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SCHOOL NOTES.

Thanks to a fine dry autumn we have not yet entirely forgotten the most brilliantly hot summer holidays that we have enjoyed for years, and so there is more excuse than in some years for the quantity of cricket news that is served up in the Christmas Term number. In fact during October the rugger pitches would have produced very fast wickets, but this has not prevented the 1st XV from shewing very encouraging form.

The numbers on the School list at 162 remain near their peak and this term has witnessed the revival of the Debating Society as well as the third season of the Play Reading Society.

Mr. Ingham has relinquished the House-mastership which he has held for the last 22 years and moved into a house of his own in Spring Road. Mr. Holmes succeeds him in School House.

We have great pleasure in acknowledging several presentations to the School in various spheres. Miss Grundy has given two vases for the Chapel Altar to replace the former brass ones, and these, together with the two additional rows of oak seats provided this term, add greatly to the appearance of

the Chapel. To Mrs. Wheat we are indebted for a "dimmer" for the stage lighting, the elaborate switchboard being constructed by M. H. Wheat and R. F. Jackson. Mr. J. B. Reeves, O.A., has presented to the Library the complete Library Edition of *The Cambridge Modern History*, and J. A. Fletcher, O.A., the outstanding batsman of the last few seasons, has presented a silver cup to be held for a year by the batsman with the highest average in the 1st XI, or won outright by any boy exceeding Fletcher's own average of 64 in 1936. To all we offer our grateful thanks.

The School Officers this term are :

Captain of the School and Head of the House :
H. A. Lunghi.

School Prefects : G. V. Bayley, H. T. Jones, P. H. Wooster, M. D. Wells, A. C. Dean. Sub-prefects : M. H. Wheat (Waste Court), D. E. Roberts, D. B. West, R. F. Jackson, L. L. Bernthal, C. G. Carter, D. M. Cracknell, R. Hedger, G. W. Povey, G. D. Randall, J. M. Wood.

Captain of Rugger : H. A. Lunghi.

Hon. Sec. of Games : M. H. Wheat.

School Librarian : J. Graff.

2nd XI Caps were awarded last term to: P. H. Wooster, G. W. Povey, C. E. Yielding, C. G. Carter and J. Graff.

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

The Fletcher Cup and the bat for the best batsman in the 1st XI (given by the Masters' Common Room) was won by P. H. Wooster with an average of 23 and the bat given by the Headmaster for the best bowler in the XI by C. E. Yielding. G. D. Randall won the bat awarded for fielding.

The "Henderson" bats for the best batsmen under 16 and 15 were awarded to J. Lines and J. P. Aldersley, and the "Meredith" bats for the best bowlers in the 2nd and "Under 15" XI's to J. M. Wood and J. Richardson.

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

J. W. Rayson has passed the Grade 2 examination of the Royal Academy of Music, with honourable mention.

On Friday, October 8th, the English Classical Players visited us again and gave a most enjoyable presentation of "The Midsummer Night's Dream."

H. A. Lunghi and C. A. Ronan attended the Duke of York's Camp at Littlestone-on-Sea during the early part of August.

This term ends on Tuesday, Dec. 14th, boarders leaving on the following day. The Easter Term begins on Tuesday, January 11th, boarders returning on the previous day.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Alfredian*, *The Bloxhamist*, *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* (2).

VALETE.

VI FORM. R. F. Simmonds (1931, ii). School Prefect, 1937; O.S.C., 1936; 2nd IV Rowing, 1937; Marlow IV, 1937; O.T.C., C.S.M., 1937. Cert. "A" 1936.

C. A. Ronan (1934, ii). School Prefect, 1937; O.S.C., 1936; O.T.C., Cpl., 1937, Cert. "A" 1936; School Librarian.

R. Goodey i (1931, iii). School Prefect, 1937; O.S.C., 1936; 1st XV 1935, Colours 1936; Cricket 1st XI 1936, '37, 2nd XI Colours 1936; Athletics Half-Colours 1936, Colours '37; Hockey XI 1936, '37; O.T.C. Cpl., Cert "A" 1937.

B. N. J. Bosley (1931, iii). School Prefect, 1937; O.S.C. 1936; 2nd XV Rugger 1936; Hockey XI 1937; O.T.C. Cpl., Cert "A" 1936.

V. A. Harfield (1931, iii). School Prefect, 1937; O.S.C. 1936; 1st XI Cricket 1935, 1st XI Colours 1936, Captain 1937; 2nd XV Rugger 1936; Full Athletic Colours 1937; O.T.C. Sergt., Cert. "A" 1936, 1st Class Shot.

J. P. Amies (1932, iii). School Prefect, 1937; O.S.C. 1936; O.T.C. L/Cpl., Cert "A," 1936, 1st Class Shot.

VA FORM.—W. J. Leahy (1932, iii). O.S.C., 1937.

F. N. T. Campion (1932, iii). O.S.C., 1937.

K. E. Fisher (1931, iii). O.S.C., 1937.

G. J. James (1932, iii). 2nd XI Cricket.

J. S. Richings (1932, iii).

M. C. Barnard (1932, ii). O.T.C. L/Cpl., Cert. "A" 1937, 1st Class Shot.

VB FORM.—T. C. Davies (1934, iii).

A. W. Mills (1935, iii).

REMOVE.—G. E. Martin (1936, i).

IIIA FORM.—A. H. Knight (1936, iii).

SALVETE.

VB FORM.—S. M. B. Lane.

REMOVE.—D. R. A. Whidborne, E. R. Leigh Parkin.

IIIA FORM.—R. D. Peacock, R. F. Payton, D. G. Butler, R. C. Howell, J. C. Petty, W. D. Richardson, R. J. Frearson.

IIIB FORM.—A. Grey, I. M. Crudgington, F. W. G. Carter, P. M. King.

II FORM.—R. Grey, C. D. Slingsby.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

The Founder's Day was celebrated on Friday, June 18th, favoured by better weather than last year, and there was a good gathering of parents, Old Boys and visitors. At the service in St. Helen's Church the preacher was the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters, Vicar of East Hagbourne, and in his sermon he appealed to all, and especially the boys who would be the men of to-morrow, to make the service of God a living force in their lives. Leaders were wanted in every calling but the best leaders were those who based their lives on Christian principles.

At the Prize-Giving which followed in the Corn Exchange the prizes were distributed by Lady Hester Bourne, and with her on the platform were the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters, the Rev. Dr. H. E. Salter, Vice-Admiral F. Clifton-Brown, The

Mayor of Abingdon (Mr. A. E. Tombs), and Messrs. W. Brewer, A. M. Wilson-Green, H. P. Simpson, A. R. Marshall, W. M. Grundy (the Headmaster), and W. A. Rudd.

In his report the Headmaster dealt first with the scholastic successes. J. A. Fletcher had passed into the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and 19 boys gained School Certificates. Among the Old Boys K. W. Barr took first-class honours in geology at London University and T. S. Coulson second-class honours in physiology at Oxford. B. J. Pedlar obtained third-class honours in classics at London University. The Royal Academy had accepted two architectural drawings by J. D. Wood and D. F. W. Newman passed in the first division in the final examination at Faraday House.

Turning to the general School activities, he said that at Christmas the numbers reached a record total of 164 necessitating an additional form for younger boys. The O.T.C. had done well, with 16 boys passing Certificate "A" during the year, a record for the school. In sport the Rugby XV, although hampered by the scratching of some matches, had had a successful season, and the Rowing 1st IV was undefeated. Among the Old Boys A. J. A. Watson had raised his own Army weight-putting record to 47 ft. 11 ins. and D. G. Brown also was first string in the weight putting for Oxford and Captain of Athletics at Pembroke College, where A. L. Fleet was Captain of Boats and had celebrated a most successful year by winning the Pazolt Cup, awarded annually to the College Boat Club with the best record in the various races. R. E. Broadbent won the Singles in the Bedfordshire County Tennis Championships and G. E. Sinclair had represented the Gold Coast at tennis.

In conclusion he thanked Lady Hester Bourne for deputising for Captain R. C. Bourne who was prevented from being present by pressing Parliamentary business.

Lady Hester then presented the prizes as follows:—

VI. *Classics A and Divinity*: H. A. Lunghi. *Classics B and English*: R. Hedger. *French*: A. C. Dean. *History and Physics B*: D. B. West. *Meredith Greek and Latin Prose*: H. A. Lunghi. *Mathematics A*: G. V. Bayley. *Physics A*: M. H. Wheat. *Laying Reading Prize*: H. A. Lunghi. *Chemistry A and Physics B*: R. F. Jackson. *Chemistry B*: R. Goodey i.

VA. *French and English*: C. G. Carter. *Latin and Greek*: J. H. R. Faulkner. *Divinity*: J. Graff. *History*: L. L. Bernthal. *Mathematics*:

K. E. Fisher. *Science*: W. J. Leahy. *Art*: J. M. Wood.

VB. *History and English*: K. G. Walker. *Extra English*: J. Stephenson. *Greek and Latin*: K. G. Walker. *Extra Latin*: R. Goodey ii. *Mathematics and Science*: K. G. Walker. *Extra Mathematics*: J. A. M. Green. *Divinity and French*: K. G. Walker. *Extra French and Science*: A. H. Morser.

REMOVE. *History*: J. Richardson. *French*: D. A. Culmer. *Science and Divinity*: R. W. B. Dawson. *Latin and Greek*: J. Richardson. *Mathematics*: A. R. J. Collick. *Singing*: M. Hedger.

IIIA. *History and French*: G. Hill. *Latin*: C. R. T. Heard. *Science*: P. F. Leach. *Divinity*: G. Hill. *Mathematics*: B. Arurdale.

IIIB. *French and History*: W. G. Bradfield. *Mathematics and Divinity*: A. E. Carter. *Nature Study*: W. G. Bradfield. *Pianoforte*: J. W. Rayson.

II. *French and English*: M. J. Quan. *Mathematics*: J. E. W. Lidsey. *Divinity*: P. W. Verrall. *Nature Study*: J. E. Cutteridge.

In the course of a most entertaining speech Lady Hester Bourne congratulated the Headmaster and staff on the School's successes, and remarked that she particularly envied the boy who gained honours in mathematics as she had herself failed to do so. Continuing she said that while education could help the boys a great deal the most important and perhaps most difficult thing was for them to help themselves and above all be honest with themselves. Schooldays might be the happiest years of one's life or they might not, but in any case there was real happiness to be gained from the knowledge of a job well done.

Cheers for Lady Hester Bourne, the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters, the donors of prizes and the Headmaster closed the proceedings.

Afterwards the Headmaster and Miss Grundy held an "At Home" in the School grounds, with tea for the visitors in Waste Court. A physical-training squad under the direction of Sergt.-Major Eyre gave a display during tea and while the visitors inspected the School buildings demonstrations were given in the Woodwork Shop and Laboratories.

We should like to express our appreciation and thanks to the prize donors: Messrs. N. Duncan, O.A., W. M. Grundy, J. Knowles, O.A., R. W. Langford, A. T. Lloyd, O.B.E., W. T. Morland, O.A., J. H. Morrell, E. A. Mortleman, O.A., Miss Sheldon Peach, Messrs. A. E. Preston, O.A.,

H. P. Simpson, O.A., T. Skurray, W. H. Stevens (President, O.A. Club), A. E. Tombs (Mayor of Abingdon) and T. S. Wilding, O.A., and to Mrs. Scott for kindly providing the wreath for John Royse's tomb.

ROWING.

This year's Marlow IV had a busier programme than last year's, and also very much better weather until the actual race. Training in the "Radley," they took some time to get the boat consistently steady and as a result good length of swing did not become the effortless habit it should, but when they finally settled down they improved considerably in this respect. The bladework was very fair and they worked hard and if they could only have got plumb together they would have been really fast. It is difficult to forget many of the lessons learnt on slides, especially if one's experience of fixed-seat racing has been small. The IV had two preliminary canters against crews on slides. They were beaten easily by Culham College on an upstream course finding their handicap much too heavy—but they had an excellent race with Dorchester College downstream, gaining an early lead and holding on very well till near the finish. The actual race at Marlow on Friday evening June 18th against Monmouth School must surely have been one of the wettest races ever rowed. Neither start was very impressive and the School held their own for the first furlong. Monmouth went ahead a bit with a good spurt but over the middle of the course the School rowed quite well in the blinding rain and hung on about a length behind, but they had nothing left at the finish and Monmouth went away to win by 3 lengths. On the whole the form shown was better than last year, so the Four may claim to have done their share in the advance towards the standard demanded at the Regatta.

The crew was as follows :

D. M. Cracknell, 10 st. 6 lbs., Bow. Rather big for the position hence slow on the beginning, but improved into a useful oar.

*R. F. Simmonds, 10 st. 11 lbs., "2." A very hard worker, with a long stroke inclined to flop over the stretcher.

*H. T. Jones, 10 st. 5 lbs., "3." Made the most of his physique and backed stroke well. His finish might have been better.

†G. V. Bayley, 11 st. 1 lb., Stroke. His experience and leadership very valuable—rhythm and length quite good and could always produce a spurt.

†M. H. Wheat, 7 st. 9 lbs., Cox. Very good apart from his weight. Steering excellent, voice a trifle monotonous.

† 1st IV Colours. * 2nd IV Colours.

THE REGATTA.

The Regatta was held on Thursday, June 17th, at the School Boathouse. The weather was very kind for a change and the long programme went through without a hitch thanks to the co-operation of all concerned.

The winners in the various events were :

Senior Pairs : H. A. Lunghi, A. C. Dean, T. C. Davies.

Junior Pairs : G. S. Moss, D. G. Sandercock, K. Donkin.

Canoes : R. F. Jackson, M. C. Barnard.

Dongola : R. Goodey ii. H. J. Clarke, J. N. F. Andrews, A. R. J. Collick, D. A. Culmer, B. W. O. Dockerty.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. C. R. Davidge and we must thank Miss Grundy and her helpers again for the most welcome provision of tea in the Boat house.

THE STEEPLECHASES.

The Steeplechases were run on the Common on Tuesday, Oct. 5th, in fine conditions. The ditches and the Ock stream had been cleaned out recently but the water jumps were not deep. There was a very good finish to the Senior event, very little separating the first three home—but times were not fast.

The results were :

SENIOR.

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| 1. W. M. Potter. | 3. A. C. Dean. |
| 2. J. M. Wood. | 4. M. Sprules. |

Time : 11 mins. 30 secs.

House Placings : 1. Red, 25 pts.

2. Green, 50 pts.

JUNIOR.

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| 1. G. Hill. | 3. K. G. Walker. |
| 2. P. F. S. Amies. | 4. R. E. Dew. |

Time : 9 mins. 2 secs.

House Placings : 1. Blue, 30 pts.

2. Red, 38 pts.

HOUSE SHOOTING.

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| 1. Red House. | |
| A. C. Dean 47. | M. D. Wells 39. J. M. Wood 37. |
| H. A. Lunghi 26. | Total 149. |
| 2. Blue House, | |

D. B. West 32. D. E. Roberts 27. D. Pimm 26.
H. K. Mitchell 17. Total 102.
3. Green House.
G. V. Bayley 29. M. C. Barnard 29. V. A.
Harfield 21. H. T. Jones 15. Total 94.

LIBRARY.

Last term the Library was re-organised and re-shelved which entailed a lot of hard work by C. A. Ronan, the Librarian, who is succeeded this term by J. Graff. We are pleased to acknowledge many presentations, in particular the splendid gift by J. B. Reeves, O.A., of the complete *Cambridge Modern History*, by Miss Florey several volumes including Belloc's *Path to Rome*, *My Brother Jonathan*, and *The Mesopotamia Campaign*, by Mr. Rudd four volumes of the *Geographical Magazine*, which have been bound, and by C. A. Ronan Chesterton's *Alarms and Discursions*, presented on leaving. The Library now subscribes to the excellent *King-Hall Weekly News Letters* which gives a shrewd commentary on current world politics, as well as other matters of interest.

Among the latest acquisitions are : *The English Language*, *The Romance of Words*, *Letters to the Times*, *Recreation and Physical Fitness*, *Hellas and Rome*, *The Acropolis*, *Still Life to Landscape*, *Drawing*, *Simple Lessons in Colour*, *The Roman Soldier*, *Pompeii*, *Inside Europe*.

CRICKET.

The past season can hardly be called successful. The Under Fifteen side, with an equal number of victories and defeats, had the best record ; but the Second XI lost the only two matches played, while the First XI had two wins, four defeats and three doubtful draws.

The First XI was inconsistent, as was to be expected in a young side. V. A. Harfield, the Captain, occasionally fulfilled as a bowler the promise of the previous season. As a batsman, however, he improved beyond recognition and made some useful scores. Lines, however, was disappointing as a batsman, but took four wickets very cheaply. Wooster, who headed the batting averages with 23.14, usually contrived to make runs, although by somewhat unorthodox strokes. On a number of occasions his batting saved the side from collapse. Yielding took 20 wickets for an average of 14.1, while Harfield had 26 wickets

for an average of 18.3. Carter at times bowled effectively and worried the batsmen.

A better season is anticipated next year.

FIRST ELEVEN.

v. Wantage School, at Wantage, 26th May.
Won. (Last year, won by 5 wks.)

WANTAGE SCHOOL.

H. R. Anderson, c Povey, b Harfield. . . .	4
P. L. R. T. Wright, c Randall, b Harfield . . .	7
C. F. Sanderuff, c and b Harfield.	7
C. C. G. Gamble, c Paige, b Harfield.	4
N. L. Geary, b Yielding.	3
J. H. Asbery, c Paige, b Carter.	5
A. G. Fox, run out.	2
O. L. Palfrey, b Carter.	0
M. V. Berry, c Randall, b Carter.	6
C. M. M. Ghananburgh, not out.	4
D. B. Coleman, b Carter.	0
Extras.	2
Total.	44

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Goodey i.	1
Dean ii, lbw, b Geary.	0
Paige, c Gamble, b Sanderuff.	1
Lines i. st Fox, b Sanderuff.	1
V. A. Harfield (capt.), b Geary.	1
Randall, c Anderson, b Sanderuff.	34
Povey, c Wright, b Sanderuff.	19
Wooster. st Fox, b Sanderuff.	18
Pimm, st Fox, b Sanderuff.	4
Carter iii, b Sanderuff.	6
Yielding, not out.	1
Extras.	2
Total.	88

The match was played on a soaked wicket and play was repeatedly stopped by heavy rain. The bowlers of both sides were unable to keep a footing and little real cricket was seen. Thanks to some good hitting by Randall, who hit well to leg in his 34, the School contrived to win.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford, at Abingdon, 2nd June. Lost. (Last year, lost.)

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Goodey i, lbw, b Green.	2
Dean ii, c Edwards, b Green.	5
Paige, c Vicarage, b Green.	0
Lines i, b Green.	13
V. A. Harfield, lbw, b Green.	0
Randall, b Walker.	6

Povey, c Green, b Keen.....	29
Wood, b Farrimond.....	0
Wooster, lbw, b Farrimond.....	7
Carter iii, b Farrimond.....	17
Yielding, not out.....	0
Extras.....	2
Total.....	81

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

Edwards, c Carter, b Harfield.....	3
Green, lbw, b Yielding.....	5
Elwell, lbw, b Carter.....	35
Walker, c Lines, b Carter.....	22
Riggs, c and b Harfield.....	31
Cotton, b Harfield.....	2
Jackson, b Harfield.....	7
Keen, run out.....	5
Lewendon, lbw, b Harfield.....	1
Vicarage, not out.....	3
Farrimond, not out.....	2
Extras.....	7

Total (for 9 wks.)..... 123

Abingdon lost 3 wickets for 9 runs, and only Povey (29) played confidently. The Magdalen fielding was keen and Green bowled well to take 5 for 33. Magdalen, like Abingdon, opened badly, 2 wickets falling for 8 runs, but the Abingdon bowling was not sufficiently steady to press home the advantage. Elwell, who was lbw at 74, hit with confidence.

v. Brightwell C.C., 5th June, home. Drawn.

BRIGHTWELL C.C.

G. A. Burnham, c Yielding b Carter.....	29
R. Hammond, c Harfield, b Yielding....	0
R. Wood, b Yielding.....	14
G. A. Cotton, c Dean, b Yielding.....	2
W. G. Woolley, c Lines, b Harfield.....	21
J. Calcutt, b Harfield.....	16
G. A. Wood, b Harfield.....	20
H. Elliott, c Paige, b Carter.....	48
A. Doe, c Wooster, b Yielding.....	14
D. Watson, b Yielding.....	11
T. Rickard, not out.....	6
Extras.....	8

Total..... 189

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Goodey i, lbw, b Watson.....	17
Randall, c and b R. Wood.....	8
Dean ii, c Rickard, b R. Wood.....	0
Paige, lbw, b R. Wood.....	1

Lines i, c Watson, b R. Wood.....	13
V. A. Harfield, c R. Wood, b Calcutt.....	28
Povey, b Calcutt.....	6
Wooster, not out.....	21
Wood, run out.....	0
Carter, c Doe, b Watson.....	3
Yielding, not out.....	0
Extras.....	6

Total (for 9 wks.)..... 103

The match with Brightwell was a revival of an old fixture, and the game was very interesting to watch. On a good wicket Brightwell compiled 189 by forceful batting, Elliott having 8 boundaries and one 6 in his 48. Harfield was very erratic, but occasionally produced a good over. Yielding was more steady, taking 5 for 44. Povey fielded excellently. The school treated the visitors' bowling with too great respect and were inclined to play tentative shots. Harfield batted very well for a sound 28 before being caught. Wooster with an unorthodox 21 saved the side from defeat.

v. Pembroke College, 9th June, away. Drawn. (Last year, lost.)

PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

Gardner, c Lines, b Yielding.....	21
Stone, lbw, b Harfield.....	21
Swann, not out.....	77
Gawthorne, lbw, b Harfield.....	11
Allen, b Yielding.....	1
Suggett, c Dean, b Harfield.....	14
Barrett, not out.....	19
Philips, Hill, Manby and Florey did not bat.	
Extras.....	13

Total (for 5 wks. dec.)..... 177

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Goodey i, b Gawthorne.....	2
Randall, b Stone.....	21
Lines i, b Gawthorne.....	0
Dean ii, lbw, b Gardner.....	8
V. A. Harfield, c and b Gardner.....	0
Povey, b Gardner.....	7
Graff, b Barratt.....	17
Wooster, c Manby, b Gawthorne.....	2
Wood, c and b Gawthorne.....	3
Carter iii, not out.....	3
Yielding, not out.....	1
Extras.....	11

Total (for 9 wks.)..... 75

Pembroke were too strong for the School, and Swann, coming in after the fall of the first wicket at 35, scored freely. Harfield bowled for a long spell to take 3 for 72, and Yielding took 2 for 33. For the School Randall batted quite well and Graff with 17 showed promise.

v. City of Oxford School, 12th June, away.
Drawn. (Last year, lost.)

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Randall, b Robins.....	8
V. A. Harfield, lbw, b Smith.....	33
Lines i, c Rippington, b Long.....	6
Dean ii, b Robins.....	2
Povey, c Robins, b Inness.....	17
Graff, b Smith.....	3
Wooster, not out.....	32
Wood, c Griffin, b Smith.....	2
Carter iii, c Chaundy b Robins.....	2
Jackson, c Inness, b Money.....	8
Yielding, b Robins.....	8
Extras.....	8

Total..... 129

CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

Money, c Jackson, b Carter.....	23
Inness, lbw, b Harfield.....	20
Long, lbw, b Harfield.....	10
Chaundy, b Harfield.....	16
Robins, b Yielding.....	10
Smith, not out.....	2
Carmody, lbw, b Harfield.....	16
Griffin, not out.....	0
Carbury, Mallinson and Rippington did not bat.	

Extras..... 6

Total (for 6 wks.)..... 89

The School were without Goodey for whom Jackson deputised well as wicket keeper. Harfield, who opened the batting with Randall, played a good innings and left at 71 after scoring 33. Wooster, going after Harfield, made 32 not out by a mixture of determination and good luck. The City of Oxford made runs slowly, and with Harfield bowling well (4 for 37) were not able to get the runs in time.

v. Leighton Park School, 16th June, home.
Lost. (Last year, lost.)

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

V. A. Harfield, c Pearson, b Salmon.....	20
Goodey i, b Jones.....	3

Lines i, b Jones.....	7
Randall, c Salmon, b Jones.....	0
Dean ii, c Franklin, b Salmon.....	0
Povey, lbw, b Jones.....	0
Paige, c Pearson, b Salmon.....	10
Graff, c and b Salmon.....	2
Wooster, c Franklin, b Salmon.....	12
Carter iii, st. Allen, b Salmon.....	7
Yielding, not out.....	1
Extras.....	7

Total..... 69

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.

Jones, c Wooster, b Harfield.....	1
Maw, c Randall, b Carter.....	43
Smith lbw, b Yielding.....	6
Salmon, c Wooster, b Randall.....	45
Franklin, b Carter.....	1
Richard, b Dean.....	4
Allen, lbw, b Lines.....	1
Cadbury, not out.....	13
Wolstenholme, b Randall.....	1
Pearson, not out.....	10
Buckle did not bat.	

Extras..... 17

Total (for 8 wks.)..... 142

Abingdon appeared to lack confidence against a side which was superior in all departments of the game. Three wickets fell for 34 runs and Harfield, Dean and Povey all left at 36. Paige (who had returned to the side), and Wooster were barely successful in avoiding a total collapse. Salmon and Franklin bowled well, the former taking 6 for 18.

Although Leighton lost 1 wicket for two runs they passed the Abingdon total of 69 for the loss of two wickets only. The Abingdon fielding was keen but the fact that six bowlers were tried speaks for itself.

v. Old Abingdonians, 19th June, home. Lost.
(Last year, lost.)

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

First Innings.

V. A. Harfield, b Beaven.....	6
Goodey i, b Allison.....	0
Lines i, c Beaven, b Jennings.....	21
Randall, b Beazley.....	19
Dean ii, c Paige, b Beazley.....	0
Povey, b Taylor.....	0
Paige, lbw, b Matthias.....	9
Graff, b Taylor.....	2

Wooster, lbw, b Taylor.....	0
Carter iii, b Beazley.....	7
Yielding, not out.....	4
Extras.....	4
Total.....	72

OLD ABINGDONIANS.

First Innings.

J. F. Sinclair, lbw., b Harfield.....	11
S. D. Plummer, b Yielding.....	87
S. A. Paige, c Povey, b Lines.....	37
S. A. Fabes, c Lines, b Carter.....	11
F. H. G. Taylor, c Dean, b Carter.....	1
E. C. Beaven, lbw, b Carter.....	4
L. S. Matthias, lbw, b Lines.....	5
G. A. R. Boyd, c Yielding, b Lines.....	27
J. M. Allison, lbw, b Carter.....	6
H. G. Beazley, not out.....	6
F. W. Jennings, b Harfield.....	0
Extras.....	12
Total.....	207

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Second Innings.

V. A. Harfield, b Sinclair.....	30
Goodey i, b Sinclair.....	16
Lines i, c and b Sinclair.....	0
Randall, c and b Sinclair.....	4
Dean ii, c Fabes, b Sinclair.....	0
Povey, c Beaven, b Sinclair.....	0
Paige, not out.....	23
Graff, c Fabes, b Taylor.....	0
Wooster, not out.....	37
Carter iii and Yielding did not bat.	
Extras.....	5
Total (for 7 wks.).....	117

In the first innings the School appeared overawed by the strong Old Abingdonian XI. There was a tendency to play tentative shots, to hang the bat in the air instead of playing firm strokes. Lines and Randall batted determinedly, but neither swung his bat or moved his feet to the pitch of the ball. For the O.A's Beazley and Taylor were the most successful bowlers.

The O.A's made 207 thanks mainly to the efforts of Plummer, Paige and Boyd. Plummer's 87 was confident and interesting and Paige seemed well set when he popped up a catch at 81. Boyd's 27 included 6 boundaries and it was fortunate that he remained no longer.

It was a one-innings match, but the O.A's gave the School a chance to atone for their display in

the first innings. Now that nothing was at stake the School batted more confidently, and Harfield, Paige and Wooster must have wondered why they had not done the same in the first innings. The ball, preserved by J. F. Sinclair, participated in three records: Sinclair did the hat trick, Plummer achieved his ambition of hitting a six into Park Road and Boyd made the highest score of his career.

v. Captain Payne's XI. 26th June, home. Lost.
(Last year, won.)

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

V. A. Harfield, lbw, b Wilkins.....	4
Goodey i, lbw, b Bryant.....	0
Lines i, st Payne, b West.....	25
Dean ii, b Kinch.....	10
Paige, b Kinch.....	0
Wooster, b West.....	13
Wood, lbw, b Kinch.....	1
Pimm, not out.....	7
Jackson, b West.....	19
Yielding, lbw, b Bryant.....	5
James, c Bryant, b Stephens.....	1
Extras.....	3
Total.....	88

CAPTAIN PAYNE'S XI.

Young, c Jackson, b James.....	34
Tidbury, b Harfield.....	5
Wilkins, run out.....	4
West, c Jackson, b Yielding.....	61
Payne, lbw, b Yielding.....	7
Bright, b Yielding.....	40
Piper, not out.....	29
Kinch, Stevens. Bryant and Wilson did not bat.	
Extras.....	13
Total (for 6 wks.).....	192

The side was weakened by the absence of Randall, Povey. Graff and Carter. and with the exception of Lines batted indifferently. Captain Payne's XI scored 192 for 6 and only Yielding (3 for 54) gave the batsmen serious trouble.

v. R.A.F. Bicester, 7th July, home. Won.
(Last year, won.)

R.A.F. BICESTER.

Edwards, c Randall, b Carter.....	38
Gittens, c Carter, b Yielding.....	14
Maky, c Lines, b Yielding.....	4
Kemp, b Yielding.....	1
Halls, b Yielding.....	7

Wright, lbw, b Yielding.	2
Styles, not out.	14
Hunt, co Lines, b Harfield.	0
Coombe, b Harfield.	0
Edwards, P., b Harfield.	4
(The eleventh man did not arrive.)	
Extras.	6
Total.	90

ABINGDON SCHOOL.

V. A. Harfield, b Gittens.	3
Goodey i, lbw, b Gittens.	0
Lines i, not out.	48
Randall, b Gittens.	0
Dean ii, b Gittens.	4
Povey, c and b Edwards.	12
Paige, c Gittens, b Halls.	2
Graff, c and b Edwards.	5
Wooster, b Hunt.	18
Carter iii, b Hunt.	0
Yielding, b Styles.	4
Extras.	9
Total.	105

The R.A.F. Bicester were all out for a score of 90, of which 38 were made by Edwards. The School fielding was quite good and Yielding bowled well to take 5 for 28, while Harfield had 3 for 43.

The Abingdon innings opened shakily, 3 wickets falling for 5 runs. Lines, coming in at first wicket batted with discretion, hitting the loose balls and covering up well. He made 48 not out but received only moderate assistance from the rest of the side. Wooster left at 86 and Carter was bowled without further addition to the score. By determined batting, Lines and Yielding took the score past 90 and Yielding was eventually bowled at 105.

The following played for the 1st XI: C. G. Carter, A. C. Dean, R. Goodey i, V. A. Harfield (Capt.), R. F. Jackson, G. J. James, J. Lines i, J. N. Paige, D. Pimm, G. W. Povey, G. D. Randall, J. M. Wood, P. H. Wooster, C. E. Yielding.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

V. A. Harfield. 1st XI Colours 1936. Captained the side intelligently. Took more wickets than any other bowler, but did not bowl so well as the previous season. Developed into a good bat and was a sound fieldsman.

R. Goodey i. 2nd XI Colours 1936. Kept wicket quite well, but should learn to field short

balls himself, and thus save runs. Opening bat and usually quite sound, but could make runs by putting more power into his shots and choosing the right ball to hit.

J. N. Paige. 2nd XI Colours 1936. Failed to find his form at the commencement of the season, but played some good innings later on. Possesses a good late cut, and should make plenty of runs with increased height and weight. A good cover point fielder.

A. C. Dean ii. 2nd XI Colours 1936. Did not realise expectations in his batting, and he should refrain from hitting half heartedly at a ball. A good fielder in the deep, and quick off the mark.

J. Lines i. 2nd XI Colours 1936. Found his best form in the last match. Always looked like making runs, and he should do very well next year. A good fielder, whose throwing in was very good. A useful change bowler.

G. D. Randall. 2nd XI Colours 1937. A steady bat who could choose the right ball to hit, and knew how to hit it. Played several valuable innings and should do very well with more experience. A good square leg fielder.

P. H. Wooster. 2nd XI Colours 1937. Top of the batting averages, his batting has improved beyond all expectations. A forcing bat who made his runs quickly, and always looked at home. A good fielder in any position.

G. W. Povey. 2nd XI Colours 1937. Quite a sound bat who should do well next season. Keeps the ball on the ground, and possesses a good off drive. Usually a good fielder.

C. E. Yielding. 2nd XI Colours 1937. Top of the bowling averages, he bowled consistently well during the latter part of the season, but was inclined to bowl rather short at first. Should be very successful as a bowler next year. A fairly good fielder, rather an unorthodox bat.

C. G. Carter iii. 2nd XI Colours 1937. A good bowler with an occasional leg break, on which he should concentrate. Should be quite successful next year. A good slip fielder, but a mediocre bat.

J. Graff. 2nd XI Colours 1937. A fairly good bat possessing a good variety of strokes. Should do well with more experience. Ground fielding quite good, but catching rather poor.

SECOND XI.

The following matches were played :—

v. Magdalen College School 2nd XI, 2nd June, home. Lost.

Abingdon 103, Hambleton 4 for 12.

Magdalen 211, Hambleton 49, Bentley 103 not out.

v. Leighton Park School 2nd XI, June 16th, home. Lost.

Leighton Park 120 for 8 dec. Bayliss 51 not out. Abingdon 63.

The following played for the 2nd XI: J. P. Aldersley, L. L. Bernthal, H. J. Clarke, N. J. Holmes, R. F. Jackson, G. J. James, D. A. Large, G. L. Logan, A. H. Lunghi (Capt.), J. P. Mosdell, D. Pimm, J. Richardson.

COLTS MATCH.

v. St. Edward's Colts XI, 23rd June, home. Lost.

Abingdon 116, Povey 50, Paige 43.

St. Edward's 134, Henderson 42.

UNDER FIFTEEN XI.

The following matches were played:—

v. Wantage School, 26th May, home. Abandoned. Wantage 2 for 6.

v. City of Oxford School, 9th June, home. Lost. City of Oxford 81. Norman 30, Richardson 5 for 9.

Abingdon 61.

v. St. Edward's School under 15 XI, 26th June, away. Won.

Abingdon 92. Davies ii 32.

St. Edward's 82. Woldridge 28, Holmes 5 for 24.

v. Leighton Park, 3rd July, home. Won.

Leighton Park 116.

Abingdon 154. Aldersley 37, Goodey ii 44.

v. City of Oxford, 7th July, away. Lost.

City of Oxford 57. Holmes 6 for 24.

Abingdon 40.

The following played for the Under Fifteen XI: J. P. Aldersley, H. J. Clarke, L. W. Dale, J. E. G. Davies ii, R. Goodey ii, N. J. Holmes, D. E. Jarvis, D. A. Large, J. P. Mosdell, J. R. Owen, V. G. Polley, J. Richardson.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The Carr Cup for the Senior House Matches was won by Green House. The following matches were played:—

Green *v.* Blue. Winner, Green.

Red *v.* Blue. Winner, Blue.

Green *v.* Red. Winner, Green.

The Brewer Bowl for the Junior House Competition was won by Blue House. The following matches were played:—

Blue *v.* Green. Winner, Blue.

Red *v.* Green. Winner, Green.

Blue *v.* Red. Winner, Blue.

O.T.C.

The annual inspection was carried out on June 2nd by Colonel B. C. S. Clarke, D.S.O., who expressed himself very pleased with the work of the corps as a whole and especially commended the N.C.O's on their showing in the T.E.W.T. which was ably prepared and conducted by Sgts. H. A. Lunghi, P. H. Wooster, and M. D. Wells.

The annual camp was held at Tidworth Park from July 27th to August 4th. The weather proved ideal and the 8 days under canvas were an enjoyable experience for all ranks. The guard comprised R. Goodey i, C. G. Carter, D. T. Nadin, G. W. Povey, G. D. Randall, D. Pimm, under Sgt. V. A. Harfield and Cpl. M. D. Wells (now Sgt.), with J. M. Wood as bugler, and we may add they missed securing 1st place in the guard mounting by only one point. We must also mention the Tidworth Tattoo with its massed bands, fireworks and colourful scenes from history—an unforgettable spectacle.

This term has been largely taken up in the training of recruits and the preparation of candidates for Certificate "A" and our thanks are due to Sgt.-Major Eyre for his great help in this connection. Twelve candidates out of fifteen passed the Part I Practical Examination and we wish them equal success in Part II.

The two platoons are now under the command of Sgts. H. A. Lunghi and G. V. Bayley; H. T. Jones is C.S.M., while Sgt. M. D. Wells and Cpl. D. B. West are in charge of the armoury.

Promotions: To be C.S.M., H. T. Jones. To be Sgts., P. H. Wooster, M. D. Wells. To be Cpls. D. E. Roberts, D. B. West, D. Pimm. To be L.-Cpls., A. C. Dean ii, G. W. Povey, R. F. Jackson, G. D. Randall, D. M. Cracknell, H. B. Bailey ii, J. M. Wood, G. S. Moss, M. Sprules.

THE RAG CONCERT.

The Rag Concert went with a rare swing from the moment Gordon Bayley appeared on the stage and opened his umbrella to catch some "Pennies from Heaven"—not enough, unfortunately, to pay for the resulting damages to the (borrowed) umbrella.

The programme consisted mainly of a series of sketches. First we had once again *A. J. Alan* in the flesh. The name part was taken by C. A. Ronan who also provided the script. The main scene was set in Norfolk where the protagonist had taken a week-end cottage, looked after by a wheezy

gardener, G. S. Moss. Snow descended, and was rapidly followed by the entrance of a damsel in distress—one *Betsy Lee* (D. E. Roberts). This embarrassment, however, was soon taken off the host's hands by the timely arrival of a tough lorry driver (R. F. Simmonds). But left apparently alone on this wintry night, *A. J.* soon found that he had the company of a corpse (J. P. Mosdell) in the garage—whereupon much quick thinking and repair to Scotland Yard. The denouement had the usual *Alan* twist.

Next came "A Safe Case" in which various junior actors made their first and very creditable appearance on our stage. J. H. Hill, as a retired colonel who vented his peppery spleen on his faithful butler (J. M. Leftwich) of sepulchral voice and cadaverous mien, was indeed imposed upon by a succession of plausible impostors—a "fugitive" (B. Arundale) who had done some dirty work with a golf club, a "detective" (D. A. Culmer), an "asylum keeper" (J. Stephenson) and a "police constable" (D. Holme). This latter, after temporarily disposing of James the butler (off stage), sent the colonel on a fool's errand, whereupon the gang disclosed itself in its true colours and made away with the safe.

Drama in a tenser vein followed. "Post-dated Murder" was a one-act play with the scene in the chambers of *Mr. Justice Travis* (H. T. Jones). *Travis* has just been entertaining to dinner his old friend *Sir Malcolm Heath* (G. L. Logan) who is the retiring head of Scotland Yard. The butler *Reid* (A. C. Dean) announces with some reluctance a *Mr. Henry Buxton* (R. F. Simmonds) who refuses to state his business, but insists on its urgency. *Travis* and *Heath* then recollect that he is a convict they had condemned to penal servitude some fifteen years ago on a charge of suspected murder. *Travis* decides he will see the man. *Buxton* enters and unfolds a long and tense narrative of the events which entangled and incriminated him. Since his release he has discovered and tracked down the real culprit—the supposed "body" in fact—and he proves to be none other than *Reid*! As the climax to his denunciation *Buxton* shoots him, and puts the poser that as he has just served the sentence for the murder just committed, "What do we do next?"

As the final item "The Rehearsal" shewed us *William Shakespeare* being roughly handled by the technicians—actors, producer and stage manager, at a rehearsal of "Macbeth." This piece provided some amusing incidents and strange

costumes and left still unsolved the problem of how precisely Shakespeare plays *were* produced. H. A. Lunghi was good as the temperamental *Burbage* and C. A. Ronan made the most of a ludicrous *Lady Macbeth*. The rest of the company performed very adequately and grouped themselves appropriately around *Mr. Burbage*—D. E. Roberts as a well bearded but pathetic author, R. Hedger and M. D. Wells the worried executive, and L. A. G. Hendley, J. Graff and M. C. Barnard the other actors.

Mr. Bevir, who also sang to us, had a most enthusiastic welcome: and the whole proceedings were knit together by the able compèring of H. T. Jones, with amusing assistance (?) from C. A. Ronan.

REVIEW.

Willoughby Weaving's latest book of poems (his ninth since 1913) is called *Toys of Eternity*, and as the title suggests is a kind of companion to *Spoils of Time*, his last but one. Four pages thicker and a shilling cheaper (Blackwell, 3s. 6d.) it is likewise made up of lyrics and sonnets, of which latter there are here forty-three.

The *Times* reviewer (*Times Literary Supplement* October 9) declares, with one rather cryptic reservation, that "such lyrics as 'Winter Morning,' 'Sunlit Trees in Late Autumn,' and 'Last Post' are as exactly right as they could be." "Death of a Poet" he quotes entire, and of the other lyrics commends especially the "Mary" poems (which seem to speak for a child), "Sally" and "Janet Prowle" (which speak for the common folk), and the longish idyll, "The Mare." These are indeed among the best, but many others reach the same level; among them "The Nudist," the last verse of which, with its apt and impressively unspoken scriptural similitude,—

I needs must clothe my body when

I walk among my fellow men.

O Sun, forgive thy servant then.

is a little poem by itself, and yet the four previous verses not only mar it not but enhance it. Other gems of the collection are hardly bigger in their entirety than the verse just quoted. The *Times* considers the sonnets on the whole less successful than the lyrics, but with this judgment many will strongly disagree. With perhaps one or two exceptions towards the end the sonnets are surely well up to the standard of the poet's two last and less numerous collections; and to say this will

probably some day be considered very high praise indeed.

Certain favourite themes, on which Weaving seems always able to write freshly, such as wind and rain, the fallen tree, the seashore (a collection of his sea-pieces would make a delightful anthology for the summer holidays) appear again, and there is even (as if to justify the misprint of the book's title in *The Times* as "Joys of Eternity") another of those rather daring apocalyptic sonnets which closed the *Spoils of Time*. But the range of subjects is wide and much new ground is broken. "The Engine," "Suspense," "The Hunt," "Wedding Bells" may timidly be cited as remarkable in a very remarkable collection.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTHS.

LYNN ROBINSON.—On April 7, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lynn Robinson (1919), of Hong Kong, a son, Timothy James Lynn.

STURROCK.—On June 12, to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Sturrock (1925), of 99 Alexandra Court, Wembley, a son, George Roger Stuart.

WOOD.—On July 7, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wood (1929), of Eldorado Farm (P.O. Macheke), Southern Rhodesia, a daughter, Roberta.

CHALLENGER.—On Aug. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Challenor (1909), of Lindfield, Abingdon, a son, Richard Andrew.

MARRIAGES.

DAVIDGE—ALLEN.—On Jan. 22, at St. John's Church, Calcutta, Cuthbert Roy Davidge (1925) to Mary Elsie Allen, of Jharia, India.

SQUIRE—GASKELL.—On Feb. 6, at St. Mary's Church, Sullington, Philip James (1929), second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. J. Squire, of London, to Barbara Holbeach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gaskell, of Sullington.

PEARSON—WHITFORD.—On Sept. 2, at Kenwyn Church, Truro, Norman Victor Pearson (1927), late of 15 Oxford Road, Abingdon, to Marjorie Trevethan Whitford, of Ivydene, the Crescent, Truro.

STACEY—DEWEY.—On Oct. 11, at St. Paul's Church, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, Cyril Stacey (1925), of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, younger son of Mrs. Stacey and the late Mr. George Stacey, of Abingdon, to Florence Margaret, younger daughter of Mrs. Dewey and the late Mr. Charles A. Dewey.

DEATHS.

ENOCH.—On Oct. 25, in Stockholm, William Henry Enoch (1912), son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Enoch, of 57 Bath Street, Abingdon, aged 43.

PRYCE.—On Nov. 3, at Helenstow, Abingdon. Frederick Heath Pryce (1891), son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pryce, aged 64.

Though F. H. Pryce had been in poor health for some time and for the past four or five months unable to discharge his official duties, the news of his sudden death has come as a shock to the many in Abingdon and elsewhere who knew and remembered him.

As a boy here—1883 to 1891—he made many friends, and before he left, whether as Captain of Cricket, Captain of Boats, on the Football field, or in other departments of school life, he had played a leading part. The like activities he continued after he left us, so far as the study and practice of the Law would allow him the time and opportunity. For a while he played regularly as full-back for the Abingdon Town Football Club, and for some years his name appears frequently in our records of School v. O.A. contests of all sorts.

Even as late as 1925 he turned out in the O.A. Cricket match. But after qualifying as a lawyer in 1896 the claims of business obliged him to make his home in the London area, and it was not until 1923 that he entered into partnership with his uncle, the late Mr. C. A. Pryce, and returned to live in Abingdon. For some years he had acted as London Secretary of the O.A.C., and in 1924 he was elected President for the year.

In Abingdon, on the death of his uncle in 1927, he succeeded him as Clerk to the Borough Justices. In 1933 he was appointed a Governor of Christ's Hospital, while his work as Clerk to the Abingdon Exhibition Fund kept him to some extent in touch with his old School.

He leaves a widow and two sons and a daughter, to whom we offer our sincere condolences.

Like sympathy we would extend to the widow and parents and other relatives of W. H. Enoch, whose early death has cut short a notable career.

He entered the School as a County Scholar in September 1905, the second of three brothers who were with us here, and when he left in the summer of 1912, as a Prefect of three years' standing and Head of the Modern Side, with First Class Honours in the Oxford Senior Locals to his credit and distinctions in French and German, he could point to a record of all-round achievement which any schoolboy might have envied. A steady and successful worker in school hours, in the realm of sport he was equally proficient. Alike in rowing (Captain of Boats 1912), swimming (Captain of the School Six 1912), and on the football field, he

served his School with conspicuous ability, while his record for the Mile (4 minutes $53\frac{3}{5}$ seconds), which he set up in the School v. O.A. Sports of 1912, remained unbeaten for ten years.

On leaving school, after a brief period of employment at the Bodleian Library in Oxford, he became Private Secretary to the late Sir William Osler. In the War he accepted a commission in the Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry and rose to the rank of Captain and Adjutant. He saw service in France and later in Italy, where he was appointed A.D.C. to Lord Cavan, G.O.C. the British Forces in that country. He was mentioned in despatches and awarded both the Military Cross and the Croce di Guerra.

Since the War he had been for the most part on the continent. From 1919 to 1925 he was Assistant British Commercial Commissioner for the Occupied Territories in Germany, and was later employed as Assistant Commercial Secretary at the British Embassy in Berlin. Other appointments also came his way, e.g. as German Correspondent for *The Times Trade and Engineering Supplement*, and latterly, and at the time of his death, he was Chief Passports Officer in Stockholm.

H. W. Weaving (1905) has brought out a new book of poems (Basil Blackwell, Oxford) under the title *Toys of Eternity*. A review of this appears in another column.

In the October number of *The Geographical Magazine* is an article by O. J. Couldrey (1901). His subject—the rock-hewn caves of Ajanta and the early Buddhist paintings which adorn them—is one of which no student of Indian art and history could be better qualified to write, and write well. The article is profusely and beautifully illustrated with pictures by the author's own hand. Four of these (full page) are reproduced in colour.

W. N. Hooke (1911), after many years' absence in Canada, has returned with his wife and son to live in Abingdon, and help with the Bookselling and Printing business.

We have news of W. R. T. Skinner (1915)—not altogether happy news as he has recently lost his wife. His address is:—Meynell Road, Colton, Leeds, where he lives with his two young daughters. He is still with the Yorkshire Electric Power Company, in their Leeds office.

We have news of the Edsall brothers (1926 and 1930). They are both married and have three little daughters between them. B.V. has returned from America and is working with Benn, the publisher, in Fleet Street. He is manager of

Industria Britannica, and does a little writing on his own account. His address is Shirley Cottage, Wickham Road, Shirley, Croydon. D.P., we are told, writes plays and novels. We have not yet come across any of his work, but we wish him every success. He lives in Chelsea—16 Redcliffe Gardens.

H. D. Shallard (1925) writes from Dunedin, New Zealand, where he now holds a post as representative of a large Australian business firm. His address is:—c/o Gain Forwarding Co., 327 Cumberland Street, Dunedin, N.Z.

A. J. A. Watson (1925) has again won the Army Weight Putting competition, his distance this year being 43 feet $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

N. V. Pearson (1927), whose marriage we report, is teaching in Cornwall, where his address is:—Rosewarren, Dracaena Avenue, Falmouth.

K. R. Savage (1929) has passed the B.Sc. Examination in Economics at London University.

T. H. Hodgson (1929) has accepted a post with Trinidad Leaseholds Limited and sailed for Trinidad in October.

We greatly regret to learn that D. S. Kite (1930) has been compelled by ill-health to relinquish his commission in the R.A.F.

R. Langebear (1931) is serving in the R.A.F. as Acting Pilot Officer at Heyford, near Bicester.

The following appointments have also been notified recently:—As Acting Pilot Officers, D. H. Wardlaw (1931) posted to No. 11 Flying Training School at Wittering, and A. L. V. Barnes (1935), posted to No. 2 Flying Training School, Brize Norton.

H. B. Joseph (1931) is in business at 9 Hockley Street, Birmingham, under the style of Midland Sandblast Company—Glass Advertising Specialists.

P. B. Pfordten (1932) has returned to the East: this time to Bangkok, as agent for divers commercial interests. His address is:—c/o Messrs. Barrow, Brown & Co., Ltd., Bangkok, Siam.

R. G. Sandercock (1932) is now on the staff of Messrs. Edmundson's Electricity Corporation, Ltd.

P. H. Gould (1933) has grown tired of City life and joined the Navy as a seaman.

A. L. Fleet (1934) has again been rowing in one of the Trial Eights at Oxford.

Of the boys who have left since our last number appeared we have definite news of the following:—

R. Goodey and B. N. J. Bosley have clerkships in Barclay's Bank, the former in London and the latter in Banbury, and J. P. Amies has a clerkship in Lloyd's Bank at Headington.

V. A. Harfield is in the clerical department of the Metropolitan Police.

W. J. Leahy and C. G. Carter are in the Post Office in Abingdon.

F. N. T. Campion is in a Surveyor's office.

K. E. Fisher is a Railway Clerk at Didcot.

J. E. G. Davies is a cadet on board the *T.S. Mercury*, at Hamble, Hants.

A. H. Knight has returned to his home in New Zealand.

O.A. CLUB NOTES.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Masters' Common Room at the School on Saturday, June 19th, 1937, after the Past and Present Cricket Match.

The President (W. H. Stevens) was in the Chair and 32 other Members were present.

The Accounts showed a Balance in hand of £18 5s. 3d.

The following Officers were elected for 1937-38 :

President : S. A. Fabes.

Vice President : W. M. Grundy.

Committee : D. E. Healy, S. A. Paige, G. A. R. Boyd, G. S. Sturrock, E. G. Langford, S. D. Plummer.

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

London Hon. Sec. : J. D. Wood, "Hawthorndene," Gordon Avenue, Stanmore, Middlesex.

The Hon. Sec's Report disclosed : That during the Year 20 new members had joined the Club.

That in accordance with the Minutes of the last General Meeting £25 had been advanced to the London O.A. Rugger Club, and the sanction of the Meeting was desired to the action of the Committee in advancing a further £10. This sanction was obtained.

That the London Dinner was held on Nov. 5th, 1936, at the City Livery Club, and once again the thanks of the Club are due to J. B. Reeves, O.A., for making the necessary arrangements for the Dinner to be held there.

That as regards the Athletic Events against the School, the O.A.'s had won the Cricket Match, lost both the Boat Races, 1st and 2nd IV's, and tied with the School in the Sports ; incidentally this was the first occasion on which a tie had resulted since the match was instituted in 1899. Of the previous 37 contests, the O.A.'s had won 27 and

the School 10. The Rugger match had to be Scratched owing to an outbreak of Chicken-Pox at the School.

G. A. Boyd gave an account of the London O.A. Rugger Club's activities during the year stating that the team had won 6 and lost 10 of the 16 matches played during the season 1936-37.

D. E. Healy spoke concerning the future of the London O.A. Rugger Club and appealed for playing support during the coming season.

The Secretary of the Club is J. D. Wood, "Hawthorndene," Gordon Avenue, Stanmore, Middlesex, from whom full particulars are obtainable.

The Trust Committee consisting of 12 Members elected at the General Meeting of June 1936 was re-elected *en bloc* for the year 1937-38.

H. A. L. Donkin gave a report on the progress of the proposed Trust Fund stating that the Trust Deed had been prepared and it only remained for the Trustees to execute it.

A proposal that the minimum annual subscription to the Trust Fund should be reduced from 5s., as agreed at the last General Meeting in June 1936, to 3s. was carried unanimously.

Two alterations to the Rules were sanctioned by the Meeting.

In rule 8 the word "all" to be deleted and for rule 9 to be substituted a new rule 9, as follows :—

"The subscription to the Club shall be One Guinea for life Membership."

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman and Secretaries concluded the Meeting.

The Annual Dinner was held this year at the Clarendon Hotel, Oxford, owing to the fact that the Lion Hotel, Abingdon, had been sold.

There is obtaining a great difference of opinion as to which is the better venue for the Dinner,—Abingdon or Oxford ?

At the General Meeting, prior to the Dinner, a resolution was passed unanimously that the Dinner should be held in Abingdon in the future if possible.

After the Dinner at the Clarendon, however, several of the 34 members and their guests present said that they were eminently satisfied with the fare provided.

The Secretaries feel that on the score of tradition and convenience the Dinner should be held in Abingdon.

The Golf competition held at Frilford on Sunday, June 20th, 1937, resulted as follows :

E. G. Langford . . 76 scr. = 76

H. A. L. Donkin . . 94 - 13 = 81

C. M. Humphrey . . 96 - 15 = 81

E. G. Langford therefore holds the Cup for the year. He also received the Prize presented by J. B. Reeves, O.A., the Donor of the Cup.

This year's London Dinner was held on November 5th at the City Livery Club. The following members were present :—

E. H. Blacknell.

G. A. R. Boyd.

K. Cleave.

K. G. Corbett.

S. A. Fabes.

A. E. B. Foxwell.

A. W. R. Foxwell.

D. E. Mills.

W. Memory.

M. Ogle.

S. A. Paige.

S. D. Plummer.

J. B. Reeves.

W. H. Stevens.

T. E. Gardiner.

H. B. Healy.

D. E. Healy.

E. G. Langford.

L. P. Mosdell.

J. D. May.

G. S. Sturrock.

J. D. Wood.

P. R. Wood.

P. E. Wagstaff.

I. Williams.

Next year's London Dinner is fixed for Wednesday, November 2nd, at the City Livery Club. Although the above names represent a gathering which is fairly representative it is by no means representative enough and this annual function deserves to be well attended as the Club is especially fortunate in being able to hold the Dinner at such convenient and well appointed premises as the City Livery Club. For this the Club is indebted to J. B. Reeves.