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## SCHOOL NOTES.

The large increase in our numbers, making a record total of 164 has necessitated the formation of an additional form which is known as IIIB, the old III Form becoming IIIA.

This term we welcome on the Staff Miss Little, who has come to help with the work among the junior forms.

A Challenge Cup to be known as the "Bennett Cup" has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bennett as a memento of F. A. Bennett. The Cup will be awarded to the winner of the "House Fours" which will be rowed in the Easter Term. We are most grateful to the donors for their gift which will place rowing in its proper place among the House athletics.

Once more we have to thank Mr. J. B. Reeves, O.A., for a handsome presentation to the Library—on this occasion 10 volumes of the series of "The Master Musicians."

We offer congratulations to J. A. Fletcher on passing into the R.M.A. Woolwich.

The following were awarded School Certificates at the July Examination:—J. P. Amies, G. V. Bayley, A. Beaton, B. N. J. Bosley, R. E. Bowman, A. C. Dean, W. Giles, R. Goodey, V. A. Harfield, R. Hedger, L. J. D. Hutchinson, R. F. Jackson, E. O. Jones, D. Jones, S. K. Muir, D. E. Roberts, R. F. Simmonds and D. B. West.

F. A. Bennett and J. A. Fletcher attended the Duke of York's Camp in August.

The School Officials this term are:—

Captain of the School and Head of the House :  
J. O. Bury.

School Prefects : H. A. Lunghi, G. V. Bayley, D. Jones, H. H. Whitfield.

Sub-Prefects : B. N. J. Bosley, R. E. Brodie, W. Giles, R. Goodey, V. A. Harfield, H. T. Jones, S. K. Muir, C. A. Ronan (Waste Court) R. F. Simmonds and E. F. Stevens.

Captain of Rugger : H. A. Lunghi.

Hon. Sec. : M. H. Wheat.

School Librarian : C. A. Ronan.

First XI Colours were awarded last term to P. A. Wimberley, R. E. Bowman and V. A. Harfield, and 2nd XI Caps to T. H. Blundell, J. N. Paige, A. C. Dean, J. M. Wood, R. Goodey i, and J. Lines.

The Carr Challenge Cup for Senior Inter-House Cricket was won by Blue House, and the Brewer Cup for the Juniors by Green House.

The bat for the best batsman in the 1st XI (given by the Masters' Common Room) was awarded to J. A. Fletcher with the remarkable average of 62, and that for the best bowler in the XI (given by the Headmaster) to V. A. Harfield. P. A. Wimberley won the bat given for fielding. The "Henderson" bats for the best all rounders under 16 and 15 were won by J. N. Paige and J. Lines. The "Meredith" bats for the best bowlers in the Second XI and "Under 15" XI were awarded to D. Jones and T. H. Blundell.

Mr. Piper's cricket ball was worn by E. J. Seller for having the cleanest cricket boots during the season.

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

This term ends on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, boarders leaving on the following day. Next term begins on Tuesday, January 12th, boarders returning on the previous day.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries : *The Aldenhamian*, *The Alfredian*, *The Bracklean*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *E.P.S.A. Quarterly*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Lily*, *The Log of the Nautical College Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The R.M.A. Magazine*, *The R.M.C. Magazine*, *The St. Edward's School Chronicle*.

#### VALETE.

VI FORM.—F. A. Bennett (1931, iii). School Prefect, 1935 i ; Captain of the School and Head of the House, 1935 iii ; O.S.C., 1933, 1934 ; 1st IV Rowing, 1934-36, Captain of Boats, 1936, Marlow IV, 1936 ; 1st XV Rugger, 1934, 1935 ; O.T.C. Sergt., 1934 ; Cert. "A," 1933 ; 1st Class Shot ; Hon. Sec. and Treas. Games Committee, 1934.

J. A. Fletcher (1932, ii). School Prefect, 1935 iii ; O.S.C., 1934, 1935 ; 1st XI Cricket 1933, 1st XI Colours 1934, Captain 1935, 1936 ; 2nd IV Cox 1934, 1st IV 1936 ; 1st XV 1935, 2nd XV

Colours, 1935 ; O.T.C., Sergt., 1935 ; Cert. "A," 1934 ; 1st Class Shot.

O. E. Clarke (1929, iii). School Prefect 1935 iii ; 1st XV 1934, 1st XV Colours 1935 ; Full Athletic Colours 1935, Captain 1936 ; O.T.C. Sergt. ; 1st Class Shot.

P. J. Hill (1930, i). School Prefect, 1936 ii ; O.S.C., 1935 ; 1st XV 1933, Colours 1935 ; 2nd IV 1935, 1st IV 1936 ; Athletics, Half Colours 1935, Full 1936 ; 1st XI Cricket 1935 ; O.T.C., Sergt. ; Cert. "A," 1935 ; 1st Class Shot.

R. E. Bowman (1933, i). Sub-prefect, 1935 i ; O.S.C., 1935, 1936 ; 1st XV 1935, 2nd XV Colours 1935 ; 2nd XI Cricket Colours 1935, 1st XI Colours 1936 ; O.T.C., Corpl.

D. R. H. Brown (1932, i). Sub-prefect, 1935 ; O.S.C. 1935 ; 1st XV 1934, 1935, 2nd XV Colours 1934 ; Rowing 1st IV 1935, Marlow IV 1936 ; Full Athletic Colours 1935 ; O.T.C., Corpl., 1936.

P. A. Wimberley (1935, i). Sub-prefect, 1936 ii ; 1st XV 1935, 2nd XV Colours 1935 ; 1st XI Cricket 1935, Colours 1936.

VA FORM.—A. Beaton (1932 iii). O.S.C., 1936 ; 2nd XV Rugger.

R. J. Longford (1928 i). O.T.C., L.Cpl., 1936.

L. J. D. Hutchinson (1934 ii). O.S.C., 1936 ; 1st XV 1935, 2nd XV Colours 1935 ; 2nd XI Cricket 1935 ; Full Athletic Colours 1936 ; O.T.C., Cpl.

O. J. Gill (1930 iii).

II FORM.—E. J. Seller (1936 ii).

#### SALVETE.

VB FORM.—D. A. Large, J. Stephenson, A. H. Morser, H. F. Astell.

REMOVE.—C. E. Yielding, M. F. Nathan.

IIIA FORM.—P. F. Leach, P. Carter, C. R. T. Heard, R. E. Ball, E. G. Gibbs, A. E. Robinson, A. H. Knight, A. J. Boulton, R. H. Marshall, G. Hill.

IIIB FORM.—D. O. Wilks, E. H. Aldworth, A. E. Carter, P. A. S. Scott, C. B. F. Milne, W. G. Bradfield, E. S. N. Hazel.

II FORM.—B. C. Jakeman, C. V. Stone, P. S. Wilsdon, C. F. Trevor, J. H. Cockburn.

#### OBITUARY.

##### HARRY SEPTIMUS CHALLENGOR.

Harry Challenor, "the doctor," was one of a large and distinguished Abingdon family, which for two generations was well represented at the

school. He was here as a boy under Dr. Summers, in the late 'seventies and early 'eighties, and hence proceeded to Cambridge and later to the Middlesex Hospital, where he qualified as an M.R.C.S. His first practice was at Buntingford, Herts, but this he soon relinquished in favour of his native town, by exchange with the late Dr. Dixon. Here he spent upwards of forty years of zealous and unselfish service, professional and otherwise.

Emphatically not a man to look for cheap recognition, he preferred to do his alms in secret, and would often cloak beneath a show of roughness the genuine kindness of his nature. Nobody who knew him was deceived by this; but at least it served to warn the unwary that the doctor would stand no nonsense, either in himself or them. To all in real need of his help he gave it ungrudgingly for their good.

In the public affairs of the town too he played an active part. For some thirty years he was a member of the Council, latterly as an alderman, and on three occasions he was Mayor of the Borough. He was also a Justice of the Peace. In 1910 he was appointed a Governor of the school, and continued to serve in that capacity until, in 1934, failing health compelled him to retire.

As an O.A. he contributed generously to the funds raised in recent years for the extension and better equipment of the school, and his name appeared regularly in the lists of prize-donors for scholastic and athletic achievement. One of the small committee of Old Boys who founded the O.A. Club in 1893, he was himself elected President in 1904; and when in 1928 by the munificence of our benefactors, the Waste Court property became a part of the school, he was one of the two trustees to whose care it was conveyed.

He was well known locally as a sportsman, and it may be of interest to his successors of a later day that he played for the school at Rugger in his boyhood, in the days before the change was made to Soccer.

He was married in 1895 and leaves two daughters, the younger of whom is married to O. B. Saxby, O.A. His wife predeceased him several years ago.

The closing phase of his life was disabled by loss of eyesight, which grievous affliction he bore with the quiet courage and acceptance of the inevitable that it had so often been his lot to inspire in others. By his death the School loses a very loyal Old Boy, and the town and neighbourhood a wise and disinterested friend.

### FOUNDER'S DAY.

The Founder's Day Celebrations were held on Friday, June 19th, and attended by a large number of parents, Old Boys and friends of the School. The preacher at the service in St. Helen's church was the Rev. H. F. Shepherd, O.A., Vicar of Frindsbury, Rochester, and in his sermon he emphasised the importance of example and sense of responsibility in all who held any position of authority whether at school or in after-life. When leadership was needed in so many departments of life to-day it was the duty of everyone, especially the young, to fit themselves for it and be ready to come forward of their own will to carry out work which needed to be done and which by their preparation they were fit to do.

There followed the ceremony at the Corn Exchange at which the prizes were presented by Sir Charles Harper, late Governor of St. Helena. With him on the platform were the Rev. H. F. Shepherd, O.A., Messrs. W. Brewer, H. P. Simpson, O.A., W. T. Morland, O.A., W. M. Grundy (the Headmaster), W. A. Rudd and W. Bevir.

Reviewing the scholastic successes of the past year the Headmaster said that one boy in five in the whole School had passed an examination of School Certificate standard or higher. D. G. Brown had taken up his scholarship at Pembroke College, Oxford and A. R. M. Adams had passed into the R.M.A. Woolwich. Among the Old Boys J. E. F. Meadmore and C. E. H. Dolphin had passed into the Staff College, Camberley, and G. E. Sinclair had obtained an administrative post in the Colonial Service on the Gold Coast. A. L. Fleet took a third class in Classical Honour Moderations at Oxford and R. G. Sandercock passed in the first division in the final examination at Faraday House while C. Ellis and R. A. Witham both passed the final examination of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Turning again to the School activities he said that the O.T.C. and the various societies were flourishing and there were some notable achievements at athletics. At rowing the School first crew had been one of the best the School had had and won all its four races, and it was proposed to enter a crew for Marlow regatta for the first time. Four new records were established in the Athletic Sports, and J. A. Fletcher, Captain of Cricket, had already made three centuries, while the "Under 15" cricket team was possibly the best the School had ever turned out. Among Old Abingdonians D. G. Brown ran in the quarter-mile in the Fresh-

men's Sports against Cambridge, beating both his opponents and won his Half-Blue for putting the weight. A. J. A. Watson held the Army record for putting the weight and had represented the Army at Rugby football. A. L. Fleet rowed in the Pembroke College First Eight and had just been elected Captain of Boats and E. G. Langford had been playing first string for the Bar Golfing Society. The outstanding event of the year, however, had been the start of the London Old Abingdonian Rugby Football Club, and G. A. R. Boyd and his fellow-players were to be congratulated on their first season when they won ten matches, lost eight and drew one.

Lastly he mentioned the new scheme which was being considered by the Committee of the O.A. Club for the formation of a fund to be held by trustees of the Club and administered for the benefit of the School. Such a fund would be of the greatest value to the School, and the immediate requirement was the paying off of the outstanding debt on the Waste Court property.

Sir Charles Harper then presented the prizes as follows :

VIA. *Mathematics and English* : F. A. Bennett ; *Classics and Divinity* : H. A. Lunghi.

VI. *French* : S. K. Muir ; *History* : J. A. Fletcher ; *Meredith Greek and Latin Prose* : H. A. Lunghi ; *Thomas Layng Reading Prize* : H. A. Lunghi ; *Chemistry* : R. E. Bowman ; *Pianoforte* : S. K. Muir.

VIB. *Classics* : D. Jones ; *Mathematics and Physics* : G. V. Bayley.

VA. *English* : R. Hedger ; *Divinity and Greek* : A. Beaton ; *French* : A. C. Dean ; *Extra French* : R. J. Longford ; *Latin and Greek* : R. Hedger ; *History* : L. J. D. Hutchinson ; *Mathematics* : D. B. West ; *Science and Mathematics* : R. F. Jackson ; *Art* : J. M. Wood.

VB. *English and Latin* : J. Graff ; *History* : L. L. Bernthal ; *French* : G. B. Peck ; *Greek* : J. H. R. Faulkner ; *Divinity* : J. Graff ; *Science and Mathematics* : W. J. Leahy ; *Extra Science* : C. G. Carter ; *Mathematics* : G. J. James.

REMOVE. *French and Latin* : K. G. Walker ; *History* : J. A. M. Green ; *Mathematics and Science* : K. G. Walker ; *Divinity and Greek* : K. G. Walker ; *Extra Greek* : R. Goodey ii ; *Singing* : C. J. Reenan ; *Extra Science* : W. M. Potter.

III. *French and Latin* : A. M. Mills ; *Divinity and Mathematics* : J. Richardson ; *History* : R. W. B. Dawson ; *Science* : K. T. B. Sayer.

II. *Divinity* : M. G. H. Holt ; *Mathematics and*

*English* : P. A. Way ; *French* : P. Hicks ; *English* : J. McMahon ; *Nature Study* : I. S. Holland.

In his speech Sir Charles Harper pointed out the advantage the boys had in belonging to a School with such an old foundation—"a school which was flourishing before America appeared on the map," and the remembrance of its traditions and history should stand them in good stead when they had left. He urged them to carry on their studies when their school life was finished, as training for character and incentive to intellectual fitness and determination.

The proceedings closed with cheers for Sir Charles Harper, the Headmaster and the visitors.

The traditional "At Home" was held in the School Grounds by the Headmaster and Miss Grundy. A downpour of rain and thunderclaps during the Prize-giving had caused some anxiety, but in the end tea was served outside in Waste Court and the day concluded in sunshine.

The physical training squad performed as efficiently as ever under Sergt.-Major Eyre, and the usual demonstrations were given in the Laboratories and Woodwork Shop.

To the following prize-donors we offer our sincere thanks : Capt. C. E. H. Dolphin (President O.A. Club), Mr. N. Duncan, Mr. W. M. Grundy, Mr. J. Knowles, Mr. W. T. Morland, Mr. J. H. Morrell, Miss I. Sheldon Peach, Mr. A. E. Preston, Mr. H. P. Simpson, Mr. T. Skurray, Mr. T. S. Wilding ; and Mrs. Scott for kindly providing the wreath for John Roysse's tomb.

## ROWING.

The experiment of sending a Four to Marlow Regatta may be considered a success, if only for the experience gained for further visits. There were many difficulties in the way of training and it would probably have been better to have used the "Radley" rather than the heavier "John Roysse," the boats used at Marlow being much more of the build of the former. However, the crew made light of difficulties and turned out to be a very fair crew. Before going to Marlow they had a race on our water against the Imperial Service College 3rd IV who rowed in the "Radley." Our crew were aground at the start and left at the post, and were comfortably beaten in choppy water and strong head wind. In the actual race at Marlow, on Founder's Day evening, they drew the middle station against Imperial Service College and Eastbourne. The former went away fast and eventually won easily but the School had quite a

good race with Eastbourne making up a lot of leeway over the middle part of the course, and finishing only  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths behind. The crew kept well together all over but needed better blade work in the water and a stronger finish to the stroke. The crew was: R. E. Brodie (bow), D. R. H. Brown, G. V. Bayley, F. A. Bennett (str.), M. H. Wheat (cox).

## THE REGATTA.

The Regatta was held on Thursday, June 18th, on Wilsham Reach, and operated from the Boat-house. After a very wet morning the afternoon turned out hot and sunny. The programme was a long one and if there was little polished oarsmanship there was plenty of amusement. The results were as follows:

House First Fours: 1. Blue House, R. E. Bowman (bow), J. O. Bury, J. A. Fletcher, D. R. H. Brown (str.), D. E. Roberts (cox). 2. Green House.

House Second Fours: 1. Green House, L. J. D. Hutchinson (bow), V. A. Harfield, H. T. Jones, R. F. Simmonds (str.), T. C. Davies (cox). 2. Red House.

Senior Pairs: J. O. Bury, D. R. H. Brown, R. E. Bowman.

Junior Pairs: M. Sprules, D. Pimm, D. G. Carter.

Canoes: J. A. Fletcher and M. D. Wells.

Dongola: J. Calvert-Fisher, R. F. Jackson, J. M. Wood, G. B. Peck, L. W. Dale, D. G. Carter.

## CRICKET.

Judged by results, last season was a moderately successful one. It is perhaps invidious to say that the First Eleven was a one-man side, but the performances of J. A. Fletcher, the captain, were in a class by themselves. He headed the batting averages, scored centuries in three matches, and in addition proved successful as a spin bowler. On those occasions when he failed to compile a large score the rest of the side failed to do themselves justice with the bat, and his absence was almost certainly responsible for one defeat. Of the other batsmen, Wimberley showed promise as a left-hander, although his footwork was a trifle slow; while Bowman, despite his eccentricities of style, was difficult to dislodge. Harfield was in the bowling what Fletcher was in the batting. He could flight the ball and avoided any tendency to bowl too fast, while he could swing and break the ball freely.

## FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Pembroke College, home May 20th. Lost by 112 runs. (Last year, lost by 7 runs.)

## ABINGDON XI.

|                                             |     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|
| J. A. Fletcher, c Sinclair, b Collins. .... | 40  |
| Bowman i, c Manby, b Bishop. ....           | 9   |
| Lines i, c Bishop, b Collins. ....          | 0   |
| Wimberley, c Florey, b Gardner. ....        | 14  |
| Blundell, run out. ....                     | 4   |
| Povey, b Gardner. ....                      | 0   |
| Wood, c Gardner, b Lee-Woolf. ....          | 12  |
| Dean ii, lbw., b Lee-Woolf. ....            | 4   |
| Pimm, lbw., b Lee-Woolf. ....               | 0   |
| Bury, not out. ....                         | 7   |
| Harfield, c Manby, b Lee-Woolf. ....        | 0   |
| Extras. ....                                | 13  |
| Total. ....                                 | 103 |

Lee-Woolf, 4 for 18.

## PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

|                                                                       |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Manby, run out. ....                                                  | 55 |
| Gardner, c Bowman, b Blundell. ....                                   | 82 |
| Florey, not out. ....                                                 | 55 |
| Sinclair, c Wimberley, b Lines. ....                                  | 14 |
| Allen, not out. ....                                                  | 3  |
| Bishop, Heddy, Beazley, Lee-Woolf,<br>Watson and Collins did not bat. |    |
| Extras. ....                                                          | 6  |

Total (for 3 wks.). .... 215

In the match against Pembroke the School did quite well against a strong batting side. J. A. Fletcher scored 40 and Wimberley 14 in a total of 103, but Pembroke were never troubled by the School bowling.

v. Bloxham School, away, May 30th. Won by 75 runs. (Last year, drawn.)

## ABINGDON SCHOOL.

|                                            |     |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| J. A. Fletcher, c Gardner, b Williams. ... | 121 |
| Bowman, c and b Gardner. ....              | 10  |
| Wimberley, lbw., b Williams. ....          | 10  |
| Lines, lbw., b Gardner. ....               | 4   |
| Blundell, c Williams, b Morgan. ....       | 20  |
| Dean, b Williams. ....                     | 5   |
| Bury, not out. ....                        | 4   |
| Harfield, run out. ....                    | 0   |
| Wood, not out. ....                        | 0   |
| Povey and Pimm did not bat.                |     |
| Extras. ....                               | 14  |
| Total (for 7 wks.). ....                   | 188 |

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Bartlett, c Bury, b Harfield.....  | 6  |
| Scott, c Bury, b Harfield.....     | 18 |
| Morgan, b Harfield.....            | 5  |
| Dunkerley, b Wimberley.....        | 0  |
| Parke, b Wimberley.....            | 16 |
| Jackson, hit wkt., b Harfield..... | 23 |
| McGuire, b Wimberley.....          | 7  |
| Hobley, not out.....               | 19 |
| Gardner, lbw., b Harfield.....     | 2  |
| Williams, c Bury, b Harfield.....  | 6  |
| Ellis, b Harfield.....             | 1  |
| Extras.....                        | 10 |

Total..... 113

Harfield, 7 for 43.

Abingdon batted first and declared at 188 for 7. J. A. Fletcher made 121 and Blundell was batting confidently when caught at 20. Bloxham were left with sufficient time to get the runs, but with five minutes to go they were all out for 113 owing to the good bowling of Harfield who took 7 for 43. The Abingdon fielding was a great improvement on that of the Pembroke match.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford, home, June 3rd. Lost by 117 runs and 5 wks. (Last year, won.)

## MAGDALEN C.S.

|                                                             |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Austin, c Dean, by Wimberley.....                           | 38 |
| Green, c Fletcher, b Wimberley.....                         | 18 |
| Peace, not out.....                                         | 28 |
| Walker, D. F. G., lbw., b Wimberley....                     | 59 |
| Barnes, c Fletcher, b Wimberley.....                        | 0  |
| Walker, G. W. G., lbw., b Wimberley...                      | 9  |
| Jessop, Elwell, Edwards, Bentley and Farrimond did not bat. |    |
| Extras.....                                                 | 6  |

Total (for 5 wks.)..... 158

## ABINGDON SCHOOL.

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| J. A. Fletcher, run out.....             | 3  |
| Bowman, b Walker, G. W. G.....           | 1  |
| Wimberley, c Walker, G. W. G., b Green   | 1  |
| Lines, lbw., b Green.....                | 4  |
| Blundell, c Jessop, b Walker, G. W. G... | 6  |
| Dean, not out.....                       | 6  |
| Bury, lbw., b Walker, G. W. G.....       | 0  |
| Harfield, c Peace, b Walker, G. W. G...  | 0  |
| Wood, c Bentley, b Green.....            | 0  |
| Paige, b Green.....                      | 4  |
| Jones, lbw., b Walker, D. F. G.....      | 5  |
| Extras.....                              | 11 |

Total..... 41

Walker, G. W. G., 4 for 8. Walker, D. F. G., 59.

For the match with Magdalen College School, Oxford, Paige and Jones vi replaced Povey and Pimm. Magdalen were superior in all departments, their fielding in particular reaching a very high standard. Wimberley alone played up to his usual form, taking 5 for 42. Magdalen declared at 158 for 5, and in reply Abingdon could only compile 41.

v. R. M. Salberg's XI, home, June 6th. Won by 81 runs.

## R. M. SALBERG'S XI.

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Warde-Aldom, c Jones, b Fletcher..... | 11 |
| Benson, c Lines, b Harfield.....      | 0  |
| Garvey, b Wimberley.....              | 1  |
| Renwick, run out.....                 | 23 |
| Khan Sahib, st Bury, b Fletcher.....  | 25 |
| Salberg c and b Harfield.....         | 12 |
| Naish, lbw., Fletcher.....            | 29 |
| Thomas, run out.....                  | 16 |
| Ford, c Jones, b Fletcher.....        | 3  |
| Kendal, b Jones.....                  | 1  |
| Sawtell, not out.....                 | 2  |
| Extras.....                           | 7  |

Total.... 130

## ABINGDON SCHOOL.

|                                          |     |
|------------------------------------------|-----|
| Bowman, c Thomas, b Renwick.....         | 21  |
| J. A. Fletcher, c Thomas, b Salberg..... | 137 |
| Wimberley, lbw., b Khan Sahib.....       | 8   |
| Lines, lbw., b Ford.....                 | 0   |
| Blundell, c Naish, b Garvey.....         | 26  |
| Dean, c Naish, b Thomas.....             | 0   |
| Bury, b Thomas.....                      | 5   |
| Harfield, not out.....                   | 8   |
| Wood, b Salberg.....                     | 0   |
| Paige, b Salberg.....                    | 0   |
| Jones, lbw., b Thomas.....               | 2   |
| Extras.....                              | 14  |

Total..... 211

J. A. Fletcher, 4 for 37.

Mr. R. M. Salberg brought over from University College a side which made 130. J. A. Fletcher took 4 for 37 and Harfield 2 for 42, while Bury stumped Khan Sahib. The visitors took the field and, despite torrential rain, remained there till Abingdon had collected 211. J. A. Fletcher contributed an excellent 137 which included 23 boundaries. He and Bowman put on 71 for the first wicket, Bowman scoring 21. Of the remaining batsmen only Blundell (26) seemed to strike form.

v. Wantage School, home, June 10th. Won by  
5 wks. (Last year, won by 26 runs.)

## WANTAGE SCHOOL.

|                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Carter, run out.....                | 6  |
| Wright, b Wimberley.....            | 0  |
| Cadel, c Wimberley, b Harfield..... | 44 |
| Payne, c Jones, b Fletcher.....     | 19 |
| Fox, M., b Blundell.....            | 49 |
| Fuller, c and b Wimberley.....      | 8  |
| Gamble, b Blundell.....             | 26 |
| Crane, c Pimm, b Blundell.....      | 7  |
| Geary, run out.....                 | 4  |
| Rose, b Blundell.....               | 1  |
| Fox, A. G., not out.....            | 3  |
| Extras.....                         | 12 |

Total..... 179  
Blundell, 4 for 25.

## ABINGDON SCHOOL.

|                                              |     |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| J. A. Fletcher, not out.....                 | 133 |
| Bowman, st Fox, A. G., b Fox, M.....         | 1   |
| Wimberley, c Gamble, b Fox, M.....           | 22  |
| Blundell, c Fox, A. G., b Fuller.....        | 17  |
| Bury, lbw., b Fuller.....                    | 2   |
| Harfield, c Rose, b Fuller.....              | 6   |
| Paige, not out.....                          | 10  |
| Wood, Pimm, Jones and Goodey did<br>not bat. |     |
| Extras.....                                  | 10  |

Total (for 5 wks.)..... 201

Wantage, aided by ineffective Abingdon fielding, made 179 of which M. Fox scored 49 and Cadel 44. Blundell bowled with great energy to take 4 for 25. Abingdon replied with 201 for 5, J. A. Fletcher making 133, not out, in a confident innings which included 20 boundaries. Wimberley hit up a stylish 22 and was awarded his colours. Goodey i kept wicket and played in all subsequent matches.

v. Leighton Park School, home, June 17th.  
Lost by 106 runs. (Last year, lost by 77 runs.)

## LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| J. C. MacLoughlin, b Harfield.....      | 3  |
| H. W. Maw, b Wimberley.....             | 0  |
| T. S. Maw, c Harfield, b Dean.....      | 83 |
| P. E. Cadbury, b Wimberley.....         | 4  |
| D. J. S. Jones, c Fletcher, b Wimberley | 0  |
| N. Moore, lbw., b Fletcher.....         | 5  |
| D. G. T. Richard, lbw., b Fletcher..... | 14 |
| E. L. Thomas, c Wimberley, b Blundell   | 30 |
| J. C. Allen, b Fletcher.....            | 0  |
| A. G. C. Franklin, not out.....         | 7  |

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| R. H. Veysey, c Harfield, b Fletcher.... | 10 |
| Extras.....                              | 15 |

Total..... 171  
Fletcher, 4 for 27.

## ABINGDON SCHOOL.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| J. A. Fletcher, b T. S. Maw.....     | 2  |
| Bowman, c Cadbury, b MacLoughlin.... | 21 |
| P. A. Wimberley, b T. S. Maw.....    | 1  |
| Blundell, b T. S. Maw.....           | 0  |
| Paige, lbw., b Thomas.....           | 18 |
| Lines, b Thomas.....                 | 3  |
| Goodey, lbw., b Veysey.....          | 1  |
| Harfield, b Thomas.....              | 0  |
| Bury, not out.....                   | 2  |
| Dean, b MacLoughlin.....             | 0  |
| Wood, b Cadbury.....                 | 0  |
| Extras.....                          | 17 |

Total..... 65

Leighton Park batted first and were all out for 171, of which T. S. Maw made 83 before being caught off Dean. J. A. Fletcher's early dismissal proved the downfall of Abingdon who replied with 65. R. E. Bowman contributed 21 and was awarded his 1st XI Colours.

v. Old Abingdonians, June 20th, home. Lost  
by 40 runs. (Last year, 78 runs.)

## OLD ABINGDONIANS.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Mills, c Wimberley, b Harfield.....  | 9  |
| Paige, c Bury, b Harfield.....       | 69 |
| Plummer, c Bowman, b Fletcher.....   | 8  |
| Sinclair, c and b Fletcher.....      | 5  |
| Mosdell, c Fletcher, b Harfield..... | 0  |
| Dolphin, b Blundell.....             | 8  |
| Fabes, lbw., b Wimberley.....        | 28 |
| Andrews, c Goodey, b Wimberley.....  | 0  |
| Kettle, c Paige, b Harfield.....     | 0  |
| MacPherson, not out.....             | 0  |
| Boyd, lbw., b Wimberley.....         | 0  |
| Extras.....                          | 7  |

Total..... 134  
Harfield, 4 for 36.

## ABINGDON SCHOOL.

|                                        |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|
| Randall, st Boyd, b Sinclair.....      | 2  |
| R. E. Bowman, c Dolphin, b Mosdell.... | 13 |
| J. A. Fletcher, lbw., b Sinclair....   | 0  |
| P. A. Wimberley, st Andrews, b Plummer | 35 |
| Blundell, lbw., b Mosdell.....         | 1  |
| Paige, c MacPherson, b Mosdell.....    | 2  |
| Lines, b Andrews.....                  | 18 |
| Dean, c Boyd, b Plummer.....           | 5  |

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Goodey, lbw., b Plummer..... | 0  |
| Bury, run out.....           | 2  |
| Harfield, not out.....       | 4  |
| Extras.....                  | 12 |
| Total.....                   | 94 |

The O.A.'s were all out for the comparatively low score of 134 of which S. A. Paige made 69 before being caught by Bury off Harfield. Wimberley was the most successful bowler with 3 for 17, while Harfield had 4 for 36, and was fighting the ball well.

The School appeared overawed by the occasion and the batting was not improved by heavy rain. Bowman made a painstaking 13, and Wimberley a bright 35, while Lines contributed an impassive 18.

v. City of Oxford School, home, June 24th. Lost by 2 runs. (Last year, drawn.)

## CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Money, b Harfield.....               | 18 |
| Cripps, lbw., b Harfield.....        | 2  |
| Robins, c Wimberley, b Harfield..... | 1  |
| Ambrose, c Paige, b Harfield.....    | 29 |
| Smith, b Harfield.....               | 0  |
| Griffin, lbw., b Harfield.....       | 6  |
| Waller, b Harfield.....              | 6  |
| Everett, b Harfield.....             | 0  |
| Leatherby, c Harfield, b Jones.....  | 15 |
| Williams, not out.....               | 1  |
| Woodage, lbw., b Jones.....          | 0  |
| Extras.....                          | 8  |

Total..... 86  
Harfield, 8 for 38.

## ABINGDON SCHOOL.

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| R. E. Bowman, c Griffin, b Money..... | 16 |
| Randall, c and b Waller.....          | 1  |
| P. A. Wimberley, b Robbins.....       | 0  |
| Blundell, b Robbins.....              | 4  |
| Paige, b Robbins.....                 | 0  |
| Bury, b Robbins.....                  | 11 |
| Harfield, b Leatherby.....            | 16 |
| Wood, c Griffin, b Leatherby.....     | 10 |
| Jones, b Leatherby.....               | 1  |
| Goodey, not out.....                  | 2  |
| Pimm, b Waller.....                   | 11 |
| Extras.....                           | 12 |

Total..... 84

In the absence of Fletcher, P. A. Wimberley captained the side. The City of Oxford School made 86, Harfield bowling 19 overs unchanged and

taking 8 for 38. The School fielding was far from good. In reply Abingdon were all out for 84. R. E. Bowman and Harfield each secured 16 and Goodey played a very steady innings. Pimm, having made 11, was out in a misguided attempt to win the match with a six. V. A. Harfield was awarded his 1st XI Colours.

v. Capt. Payne's XI, home, June 27th. Won by 1 run. (Last year, won by 24 runs.)

## CAPT. PAYNE'S XI.

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| A. E. Winter, c and b Harfield.....     | 3  |
| A. E. Young, lbw., b Wimberley.....     | 13 |
| K. West, b Harfield.....                | 0  |
| B. West, b Harfield.....                | 2  |
| P. W. Bryant, run out.....              | 4  |
| C. Willson, c Paige, b Harfield.....    | 4  |
| G. J. Payne, st Goodey, b Harfield..... | 7  |
| O. A. T. Baker, not out.....            | 1  |
| G. Payne, b Wimberley.....              | 1  |
| T. Butler did not arrive.....           |    |
| Extras.....                             | 6  |

Total..... 50  
Harfield, 5 for 15.

## ABINGDON SCHOOL.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| R. E. Bowman, b Winter.....          | 2  |
| Goodey, run out.....                 | 10 |
| P. A. Wimberley, c and b Winter..... | 7  |
| Paige, c and b West.....             | 6  |
| V. A. Harfield, c and b B. West..... | 4  |
| Bury, c and b Winter.....            | 0  |
| Wood, b P. W. Bryant.....            | 3  |
| Wooster, b West.....                 | 15 |
| Whitfield, c and b Bryant.....       | 0  |
| Giles, lbw., b Bryant.....           | 1  |
| Jones, not out.....                  | 0  |
| Extras.....                          | 4  |

Total..... 51

Abingdon played a weak XI but managed to win by 1 run. Harfield and Wimberley bowled unchanged, Harfield taking 5 for 15 and Wimberley 3 for 27. The School batting was a trifle dull.

v. Magdalen College School, Brackley, away, July 1st. Lost by 21 runs. (Last year, lost by 27 runs.)

## M.S.C., BRACKLEY.

|                                        |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|
| Bradbury, run out.....                 | 4  |
| Holdom, b Fletcher.....                | 34 |
| Arbaster, c Wimberley, b Harfield..... | 1  |
| Beck, st Goodey, b Fletcher.....       | 28 |
| Madelaine, b Fletcher.....             | 4  |
| Cherry, lbw., b Fletcher.....          | 0  |
| Friswell, run out.....                 | 13 |



|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Gray, b Fletcher.....        | 1 |
| Usher, c and b Harfield..... | 9 |
| Scott, b Fletcher.....       | 1 |
| Redden, not out.....         | 0 |
| Extras.....                  | 8 |

Total..... 103  
Fletcher, 6 for 24.

## ABINGDON SCHOOL.

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| J. A. Fletcher, lbw., b Scott.....    | 13 |
| R. E. Bowman, run out.....            | 5  |
| P. A. Wimberley, c Beck, b Redden.... | 7  |
| Blundell, lbw., b Scott.....          | 0  |
| Goodey, b Scott.....                  | 0  |
| Paige, run out.....                   | 16 |
| V. A. Harfield, b Redden.....         | 3  |
| Dean, b Scott.....                    | 29 |
| Wooster, run out.....                 | 2  |
| Wood, b Beck.....                     | 1  |
| Whitfield, not out.....               | 2  |
| Extras.....                           | 4  |

Total..... 82

As a result of rain the ball did memorable things, but Brackley compiled 103 to which Abingdon could only reply with 82. Fletcher, who returned to captain the side, took 6 for 24 and Harfield took 2 for 26. Dean and Paige raised the Abingdon score from 30 to 73, scoring 29 and 16 respectively.

v. R.A.F., Bicester, away, July 8th. Won by 4 wickets.

## R.A.F., BICESTER.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Hall, lbw., b Harfield.....          | 21 |
| Beasley, c Fletcher, b Harfield..... | 5  |
| Payne, c Fletcher, b Harfield.....   | 24 |
| Wright, not out.....                 | 11 |
| Reid, b Blundell.....                | 6  |
| Daniels, b Wimberley.....            | 6  |
| Thomas, b Wimberley.....             | 4  |
| Hook, b Fletcher.....                | 7  |
| Daniels, b Fletcher.....             | 12 |
| Beacham, not out.....                | 2  |
| Heucher did not bat.                 |    |
| Extras.....                          | 11 |

Total (for 8 wkts.)..... 109  
Fletcher, 2 for 17.

## ABINGDON SCHOOL.

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| J. A. Fletcher, st Daniels, b Beacham... | 47 |
| R. E. Bowman, b Hencher.....             | 2  |
| P. A. Wimberley, c and b Beacham....     | 47 |
| Paige, c Thomas, b Payne.....            | 0  |
| Goodey, not out.....                     | 2  |

|                                                            |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Blundell, not out.....                                     | 0  |
| Lines, Dean, Wood, Wooster and V. A. Harfield did not bat. |    |
| Extras.....                                                | 15 |

Total (for 4 wkts.)..... 113

The R.A.F. made a sporting declaration at 109 for 8, just giving the School time to get the runs. When stumps were drawn the Abingdon score stood at 113 for 4. Fletcher made a bright 47 and in partnership with Wimberley put on 85 for the second wicket.

## FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

J. A. Fletcher. 1st XI Colours 1934. Captained the side very capably in all matches except two, when the team suffered heavily from the loss of his batting and bowling.

Had an excellent off drive and placed the ball well. As a bowler he often sacrificed length to break, but his bowling was usually effective.

P. A. Wimberley. 1st XI Colours 1936. A very useful left-hand bat and medium-fast right-hand bowler. Played some valuable innings, and towards the end of the season he learnt to chose the right ball to hit. Apart from a certain slowness on the leg side, he had a good range of effective strokes.

R. E. Bowman. 1st XI Colours 1936. A successful though unorthodox opening batsman, he played very well in the Leighton Park match. His play would have been better had he used his wrists properly and tried to place his left foot closer to the ball. A mediocre fieldsman.

V. A. Harfield. 1st XI Colours 1936. Top of the bowling averages, he could bowl for long spells unchanged and had some very successful periods. His batting was spoiled by his inability to put his left foot towards the pitch of the ball, and could he remedy this defect he would make runs.

J. N. Paige. 2nd XI Colours 1936. With increased height and strength should prove a really good batsman. Very quick, and consequently very effective on the leg side. At cover point he fielded excellently, exemplifying the advantage of walking in as the ball is delivered.

T. H. Blundell. 2nd XI Colours 1936. A successful bowler who should bowl better when he has learned to control his run to the wicket. An unorthodox bat prone to be out lbw. A promising cricketer.

A. C. Dean. 2nd XI Colours 1936. A steady batsman who, on many occasions made runs at the end of the innings. Should be very useful next season.

R. Goodey. 2nd XI Colours 1936. Kept wicket well, standing up to the wicket for all bowling and giving away very few byes. A little slow in jumping across to balls on the leg side, and apt to leave wide balls alone.

J. M. Wood. 2nd XI Colours 1936. A steady but slow-footed batsman, who, with improved footwork, will improve all round. A safe fieldsm.

J. Lines. 2nd XI Colours 1936. When set, a steady scorer. His cover drives could be improved by keeping his right foot on the ground throughout the stroke. Surprisingly quick on the leg side.

J. O. Bury. 2nd XI Colours 1935. Kept wicket in the opening matches of the season. On several occasions did some useful stone-walling.

#### SECOND XI.

The results of the matches were as follows:—

v. Bloxham School 2nd XI, at home, May 30th. Lost. (Last year, lost.)

Bloxham 67. Eastwood 28. Whitfield 3 for 5, Jones 4 for 21.

Abingdon School 63. Paige 22. Rareezer 4 for 15.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford, away, June 3rd. Lost. (Last year, scratched.)

Abingdon School 42. Tinckler 8 for 17.

M.C.S. 139 for 5. Cotton 35, Dobbs 30.

v. Dorchester College, away, June 6th. Lost. Abingdon School 29. Smith 5 for 10, Shaw 5 for 13.

Dorchester College 55. Wooster 3 for 9 in 4 balls.

v. Leighton Park School, away, June 17th. Drawn. (Last year, drawn.)

L.P.S. 178 for 8 decl. Cadbury 53.

Abingdon School 88 for 8. Randall 35. Salmon 3 for 12.

The following played in Second XI matches:—  
L. J. D. Hutchinson, G. D. Randall, P. H. Wooster, C. G. Carter iii, R. Goodey i, D. Jones vi, H. H. Whitfield, J. N. Paige, W. Giles, H. A. Lunghi, M. D. Wells, G. W. Povey, D. Pimm, R. F. Jackson.

#### "UNDER 15" MATCHES.

v. M.C.S., Brackley, home, May 23rd. Won.

Abingdon School 210 for 4. Lines 114.

M.C.S. 79. Ballard 26. Pinun 3 for 14, Povey 3 for 18.

v. City of Oxford School, home, May 27th. Won.

C.O.S. 51. Blundell 5 for 13.

Abingdon School 79. Randall 26 not out. Inness 5 for 38.

v. Wantage School, away, June 10th. Won.

Wantage School 40. Povey 4 for 14.

Abingdon School 125. Randall 33, Lines 26.

v. Bloxham School, away, June 24th. Won.

Bloxham School 108. Lester 42. Dean 5 for 19.

Abingdon School 206. Lines 128.

v. St. Edward's School, home, June 27th. Lost.

St. Edward's School 158. Langdon 88 not out. Blundell 9 for 33.

Abingdon School 76. Lines 34 not out. Woodford 3 for 7.

v. Leighton Park School, away, July 4th. Won. Leighton Park 44. Blundell 8 for 19.

Abingdon School 130 for 3. Lines 79.

The following played for the "Under 15" XI:—  
G. W. Povey, J. Lines, T. H. Blundell, A. C. Dean, D. Pimm, G. D. Randall, R. F. Jackson, G. L. Logan, L. L. Bernthal, N. J. Holmes, G. S. Moss, P. H. Bloomer, J. P. Aldersley, M. H. Wheat, G. B. Peck.

#### HOUSE MATCHES.

Green v. Blue. Blue won by 2 wickets. Green, 134 (Wimberley 49) and 119 (Lines 62). Blue, 135 for 8 (Fletcher 41, Randall 35 not out) and 124 for 8 (Paige 50).

Green v. Red. Green won by 39 runs. Green, 54 (Wooster 5 for 24, Dean 5 for 22) and 48 (Dean 6 for 23). Red, 38 (Harfield 5 for 22, Blundell 3 for 0) and 25 (Blundell 6 for 11, Lines 4 for 9).

Blue v. Red. Blue won by 9 wkts. Red, 92 (Carter 3 for 5). Blue 108 for 1 (Fletcher 84 not out).

Thus Blue House won the "Carr" Cup.

#### O.T.C.

Mention must first be made of the annual inspection which was carried out on June 2nd by Colonel B. C. S. Clarke, D.S.O. The inspecting officer expressed himself very satisfied with the work of the corps as a whole and complimented the cadet N.C.O's both on their words of command and their tactical knowledge as tested on the sand table.

The annual camp was held at Rushmoor, Aldershot from July 28th to August 5th and we were pleased to have a full platoon of 34 cadets present. An advance party of 8 cadets left for camp on the Monday, July 26th, and had an enjoyable journey by road. The remainder of the contingent arrived the following afternoon and found all preliminary arrangements had been completed. The weather proved decidedly wet, but advantage

was taken of the shelter provided by the arena and use was also made of the cinema where some excellent training films were shown. Sgt. Bennett commanded the platoon while J. O. Bury acted as C.Q.M.S. and took charge of all the messing arrangements. We were also very fortunate to have G. A. R. Boyd with us and we owe him our thanks for making the daily routine and administration run so smoothly and successfully.

This term 15 recruits have been enrolled. The corps has been organised on a group basis and a large part of the training has been in the hands of the senior N.C.O's, C.S.M. J. O. Bury, Sgts. H. T. Jones iii, R. F. Simmonds and H. H. Whitfield, who have proved themselves most capable instructors. We have again to thank Sgt.-Major Eyre both for raising the standard of the weapon training and for his work with the candidates for Certificate "A," in which connection we are very pleased to state that 11 candidates out of 13 were successful in the practical examination.

The Corps has just acquired the use of a building in Waste Court as an armoury; this is a great asset more especially as the building is of stone and provides ample accommodation for further development. L.Cpl. Wells and Cdt. Barnard are now in charge of the stores.

#### Promotions :

To be C.S.M. : J. O. Bury.

To be Sgts. : R. F. Simmonds, H. T. Jones iii, H. H. Whitfield.

To be Cpls. : H. A. Lunghi, G. V. Bayley, R. E. Brodie, V. A. Harfield.

To be L.-Cpls. : S. K. Muir, B. N. Bosley, R. Goodey i, D. Jones vi, E. F. Stevens, M. D. Wells.

#### THE RAG CONCERT.

The evening started off at a good pace with two locomotive items. First "The Lodgers" gave a ditty starring G. Farnsworth as a really personable traction engine, and followed this by an account of their adventures on "The Great American Railway." A quick change of scene, and we found ourselves in a solicitor's office at night-fall, where H. A. Lunghi made our—and H. T. Jones's—flesh creep until we discovered that he was merely exploiting an original approach to the insurance problem. The next sketch was a crook play in which G. L. Logan as an astute householder refused to be deceived by the bogus detective (M. C. Barnard), and neatly handed him and the burglar (H. B. Bailey) over to the arm of the law. In the succeeding triologue we were able to study

the varied ability of "Mr. Vitch" (D. M. Cracknell), "Mr. Beaker" (M. D. Wells), and "Julian P. Basher" (J. Graff) for spinning a plausible yarn about a magical chair. It was pleasant to find that Uncle Sam, for all his artfulness didn't succeed in scoring off the stolid Britons. The last dramatic number—a street scene at midnight—revealed R. F. Simmonds frying his supper over a brazier alongside his man-hole. Enter belated citizen (L. J. D. Hutchinson), who makes a number of enquiries that elicit remarkable revelations about the natural history of "holes." The unexpected discovery of gas on the premises leads to a quick and convulsive conclusion.

Interspersed among these histrionic numbers we had vocal items from Mr. Alston ("Handel Up-to-date," "Uncle Tom Cobleigh and All") and Mr. Pimm, who passed by twice, giving us each time, *en passant*, a song.

The whole of this diversified programme was adroitly knit together by the able compère-ing of L. J. D. Hutchinson.

#### ECCENTRIC ELECTRICITY.

I think the electrical system was probably installed by "some person or persons unknown" in the early 15th century.

In spite of its great antiquity everything works somehow. This is mainly due to the efforts of Jack—the exceedingly erudite electrician—actually the only person who understands the extraordinary wiring system in the least bit. As there are no fewer than 6 dynamos about the place, it is fascinating to watch Jack at work behind the main switchboard—a network of wires, some connected others hanging loose. Someone may come up to him and say, "There's not enough juice to work the welder, Jack," whereupon Jack grabs a handful of loose wires and proceeds to connect them up to sundry terminals; there is a blinding flash followed by some strong language on Jack's part. "That *can't* be right," he says, "Ah, that's the wire I'm looking for," and he selects another wire from a seemingly hopeless tangle. Then, lo and behold, another dynamo is connected up. Its incredible!

An electric crane may, perhaps, have to lift almost double its load in an emergency. "Jonah," the old boy who looks after the twin engines which drive the main dynamo, is standing by the switchboard. He watches the ammeter creep up as the crane takes the load—800, 900, 1,000 amps., the engines begin to thump and knock. He grabs

at a switch and the boiler-yard is plunged into darkness—the unfortunate boiler-yard is always the first to go—and thus the electric load is released a little. But suddenly, “phut,” the fuse blows. That’s nothing, mend it with much thicker wire for the time being. And so the crane does its job—its amazing what they’ll do when put to it.

There are often a few bare wires about but 110 volts doesn’t give one much of a shock. Often, too, owing to these bare wires, their may be such a leak to earth that things will only just work when connected up.

However, a bit of insulation, tape and everything’s all right again!

D.F.W.N.

### OVER THE GROSSE GLOCKNER.

We were returning from Budapesth and, not wishing to return through Vienna, struck off our route, following the road to the Grosse Glockner Hoch-alpenstrasse. The Grosse Glockner is a mountain in the Kitzbuhel Alps, not far from the frontier of Germany and Austria. It is approximately 12,000 feet high and the road is said to be one of the most remarkable feats of engineering in the Alps.

When we first thought of making for this road it was about 300 miles away, but as it seemed to offer some good scenery we began to track it down. However it seemed to avoid us and we thought that we should never get there, until at last, slowly but surely, the scenery began to change from an agricultural countryside to a mountainous district, where all around were high peaks covered with snow.

During the last 50 miles the road climbed steadily upwards and was continually crossing small mountain streams, which rushed down the mountain sides, like cascades of silver. In places where the rocky sides fell away abruptly the water seemed anxious to throw itself on to the jutting rocks below and when the sun shone on it, it seemed as though some giant was dangling an immense string of pearls down the mountain side.

At last we reached the foot of the mountain, where there was a toll-gate. After a certain amount of difficulty—for none of the family speaks any language except English—we realized that the keeper of the gate was trying to tell us that there had been a fall of snow the night before and that the pass was completely blocked and would probably be so for several days.

This was, indeed, an unpleasant setback after our having journeyed 300 miles. However, we decided to go as far as possible and then come back. So we paid the toll and were allowed to proceed.

When we reached the limit it was snowing hard; we saw a glacier, which looked like a colossal piece of glass and it was very hard to believe that such a huge mass could be continually on the move.

We turned back and when we were about half-way down to the toll-gate again we saw another road, with a signpost, “To Zell-am-See,” which was the place that we wished to reach. We turned up this road and came to a second toll-gate at which another car was waiting.

This car was French and the youngest occupant, a man of about 22, who could speak a little English, came and told us that it was necessary to wait until the snow-plough returned to make its report; it was then about 5 o’clock in the afternoon and at 10 minutes past 6 o’clock the snow plough arrived covered with snow, and said that the road was just passable for one-way traffic.

We then waited a further quarter of an hour for the traffic coming towards us to pass.

During this time a third car had drawn up behind us, which we saw was a Czech. When we, having paid more toll, were allowed to go the Czech, evidently showing us what a fine car he had, rushed ahead of the Frenchman and us, who were going slowly in bottom gear for safety’s sake. On the first stiff hill, after we had got right into the snow, he tried to change gear and stopped his engine. This meant that all the cars had to stop and once we stopped the wheels froze to the road, and when he started his engine again, none of the cars could get started because the wheels spun. The young Frenchman came to fetch me and we stood on the back of each car in turn to help the wheels to grip. Our car started with such a jerk that my sister, who had joined us, and we two were thrown on our faces in the snow, and as the cars could not stop again we had to walk.

By this time it had become dark and a strong wind came up together with plenty of snow. We were continually slipping and falling into the snow and as we were not dressed for the occasion, having neither coats nor mackintoshes, we all were soon soaked through. At last the cars hove in sight through the driving snow; they had stopped again, through the Czech’s engine and again we went through the same procedure and then continued with our wearisome hike.

The Czech stopped again and then again, this time with a puncture and it was all we could do to get started. Soon after the Czech stopped again but luckily we were near a tunnel and some men came and helped us.

Once in the tunnel we were counted and checked to see that nobody was missing and then allowed to proceed. On we went until the Czech stopped again but we got him going and this time managed to have a ride instead of a walk. Through another tunnel and then began the descent, which was just as unpleasant as the ascent because being right up in the clouds was like being in a fog. All the corners were hairpin bends and yet the Czech rushed down at a speed which seemed to indicate that he was tired of life. One hoped that our car would not skid on the corners and, thanks to the skill of my father, it did not.

At last we reached the bottom and made our way to the "gasthof" or country inn, which was situated at the bottom. It was then about 10.30 p.m., the journey of about 10 miles having taken us some 4 hours. One rather amusing thing, which kept on happening throughout the journey, was that when anybody tried to light a cigarette outside the car either the wind blew the match out or when, after using many matches and many words, one managed to get it alight a piece of snow would, without any warning, land on the hot end and put it out.

It can well be understood that having had something to keep the cold out, we were very pleased to get to bed and sleep. When we awoke in the morning there was the Grosse Glockner brilliant in the morning sun appearing still to defy puny man to cross the pass.

R.F.S.

### SPANISH WARFARE.

On my arrival in Gibraltar the first actual warfare that I was destined to see took place several miles off Europa Point on Sunday, 2nd August, at about 6 p.m. I looked out in the direction of Malaga. A Government destroyer was steaming in the direction of Malaga when a rebel plane came on the scene. She proceeded to drop bombs on the destroyer which at once retaliated with her anti-aircraft guns and also used a Pom-Pom. The affair lasted for about half an hour, during which the bomb to land closest to the ship fell within about 100—200 yards, while the plane remained entirely unharmed. The destroyer kept tracing a circular course, in order that the bombing should be more difficult. To the naked eye the plane

appeared a tiny speck among the black mushrooms that floated in the sky, where the shells had exploded.

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Towards the end of this interest battle another plane appeared and the ship went off at full steam in the direction of Malaga; the new arrival, however, continued her course to Algeciras. Meanwhile the first plane continued to harass the ship for a short distance, then eventually turned away and left the destroyer to continue its journey.

The second incident took place on the following day, Monday, Bank Holiday, at about 10.30 a.m. The sound of guns broke the stillness of the hot day, and jumping into the car we drove to a point where we had a fairly good view of the battle in progress. We parked in a row of cars, belonging to people who had, like us, been attracted by the sound of the heavy guns. Unfortunately the day being exceptionally hot, the heat haze made it difficult to see; but as far as I could make out there was a Government man-o'-war off the coast of Ceuta. What she was firing at I am unable to say, but I saw several flashes on the horizon where there appeared to be a thick mist. The shooting petered out after about a quarter of an hour.

On Wednesday, 5th August, I witnessed a naval battle off Terifa Point. Firing started at 5.30 p.m. The shots sounded exceptionally close and the windows and doors shook and rattled with every shot. I jumped up and taking down my father's telescope I went upstairs to a window commanding a view in the direction of Ceuta. I was well rewarded for my trouble for there appeared a Government destroyer, her guns firing at high speed. She was firing on two rebel ships: one, I believe was carrying troops, if not both. They proceeded with all speed to Algeciras. The shooting lasted until ten minutes to six.

But I think that the most interesting and exciting piece of warfare I saw was when *Jaime I* (pronounced hy-mi) bombarded Algeciras. She commenced firing on the town at about 10.30 a.m. Shells were exploding in the harbour and the town, fountains of water rising where the shells landed in the water, and clouds of earth and dust where they landed in the town. Algeciras replied with a heavy barrage, and as the range was far too long, most of the shells went over *Jaime I* and narrowly missed the Rotterdam-Lloyd boat *Dempo* which was just leaving Gib. The *Dato*, a rebel

destroyer, was hit by the *Jaime* and caught fire in the harbour, while some piles of cork were set alight on the pier and burned long into the night.  
D.G.S.

### OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of *The Abingdonian*.  
Sir,

We are instructed to write to you concerning the O.A.'s at present in residence; at the time of writing we have not yet perfected our espionage system, and your blushful readers must be contented with the most public details of their heroes.

Arthur Fleet is Treasurer of the Beaumont Society and Captain of Boats; he rowed in Trial Eights for two days and is a Mermaid, which, Sir, is not the second University boat, but just reading A plays. He has Swedish glass in his rooms and smokes a blue clay pipe acquired in Germany, where he spent six months learning the language and heiling at the Olympic games, except soccer; his rooms are large and away from dons so that when he goes to bed he has to comb societies out of his hair; banana skins should be avoided in conversation.

David Brown is a Half-blue and secretary of the college Athletic Club; he is a member of the Teasel club (*q.v.*), and lurks places. We have observed him attending lectures.

The results in schools of your scholars have shown only too clearly the lively interest taken by the old alumni in the social, athletic, and intellectual fields.

As for ourselves, Sir, we have done little to be included in interview-and-record; we have joined the University sappers to see the Jubilee and go to Chatham; we tease the Communists, patronise the Arts, and revile poor Mr. Baldwin; we are learning Chinese and like Americans; we like Mr. Deeds and dislike peasant craftes; we like Brunswick 01468 and disapprove of the new Bodleian; we are disillusioned about lectures but find scouts truly feudal; at skittles we shine more than at squash; and we do exhort you constantly to keep the old vitai lampada glowing.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

### O.A. NOTES.

The Editor is compiling a register of names, addresses and occupations of Old Boys from the year 1870, which it is hoped will be published in

due course. To make it as comprehensive as possible he will be glad to receive any information from or about Old Boys, particularly those who are not members of the O.A. Club, and also notification of change of address at any time.

### BIRTHS.

SHALLARD.—On Nov. 16, 1935, to Dorothy, wife of S. W. D. Shallard (1924), of Egmont Village, Taranaki, New Zealand, a daughter, Jennifer Margaret.

CHARLETON.—On July 18, at Murree, India, to Kitty, wife of Sergt.-Instructor Douglas Charleton (1925), of the Army Educational Corps, a daughter.

McFARLANE.—On July 24, to Molly, wife of G. M. G. McFarlane (1922), of 16 Fairfield Crescent, Edgware, Middlesex, a daughter.

FRANKLIN.—On Oct. 15, at 46 Bath Street, Abingdon, to Margery Franklin, M.P.S., wife of H. W. Franklin (1921), M.P.S., F.S.M.C., F.B.O.A., a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

HALL—WHITING.—On June 27, at St. Nicholas' Church, Thames Ditton, Christopher Rushton Hall (1927), of East Sheen, to Margaret Grace, daughter of the late Mr. Edward and Mrs. Maud Whiting.

COX—WALTER.—On July 9, at St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon, Ronald Vickers (1932), son of the late Mr. G. H. and Mrs. Vickers Cox, of Spring Gardens, Abingdon, to Edith Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Walter, of 1 Stert Street, Abingdon.

HOWARD—HEAD.—On July 16, at St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Church, Abingdon, Patrick Leonard (1917), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Howard, of Norman Avenue, Abingdon, to Margaret Beatrice, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Head, of Pennhurst, Oxford Road, Abingdon.

WOOD—EMMETT.—On Aug. 1, at the Cathedral, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, by the Bishop of the diocese, George Anthony (1929), second son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wood, of Stanmore, Middlesex, to Margaret, daughter of the late Mr. E. C. and Mrs. Emmett, of Esher, Surrey.

GLENNY—HUBBARD.—On Sept. 19, at St. Jude's Church, Southsea, Francis Baikie (1919), elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. C. V. Glenny, of West-cliff-on-Sea, to Cecily, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hubbard, of 17 St. Edward's Road, Southsea.

SINCLAIR—SYKES.—On Oct. 1, at All Saints' Church, Bombay, India, James Francis (1924) elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sinclair, of

St. Buryan, Cornwall, to Elinor Grace, younger daughter of Brigadier-General Sir Percy and Lady Sykes, of 18 Eastbury Court, London, W.

CHALLENGER—KER.—On Oct. 6, at Holy Trinity Church, West Hendred, Oscar Bernard (1909), youngest son of the late Mr. Bromley and Mrs. Challenger, of The Firs, Abingdon, to Doris Loraine, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ker, of of Sparsholt Court, West Hendred.

#### DEATH.

CHALLENGER.—On June 20, at Holly Lodge, Abingdon, Harry Septimus Challenger (1881), M.R.C.S., aged 72.

Our very sincere thanks are due to J. D. Wood (1926), who, with assistance from G. A. R. Boyd (1931), has spent much valuable time in making a survey of the Waste Court property, with a full report and plans of the building and estate.

We congratulate J. E. F. Meadmore (1921) and C. E. H. Dolphin (1922) on passing into the Staff College, Camberley. Several hundred officers competed for the twenty-eight vacancies. Dolphin has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

Congratulations also to K. W. Barr (1932), of University College, London, who took First Class Honours in Geology in the recent B.Sc. Special Examination of London University. He has since been appointed to a post as Geologist on the staff of Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd., and sailed for the West Indies in August. His address is: c/o Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd., Pointe-à-Pierre, Trinidad, B.W.I.

D. F. W. Newman (1935), as a First Year Student, has passed in the First Division of the Final Pass List at Faraday House. He is now with Messrs. Fielding and Platt, Ltd., of Gloucester, for his second year.

R. G. Sandercock (1932), as a Fourth Year Student, is with the General Electric Company, Ltd., Witton.

T. S. Coulson (1932) passed in Class II in the Honour School of Physiology at Oxford.

A. L. Fleet (1934) took Third Class Honours in Classical Mods. at Oxford in the spring, and P. A. D. Jones (1934) was, last term, placed in the same class in Mathematical Mods.

B. J. Pedlar (1930) also took a Third Class in Classics at the B.A. Examination of London University.

F. B. Glenney (1919), of the British and American Tobacco Company, has been home on leave from Nigeria, and improved the occasion by getting married. He returns to West Africa in December, this time to the Congo, with his wife.

S. W. D. Shallard (1924) has accepted a post as manager of a dairy farm at Egmont Village, Taranaki, New Zealand, and has been there now for over a year.

M. Ogle (1929), who has been teaching in Kenya, is now at home on leave.

Paymaster-Lieutenant T. T. Theophilus, R.N. (1925) is now serving with H.M. Australian Squadron in H.M.A.S. *Canberra*. He expects to be away—"down under"—for two years.

G. E. Sinclair (1931) sailed for the Gold Coast at the end of July, and we understand that he finds the life there pleasant and the work most interesting.

L. S. Bailey (1930) is working with Messrs. Burgess & Co., Chartered Accountants, of St. Mary Axe. To O.A.'s of an earlier date it may be of interest to read that he lodges at the house of another O.A., the Rev. Cyril Hallett, at 16 North Road, Highgate.

J. M. Allison (1932), who is teaching at Cowley, has accepted a commission in the Oxford and Bucks light Infantry T.F.

D. H. Blake (1934) has a temporary job until Christmas with Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners, Contracting Engineers and Architects, Westminster.

G. M. Stevens (1935) is working with Messrs. Andrew Weir & Co., Ship Brokers.

Lieut. A. J. A. Watson (1925) put the weight 47 feet 1 inch at the Army Championship Meeting at Aldershot this year—a new Army record, beating the previous record, which he already held, by 3 feet.

A. L. Fleet (1935) has been rowing "3" in the "A" Crew of the Oxford Trial Eights.

S. A. Paige (1930) has again been playing regularly in the scrum for the Wasps 1st XV, and M. N. Laybourne (1933) at stand-off half for the 1st XV of Bart's Hospital. Both have received several "honourable mentions" in the papers, and the latter, according to the *Times* correspondent, was largely responsible for the victory of his side over the Old Blues on Oct. 10.

Of the boys who left in the summer:—

F. A. Bennett is taking a course at Birmingham University.

J. A. Fletcher is at the R.M.A., Woolwich.

R. E. Bowman is working with C. A. Redfarn, B.Sc., Ph.D., an authority on plastics, rubber, bakelite, etc., in London.

P. A. Wimberley has been appointed to a short service commission in the General Duties Branch of the Royal Air Force.

L. J. D. Hutchinson is attending a three months' course in Journalism at Loreburn College, Manchester.

#### O.A. CLUB NOTES.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Masters' Common Room at the School on Saturday June 20th, 1936, after the Past *v.* Present Cricket Match. The President (C. E. H. Dolphin) was in the chair and 28 other members were present.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £56 2s. 2d.

The following officers were elected for 1936-37 :

*President* : W. H. Stevens.

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

*Committee* : E. G. Langford, G. S. Sturrock, S. A. Fabes, D. E. Healy, J. D. Wood and S. A. Paige.

*Hon. Secs. and Treas* : L. P. Mosdell, East End House, Mortimer, Berks. H. A. L. Donkin, Caldecott Cottage, Abingdon.

*London Secretary* : G. A. R. Boyd, 19 Hartington Road, Grove Park, Chiswick, W.4.

The President referred with regret to the death of H. S. Challenor, O.A., a Governor of the School and a Past President of the Club. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to convey the sympathies of the Club to Miss Challenor.

The most important event of the year has been the work of the "Trust" Sub-Committee with reference to the formation of a Trust Fund. The Committee accepted the recommendations of the Sub-Committee and these recommendations were put before the General Meeting and adopted.

These were as follows :—

1. That a Trust Fund should be created.
2. That the Club should appoint a special Trust Committee composed of Subscribers to such a Trust Fund.
3. That this Trust Committee should appoint the first Trustees of the Fund who should be four in number and of whom two at least should be Old Abingdonian Subscribers to the Fund. In the event of a vacancy occurring the surviving Trustees should appoint a successor but with the approval of the Trust Committee.
4. That the Trustees should consult the Trust Committee as to the administration and disposal of the Trust Funds and should take their views into consideration, but that the final decision should rest with the Trustees.

5. That of the guinea Life Subscription to the Club 3s. should be paid to the *Abingdonian* for delivery to new members for two years and that 2s. should be credited to the Trust Fund.

That Members (new Members after two years) and others should be invited to subscribe to the Trust Fund a minimum of 5s. each per annum which will include delivery of the *Abingdonian*. Out of this Yearly Subscription 1s. 6d. will be paid to the *Abingdonian* and the remainder credited to the Trust Fund.

6. Members and others would also be invited to give donations.

The effect as far as the Club is concerned is that as regards the Life Subscription of £1 1s. 0d., 16s. only will now go to the funds of the Club, the other 5s. will pay for the *Abingdonian* to be sent to the new Members for two years (3s.) and the remaining 2s. will go to the Trust Fund.

The Committee have requested Messrs. E. G. Langford and G. F. Powell to prepare a draft of a Trust Deed. They further recommend that the proposed Trust Committee should consist of 12 Members.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to H. A. L. Donkin who had been Secretary of the Club for the past fifteen years and had done sterling work for the Club with energy and enthusiasm during the whole of that time. He had announced that owing to pressure of work he was compelled to relinquish his position as Chief Hon. Secretary. However, to the great satisfaction of the meeting he agreed to remain as an Hon. Secretary of the Club but only in an advisory and not an executive capacity.

#### RUGGER SECTION.

G. A. R. Boyd gave a report on this Section which was adopted and a vote of thanks to G. A. R. Boyd and the Committee of this Section for their hard work was carried unanimously. It was resolved that this Section be permitted to retain £10 already advanced to it from the Club funds and further that the Committee be given power to advance up to a further £25 during the ensuing year if this were thought desirable.

The Golf Competition held at Frilford on Sunday, June 21st, 1936 resulted as follows :—

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| C. E. H. Dolphin | 74 - 3 = 71  |
| H. A. L. Donkin  | 85 - 13 = 72 |
| E. G. Langford   | 75 scr. = 75 |
| R. A. Langford   | 80 - 3 = 77  |



C. E. H. Dolphin therefore holds the Cup for the year. He also received the prize presented by J. B. Reeves, O.A., the donor of the Cup.

The Club Dinner was held at the Lion Hotel on Saturday, June 20th, 1936, as usual after the Past v. Present Cricket Match, 32 members and their guests being present.

We should like to congratulate the School 1st XV on the auspicious opening to their Rugger season. They appear to have plenty of devil and look like developing into a fine side. May they continue to prosper and to be a shining example of the beneficial effect of physical education!

L. P. MOSDELL.

## SECOND XV.

|                  |                        |      |
|------------------|------------------------|------|
| Sat. Oct. 31     | Leighton Park School   | Home |
| Wed. Nov. 11     | Bloxham School         | Away |
| Wed. „ 18        | Southfield School      | Home |
| Wed. Dec. 2      | Magdalen C.S. Oxford   | Home |
| “ UNDER 15 ” XV. |                        |      |
| Wed. Oct. 14     | Leighton Park School   | Home |
| Wed. „ 21        | Bloxham School         | Away |
| Wed. „ 28        | Magdalen C.S. Oxford   | Away |
| Sat. Nov. 7      | Southfield School      | Away |
| Wed. „ 18        | Magdalen C.S. Brackley | Away |
| Wed. „ 25        | City of Oxford School  | Home |

## RUGGER FIXTURES.

## FIRST XV.

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|--------------|--------------------------|------|
| Sat. Oct. 10 | London O.A's             | Home |
| Sat. „ 17    | Radley College 2nd XV    | Home |
| Sat. „ 31    | Leighton Park School     | Away |
| Wed. Nov. 4  | Magdalen C.S. Brackley   | Home |
| Sat. „ 7     | Southfield School        | Home |
| Wed. „ 11    | Bloxham School           | Home |
| Sat. „ 14    | Magdalen C.S. Oxford     | Away |
| Sat. „ 21    | R.A.F., Abingdon         | Home |
| Wed. „ 25    | City of Oxford School    | Away |
| Sat. „ 28    | Pembroke College, Oxford | Away |
| Sat. „ 5     | Old Abingdonians         | Home |

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