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SCHOOL NOTES.

What shall we say of this term, in its general aspect? We departed last term just before the coming of snow and ice. Snow greeted us soon after our return—The river rose to unbelievable heights, lakes appeared in the Lower Field, but luckily both soon subsided as sun and wind did their good work. Then the flu germ visited us, claiming a few victims, but soon departed discomfited. Another Easter term with its snares and pitfalls has been safely negotiated.

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We congratulate H. A. Lunghi on his election to the Pembroke Scholarship.

In the December Examination, D. Pimm and P. H. E. Bloomer were awarded School Certificates.

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A. C. Dean is Captain of Boats, H. A. Lunghi Captain of Hockey and D. B. West Hon. Sec. of Games.

Last term 1st XV Colours were awarded to R. Hedger, J. P. Aldersley, D. Pimm, D. T. Nadin, and 2nd XV Colours to R. Goodey, R. F. Jackson, H. B. Bailey, H. J. Clarke, G. S. Moss and G. L. Logan.

Both House Football Cups, the 'Lin' Cup for Seniors and the Robinson Cup for Juniors were won by Red.

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The following boys were confirmed by Bishop Allen, who has since been installed the new Bishop of the ancient See of Dorchester, on Sunday, December 4th, in the School Chapel: E. O. Jones, K. G. Walker, A. H. Morser, P. H. E. Bloomer, D. G. Sandercock, D. G. Carter, A. M. Mills, J. G. L. Pearson, R. E. Ball, J. M. Leftwich, P. Carter, B. Arundale, N. H. Kortright, I. S. Holland, T. J. Basford.

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We wish to thank C. A. W. Payne for his presentation to the Library of a coloured print

of the interior of the Old Roysse's Schoolroom: and the Rev. R. E. Frampton, for the gift of Hellenic Association Journals, which he has made regularly for some years.

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In this record of School happenings we should mention the epidiascope, which is steadily proving its usefulness: and outside the School the covering of the fives court with a glass roof and the completion of levelling operations in the Lower Field.

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This term ends on Tuesday, March 28th, boarders leaving on the following day. Next term begins on Tuesday, May 2nd, boarders returning on the previous day.

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We acknowledge with thanks the following contemporaries:—*The Aldenhamian*, *The Bloxhamist*, *The Bracklesian*, *The Brighton College Magazine*, *The Chigwellian*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Lily*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The Recorder*, *The St. Edward's School Chronicle*.

Valete.

VI FORM. L. L. Bernthal (1932, iii). School Prefect 1938; O.S.C. 1937; 2nd XI 1938; Hockey XI 1937—38.

C. J. Reenan (1934, iii). O.S.C. 1938; 2nd XV 1937—38; O.T.C. L.Cpl. 1938. Cert. "A".

VA FORM. P. H. E. Bloomer (1936, i). O.S.C. 1938; 1st XV 1937—38; 2nd XV Colours 1937; Athletics Half-colours 1938.

J. P. Aldersley (1935, iii). 1st XV 1937—38. 1st XV Colours 1938; 2nd XI 1938; Hockey XI 1938.

VB FORM. D. E. Jarvis (1934, ii). 2nd XI Cricket 1938; O.T.C. L.Cpl. 1938. Cert. "A"
REMOVE. B. E. Hillsdon (1934, i).

IIIA FORM. J. A. Buckle (1938, iii).

Salvete.

VA FORM. W. Schafer.

REMOVE. P. A. Sitch, M. F. C. Brook.

IIIB FORM. C. R. Burborough.

RUGGER NOTES.

After a rather moderate start the 1st XV finished strongly and in the last four matches, of which they drew one and won three, scored 75 points to 5. Four matches had to be cancelled, which was unfortunate as a little more match practice would undoubtedly have improved the combination of the outsides.

After a satisfactory match with the London O.As. the team collapsed badly against Pembroke College. For this, weak defence was largely responsible, but the whole team played listlessly and a long way below its true form. In their match with Abingdon Town the School played with plenty of vigour, but were just beaten owing to unsoundness in defence. The match with Magdalen College School, Oxford was for us a tragedy of missed opportunities, for our opponents a triumph of opportunism. This was the turning-point, however, and the rest of the season was as encouraging as the earlier part had been disappointing. In a very thrilling match Bloxham were held to a pointless draw, the City of Oxford School and Radley College 2nd XV soundly beaten, and the Old Boys defeated with something to spare, though they held the School very well in the second-half of a lively game.

There were several reasons for the marked improvement of the team. The sounder and speedier play of the pack, together with Hedger's greatly improved hooking, gave the halves, Lunghi and Aldersley, ample opportunity for demonstrating the high quality of their attacking powers. Lunghi's judicious cut-through and swift passing, Aldersley's extraordinarily safe hands and speed off the mark, were features of every match. Their defensive play was good. Lunghi undoubtedly saved the game with Bloxham, whose forwards he repeatedly checked by falling or picking the ball off their feet.

Changes in the three-quarter line also contributed to the general improvement. Bloomer had at last found confidence, and Clarke fully justified his inclusion by determination and intelligent play which made up for his lack of inches. Randall, while still individualistic, made good use of his speed and strength. His place kicking was a great asset to the team. Bailey was an uncertain player whose

handling was sometimes unreliable; at his best he had considerable powers of penetration. Of the line as a whole it may be said that promise exceeded performance. Too many movements, splendidly initiated by the halves, broke down through faulty handling and positioning. More match practice would perhaps have helped the three-quarters to combine better. In attack, they were very well backed up by A. C. Dean who also set the pack a fine example by his vigorous forward play.

The capabilities of the team may be summed up by saying that they were better in attack than defence; their chief strength lay in the halves, and this strength was made good use of, thanks to a pack of more than average ability: the three-quarters had plenty of scoring power but did not combine well enough to realize their potentialities to the full.

1st XV MATCHES.

v. London Old Abingdonians. Saturday, October 8th. Home. Won 14—8.

After ten minutes the School opened their account with a try by A. C. Dean who backed up a break-through by Randall. The latter converted. Before the O.As. settled down, Lunghi increased the School lead with a clever individual try. Taking advantage of some careless passing by the School three-quarters on their own line, the O.As. now obtained a try, which was converted by Emmett. During the absence of Randall, temporarily hurt, the O.As. drew level, when Emmett kicked ahead and touched down.

Pimm put the School in front shortly after half-time by kicking a penalty goal. Both teams were obviously short of practice, and could not complete promising movements. A. C. Dean ended the scoring, as he had begun it, by backing up a three-quarter movement. Pimm failed to convert.

Team:—Jackson, R. F., Nathan, M. F., Bailey, H. B., Randall, G. D., Bloomer, P. H. E.; Aldersley, J. P., Lunghi, H. A.; Dean, A. C., Dean, F. G. D., Calvert-Fisher, J., Nadin, D. T., Moss, G. S., Pimm, D., Hedger, R., Goodey, R.

v. Pembroke College, Oxford. Saturday, October 15th. Away. Lost 8—28.

Although the School forwards got the ball fairly often in the light scrums their heeling was slow. The three-quarters' handling was faulty and their defence weakened by hanging back and tackling high. Pembroke soon got the upper hand and towards the end of the match were penetrating a demoralized defence almost at will. Altogether they scored eight tries, two of which were converted.

For the School Aldersley, who played his usual forceful game, scored twice. Randall had a hand in the first try and converted the second.

Team:—Same as in previous match except that Logan, G. L. came in at full-back, and Jackson displaced Calvert-Fisher, forward.

v. Abingdon R.F.C. Saturday, October 22nd. Home. Lost 9—11.

A fast and even match. The School were very lively in attack, but the defence was still shaky. During the first half, Randall placed two penalty goals from difficult positions, and the Town replied with a try (converted), which resolute tackling in the centre would have averted. Play was even for a time, until Abingdon rushed the ball over from a loose scrum. Keeping up the pressure, they forced the School back to their own line, where a scrum took place. Abingdon heeled and, passing the ball rapidly across their three-quarter line, outflanked the School defence, which was badly out of position. Five points behind, the School fought hard for a score, and Randall went over after working his way cleverly through the defence. Unfortunately he could not add the goal points necessary to bring the score level. Team:—Same as in previous match.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford. Wednesday, November 2nd. Away. Lost 3—8.

A disappointing match in which every attacking move made by the School went wrong. In the first half, Lunghi and Aldersley, thanks to their forwards, saw plenty of the ball, and repeatedly made a lot of ground. But the School three-quarters, owing partly perhaps to the heavy going, could not carry any of their attacks far enough. Not long after the start Randall kicked a fine penalty goal, and though

play was mostly in the Magdalen half there was no other score until five minutes from the end of the match. Meanwhile the School forwards, though putting in some good dribbling, were gradually losing control of the game in their department. They lost a lot of ground through patting the ball back in the line-out, and failed to check the loose rushes of their opponents.

From a set scrum, Lunghi cut through and sent Randall away. When nearly clear on the left, the latter passed wildly and an almost certain try was missed. Then Pimm got clean away from a line-out, and when a try seemed certain, kicked ahead and the ball went dead. Magdalen got right up to our line with a fine three-quarter movement, and a few minutes later their scrum-half kicked ahead, Aldersley fell on the ball but only partially gathered it, and a Magdalen back following up, kicked over our line and scored. The try was converted, and before the School had recovered from this unexpected turning of the tables, Magdalen were in again on the right. No-side came with the School trying hard but unavailingly to draw level.

Team:—Same as in previous match except that Clarke, H. J. played on the right wing in place of Bloomer.

v. City of Oxford School. Wednesday, November 9th. Away. Won 26—0.

The School opened their scoring with a try scored by Bailey soon after the kick-off. The backs were in good form and scored thirteen points in each half, though they met with more resistance in the second half than the first. Tries were scored by Bailey (3) Clarke (2) and Lunghi (1), four of them being converted.

Team:—Logan, G. L.; Bloomer, P. H. E., Bailey, H. B., Randall, G. D., Clarke, H. J.; Aldersley, J. P., Lunghi, H. A.; Dean, A. C., Dean, F. G. D., Nadin, D. T., Jackson, R. F., Moss, G. S., Reenan, C. J., Hedger, R., Goodey, R.

v. Bloxham School. Saturday, November 12th. Home. Drawn 0—0.

In many ways this was the best match of the season. Both sides played hard, the game moved rapidly from end to end of the field, Randall nearly brought off a dropped goal, Lunghi was magnificent in defence, and most

of the outsidcs produced flashes of brilliance in attack. Further attempts to drop goals provided the necessary comic relief, and a suitably tense finish found the School still battering away at their opponents' line.

The forwards stuck to their work very well and more than held their own in the second half, a large proportion of which was spent in the neighbourhood of Bloxham's '25'.

Team:—Same as in previous match except that Pimm displaced Reenan.

v. Radley College 2nd XV. Wednesday, November 23rd. Home. Won 31—0.

The School forwards were able to get the ball back a lot in this game, and the backs were attacking continually. Weaknesses in their opponents' defence, and their own resolute running, enabled them to score six tries, five of which were converted by Randall (who also kicked a penalty goal)!

The first two tries were the result of movements completed by Clarke, and shortly before half-time Randall burst through from twenty yards out to score between the posts.

A very smart try by Lunghi opened the scoring after the interval. From a penalty kick by Randall the ball bounced back into the field off a goal-post, and was snapped up by Lunghi, who was following up hard and raced over the line untouched. The next try was scored by Bailey after a cut-through from a scrum, by Lunghi and Aldersley. The latter got the last try of the match by a solo effort through the centre.

Team:—Same as in previous match.

v. Old Abingdonians. Saturday, December 3rd. Home. Won 18—5.

Though the School won this match by an ample margin, it was mainly because they made good use of their superior combination over a scratch side in the first half of the game. When the Old Boys had settled down, they gave a very good account of themselves, and scoring was even (5—5) in the second half.

The School started as though they were out for a big score, and quickly got two tries through Clarke and Bloomer. Before the interval, Dean (F.G.D.) forced his way over from a loose scrum. Randall, who was again in good kicking form, converted two of these tries, and also the one scored in the second half by Aldersley.

A Past v. Present hooking duel went on throughout the game between Bayley and Hedger. The latter, receiving more solid support, was the more successful. For the Old Boys, Bury scored a characteristic try, which Bayley converted.

Team:—As in previous match.

1st XV CHARACTERS.

H. A. Lunghi. Captain, Colours 1935. Scrum-half. His fourth season in the team in this position. Very sound and unselfish in attack, excellent in defence. His experience and example made his captaincy a great asset to the team.

G. D. Randall. Colours 1937. Centre three-quarter. A powerful attacking player, who was difficult to stop. Tackling and kicking very good, though apt to hang back in defence. Did not combine very well.

A. C. Dean. Colours 1938. A speedy and ubiquitous wing-forward who led the pack well, yet managed to be up to support the out-sides. Defence very good.

R. Hedger. Colours 1938. Forward. Hard-working and effective in attack and defence. His hooking reached a high standard in the later matches.

J. P. Aldersley. Colours 1938. Stand-off half. A very fine player. Could take any pass at top speed and got his out-sides moving very well. Defensive kicking and tackling very good.

D. Pimm. Colours 1938. Forward. Prominent in line-out and loose play; excelled at the quick break-away; dribbled well. A very useful front-row scrummager.

D. T. Nadin. Colours 1938. Forward. A solid worker, rather slow for a wing-forward, but covered and tackled well. Dribbling good.

F. G. D. Dean. 2nd XV Colours 1937. Forward. Made good use of his height in the line-out. Prominent in the open, but sometimes spoilt good work by failure to pass. Pushed well in the tight scrums.

P. H. E. Bloomer. 2nd XV Colours 1937. Wing three-quarter. A player of considerable promise handicapped by lack of confidence in the early matches. Later he improved greatly, and went hard for the line. A weak tackler, but his defensive kicking from difficult angles was remarkably good.

R. Goodey. 2nd XV Colours 1938. A sound front-row forward; useful in the line-out. Well up in attack, though not quick. Foot-work good.

R. F. Jackson. 2nd XV Colours 1938. A thoughtful player who improved a lot during the season. Better in the open than close play. Did good work in line-out and defence.

H. B. Bailey. 2nd XV Colours 1938. Centre three-quarter. Though quite effective at times in attack he was not constructive or consistent enough to be really good. Handling unreliable owing to a tendency to watch his opponents instead of the ball. Intercepted well on several occasions. Tackling and kicking, fair.

H. J. Clarke. 2nd XV Colours 1938. Wing three-quarter. Came into the team late but showed promise. Gets into his stride quickly and goes hard. Has an instinct for the game, and should be good next season.

G. S. Moss. 2nd XV Colours 1938. Forward. Did not come on quite as well as expected. Though he worked hard was lacking in liveliness and control. Tackled well.

G. L. Logan. 2nd XV Colours 1938. Full-back. Lack of pace and faulty positioning rendered him unreliable. His handling was fair, kicking unorthodox but fairly effective. His chief assets were coolness and readiness to tackle.

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

Sat. Oct. 8	London Old Abingdonians, H.	Won 14—8
Sat. Oct. 15	Pembroke College, Oxford A.	Lost 8—28
Sat. Oct. 22	Abingdon Town	H. Lost 9—11
Wed. Nov. 2	Magdalen C. S. Oxford	A. Lost 3—8
Wed. Nov. 9	City of Oxford School	A. Won 26—0
Sat. Nov. 12	Bloxham School	H. Draw 0—0
Wed. Nov. 23	Radley College 2nd XV	H. Won 31—0
Sat. Dec. 3	Old Abingdonians	H. Won 18—5

Points for, 109, against, 60.

SECOND XV.

The only matches played were:—

Wed. Nov. 2	Magdalen C. S. Oxford	H. Drawn 6—6
Sat. Nov. 12	Bloxham School	A. Lost 0—33

The team continued to shew the welcome spirit evinced last season and so atoned in

part for lack of skill and combination by vigour. In the first match the forwards more than held their own and Bloomer, at fly half, put in some good kicking and hard running. At Bloxham the heavy conditions and strong running of the opposing outsiders was too much for a defence always shaky.

The following played for the team:—D. B. West (Captain); D. E. Roberts, J. Graff, J. A. M. Green, J. G. Calvert-Fisher, V. G. Polley, C. J. Reenan, P. H. E. Bloomer, D. G. Sandercock, D. G. Carter, E. H. Holland, J. Richardson, H. G. Elphick, B. W. O. Dockerty, G. D. Wells, B. Arundale and I. S. Holland.

UNDER 15 XV.

The three matches played by the team were all won and deservedly. Taken as a whole the team was above the average both in the combination of the outsiders and in the liveliness of the forwards and it was a great pity that the curtailment of fixtures robbed them of valuable practice, which should have improved them considerably. The one conspicuous weakness was at full-back, and no one could be found with an adequate catch and and kick and tackle, and the most that could be expected was a moderate performance at one or two but never all three functions.

Of the outsiders, Bowditch and Holland 2 were a useful pair of halves. Bowditch usually got the ball away well from scrum and line-out and Holland was often able to make ground—but shewed lack of judgement in getting the ball to his three-quarters. Westgate was an excellent tackler and could go hard but his passing was bad. Bowman proved elusive with good hands, and Gibbs, Leftwich and Walker, were all useful wings.

Among the forwards Richardson, i, set a very good example of hard work, well to the fore with effective dribbles and very useful in defence, but his vocal encouragement as scrum-leader was not noticeable. Arundale was big and forceful and scored tries but was not constructive. Hedger's hooking was quite effective and Trudgian shewed distinct promise as a wing forward. The remainder achieved moments of individual prominence and the pack as a whole kept up with the game pretty well.

The results of the matches were:—

Wed. Oct. 12 v. Bloxham School H. Won 11—8
Wed. Oct. 26 v. M. C. S. School, Oxford A. Won 12—6
Wed. Nov. 9th v. City of Oxford School H. Won 17—0

The following played for the Under 15 team:

J. Richardson; (Capt.), B. Arundale, T. M. Bowerman, G. J. Bowman, W. G. Brind, T. V. Bowditch, G. Farnsworth, E. G. Gibbs, I. H. Holland 2, R. C. Howell, J. M. Leftwich, R. H. Marshall, M. Hedger 2, A. C. Randle, G. E. T. Trudgian, K. G. Walker, W. F. C. Westgate and J. R. Andrew.

Junior House Matches.

After defeating Green with ease, Red and Blue had to fight three grim duels before Red finally secured the Robinson Cup. The results were:—

Red beat Blue 8—3 and 5—3; beat Green 21—0.
Blue beat Red 6—3; beat Green 26—0.

O.T.C.

We congratulate J. G. Calvert-Fisher, D. E. Jarvis, N. H. Kortright, G. L. Logan, M. F. Nathan, V. G. Polley, C. J. Reenan, J. Stephenson, on their success in the November examination for Certificate "A". This term 7 Cadets out of 9 passed the Practical examination (Part I) for Certificate "A" and we may mention that there are now 27 Cadets who hold Certificate "A" or have passed Part I, This is nearly half the establishment.

Air training is now being held on Friday mornings from 10.30 a.m.—11.25 a.m. with occasional visits to the Abingdon R.A.F. Station on Friday afternoons. Only Certificate "A" holders may join the Air Section, but there are now 14 full members and it is hoped to send 10 Cadets this year to the R.A.F. course at the annual camp.

Post-certificate "A" training this term has taken the form of 'Tactical Exercises without troops' and instructors' classes. In the latter connection we should like to thank Sgt. Major Eyre for his valuable assistance and the high standard attained. T.E.W.T.'s have been successfully prepared and conducted by C. S. M. Roberts, Sgts. D. B. West, R. F. Jackson, Cpls. R. Hedger, and D. T. Nadin.

Promotions:—To be L.-Cpls. M. F. Nathan, N. H. Kortright, J. P. Mosdell.

A.S.P.S.

Early in the Xmas term Rule 4 of the society was amended to read "That the Committee of the Society shall be entrusted with general arrangements and the secretary shall call meetings when desirable and the *Committee have power to co-opt*. Later in the term J. Stephenson was co-opted on the Committee.

On Wednesday, November 30th, C. L. Clarke, Esq., of the Kodak Co. gave the Society a lecture which the whole school was invited to attend on "The Wonderland of Photography." Subsequent to the meeting the Society received a quantity of Kodak magazines for which we are greatly indebted.

Magazines have also been sent to the Society by Ilford, Ltd., who are now sending us regularly their "News for Photographic Societies." On February 18th, a Lecture with slides borrowed from Ilford, Ltd., was given by the Hon. Treasurer, R. F. Jackson.

Both the Xmas "End of Term" and "Holiday" competitions were won by J. Stephenson. Prints entered for both these competitions were exhibited in a show-case.

MUSIC.

Members of the Music Circle visited Oxford on February 8th and heard an excellent concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Malcolm Sargent. Some have already booked tickets for a concert in Oxford next term which is included in the London Festival of Music's bill of fare.

On Tuesday, February 28th, Mrs. Gotch paid us another visit and gave us an hour's most enjoyable chamber music in the gymnasium. The items were mainly for string quartet, but a solo for viola, with pianoforte accompaniment was also included and was much appreciated.

The programme was:

String Quartet.

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| Mary Gotch. | Pompilia Legge |
| Violetta Ponsonby | Herma Fiedler |
| 1. Menuet and Trio. Allegro. | From Quartet in |
| | D. Major. Mozart. |
| 2. Sarabande. Gavotte and Musette. | Bach. |
| 3. Viola and Piano | |
| | Pompilia Legge and Herma Fiedler. |
| 4. Symphony No. 1. | Boyce |
| 5. Scherzo from Quartet in C. Major. | |
| | Rondo Haydn. |

L.S.D.S.

An extraordinary meeting was held on November 2nd, 1937 in order to revive the Society which had not met since December 1st, 1934.

The following members were present: The President, Mr. W. M. Grundy in the Chair, the Vice-Presidents, Messrs. E. J. P. Ross-Barker and J. Y. Ingham. Messrs. H. A. Lunghi, G. V. Bayley, H. T. Jones and D. B. West.

New members were elected as follows—Messrs. M. D. Wells, A. C. Dean, G. W. Povey, G. D. Randall, D. M. Cracknell, E. O. Jones, J. H. R. Faulkner, W. J. Eeles, G. B. Peck, J. Graff, C. G. Rowe, F. G. D. Dean, D. Pimm, H. K. Mitchell, J. Stephenson, J. G. Calvert-Fisher, E. H. Holland, P. H. E. Bloomer, K. G. Walker and J. H. Higgs.

The Society met on November 3rd and before proceeding to public business elected Mr. H. A. Lunghi Hon. Sec. and Mr. G. V. Bayley Hon. Treas. Further new members were elected as follows—Messrs. R. Hedger, D. G. Carter, G. S. Moss and L. A. G. Hendley. Mr. E. O. Jones, seconded by Mr. F. G. D. Dean then proposed "that in the opinion of this house, animals ought not to be kept in Zoos or Circuses." The motion was opposed by Messrs. M. D. Wells and G. B. Peck. The following also spoke, pro. Messrs. R. Hedger, H. K. Mitchell and P. H. E. Bloomer. Contra. Hon. Treas., Mr. E. J. P. Ross-Barker and Mr. K. G. Walker. Neutral Mr. H. T. Jones.

The motion was lost by 7 votes to 12.

The Society met on Saturday, November 27th. Mr. J. G. Calvert Fisher, seconded by Mr. P. H. E. Bloomer proposed "that in the opinion of this House, Modern Machinery, etc. is not beneficial to civilization. Messrs. D. Pimm and D. M. Cracknell opposed the motion. The following also spoke, pro. Messrs. R. Hedger, J. Stephenson and E. O. Jones. Contra. Messrs. M. D. Wells, D. B. West, J. Graff. The motion was drawn with 7 votes on each side, the President declining to vote.

Session 1938—39.

A meeting was held on Tuesday, November 1st, 1938. The following members were then elected, Messrs. A. H. Morser, J. Richardson, A. M. Mills, S. M. B. Lane, B. W. O. Dockerly, M. F. Nathan and D. G. Sandercock.

The Hon. Sec. through stress of work asked to be transferred to the post of Hon. Treas.; the Society then elected Mr. J. Graff to the position of Hon. Sec.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room on November 5th with the Vice-President, Mr. J. Y. Ingham in the Chair. The following were elected members, Messrs. H. J. Clarke, D. A. Large, D. G. Holme and J. P. Mosdell.

At a meeting held on Wednesday, November 16th, Mr. H. A. Lunghi seconded by Mr. R. Hedger proposed "that in the opinion of this House—War is inevitable under Capitalist systems and peace can be maintained only by the establishment of Socialism," Mr. P. H. E. Bloomer, seconded by Mr. G. S. Moss opposed the motion.

The following also spoke—Pro. Mr. E. O. Jones. Contra. Mr. D. G. Sandercock. Neutral Messrs. A. C. Dean, D. B. West and D. G. Holme. The motion was lost by 6 votes to 10.

The Society met in the Pembroke Room on November 16th with Mr. P. W. Martin in the Chair. It was agreed to hold another meeting on November 30th.

Mr. E. O. Jones, seconded by Mr. D. G. Holme proposed "that in the opinion of this House, the B.B.C. Programmes are not what is required by the English public." The motion was opposed by Mr. K. G. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. Stephenson.

The following also spoke—Pro. Messrs. A. M. Mills and J. G. Calvert-Fisher. Contra. Messrs. B. W. O. Dockerty, A. H. Morser, J. Richardson. Neutral, Mr. P. W. Martin. The motion was lost by 8 votes to 5.

THE RAG CONCERT.

The alpine atmosphere and boreal blasts of December 20th made the cheery decorations and welcome warmth of the gymnasium highly attractive. Late arrivals were 'played in' by our *Accordion Duetists*, A. C. Randle and G. E. T. Trudgian, who handled their delicately modulated instruments with assurance and determination. Their pieces were much appreciated. Then came a sketch by The Lodge, "*Great Aunt Margaret*." This featured an episode in the adventures of Milly Molly

Mander. The scene was a domestic interior at breakfast time. A letter arrives announcing a visit that afternoon from great-aunt Margaret. Milly Molly Mander is highly excited, and when her friend Susan comes to play they calculate exactly how large a real live great-aunt may be expected to be. In Act II it is afternoon and father goes off to fetch the visitor. A very large chair is brought in, in anticipation of a very large guest. There is amazement and disappointment when great-aunt Margaret arrives and proves to be positively *petite*. Very soon, however, these reactions are forgotten as the visitor proves to be a very charming old lady. The piece was full of many picturesque and humorous touches, not the least attractive of which was a brogue modelled impartially on that of a number of Western Counties.

A musical interlude was then provided by D. Pimm, who also compèred the whole evening's programme with graceful efficiency. His song was "*Mother Nature's Lullaby*," which offered scope to the lights' department to try their hand at sunset and moonrise effects.

Then followed a dramatic effort by Waste Court who had gone all Greek, and gave us a scene from "*The Frogs*" of Aristophanes. The situation was that Dionysus, the god patron of the Athenian stage, had come down to Hades, accompanied by his slave Xanthias, with the intention of bringing back a reputable dramatist to the upper world. Supposing that it will help him to achieve his purpose he had disguised himself as Hercules, who had already made the journey to Hades and back successfully, although, as it transpired, not altogether with credit to his reputation. The cast was as follows:

Dionysus, the god of wine and patron of the Athenian Stage	J. W. Batten
Xanthias, his slave	J. W. Rayson
Aeneas, doorkeeper of Pluto's palace	R. D. Giland
Maid-servant of Proserpine, Queen of Hades	J. R. Young
Another landlady	W. D. Richardson
Balyas, slave of Pluto's palace	R. E. Dew
Silyas, the same	J. C. Petty
Bigas, the same	C. R. Howell

The piece was excellently acted by everyone, and the setting—our stage carpenter had produced some very special *Doors of Dis* (early

English style) for the occasion—the dressing, make-up and lighting reflected great credit on all concerned.

To give the audience an opportunity for a chorus, Mr. Ingham then sang "*The Village Pump*", which admirably served this end. In "*The Turn of the Tap*" which followed we had a study in styles; a simple episode being worked out according to the British, Hibernian and Slavonic temperaments. England was represented by T. J. Foy (*Father*), W. G. A. Brind (*Mother*), and J. A. M. Green (*Ethel*). The action was simple, direct, and brief, each actor in fact being thoroughly British. When Ireland took up the tale *Father* (J. Richardson) was all fuss and fulminations, *Mother* (S. M. B. Lane) meandering ministrations, and *Ethel* (A. H. Morser) emotional effervescence. Then Russia developed the *motif* in the spirit of Chekov. V. J. Polley was *Father*, R. Goodley *Mother*, and M. Hedger *Ethel*. Time seemed to stand still, and life was as motionless and chromatic as the ikon that now adorned the walls. The family discussed first and last things till the inviolable laws of gravity, capillarity and osmosis combined to bring down the ceiling (off) and the curtain.

D. Pimm, J. P. Aldersley and D. G. Sandercrook then entertained for some ten minutes, and gave us a very pleasant variety of songs with ukelele and banjulele accompaniment. Perhaps the most popular was "*When the Circus came to Town*."

Next followed "*A Mayor's Nest*." The setting was the Mayor's parlour, the day after his election. '*His Worship*' (G. D. Randall) is adjusting his chain and headgear when the *Town Clerk* (H. A. Lunghi) enters. An altercation arises when the Mayor insists that he intends to run the borough's affairs himself. The town clerk at once suggests that he interviews a deputation of ratepayers who are waiting in an ante-room. This is not quite what the mayor had in mind, but he can hardly refuse. The deputation consists of three aggrieved and aggressive citizens (H. G. Elphick, A. C. Randle, J. A. M. Green) who so brow-beat the Mayor that he pleads a pressing engagement with the borough surveyor, and leaves the ratepayers to get satisfaction from the town clerk. Thereupon the latter

thanks them for their loyalty in always being ready to assist him in putting a meddlesome new Mayor into his place.

Mr. Bevir then enlivened us for a quarter of an hour in inimitable vein. His hiking costume lent the proper colour to an act that was inconsequential in its spontaneity.

The last item on the programme was a three act play: "*The Bluestone Crag Mystery*." This was a well-acted drama which offered scope for interesting character studies. R. Hedger, as *Robert Crowther*, played the part of a self-important second-class detective in most praiseworthy manner, making the character develop as the drama proceeded. J. H. Hill portrayed with discernment the cock-tail man who had more in him than met the eye. G. S. Moss made an engaging young hotel manager who showed lightness of touch when it came to a tête-à-tête. A. C. Dean gave a finished performance of a chef with a past, who 'just knocked at doors.' Among the ladies, M. F. Nathan was the perfectly correct house-keeper & G. J. Bowman the self-assured maid-servant. D. E. Roberts as *Edna Sanders* made all the points in a caustically attractive part; she alone among the ladies was able to dispense with a wig, and made up well. J. Graff acted gracefully the part of the pleasant young woman who eventually turned out to be the villain of the piece. The more elderly party, *Miss Tracy* was played quite effectively by J. Stephenson at short notice. The play was remarkable for the perfection of the casting, and it was well put on.

This brought to a conclusion a record Rag Concert, for it had lasted over three and a quarter hours! A final word of congratulation, however, must be offered to the efficient staff, headed by R. F. Jackson, whose work behind the scenes, and during many days in advance, contributed so largely to the success of the evening.

JUST A BOAT RACE.

A bitterly cold day, and the wind sweeps into the Boat House, chilling us to the marrow, as we stand about waiting for our opponents to arrive. The river looks cold and uninviting. All semi-invalids, our coughing and snorting suggests only too clearly that we shall soon follow the example of two of the original crew and succumb to the horrors of 'flu'.

Our opponents (we feel like dwarfs beside them) have at last assembled and launched their boat. It should be a good race—the 'Black Barge' has been re-rigged, and at least half of our opponents are in some sort of training.

We are off at last, well supplied with extra sweaters and overcoats, which are destined to keep us warm after the race.

We start in what we think is fine style, but after about five strokes the boat dips down, first on one side and then on the other. However, conscious that someone may be watching we make a great effort, and at the 'Black Bridge', with an 'Easy all', the blades go up and we glide gracefully to the landing stage.

So far so good. We disembark the coats, and continue downstream.

Our opponents are at the start before us, so we turn round and line up with them. We are startled by a bellow of 'Strip.' Then the inevitable 'Touch her bow and two in the School boat, . . . Forward to row—are you ready? "ROW!" We are off. A cascade of water goes up from from both sides. We forget everything except that we are tugging at a piece of wood, trying vainly to do so in time with the fellow in front. The boat rocks and plunges. We are blinded by rain and spray. Our fate is in Cox's hands. Unaware of what's happening we strain on. The discomfort is extreme, but we are better together now. We seem to have been going for hours. A frightful lurch! Someone's caught a crab. No he hasn't: that was a near thing! We are now vaguely aware of some shouts of encouragement. Ah, we must be somewhere near the finish. Cox yells 'Take her home'. Thank heaven for that! Yells of congratulation from the bank. The invalids **have** won after all!

A.C.D.

INOCULATION.

When germ fights germ, I groan and wait
 Impatiently. For ease
 Comes not until its destin'd date
 When germ fights germ, I groan and wait
 Till one or 'tother meet its fate,
 And in my blood decease.
 When germ fights germ, I groan and wait
 Impatiently for ease.

H.H.

MORE CARGOES.

First Four of Abingdon paddling a full course,
 All the way from Culham to the Sanitary
 Laundry,

With a cargo of oarsmen
 And a sphinx-like coxwain,
 Keeping well together as they pass the Minute
 Tree.

Stately old tub-four, coming from the Black
 Bridge
 Battling past the willows on the 'Stink Farm'
 shore,

With a cargo of raw stuff
 Carrying the 'Second's' coach
 Longing for the Raft and the Tuckshop door.

Much scarred pair with a broken nose-piece
 Rolling up the reach in the mad March waves
 With a cargo of bicycles,

Oil-drums, megaphones,
 Coaches and planks,—and two hard-worked
 slaves.
 D.E.

A TRIP TO GERMANY.

It has often been said that one can get used to anything, but travelling third-class on the Continent very nearly proves the exception to this idea. Having spent round about twenty-four hours sitting up in a French Third Class from Paris to Menton, (the train was four hours late owing to the cold spell) you can imagine that I was in no mood to repeat the experience one week later, especially after what I had heard of the Italian and German third-classes.

But cheered by the thought of winter sports in Garmisch, I reluctantly left the Christmas festivities, which are carried out with such zest by the English people on the Côte d' Azure, on the afternoon following a fancy dress ball, which entailed remaining out until the early hours of the morning.

The start was encouraging, for I was conducted by an ignorant porter to the wrong train, and only discovered the error in time to enable me to leap off with my three suitcases, and a basket of oranges which a thoughtful friend had instructed me to deliver to someone somewhere in Germany, and clamber into the correct train.

At Ventimiglia the Italian soldiers clanked down the corridor in their uniforms and performed the usual ritual of ransacking one's

suitcases and prying into one's money matters. Once clear of Ventimiglia I attempted to carry out the instructions so kindly given to me by a travel agency, and that was to remain on the same train, though change into another carriage; only to find that my carriage was shut off from the rest of the train. Thus I spent the next two hours trying to find out if I had to change at all, and if so—when. It was an anxious time and Savona, Genoa, and Pavia, had slid behind us before I found out that I was all right in that train till I arrived at Milan. The real source of the trouble was that none of the Italians could understand what I meant by saying that my destination was Munich, since the continental name for Munich is München. At midnight I arrived at Milan and the cold was almost unbearable. Fortunately I entrusted my baggage to a porter because, had I wasted time hunting for the train, I would have missed it. I was forced to stand in the corridor, in a cramped attitude, for two and a half hours amidst a heap of luggage which overflowed from overcrowded compartments. In spite of a frozen-up heating apparatus I was glad to sit down on the wooden benches, when someone eventually got out. Never before has a wooden bench seemed so comfortable! At four o'clock we arrived at Brenner, at four in the morning I mean! Brenner is the Italo-German frontier and we were disturbed once again by rows of officials. In passing, it may be interesting to add that the Italian trains, in the North of Italy at least, are extremely clean in whatever class, because electric engines are used instead of coal-burning ones; in my opinion a very good idea, as dirt is the chief discomfort in travelling. While on the subject of cleanliness I may as well acquaint you with a little gadget attached to wash-basins which is rather amusing and ingenious,—a footpedal, by means of which one can keep the water flowing, while swilling the hands. Considerable help is afforded to travellers on the continent by means of a list of all the main stations on the route hanging up in the corridors, something after the style of our 'Undergrounds.'

Innsbruck was the first town in which I heard a language I understood spoken. An Englishman was speaking to a German in English in the neighbouring compartment. At

eleven o'clock we reached Munich and the cold there was extreme, at least twenty degrees of frost. I just had time to catch the train to Garmisch, where I arrived two hours later.

On arriving, I was told that the travel agency had made a second error and given me wrong instructions. For though I had reached Garmisch alright, I could have been there four hours earlier. Apparently I had passed through it before, on my way to Munich, and then had to come all the way back again. For those who do not know, Garmisch is the place where the Olympic Winter Sport events were held; and the ski-jump, the ice rink, and bob-run are still there in their original form.

I was met by friends in Garmisch, and they took me to the comfortable Hotel Riessersie, where I was to spend ten days. One noted celebrity stayed for two nights, and that was Rudolf Hess the German Vice-Chancellor. We were also interested to discover that the hotel was the headquarters of the German champion ice-hockey club. Incidentally we saw this team defeat both Berlin and Innsbruck, while we were there: the first by 5—0, and the second by 6—2. Just as we left, the German and French speed-skating teams arrived, in preparation for the International winter sport events which were to be held there in the following week.

We were surprised to find that nearly all the Germans could speak at least one or two words of English; the reason of course is that they learn English in their schools as we learn French in ours. I think I can justifiably say that all the German people we met were against war, and reverently praised Mr. Chamberlain. They were all very kind, and treated us extremely well. Not once did I notice any ill-feeling towards us. It makes me smile when I remember how people asked me before I left for Germany, how I dare go there at such a time. One needs actually to go to Germany oneself to find out what they think about war. We were the only English people at our hotel, and I never saw any others while in Garmisch, though there were some on the train from Munich to Ostende.

I was delighted with the houses in the parts of Germany that I saw. Many of them were

decorated with paintings on the exterior walls. Unlike Englishmen, who favour smoking pipes, the Germans all smoked cigars; and I must say cigars are extremely cheap there.

I did not want to leave after the ten days, but who would? But still, as I had broken my glasses on the way down a four mile toboggan run, and as funds were getting rather low, and school was calling, it had to be; all good things come to an end, but so do bad ones fortunately. Our route back was via. Munich, Stuttgart, Ansbach, Frankfurt, Cologne, Brussels, Ostende, Dover and London.

A.C.D.

O.A. NOTES.

Births.

SINCLAIR.—On August 15, at Calcutta, to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sinclair, a son, Mark Francis.

HANCOCK.—On November 24, to Lesley Barbara and Gerald Hancock, of 36 Antrim Mansions, N.W. 3, a daughter.

TOOGOOD.—On November 29, at Hull, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Toogood, a son, Neville George.

BARTLETT.—On December 10, at Gibraltar, to Mildred, wife of Hugh S. Bartlett, of Hampton Gay, a son.

CHALLENGOR.—On March 1, at Lindfield, Faringdon Road, Abingdon, to Doris Loraine, wife of Oscar B. Challenor, twin daughters.

Marriages.

TAYLOR-MAITLAND.—On October 26, 1937, at the British Consulate and St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Cairo, F. H. G. Taylor to Ann Maitland, of 32 Grange Road, Chiswick.

OTTIKER-RAYMOND.—In December, 1938, at Lima, Peru, John B. Ottiker to Marie B. Raymond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Raymond.

Deaths.

COUSINS.—On January 5, at 11 Chalfont Road, Oxford, the Rev. William Edward Cousins, aged 98.

ORPWOOD.—On January 14, at the Rectory, Fyfield, Essex, the Rev. Harry Charles Orpwood.

SMITH.—On January 23, at Trincomalee, Ceylon, from the effects of an accident, Dudley Ernest Smith, in his sixteenth year.

DUNKIN.—On February 11, at Swandean Hospital, Worthing, Horace Frederick Dunkin, aged 41.

BURGESS.—On February 14, at 4 Victoria Road, Fulwood, Preston, Lancs., the Rev. Henry Burgess, his eightieth year.

The Rev. W. E. Cousins was not only our oldest Old Boy but the oldest Congregational Minister in the country. He was born at Abingdon in 1840 and educated at the School in due course. Subsequently he went to Madagascar as a member of the London Missionary Society in 1862, and did valuable work there until he was invalided home in 1899. Since then he had lived in retirement at Oxford. He was a good Greek and Hebrew scholar and rendered conspicuous service as Chairman, from 1873 to 1888, of the Committee responsible for the revision of the Bible in Malagasy, the native tongue of Madagascar. In recognition of this an honorary M.A. degree was conferred upon him at the Encaenia in 1895 by the University of Oxford. He was also the author of an introduction to the study of Malagasy, and wrote several hymns which are still in use in Madagascar. His wife predeceased him, but he leaves six children, of whom C. W. Cousins, the third son, was for two years Music Master at the School—1894 to 1896.

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O.A.s of the "nineties" will have heard with regret of the death of H. C. Orpwood. Indeed he was well-known and liked throughout the neighbourhood, including his native town of Oxford, and prominent as a good sportsman and a footballer (Association) of outstanding merit. He was a master here from 1894 to 1899, and it was in 1895 that he was awarded his county "cap", playing for Oxfordshire v. Berks and Bucks, Surrey, and the O.U.A.F.C. He played also for the Oxford "Cygnets", and, of course, for the Abingdon Town team.

On leaving the School he took Holy Orders and was for a time Curate of St. Ann's, Nottingham. During the Boer war he became an army Chaplain and sailed for South Africa in 1901. From 1908 to 1914 he held the post of

Planters' Chaplain in Assam, and here he was married at All Saints' Church, Jarhal, in 1910. Since 1915 he had been Rector of Fyfield, near Ongar, Essex, and Vicar of Berners Roding, Essex, since 1916, holding the two livings in conjunction.

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D. E. Smith was with us as a young boy from September 1934 to March 1937, when he went abroad with his parents. We greatly regret the sad accident which has caused his early death. It appears that, while out for a trip with some naval friends in a cutter, he was caught by a cable that was running out and dragged overboard, sustaining a severe fracture of the leg. He was quickly rescued and taken to the sick-bay of H.M.S. Norfolk, where he received every attention; but after some hours he suddenly collapsed and died.

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H. F. Dunkin was at the School from January 1911 to March 1913. He was a Senior Bennett scholar. On leaving he was first minded to take up teaching, but later decided to adopt his father's profession of dentistry. On the outbreak of the War he joined up without a commission and saw service on the western front, where he was very severely wounded. Subsequently on his father's retirement, he practised for some time as a dentist in Abingdon; but ill-health, consequent upon his war wound, compelled him to relinquish his profession, and his last years had been a patient struggle against increasing pain and weakness.

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The Rev. H. E. Burgess paid a visit to the School as lately as last summer term. He was a boy here in the "seventies". Ordained in 1887, he spent most of his active life in Lancashire, first as curate of Farnworth and later as a Vicar of St. Paul's, Preston and All Saints, Higher Walton.

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Our announcement of the marriage of Horace Taylor (1931), though more than a year late, may still be news to some readers, so we make no apology. His wife is well-known as a singer and used often to be heard in the B.B.C. programmes. Taylor has for some time been the Near East representative of the Gaumont British Picture Corporation, and his latest address is 26 Sharia Antikhana, Cairo, Egypt.

A. E. Preston, to whose interest and influence the acquisition of the Waste Court property was very largely due, at Christmas relinquished his trusteeship of the property, which he had held since its acquisition in 1928, at first in conjunction with the late Dr. H. S. Challenor, but since the latter's death in the summer of 1936, as sole trustee. The new trustees, who are also trustees of the Old Abingdonian Trust Fund, are A. W. Morland (1896), H. A. L. Donkin (1914), G. F. Powell (1926), J. D. Wood (1926), and E. G. Langford (1928).

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We congratulate Paymaster Lieut. Commander T. T. Theophilus, R.N. (1925) on his appointment in December to H.M. Yacht Victoria and Albert. He is living, with his wife and little daughter, in a flat in Southsea.

J. W. Veysey (1889), late H.M. Inspector of Schools, is now living at The Retreat, Crowborough, Sussex.

G. A. Wood's (1929) address in South Africa is 'Ngwenya, P. O. Browley, Southern Rhodesia; not Ingwenya, P. O. Burnley, as printed in our last issue.

We have news of both John (1921) and Walter Lynn Robinson (1919), both of the E.T.C. Both are now in England, having lately returned from Ascension Island and Hong Kong respectively. Both now have new appointments, John being due to sail for Freetown, Sierra Leone, on April 12, and Walter to Bathurst, Gambia, somewhat later. Both are married, and they have a son, and a daughter and son, respectively.

J. M. Wheeler (1925) has for the past seven years been running a Home Service Cigarette business of his own. He is married and has two children, a girl and a boy. His address is "Lyndhurst", Christledon, Chester.

M. Ogle (1929) has a teaching appointment at the Penang Free School, Penang, Straits Settlements.

In the recent Territorial Army Squash Racquets tournament at Shepherd's Bush, G. F. Powell (1926) (R.A.F. Reserve) was defeated in the semi-final round.

Among others serving with the Territorials we may include the names of E. Tinegate (1924), 192nd A.A. Battery, R.A., and A. A. Bristow, 22nd Battalion (Westminster Dragoons), Royal Tank Corps.

D. G. Brown (1935) has a commission in the R.A.S.C., and is now at their Training Centre, Buller Barracks, Aldershot.

L/Cpl. M. D. Wells (1937) of the Berkshire Regiment, is taking an eight weeks instructional course at the Army School of Education, Shorncliffe, Kent.

R. J. Longford (1936) is in London, taking a six months course as a wireless operator.

H. T. Jones (1938) rowed "7" in the B.N.C. 2nd Torpid, which made five bumps.

P. H. E. Bloomer (1938) has gone back to Canada to matriculate at Dalhousie University, Halifax.

J. P. Aldersley (1938) has secured a post in Manchester with Needhams, the wholesale Ladies' Outfitters.

D. Pimm (1939) and V. G. Polley (1939) are in the Post Office in Abingdon.