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SCHOOL NOTES.

At this time last year we were bemoaning the flooded river and sodden playing fields, while this term our incomprehensible climate has given us a fortnight of summer sunshine. We can only hope, while we enjoy the sun, that spring is not borrowing too heavily from summer.

The School Officers this term are as follows: Captain of the School and Head of the House: H. A. Lunghi. School Prefects: G. V. Bayley, H. T. Jones, P. H. Wooster, A. C. Dean. Sub-prefects: D. E. Roberts, D. B. West, R. F. Jackson, R. Hedger, L. L. Bernthal, G. W. Povey, G. D. Randall, D. M. Cracknell and J. M. Wood.

G. V. Bayley is Captain of Boats for the second year and H. A. Lunghi is Captain of Hockey. D. B. West is Hon. Sec. of Games.

First XV Colours were awarded last term to G. D. Randall, and Second XV Colours to R. Hedger, J. M. Wood, D. M. Cracknell, G. W. Povey, F. G. D. Dean, P. H. E. Bloomer.

In the December examination E. O. Jones gained a School Certificate with exemption from Matriculation.

For purposes of record we add the names of those who gained Certificates in July, which should have appeared in our last issue. Higher School Certificate, Classics: H. A. Lunghi; School Certificate: L. L. Bernthal, F. N. T. Campion, C. G. Carter, D. M. Cracknell, F. G. D. Dean, W. J. Eeles, K. E. Fisher, J. H. R. Faulkner, J. Graff, J. W. Greening, W. J. Leahy, G. B. Peck, G. W. Povey, G. D. Randall, C. G. Rowe, M. D. Wells, A. C. Wiggins, and P. H. Wooster.

The "Lin" Cup for Senior House Football was won by Red House, and the "Robinson" Cup for the Juniors by Blue House.

The following were confirmed by Bishop Allen on Sunday, November 28th: P. H. Wooster, M. H. Wheat, J. M. Wood, J. H. R. Faulkner, J. W. Greening, L. A. G. Hendley, J. Stephenson, W. M. Potter, J. Calvert-Fisher, G. S. Moss, E. H. Holland, J. P. Aldersley, D. A. Large, G. L. Logan,

J. N. F. Andrews, H. G. Elphick, D. A. Culmer, B. W. O. Dockerty, J. H. Hill, D. G. E. Holme, J. R. Andrew, and J. S. T. Mills.

We are greatly indebted to Mrs. E. M. Carter, whom many generations of "Lodgers" will remember for her largess of apples, for her presentation to the School Library of 25 bound volumes of *Punch*, several volumes of *Academy Pictures* and other books.

On Nov. 25th practically the whole School went in to Oxford to see the game between the University and Major Stanley's XV. This fixture is definitely an "occasion," but, unfortunately, the game was not as interesting as it might have been.

Sir Reginald Kennedy-Cox visited us again on Nov. 26th to talk about the Dockland Mission, and, as a result of the interest he has aroused, the School has "adopted" one of the Boys' Clubs. More detailed information will be found in the article on the Mission in this issue.

We should like to draw attention to the O.A. Trust Fund Appeal which we publish, as it should be of great interest to present as well as past members of the School.

This term ends on Tuesday, March 22nd, boarders leaving on the following day, and the Summer term begins on Tuesday, April 26th, boarders returning on the previous day.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Contemporaries: *The Aldenhamian*, *The Bloxhamist*, *The Bracklean*, *The Leightonian*, *The Lily*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The St. Edward's School Chronicle*.

VALETE.

VI FORM.—M. D. Wells (1935, iii). School Prefect, 1937; O.S.C., 1937; 2nd XV 1936, 1st XV 1937; 2nd XI 1936; Athletics Half Colours, 1937; O.T.C. Sergt., Cert. "A," 1st class Shot.

M. H. Wheat (1930, iii). Sub-prefect, 1937; O.S.C., 1935; 1st IV Cox 1936, 1937, Marlow 1936, 1937; Hon. Sec. Games Committee, 1937; Hon. Sec. A.S.P.S., 1935; O.T.C., 1st Class Shot.

C. G. Carter (1932, iii). Sub-prefect, 1937; O.S.C., 1937; 2nd XV, 1937; 2nd IV, 1937; 2nd XI, 1936; 1st XI, 1937; 2nd XI Colours, 1937.

G. B. Peck (1935, iii). O.S.C., 1937; O.T.C., Cert. "A," 1937.

J. W. Greening (1934, iii). O.S.C., 1937; 2nd XV, 1937.

VA FORM.—J. H. Higgs (1933, ii).

VB FORM.—R. W. B. Dawson (1933, iii).

J. E. G. Davies (1935, ii).

L. W. Dale (1934, i).

SALVETE.

VB FORM.—J. Mantel.

REMOVE.—G. D. Wells.

IIIA FORM.—G. L. Saunders, R. R. Varley.

IIIB FORM.—D. W. Olliffe, P. R. Allum.

II FORM.—J. P. Mortimore, P. E. Brenton-Coward.

RUGGER 1937.

It is now ten years since we changed over—changed back would be more accurate—to Rugger, and this is perhaps a suitable occasion on which to say something of the progress that has been made.

As regards the standard of play, a glance at the results of our 1st and "Under 15" teams during recent years will show that we can hold our own with any of the Schools we meet.

The existence of an Old Abingdonian Rugby Football Club, now in its third season, with its ground and pavilion in London, and an ever-lengthening list of fixtures, is both a proof of past performance and a stimulus to future endeavour.

We have had Old Boys playing in College, Hospital, and Services Rugger, and in many Clubs at home and overseas.

Here in Abingdon itself Old Boys can and do play Rugger with the Town Club, whose formation was encouraged by the prospect of obtaining recruits from those boys who stay in Abingdon when they leave School.

To turn to the achievements of the past season, it may safely be said that this was one of the most successful we have had. The only other that can be said to challenge comparison with it is the 1934 season, when we won four of the five School matches played, losing only to Leighton Park School. This season we won five school matches and lost two, namely against Magdalen College School, Oxford, and Leighton Park School. The latter, however, could justifiably be placed on the credit, rather than the debit side. For in spite of losing our stand-off half very early in the game (a bitter example this of history repeating itself!), we only lost by two points, our opponents scoring the winning try at the very last moment,

For losing to Magdalen College School we have no excuse to offer. The forwards played well throughout, but the match was lost by the out-sides in the first half, and though superior in the second half, we could not wipe out a half-time deficit of ten points.

The decisive victories over Bloxham, City of Oxford, and Southfield Schools, and Radley 2nd XV, indicated the potentialities of the team.

A great deal of the credit must be given to the forwards, who were lively and well together. Bayley was given sufficient support in the tight to enable him to demonstrate his ability as a hooker. In the loose, although the footwork might have been better, short passing and backing up became very effective as the season advanced. Considering their height, which was above the average, the forwards should have been more effective in the line-out, and their defensive covering was a distinct weakness.

The latter criticism is true of the out-sides also, with the exception of Randall, who frequently did the work of two or three men in defence, and was always there when most needed.

In attack the out-sides were in some ways very disappointing. Scarcely any tries came from orthodox movements. This was due partly to weakness on the wings, but more to a lack of smooth functioning of the machinery throughout. The trouble lay partly at stand-off half, and it is significant that during the short time that Aldersley was playing there, in the match with Leighton Park, the three-quarter line combined better than at any other time. No satisfactory substitute for him was found until the end of the season, when Bailey was brought in and showed promising form in the last three matches. Povey was tried for a time, but although quick off the mark he did not fit in well with Lunghi.

Both Randall and Wooster were individually clever in attack, but did not combine very well with their wings.

At full-back Wood, who was new to the position, improved rapidly, and by the end of the season was fielding and kicking with the confidence of a veteran.

It is a great pity that the standard of place-kicking was not better. There is no excuse for failure to convert a try scored behind the posts.

Congratulations to Dean (A. C.) and Lunghi on playing through three seasons in the 1st XV without missing a match!

The following are the results of the 1st XV matches :—

				<i>For. Agt.</i>	
S., Oct. 2	London Old				
	Abingdonians	H.	Lost	5	6
W., „ 13	Bloxham School	A.	Won	13	0
S., „ 23	Abingdon Town	H.	Lost	0	11
S., „ 30	Leighton Park				
	School	H.	Lost	12	14
W., Nov. 3	R.A.F. (Abing-				
	don) "A"	A.	Won	18	0
S., „ 6	Magdalen C.S.,				
	Brackley	A.	Won	9	3
S., „ 13	Radley College				
	2nd XV	A.	Won	21	6
W., „ 17	Magdalen C.S.,				
	Oxford	H.	Lost	8	15
S., „ 27	City of Oxford				
	School	H.	Won	16	7
W., Dec. 1	Southfield School	H.	Won	23	0
S., „ 4	Old Abingdonians	H.	Won	6	0

Points : For, 131 ; Against, 62.

FIRST XV MATCHES.

v. Bloxham School. Wednesday, Oct. 13th. Away. Won, 13—0.

From the start the School attacked and Lunghi made an opening which should have led to a try but Potter knocked on. Bloxham were penalized for offside and Bayley kicked a goal. The School forwards got the ball back repeatedly but passing and handling were bad behind the scrum. After half-time the School still attacked. Wells pounced on a stray pass by a Bloxham centre and scored near the corner. Wooster dropped a goal shortly afterwards, and two promising attacks were then spoilt by attempts to drop more goals. The School continued to attack and a good forward rush led to a try scored by Pimm, Lines failing to convert. Bloxham rallied towards the end and two movements narrowly failed.

Team :—Wood, J. M. ; Wells, M. D., Randall, G. D., Wooster, P. H. Potter, W. M. ; Povey, G. W., Lunghi H. A. ; Lines, J., Bayley G. V., Nadin, D. T., Jones, H. T., Hedger, R., Dean, A. C., Dean, F. G. D., Pimm, D.

v. Abingdon R.F.C. Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Home. Lost, 0—11.

Played in almost continuous rain. The Town had a heavy pack, and were superior in the tight scrums, but inability to handle a wet ball made their attacks ineffective. They kept the School

in their own half most of the time, and from a line-out near the corner Allison forced his way over. The School forwards did better in the second half but the Town gained ground repeatedly by kick-and-rush tactics. Allison, unmarked at back of line-out scored again, though half-tackled by Wooster. This try was converted. Finally Blagrove came away with the ball from a mêlée near our line, and scored. The weather conditions and unorthodox methods of the opposition baffled the School at first, but when they settled down they gave a good account of themselves and were unlucky to have three tries scored against them.

Team :—As in previous match except that Bloomer played for Wells and Cracknell for Dean, F. G. D.

v. Leighton Park School. Saturday, Oct. 30th. Home. Lost, 12—14.

A fast and open game. The School three-quarter line attacked repeatedly but were kept out by good defence. Wooster then scored a clever solo try. He intercepted, ran thirty yards, kicked ahead, gathered the ball and raced over in the corner (3—0). Leighton replied almost at once with a penalty goal (3—3). At this exciting stage, with the School attacking again, Aldersley unfortunately had to retire, hurt, and took no more part in the game. Almost at once Leighton scored (3—6). The game swung backwards and forwards. Randall kicked a penalty goal (6—6). Leighton replied with a try (6—9) which they converted (6—11). From the kick-off Bayley, following up hard, gathered the ball and broke through to score far out. Pimm just failed with the kick (9—11). Half-time came with the School attacking strongly.

Three minutes after the resumption of play Wooster did it again, this time with a tricky run (12—11). The School hung on to their one-point lead for what seemed like hours. Leighton were attacking but the defence held out. Just before "no-side" the Leighton left-wing dived over within a few feet of the corner-flag. The try was not converted.

Team :—Same as in previous match except that Aldersley played at stand-off half in place of Povey, who played wing three-quarter instead of Bloomer; and Dean, F. G. D., played for Jones, H. T.

v. R.A.F. (Abingdon) "A." Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. Away. Won, 18—0.

The School did most of the attacking but were not at their best; the forwards at the beginning

lacked cohesion. Wooster broke away backed up by Pimm, whom he sent in for a try, not converted. Povey dropped a goal. After half-time Pimm went over from a five-yards scrum. The R.A.F. pressed but were kept out. Dean, A. C., rounded off some good forward play, Pimm failing to convert. Another break through by Wooster enabled Randall to obtain a try, converted by Bayley.

Team :—Same as in previous match except that Wells came in at three-quarter and Wooster took Aldersley's place at half.

v. Magdalen C.S., Brackley. Saturday, November 6th. Away. Won, 9—3.

This was a disappointing game. The School team were for some reason unable to rouse themselves during the first half. The forwards were lethargic, the outsides slow and clumsy. At half-time Brackley led by a penalty goal to nil.

In the second half the School improved a little, but Brackley's fast wingers broke up several movements, while others failed through faulty positioning, and our score came from three individual efforts by Bayley, Lunghi, and Wooster. Brackley should have scored when their stand-off half got clean away but then kicked into touch.

Team :—Same as in previous match.

v. Magdalen C.S., Oxford. Wednesday, Nov. 17th. Home. Lost, 8—15.

Magdalen pressed from the start, but could not round off their attacks, and the School forwards, raising their game, kept our outsides well supplied for a time. Bad handling however, spoilt our chances of scoring, and Magdalen, returning to the attack, secured the man over to round off a well-executed three-quarter movement. Just before half-time Mogford found a gap in our defence in the centre, and strode over. Both these tries were converted and Magdalen led at half-time by ten points to nil.

Nothing daunted by this somewhat serious situation the School proceeded to attack strongly, and for a time had matters very much their own way. Randall scored after a good run from half-way, and Pimm converted. Almost at once we carried the game into the enemy's "twenty-five," and Lunghi successfully worked the blind side from a five yards' scrum. Pimm just failed to convert.

We were now only two points down and playing so well that for a time it looked as if we might secure a winning lead. Unfortunately, however,

Povey at fly-half was fumbling badly, and eventually Randall was moved up to take his place. But by this time it was too late. Magdalen assumed the offensive again, and though Randall drove them back by clever touch-kicking they were not to be denied, and at length put the issue beyond doubt by scoring through Mogford, after a three-quarter movement initiated in their own twenty-five. The try was converted.

Team :—Same as in the match against Magdalen C. S., Brackley, except that Dean (A. C.) played instead of Wells, and Goodey filled Dean's place at forward.

v. City of Oxford School. Saturday, Nov. 27th. Home. Won, 16—7.

After their customary slow start the School entered on a period of great activity during which tries were scored by Wooster, Bayley, and Randall. Pimm converted two of these. Our three-quarter line, encountering little opposition, and well fed by the halves, ran about a lot and might have scored more freely had their play been more constructive. Our opponents used their feet effectively in forward rushes which took the ball down to our "25" on several occasions, and led to their one try. The School added two more tries in the second half, and the City of Oxford School by means of a clever dropped goal brought their total to 7 points.

Team :—Wood, J. M.; Povey, G. W., Randall, G. D., Wooster, P. H., Bloomer, P. H. E.; Bailey, H. B., Lunghi, H. A.; Lines, J., Bayley, G. V., Pimm, D., Hedger, R., Dean, F. G. D., Dean, A. C., Nadin, D. T., Cracknell, D. M.

v. Old Abingdonians. Saturday, Dec. 4th. Home. Won, 6—0.

Conditions were very bad. Snow had fallen, there was a slight mist, and visibility at times was very poor. During the early part of the game the Old Boys took the offensive and displayed remarkable energy, but unfamiliarity with each other's play was fatal to fruition. The School produced several good-looking three-quarter movements, and gradually got the upper hand. A break away by Wooster was closely backed up by Bayley, who galloped over in fine style. Pimm failed with the kick, but made no mistake with a much more difficult one when the Old Boys were penalized shortly before the end of the game.

The School outsiders ran and handled remarkably well considering the state of ground and ball. For the Old Boys Mills played splendidly at scrum-half.

Team :—Wood, J. M.; Bloomer, P. H. E., Dean, A. C., Wooster, P. H., Randall, G. D.; Bailey, H. B., Lunghi, H. A., Lines, J., Bayley, G. V., Pimm, D., Hedger, R., Faulkner, J. H. R., Cracknell, D. M., Dean, F. G. D., Nadin, D. T.

1ST XV CHARACTERS.

H. A. Lunghi, Captain, Colours 1935. Was unfortunate in failing to find a sufficiently adaptable partner at stand-off half. Consequently his attacking play was not up to last season's standard.

G. V. Bayley, Colours 1935. Forward. His skill as hooker secured the ball in 9 scrums out of 10 through the season, and by hard work and close backing up in loose he scored several tries. Defence good and useful place-kick.

P. H. Wooster, Colours 1936. Centre three-quarter. Handicapped by lack of suitable partner on wing but shewed individual ability, with quick eye for opening and interception. Deceptive swerving run but defence weak owing to lying too far up.

G. D. Randall. Colours 1937. Centre three-quarter and stand-off half. A fast, neat player plenty of thrust, and a deadly tackler. Defensive work and long kicks to touch invaluable. Scored many points with drop kicks.

A. C. Dean, 2nd XV Colours 1935. Forward. A hardworking and effective wing-forward with a good turn of speed in backing up. Tackling and defence work very good. Shewed ability as an outside but handicapped by bad sight.

H. T. Jones. 2nd XV Colours, 1936. Wing three-quarter. A fast keen player converted from forward to wing three-quarter. Tackled hard, but injury kept him out of later matches.

R. Hedger, 2nd XV Colours 1937. Forward. Very hard worker, used his weight well in scrums. Excellent in defence tackling and falling. Needs more control in handling and dribbling.

J. M. Wood, 2nd XV Colours 1937. Full back. A most reliable player with safe hands and a good kick. Very steady under pressure and would tackle any opponent.

J. Lines, 2nd XV Colours 1936. Forward. Supported hooker well in tight scrums and used his height in the line-out. Fairly well up in support but might be more thrustful.

D. Pimm, 2nd XV Colours 1936. Forward. Useful in the line out and tight scrums but could be more active in the loose, though handling and dribbling were good. Place kicking not quite up to last season's high standard.

D. T. Nadin, 2nd XV Colours 1936. Forward. Keen hardworking player. Tackles hard and well up in support but should improve his footwork. Rather slow for a back-row forward.

D. M. Cracknell, 2nd XV Colours 1937. Forward. Fast wing forward; supported attacks well and scored or helped towards several tries. Useful in line-out. Spoiling tactics might be more effective.

G. W. Povey, 2nd XV Colours 1937. Stand-off half. A player whose individualistic style did not combine well with the scrum half. Quick off the mark—sometimes too quick—but handling and tackling only fair. A useful place-kick and defensive kicking good.

F. G. D. Dean, 2nd XV Colours 1937. Forward. Very good in the line out and well to the fore in the loose with vigorous play. Might use his weight more in the tight scrums and improve dribbling.

P. H. E. Bloomer, 2nd XV Colours 1937. Wing three-quarter. A good turn of speed but lacks eye for opening to make full use of it. Tackling only fair, but stopped his opponent somehow.

SECOND XV.

The following are the results of the 2nd XV matches :—

				<i>For</i>	<i>Agt.</i>
W. Oct. 13	Bloxham School	H.	Lost	6	27
S. „ 30	Leighton Park School	A.	Lost	8	28
W. Nov. 3	Magdalen C.S. Oxford	A.	Lost	3	24
S. „ 20	Southfield School	H.	Won	11	7

It is a long time since the 2nd XV won a match. Now that they have done so, it is to be hoped that they will be encouraged to do themselves justice in matches in the future. It is not the ability, but the will, to win that has been lacking.

The following played for the 2nd XV :—
Bailey, H. B., Bloomer, P. H. E., Cracknell, D. M., Dockerty, B. W. O., Elphick, H. G., Faulkner, J. H. R., Goodey, R., Greening, J. W., Hendley, L. A. G., Jackson, R. F., Jones, H. T., Lay, J., Logan, G. L., Moss, G. S., Nathan, M. F., Paige, J. N., Potter, W. M., Roberts, D. E., Rowe, C. G., Wells, M. D. West, D. B., Yielding, C. E.

THE "UNDER FIFTEEN" XV.

The "Under Fifteen" side was not so good as the results might suggest. Against weak opposition tries were scored, but the defence was unable

to withstand any determined running. The three-quarters did not tackle resolutely and the forwards were slow to break up and meet emergencies.

The scrum was fairly good in the tight and sometimes wheeled effectively, but more often attempted the straightforward shove, a mode of attack which became obsolete in the last century. Much of the work in the loose was clumsy and aimless. Had a good scrum leader been found, the forwards would have worked more neatly and their undoubted vigour might have been put to better use.

Of the outsides Clarke showed good rigger sense and was sound in all departments of the game. Nathan, though often useful was inclined to be selfish and unintelligent. Lines ii was handicapped by an inability to tackle and Holland ii by an inability to keep on his feet when closely pressed. Mills iii cut through quite well at times, but was apt to lose touch and pass wildly. Dale ran strongly but did not cover up mistakes quickly, while Carter ii, though handicapped by size, gave a plucky service from the scrum and tackled well. At full back Owen showed a good sense of position and kicked well, but his tackling was not always sound. As a place-kicker Jarvis was effective, but his handling was uncertain.

Results were as follows :—

v. Leighton Park School.	Away.	Drawn, 11—11.
v. Magdalen College School, Oxford.	Home.	Won, 24—0.
v. Bloxham School.	Away.	Lost, 0—41.
v. Southfield School.	Home.	Lost, 8—14.
v. City of Oxford School.	Away.	Lost, 0—10.
v. Magdalen College School, Brackley.	Home.	Won, 8—3.

The following played for the team :—

H. J. Clarke (Capt.), J. Richardson, D. G. Sandercock, J. Calvert-Fisher, B. Arundale, G. Farnsworth, H. G. Elphick, B. W. O. Dockerty, A. J. Davies, L. W. Dale, D. G. Carter, M. F. Nathan, J. S. T. Mills, D. E. Jarvis, I. S. Holland, J. R. Owen, D. G. E. Holme, A. Lines, J. M. Leftwich.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Senior.—The "Lin" Cup was won by Red House who, with five 1st XV outsides, ran up cricket scores in both matches. They beat Green House 43—3, and Blue House 47—0.

Junior.—The "Robinson" Cup was won by Blue House, who beat Green House 19—8, and Red House 10—3.

THE SCHOOL MISSION.

The best way to open an article on the School Mission is to explain the objects and aims of the Dockland Settlements.

The Settlements are situated in the poorest dockland areas of London, Bristol and Southampton. Here they cater for all classes of the unemployed and very poor, the men, youths, women and girls, the grandfathers and grandmothers.

The Settlements take the form of large club-rooms, canteens, workrooms, gymnasiums, chapels and playing fields. Their chief objects are to educate their members and to amuse and occupy them during their leisure hours. In the boys' clubs they are taught carpentry, cobbling and rug making, while in the girls' clubs there are painting metal work, leather work and other handicrafts. The men are encouraged to educate themselves and to aspire to better jobs and the Settlements help them to get them, and consequently to have happier homes, and they endeavour to mould their lives on more beneficial lines. The members are continually getting better posts, some realising higher standards in the industrial world and many others qualifying for the police forces. In this way they are enabled to make better and happier marriages and to bring happier and healthier children into the world.

Recreation for all classes during their leisure hours is amply provided for and encouragement and opportunity is given for exercise and in this way national fitness is propagated. Physical training is a great feature of the clubs and the men and boys have gymnastic classes during which they have simple exercises, boxing, wrestling and badminton under the guidance of a trainer. On Saturday afternoons they have football or cricket, and on Sundays they go for long cycle rides to the country. Apart from these more energetic sports they have more leisurely entertainments in darts, table tennis, whist and billiards. Among the many other great works these settlements do, the holiday camps, which enable members to go into the country or to the sea-side for their summer holidays must be mentioned, and also the poor-relief work. The Settlements are run on democratic lines of liberty and goodwill; the members do everything of their own free will, and the spirit of companionship and unselfishness is spread throughout the clubs. In fact the aim of the Settlement is to train boys and girls in crowded corners of English cities to grow up

happy, healthy and good citizens of this great Commonwealth and loyal and useful subjects of the king: and you, who have started with great advantages in life, who have been brought up in happy, healthy homes can do more than anyone else to help these poor people and to spread the virtues of goodwill and unselfishness through this sorely tried world.

To return to the connection of the School with the Dockland Settlement, for some years now the School has sent the proceeds of the Chapel collections, taken on Sundays when only the boarders were present, to the Settlements in general. Last year, however, it was decided that this was rather a half-hearted and blind support. And so it was decided to invite Sir Reginald Kennedy-Cox, the Hon. Warden of the Settlements, to come down and tell us more about the workings of the Settlements. This he very kindly consented to do and, after a very interesting lecture, he suggested that we should be linked up with one definite settlement, the Poplar or No. 6 Settlement; as a result of this we send all our contributions to this one settlement. We have instituted a system whereby we have three to four chapel collections a term when the whole school is present. The results have been fairly good, but I am sure that if everybody would spare more thought for the poorer and more unlucky people of this country, and in general think more of others not only would the results be more gratifying, but the giving considerably easier for some people. The Settlement kindly acknowledged our first contribution by naming their new clubroom the "Abingdon" Club, and I only hope that we may be able to show ourselves deserving of this recognition.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to remind everybody that contributions, not only of money, but of articles such as clothing, magazines, gramophone records etc. are always very welcome there, and they should be addressed to the Warden:

John H. Parish, Esq.,
Dockland Settlement No. 6,
Poplar, E.14.

I would remind you too that anyone who is interested in this great work may go any time to the Settlement where he may see how it is run, and spend a very entertaining time. I can best end by quoting the words of his late Majesty King George V in his speech on the Dockland Settlements:—

"There is no doubt that the Dockland Settlements are serving the country well. They exert a

unique influence over a wide area, being the meeting place for all sorts and conditions of people. It is by this mutual contact that the public influence can be created which will make for peace and prosperity, not merely in the commercial life of the Nation, but in the homes of the people themselves." H.T.J.

THE MUSIC CIRCLE.

The Music Circle, mustering twenty-five in all, visited Oxford on February 23rd to hear the London Philharmonic Orchestra give a concert under the conductorship of Felix Weingartner. A finely-played programme of Haydn, Mozart, Weber and Brahms was thoroughly enjoyed.

An "inner circle" of seven also heard on February 27th or March 6th. Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" given in the Sheldonian Theatre by the Oxford Bach Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Armstrong. One enthusiast went to both performances.

O.T.C.

We must first congratulate H. B. Bailey, D. M. Cracknell, A. C. Dean, R. F. Jackson, D. T. Nadin, G. B. Peck, W. M. Potter, G. W. Povey, G. D. Randall, D. B. West and J. M. Wood, on their success in the November examination for Certificate "A"—a record number for one examination.

Last term a number of cadets visited the R.A.F. Station, Abingdon, for a weekly period of instructional work. The lectures, very kindly arranged by the Station Commander, covered four different aspects of air training and were most instructive. The course was highly appreciated and it is hoped it will be possible to arrange further visits.

This term time has been chiefly devoted to Certificate "A" work and the training of instructors. Under the guidance of Sgt.-Major Eyre the potential instructors have made considerable progress, both in mastering the detail of weapon training, and also in handling squads on the parade ground. Useful work has also been carried out on the sand table and among others Sgts. Bayley, Wooster, West and Roberts have all successfully prepared and conducted T.E.W.T.'s. The senior N.C.O.'s are now C.S.M. H. T. Jones and Lance-Sgt.-Major H. A. Lunghi; the two platoons are commanded by Sgts. G. V. Bayley and P. H. Wooster with Sgts. D. B. West and D. E. Roberts as platoon sergeants.

Promotions: To be Lance-Sgt.-Major: H. A. Lunghi. To be Sgts.: D. E. Roberts, D. B. West. To be Cpls.: A. C. Dean, G. D. Randall, G. W. Povey, R. F. Jackson, J. M. Wood. To be L.-Cpls.: D. T. Nadin, W. M. Potter.

THE RAG CONCERT.

The evening was started by *M. D. Wells* who appeared before the curtain, immaculately clad in tails and white waistcoat, to announce the first item. In keeping with pantomime spirit he spoke his piece in rhyme, and the compèring was continued in verse throughout the concert. The first number was "Snowdrop and the Magic Mirror," given by *The Lodge*. In no ways vying with a recent Disney production, this was a most delightful rendering of the Grimm story, and is certainly one of *The Lodge's* most effective performances. The standard of the acting was high throughout, and many of the scenes were charmingly contrived and lit.

Next *Mr. Holmes* gave us an historical monologue about The Battle of Hastings. The "1066" part was familiar enough, but the "all that" was quite new to us, and highly memorable.

Then *Waste Court* presented "Brennan on the Moor," which was mimed, the text being recited from the wings. This was quite a novelty and produced a good contrast to the rest of the programme.

Mr. Bevir then appeared and gave us two new songs—"Beautiful, Beautiful Dreams" and "Spring, Spring, Glorious Spring." These were uproariously received. This ever-popular artist was never more so.

The final play, of local vintage, was entitled "December the Fifteenth." The opening scene was a room in Grosvenor House, where Gordon Bagshaw (*G. V. Bayley*), a music-hall manager, is discovered dealing with his afternoon post. A page (*D. A. Culmer*) shortly ushers in Gilbert Sanderson (*D. M. Cracknell*), an elderly brother-in-law who is up on an unexpected visit from the country. He is asked to stay and make himself at home. Not much peace is guaranteed, however, as business dogs Bagshaw to his private rooms, and his nephew John is expected at any moment, coming straight from school to spend the first few days of his Christmas holiday. John (*J. N. Paige*) presently arrives, and family talk proceeds till a Mr. Phra is announced as anxious to interview Bagshaw with a view to a stage engagement. Partly to please John he is invited to enter.

Mr. Phra (*H. A. Lunghi*) is a magician of the first water whose very costume and esoteric language impress from the start. It is small wonder, then, that when he proffers a small exhibition of his powers he startles everyone by converting Sanderson's voice into that of a young treble, and follows this display of virtuosity by an exhibition of dissociation and transference on a doctor and plumber. This involves a black-out and two separate scenes. The first reveals Tiny (*G. Farnsworth*) in the agonies of neuralgia and toothache, tended on a couch by his mother (*D. B. West*). The doctor shortly arrives, but his clumsy ministrations only accentuate the patient's distress. His proposed operation is mercifully prevented through the necessary tool being found missing. The next scene shows Mrs. Chips (*J. Graff*) awaiting a visit from the plumber, a stoppage having developed in the kitchen waste-pipe. The practitioner who shortly calls (*A. C. Dean*) makes an examination, diagnosis, and prescription in the best bed-side manner. Once more in Bagshaw's rooms, Mr. Phra takes his leave, and the remainder of the act is enlivened by the intrusion and inconsequential incoherence of a Mr. Larkins (*G. L. Logan*) from a neighbouring suite—a veritable lunatic-at-large.

Act II sees Bagshaw and John visiting the stage of "The Palaceum," where everything is a novelty to the school boy. Mr. Jackson (*R. F. Jackson*), the stage manager, is introduced, and the new lighting arrangements, which include a very effective dimmer constructed by him and *M. H. Wheat*, are discussed and demonstrated. A Mr. Chill (*J. H. Hill*) then presents for audition his duettists "Dimm and Bean" (*D. Pimm* and *A. C. Dean*). Their first number was Offenbach's "Gendarme Song," given in appropriate disguise and costume; then a nigger-minstrel duet, and finally a modern popular song—"Home Town." The pair displayed much versatility in adapting themselves to their various roles, and were probably at their best in the middle item—"Buffalo Girls." Here there was a happy blend of costume, stylised acting and singing, and lighting effects, which evoked much enthusiastic applause. Finally a team calling themselves "The Potted Historians" gave an impression of the court of Mr. Justice Nibbs (*H. A. Lunghi*) a few centuries ago. Under the charge of two ill-visaged warders (*D. B. West* and *B. Arundale*) the unabashed Christopher Columbus (*D. E. Roberts*) was arraigned for his impropriety in discovering America; whilst the

retiring Guy Fawkes (*P. H. Wooster*), clearly suffering from an inferiority complex, was severely reprimanded and sentenced for his failure to blow up The House of Commons.

Throughout the whole of this second act the proceedings were punctuated by the frequent visits of the ubiquitous Mr. Larkins, who was responsible for the final curtain.

A closing word of praise should be given to the lights men mentioned earlier. Their new constructions behind scenes, and their cunning manipulation of these—in which task they were ably assisted by *P. H. Wooster*—contributed largely to the effective presentation of the evening's programme.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTH.

COXETER.—On Feb. 3, at Abingdon, to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. C. Coxeter (1920), of Twickenham House, Abingdon, a son.

MARRIAGE.

WATERHOUSE—NICHOLSON.—On Jan. 29, at St. John's Church, Edinburgh, Rowland Charles William Waterhouse (1922), of Newport, Essex, to Esther Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nicholson, of Markgreen, Lanark.

DEATH.

DODDRELL.—On Dec. 15, 1937, Rev. Elsen Conrad Doddrell (1884), of 6 Alexandra House, Regent's Park Road, Church End, Finchley.

The Rev. E. C. Doddrell joined the School in January 1879 and left in July 1884. After graduating at Christ's College, Cambridge, he went to South Africa, where he held an educational post in Bulawayo. On returning to England he was ordained in 1912, and had since been curate of St. Mary's Church, Finchley. He preached the School sermon in St. Helen's Church on Founder's Day 1916.

H. A. N. Medd (1910) has returned to India, where he is engaged upon the design of a new Law Court for the Central Provinces Government in Nagpur.

We have received a copy of the paper presented by H. P. Tame (1917) at the Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress in November. His subject was *The Present Design and Construction of the King's Highway and "Things to Come."* As we stated in our last Summer Term number, this paper was submitted for the open competition

arranged by the Congress Council, and was awarded a special prize of five guineas.

A. M. Thatcher (1928) has been appointed to command the Worksop College contingent of the O.T.C., and promoted to the rank of Captain.

H. Bosley (1934) has taken his B.A. degree at London University. He is teaching at the Bearwood School, Winnersh, near Wokingham.

An original story by D. H. Blake (1934), with lyrics and music by Annette Mills, forms the basis of a Musical Romance, called "Golden Rose," which was produced by the B.B.C. in the National programme of March 8 and in the Regional programme of March 10.

D. C. Woolf (1934)—now a Paymaster Sub-lieutenant—is serving in H.M.S. Ajax, with a 2½ years commission for a cruise round North and South America and the West Indies. He is due to sail early in March.

A. C. Emms (1934) writes from Hall End Farm, Thurleigh, Bedford, where he is managing a mixed farm (part arable and part stock) of 200 acres. He has taken the diploma course at Wye Agricultural College and passed his finals last July, with ranking as the best student of his year and a goodly record of distinctions and prizes to his credit. Incidentally he seems to have grown out of all recognition. He represented his College at Athletics in the field events (Weight, Hammer and Discus), and got into the first XV at Rugger and the second XI at Cricket.

Congratulations to J. M. Allison (1932), Lt., 4th Oxford and Bucks L.I., on winning the Territorial Army Light Heavyweight Championship at the Albert Hall on Friday, March 4th. He knocked out his opponent in the second round and in the words of the *Daily Telegraph* :—

"Others were exciting fights to a standstill as for instance the light-heavyweight final in which Lt. Allison and Lt. Powell fought such a slogging match that both were exhausted at the end of the second two-minute round."

We congratulate D. G. Brown (1935) on his latest success as "discobolus" in the O.U.A.C. Trial Sports. Though beaten in the Weight Putting by Helge Merz, the German Rhodes Scholar, he got his own back with the Discus, winning by upwards of seven feet with a fine throw of 125 ft. 6 ins. This constituted a ground record, beating the previous record by 8 inches; he has been selected as first string in this event

against Cambridge, and second string in the "Weight."

J. A. Fletcher (1936) has passed out from Woolwich into the Royal Artillery, and is at the moment stationed at Larkhill. He has been elected Captain of the Larkhill Cricket team for the coming season.

P. A. Wimberley (1936), now confirmed in his appointment as a Pilot Officer, is at the R.A.F. Station at Feltwell.

K. G. Corbett (1934) has a clerkship in Lloyd's Bank at Beaconsfield, and T. C. Davies (1937) has a clerkship in Barclay's Bank in London.

P. L. Beckett (1934) is a Motor Salesman in Birmingham.

C. A. Ronan (1937) is working with J. Nathan & Co., General Merchants, at 16 St. Helen's Place, E.C.3.

R. F. Simmonds (1937) is learning the Builders' Merchants' Trade in London and living at his home at Kingston.

M. H. Wheat (1937) is an apprentice under the London Transport Board. His address in London is :—42 Warwick Gardens, Kensington, W.14.

J. H. Higgs (1937) has enlisted in the 12th Lancers and is stationed at Tidworth.

L. W. Dale (1937) is a pupil on a farm in Hampshire.

M. D. Wells (1937) has joined the Royal Berkshire Regt. at Reading with a view to taking a commission.

We have received news from D. C. K. Wright (1927) that he has recently taken a directorship in a well-established firm of Surveyors and Land Agents in Parkstone, Dorset—the company now being known by the title Adams, Rensch & Wright, Ltd.

O.A.R.F.C.

The Annual Dance of the London O.A. Rugger Club will be held at the Suffolk Galleries, Suffolk Street, S.W.1, on Saturday, 2nd April, 1938, 8.30—12.30. Tickets 5s. each, including running buffet. Tickets are now available from :—

J. D. WOOD, "Hawthorndene,"

Gordon Avenue, Stanmore, Middlesex.

or from :—

S. ALLAN FABES, 44, Beechwood Avenue, N.3.

These Dances have, in past years, been great successes and it is hoped that with the co-operation of all O.A.'s and their friends, this will be a record winding-up of the Rugger Season.

We publish here a copy of the Appeal which has been sent to all members of the O.A. Club, in the hope that it may interest others outside the Club.

OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND.

At a General Meeting of the Old Abingdonian Club it was decided to open a Trust Fund, which would be available for any scheme required by Abingdon School for its progress or protection. A Trust Committee was elected to appoint Trustees to administer the fund, and the following were appointed and have accepted office, Messrs. H. A. L. Donkin, E. G. Langford, A. W. Morland, G. F. Powell and J. D. Wood.

It was decided in connection with the above that as from September, 1936, of the £1 1s. 0d. life membership subscription to the O.A. Club 2s. should be paid to the O.A.T.F. and 3s. to the *Abingdonian* Committee in return for which the *Abingdonian* would be supplied for 2 years. After the two years members of the Club will be asked for further subscriptions to the Trust Fund. A minimum annual subscription of 3s. will entitle them to the continued receipt of the *Abingdonian*; but it is hoped that members will subscribe as generously as their means allow. Those who can undertake to subscribe £1 1s. 0d. or upwards for a period of not less than 7 years can greatly enhance the value of their gift by adopting the form of covenant enclosed. The Hon. Treasurer, O.A.T.F., will supply further particulars if required.

It is hoped that members will follow the lead of those who have already subscribed. Where a school of set purpose offers on very economical terms an efficient Public School education with all the equipment and services needed to ensure a high standard of intellectual, moral and physical welfare there cannot be a large margin of money for developments requiring capital outlay. For example there is still a debit balance on the Capital Account of Waste Court.

We are sending a copy of this appeal to all members of the O.A. Club.

An account has been opened at the Westminster Bank, Abingdon. The following amounts have already been subscribed or promised.

	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Mr. J. B. Reeves ..	50	0	0	(Donation)	Mr. J. Y. Ingham ..	..	1	0	0
Mr. W. Bevir ..	10	0	0	(Donation)	Mr. W. H. Stevens ..	..	1	0	0
Mr. C. R. Davidge ..	10	0	0	(Donation)	Mr. K. T. Wood ..	..	1	0	0
Mr. A. E. Preston ..	10	0	0	(Donation)	Mr. G. A. R. Boyd ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. W. A. Rudd ..	10	0	0	(Donation)	Mr. J. O. Bury ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. E. J. P. Ross-Barker	5	5	0	(7 yrs. covenant)	Mr. L. G. Cather ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. A. W. Morland ..	5	0	0	(Donation)	Mr. S. A. Fabes ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. F. Sinclair ..	5	0	0	(Donation)	Mr. D. E. Healy ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. E. H. Blacknell ..	1	1	0	(7 yrs. covenant)	Mr. H. B. Healy ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. K. Cleave ..	1	1	0	" "	Mr. W. R. A. Kettle ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. A. E. B. Foxwell ..	1	1	0	" "	Mr. L. P. Mosdell ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. J. D. May ..	1	1	0	" "	Mr. M. Ogle ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. W. Memory ..	1	1	0	" "	Mr. S. A. Paige ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. W. M. Grundy ..	1	1	0		Mr. P. B. Pfordten ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. J. B. E. Alston ..	1	0	0		Mr. S. D. Plummer ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. T. G. Austin ..	1	0	0		Mr. P. E. Wagstaff ..	..	10	0	0
Mr. H. A. L. Donkin ..	1	0	0		Mr. J. D. Wood	10	0	0
Mr. R. E. Eason ..	1	0	0		Mr. P. R. Wood	10	0	0
Mr. G. F. Duxbury ..	1	0	0						

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