School had passed examinations of School Certificate standard or higher. P. A. D. Jones and A. L. Fleet passed the Higher Certificate, after winning the Pembroke Scholarships, and Fleet had since been awarded a Kitchener Scholarship. D. G. Brown had won the Pembroke Scholarship this year, A. J. Turnham had passed into Woolwich and D. C. Woolf into the Navy as

paymaster, gaining sixteenth place in the whole entry. Among the Old Boys, R. L. Triggs gained second-class honours in the London B.Sc. Examination, L. P. Mosdell third-class honours in Law Finals at Oxford and S. P. Austin and S. A. Fabes passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. The various School societies were flourishing and a Play-reading Society had been started. The O.T.C. received a very satisfactory report from the inspecting officer Col. Boyce, and 11 boys had passed Certificate "A" during the year. On the physical side the Rugby team had been the most successful the School had had, and the "Under 15" had done very well. The Second IV distinguished itself, winning all its races. Several new athletic records were established and D. G. Brown won the Heber Clarke Cup for the fourth year in succession. Of the Old Boys A. J. A. Watson beat his own Army record for weight-putting and also represented the Army at Rugby football, while G. E. Sinclair was captain of Cricket and Rugger at Pembroke College, Oxford, as well as representing Cornwall at tennis.

The prizes were then presented by the Warden of Wadham College as follows:—

VI Form.—Classics : D. G. Brown ; Mathematics : F. A. Bennett ; English : H. A. Lunghi ; Meredith Greek and Latin Proses ; D. G. Brown ; Classics B : H. L. Jacob ; Divinity : R. Emmett ; Thomas Layng Reading Prize : H. A. Lunghi ; Physics B : H. L. G. Livingston ; Chemistry B : G. M. Stevens.

Va Form.—English : R. E. Bowman ; Divinity : D. B. West ; French : S. K. Muir ; Latin : P. J. Woolf ; History : M. H. Holme ; Mathematics : G. V. Bayley ; Science : P. J. Hill ; Greek : D. Jones ; Pianoforte Prize : S. K. Muir.

Vb Form.—English and History : A. Beaton ; Latin : R. Hedger ; French and Greek : A. Beaton ; Science : R. F. Jackson ; Divinity : A. Beaton ; Mathematics : K. E. Fisher ; Art Prize : J. M. Wood.

Remove.—French and Science : W. J. Leahy ; History : L. L. Bernthal ; Divinity : J. W. D. Downie ; Latin : J. W. Greening ; Mathematics : C. G. Rowe and C. G. Carter ; Greek : W. J. Eeles ; Singing Prize : G. J. James.

III Form.—History and French : K. G. Walker ; Divinity : R. Goodey ; Latin : J. P. Mosdell ; Science : K. G. Walker ; Mathematics : W. H. Beaton.

II Form.—Mathematics and Nature Study :

A. Lines ; Divinity : D. E. Jarvis ; French : M. Hedger ; English : R. W. B. Dawson.

After congratulating the Headmaster on his report the Warden of Wadham said that, contrary to general belief, he considered that the prize-winning boy usually thoroughly deserved his success, and too much sympathy need not be extended to those less successful. Examinations, though unpopular with examiners and examinees alike, were nevertheless the only practical method of testing ability, and at the same time called for qualities that were of real practical value in after life. He illustrated this by citing some of the commonest types of error in answering examination questions, which he had noted in his work as examiner for many years.

The proceedings concluded with cheers for the Warden, Canon Lenton, the Headmaster and Miss Grundy, after which the company adjourned to the School grounds, for the "At Home," held by the Headmaster and Miss Grundy. Tea was served in Waste Court, during which a display of physical drill was given by a squad under the direction of Sergt.-Major Eyre. The School buildings were open to inspection by the visitors, a display of photographs held in the physics laboratory and demonstrations given in the chemistry laboratory and workshop. During the afternoon music was provided by the City of Oxford Band.

The following is a list of prize donors, to whom we express our thanks:—Miss I. Sheldon Peach, Dr. H. S. Challenor, Mr. S. R. Benson, Mr. N. Duncan, Mr. W. M. Grundy, Mr. J. Knowles, Mr. W. T. Morland, Mr. E. A. Mortleman (President, O.A. Club), Mr. J. H. Morrell, Mr. A. E. Preston, Mr. H. P. Simpson, Mr. T. Skurray and Mr. T. S. Wilding.

CRICKET.

As the results will show, last season was not a successful one. This was principally due to the fact that the bulk of the side was young and lacking in experience and it was, therefore, particularly unfortunate that D. E. Mills, the Captain-elect, had to leave school to take up a post after the two opening matches, thus depriving the team of an invaluable batsman and bowler. As though to accentuate the loss, he took 8 wickets for 43 runs and scored 21 in the opening match against Pembroke College. His departure left J. A. Fletcher and L. E. J. Luker as the only experienced batsmen who could be counted on for runs. Fletcher, with his attractive style and good range

of scoring was not only more successful than last season but also enjoyed better fortune in the matter of being run out. He captained the side for most of the season with ability and enthusiasm, and his batting average of 25·7, which included four innings over 35, with 13 wickets at a cost of 147 runs, show that he set the rest of the team a worthy example. Luker showed himself a much improved batsman, able to play a careful innings and resist the temptation to hit out at any and every ball. With a score of 64 he virtually won the match against Wantage School, and played three other very useful innings. Of the other batsmen, R. E. Bowman proved himself a steady opening batsman; his style is unattractive, but he managed to take the sting out of the bowling and collect some runs at the same time. P. A. Wimberley improved steadily as the season went on and, being promoted to number 4, he made some very useful scores, more than once staving off an impending collapse. A. R. M. Adams shaped quite well on occasions, and made a very useful 19 against Bloxham, but the remainder showed little skill and less enterprise, providing the team with a longer tail than it could possibly hope to carry. Turning to the bowling there is a rather more cheerful story to be told. G. A. D. Baker, a medium-slow left-hander, was the most successful bowler, with an average of 10·5 runs for 16 wickets. He kept a very fair length for long periods and improved steadily through the season, taking many valuable wickets. His best performance was in the match against the City of Oxford School, when he took 7 wickets for 26 runs. Fletcher came next in the averages with 13 wickets at a cost of 147 runs. His slow off-breaks were quite effective and he bowled very few loose ones, and in the Wantage match his 5 wickets for 21 runs was as valuable a performance as Luker's batting. With a most useful contrast in pace Wimberley proved a great asset to the team. His medium-fast bowling was both accurate and persistent, and the 17 wickets to his credit prove its effectiveness. Without any phenomenal achievements, he was persevering and consistent right through the season. D. G. Brown and V. A. Harfield were quite useful as change bowlers, but neither the latter nor M. R. T. Cooper came up to expectations. J. O. Bury, though lacking in experience, performed adequately as wicket-keeper and held some good catches. The fielding of the team as a whole was well up to standard, if lacking the excellence of some previous teams, Luker, Fletcher and Brown being particularly effective.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Pembroke College, away, May 22nd. Lost by seven runs. (Last year: drawn.)

PEMBROKE COLLEGE XI.

M. Manby, b Mills.....	5
D. Collins, b Mills.....	12
T. Swann, b Mills.....	3
D. Allen, b Wimberley.....	0
R. Spearman, b Mills.....	41
E. Esdaile, b Mills.....	1
R. Crail, b Mills.....	8
D. Evans, b Harfield.....	1
W. Evans, not out.....	7
J. Fletcher, c and b Mills.....	11
B. Fletcher-Jones, b Mills.....	2
Extras.....	3
Total.....	93

Mills, 8 for 43.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

D. E. Mills, b Esdaile.....	21
Adams, A. R. M., c Manby, b Collins....	10
Bowman, R. E., c Esdaile, b Swann....	22
J. A. Fletcher, b Collins.....	3
Brown, D. G., lbw., b Spearman.....	11
Luker, L. E. J., not out.....	3
Wimberley, P. A., b Spearman.....	0
Hill, P. J., lbw., b Spearman.....	0
Cooper, M. R. T., b Swann.....	0
Bury, J. O., b Swann.....	0
Harfield, V. A., b Spearman.....	1
Extras.....	15
Total.....	86

v. Bloxham School, home, June 1st. Drawn. (Last year: won by 3 wickets.)

BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

M. H. A. Scott, b Wimberley.....	4
D. Bartlett, c Luker, b Wimberley.....	10
S. F. Florey, b Wimberley.....	5
A. G. Gibbons, c Bury, b Luker.....	20
P. R. Black, lbw., b Harfield.....	80
D. S. Morgan, c Adams, b Mills.....	34
R. T. Pareezer, c Luker, b Cooper.....	5
A. J. O. Dunkerly, lbw., b Harfield....	5
J. P. Bousfler, c Bowman, b Harfield..	22
S. M. Nailer, not out.....	11
F. W. Hobley, c Bury, b Wimberley....	2
Extras.....	3
Total.....	201

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Adams, A. R. M., c Bartlett, b Hobley...	19
Bowman, R. E., c Gibbons, b Morgan...	6
J. A. Fletcher, b Bartlett.....	36
Brown, D. G., lbw., b Hobley.....	4
D. E. Mills, b Florey.....	12
Luker, L. E. J., c Florey, b Morgan.....	8
Smith, W. G., b Bartlett.....	3
Wimberley, P. A., lbw., b Morgan.....	4
Cooper, M. R. T., not out.....	4
Bury, J. O., not out.....	0
Harfield, V. A., did not bat.	
Extras.....	9

Total (for 8 wkts.)..... 108

v. Mr. R. M. Salberg's XI, June 8th. Drawn.
(Last year : lost by 5 wickets.)

MR. R. M. SALBERG'S XI.

J. H. Hopkins, c Brown, b Fletcher...	43
J. L. Keeling, b Wimberley.....	2
R. Gray, b Wimberley.....	7
W. N. Renwick, c Luker, b Brown.....	22
Stewart, c Wimberley, b Brown.....	1
Neill, b Brown.....	2
Kahnsahib, b Cooper.....	26
H. M. Hughes, c Bury, b Brown.....	5
Sawtill, lbw., b Fletcher.....	21
J. Smith, not out.....	11
R. M. Salberg, c Brown, b Harfield.....	4
Extras.....	3

Total..... 147
Brown, 4 for 22 in 4 overs.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Bowman, R. E., c Kahnsahib, b Sawtill	7
Adams, A. R. M., b Salberg.....	4
J. A. Fletcher, c and b Salberg.....	38
Wimberley, P. A., run out.....	13
Brown, D. G., c and b Kahnsahib.....	9
Luker, L. E. J., b Renwick.....	26
Smith, W. G., b Sawtill.....	1
Cooper, M. R. T., b Kahnsahib.....	1
Baker, G. A. D., not out.....	8
Bury, J. O., b Renwick.....	4
Harfield, V. A., not out.....	1
Extras.....	18

Total (for 9 wickets)..... 129

v. Wantage School, away, June 12th. Won by
26 runs. (Last year : won by 46 runs.)

WANTAGE SCHOOL.

Carter, c Harfield, b Brown.....	15
Cadel, b Fletcher.....	24
Fox, b Cooper.....	6
Fuller, b Fletcher.....	0
Packer, c Bowman, b Fletcher.....	17
Mulford, c Luker, b Fletcher.....	0
Minall, b Wimberley.....	1
Crane, c Cooper, b Brown.....	17
Hunter, c Luker, b Fletcher.....	0
Gamble, b Wimberley.....	1
Geary, not out.....	2
Extras.....	6

Total..... 89
Fletcher, 5 for 21.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Bowman, R. E., c Crane, b Geary.....	1
Smith, W. G., c Crane, b Geary.....	3
J. A. Fletcher, c Mulford, b Fox.....	10
Wimberley, P. A., b Geary.....	12
Adams, A. R. M., c Mulford, b Fox.....	2
Brown, D. G., b Geary.....	0
Luker, L. E. J., c Crane, b Fox.....	64
Cooper, M. R. T., st Crane, b Fox.....	11
Baker, G. A. D., c and b Fox.....	0
Bury, J. O., b Carter.....	6
Harfield, V. A., not out.....	4
Extras.....	2

Total..... 115
Luker made top score of the season.

v. Leighton Park School, away, June 15th.
Lost. (Last year : won by 6 wickets.)

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

Robson, not out.....	50
Bowser, b Baker.....	11
Maw, b Fletcher.....	8
Cadbury, b Fletcher.....	0
Jones, not out.....	50
Haughton, Woodall, Thomas, Williams, McLoughlin and Richard did not bat.	
Extras.....	3

Total (for 3 wickets)..... 122

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Bowman, R. E., c Robson, b Maw.....	11
Smith, W. G., b Cadbury.....	0
J. A. Fletcher, c Robson, b Cadbury....	0
Wimberley, P. A., c Richard, b Maw....	1
Adams, A. R. M., c Jones, b Maw.....	10

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Brown, D. G., b Maw.....	5
Luker, L. E. J., b Cadbury.....	2
Cooper, M. R. T., lbw., b Maw.....	1
Baker, G. A. D., b Thomas.....	6
Bury, J. O., not out.....	3
Harfield, V. A., b Thomas.....	0
Extras.....	6

Total..... 45

Maw, 5 for 6.

Loose, b Baker.....	5
White, b Baker.....	2
Long, hit wkt., b Wimberley.....	5
Waller, b Baker.....	0
Aldersley, not out.....	15
Willis did not bat.	
Extras.....	5

Total (for 9 wickets)..... 140

Baker, 7 for 26.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Bowman, R. E., b Loose.....	4
J. A. Fletcher, not out.....	38
Luker, L. E. J., b Loose.....	0
Wimberley, P. A., lbw., b Cripps.....	7
Smith, W. G., lbw., b Cripps.....	0
Brown, D. G., c Money, b Cripps.....	2
Hill, P. J., not out.....	1
Lines, J., Baker, G.A.D., Cooper, M.R.T., and Bury, J. O. did not bat.	
Extras.....	1

Total (for 5 wickets)..... 53

v. Capt Payne's XI, home, June 29th. Won by 24 runs.

CAPT. PAYNE'S XI.

R. Payne, b Baker.....	3
N. James, b Wimberley.....	1
A. West, c Cooper, b Baker.....	4
T. Butter, b Wimberley.....	1
P. Piper, lbw., b Baker.....	11
O. Baker, b Cooper.....	0
J. Payne, run out.....	30
P. Bryant, b Cooper.....	8
K. Newey, run out.....	2
E. Fullbrook, b Wimberley.....	1
Capt. Payne, not out.....	5
Extras.....	7

Total..... 73

Cooper, 2 wickets for 7 runs.

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Bowman, R. E., st J. Payne, b Butter...	11
J. A. Fletcher, c J. Payne, b Bryant....	50
Luker, L. E. J., c and b Bryant.....	0
Wimberley, P. A., b Baker.....	20
Smith, W. G., b West.....	5
Brown, D. G., b Newey.....	2
Hill, P. J., b West.....	1
Lines, J., st J. Payne, b Bryant.....	0
Baker, G. A. D., b James.....	1

v. Old Abingdonians, home, June 22nd. Lost.
(Last year : drawn.)

OLD ABINGDONIANS.

H. R. Lansdown, run out.....	0
R. F. Andrews, run out.....	1
S. D. Plummer, b Mills.....	79
W. W. Brown, c Bury, b Baker.....	23
G. E. Sinclair, c Bury, b Wimberley....	8
L. P. Mosdell, c Adams, b Wimberley ..	17
S. A. Fabes, b Mills.....	24
S. A. Paige, not out.....	11
G. H. Beazley, run out.....	1
G. A. R. Boyd, c Fletcher, b Baker.....	0
A. J. Turnham, run out.....	4
Extras.....	4

Total..... 172

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Adams, A. R. M., c Fabes, b Turnham..	5
Bowman, R. E., b Andrews.....	19
D. E. Mills, c and b Turnham.....	0
J. A. Fletcher, b Andrews.....	10
Wimberley, P. A., st Boyd, b Beazley...	17
Luker, L. E. J., b Brown.....	24
Smith, W. G., b Beazley.....	3
Brown, D. G., st Boyd, b Beazley.....	4
Cooper, M. R. T., b Brown.....	0
Baker, G. A. D., b Beazley.....	4
Bury, J. O., not out.....	3
Extras.....	5

Total..... 94

v. City of Oxford School, away, June 26th.
Drawn.

CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

Ambrose, b Baker.....	58
Cripps, b Baker.....	3
Johnson, c and b Fletcher.....	39
Money, lbw., b Baker.....	2
Robins, b Baker.....	6

Cooper, M. R. T., b James.....	0
Bury, J. O., not out.....	0
Extras.....	7
Total.....	97

v. M.C.S. Brackley, home, July 3rd. Lost by
27 runs. (Last year : lost by 3 runs.)

M.C.S. BRACKLEY.

Bradley, b Wimberley.....	12
Blencowe, b Baker.....	0
Halpern, c Bury, b Baker.....	3
Beck, c Luker, b Fletcher.....	18
Lord, b Wimberley.....	0
George, run out.....	26
Tompkins, c Baker, b Fletcher.....	2
Holdom, b Brown.....	7
Sammons, not out.....	11
Bayliss, lbw., b Baker.....	22
Scott, c Bury, b Fletcher.....	2
Extras.....	7
Total.....	110

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Bowman, R. E., c Beck, b George.....	2
J. A. Fletcher, run out.....	21
Wimberley, P. A., c Lord, b Bradley....	14
Luker, L. E. J., lbw., b Sammons.....	29
Smith, W. G., lbw., b Scott.....	0
Brown, D. G., b Scott.....	1
Hill, P. J., lbw., b Sammons.....	0
Lines, J., b Scott.....	3
Baker, G. A. D., c Tompkins, b Scott....	11
Cooper, M. R. T., lbw., b Bayliss.....	0
Bury, J. O., not out.....	0
Extras.....	2
Total.....	83

L. E. J. Luker was awarded his 1st XI Colours
at the end of the season.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

D. E. Mills. 1st XI Colours 1934. Captained
the side in the first two matches before leaving
School and in the O.A. match. The team suffered
heavily in the loss of both his batting and bowling.

J. A. Fletcher. 1st XI Colours 1934. Captained
the team ably in the remaining matches, and set a
very good example in all branches of the game.
Made many runs in an attractive style and was also
very effective as a bowler. An excellent fieldsman.

L. E. J. Luker. 1st XI Colours 1935. A natural
hitter whose batting, with better judgment, showed

a vast improvement on last season. His fielding
was excellent.

D. G. Brown. 2nd XI Colours 1932. Had little
success as a batsman, but did very good work in
the field. A useful slow bowler.

A. R. M. Adams. 2nd XI Colours 1934.
Possessed some good forcing shots, but inclined to
hit at the wrong ball. A safe fieldsman.

G. A. D. Baker. 2nd XI Colours 1935. Headed
the bowling averages. A medium-slow left-hander,
who maintained accurate length for prolonged
spells. A safe fieldsman.

P. A. Wimberley. 2nd XI Colours 1935. A
very useful newcomer, whose fast-medium bowling
was accurate and effective. As a left-handed
batsman made several good scores.

R. E. Bowman. 2nd XI Colours 1935. A steady
opening batsman, reliable if somewhat unorthodox.
Very fair in the field.

J. O. Bury. 2nd XI Colours 1935. As wicket-
keeper saved many byes and held some good
catches.

M. R. T. Cooper. 2nd XI Colours 1935. A
useful change bowler. Rather slow in the field.

W. G. Smith. 2nd XI Colours 1935. Rather
unfortunate in his batting after a good start.
Should improve his fielding.

V. A. Harfield. 2nd XI Colours 1935. A change
bowler who, after a good start, tended to sacrifice
accuracy to speed.

SECOND ELEVEN.

At one time it seemed likely that this year's
team would be more successful than its pre-
decessors, but once again we saw a failure to
follow up early successes. Twice our opponents
nearly doubled their score for the eighth wicket
while many of our wickets were simply thrown
away. Of the batsmen W. G. Smith made a very
good 46 not out against Leighton Park before he
was promoted to the 1st XI and P. J. Hill shaped
quite well on occasions. M. H. Holme made one
good score and should have done better, but the
remainder were very unreliable. Baker bowled
well in the first two matches and H. H. Whitfield
and D. Jones were quite promising. The fielding
was only fair, the chief fault being a lack of
anticipation.

The results of the matches were as follows :—

v. Leighton Park School, away, Saturday,
May 25th. Drawn. (Last year : lost.)

L.P.S., 138 ; Thomas, 69 ; Baker, 3 for 31.
Abingdon School, 110 for 8 wickets ; Smith,
46 not out.

v. Bloxham School, away, Saturday, June 1st.
Lost. (Last year: no match.)

Abingdon School, 80; Hill, 29; Holme, 30;
M. Hewlett, 3 for 2. Bloxham School, 98;
G. Hewlett, 28; Baker, 6 for 38.

v. Dorchester College, away, Saturday, June 8th.
Lost. (Last year: no match.)

Dorchester College, 86; Pollock, 20; Whitfield,
4 for 18. Abingdon School, 55; Hill, 22;
Hawkes, 3 for 11. Four men run out.

v. M.C.S., Oxford. Scratched.

The following played for the Second XI:—
P. J. Hill (Capt.), G. A. D. Baker, W. G. Smith,
P. A. Wimberley, M. R. T. Cooper, L. J. D.
Hutchinson, R. Emmett, P. J. Woolf, D. Jones,
H. H. Whitfield, R. Goodey i, M. H. Holme,
D. Pimm, R. P. F. Mills, J. Lines.

"UNDER 15" MATCHES.

v. City of Oxford School, away, Wednesday,
May*29th. Won by 1 wicket.

C.O.S., 71; Wooster, 3 for 8. Abingdon School,
74 for 9; Lines i, 20; Povey, 19.

v. Wantage School, home, Wednesday, June
12th. Won by 3 runs.

Wantage School, 59; Payne, 25; Pimm, 5 for
23. Abingdon School, 62; Wooster, 20; A. Fox,
4 for 9.

v. City of Oxford School, home, Saturday,
June 15th. Drawn.

Abingdon School, 19; Leatherby, 6 for 5.
C.O.S., 8 for 0 wicket.

v. M.C.S. Brackley, away, Wednesday, June
19th. Won by 2 wickets.

M.C.S., 43; Pimm, 4 for 19. Abingdon School,
44 for 8; Lines i, 29; Scott, 6 for 11.

v. Leighton Park School, home, Saturday, July
6th. Lost by 74 runs.

L.P.S., 177 for 3 wickets, declared; Salmon, 73;
Maw, 62. Abingdon School, 103; Dean ii, 39;
Salmon, 5 for 30.

The following played for the "Under 15" XI:—
H. A. Lunghi, G. V. Bayley, R. Goodey i, A. C.
Dean, J. Lines, J. N. Paige, P. H. Wooster, D.
Pimm, G. W. Povey, C. G. Carter, J. M. Wood,
G. D. Randall, J. M. Viney.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Blue v. Green. Blue won by 138 runs.

Blue, 92 and 171 for 7 (Fletcher, 59; Adams,
42). Green, 50 (D. Jones, 8 for 12) and 75
(Fletcher, 5 for 15).

Blue v. Red. Red won by 25 runs.

Blue, 109 and 56 (D. G. Brown, 5 for 17).
Red, 59 (Fletcher, 8 for 19) and 131 (Brown 61).

Red v. Green. Red won by 72 runs.

Red, 140 (Brown, 44; Harfield, 5 for 25).
Green, 68 (Baker, 6 for 18).

LIBRARY.

We acknowledge with many thanks the presentation of the following books:—*The Great White South* from A. R. M. Adams; *Stories of O. Henry* and *Earth and Sky* from H. L. G. Livingston; *Full Throttle* from G. M. Stevens; *The Jutland Scandal* from P. H. Gould; Copies of *The Geographical Magazine* from Mr. Rudd, to be bound and placed in the Library as each volume is completed; and *The Elegies of Propertius* presented by the Editor, S. G. Tremenheere.

RAG CONCERT.

After the foundations of the evening's entertainment had been well and truly laid on the bass notes of A. R. M. Adams with his rendering of "So Early in the Morning," the North Midland Trio gave us their signature tune, each of the three (P. J. Hill, G. V. Bayley and L. J. D. Hutchinson) urging the attractions of his own locality. There followed a short play in three scenes entitled "Humanity," done by our younger actors. The plot centered round a railway journey and a mislaid baby with a satisfactorily happy ending. The travellers, J. N. Paige, R. Hedger, P. H. Wooster and W. M. Potter, succeeded in advertising their different nationalities by characterisation as well as clothing, and J. M. Wood handled the baby with a sympathetic touch. D. G. Sandercocock was a very harassed waiter and L. A. G. Hendley an even more distraught mother, while O. J. Gill, J. M. Viney and M. C. Barnard were very, very official—altogether quite an amusing and encouraging performance. We were then treated to a revival of some old favourites from Gilbert and Sullivan by Mr. Bateman, accompanied by Messrs. Ingham and Alston, and in the "Chancellor's Song" he trod a pretty measure with B. Woolfe in attendance. P. R. Wood gave a popular rendering of "Hew New, Brewn Cew," and Mr. Bevir revealed more secrets of motoring history in an ode on a Baby Austin. D. G. Brown made his farewell appearance with the last of his series of Manchester monologues, "Joseph at the battle of Trafalgar." The programme was rounded off

with a drama of action, "Mrs. Perkins, Protagonist." We find Mr. Perkins (L. J. D. Hutchinson) and his wife (R. F. Simmonds) and daughter (R. F. Jackson) thoroughly at home, enjoying a quiet family grouse, when a proper "apple of discord" is propelled into their midst through the open window proving to be a valuable jewel. The mystery deepens with the appearance of the sinister man in black (A. L. Shepherd), while Mrs. Perkins, amid expostulation from her family, skilfully conceals the jewel. Finally Polly Perkins' young man Albert (P. A. Wimberley), whose activities have previously aroused some suspicion, reveals himself as a member of the Force, pursues the sinister one and recovers the stolen jewel. All the actors made the most of their parts, the Perkins family being a particularly "happy" and lifelike combination, while Simmonds should certainly gain a distinction in darning.

O.T.C.

The contingent had its annual inspection on June 4th, when Colonel C. E. Boyce, D.S.O., R.A., took the general salute. The Colonel expressed his satisfaction with the work of the corps as a whole and in particular with the tactical scheme carried out by No. 2 Platoon under Sgt. H. L. G. Livingston. The other senior N.C.O's were also commended.

Thirty-four cadets and N.C.O's entrained for camp on July 30th to spend an active 8 days under canvas at Tidworth Pennings. The weather proved distinctly warm and, despite the freedom of khaki shorts and open shirts, a certain amount of lassitude was noticeable near mid-day. The customary high spirits again prevailed in the evenings and, as usual, the principal attractions were the Sing-Song and the N.A.A.F.I. A visit was made to the Tidworth Tattoo and the massed bands and motor despatch riders will remain a vivid memory to many of us. We must not forget to mention that the contingent had the honour of furnishing the Battalion Quarter Guard for Sunday, August 4th, and this duty was commendably carried out by G. V. Bayley, J. O. Bury, L. G. Cather, O. E. Clarke, R. Emmett and L. E. J. Luker, under J. A. Fletcher and Sgt. D. G. Brown. It was unfortunate that P. R. Wood was unable to parade as bugler, but his place was adequately taken by G. A. D. Baker.

This term twenty-four recruits were enrolled and we welcome them to the ranks. Sgts. Fletcher and Luker are now in command of the two platoons, Sgt. Bennett is acting as C.S.M., while Cpl. P. J.

Hill and Cdt. H. T. Jones are in charge of the armoury. We congratulate 8 of the 10 candidates on their success in Part I, Practical, of the Examination for Certificate "A" and our thanks are again due to Sgt.-Major Eyre for all his help in this connection.

Promotions : to be Sgts. : J. A. Fletcher, L. E. J. Luker ; to be Cpls. : L. G. Cather, J. O. Bury, O. E. Clarke, R. Emmett, P. J. Hill ; to be L.-Cpls. : R. E. Bowman, R. F. Simmonds, W. G. Smith, D. R. H. Brown, A. N. Elley.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The open competition for the Summer Term closed on Saturday, July 20th. The entries in the Amateur Class were as follows : one by M. H. Wheat, two by A. L. Shepherd and one by J. W. Ownsworth. M. H. Wheat was the winner with "The Eagle."

In the Professional Class there were four entries : two by J. Calvert-Fisher, one by J. N. Andrews and one by M. H. Wheat. "Inquisitive" by J. N. Andrews was adjudged winner.

It is pleasing to note that there were more entries, and that they were of a better standard in both classes than for many terms past.

At a meeting held in the Strange Room on Sept. 22nd, the Hon. Secretary (D. F. W. Newman) and the Hon. Treasurer (H. L. G. Livingston) having both left the School, the following were elected to office : M. H. Wheat to be Hon. Secretary, R. F. Jackson to be Hon. Treasurer. The following was elected a member : M. D. Wells.

At a subsequent meeting held in the Strange Room on Sept. 29th, J. E. G. Davies, D. M. Cracknell, L. J. Bunford and J. Graff were elected members.

It was decided to hold an Open Competition, the closing date being fixed as December 7th.

SIX MEN (?) IN A BOAT.

During last Easter term six of us arranged to hire a motor-cruiser for a week on the Norfolk Broads. So in due course, after ordering our petrol, oil, food and other necessary fuels, we met at Liverpool Street station on Saturday morning, August 31st, *en route* for Norwich. Arriving only forty minutes late, after a tiring journey in a crowded train, we found that the platform was not long enough, and so had to make a perilous exit over the rails.

When we did get going on a trial trip, it was with

Steve, the head of the party, at the helm. After he had mastered the art of piloting a boat with a reverse gear which didn't function, we set off down the Yare towards Brundall, where we moored for the night. The insects were very tiresome, forcing us to turn in early after a cold supper prepared by Lavers.

The next day was marvellous, and we cruised down to Breydon Water before stopping for lunch and a bathe. Incidentally the Professor found the water a trifle cold. It was here that Batty first practised tacking in the sailing dinghy—a pastime in which he indulged to excess throughout the voyage. During this trip something went wrong with the steering-gear and the boat slewed round into the reeds, nearly sending the potatoes flying. Batty was steering and it still remains a mystery why it happened. We passed through Yarmouth in the evening and went a short way up the Bure before mooring.

An extremely violent thunderstorm sent us quietly off to sleep that night, and we awoke next morning to scrambled eggs à la Bison-and-Steve. We won't say much about them, even though we did have a paraffin stove on the boat. Bayles and the Professor washed up and then we made for South Walsham, stopping on the way for lunch at Acle, where the dinghy's anchor jumped overboard, much to the annoyance of Bayles, who had to take another bathe in very cold water. South Walsham is a charming place bordering on its Broad, where we spent some time sailing. Steve slightly ill; mileage total, 46.

On the Tuesday we reached Wroxham, after a short stop at Horning. Here we heard the O.S.C. Exam. results. On re-embarking we had the bad luck to ram a house-boat at full speed—a mishap which was due to the steering and/or the reverse gear. The Bure is extremely beautiful near Wroxham, but we could not stay long as we had to be back in Norwich before Saturday. So on Wednesday we travelled right down to St. Olave's in Suffolk, a little village on the Waveney. On this trip we ploughed through a regatta at Horning, took lunch at Acle, reached Yarmouth in the afternoon, and struggled up Breydon Water against a strong outrunning tide. Just after we had passed through, another short but violent thunderstorm broke over us. When it was over we all came up on deck to take some air. The Bison was prowling round at the stern and saw a piece of paper in the dinghy which he thought looked untidy. So he got into the dinghy to eliminate it;

but once there he couldn't get back. Bayles came to the rescue with a boat hook, but while he was heaving the dinghy the thing slipped, catching the Bison under the jaw and sending him flying into the water, where he—got wet. He won't forget that in a hurry.

The next day we worked it out that we should have time to run down to Oulton Broad, as we wanted a rowlock for the dinghy; so thither we set off. When we arrived at Oulton we could see no place to land, but as there were plenty of buoys about, we picked on one of them, and Lavers tried to do a snappy approach. Bayles and the Professor were sitting in the cabin, and when the crash came you ought to have seen them get out of the way of a piece of flying glass! We had swung round the bowsprit of a stationary yacht which went clean through the saloon window. The owner of the buoy came up and was rather surprised to find it already in use. However, Lavers procured a rowlock, and we made our way back to St. Olave's with weights on our minds and pockets.

Bayles fell very ill with a pain near the end of his back (appendix); so we stayed at St. Olave's, where we got a doctor, and a thermometer from the signalman's wife. We waited until 3 o'clock the next afternoon for another bulletin, and as this proved satisfactory, we then made out way up the New Cut towards Norwich.

There is a low bascule bridge over the Cut, with a charge of 2s. 6d. for any boat which requires it opened. It looked O.K. from a distance, though it was high tide, but as we came nearer some of us doubted whether she'd go through. At the last moment Steve decided to reverse the engine, but of course it wouldn't. So the craft, which was now out of gear, settled down a little in the water, and we—well, it was the nearest thing we'd seen for a long time, the bridge just brushing over the canvas lying back on the roof.

An uneventful voyage brought us up to just outside Thorpe Yacht Station, where we spent the last night dreaming on how much we'd have to pay for the window. It turned out to be very little, which came as a great relief at the end of a very jolly trip.

Characters :

<i>Steve</i>	G.M.S.	<i>Lavers</i>	H.L.G.L.
<i>Bayles</i>	G.V.B.	<i>Batty</i>	D.R.H.B.
<i>The Bison</i>	G.F.R.	<i>The Professor</i> . .	L.G.C.

GODOWN INSPECTION.

This treatise (?) is addressed primarily to those O.A.'s who have taken up a Home Banking career and who, I understand, suffer from the delusion that their brethren in the East have a nice cushy job with lashings of pay and no work. Obviously they have never heard of "Godown Inspection"—a form of manual labour quite unsuited to a gently nurtured banker, and only to be likened to some of the more unpleasant punishments to which sundry mythical ancients were condemned.

The general idea is as follows. The districts round the Kistna and Godavari deltas on the east coast of India are entirely agricultural, the chief crops being paddy, groundnuts, jaggery, chillies and numerous kinds of grain. At the beginning of the year these crops are harvested and the large quantities then available bring down the price. The ryot—that is to say, peasant-farmer—therefore stores his crop for four to six months, selling out when the price has risen, and in the meantime borrows sufficient cash to finance the next season's planting and personal current expenses.

In these east coast districts the lending of funds against the security of produce is one of the Bank's chief activities. The produce is stored in godowns near the ryot's fields, being checked in by a Bank Godown-keeper—a guaranteed India subordinate; the Bank's padlock is placed on the door and, after the completion of sundry covering documents, a loan is granted. Later in the year, when prices have risen, the ryot takes delivery, sells his stored produce, and repays his loan to the Bank. In the meantime, however, all the produce stored under lien to the Bank has to be checked once a month by the Branch Agent or Accountant, and this is where the fun starts.

In the middle of last hot weather I had to take over our Cekanada Branch from the pukka Agent, who had got a touch of heat-stroke. (It reached 122° in the office the day I arrived, so it is hardly surprising that he felt a bit wan.) On the first Saturday after I arrived, a bank holiday, I left my bungalow by car at 4.30 a.m., having already sunk the breakfast egg and bacon. The temperature was by then well over 100°. After a fifteen-mile drive on a road which at home would be called a pretty poor cart-track, I reached the first village with one of our godowns in it. Out of the car, down a yard-wide alley between mud-and-thatch one-storey hovels, through half a dozen private corridors and rooms wherein the inhabitants were just coming to life, and so to the godown in the kitchen.

This godown, like the majority of those locally, was made of mud supported on low wooden pillars, had inside measurements of 10 to 15 feet cube, more or less, and was only to be entered by a trap-door a couple of feet square let into the wall as near the roof as possible. A ladder made of thin bamboo and bits of string was produced by my peon from behind the bullock which also inhabited the kitchen and the young master risked his life by climbing up and having a dekko, complete with flash-light and measuring-tape, at the produce, scorpions, rats, bats and other unpleasant objects stored within. O.K.; back to the car and off to the next village.

By 8 o'clock the village streets, generally a courtesy title only, were uncomfortably hot and the inside of the godowns a good deal worse—rather like a very close view of a blast furnace. By mid-day the temperature was 114° and over in the shadier spots, and that is not too good when one is pottering about in the sun. The hot tea, the best of all thirst-quenchers, which I had taken with me, was finished long before this, and I had to fall back on green-coconut milk, in one village laced by an hospitable ryot with a jorum of home-made toddy—complete and utter devil's brew. This happy pastime continued throughout the day, with a twenty-minute break for camp tiffin, over a distance of 100 miles by car, 10 to 15 by foot, and the best part of a couple of hundred ladders' lengths, these last at considerable risk to life and limb. Eventually I got back home at 6.30 p.m. as dusk was falling, feeling just a little jaded.

Provided, however, that one has a nice happy nature, a good deal of innocent amusement can be derived from the various kinds of produce to be inspected. Paddy, stored loose, is simple; a fine dust comes off and fills nose, throat and eyes. Chillies add to the general hilarity by burning the optics and making them water copiously, while jaggery, at any rate in the wet weather, can hardly be approached without a gas-mask. Jaggery is a dark treacly substance, packed, while dry and hard, in rush baskets, and stored on racks crossing the godown at heights of about five feet, one above the other, entrance from one layer to the next being gained by trap-door and ladder. During the wet season the jaggery tries to melt and, to prevent this, the ryots fill the ground floor with cow-dung cakes and set fire to them. They smoulder for weeks, emitting a peculiarly fierce and unattractive cloud through which one battles grimly, longing for death and, once one has reached the top, wondering how

on earth to achieve the descent without a broken leg at the very least.

Indian villages too have certain other disadvantages in wet weather, as the streets all become anything up to a couple of feet deep in green slime and mud, while the local tank generally adds to the already rather unpleasant conditions by overflowing. These tanks, artificial or natural reservoirs forty to a hundred yards square, serve the inhabitants with drinking and washing water, and sanitary arrangements, man and beast quite happily herding together in the depths.

Throughout at least half the year at a number of Branches these inspections take up three Sundays a month, with a few extra mornings thrown in to make weight, so that one does not have very much time in which to get bored. If there is an odd moment to spare some fellows find it a good scheme to study up the names of the villages in their itinerary. Names like Venkata Krisharayapuram take a bit of learning on a really hot day, while even Narasapurapeta or Achiyutapuratriam are not so bad for villages which would easily fit into a footer pitch. Also, of course, there is possibly some satisfaction to the studious to know that such and such a godown is situated in this or that village, although the local inhabitant, a simple soul, pronounces it quite differently, and never realises that one may perhaps be endeavouring to address him in his native tongue.

Any more for a spot of godown inspection? Join the Bank and see the world. Don't be down-hearted!

P. E. ROWLANDSON.

LIFE ON A SOUTHERN RHODESIAN FARM.

Southern Rhodesia, being the youngest dominion, is prone to be misjudged by people living at home, since it has hardly been in existence long enough to have many novels or books of other kinds written about it as it really is—not as the writers imagine it to be. To start with, there are very few lions nowadays in the districts inhabited by white men and leopards are rapidly decreasing in number. About the only dangerous thing I have seen on my own farm, bar a few snakes, is a crocodile, so I will give the stories of my two encounters with this villainous reptile.

I had only taken possession of the farm about a week, and was walking round to find the boundaries, one of which runs along the Machete River for five miles. (The Machete River is about the size

of our old steeplechase friend, the Ock.) At that time I only possessed a shotgun, which is not a weapon I should choose to face a croc. with. We, a native and myself, were strolling along the bank quite unconcernedly when we came to a deep evil-looking pool, the water's edge on the near side being invisible owing to a patch of tall reeds. My "savage" said in his usual dismal way "Lo skellum sheela larpa," which, being interpreted, means "An evil creature lives here." No sooner had he spoken than there was a colossal splash in the pool. What it was I couldn't see, because the reeds obstructed the view, but I drew my own unpleasant conclusions. Finally, summoning up my courage, I pushed my way through the reeds to a sand flat simply covered with crocodile spoor. The spoor is unmistakable; it looks just like a baby's footprint, and between the two feet is a groove where he drags his wicked tail. After this I kept a safe distance from the bank and walked with due caution.

On the occasion of my next meeting I went to the same pool with the express purpose of slaying a crocodile if I could see one, as they are not exactly useful ornaments on a cattle-farm, being too fond of young stock. So, armed with a .303 converted service-rifle, I approached the pool with great care, but could see no sign of any crocodiles until the top of a rock started to move ever so slightly. Then I saw him slowly slipping into the water off a partially submerged rock, without so much as a ripple. So I whipped my rifle up and blazed forth, but whether I hit him or not I shall never know. He finished his journey into the water like a flash and was gone out of sight, kicking up a terrible commotion.

Both these little experiences occurred last year, before I had built my brick shelter. Camping is all very well for a week or two, but to live as I had to last year in a grass shelter for five solid months, having to wipe one's feet before going to bed because of the dust, is no joke. In November I returned to my partner's farm to complete my education in tobacco-planting.

Now when one takes a farm out here, one does not buy two or three hundred acres of hedged fields and pastures. One buys anything from 3,000 to 12,000 acres of virgin country, which in seven cases out of ten has never had a white man on it before. In my own case there had been a previous owner, who had erected one or two buildings which were in so dilapidated a state that it was cheapest to pull them down and build fresh ones; and this

is what is occupying my labours at present. I have to build three tobacco-curing barns, two large tobacco stores, a tobacco-grading shed and my own house, and all before November! So, you see, to be a farmer here you have to be a builder first. Such are the penalties of settling in a young country.

I don't know why it is, but one has to do everything on a much larger scale here to make farming pay. Instead of having forty or fifty cows, as the English farmer has, one has to have about a hundred to make anything of them; and instead of planting fifteen or twenty acres of a crop, one plants forty to fifty. I suppose the soil and grazing are so much poorer, and overhead expenses are greater, as we have to stump out trees and bushes to make our fields.

Another joy of the Rhodesian farmer is cattle-dipping. I will tell you my experiences of dipping. A hundred and thirty-six head of cattle in a strange dip—but no, I can't. The language would not be fit for your pages.

And now I must go and straighten out a plough, which has come into contact with a stump which was not taken out deep enough.

G.A.W.

COCHIN.

Cochin, situated on the West Coast of India, is the earliest settlement of Europeans in India. Vasco da Gama arrived off Calicut in 1498 on his first voyage but made no settlement there. He was followed by Pedro Alvarez Cabral, who entered Cochin on Xmas Eve in the year 1500. He established a small factory here. In 1502 Vasco da Gama again visited this coast, and the Portuguese fort was built, traces of which remain to this day. Cochin was the official residence of the Viceroy of India, Francisio de Almeida who arrived in 1505, being the first holder of that office. Vasco da Gama came again to Cochin in 1524, but died on December 24th of that year. He was buried in the chancel of the present church, but later the remains were taken to Portugal.

The present English church is the oldest European church in India. It is dedicated to St. Francis and was, it is believed, originally the chapel of the Franciscan Friars. It was rebuilt by the Dutch in 1776. The Dutch took and fort and town from the Portuguese in 1663, and remained in possession until 1795. The British then appeared, and although some resistance was made, a siege train was brought up, and in the words of the historian of the time, "a single shell, planted with excellent

skill in the centre of the Government House, induced a more chastened frame of mind." The Dutch surrendered on October 20th, 1795.

Since that date the place has grown in importance though not in size, as it is a small British territory only about one square mile in extent, surrounded by the territory of the Maharajah of Cochin. The idea of a harbour for deepwater ships had been mooted for many years, but it was not until 1920 that the Government of Madras took up the scheme in co-partnership with the Native States of Travancore and Cochin. Since then progress has been rapid and now any vessel trading in Eastern waters, or that can pass through the Suez Canal, can enter the Harbour. The scheme is not by any means completed yet, and deep water wharves with railway connections are to be built. Passenger liners, P. & O., Bibby and B.I., have commenced to call and it is anticipated that practically the whole of the passenger traffic from South India, which formerly went to Colombo, will be handled through Cochin.

T. JOHNSTON.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTHS.

VIVIAN.—On June 3, at Dunrobin, Potter's Bar, Middlesex, to Peggy, wife of A. C. Vivian (1912), a son.

MORLAND.—On June 18, at Hazelbrooke, New South Wales, Australia, to Stella, wife of J. W. Morland (1917), a daughter.

SAXBY.—On July 19, at Seychelles, to Joan, wife of R. C. F. Saxby (1921), a son, Peter Baber.

HUMFREY.—On August 19, at Calcutta, to Rosalind, wife of C. Maurice Humfrey (1920), a daughter.

WOOD.—On September 21, at Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, to Rosalind, wife of Kenneth Taylor Wood (1924), a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

PASSAM—STONE.—On August 1, at Marcham Church, Edmund A. Passam (1927), of The Gap, Marcham, to Cecilia Gladys Stone, of St. Nicholas, Coventry.

SHALLARD—ANDREW.—On August 16, Harold Dillon (1925), second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. D. Shallard, Roscommon, Richmond, Nelson, New Zealand, to Maisie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Andrew, Birch Hill, Marlborough, New Zealand.

BLACKMORE—BECKLAKE.—On September 24, at Bideford, Devon, Arthur Bennett Blackmore (1928) to Marion Becklake. (Address: Woodlands, Greenmore Hill, Woodcote, Oxon.)

COXETER—HUGHES.—On October 17, at St. Peter's Church, Wootton, Charles Edward Cyril Coxeter (1920) to Zöe Kathleen Hughes, of Trackways Lodge, Boars Hill.

DEATH.

TAYLOR.—On May 11, at Worthing, Wellington Taylor, solicitor, late of 4, New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London.

Wellington Taylor was one of our oldest Old Boys, having joined the School as long ago as 1861. He practised for many years as a solicitor in London, and after his retirement went to live in Worthing, where he died. He was a life member of the O.A.C., and a few years ago gave practical expression to his abiding interest in his old School by a generous donation to the Waste Court Purchase Fund.

Among senior O.A.'s whom we were glad to welcome on Founder's Day was L. E. Gilman (1888), of Snargate, Purley, Surrey. Later we received a most kind letter from him, in which he wrote with enthusiasm of the performance of the School P.T. squad. Some early efforts in this direction were made, it appears, when he was still a boy at the School—now nearly fifty years ago; but they were not ambitious, and "I do not remember," he writes, "that we ever braved public criticism, and feel certain that, had we done so, our efforts would scarcely have given Old Boys the pleasure they must have felt in those of the present generation." Thank you, Sergeant-Major Eyre.

We have had letters from the brothers D. M. and T. Johnston—both of them (1907 and 1908 respectively)—and a subsequent visit from the former. He is in Dublin, teaching in the Technical Schools there, and amongst other activities collaborating with another man in producing a book of Greek Exercises in Irish, and he signs himself D. S. M. MacEoin. Captain T. Johnston has been for the past six years in Cochin as Port Officer in charge of the port and harbour. He sends us a brief historical note on the place, which will be found elsewhere in this issue, and he says that, if any O.A.'s should happen to be passing through Cochin, he will always be very pleased to welcome them.

We have news of E. H. Smeeth (1921), who has been for the past eight years in Vancouver. He is

married and has two sons. His elder brother, T. W. (1920), is farming in England.

P. E. Rowlandson (1922), of the Imperial Bank of India, writes from Madras. Since his return from his last leave, about four years ago, he has been employed mainly on relief work (i.e. deputizing in cases of emergency) in divers parts of the Madras Presidency. By way of diversion he maintains his interest in rowing, and was last year chosen to stroke the Madras crew in the All India Regatta. Otherwise he devotes his spare time to the Indian Auxiliary Force, of which (albeit as a junior subaltern) he commands the local patrol.

M. Ogle (1929) is now a master in the European School at Nakuru, Kenya.

D. S. Kite (1930), of the R.A.F., has returned from Egypt and is now stationed at Orpington, Kent.

G. E. Sinclair (1931) has been appointed to the Administrative Staff of the Colonial Office and hopes to proceed to the Gold Coast after another year of preparation at Oxford.

C. Ellis (1923) has passed the Final Examination for Associate Membership of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

W. S. T. Hale (1928) has joined the R.A.F. He is in training at Uxbridge for duties as a wireless operator, and hopes to proceed to Cranwell in November. He writes that what he learnt in the O.T.C. at School has proved very useful to him in his training, especially with regard to the service rifle. He was picked as a member of the R.A.F. Guard of Honour at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day.

S. A. Paige (1930) is playing this season for the first XV of the Wasps R.F.C.

M. N. Laybourne (1933) is playing Rugger for Bart's Hospital.

R. G. James (1934) has passed the first part of the pre-medical examination and is now at Guy's Hospital.

Of those who left at the end of last term:—

D. G. Brown has gone into residence at Pembroke College, Oxford. He was chosen to run as second string in the Quarter in the newly instituted Inter-Varsity Freshmen's Sports at Cambridge. He came in second, but he beat both the Cambridge representatives.

A. R. M. Adams is at the R.M.A., Woolwich.

H. L. G. Livingston is studying science at King's College, London.

D. F. W. Newman is at Faraday House.

G. M. Stevens is helping his father, Dr. H. P. Stevens, as an analytical chemist.

P. E. Wood has secured an appointment in the Vine Products Company.

M. R. T. Cooper has returned to Kenya, where he is learning the business of Coffee Planting with an Australian Company. His address is Savani Estate, P.O. Kibigori, Kenya Colony, Africa.

G. A. D. Baker has obtained a post with the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., at Millbank.

S. R. Ashby is employed with Morris Motors in Oxford.

A. L. Hicks is helping his father in the wholesale fruit trade in Oxford.

J. W. Ownsworth has been articled to a firm of auctioneers in Oxford.

A notice of the newly formed Old Abingdonian R.F.C. will be found elsewhere. The O.A.C. London dinner was held on Nov. 6th this year.

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the School Common Room after the Past v. Present Cricket Match on June 22nd.

The following officers were elected :—

President : C. E. H. Dolphin.

Vice-President : W. M. Grundy.

Committee : G. F. Powell, G. S. Sturrock, W. G. Hancock, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, W. W. Brown and R. F. Brown.

Hon. Secs. : H. A. L. Donkin and G. A. R. Boyd.

Hon. Treas. : H. A. L. Donkin and R. E. Eason.

The Club approved the formation of the London Sports Section and welcomed the new Rugby Club.

It was agreed to proceed with the formation of a "Society of Abingdon School."

The Annual Dinner was held at the Lion Hotel after the meeting. Twenty-nine members and guests were present.

The Golf Competition was held at Frilford Heath on Sunday, June 23rd. E. G. Langford won the "Reeves" Cup with a score of 75 - 4 = 71.

L.O.A.R.F.C.

O.A's v. Old Johnians. Result : lost, 9 points to 12.

This being the first match of the newly-formed club, lack of combination spoiled the major part

of the first half for the O.A's. Several penalty kicks were given against the club owing to over-keenness, one of these being successful. Towards the end of the first half, Corbett was unlucky in failing to score, after a good three-quarter movement. Score at the change of ends stood at 3 points to nil.

The second half opened with a very slick try from the O.J's. This spurred the club on to greater efforts, the forwards putting in some very good work. The ball was quickly taken into out opponents "25," a smart heel and some rapid passing by the three's sent Wardlaw over the line, the kick failing. Following quickly on this try Laybourne went through after a clever run. This bringing the score level. Ten minutes from time another forward rush resulted in a try by Corbett, but in the next two minutes a penalty kick by the O.J's brought the score level once again. The game was won in the last minute by the O.J's succeeding in taking the ball over from a close line-out.

Team : S. A. Fabes ; D. H. Wardlaw, G. A. Boyd, K. G. Corbett, P. H. Gould ; M. N. Laybourne, D. Healy ; J. D. Wood, J. H. Guy, R. C. Gould, H. B. Healy, P. R. Wood, J. C. T. Jones, R. N. Green, W. G. Davis.

O.A's v. Cavandish "A." Result : won, 10 points to 3.

The outstanding feature of this game was the keen combination of the forwards, with some good winging by J. D. Wood and R. C. Gould. The pack suffered from lack of height in the line-outs, but in the scrums Green's extraordinary display of hooking gave us the ball in the majority. Lack of combination by the halves and three's spoiled many openings. After twenty minutes scrappy play P. H. Gould was lucky to break through and score between the posts. Wardlaw converting. Towards the close of the first half the outsides began to combine a little better and Wardlaw, closely backed up by Boyd, made a break through. After a long run he passed to Boyd who completed the try. Wardlaw converting from a difficult position. Score at half-time : 10 points to nil.

Cavandish opened the second half briskly and kept up considerable pressure throughout. S. A. Fabes particularly distinguished himself at this stage, repeatedly saving the situation by good tackling and clever kicking. Following a fine piece of forward work by the Cavandish pack they succeeded in penetrating the Club's defence and scored a good try between the posts, the kick

failed. They continued this pressure till the whistle, playing one man short, and were unlucky in not scoring.

Team : S. A. Fabes ; D. H. Wardlaw, K. G. Corbett, P. H. Gould, R. Smeddly ; G. A. Boyd, D. Healy ; J. D. Wood, J. H. Guy, R. C. Gould, A. Fisher, P. R. Wood, J. C. T. Jones, R. N. Green, W. G. Davis.

RUGGER FIXTURES.

FIRST XV.

Sat.	Oct.	5	City of Oxford School	Home
Sat.	„	12	London O.A's	Home
Sat.	„	19	Abingdon Town	Away
Sat.	„	26	Radley College 2nd XV	Away
Sat.	Nov.	2	Leighton Park School	Home
Wed.	„	6	Magdalen C.S. Brackley	Away
Wed.	„	13	Bloxham School	Away
Sat.	„	16	Magdalen C.S. Oxford	Home
Sat.	„	23	Abingdon R.A.F. "A"	Away
Sat.	„	30	Pembroke College, Oxford	Home
Sat.	Dec.	7	Old Abingdonians	Home

SECOND XV.

Wed.	Oct.	9	Southfield School	Home
Sat.	Nov.	2	Leighton Park School	Away
Wed.	„	13	Bloxham School	Home
Sat.	„	23	Oxford Exiles 3rd	Home
Wed.	Dec.	4	Magdalen C.S. Oxford	Away
			"UNDER 15" xv.	
Wed.	Oct.	16	Leighton Park School	Away
Wed.	„	23	Bloxham School	Away
Wed.	„	30	Magdalen C.S. Oxford	Home
Sat.	Nov.	9	Southfield School	Home
Wed.	„	20	Magdalen C.S. Brackley	Home
Wed.	„	27	City of Oxford School	Away

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