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SCHOOL NOTES.

The principal item of interest to record under this heading is the visit of the Board of Education Inspectors. They were with us from May 24th—26th, and in their preliminary report expressed themselves as very well satisfied with what they had seen of the work and ways of the School.

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The Founders' Day arrangements this year were as follows:

Thursday, June 22nd. Regatta at the School Boat House, starting at 2 p.m.

Friday, June 23rd. Service in St. Helen's Church, with Sermon by the Rev. T. M. Layng, M.C., Chaplain and Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford, at 2.30 p.m., followed by the Prize Distribution in the Corn Exchange, when Sir Patrick R. Cadell, C.S.I., C.I.E., will give away the prizes.

Saturday, June 24th. Past and Present Cricket Match, starting at 11.30 a.m.

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

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A. C. Dean is Captain of Cricket for the second year, and H. J. Clarke, Hon. Sec. of Games.

R. Goodey ii. was Captain of Athletics.

First IV. Colours were awarded last term to R. F. Jackson, R. Hedger, G. S. Moss, D. E. Roberts and K. Donkin (coxing), and 2nd IV Colours to D. B. West, D. T. Nadin, J. Stephenson, D. A. Large, and J. W. Rayson (coxing).

Full Athletics Colours were awarded this term to G. S. Moss and T. J. Foy, and half-colours to H. J. Clarke, T. M. Bowerman and H. B. Bailey.

The Bennett Cup for Inter-House Rowing was won by Red House, and the Bayley Cup for Junior House Rugger by Red House

Blue House won the Athletics Cup

We have to thank Mr. E. A. Way for his very generous offer to provide individual Cups for any records broken in the School Sports. The recipient this year will be A. C. Dean with his record weight putt.

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J. L. Taylor, of Lancaster House School, Acton, and N. D. B. Corby, of Ripley Court, Surrey, have been elected to Entrance Scholarships in Classics.

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We welcome this term as our new Cricket coach, Mr. J. Guilfoyle, who has a distinguished record as a cricketer in Oxfordshire, as well as playing Soccer for Oxford City. He succeeds Mr. J. W. Piper, to whom we express our sincere gratitude for all the good work he put in since he became coach to the School in 1931.

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We congratulate A. C. Dean on his success in the Public Schools' Sports. He was third in the Weight, with a putt of 42ft. 10½ins. and gained a standard in the Discus with a distance of 115ft.. Incidentally he would have won the Weight had he produced the form he shewed in the School Sports. H. A. Lunghi competed in 100 yards and Quarter.

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Owing to the cancellation of all O.T.C. Camps, this term ends on Friday, July 28th, boarders leaving on the following day. The Christmas term begins on Thursday, Sept. 21st, boarders returning on the previous day.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries :—

The Aldenhamian, The Alfredian, The Bloxhamist, The Brightonian, The Chigwellian, The City of Oxford School Magazine, The Laxtonian, The Leightonian, The Lily, The Log of the Nautical College, Pangbourne, The Monktonian, The R.M.A. Magazine, The St. Edward's School Chronicle.

Valeto.

VI FORM. D. Pimm (1932, iii). Sub-Perfect; O.S.C. 1938; 2nd XV Colours 1936; 1st XV Colours 1938; 1st XI Cricket 1937—38; 2nd XI Cap 1938; O.T.C. L.-Sergt; Cert. 'A' 1938; 1st Class Shot.

V. G. Polley (1932 iii); O.S.C. 1938; 2nd XV 1938; O.T.C. L-Cpl.; Cert. 'A' 1938.

VA FORM. M. F. Nathan (1936 iii); 2nd XV 1937; 1st XV 1938; O.T.C. L-Cp.; Cert. 'A'.

A. J. Davies (1937 i).

J. N. F. Andrews (1932 iii).

VB FORM. J. R. Andrew (1934 iii).

REMOVE. J. W. Batten (1937 i).

IIIA FORM. E. R. Vernon (1937 i).

G. L. Saunders (1938 i).

Salveto.

VI FORM. W. R. Keen.

VB FORM. A. L. Crowe.

REMOVE. H. M. C. Mulkern, C C. Bradley.

IIIA FORM. D. Hayter, J. A. C. Barnes.

IIIB FORM. R. I. W. Hadley, J. T. H. Disney, R. J. Badman.

II. FORM. J. H. Nelson, M. J. Lee, M. J. H. Stallard, P. Lay 3.

ROWING.

Looking back at the end of another successful season the three outstanding features appear to have been the abnormal floods of the first fortnight, the chequered fortunes of the first crew, and the ability of the O.A's to put on three crews to race the School, for the first time in history. The racing crews receive full attention elsewhere, but it is only right to record the stout work put in by the third crew, whether as a supplier of reserves, coach's transport, or actual racing crew, and likewise the efforts and enthusiasm of the 4th and 5th crews. Considering the very limited amount of coaching available they all made very good progress.

On the equipment side, we were very lucky to secure very cheaply a fixed seat light four, since christened Kingston, to match the John

Royse, and the Black boat has been re-rigged to make her fit for racing. The acute problem now is the housing of our boats, ten being rather a large number to squeeze into a boat-house originally built for four. We look forward to some possibility of very necessary extension.

First IV.

Though A. C. Dean, the Captain, was the only Colour remaining, we started the season hopefully, with some useful material available. But having started 'natural forces' began to operate, first in the form of floods—the most extensive for years—and then spasmodic illness. We are used to floods, and building crews on swollen streams, but when one member of the crew after another retired from the boat things began to look serious. When all prospects of forming a permanent combination in the First crew vanished, it was decided to keep the Second crew intact, and draw on the reserves where necessary. A glance at the accounts of the races will show that the crew was different for each race, but in spite of that every race was won. The explanation of that success lies in two cardinal rowing virtues which all the members of the crew possessed—unfailing good temper and unfailing hard work. Of style and combination in the crew little need be said, for little was to be seen, beyond hitting the beginning hard together and keeping it going, but any such shortcomings should not be allowed to detract from the credit due to their valiant efforts. Had the boat kept its original composition unchanged it should have been really good; as it was, it only succeeded in winning races.

First IV Characters.

A. C. Dean, Captain, 12st. 11lb. Colours 1938. A powerful oar, shaping well, looser than last year, but most unfortunately could not row after the first race owing to a troublesome cough.

R. F. Jackson (stroke), 10st. 3½lbs. 2nd IV 1938. Had the distinction of never missing a day during the season. Improved his body swing and blade-work, and developed into a hard-driving stroke. A shade quick over the stretcher, but very steady and reliable.

R. Hedger (2 and 3), 12st. 10lbs. A hard working heavyweight—with a good swing and recovery, but might be quicker into the water. Blade-work good.

G. S. Moss (2), 10st. 6lbs. Lacked time and practice to manage a slide properly. Quick into the water and worked hard from start to finish; should lengthen his swing back.

D. E. Roberts (bow), 9st. 7lbs. Fairly neat with a good swing back and recovery—could be steadier over the stretcher. Blade-work fair. A good worker.

K. Donkin (cox), 6st. 4lbs. Rather diffident at first, but using his voice better at end of season. Steered quite well in practice and very well in races.

First IV Races.

v. O.A.'s on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Won by 3 lengths in 3 mins. 40 secs. Conditions were fast, but a strong wind up the reach made the water choppy. Going off at a fast stroke the School were over ½ a length up at the Tree, and went hard all the way home. The work was rough but very encouraging.

Crews : O.A.'s—P. J. Woolf, P. R. Wood, H. T. Jones, J. M. Wood (stroke), T. C. Davies (cox).

School—D. E. Roberts, G. S. Moss, A. C. Dean, R. F. Jackson (stroke), K. Donkin (cox).

v. St. John's College, on Wednesday, Mar. 1st. Won by 1 length in 4 mins. 5 secs. Conditions were slow, with a strong cross wind and some stream. After being down on the start the School just shewed in front at the Tree, and in a good even struggle from there made up a little more ground. Again very hard but rough.

Crew : D. E. Roberts, H. J. Clarke, G. S. Moss, R. F. Jackson, K. Donkin.

v. M.C.S. Oxford, at Oxford, on Wed. Mar. 8th. Won by 2½ lengths. A strong wind half across and ahead rather favoured us. Winning the toss, we took the towpath side, and there was difficulty in lining up at the start.

We got away to a good start, and thanks to a crab in the Magdalen boat were nearly three lengths up when they started properly. Before the O.U.B.C. they recovered some of the lost ground, but from there to the finish we held our distance without being really pressed. Jackson stroked very steadily, and the crew backed him up well, showing their true possibilities for the first time.

Donkin's steering was good.

Crew : D. E. Roberts, G. S. Moss, R. Hedger, R. F. Jackson (stroke), K. Donkin (cox).

Second IV.

After beginning the preliminary period with Moss, who later moved up to the sliding seats, the 2nd Four was fortunately able to preserve its combination throughout the season, and to this happy condition of things must be attributed a very large part of the success met with in the various races. Though a light crew, and quite lacking in racing experience, it never faltered under the adverse conditions of stream and wind, of which a considerable amount was encountered.

Not conspicuously quick off the mark, the crew by steady drive and commendable pluck more than held its own in the face of more powerful opposition. Where all were so consistent it is difficult to make much discrimination, but a good deal of praise must be given to D. B. West at stroke, who carried out his onerous duties with unfailing efficiency.

And now the Races.

Saturday, Feb. 25. v. O.A's II. Won by one length in 4mins. 5secs. A strong wind blowing up-stream made the water choppy, but otherwise conditions were fast. Not a very good start, but soon settled down, and rowed very steadily over the course.

O.A. Crew : G. A. R. Boyd, P. H. Wooster, J. C. Jacob, F. A. Bennett and D. F. Newman.

Wednesday, Mar. 1. v. St. John's II. Official verdict given as Dead Heat. Time 4mins. 28secs. This was an exceptionally good performance—a ding-dong struggle with a very

strong challenge at "the drain" brought the distance to within a foot or two at the finish. D. G. Carter coxed very efficiently in this race.

Wednesday, Mar. 8. v. Magdalen College School II. Won by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. Rowed at Oxford from Long Bridges, with a strong cross wind, which had no adverse effect upon the crew, who got away to a good start, and led by $\frac{1}{2}$ -length at the O.U.B.C. From there they went steadily ahead, and rowing very well together, finished very strongly without losing any of their form.

2nd Four Crew.

Bow. D. A. Large, 9st. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Filled this difficult position with creditable success. At first rather inclined to swing crooked. Good with his hands and a hard worker.

J. Stephenson, 8st. 8lbs. Though light, showed great pluck and determination. Kept good time and improved considerably towards the latter part of the season.

D. T. Nadin, 12st. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Rather ponderous to begin with and inclined to dig in his blade, but developed into a powerful "3" and backed up stroke, and was quite invaluable.

Stroke. D. B. West, 9st. 3lb. His racing was much in advance of his practice work. Never became flustered, and though apt to be short at times with a tendency to wash out, he corrected this in the races. Showed skill in skipping his crew and thoroughly deserved the success of his efforts.

Cox. J. W. Rayson, 6st. 4lbs. Inexperienced, but keen to learn the art. Must try to avoid monotony. Steered well and made fair use of his voice. Needs more confidence and assurance.

Third IV.

v. O.A's. III. on Saturday, February 25th. Without much practice in a light boat they rowed very hard and quite well together. Holding their own at first, superior training took them home $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths to the good.

Crews : O.A's. P. J. Hill, (E. R. Hawes) D. M. Cracknell, R. F. Simmonds, D. F. Newman (Cox).

School III. D. G. Carter, J. Calvert-Fisher, J. N. F. Andrews, H. J. Clarke, K. Donkin (Cox).

House Fours.

Red House won the Bennett Cup by two lengths from Blue House in the Senior Race. Red had a very good crew and trained hard, but Blue with less material to draw on put up a good fight.

Red—D. A. Large, D. T. Nadin, R. Hedger, R. F. Jackson.

Blue—D. E. Roberts, G. S. Moss, J. N. F. Andrews, D. B. West.

In the race for second crews Green could only muster three-quarters of a crew, and rowed in a tub-four, but managed to come second to Blue, who raced well. Red, who were fancied to win, were over-eager and ragged.

Crews : Blue—M. F. Nathan, D. J. Holme, N. H. Kortright, J. P. Mosdell.

Green—H. G. Elphick, J. H. Hill, J. Mantel, H. J. Clarke.

Red—D. G. Carter, J. Stephenson, D. G. Sandercock, J. Calvert-Fisher.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

The School Sports were held on Saturday, May 13th, in Waste Court. The weather was warm and sunny with a north-east breeze, and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. The chief features of this year's Sports were the introduction of the discus as a new event, A. C. Dean's new record in the weight with an excellent putt of 46ft. 9ins., and T. J. Foy's half-mile, his time equalling the record set up last year by W. M. Potter.

The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors was won by R. Goodey, with 36 points; and the Shallard Cup for Juniors by W. F. C. Westgate with 38 points.

Blue House won the Ladies of Abingdon House Cup with 197 points, Red House being second with 171 points.

The Officials were : —*President*: The Head-Master. *Starter*: G. F. Duxbury, Esq. *Judges*: W. A. Rudd, Esq., W. Bevir, Esq., P. W. Martin, Esq. *Timekeepers*: J. Y. Ingham, Esq., J. B. E. Alston, Esq. *Stewards*: D. E. Roberts, R. Hedger, D. B. West. *Committee*: W. A. Rudd, Esq. *Chairman*: J. B. E. Alston, Esq. *Ex-Officio*: H. A. Lunghi, A. C. Dean, G. D. Randall, F. G. D. Dean, H. J. Clarke (*Hon. Sec. and Treas.*) *Elected*: R. F. Jackson, H. G. Elphick, T. J. Foy, W. D. Richardson, G. B. C. Myall, M. J. Cullen, D. J. Penny.

Results were:—

1. LONG JUMP (OPEN)
(Record : 21ft. 3½ins.)
1. G. D. Randall (B). 2. R. Goodey (B).
3. H. A. Lunghi (R).
Distance, 19ft. 8½ins.
2. LONG JUMP (Under 15).
(Record : 17ft. 3½ins.)
1. I. S. Holland, ii. (R). 2. W. F. C. Westgate (G).
3. R. H. Marshall (B).
Distance, 16ft. 2ins.
3. HIGH JUMP (OPEN).
(Record : 5ft. 4½ins.)
1. R. Goodey (B). 2. D. T. Nadin (R).
3. A. C. Dean (R).
Height, 5ft. 2ins.
4. HIGH JUMP (Under 15).
(Record : 4ft. 10½ins.)
1. I. S. Holland (R). 2. C. B. F. Milne (R).
3. J. W. Rayson (B).
Height, 4ft. 10ins.
5. HURDLES (OPEN).
(Record : 16 secs.)
1. R. Goodey (B). 2. G. D. Randall (B).
3. D. T. Nadin (R).
Time, 17 ½ secs.
6. HURDLES (Under 16).
(Record : 17 ¾secs.)
1. B. Arundale (R). 2. J. Richardson (B).
3. R. R. Cottrell (G).
Time, 19 ¼secs.
7. 100 YARDS (Under 12).
(Record : 13 secs.)
1. M. J. Quan (G). 2. A. J. Betterton (B).
3. C. D. Slingsby (G).
Time, 14 ½ sec.
8. 100 YARDS (Under 15).
(Record : 11 ¾secs.)
1. E. G. Gibbs (B). 2. W. F. C. Westgate (G).
3. I. S. Holland, ii. (R).
Time, 12 secs.
9. 100 YARDS (OPEN).
(Record : 10 ½secs.)
1. H. A. Lunghi (R). 2. G. D. Randall (B).
3. A. C. Dean (R).
Time, 11 secs.

There were very few boys available with previous experience of the game, and the lack of practice was very noticeable in our first match, played against Bloxham School on their ground. During the first half of this match both our attack and defence were very weak. The sticky nature of the ground seemed to upset our team, but there was little attempt at combined play, while the lack of a sound goalkeeper demoralized our defence. A rearrangement of this at half-time improved matters a little, but the result was inevitable, and the final score (0—9) a fair indication of the run of the game.

Almost exactly a month later we played Wantage School on our own ground, and though we lost this match also, it was a very even game, except for one period during which Wantage scored twice. From the start of the game we attacked, and after ten minutes Graff scored with a good shot from an awkward angle. During the remainder of the first half play was even, until shortly before half-time Wantage's right wing centred after a good run and a goal resulted. In the second half Wantage were near our circle for a considerable time before scoring. Almost immediately they scored again, Carlton being completely beaten by the ball, which was deflected past him while in mid-air.

Our second goal was the result of a forward movement rounded off by Green.

In this game the forwards combined fairly well, but their attacks were apt to fade away in the circle. At centre-forward, Randall was speedy, but did not hold the line together. Graff played a good game on the right wing. The halves were very much better than in the first match, Foy at centre half making up for lack of skill by great activity. We missed Pimm's cool, steady play at full-back, but Carlton gave promise of developing into a sound goal-keeper, after more experience.

School v. Bloxham School, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Away. Lost 0—9.

Team: Goodey, R.; Pimm, D.; Logan G. L.; Lane, S. M. B., Lunghi, H. A., Foy, T. J.; Dockerty, B. W. O., Bailey, H. B., Graff, J., Wells, G. D., Eeles, W. J.

School v. Wantage School, Wednesday, March 15th. Home. Lost 2—3.

Team: Carlton, N. A. R.; Dean (i) F. G. D., Logan, G. L., Culmer, D. A., Foy, T. J.; Dockerty, B. W. O.; Graff, J., Lunghi, H. A., Randall, G. D., Green, J. A. M., Bailey, H. B.

House Matches.

On March 25th inter-House Matches were held. Conditions were poor, but the matches were played with spirit, and proved very exhilarating. Red won, beating Blue 2—1, the

goals being scored by A. C. Dean and H. A. Lunghi, and G. D. Randall; beating Green 2—0 with goals by A. C. Dean and D. T. Nadin.

JUNIOR RUGGER.

Matches:—

v. Magdalen College School, Brackley. Won, 11—6.

v. Oratory School, Reading. Draw, 3—3.

v. Southfield School, Oxford. Lost 5—8.

Matches were again few. The match against Magdalen College School, Brackley, played at home, proved a fairly even struggle which we won in the second half by good team play. The second match, against Oratory School, Reading, was a new fixture, and a draw was a satisfactory result. The heavy Oratory forwards pressed hard in the first half, but we levelled the score after half time by a good three-quarter movement. In the last match of the term a weakened team lost to Southfield School at Southfield.

The team was fairly strong, both in the scrum and in the back division, and the lost game was the only defeat of the season. Richardson proved a capable captain, and Arundale used his weight to break away from the line-out, and Westgate at centre three-quarter was a reckless tackler, Holland ran well and proved difficult to tackle and Marshall at full back caught the ball cleanly and kicked well, though his tackling was shaky.

The following played for the team: R. C. Howell, R. H. Marshall; E. G. Gibbs, W. F. C. Westgate, I. H. Holland, K. G. Walker, G. Bowman, J. Richardson (i), G. E. T. Trudgian, A. C. Randle, G. Farnsworth, W. D. Richardson, B. Arundale and T. V. Bowditch.

The House-matches were keenly fought out, but Red House were too strong to be seriously challenged.

O.T.C.

We first congratulate A. F. Cowley, E. O. Jones, D. A. Large, J. P. Mosdell, and D. G. Sandercock on their success in the March examination for Certificate "A." Thirteen certificates have now been gained during the year, four cadets have passed Part I, and only two cadets have failed both parts.

The annual Inspection was carried out on June 1st by Brigadier A. C. Hughes, T.D. commanding the 145th Infantry Brigade. After the inspection in line, the contingent marched past under the command of C.S.M. H. A. Lunghi. The two platoons were commanded by Sergeants D. B. West and G. D. Randall. After the march past the platoons were exercised in drill and field signals. The contingent was then divided into small squads for weapon training under junior N.C.O's and Cadet instructors. This was ably supervised by C.S.M. Lunghi and C. Q.M.S. Roberts, while Sergt. West was in charge of a special squad carrying out Bren gun instruction. The Bren guns had been very kindly loaned by Sergt.-Major Eyre, from the 4th Royal Berks Territorials. Weapon training was followed by a T.E.W.T. for the N.C.O's, conducted and previously prepared by Sergt. R. F. Jackson and Cpl. R. Hedger, and we may add they were especially commended by the inspecting officer for their Company orders. In his final address, the inspecting officer stated that it was his first visit to an O.T.C. contingent, and that he was very agreeably surprised by all the work carried out.

Air training lectures have been held every Friday, and we must thank visiting officers from the R.A.F. station, Abingdon, who have made this new branch of post-Certificate 'A' training, so interesting and instructive. It is proposed to hold an Air Camp at Cranwell or Selsea Bill from July 29—August 5, and if this is arranged, it should undoubtedly prove a very valuable and enjoyable experience. Air cadets have to pass a proficiency test to qualify for Camp, and we wish them all success. The cancellation of O.T.C. Camps has caused all-round disappointment, and cadets attending the Air Camp must consider themselves especially privileged.

A Cup is to be presented to the contingent by Mr. A. B. West, to be held by the best individual shot. We offer our warmest thanks to Mr. West for this great encouragement to attain a high standard in shooting. In this connection we must also thank Sergt.-Major Eyre for all his work at the shooting range.

Promotions: To be Cpls.—J. G. Calvert-Fisher, G. L. Logan, J. Stephenson.

To be L.-Cpls.—A. F. Cowley, E. O. Jones, D. A. Large, D. G. Sandercock.

A.S.P.S.

S. M. B. Lane won the "School Life" Competition held at the end of last term, with a photograph entitled "The Woodworker." H. B. Bailey's "Spring Blossom" won the Holiday Competition, for which 12 excellent photographs were entered. The judges, in fact, had so much difficulty in choosing the winning entry that outside help had to be brought in. S. M. B. Lane's "My Father" was second, and entries by R. F. Jackson and G. S. Moss received special mention.

At a meeting of the Society on May 11th, W. R. Keen was elected a new member. At this meeting it was decided to hold a competition entitled "Summer Activities," with closing date June 14th.

THE MUSIC CIRCLE.

A party of eight went to the Sheldonian Theatre on May 7th to hear a concert given by the Oxford Bach Choir and Orchestral Society. Dr. Thomas Armstrong conducted a programme in which the principal works were Wesley's *In Exitu Israel* and Handel's *Israel in Egypt*. The performance was considered one of the finest of recent years.

Several enthusiasts have availed themselves of special facilities for listening to some of the Toscanini broadcasts of the London Musical Festival.

A book of special interest to musicians, which is at once popular and scholarly in its appeal, is Percy Scholes' "The Oxford Companion to Music," which has recently been added to the music section of the Library. It is an astounding compilation of absorbing interest for all tastes from Ragtime to Rachmaninof.

O.A. SPORTS.

The Athletic Meeting between Past and Present was held on Saturday, May 20th. The weather was again kind but the attendance of visitors was smaller than usual owing to a number of other functions falling on the same day. Nevertheless, there were some very interesting struggles in several events. D. G.

Brown increased his previous record in the weight to 51ft. and incidentally also won the Hurdles and Discus. M. H. Holme and H. A. Lunghi ran an excellent Quarter-Mile, and G. S. Moss put up a very fine performance against S. A. Paige in the Mile, who won by only 3 secs.

This year the O.A.C. registered their 28th win by 46 points to the School's 43 points. The issue was only decided by the last event, the Relay, when unfortunately, the School was disqualified for a faulty change-over,

The results were as follows:—

1. LONG JUMP.

(Record : 22ft. 2ins.)

1. G. D. Randall (A.S.A.C.) 2. R. Goodey (A.S.A.C.)
3. W. B. Badcock (O.A.C.) G. V. Bayley (O.A.C.)

Distance, 19ft. 4½ins.

2. 100 YARDS.

(Record : 10 secs.)

1. L. P. Mosdell (O.A.C.) 2. G. D. Randall (A.S.A.C.)
3. H. A. Lunghi (A.S.A.C.) G. A. R. Boyd (O.A.C.)

Time 10 ¼ secs.

3. HIGH JUMP.

(Record 5ft. 5½ins.)

1. R. Goodey (A.S.A.C.) 2. D. T. Nadin (A.S.A.C.)
3. W. B. Badcock (O.A.C.)

Height : 5ft. 2ins.

4. HALF MILE.

(Record : 2 mins. 9 ½ secs)

1. W. M. Potter (O.A.C.) 2. T.J.Foy (A.S.A.C.)
3. T. M. Bowerman (A.S.A.C.) W. Giles (O.A.C.)

Time, 2 mins. 12 secs.

5. QUARTER MILE.

(Record : 52 secs.)

1. M. H. Holme (O.A.C.) 2. R. Goodey (A.S.A.C.)
3. H. A. Lunghi (A.S.A.C.) P. H. Wooster (O.A.C.)

Time, 55 secs.

6. THROWING THE DISCUS.

(No previous record).

1. D. G. Brown (O.A.C.) 2. A. C. Dean (A.S.A.C.)
3. G. D. Randall (A.S.A.C.) G. A. R. Boyd (O.A.C.)

133 ft.

7. WEIGHT.

(Previous Record : 48ft.)

1. D. G. Brown (O.A.C.) 2. A. C. Dean (A.S.A.C.)
3. W. B. Badcock (O.A.C.) G. D. Randall (A.S.A.C.)

Distance 51ft., New Record.

8. HURDLES.

(Record : 16 secs.)

1. D. G. Brown (O.A.C.) 2. R. Goodey (A.S.A.C.)
3. G. D. Randall (A.S.A.C.) W. B. Badcock (O.A.C.)

Time, 16 ¾ secs.

9. MILE.

(Record : 4 mins. 50 ¾ secs.)

1. S. A. Paige (O.A.C.) 2. G. S. Moss (A.S.A.C.)
3. T. M. Bowerman (A.S.A.C.)

Time, 4 mins. 53 secs. {M. Sprules (O.A.C.)
 {T. J. Foy (A.S.A.C.)
 {K. Mills (O.A.C.)

10. RELAY.

No time taken.

O.A.C.

1. D. G. Brown
2. H. B. Healy
3. N. G. Holmes
4. P. H. Wooster
5. G. A. R. Boyd
6. L. P. Mosdell

A.S.A.C.

1. G. D. Randall
2. H. B. Bailey
3. R. Goodey
4. H. J. Clarke
5. A. C. Dean
6. H. A. Lunghi

FIVES.

A School Fives' Tournament was held during the last week of the Easter term, and it was pleasing to see how wholeheartedly the entrants responded. J. B. E. Alston, Esq., kindly presented prizes to the final pairs.

Results :—

SEMI.FINAL.

H. A. Lunghi and P. Hicks beat H. B. Bailey and D. Whidborne 15—7, 15—6.

J. Stephenson and G. D. Wells beat J. Graff and W. D. Richardson, 15—12 W.O.

FINAL.

H. A. Lunghi and P. Hicks beat J. Stephenson and G. D. Wells, 15—8, 15—9.

It is hoped that this Tournament will become an annual event.

BETTER PICTURE MAKING

By J. E. Archibald, A.R.P.S.

The film and what you do with it at the moment of exposure are the most important factors in picture-making : the type of camera is less important. Perhaps you find that state-moment difficult to believe? So often beginners have said "That's a good picture, you must have an expensive camera." And it seems reasonable enough to suppose that a camera costing ten or twenty pounds will yield better pictures than one costing ten or twenty shillings.

But that is not so unless the cheap camera is expected to take photographs which are beyond its scope—snapshots in very bad light, pictures of racing cars photographed at speed, snapshots at night, etc.—but which might be successful if an expensive camera with superior equipment were used. For ordinary outdoor photography or for poorly-lit subjects which may be given a "time" exposure, the simple camera is capable of producing excellent results. The photographer's knowledge

is a more important factor than the type and cost of his camera!

You can learn photography quite well with a simple camera, and when you are dissatisfied with a picture remember that you are more likely to have been at fault than your camera. Now a few hints to help you.

Firstly, The film! For the beginner I recommend most strongly a first quality orthochromatic film like Selochrome. This has the latitude to absorb exposure errors without impairing the quality of the final picture, unless the errors have been really bad. Recently I deliberately over-exposed a picture on this film 300 times (I gave 6 seconds at $f/8$ instead of $1/25$ th second at $f/11$) and yet secured a printable negative!

This film too is fast and is sensitive to yellowish light so that it makes the best of picture taken late in the day when daylight is waning and yellow.

Secondly, the exposure! What a fuss we make about this and yet the exposure required for 90 per cent. of subjects in good light when Selochrome film is used is $1/25$ th second at $f/11$ (a simple camera snapshot). Sometimes when the light is poor a "time" exposure is needed and when we perhaps forget that only 2 seconds means fifty times a normal snapshot exposure. For ordinary outdoor photography the day has to be dull indeed for the film to need so long. Often a brief time exposure (a "time" exposure made as quickly as possible) is adequate. But don't omit to rest the camera on some firm object or on a tripod.

For "special" subjects like church interiors or night photographs much longer time exposures may be needed—you can obtain good guidance from the information usually printed beneath such illustrations in photographic booklets and magazines.

And now as a third step in this matter of "Better Picture-making" I want to give what I will call "picture hints"—ways in which you can make your pictures better than the average, quite apart from technical excellence.

The photograph is made by the light reflected from the subject: but how often does the beginner pay much regard to the effect of

the light upon the subject, and, therefore, upon the ultimate picture?

Generally strong side lighting is most desirable, the shadows of solid objects thrown across the picture give desirable contrast with the highlights and tend to enhance the impression of relief.

For these latter reasons it is undesirable to have the sun immediately behind you when exposing or to take the subject in dull "all-over" lighting if it can be avoided. Obviously, if there are no visible shadows in the subject vigour will be lacking in the print.

It is always worth while to wait for the right lighting when you have a good subject; a few minutes wait while a cloud passes from the face of the sun will be amply repaid.



"Fairy Glen"

The camera manual of instructions usually advises the beginner not to photograph into the light and for the beginner this is sound

advice. But when you have progressed a little it is a mistake to observe this rule slavishly. The reason for such advice is that direct rays from the sun, if it is included in the picture area, may be reflected and scattered by the lens, causing light blobs and haziness over the picture.



" Seaside "

But delightful pictures can be made against-the-light if due care is taken. The sun must be excluded by sighting the camera beneath or to one side of its disc (as in "Fairy Glen") or by obscuring it with a figure or some part of the subject which will be rendered in silhouette. The sun should only be included when it is veiled by light clouds as in the case of "Seaside".

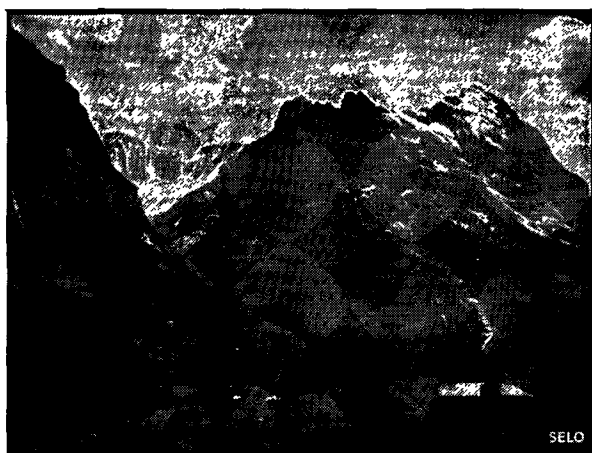
These remarks about strong lighting do not mean that good photographs cannot be taken in dull weather—far from it—but undoubtedly most subjects make better pictures in sunshine.

Sometimes the grandeur of a scene shown in a photograph is partially lost because the immensity of the original is not realisable. The reason for this is usually that there is nothing by which the eye can judge. All things are large or small by comparison. A football, for instance, is huge by the side of a pea, yet it would be dwarfed into infinitesimal minuteness if compared with, say, the perisphere at the New York World's Fair. An example of

this is seen in the mountain picture: "In the Bernese Oberland": cover the chalet with your finger and notice how the sense of scale is lost.

This "dodge" is valuable in other ways, too; a sense of perspective is suggested by the near object in contrast with the distant subject and by its inclusion an unattractive foreground may be made interesting. You won't often find a chalet just where you want it, but a figure can be used equally well, or a tree, a rock, or a car will do, provided always that it is not incongruous.

A figure must be carefully placed otherwise it may serve only to distract attention from the main subject. See that the figure looks towards the focus-point of the picture and not away from it; in other words, the person should look into the "composition" and not out of it. A good illustration of this rule is seen in "Fairy Glen." Had the girl been looking, say, at the camera (as she undoubtedly would have done in nine out of ten ordinary amateur snapshots) the attention of the viewer of the picture would have been divided between the girl and the view, and the mind would have been torn between deciding whether the girl happened to have been snap-



" In the Bernese Oberland "

ped against an attractive background or whether the photographer meant to take a nice view and the girl just happened to be in it incidentally.

You will be wise to study your subject from all possible viewpoints in order to discover the most pleasing composition. How insignificant the beautiful poppies seem when viewed from shoulder height; my "worm's eye" viewpoint has produced a far more pleasing result. A near view is often better when seen from a high viewpoint and an unusual viewpoint always compels attention.

Another hint! Why not "frame" your pictures sometimes? I am not referring to actual frames made of wood, glass and so forth, but to a method of taking pictures through some surround, so that the view will be seen with a frame round it.

The frame may be formed of overhanging branches of trees as in the case of "Near Hurley" but a window-frame, a doorway,



"Near Hurley"

an ornamental gateway, or an archway will do equally well—in fact, anything may be used which will form a harmonising "frame" for the view. Since the camera will be relatively close to the frame object, and the exposure will be correctly chosen for the view beyond, the frame in the print may be very dark—possibly almost black, and this effect will serve to throw up the important part of the picture, considerably enhancing its brilliance and suggesting perspective. Assuming that the "frame" is 15 feet from the camera while the view is of course at "infinity" the camera should be focussed for 25 feet and the

aperture should be as small as is consistent with a shutter exposure swift enough to arrest any movement in the subject. The depth of focus should then be sufficient to make sharp both the near frame and the distant scene.



"Beautiful Poppies"

Many quite ordinary views can be turned into most attractive photographs by using this simple plan. "Frames" may be found in all sorts of out-of-the-way corners and so take a look around for suitable surrounds for your pictures before you release the shutter.

L.S.D.S.

Last term witnessed the end of a thoroughly successful session and it is hoped that next year there will be the same interest taken in such an excellent pastime. It has done much in making us understand the different views which one can take on the political problems of to-day and it has afforded all of us excellent chances to speak our minds. The only thing that has marred many meetings has been the scarcity of speakers. Many have been too shy to give us their opinions though they have had some.

By far our best speaker has been the Hon. Treasurer, whose bitterly ironical speech in our debate on Unemployment will not be forgotten in a hurry by those who were privileged to hear it.

Our thanks are due to Mr. P. W. Martin who has given us some excellent speeches, Mr. R. Hedger and D. G. Holme for their continual and unflagging help in making our debates successful. The Society has now reached its

full number. New members last term were Messrs. G. J. Bowman, J. Hill, B. Arundale, A. C. Randle, G. E. Trudgian, H. G. Elphick and D. A. Culmer.

At the first debate of last term held on February 22nd, Mr. J. Richardson, seconded by Mr. B. W. O. Dockerty, proposed that "The Theatre is a better source of entertainment than the Cinema." This was opposed by Messrs. S. M. B. Lane and D. G. Holme. The following also spoke, Pro. Hon. Treas. and Mr. J. Stephenson, Contra. Messrs. H. J. Clarke and H. G. Elphick, Neutral, The President.

Result—motion lost by 5 votes to 4. A good opener to the term attended by nearly every member.

The opposition made most of the fact that the cinema was cheaper but this was rather avoiding the motion, though if you pay more you expect better entertainment. The proposition surprisingly omitted to mention the repertory companies which charge no more than cinemas and whose actors are often first-class. Many points were found for each side and it appeared to be merely a matter of personal opinion. H. G. Elphick in his maiden speech showed promise; he proclaimed his dislike of the unrealistic theatre scenery. The President, though remaining neutral seemed to prefer the theatre, taking as his example the stage and screen versions of the Ghost Train.

At the second meeting, Mr. P. W. Martin, seconded by Mr. R. Hedger, proposed "That the Unemployed are justified in their demonstrations." This was opposed by the Hon. Sec. and Mr. A. C. Randle.

The following also spoke. Pro. Messrs. S. M. B. Lane, D. G. Holme, G. J. Bowman, the Hon. Treasurer and the President. Contra, Messrs. J. Richardson and M. F. Nathan. The motion was carried by 13 votes to 5.

Mention has already been made of the Hon. Treasurers' speech and it only remains to say that the opposition was hopelessly inadequate against such an array of speakers. The main point appeared to be "Do the unemployed prefer to live on the dole," and "Do they ignore what help the Government does give them."

The proposition while not giving any definite answer to these questions heaped up an insurmountable number of complaints that the unemployed have, such as the refugees receiving large sums of money while the unemployed received nothing for their needs. The President, while supporting the Government, agreed that the unemployed were in a pretty sorry state. The proposer mentioned that the unemployed don't like living on charity and his seconder suggested that there should be a special ministry for unemployment. The opposer could not blame the Government for failing to find the weak jobs and remarked that the services were always ready to receive those who were strong enough.

At our third debate Messrs. B. Arundale and G. E. Trudgian proposed that "Country life is preferable to City life." Messrs. B. W. O. Dockerty and S. M. B. Lane opposed this.

The following also spoke. Pro. Messrs. R. Hedger, D. G. Holme, J. Hill, H. G. Elphick and G. Bowman. Contra. Mr. D. A. Culmer. Neutral, Mr. G. S. Moss, the Hon. Sec. and the Chairman. The motion was carried by nine votes to two.

The attendance for this debate was the poorest throughout the session. Surprisingly nearly everyone preferred the country for varied reasons, ranging from love of scenery to the quality of country air. The town's chief points seemed to be the presence of theatres and facilities for sports such as Squash. The best speeches at this meeting were delivered by the Chairman, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq., and Messrs. R. Hedger and G. S. Moss.

At our last meeting the Hon. Treas. seconded by Mr. R. Hedger opposed Messrs. P. W. Martin and D. G. Holme on a debate that "In the opinion of this house the rearmament system of this country will secure ultimate peace."

The following also spoke: Pro. Mr. D. B. West. Contra. Mr. A. C. Dean. The motion was lost by 8 votes to 11.

By far the most successful debate of the session. With a distinguished array of speakers, this was bound to be a success from the

very start. Both the proposer and opposer produced Latin tags in favour of their views, the former's being "*Si pacem vultis bellum parate*", the latter's "*Solitudinem faciunt pacem appellant*." The result was hardly expected; probably the "ultimate peace" put many against the proposition.

Mr. P. W. Martin opening the debate lucidly brought out the orthodox view on this subject, proclaiming the impossibility of trusting such people as the Germans,, and claiming as the only possible solution—"arming to the teeth." The Hon. Treas. replied with a long and weighty speech and was seconded in a humbler tempo by Mr. R. Hedger. Mr. D. G. Holme seconded the proposal and summed up in a manner which shews considerable promise, but the efforts of the opposition must be judged by the fact that they undoubtedly convinced many of the House for the first time that rearmament would perhaps secure victory but not peace, and by the fact that the motion was lost even though a party of visitors unauthorisedly voted—in favour of the proposal!

THE FEUD.

We are fighting a losing battle, waging war against an enemy who has all the odds in his favour, an enemy more unscrupulous and more subtle than any others; an enemy that is well-nigh invisible, who comes at twilight hours, carries out his foul work, and vanishes again at dawn, only occasionally being so audacious as to put in an appearance during the day; an enemy who comes and goes as he pleases, who carries out his operations unmolested, ravaging, pillaging and laying waste as he advances, leaving behind him mangled remains and ruin and a trail of litter and refuse. And still he goes unchecked. How is it possible to defeat such an enemy who works under cover of darkness and finds it so easy to carry out his destructive operations? Occasionally our efforts are crowned with success. But our foe must be prevented from doing as he pleases, his efforts must be quelled, his advance dammed.

After extensive and arduous campaigning, after many difficulties, after successive and ignominious failures, after tapping all our resources of deception and cunning, after watching and waiting and incessant spying,

we have concluded that forceful methods are best. Therefore we have decided to launch offensive anew, to match cunning with cunning, and to attempt again to lure the enemy into our ambushes.

Zero hour has passed, our forces have been lined up, and now comes a trying period of keeping guard along the frontiers long into the night, until at last we give up our weary vigil and retire to bed. But as we awaken our thoughts fly back to the doings of the previous night. Has our watchfulness been rewarded? Has our attack gained ground? Have we routed the enemy? So we advance in fear and dread to the scene of the fray, hardly daring to hope that we have been successful, nor to contemplate our future losses if we have failed again. Then we send a scout forward with instructions not to molest the enemy but to bring back word, if any sign of him was to be seen. Soon he returns with good news and we joyfully advance to the battle front. Yes! There is one of the enemy, still and silent on the battlefield. We have at last succeeded where many others have failed. A victorious cry rends the still morning air, spurring the retreating enemy to further haste:—"UP ABERS"! We do a wild dance of victory round the prone corpse, and our leader bends down and levers from the trap the still body of a mouse. A piece of cheese has won the day.

J.G.C-F.

WORD MAGIC.

When we read our choice from the mass of literature produced to-day—books, newspapers, magazines, pamphlets or advertisements, how often do we stop to think about an individual word? Much less, I think, even than of the letters comprising it; for with the growth of advertising the importance of design is realised, and the ancient art, which produced the beauties of what we call 'lettering,' flourishes again.

But a word too can be interesting—in shape, form, or value, apart from its "presentation" or print. Of course, after we have learned to read, we cannot afford to spell out each word to ourselves, or really "read" it. We "recognise" the word as a whole. We realise this difference when we begin to read a language that has different symbols for its letters. On

the other hand we often find that if we look for a long time at an individual word in English, it suddenly appears to be strange and loses all meaning; and the same if we repeat a word to ourselves several times.

If this does not happen we may notice, perhaps, the proportion of vowels to consonants in a word, or the different words it can form if it is "beheaded", or a letter extracted from it; but the greatest thrill of all is to notice a "palindrome"—"running back again", as Greek scholars will know.

The single-word palindrome which we know best perhaps is "level". How many have noticed that "deified" and "repaper" can also be read backwards and still remain the same words? Other languages, of course, have them also—"reliefpfeiler" is the German for relief pillar, whatever that may be.

If we are thus "word conscious" we might venture to compose whole palindromic sentences: like the German "Ein Neger mit Gazelle zagt im Regen nie" (a negro with a Gazelle is never afraid in the rain).

A lady banished from Queen Elizabeth's court for being too familiar with a great lord in favour, furnished this Latin example 400 odd years ago: "Ablata at Alba" (secluded but pure). Another example is "In girum imus noctes et consumimur igni". Here is a more elaborate example on which to try your skill: the story goes that St. Martin was once on his way to Rome, when he met the devil. After some conversation he made the sign of the cross over the devil and turned him into a mule and rode him into Rome. The devil in mule shape is said to have exclaimed to St. Martin:—

"Signa te signa temere me tangis et angis
Roma tibi subito motibus ibit amor".

Presumably the devil was no less skilled at talking backwards than his disciples the witches, who repeat the Lord's Prayer backwards.

From Latin we pass on to Greek: here is the quotation of an inscription which also reads equally well backwards. It is to be

found on a marble slab in the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires at Paris, and is reputed to have been taken from the great St. Sophia at Constantinople: *νίψον ἀνομήματα μή μόναν ὕψιν* which means "wash thy transgressions not only thy face." A good piece of advice which might have been taken by this old English palindromist "Lewd I did live & evil did I dwel." Such a person is probably about as historically "true" as Napoleon's supposed remark:

"Able was I ere I saw Elba".

Dog-lovers will be justly indignant at this interpretation of their affection for their pets:

"Dog as a devil deified lived as a god".

We hope this rhyme will not deter our budding artists:

"An artist by photography, quite beat in competition,

Thus grumbled, (—palindromically)
No, it is opposed, art sees trade's opposition."

But these examples are mere child's play; for in the 18th century a Cingalese poet was turning out exquisite verses, every line of which was a palindrome!

Even he however was outclassed by a learned Buddhist priest who, in 1786, created a metrical puzzle consisting of letters which when read in all four directions, formed 16 verses in praise of Buddha! The King of Ceylon rewarded him with the gift of a great village, over which his sacerdotal descendants are still quarrelling.

Even the following well-known "Latin square" cannot attempt to rival him, though this may be read in every possible direction except diagonally and still retain the same word formations:

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H. A. L.

O.A. NOTES.**Births.**

HOOKE.—On April 23, at The Cottage, Abingdon, to Mina (née Handlen), wife of John H. Hooke (1924), a daughter.

ELLIS.—On May 3, to Margaret Helen (née Leach), wife of Christopher Ellis, (1923) of 36 Harbury Street, Burton-on Trent, a daughter, (Patricia Margaret).

STACEY.—On May 10, at Montreal, Canada, to Florence, wife of Cyril Stacey, (1925) a daughter.

TRYE.—On May 21, at The Grove Nursing Home, Osterley, to Marjorie Alice (née Miller), wife of H. N. Trye, (1929) a son.

KITTO. On May 24, at Barclays Bank House, Chippenham, to Helen, wife of Hugh Kitto, (1919) a son, (Hugh William).

Marriages.

INSLEY-FOX—MENZIES.—On April 15, at Richmond Hill Congregational Church, Bournemouth, Hugh Insley-Fox (1926) to Theresa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stuart Menzies, of 1 Parkstone Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.

HEALY—RUSHWORTH-LUND.—On April 28, at Stanmore Parish Church, Dennis Edward Healy (1931), to Hazel Madeline, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rushworth-Lund, of Everdon Manor, Northants.

KORTRIGHT—RODGER.—On April 8, at St. Peter's, Bexhill, James C. H. Kortright, (1932) elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Kortright of 37, Delawarr Road, Bexhill, to Joan, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger of Bexhill.

WOOD—LEONARD.—On April 29, at St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, James D. Wood, (1936) eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wood, of Stanmore, to Betty Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Leonard, of "Chenies", Elmbridge Lane, Woking.

SHALLARD—EDWARDS.—On May 11th, at the Church of the Nativity, Blenheim, New Zealand, Walter Dillon Shallard, (1925) to Dorothy Florence, daughter of Mrs. Edwards, of Blenheim.

Deaths.

KIRKBY.—On March 31, the Rev. John Henry Kirkby, of 14 Ridgmont Road, St. Albans, aged 79.

IVEY.—On April 27, Edmund Ivey, of 29 Park Road, Abingdon, aged 75.

The Rev. J. H. Kirkby, whose death we record above, will be remembered with gratitude and affection by many Old Boys—boarders especially, whom he prepared for confirmation. He was appointed School Chaplain in January 1914, and held this office until March 1932. Both he and Mrs. Kirkby took a very real interest in our doings, both as a school and individually, and we missed their friendly presence on School "occasions" when, a few years ago, Mr. Kirkby resigned the vicarage of Shippon and they went to live in retirement at St. Albans. Their son, G. R. Kirkby, was educated at the School from 1912 to 1916.

Edmund Ivey was a member of an old Abingdon family and a boy at the School in the 'seventies'. On leaving school he was at first apprenticed to the engineering firm of Davis & Co., of the Wharf, but later took a position on the staff of Messrs. Morland & Co., from which he retired a few years ago. From boyhood to late manhood he was a member of St. Helen's choir, and on many occasions he took part as a tenor in the musical functions of the town and neighbourhood.

We offer our very sincere condolences to H. S. Bartlett (1925) on the death of his wife at Gibraltar in the early part of the year.

In THE RADIO TIMES for March 17 was reproduced an old photograph of Lord Strathcona driving the last spike to complete the Canadian Pacific Railway in November 1885; and standing beside him is an O.A., the late Col. Lacey R. Johnson, who, as chief Engineer carried out the last 500 miles of the line. As Assistant Superintendent of the line and General Superintendent of Shipping Colonel Johnson spent many years in the service of the C.P.R. For his work among his men he was created Squire of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and he was also a prominent Freemason and Grand Master of the Lodge of

British Columbia. During the War he held a commission as Colonel of the Canadian Heavy Artillery, and until his death from overwork in 1915 he was in control of the entire output of munitions for Canada. (For these particulars of a notable O.A. of Dr. Strange's time we are indebted to his sister, Mrs. West, of 109 Radley Road, Abingdon, widow of the late J. G. T. West, O.A., all of whose brothers, as well as her husband, sons and grandson, were educated at the School.)

We have had a visit from E. C. Dickinson, (1907), who is home on leave from India. He is now head of the Department of English at the Government College at Lahore. In the region of Literature he has to his credit three books of poetry—"The Ilex Grove" and "Sonnets" (Blackwell) published in 1919 and 1921, and "Laolus and Other Poems" published in India in 1924; also two prose volumes—"A Florentine Night", published in Florence in 1931, and "Studies in Education and Literature" (Jahangir Book Club, Lahore), which has appeared this year.

At a dinner recently held in the Roysse Room by the Abingdon Auxiliary Firemen, the following Old Boys of the School were present:—Section Officer J. H. Hooke (1924), Second Officer E. G. Ballard (1917), Third Officer W. B. Coxeter (1918), Fireman G. N. Carter (1920), Sub-Officer D. P. Newling (1918). Chief Officer O. B. Challenor (1909) was unable to be present.

F. B. Glenny (1919) has obtained a post in England with the Power Petroleum Company.

S. D. Plummer (1931) passed his Law Finals in March and is now working with Messrs. Bell, Brodrick & Gray, Solicitors, of 36 St. Paul's Churchyard.

We transcribe the following from a letter from S. W. D. Shallard (1924), of Egmont Village, Taranaki, New Zealand:—

This farm is one of 100 acres. I milk between 40 and 50 cows as well as rearing 10 to 12 heifer calves each year. They are kept for two years before they are put into the herd to replace cows that are of no more use from one cause or another. The milk is separated

at the shed; the cream is sent to a factory to be made into butter, and the by-product, skim-milk, is fed to pigs, a very profitable side-line. I usually get about 30 bacon pigs away each year, and it takes nearly 5 months for a pig to grow to bacon weight from birth. I run my own sows and rear my own pigs.

The type of farming is all grass-land. I do not do any ploughing in crops: the pastures are all harrowed and top-dressed with artificial manure each year. The kind of manure used varies with the type of land: here the main manures are superphosphate and basic slag, with occasional dressings of lime and potash.

A certain portion of the farm is shut up each year for hay and silage, which is the only form of supplementary fodder I use. The hay is stacked where it is cut—not carted home, as in England. The silage is made in various ways—either in a portable silo, or in pits dug out of a tank, or just in a stack; and it usually comes out very well. The stock certainly appreciate it.

The work is done by myself, my wife helping me with the milking. Occasionally I can get a man for a day or two, and I have help at harvest times. Otherwise I do all the work on my own. One has to be Jack-of-all-trades to be a farmer in N.Z. However, I would not change jobs with anyone.

F. A. Bennett (1936) has been stroking a four of Birmingham University R.C. with considerable success. They won the Maiden Fours of Stourport and the Junior Fours at Shrewsbury and were just beaten in the final at Bewdley.

M. R. T. Cooper (1935), who, when we last heard of him, was working on a gold mine for the Sunshine Syndicate in Kenya, is now back on coffee at Thika, about 32 miles from Nairobi. He sustained a serious accident while on the mining business and for a time feared he would lose his foot; but he is now completely recovered and able to work—and play (tennis, golf and cricket, for which there seems to be plenty of opportunity)—as well as he ever could. The coffee farm on which he is working is one of 200 acres, and he has

been there for about 17 months. His address is—Mulhuri, Thika, Kenya Colony.

P. J. Hill (1936), of the Midland Bank, has been transferred from Shipston-on-Stour to Market Bosworth.

R. Emmett (1936) has received a commission in the Territorials.

C. F. Powell (1934), who is articled to Messrs. Buckell & Ballard, of Cornmarket Street, Oxford, has passed the Final Examination of the Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute.

A. J. Davies (1939) is in the Drawing Office of a firm of Engineers in Reading.

M. F. Nathan (1939) has secured an executive post in a stationers' and general sundries supply factory in Birmingham.

R. Goodey (1939) is working in the laboratory of the Distillers' Company at Epsom.

Alan Beaton (1936), who after passing his Matric here, moved to London and went to K.C.S., Wimbledon, has gained an open Scholarship at Peterhouse, Cambridge. His brother W. H. (1936) is still at K.C.S.

M. D. Wells (1937), of the Royal Berks Regiment, has passed his Army First Class Exam.

London O.A. R.F.C.

With the completion of its fourth successive season, the London Old Abingdonian Rugby Club is no longer an enterprising experiment, but it is an established Club, whose popularity is evident from the many Clubs who offer us fixtures for, in some cases, as many as three seasons ahead.

Last season (1938/1939) we welcomed seven new members to our ranks:—Messrs. G. V. Bayley, J. O. Bury, D. M. Cracknell, J. C. Jacob, K. Muir, J. M. Wood and P. H. Wooster. It was a great pleasure also to have one of our original members, H. L. G. Livingston, back with us again after a long absence from town.

Only those who have experienced the doubtful joys of team secretaryship can appreciate the full significance of such a splendid influx of new blood. Unfortunately, however, this was somewhat counterbalanced by the loss of several of our older members, including our Vice-Captain, K. R. Savage and "acting" Vice-Captain, R. Emmett. Towards the end of the season, we had several members down with flu. Others had to work on Saturday afternoons and it became once again a very difficult and trying business to assemble a team.

The season as a whole, however, is one of which, in view of our many difficulties, we may be justly proud. Commencing on Sept. 24th, we beat our rivals, P. & O., by 28 points to 16 and ended the season on April 1st with another decisive victory against the Chartered Accountants R.F.C., having played 16 matches in all, of which we won seven and lost nine.

Our especial thanks are due to J. O. Bury for motoring 130 miles on several occasions in order to help us field a team and to J. D. Wood for his staunch work as Hon. Sec., devoting, as he did, many hours of his spare time to the thankless and wearisome tasks which inevitably accompany a home match. In this connection we must not forget Messrs. T. C. Davies, S. A. Fabes, D. E. Healy & J. M. Wood who did much to help throughout the season. We are indeed indebted to the Misses Healy, Reynolds and Richards for their valuable and most efficient work on the catering side. They have helped us now for three years in succession and I fear we are beginning to rely too much on their kindness. The calm and collected manner in which these efficient ladies produce steaming tea for thirty thirsty Rugger players at once must be seen to be believed.

And what of next season? We have to reckon with even further depletions in our membership and will find it hard to replace J. C. Jacob, who is off to Malta for four years and K. Muir who will, we understand, be a Militiaman. J. M. Wood will only be available on alternate week-ends owing to his commitments with the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve; we shall very much miss our reliable full-back.

In order that the Club may carry on next season, it is essential that these gaps be filled and we do appeal most urgently to all Abingdonians leaving this year, who will be living near London, to join the Rugger Club. But this does not apply solely to those about to leave the School; if there are any O.As. who have not yet joined us or any friends of O.As. who are considering joining a Rugger club, we shall give them a very warm welcome.

This account of the season's activities would not be complete without offering sincere congratulations to our Skipper, D. E. Healy and Hon. Sec., J. D. Wood, who have both become married men since their last game of Rugger. As two of the originators of the Club, they have our very best wishes for their future suc-

cess and happiness. We are sure this will not prevent our seeing plenty of them during the coming season.

Sep. 24	"P and O"	28	16	Won
Oct. 1	Old Cranleighans "B"	6	18	Lost
" 8	The School	8	14	Lost
" 15	Polytechnic Extra "A"	29	8	Won
" 22	Imps. R.F.C.	23	5	Won
" 29	Old Masonians "A"	6	30	Lost
Nov. 5	Old Regatians "A"	22	14	Won
" 19	Ibis Extra "A"	8	19	Lost
" 26	Exiles R.F.C.	3	42	Lost
Dec. 10	B.B.C. "A"	5	6	Lost
" 17	Uxbridge	3	9	Lost
Jan. 14	Bantams "A"	12	9	Won
Feb. 18	P. and O.	23	16	Won
Mar. 11	Uxbridge	3	21	Lost
" 18	Union Castle	0	16	Lost
Apl. 1	Chartered Accountants	22	7	Won