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SCHOOL NOTES.

The arrangements for Founder's Day celebrations this year are as follows :

Regatta on Wilsham Reach, Thursday, June 17th, starting at 2 p.m.

Founder's Day, Friday, June 19th. At the Service in St. Helen's Church at 2.30 p.m. the preacher will be the Rev. H. F. Shepherd; O.A., Vicar of Frindsbury, Rochester, and the prizes will be distributed in the Corn Exchange by Sir Charles H. Harper, K.B.E., C.M.G., O.B.E., late Governor of St. Helena.

Past v. Present Cricket Match on Saturday, June 20th, starting at 11.30 a.m.

Other arrangements will be found under O.A. Club Notes.

The School Officers this term are :

Captain of the School and Head of the House :
F. A. Bennett.

School Prefects : J. A. Fletcher, O. E. Clarke, P. J. Hill and J. O. Bury. Sub-Prefects ; R. E. Bowman, D. R. H. Brown, D. Jones, H. H. Whitfield, H. A. Lunghi, G. V. Bayley and P. A. Wimberley (Waste Court).

Captain of Cricket : J. A. Fletcher.

Secretary of Games : H. A. Lunghi.

Librarian : C. A. Ronan.

First IV Colours were awarded last term to J. A. Fletcher, P. J. Hill, R. Emmett, M. H. Wheat (Coxing) and 2nd IV Colours to G. V. Bayley, G. F. Rice, J. O. Bury, R. E. Brodie, J. M. Wood and D. G. Carter (Coxing).

Full Athletic Colours were awarded this term to J. Lay, P. J. Hill, L. J. D. Hutchinson, E. F. Stevens and W. Giles ; and Half-Colours to H. A. Lunghi, H. H. Whitfield, R. Goodey i, M. Sprules and D. Pimm.

O. E. Clarke was Captain of Athletics.

The Bayley Cup for Junior House Football in the Easter Term was won by Blue House and the Inter-House Athletic Cup by Green House.

Mr. R. C. Bateman who recently left us and is now at Stubbington House School, near Fareham, Hants, has very kindly sent a cheque for three guineas for the School Library. We express our sincere thanks to him and wish him happiness in his new work.

Last term the boarders paid frequent visits to the local Cinema to see the more prominent pictures. It is generally agreed that this was a welcome innovation especially as the very wet weather curtailed our games considerably.

On May 11th Mr. John Aston visited us and gave his lecture on the Reign of King George V postponed from last term.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Chigwellian*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Lily*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The R.M.A. Magazine*, *The St. Edward's School Chronicle*.

This term ends on Monday, July 27th, the O.T.C. leaving for camp and boarders returning home on the following day. The Christmas term starts on Thursday, Sept. 17th, boarders returning on the previous day.

VALETE.

VI FORM.—R. Emmett (1929 iii). School Prefect, 1935; O.S.C., 1934–35; 1st XV, 2nd XV Colours, 1935; 1st IV 1936, 2nd IV 1935; 2nd XI Cricket, 1935; Cpl. O.T.C., Cert “A,” 1935; Secretary of Games.

L. G. Cather (1929 ii). Sub-Prefect, 1935; 2nd XV, 1935; Sergt. O.T.C., Cert “A,” 1935; 1st Class Shot.

G. F. Rice (1932 iii). Sub-Prefect, 1935; O.S.C., 1935; 1st XV 1935, 2nd XV Colours, 1935; 2nd IV, 1936; Sergt O.T.C., Cert “A,” 1935.

H. L. Jacob (1932 iii). Sub-Prefect, 1935; O.S.C., 1934–35; L.Cpl. O.T.C., Cert “A,” 1935. Vb.—W. J. Lewington (1931 ii).

REMOVE.—W. H. Beaton (1934 iii).
E. Barrett (1934 iii).

SALVETE.

REMOVE.—G. L. Logan.

III FORM.—J. M. Leftwich.

II FORM.—P. A. Way, P. W. Verrall, B. L. Bloomer, M. J. Quan, E. J. Seller, J. E. W. Lidsey.

ROWING.

Conditions for the preliminary period of practice were among the worst on record, a strong stream prevailing until just before the races. High water and a flooded towpath hampered the efforts of the coaches, and cold winds made life far from pleasant for all concerned. Both crews were kept in “tubs” for a longer time than usual, though this may not have been such a drawback as the crews were inclined to imagine. A “tub” has a remarkably steadying influence on those inclined to rush matters.

The composition of the crews was not an easy matter. Only Bennett and Brown were left from last year's 1st crew and Hill and Emmett from the 2nd. Brown earned our sympathy, as he was forbidden to row after the first three weeks by the doctor's orders. This left only two men with any racing experience, the remaining places being filled by Fletcher and Emmett. There was nothing very pleasant about either the weather or the work during the first month or so, but a week before the first race the crew suddenly acquired proper leg-drive and everything was transformed. From a shaky combination they became a lively crew with excellent racing temperament and spirit—most satisfying to a coach. There were obvious individual faults, but luckily they were such as were obscured rather than accentuated when rowing hard. F. A. Bennett, the sole surviving Colour and Captain of Boats, stroked the boat with good judgment and plenty of life. His bladework was not impeccable, but the success of the crew was, in large measure, due to his enthusiasm and leadership. J. A. Fletcher at “3” had improved out of all knowledge since last year, and though rather heavy handed he backed stroke very well. P. J. Hill was a very promising “2” and with more practice and experience would probably become a really good oar. R. Emmett at bow swung rather short, but got quite a lot of work on and was very dependable. M. H. Wheat proved an intelligent cox ready to learn, and though rather inarticulate in practice, he steered very well and found some voice in races. Finally the whole crew must be congratulated on a most successful season, winning all four races. It is nine years since a season of no reverses has been put on record. The new boat proved a great success.

1ST IV RACES.

v. O.A's, Saturday, February 29th. Home. Won by $2\frac{1}{4}$ lengths in 4 mins. 21 secs.

Conditions were slow. The School were $\frac{1}{2}$ length up in the first 15 strokes and 1 length at the Minute Tree. From there the Old Boys held their own till 100 yards from the finish, when the School brought her in strongly.

v. Magdalen College School. Wednesday, March 4th. Home. Won by 2 lengths in 3 mins. 58 secs.

Conditions were good with a moderate stream. The School won the toss and took the Berks side which may have given some slight advantage at the finish. About a canvas down in the first half minute, the School came up level at the Minute Tree and from there on they kept a good length well together and never looked like losing. Cox steered an excellent course.

v. Keble College. Wednesday, March 11th. Home. Won by 4 lengths in 4 mins. 24 secs.

A strong stream and some head wind made the time slow. Keble were slightly up on the start but the School crew soon got into its stride and crept away steadily. We greatly appreciate the trouble the visitors took in coming down to race against us.

v. Culham College. Saturday, March 21st. Home. Won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 3 mins. 42 secs.

Conditions were very good. The School went off faster but there was less than a length between the crews at the Minute Tree. From there on the School went away fairly easily and won in fast time.

1st IV. R. Emmett, 9st. 10 lbs. Bow.
P. J. Hill, 11st. 4 lbs.
J. A. Fletcher, 10 st. 2 lbs.
F. A. Bennett, 10st. 7 lbs. Str.
M. H. Wheat, 6st. 8 lbs. Cox.

J. O. Bury, 10 st. 7 lbs., rowed bow in the race against Culham College.

SECOND IV.

The 2nd IV was unfortunate in being subjected to frequent chopping and changing. When the Stroke, Emmett, was moved to the 1st IV Bayley filled his place and, considering his lack of experience he did very creditably. He was rather clumsy but kept his crew going and did a great deal of work himself. Rice at "3" suffered from a most oblique swing with all its concomitant troubles and discomforts. Brodie at "2" was quite neat and efficient though inclined to bucket. Wood at bow did very well for his size and weight, but buried his blade most of the time. The great fault of the crew was bad blade-work which made them ragged and unsteady when pressed, and though they worked hard much of their

effort was wasted. Lacking experience and somewhat in the rough they failed to acquire the uniformity so desirable in any crew, being too content to slog along, each in his own individual style. Their best effort was against Keble when they showed distinct improvement upon the previous week's race against Magdalen College School. Favourable mention must be made of D. G. Carter's coxing. He steered well and with experience will be able to assist his crew more with timely encouragement and advice.

SECOND IV RACES.

v. O.A.'s on Saturday, February 29th. Won by 4 lengths in 4 mins. 52 secs.

Rather slow conditions. The School gained from the start and rowing steadily and quite well together gradually drew away from their opponents to win quite comfortably.

v. Magdalen College School, on Wednesday, March 4th, at Abingdon. Lost by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 4 mins. 9 secs.

A bad start by both crews in which the School suffered most resulting in their being a length down at the Minute Tree. They got very ragged but kept going to the end in spite of a "crab" and bad body swing, Magdalen gaining a very creditable win in fast time.

v. Keble College, on Wednesday, March 11th. Won by $4\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 4 mins. 50 secs.

Rowing a much cleaner and faster stroke than in the last race, the School secured a lead of one length at the Tree, steadily increasing it for an easy win.

v. Culham College, on Saturday, March 21st.

The School put up a very pleasing performance for a scratch crew maintaining the advantage gained at the start and securing another easy win.

2nd IV. J. M. Wood, 8 st. 4 lbs. Bow.

R. E. Brodie, 9 st. 11 lbs.

G. F. Rice, 10st 0 lbs.

G. V. Bayley, 10st. 7 lbs. Str.

D. G. Carter, 5 st. 10 lbs. Cox.

J. O. Bury rowed "3" in the race against Keble College, and P. A. Wimberley, 9 st. 12 lbs., and R. E. Bowman, 9 st. 9 lbs, Stroke and "3" respectively in the Culham race.

O.A. Crews:

1st.	2nd.
G. A. R. Boyd, Bow	A. L. Fleet, Bow.
R. E. G. Morewood.	A. N. Other.
D. G. Brown.	J. Emmett.
L. P. Mosdell, Str.	P. R. Wood, Str.
J. D. Wood, Cox.	J. D. Wood, Cox.

As regards the remaining fours—there appears to be some quite promising material to fill up the inevitable spaces in next year's 1st and 2nd crews; we only hope that the keenness that was shewn by these rowers during the last season will present itself with renewed enthusiasm next year!

It was decided this year that the entertainment for the last afternoon of the Easter term should be provided by the Boat Club, and accordingly the usual scratch races were watched by the School. In future it is hoped that training for these races will start immediately after the last School race and so make them a more serious affair. The winning "light boat" crew was as follows: Brodie, Hill, Wimberley, Bennett (str.), West (cox). In the tub four races the following dead-heated: H. L. Jacob, E. F. Stevens, R. J. Longford, A. C. Dean (str.), D. R. H. Brown (cox) and H. T. Jones, C. A. Ronan, V. A. Harfield, R. F. Simmonds (str.), G. F. Rice (cox).

At present there is every prospect of entering a four for Marlow Regatta in June. The crew—known as the "Four B's"—consists of: Brodie (bow), Brown, Bayley, Bennett (str.), Wheat (cox). It is of interest to note that this will be the first crew that we have entered for Marlow; may there be many more!

In conclusion we should like to offer a word of thanks to those who are primarily responsible for the success achieved by the crews. When we have won a race, we may be tempted to think what fine chaps we are—"alone we did it"—often forgetting the expert advice and patient care and time devoted to our training by our coaches. Will they accept these few lines as a tribute and a recognition of all the time and energy they have unsparingly and unselfishly given?

SCHOOL SPORTS.

The School Sports were held on Saturday, May 9th, in fine, but distinctly cool, weather. We were pleased to see a larger number of visitors than usual. Records continue to be broken, three new figures being established this year, by Clarke in the High Jump, by Pimm in the "Under 16" Hurdles and by Potter in the Junior Half Mile. This year entries were restricted, no boy being allowed to enter for more than four events, but O. E. Clarke proved himself a worthy holder of the Heber Clarke Cup by winning the High Jump, 100 yards and Quarter Mile and gaining second place in the Long Jump.

The officials were:—*President*: The Head Master; *Starter*: G. F. Duxbury, Esq.; *Judges*: W. Bevir, Esq.; W. A. Rudd, Esq.; *Time-keepers*: J. Y. Ingham, Esq.; J. B. E. Alston, Esq.; *Stewards*: J. O. Bury, R. E. Bowman, M. H. Wheat; *Committee*: W. A. Rudd, Esq. (Chairman), J. B. E. Alston, Esq.; *Ex-officio*: F. A. Bennett, J. A. Fletcher, O. E. Clarke, H. H. Whitfield, A. H. Lunghi (Hon Sec. and Treas.); *Elected*: G. V. Bayley, R. Goodey i, J. Lay, M. Sprules, A. Lines, R. R. Cottrell.

RESULTS.

1. LONG JUMP (Open).
(Record: 21 ft. 3½ ins.)
1. P. J. Hill. 2. O. E. Clarke.
Distance, 18 ft. 7½ ins.
2. LONG JUMP (Under 15).
(Record: 17 ft. 3½ ins.)
1. G. D. Randall. 2. A. C. Dean.
Distance, 15 ft. 9 ins.
3. HIGH JUMP (Open).
(Previous Record: 5 ft. 3 ins.)
1. O. E. Clarke. 2. R. Goodey i.
Height, 5 ft. 4¾ ins.
4. HIGH JUMP (Under 15).
(Record: 4 ft. 8½ ins.)
1. J. Lines. 2. A. C. Dean.
R. Goodey ii.
Height, 4 ft. 7½ ins.
5. HURDLES (Open).
(Record: 16 secs.)
1. P. J. Hill. 2. L. J. D. Hutchinson.
Time, 19⅓ secs.
6. HURDLES (Under 16).
(Previous Record: 18⅔ secs.)
1. D. Pimm. 2. A. H. Lunghi.
Time, 17⅓ secs.
7. 100 YARDS (Under 12).
(Record 13 secs.)
1. I. S. Holland. 2. J. R. Young.
Time, 13⅔ secs.
8. 100 YARDS (Under 15).
(Record 11⅓ secs.)
1. A. C. Dean. 2. P. H. E. Bloomer.
Time, 12⅓ secs.
9. 100 YARDS (Open).
(Record: 10⅓ secs.)
1. O. E. Clarke. 2. D. Pimm.
Time, 10⅓ secs.
10. 220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 13).
1. T. M. Bowerman. 2. K. G. Walker.
(24 yds.) (14 yds.)
Time, 28⅔ secs.

11. QUARTER MILE (Under 15).

(Record : 62 secs.)

1. A. C. Dean. 2. P. H. E. Bloomer.
Time, $62\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

12. QUARTER MILE (Open).

(Record : $54\frac{2}{5}$ secs.)

1. O. E. Clarke. 2. P. J. Hill.
Time, $58\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

13. PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12 lbs.).

(Record : 41 ft. 1 inch.)

1. L. J. D. Hutchinson. 2. J. O. Bury.
Distance, 34 ft. 2 ins.

14. HALF MILE (Under 15).

(Previous Record : 2 mins. $29\frac{1}{5}$ secs.)

1. W. M. Potter. 2. M. Sprules.
3. N. J. Holmes.
Time, 2 mins. $27\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

15. HALF MILE (Open).

(Record : 2 mins. $17\frac{1}{5}$ secs.)

1. E. F. Stevens. 2. J. Lay.
3. W. Giles.
Time, 2 mins $21\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

16. RELAY RACE (Junior).

(Record : 3 mins. $8\frac{1}{5}$ secs.)

1. Green House. 2. Red House.
Time, 3 mins. $10\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

17. RELAY RACE (Senior).

(Record : 2 mins. 45 secs.)

1. Green House. 2. Blue House.
Time, 2 mins. $48\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

The Prizes were distributed at the end of the Sports by Mrs. Bury. O. E. Clarke won the Heber Clarke Challenge Cup with 34 points and A. C. Dean the Shallard Cup with 30 points.

The House Cup, presented by the Ladies of Abingdon was won by Green House with 159 points, Red House being second with 99 points.

THE MILES.

The Miles were run on Thursday, March 19th, chiefly notable for the fact that the Junior event was won in record time, nearly 20 seconds faster than the Senior.

OPEN.

(Record : 4 mins. $50\frac{4}{5}$ secs.)

1. J. Lay. 2. R. Goodey.
3. W. Giles.
Time, 5 mins. 40 secs.

House Placings :

1. Green House. 34 pts. 2. Blue House. 35 pts.

JUNIOR.

(Previous Record : 5 mins. 23 secs.)

1. M. Sprules. 2. A. C. Dean.
3. W. M. Potter.
Time, 5 mins. $20\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

House Placings :

1. Red House. 31 pts. 2. Green House. 39 pts.

The Subscribers to the Prize Fund, to whom we offer our best thanks, were as follows :—J. B. E. Alston, Esq., Mrs. Bailie, Mrs. Bevir, Dr. H. N. Bradbrooke, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Bromley Challenor, Mrs. Bromley Challenor, junr., Miss Challenor, Miss P. Challenor, Dr. H. S. Challenor, O.A., O. B. Challenor, Esq., O.A., Mrs. S. Cornish, C. E. H. Dolphin, Esq., O.A., President of the O.A. Club, H. Donkin, Esq. and Mrs. Donkin, J. Fisher-Downing, Esq., Mrs. Duxbury, Miss Florey, Mrs. Gardner, The Head Master, Miss Grundy, Miss Harris, Mrs. Hedger, J. Y. Ingham, Esq., Mrs. E. J. Langford, Mrs. R. Langford, Mrs. Longford, A. T. Loyd, Esq., Mrs. Martin-Baker, Mrs. Mayhead, Philip Morland, Esq., O.A., W. T. Morland, Esq., O.A., J. H. E. Morland, Esq., O.A., A. W. Morland, Esq., O.A., Lady Norman, A. E. Preston, Esq., O.A., and Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Pudney, J. B. Reeves, Esq., O.A., E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq. and Miss Ross-Barker, W. A. Rudd, Esq. and Mrs. Rudd, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Scott, H. P. Simpson, Esq., O.A., T. Skurray, Esq., Mrs. Sturrock, M. T. Tatham, Esq. and Mrs. Tatham, R. A. R. Townsend, Esq., O.A., A. B. West, Esq., O.A., A. M. Wilson-Green, Esq., Mrs. A. E. Wood and Mrs. Woodford.

O.A. SPORTS.

The Athletic Meeting between Past and Present was held on Saturday, May 16, in fine but cloudy weather. The absence of D. G. Brown weakened the O.A. team and the School eventually won by 18 points to 9 points. No records were broken, but there were several most exciting finishes. W. Giles won the Half Mile from A. R.M. Adams, O.A., by inches only, J. Lay only passed S. A. Fabes, O.A., in the last 50 yards to win the Mile, and in the Relay Clarke gave the School a winning lead in the last lap.

The results were as follows :—

1. 100 YARDS.

(Record : 10 secs.)

1. L. P. Mosdell, O.A.C. 2. O. E. Clarke.
Time, $10\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

L. J. D. Hutchinson : G. A. R. Boyd, O.A.C.

2. PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

(Record : 42 ft. 7 ins.)

1. O. E. Clarke. 2. W. B. Badcock, O.A.C.

Distance, 36 ft. 8 ins.

L. J. D. Hutchinson : L. P. Mosdell, O.A.C.

3. LONG JUMP.

(Record : 22 ft. 2 ins.)

1. L. J. D. Hutchinson 2. L. P. Mosdell, O.A.C.

Distance, 18 ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

P. J. Hill : L. E. J. Luker, O.A.C.

4. HIGH JUMP.

(Record : 5 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.)

1. O. E. Clarke. 2. W. B. Badcock, O.A.C.

Height, 5 ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

R. Goodey i : F. W. Jennings, O.A.C.

5. HALF MILE.

(Record : 2 mins. 9 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.)

1. W. Giles. 2. A. R. M. Adams, O.A.C.

Time, 2 mins 14 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

E. F. Stevens : G. A. R. Boyd, O.A.C.

6. QUARTER MILE.

(Record : 52 secs.)

1. L. P. Mosdell, O.A.C. 2. P. J. Hill.

Time, 57 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

D. R. H. Brown : G. F. Powell, O.A.C.

7. MILE.

(Record : 4 mins. 50 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.)

1. J. Lay. 2. S. A. Fabes, O.A.C.

Time, 5 mins. 20 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

M. Sprules : L. E. Carter, O.A.C. : R. Goodey i :

L. E. J. Luker, O.A.C.

8. HURDLES.

(Record : 16 secs.)

1. O. E. Clarke. 2. D. Pimm.

Time, 17 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

F. W. Jennings, O.A.C. : W. B. Badcock, O.A.C.

9. RELAY RACE.

(Record : 1 min. 56 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.)

1. A.S.A.C.

2. O.A.C.

P. J. Hill.

G. F. Powell.

D. R. H. Brown.

F. W. Jennings.

H. H. Whitfield.

M. Thomas.

A. H. Lunghi.

J. Ranger.

L. J. D. Hutchinson.

W. B. Badcock.

O. E. Clarke.

L. P. Mosdell.

Won by 4 yards in 1 min. 59 secs.

EXAMS.

Exam room entered,

Spirits down.

Scramble for paper,

Master's frown.

Questions distributed,

Moment's thought.

All impossible,

Answer—Nought.

R.M.A.

HOCKEY.

Of the twenty-four boys available for hockey only a few had had any previous experience of the game, and the bad weather which prevailed during the first half of the term greatly interfered with practice games and handicapped progress. However there was a gratifying absence of wild hitting and presence of constructive play, the results of which were in evidence when the selected XI played the Old Boys on Saturday, March 14th, and won 8—4.

In this match the forwards combined well and received ample support from the halves, of whom Whitfield and Giles were especially prominent. Clarke, Beaton and Stevens formed a lively inside trio. Clarke's speed enabled him frequently to get clear of the defence, and Beaton was quick to drive home an attack inside the circle. Whitfield, Giles and Beaton were noticeable for neat stickwork and Bernthal at outside-left showed that he possessed a natural aptitude for this difficult position. The backs were individually quite good but, owing to their lack of experience, had little idea of the tactical possibilities of full-back play. In goal Jones defended stoutly when hard pressed, and could generally be relied upon to stop a long-range shot, but did not advance to meet the unsupported attacker as he would have done with more experience.

Team :—D. Jones ; V. A. Harfield, J. Lay ; L. J. D. Hutchinson, H. H. Whitfield (capt.), W. Giles ; R. Goodey i, O. E. Clarke, A. Beaton, E. F. Stevens, L. L. Bernthal.

O.T.C.

We must first congratulate H. T. Jones, R. F. Simmonds, and H. H. Whitfield on their success in the recent written examination for Certificate "A."

This term we have the Annual Inspection in front of us. This will be carried out on June 2nd by Colonel B. C. S. Clarke, D.S.O. Every senior cadet is now expected to have the ability to lead a section, and cadets in the ranks have accordingly been given every opportunity to develop powers of leadership and confidence in command. Under the guidance and expert instruction of Sgt.-Major

Eyre the inexperienced cadets have made rapid progress. Senior N.C.O's have been studying tactics and use of ground; much useful work has been done on the sand table and our thanks in this connection are due to Captain Thorne of the Cowley Depot for his most valuable co-operation and assistance. The two platoons are now commanded by Sgts. J. A. Fletcher and J. O. Bury and with their example should make a very good showing at the march past.

This year the Contingent is going to camp at Rushmoor, Aldershot and we are looking forward to an enjoyable 8 days under canvas. Camp preparations are now in the hands of Sgt. Bury and we hope to produce a guard of the same high standard as in the past. The armoury is in charge of Cpl. H. T. Jones and Lc.Cpl. R. J. Longford. Their work, and that of the latter in particular, has been most valuable.

Promotions: To be Sgt.: P. J. Hill, O. E. Clarke, J. O. Bury. To be Cpls.: R. E. Bowman, H. T. Jones, R. F. Simmonds, H. H. Whitfield. To be Lc.Cpls.: G. V. Bayley, R. J. Longford, L. J. D. Hutchinson, V. A. Harfield, H. A. Lunghi.

THE MASQUE MASTER.

They say rare Ben's competitor,
Inigo Jones, built our Town Hall,* and hung
Between the cobbles of the Market Place
And murmurs far of pigeon-peopled leads
That chamber of the twelve Town Councillors,
Aloof, Olympian, awful, and commanded
The lantern, gay with gilded vanes above,
To harbour in its crystal cage by turns
What seems both sun and moon, a sky-bright pomp
And universal blazon well becoming
The office where the weather is prepared
For all the Vale; and they tell how he swore
That in the cavern underneath, and round
Its hollow arches, like a living frieze,
And for a buttress of its ageing piers
Perpetual, and every day renewed
While yet we are a Borough, loiterers
Should ruminare, and little children play.

O.J.C.

*It was really built by Christopher Kempster, probably from designs by Wren, who employed him on City churches, Tom Tower, and the dome of St. Paul's.

LIBRARY.

We have to thank Mr. R. C. Bateman for a generous gift of three guineas to the Library and

by his request *Gordon and the Sudan* has been purchased. Among other books added recently are:

Cambridge Ancient History, Vols. VI and IX.

Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable.

The French Revolution—Madelin.

Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism—Shaw.

Commando—Reitz.

Helps to the Study of the Bible.

Art in the Primary School—Smyth.

C. A. Ronan is now the School Librarian.

MUSIC CIRCLE.

On March 1st members went to the Sheldonian Theatre at Oxford to hear a performance of Haydn's "Seasons" given by the Bach Choir and Oxford Orchestral Society, conducted by Dr. Thomas Armstrong. On May 10th they heard the same conductor and choir with the London Symphony Orchestra in a concert which included several purely orchestral items, and ended with a fine performance of Vaughan Williams' "Sea Symphony." A fortnight later, also in the Sheldonian, they attended a performance of Verdi's "Requiem" under Dr. Sydney Watson's direction. Two senior members were also privileged to hear the Oxford Bach Choir singing Bach motets in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on June 7th.

A.S.P.S.

Special features of the term's activities have been two lecture-demonstrations, one on lantern-slide-making, the other on the chemistry of photography. On February 16th Mr. Ross-Barker showed a number of interesting slides which he had made himself, and explained how this process was carried out. A few weeks later Mr. Ingham explained in an elementary way what happens on a photographic film from the moment of exposure to the completion of the developed negative.

Out of a number of entries in the open competition for the term, "The Curtis Goshawk," by M. C. Barnard, won the first place.

On June 2nd the Society visited the local Museum. After viewing the exhibits, they were given access to the roof of the Town Hall, from which excellent views were available. The lovely cumulus clouds in the evening sky were a photographer's delight, and many pictures were taken.

UNDER FIFTEEN RUGGER.

Results:

v. Southfields School. Away. Won, 13—0.

v. Magdalen College School, Brackley. Won, 9—0.

The following side played in both matches :—
G. W. Povey ; T. H. Blundell, G. D. Randall (capt.), C. G. Carter, P. H. E. Bloomer ; J. P. Aldersley, J. N. Paige ; D. T. Nadin, F. G. D. Dean, R. Hedger, J. H. R. Faulkner, J. Lines, R. Goodey, G. B. Peck, D. Pimm.

The team improved steadily as the term went on but a number of serious weaknesses proved beyond remedy. The forwards, though heavy, and on occasion well together, never fully realised the importance of quick heeling from the loose scrums. More tries are scored after loose scrums than after tight scrums, because the opposition is more disorganised, and it is therefore essential to heel quickly. The forwards must also learn to work as a unit—pushing simultaneously in the tight, holding together when trying to heel in a loose scrum, breaking away in a bunch at the line out, and bunching to stop the other pack from breaking away. They must also learn to follow up in attack, and fall back in defence, in definite positions.

Hedger i worked hard in the scrums but was not conspicuous ; Dean ii and Faulkner were hard workers and reliable tacklers, though occasionally unintelligent. Nadin played a vigorous but unscientific game, as did Peck who was frequently off-side and therefore ineffective. In the line-out Lines i and Dean ii showed up well, but Lines, like Pimm, was too gentle. Goodey ii lacked weight but worked hard, while Pimm atoned for his slowness by good place kicking.

Paige threw out a good pass from the scrum, but after running with the ball he often made the mistake of kicking instead of passing. At stand-off half Aldersley frequently took his passes standing still and consequently ran across. Randall although excellent for a straight burst, and strong in defence, constantly failed to give a well-timed pass, while Carter frequently overran the rest of the three-quarter line. Bloomer ran straight and hard, but he must learn to swerve and tackle. Blundell tackled well but lacked speed. Povey showed real class in his kicking and tackling although his positioning was not always perfect.

Each of the outsides had a decided weakness and few movements occurred without one of them cropping up. This fact, combined with the inability of the forwards to heel quickly in the loose made a moderate side out of what might have been a really good one.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTHS.

LYNN ROBINSON (1925²).—On Nov. 17, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lynn Robinson, of Hong Kong, a daughter, Margaret Frances.

COXETER (1918¹).—On April 25, at the Warren Hospital, Abingdon, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Coxeter, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

LANDSDOWN—MILLINGTON.—On April 25, at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, Henry Rowland Lansdown (1927²) to Valerie Constance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Millington, of Ealing.

DEATHS.

MINKLEY (1920²).—On March 24, at Great Oak, Winnersh, Wokingham, Sidney John Minkley, aged 31.

DUNLOP (1895).—On April 25, at Hythe, Kent, Captain Franklyn Lyon Dunlop, aged 59.

HEDGES (1884).—On May 27, at Walltop, Hassocks, Sussex, Henry Walter Staunton Hedges, aged 68.

S. J. Minkley, whose early death we greatly regret, joined the School as a boarder in September 1916 and left in the summer of 1920. He afterwards found employment with the British Thomson-Houston Company and held a responsible position in their service.

Captain Dunlop, who joined the School in 1894, was a great-nephew of "Chinese" Gordon and possessed many relics of that general, including his military cane and the journal which he wrote at Khartoum in the winter of 1884. Dunlop was a big boy when he came to the School and remained only one year before proceeding in due course to Trinity Hall, Cambridge. During the Great War he served as an officer in the Royal Artillery and in the Tank Corps.

H. W. Staunton Hedges was a son of the late Mr. Henry Hedges of Barton Court, Abingdon. He was at the School from 1877 to 1884, and among other activities he played Rugger for the School in the earlier period of Abingdonian Rugger. He subsequently entered the brewery business, and passed the rest of his life in that connection.

Shaw Brown (1925³) writes from Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., where he has been managing a property leased by Moxham Bros., his employers, with 10,000 sheep and 400 cattle in his charge.

L. M. M. Barnes (1932¹) is working in the meat business and has a post with Dewhurst's of Smithfield.

R. C. Gould (1933³) has obtained a clerkship in the Westminster Bank.

C. F. Powell (1934¹) has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute.

M. R. T. Cooper (1935²) has left Savani (Kenya Colony) for a more acceptable job, and is now looking after a small farm of 60 acres adjoining his mother's farm. His address is: Tinga Estate, Kaimosi, Kisumu, Kenya Colony.

A. J. Turnham (1934²) is now at Larkhill.

R. P. F. Mills (1935²) has given up his job at the Chilton Aerodrome and is now in Lloyd's Bank, at their Newbury Branch.

E. G. Langford (1928²) has been playing first string for the Bar Golfing Society, and C. E. H. Dolphin (1922²) played in the Army Golf Championship matches.

Two athletic O.A.s—Lt. A. J. A. Watson (1925³), of the 2nd Queen's Royal Regt., and D. G. Brown (1935²), of Pembroke College, Oxford—have been doing a good deal of weight-putting lately and on two occasions have competed against each other. In the recent match at Oxford between the Milocarians and the Oxford Centipedes they finished first and second, Watson with a putt of 43 ft. 10 ins. and Brown with one of 37 ft. 3 ins. Watson won the discus-throwing also on this occasion.

A. L. Fleet (1934²) has again been rowing in the Oxford Summer Eights—this time at "7"—in the Pembroke first boat.

R. Emmett (1936¹) has obtained a post with Messrs. Jardine and Mathieson, General Insurance Agents, etc., of London and the East.

L. G. Cather (1936¹) has a clerkship in the Westminster Bank.

G. F. Rice (1936¹) is articled to Messrs. Cooper & Corbett, Architects, of Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

H. L. Jacob (1936¹) is spending the summer at Oetz in the Austrian Tyrol, where he is learning the language and much else besides, and seems to be having a good time.

P. J. Hill (1936²) who left after the beginning of this term, is in the Midland Bank, in their branch at Shipston-on-Stour.

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The Editor will always be glad to receive contributions from, and news of, O.A.s in all parts of the world.

O.A. CLUB NOTES.

The London Dinner was held on Friday evening the 6th November at the City Livery Club, once again through the kindness of J. B. Reeves. Twenty-seven members attended and it was gratifying to see three members of the School Staff present who had journeyed from Abingdon to attend. The President of the Club presided and it was with great regret that he had to inform the company that, owing to pressure of work, H. A. L. Donkin had found it necessary to resign from the Secretaryship of the Club. The President thereupon proposed that L. P. Mosdell be elected as the new Secretary and this motion was seconded and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to H. A. L. Donkin was then passed for the sterling work he had done for the Club and for the energy and enthusiasm he had shown since he became Secretary some twenty years ago.

G. A. R. Boyd, the London Secretary, then gave an account of the activities of the London O.A. Rugger Club and Mr. W. A. Rudd told of the doings of the School.

The dinner was generally voted a great success, there being present more members than on any previous occasion.

This year the dinner will be held on Wednesday evening the 4th November and the price will be the very moderate one of 5s. The Secretary will be glad if all members will make a note of the date and write to G. A. R. Boyd, the London Secretary, at 19 Hartington Road, Grove Park, Chiswick, W.4, at least 14 days beforehand if they wish to attend.

It is hoped that all members who possibly can will make an effort to be present so that the success of the dinner may be assured.

L.P.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held as usual after the Past v. Present Cricket Match.

In addition to the election of Officers and Committee, there will be a report from the London Rugger Section and a report from the special Sub-

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Committee dealing with the "Trust Fund." This latter report has been accepted by the General Committee and if this is confirmed it is hoped that the Fund may be inaugurated this year.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel at 8 p.m. Tickets 5s.

The Golf Cup presented by J. B. Reeves, O.A., will be played for on Sunday, June 21st, at Frilford Heath Golf Club.

LONDON O.A. SPORTS SECTION 1935-36.

The London Sports Section has completed its first season of Rugger fixtures, and in doing so has confounded all the "doubting Thomases" and critics, who were so ready to point out the difficulties of starting and running a Rugger Team. Before outlining the events of the season this opportunity will be taken to thank most heartily first H. B. Healy, our Team Secretary, for his faultless staff-work and duties so well executed behind the scenes, and secondly all those who jumped into the breach when a full team of O.A.'s could not be fielded. In particular special mention is made of: W. E. D. Smedley, L. Bowditch and F. B. King who helped us out on a number of occasions. Finally, the Sports Section wish that, in this résumé of the season, a record be made of their appreciation of the very keen interest taken in our activities by Mr. Grundy and Mr. Alston.

A game of Rugger it would seem should, in principle, be the same whether played by school, club or business house. This undoubtedly was the opinion of every member of the team as they took the field in late September of last year. This noble belief was queried at the close of our first match, badly shaken in our second and the New Year found us completely disillusioned. We were used to School rugger at the opening of the season, but we were forced by the experiences of succeeding matches considerably to modify or rather intensify our mode of play.

On September 28th, 1935, we foregathered in Richmond Park. It was a very warm summer day, with plenty of sun about. We took the field, fairly glittering with new vests, new pants and new stockings—a pretty sight withal. The game was fairly uneventful, as compared with subsequent games, and we were lucky to have met in this our first match a team who were of similar standard. There was, however, one point of outstanding interest. It was discovered that S. A. Fabes, who could then claim little Rugger experience, was, in fact, a full-back of some

promise. Hopes in him were fully justified; he played in this position until the close of the season and, at times, pulled some really outstanding feats of back play from the bag. We lost this match. Excuses are at the best of times looked upon with suspicion; we should have won!

It is unanimously agreed that our most enjoyable game was against the School. This is stated without the bias of sentiment and solely from the point of view of the game we were given. Although, on paper, the score seems to indicate that the Club won comfortably this was not so, for on many occasions our line was in danger. Our pack, of course, was heavier and our outsides saw more of the ball than did the School. However, had it not been for the School's fearless tackling the Club might have scored more heavily.

In November 1935 we played five matches and all were gruelling games. The team were still smarting from a crushing defeat inflicted by the Old Gaytonians, who returned a score of 56 points to nil. No excuses are offered except our inexperience in Club Rugger and our inability then as a team to tackle. Of these five matches we lost two, won one, and drew one. At this stage our newly gained experience began to bear fruit. R. N. Green had whipped his scrum into shape, showed the pack how to deal with obstreperous opposing forwards and how to keep up with the ball. Assisted most nobly on left and right by J. C. T. Jones and W. G. Davis he hooked magnificently for the remainder of the season. Outside, the three-quarters had learned the value of keeping well up in defence, of running straight and hard, and of tackling low at all costs. The halves, on occasions, combined quite well but here, in particular, there is room for improvement next year.

Our next four matches were played under pretty terrible conditions. Heavy rains and frosts left the grounds in an appalling state but had little effect on the enthusiasm of the team. It was in these games that the Club's pack gave of its best and credit for three wins out of four games is due to their great efforts. Out of the hurly-burly of these forward's mêlées came several stars; the brothers Wood, Savage and Guy all showed remarkable stamina and good footwork under trying and heavy going. J. D. Wood, in particular, who started his Rugger career this season, suddenly developed into a much respected wing-forward.

In our match on February 8th, against the South

American Banks, we were very unfortunate in losing D. H. Wardlaw, our star wing three-quarter. Lying on the ground after bringing off a tackle, he received an accidental kick on the head which resulted in a fractured skull and kept him away from Rugger until the close of the season. We hope, however, that as he has made a complete recovery he will not be lost to us in the coming season.

At this stage, with over half a season's experience behind us and flushed with our comparative success, the club played with greater confidence. Six matches followed, and although out of these we lost two, the defeats were at the hands of old clubs and the scores made against us not serious. Each game, with perhaps one exception (in which several of our opponent's team became a little excited!), was very enjoyable and in every case the Club deserved to win.

In one of these games, against the Old Gaytonians, the ground was covered with some three inches of mud. Here R. C. Gould playing outside the pack for the first time, filling the vacancy made by D. H. Wardlaw's absence, undoubtedly distinguished himself. His tackling and handling, in view of the conditions, were admirable. This game will surely go down as the hardest and most wearisome game of the season.

As opposed to this marshy state of affairs, our last match was played on a ground as hard as concrete, where to tackle hard was risking one's neck. Here again we won by a small margin and the minimum number of "deaths."

Examination of the match analysis still leaves us with a feeling at least of satisfaction that after all we have not done so badly for a first season. The actual results of games are two in our favour and, although there is a debit balance of 55 points against us, we feel that except for one overwhelming disaster we have nothing to be ashamed of in the number of points scored against us by any one team.

Match Analysis.

Played 19. Won 10. Lost 8. Drawn 1.
Points: For, 137; Against, 192.

RESULTS.

1935		Points	
Sept. 28	Old Johnnians	Lost	9 12
Oct. 5	Cavendish "A"	Won	10 3
" 12	The School	Won	17 3
" 19	Old Gaytonians "A"	Lost	0 56
Nov. 2	Barking Park Modern O.B.	Lost	0 23

Nov. 9	Johnson & Phillips	Won	14 6
" 16	Old Reigatians	Draw	0 0
" 23	P. & O.	Lost	6 8
" 30	Reigate "A"	Lost	3 9
Dec. 14	North West Poly. "B"	Won	15 3
" 28	Ibis "B"	Won	6 0
1936			
Jan. 11	Hayes R.F.C.	Lost	3 18
Feb. 8	S.A. Banks	Won	5 0
" 22	Old Gaytonians	Won	13 0
Mar. 14	O. Wimbledonians "A"	Lost	3 13
" 28	P. & O.	Lost	0 6
April 4	Reigate "A"	Won	8 6
" 18	Old Watfordians	Won	16 0
" 25	Pinner 1st	Won	9 6

TEAM CHARACTERS.

S. A. Fabes. Back. An early discovery for the position of back. Showed marked improvement with each succeeding game developing greatly his touch finding, positioning and handling of the ball. Has always been a source of some anxiety owing to the tremendous fury of his tackling. Is completely fearless and rarely gets flurried.

D. H. Wardlaw. Right wing three-quarter. The outstanding member of the three-quarter line. Runs hard and straight and has a very powerful right-footed kick. He is as unselfish as could be desired and through his generosity on more than one occasion sent his inside over the line to score tries of his own making. He has yet to learn to take any and every sort of pass and must concentrate more on making sure of his pass before thinking of his next move.

G. A. R. Boyd. Inside three-quarter. An old stager, full of enthusiasm and a wide knowledge of the game. Handicapped through the greater part of the season with a knee that was continually misbehaving, he was perhaps never seen in his full glory. Even with this disability, however, he was always a great asset to the side and at times positively sparkled. He has a remarkable turn of speed and a very useful kick. Towards the middle of the season he developed the peculiar habit of anticipating his opponent's tackle, thus getting rid of the ball too early with a wild pass. He obviated this trouble, however, and finished the season in good style.

K. G. Corbett. Inside three-quarter. Throughout the season Corbett played well, was always to be relied upon in his tackling and developed a very deceptive swerve in his runs. Went over on

several occasions after some really spectacular play. His work during the season was untiring, which is all the more surprising when it is known that 10 minutes before the kick-off of each match found him cigarette in mouth! Can this fault be cured?

P. H. Gould. Left wing three-quarter. The most prolific of "try-getters." The one man in the team who could be relied upon to wriggle and squirm his way through any dense mass of our opponents. His speed at times was quite extraordinary. If he would learn to co-operate to a greater degree with his inside man and not be caught in possession our left wing would benefit greatly. He also has a tendency to run across the field which tends to upset the right wing rather badly. His tackling is fearless and can always be relied upon.

J. Ranger. Fly half. Plays a very spirited game and was instrumental in making the majority of successful openings. He has still to appreciate that when he is tackled in possession, he is only for a moment out of play and should at once be up and about his business. His tackling could be improved. Real appreciation was felt of his value as a place kicker; there were certainly no "sitters" that he missed and some of the kicks almost from the touch line, he placed squarely between the posts, including one superb penalty which gave us the winning points.

D. E. Healy. Scrum half. Plays a good and hard game. Finds Club rugby rather trying after School rugby. Plays the ball well with his feet if he finds he cannot use his hands. Feeds his Stand Off well with good passes, but must learn to keep his feet more after passing the ball away from the tight scrums. He goes down to the ball and kicks well in defence. He tackles well and makes a good example to the rest of the team. It would be difficult to imagine a keener or better captain.

W. G. Davis. Left front row. Has put in a season of real hard work. One of the front-line trio who rarely let us down. Always pushing his weight in the scrums, he was particularly outstanding as front man in the line outs. He and Wardlaw had some sly and complicated code which (until they were found out) gave us the ball from the throw-in! If only he would promise to be in bed by 9.30 p.m. on each Friday prior to a match he would be first down in the pack instead of . . . !

R. N. Green. Hooker. Certainly and without doubt the very spirit of the pack. Always up and

on top of the ball, leading the rushes, prominent in the short-passing movements, invaluable in defence. Played hooker with conspicuous success and led the pack well, imbuing them with his own tireless efforts. The Skipper realises and greatly appreciates the help and advice he received from him and hopes that his crooked leg will have completely recovered in time for next season. There is just one small criticism that might be levelled. He is rather inclined to be a little indefinite as to orders to his pack. He must on all occasions, when carrying out some tactical movement, keep his scrum advised as to his intentions.

J. C. T. Jones. Right front row. Another very hard worker. Has always combined well in the front rank and given every assistance to the hooker. Tremendously keen and understands the game well. He has the happy knack of being able to find touch with snap kicks from difficult angles. It is to be hoped he will develop his already formidable combination with the other two front line men.

P. R. Wood. Left 2nd row. A stalwart, reliable second row forward who in several matches, in Green's absence, led the pack with notable success. A very busy, harassing player always in the thickest of the loose scrums and the quickest to break away. His tackling is an example of textbook perfection. Has had a very successful season.

R. C. Gould. Right 2nd row. Packed down and combined extremely well with Wood. Gets through a tremendous amount of work and pushes very well. His ball control in the rushes was exceptionally good and his tackling is fearless and sound. He played in the three-quarter line on two occasions and it was wondered whether indeed this was not his true position.

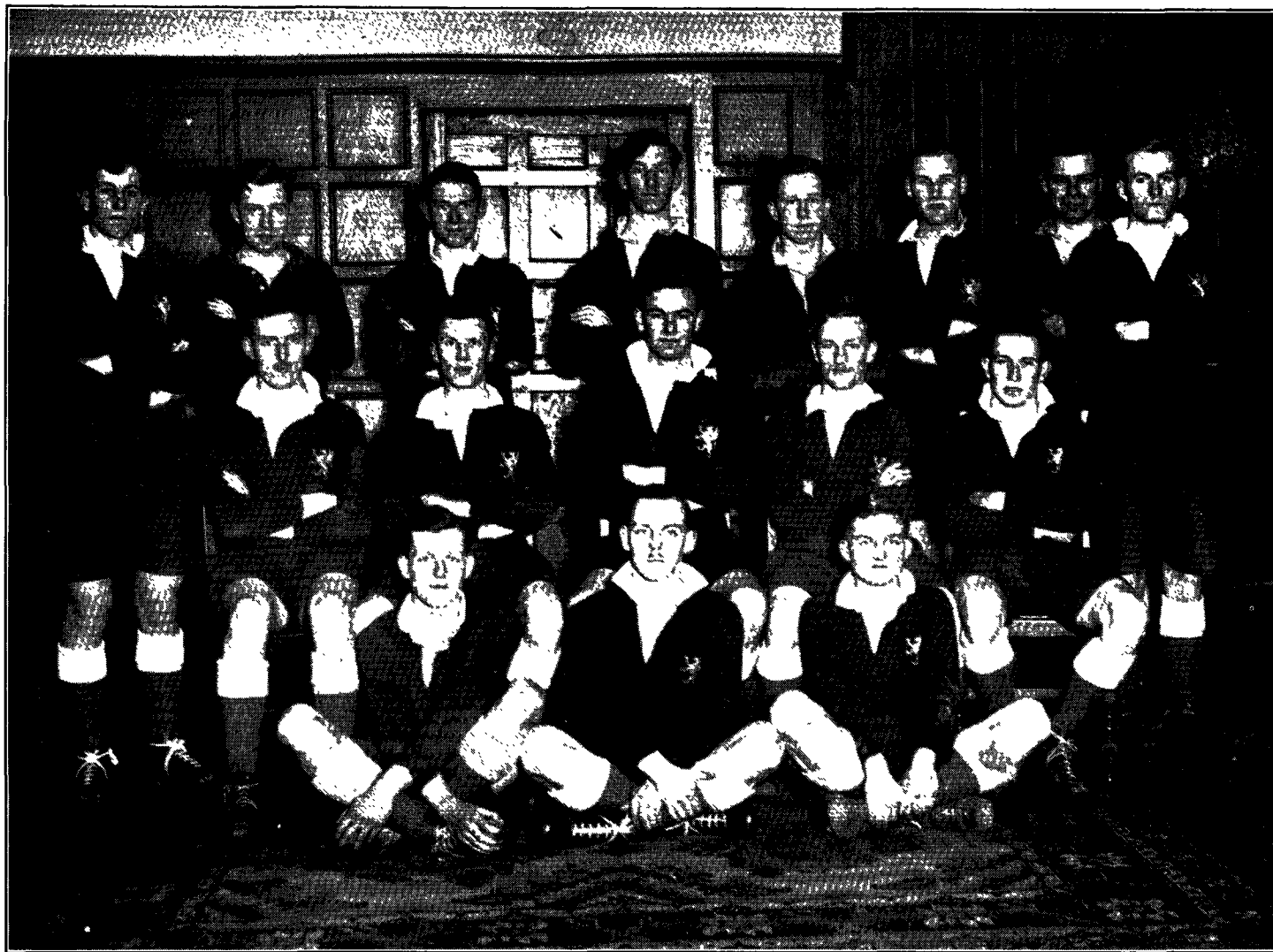
K. R. Savage. Left wing forward. A really valuable forward, both in the line outs and set scrums. In the former, his great height gave him a wonderful advantage which he used to good effect, and in the latter he displayed a first class knowledge of the requirements of a wing forward as opposed to a winging forward.

J. H. Guy. Centre back row. An absolutely tireless forward, who played some first-rate games. Pushed well and truly in the set scrums and did some good work in the line outs. He has the habit of breaking away from the loose scrums and impeding the scrum-half. He must be careful of the off-side rule and as middle back-rank man must allow the ball to pass out from the scrums without assisting it in any way.

J. D. Wood. Right wing forward. Started the season with no practical knowledge of the game at all. He has undoubtedly shown a greater improvement than any other member of the side. His wing-forward play at the close of the season was, at times, outstanding and he is now certainly indispensable in this position. His agility and liveliness are both great attributes to his play in the back row, but at times he is rather inclined to get rid of the ball in a direction that does not

provide the best of openings. It is to be hoped that he will take over the scrum half's duties in this coming season. Great things are expected of him.

The following also played in one or more matches. Our thanks are due to them for supporting us. It is hoped they will be able to play throughout the coming season: M. M. Barnes, M. N. Laybourne, H. L. G. Livingston, S. D. Plummer, R. E. G. Morewood, H. T. Jones, J. M. Wood.



O.A. LONDON XV, 1935-6.

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