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SCHOOL OFFICERS FOR

EASTER AND SUMMER TERMS, 1943

Captain of the School and Head of the House:
M. G. H. Holt (left 4th March, 1943)
C. B. F. Milne (appointed 4th March, 1943).

School Prefects:

J. L. Taylor.	K. R. Sims. ¹
M. F. Packer.	G. L. Jones. ²
T. W. Smith.	P. Anag. ²
P. A. S. Scott.	I. M. Crudgington. ²

Sub-Prefects:

M. F. C. Brook.	F. W. G. Carter. ²
P. M. McLeod.	R. Grey. ²
P. H. Harris.	D. E. P. Jones. ²
A. J. Betterton. ²	P. M. King. ²
A. J. Burborough. ²	R. H. S. Lesser. ²

Captain of Cricket: M. F. Packer.

Captain of Boats: C. F. B. Milne.

Captain of Athletics: G. L. Jones.

Captain of Hockey: G. L. Jones.

Hon. Secretary of Games: J. L. Taylor.

School Librarians: J. L. Taylor, M. F. C. Brook.

¹ Left March, 1943. ² Appointed May 17, 1943.

EDITORIAL

In accordance with our war-time arrangement of two publications a year, this number contains the news both of the Easter and Summer Terms, 1943. Although this is, therefore, in a sense a double number, the Committee is averse to altering the price, which remains at its normal level.

The close connection between weather and games usually calls for comment in an Editorial. This year we can gratefully record that the vagaries of the weather have interfered very little with our sports activities, though unfortunately in the Easter term epidemics evaded neither ourselves nor our neighbours.

The Summer term has always the shadow of examinations hanging over it. This year the normal number of candidates are sitting for their Higher and School Certificates. We wish them not only success but that incalculable factor—luck. Results will be published in the next issue of this magazine.

We thank various contributors for submitting compositions, some of which we are very pleased to be able to publish. They are all from present members of the School. It is interesting to note that the younger generation is turning more and more to verse as a mode of expression. One cannot help considering the possibility of a connection between this tendency and a state of war.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Aldenhamian*, *The Aluredian*, *The Bloxhamist*, *The Chigwellian*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*. The 'Dog Watch' *Worcester Magazine*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Lily*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The Recorder*, *The St. Edward's School Chronicle*.

SCHOOL NOTES

The School remains very full, there being little variation in numbers.

We regret to announce the death on June 29th of Mr. Alec Walter Morland, O.A., and a Governor of the School. Elsewhere in this issue tribute

is paid to his many activities. He always had the interests of the School at heart.

Founder's Day was celebrated this year on Friday, June 18th. The School attended St. Helen's Church, when the Founder's Day Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Williams, M.A., of Queens' College, Cambridge. The wreath placed on John Roysse's tomb was again kindly made by Mrs. Scott. Unfortunately this year the weather was unpropitious, and though the Regatta was carried on in its customary manner, probably the boys on and in the water were happier than those on the bank. Miss Grundy was At Home for tea in the boat-house.

Recent visitors to the School will probably have noted some changes to the Upper Ground. Some nine or ten trees were removed from around the ground, especially in front of the School buildings, thus shedding considerably more light on our studies. The iron salvager has also been ruthlessly at work; most of the railings on the east side have been removed. The effect is not altogether unpleasing.

The Junior Training Corps and Air Training Corps continue to flourish with ever-expanding and exacting schemes of training. Accounts of their activities will be found under the appropriate headings.

We wish to congratulate J. L. Taylor on being elected to the Pembroke Scholarship. He goes into residence at Oxford next October. An account of the doings of O.A.s at Oxford will be found in the Oxford Letter.

Selection Boards have approved of P. A. Scott and G. L. Jones attending a course of study under the University scheme for the Royal Engineers and the Royal Navy respectively.

And now for congratulations for Sports award and Colours. We congratulate G. L. Jones on the winning of the Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for the Senior Sports, and L. A. Lewis the Shallard Cup for the Junior Sports. Full Athletic Colours were won by A. J. Betterton and P. H. Harris; half Colours by A. J. Burborough, A. J. Betterton, M. F. Packer, T. W. Smith.

1st XI Cricket Colours have been awarded to

H. Harris. 2nd XI Cricket Colours to P. King, D. A. Heard, M. C. Oughton, K. R. Dudley, C. D. Lingsby, B. C. Jakeman.

Rowing Colours were as follows: 1st Colours—D. B. F. Milne, M. G. H. Holt, P. H. Harris, T. W. Smith, I. M. Crudgington, G. W. Dodge (cox). 2nd Colours—M. J. Cullen, R. Grey, H. Luker, J. C. Calvert-Fisher, C. S. Cullen (cox).

The Carr Cup was won by Red House in the Senior House Cricket matches. It must be put on record that the Senior Rugger House matches were not played in the Christmas term, but Red House won the Robinson Cup for the Junior House matches, and in the Easter Term the Bayley Cup was won also by Red House.

The December Oxford School Certificate results were as follows: P. R. Allum, M. G. H. Holt, and P. Anag were successful in gaining the Certificate. Credits were obtained in Latin by D. E. P. Jones; in Mathematics and General Science by K. R. Sims; in English language by A. J. Betterton, A. J. Burborough, and P. H. Harris.

The School took its full share in the Abingdon Wings for Victory Week. We congratulate the organizers of the School War Savings branch on their excellent effort, which enabled them more than to double successfully their original target.

CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS TERM, 1943

Wed. Sept.	15.	Boarders return.
Thurs. "	16.	First day of Christmas Term.
Sat. Oct.	9.	1st XV v. Southfield School (Home).
Sat. "	16.	1st XV v. City of Oxford School (Home).
Wed. "	20.	2nd XV v. City of Oxford School (Home).
Sat. "	23.	1st XV v. Southfield School (Away).
Sat. "	30.	Under 15 XV v. City of Oxford School (Away).
Wed. Nov.	3.	1st XV v. Radley College 2nd XV (Away).
Sat. "	6.	2nd XV v. Magdalen College School (Home).
Wed. "	10.	1st XV v. City of Oxford School (Away).
Sat. "	13.	1st XV v. Magdalen College School (Away).
Wed. "	17.	2nd XV v. City of Oxford School (Away).
Sat. "	20.	Under 15 XV v. Southfield School (Home).
Sat. Dec.	4.	2nd XV v. Southfield School (Home).
Tues. "	14.	Last day of Term.
Wed. "	15.	Boarders go home.

A Confirmation Service will be held towards the end of the Term.

SCHOOL SPORTS, 1943

The Sports were held in Waste Court on Saturday, May 15th, under ideal conditions, which attracted a large number of spectators including many Old Boys. Performances were well up to previous standards, three records being broken. L. A. Lewis broke the records for both the Junior quarter and half miles in the excellent time of 60½ secs. and 2 mins. 26 secs. respectively. The third record-breaking performance was achieved by Green House in the Junior Relay, who finished the course in 4 mins. 1½ secs., as against the previous record of 4 mins. 1½ secs. set up by Blue House in 1942.

There was a very close and exciting struggle for the Ladies of Abingdon House Cup, its destination being doubtful until the last race of the day—the Senior Relay. Blue House was the winner, the House points being Blue House 82, Green House 81, Red House 77.

At the conclusion of the Sports the Challenge Cups were presented by Miss Sheldon Peach on Waste Court Lawn.

The whole proceedings were organized and conducted by Mr. Alston, assisted by a capable Committee and Stewards.

The officials were: *President*: The Headmaster. *Starter*: G. F. Duxbury, Esq. *Judges*: W. A. Rudd, Esq., W. Bevir, Esq., S. Punton-Smith, Esq., D. Burke-Gill, Esq. *Time-Keepers*: J. Y. Ingham, Esq., H. M. Gray, Esq. *Stewards*: M. F. C. Brook, R. H. S. Lesser, M. F. Packer. *Committee*: W. A. Rudd, Esq. (*Chairman*), J. B. E. Alston, Esq. (*Ex-officio*), G. L. Jones, C. B. F. Milne, P. A. S. Scott, J. L. Taylor (*Hon. Sec. and Treas.*). (*Elected*) M. F. Packer, N. A. Palmer, M. C. Oughton, M. J. Green, E. R. Absalom, D. A. Aldworth, R. C. Pegler.

The Results were:

The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors: G. L. Jones (23 points).

The Shallard Challenge Cup for Juniors: L. A. Lewis (15 points).

Ladies of Abingdon Challenge Cup: Blue House (82 points).

1. LONG JUMP (Open)
(Record: 21 ft. 3½ in.)
1. G. L. Jones vi (B). 2. T. W. Smith i (R).
3. R. S. Barnes (R).
Distance, 17 ft. 5½ in.
2. LONG JUMP (under 15)
(Record: 17 ft. 3½ in.)
1. M. E. Faulkener i (G). 2. P. R. Sims (R).
3. E. G. Whitfield (R).
Distance, 15 ft. 5½ in.
3. HIGH JUMP (Open)
(Record: 5 ft. 4¾ in.)
1. G. L. Jones vi (B). 2. C. B. F. Milne (R).
3. R. H. Tompsett (G).
Height, 4 ft. 10 in.
4. HIGH JUMP (Under 15)
(Record: 4ft. 10½ in.)
1. P. R. Sims (R). 2. K. J. Weston (R).
3. D. J. Penny (R).
Height, 4 ft. 2 in.
5. HURDLES (Open)
(Record: 16 secs.)
1. C. B. F. Milne (R). 2. A. J. Burborough (G).
3. T. W. Smith i (R).
Time, 19¾ sec.
6. HURDLES (Under 16)
(Record: 17¾ sec.)
1. A. J. Betterton i (B). 2. A. J. Sansom (B).
3. M. J. Cullen i (G).
Time, 19½ sec.
7. 100 YARDS (Under 12)
(Record: 13 sec.)
1. J. T. Cullen iv (R). 2. K. H. Chandler (R).
3. M. D. Millichap (B).
Time, 13¼ sec.
8. 100 YARDS (Under 15)
(Record: 11¾ sec.)
1. L. A. Lewis (G). 2. P. Hayter (R).
3. I. N. Kimbrey (B).
Time, 12½ sec.
9. 100 YARDS (Open)
(Record: 10½ sec.)
1. C. B. F. Milne (R). 2. A. J. Betterton i (B).
3. A. J. Sansom (B).
Time, 11¾ sec.
10. PUTTING THE WEIGHT (Open)
(Record: 46 ft. 9 in.)
1. A. J. Betterton i (B). 2. G. L. Jones vi (B).
3. J. A. Hill (R).
Distance, 27 ft. 10½ in.
11. 220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 13)
1. P. N. Cox (42 yd.). 2. J. T. Cullen iv (14 yd.).
3. R. C. Pegler (26 yd.).

12. QUARTER MILE (Under 15)
(Previous Record: 61⅓ sec.)
1. L. A. Lewis (G). 2. P. Hayter (R).
3. M. J. Green iv (G).
Time, 60½ sec.
13. QUARTER MILE (Open)
(Record: 54½ sec.)
1. A. J. Betterton i (B). 2. C. B. F. Milne (R).
3. A. J. Burborough (G).
Time, 57¾ sec.
14. THROWING THE DISCUS (Open)
(Record: 114 ft. 6 in.)
1. P. H. Harris (B). 2. M. F. Packer (R).
3. M. J. Cullen i (G).
Distance, 77 ft. 3 in.
15. HALF MILE (Under 15)
(Previous Record: 2 min. 27½ sec.)
1. L. A. Lewis (G). 2. M. J. Green iv (G).
3. M. E. Faulkener i (G).
Time, 2 min. 26 sec.
16. HALF MILE (Open)
(Record: 2 min. 12½ sec.)
1. G. L. Jones vi (B). 2. A. J. Burborough i (G).
3. P. H. Harris (B).
Time, 2 min. 25½ sec.
17. RELAY RACE (Junior). 8×220 yd.
(Previous Record: 4 min. 1¼ sec.)
1. Green House. 2. Red House.
Time, 4 min. 1½ sec.
18. RELAY RACE (Senior). 8×220 yd.
(Record: 3 min. 29 sec.)
1. Blue House. 2. Green House.
Time, 3 min. 41 sec.

The Miles

The results of these races, run on Monday.
March 15th, were :

OPEN EVENT

(Record: 4 min. 50¼ sec.)

1. G. L. Jones vi (B). 2. K. R. Sims i (B).
3. P. H. Harris (B).
Time, 5 min. 26½ sec.

JUNIOR EVENT

(Record: 5 min. 20½ sec.)

1. M. E. Faulkener i (G). 2. I. J. Jamieson (R).
3. A. B. Beadle ii (R).
Time, 5 min. 38¼ sec.

HALF MILE (Under 13)

(No previous record)

1. G. H. Brown i (R). 2. K. N. Hume (B).
3. B. N. Margrave (G).
Time, 2 min. 41½ sec.

CRICKET

Only eight matches were played this season. Of these we won one and lost four, two were drawn, and one resulted in a tie. The batting of the team was again weak, in fact nobody could be relied upon to make many runs, and apart from two good scores by Harris, only Packer, Milne, and Heard obtained more than twenty runs in a single innings. A purely defensive policy pervaded the team, the straight long-hop being treated with the utmost respect, and other loose balls allowed to go unpunished. This resulted in extremely low scores and an inability to take advantage of a favourable situation. In the match with the Pavlova C.C. for instance, despite a fifth wicket partnership of fifty-three runs by Packer and Heard, the last five wickets were unable to make the ten runs needed to win. Again, in our second match with the City of Oxford School we dismissed our opponents for forty-five runs, Harris taking six wickets for nineteen. Although Packer made twenty-four not out he received no support from the rest of the team, who made only eleven runs between them. Undoubtedly lack of match experience was partly responsible for this batting weakness, as six of the seven newcomers to the XI were last season in the under 15 team, which only played one match.

The bowling depended too much on Harris, who bowled consistently well throughout the season, but only twice had wickets which suited him. Carter and Oughton were the most successful of the other bowlers, none of whom had sufficient control of length to take wickets cheaply or bowl for more than a few overs without becoming expensive.

In the field the team was usually quick and efficient, but several easy catches were dropped, and the fielding in the Magdalen College School match was not up to standard. The running between wickets was very uncertain at times and lost us many runs and several wickets.

We are very grateful to W. G. Bradfield for the many hours he devoted to coaching the team in the nets. His enthusiastic efforts deserved a greater measure of success.

The 2nd XI played and lost two matches. In the first match with Magdalen College School, Oxford, they got their opponents out for fifty-five runs, the last seven wickets falling for sixteen, but could only score thirty in reply. The second match, against City of Oxford School, was lost by six runs. The game was played at Oxford, and it is possible that local conditions (the grass was very long!) had something to do with the result. Jamieson took four wickets for four runs, and Whitfield four for eight.

The team was as follows: P. M. McLeod, L. L. Lacey Johnson, P. A. Scott, M. D. Waterfall, A. J. Burborough, P. R. Sims, A. J. Walters, A. R. King, I. J. Jamieson, M. J. Cullen, E. G. Whitfield. J. M. Lewington also played in the second match.

First XI Characters

M. F. Packer, Captain (Colours, 1943). His batting, except in two matches, was disappointing. Has some scoring strokes, but his defence is weakened by incorrect footwork when playing the good length ball. His captaincy was quiet and unobtrusive, and he lacked the necessary experience to make the best use of the moderate forces at his disposal.

P. H. Harris (Colours, 1943). A good medium fast bowler with a very easy action, who keeps a length and can swing and turn the ball. An improving batsman, he played two good innings. Sound in the field.

C. B. F. Milne (2nd Colours, 1942). A patient, unadventurous batsman. Has done valuable work in wearing down the bowling, but his scoring powers are very limited. Fielding very fair.

G. L. Jones (2nd Colours, 1942). Improved greatly as wicket-keeper during the season. His batting was at first weak, but improved considerably when he curbed his tendency to hit wildly.

P. M. King (2nd Colours, 1943). He has proved a useful opening batsman, but lacks scoring strokes. Must improve his running between wickets.

F. W. G. Carter (2nd Colours, 1943). A useful opening bowler with a fair turn of speed. Should concentrate on improving his control of length and direction. Might develop into a hard-hitting batsman if he watched the ball and used his feet better. Disappointing in the field.

K. R. Dudley (2nd Colours, 1943). Has not settled down this season. His leg shots are good, but he is weak on the off. Slow in the field.

D. A. Heard (2nd Colours, 1943). A promising young player, who shows keenness and determination. Flights and spins the ball, and is beginning to develop his scoring powers. Fields well at point.

B. C. Jakeman (2nd Colours, 1943). His batting is weak at present because of faulty footwork and a tendency to step to square leg. Hits hard at the ball but does not pick up his bat straight. Fielding fair.

M. C. Oughton (2nd Colours, 1943). A bowler of considerable promise, though at present rather lacking in confidence. His batting is cramped and ineffective. Rather unreliable in the field.

C. D. Slingsby (2nd Colours, 1943). A left arm spin bowler with a rather awkward action, who could be effective if he kept a length. Plays with a straight bat, but moves too slowly to hit the loose ball.

The Fletcher Challenge Cup and the Common Room bat for the best batsman in the eleven was won by P. H. Harris, who also won the Headmaster's bat for the best bowler.

The Henderson and Meredith awards were as follows: The best all-rounder under 16, D. A. Heard; the best bowler under 16, M. C. Oughton; the best batsman under 15, P. R. Sims; the best bowler under 15, I. J. M. Jamieson.

Scores

SATURDAY, MAY 29th (Home), Drawn.

v. 1ST BERKS BN., HOME GUARD.

Home Guard					Abingdon School				
C. R. T. Heard	c. Heard				Milne, not out				23
(D.), b Carter		8			Dudley, b Aldworth				0
H. A. Wiggins, b Harris		4			King, b Aldworth				3
C. W. Strutt, b Harris		60			Harris, c Heard, b Alder				34
J. B. E. Alston, b Harris		3			M. F. Packer, b Jakeman				9
G. Dudley, c Jones,					Jones, not out				0
b Carter		6			Oughton, Heard (D.),				
C. A. Jakeman, b Harris		13			Jakeman, Slingsby, and				
E. H. Aldworth, run out		2			Carter did not bat.				
J. R. Scott, st Jones,									
b Heard		0							
H. Alder, b Harris		1							
D. G. Bedford, b Harris		0							
P. Gooding, not out		5							
Extras		2			Extras				6
Total		104			Total (4 wks)				75
O M W R					O M W R				
Harris	7	0	6	29	Heard	7	2	0	17
Carter	4	0	2	16	Aldworth	7	5	2	5
Oughton	3	0	0	20	Alston	4	1	0	10
Slingsby	3	0	0	30	Alder	7	2	1	22
Heard	2	0	1	8	Jakeman	4	0	1	15

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th (Home), Lost.

v. R.A.F. ABINGDON.

Abingdon School					R.A.F.				
Milne, c Cohen, b Row-					Barnes, lbw, b Harris				0
lands		1			Richards, b Carter				29
King, run out		4			Yakes, c Heard, b Harris				0
Dudley, st Richards, b					MacInnes, b Carter				8
Rowlands		4			Cohen, not out				16
Harris, lbw, b Rowlands		1							
M. F. Packer, b Barnes		6							
Jones, lbw, b Rowlands		0							
Slingsby, b Uglow		0							
Heard, c Rowlands, b									
Barnes		1							
Carter, c MacInnes, b									
Barnes		2							
Oughton, st Richards, b									
Uglow		0							
Jakeman, not out		6							
Extras		2			Extras				2
Total		27			Total (4 wks)				50
O M W R					O M W R				
Douglas	4	2	0	2	Harris	4	1	2	18
Rowlands	6	1	4	10	Carter	3.8	0	2	3
Yakes	3	3	0	0					
Barnes	4	1	3	10					
Uglow	3.8	1	2	3					

SATURDAY, JUNE 12th (Home), Tie.

v. PAVLOVA LEATHER COMPANY.

<i>Pavlova Leather Company</i>					<i>Abingdon School</i>				
R. T. Heard, b Harris	3				Milne, run out	0			
Crook, c Jones, b Carter	3				King, c Aldworth, b				
L. Wiggins, c Heard, b					Crook	10			
Harris	7				Dudley, c Heard, b Crook	9			
Whitehead, b Slingsby	10				Harris, b Crook	2			
Jamieson, not out	37				M. F. Packer, b Heard	27			
King, st Jones, b					Heard, b Heard	25			
Oughton	1				Slingsby, c Whitehead,				
Stone, b Oughton	0				b Jamieson	6			
Carter, b Oughton	0				Jones, c Whitehead,				
H. Aldworth, c Packer					b Jamieson	1			
b Harris	2				Carter, run out	1			
Roberts, c Jones,					Jakeman, not out	0			
b Heard	10				Oughton c Carter,				
Willis, c Harris					b Heard	1			
b Heard	5								
Extras	7				Extras	3			
Total	85				Total	85			
O M W R					O M W R				
Harris	6	1	3	13	Crook	12	3	3	31
Carter	3	0	1	17	Heard	6	3	1	3
Slingsby	2	0	1	8	Aldworth	4	3	0	3
Oughton	3	0	3	29	Roberts	3	0	0	17
Heard	2	0	2	11	Stone	2	0	0	5
					Jamieson	4	1	2	9

MONDAY, JUNE 14th (Home), Lost.

v. W. G. BRADFELD'S XI.

<i>Bradfield's XI</i>					<i>Abingdon School</i>				
Dickinson, b Heard	83				Milne, b Aldworth	5			
R. T. Heard, c Carter,					King, lbw, b Jakeman	8			
b Harris	0				Dudley, b Jakeman	4			
R. Dudley, b Carter	13				Harris, b Carter	7			
W. Strutt, b Carter	52				M. F. Packer, b Jakeman	0			
Hill, not out	16				Heard, run out	3			
G. Bradfield, J. A. M.					Slingsby, c Bradfield,				
Green, J. Carter, J. B. E.					b Carter	2			
Alston, C. A. Jakeman, and					Jakeman, b Jakeman	2			
H. Aldworth did not bat.					Jones, b Jakeman	10			
					Carter, c Strutt,				
					b Aldworth	4			
					Oughton, not out	0			
Extras	2				Extras	5			
Total (4 wks. dec.)	166				Total	50			
O M W R					O M W R				
Harris	7	1	1	33	Dickinson	6	1	0	11
Carter	5	5	1	2	Aldworth	6	1	2	20
Slingsby	4	0	0	39	Jakeman	7	7	1	5
Oughton	3	0	0	31	Carter	3	1	2	6
Heard	2	0	1	32	Alston	2	0	0	4

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16th (Home), Won.

v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

<i>City of Oxford School</i>					<i>Abingdon School</i>				
Judd, lbw, b Oughton	11				Milne, b Emerson	9			
Stone, c Slingsby, b Carter	1				King, lbw, b Stone	2			
Phelps, hit wkt., b Harris	5				Dudley, c Phelps, b Stone	12			
Porter, c King, b Harris	5				Harris, not out	70			
Spickernall, c Jones,					M. F. Packer, c Tomlin,				
b Harris	0				b Emerson	15			
Tomlin, c Harris, b Carter	13				Heard, not out	4			
Taylor, b Oughton	0				Slingsby, Jakeman, Jones,				
White, b Slingsby	6				Carter, and Oughton did				
Emerson, st Jones,					not bat.				
b Slingsby	7								
Dodson, not out	0								
Belcher, c Jones, b Carter	0								
Extras	3				Extras	2			
Total	51				Total (4 wks.)	114			
O M W R					O M W R				
Harris	8	2	3	6	White	4	1	0	15
Carter	4	5	1	3	Stone	6	1	2	28
Oughton	3	0	2	11	Spickernall	3	0	0	17
Slingsby	4	0	2	12	Porter	6	0	0	23
Heard	3	1	0	9	Emerson	4	0	2	30

After the match P. H. Harris was awarded his 1st XI Colours.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19th (Home), Lost.

v. OLD ABINGDONIANS.

<i>Old Abingdonians</i>					<i>Abingdon School</i>				
W. G. Bradfield, c Oughton,					Milne, st Bury, b Heard	19			
b Slingsby	39				King, lbw, b Jamieson	8			
C. R. T. Heard, hit wkt.,					Dudley, lbw, b Cox	3			
b Carter	1				P. H. Harris, c Bradfield,				
G. Hill, c Heard,					b Cox	1			
b Oughton	11				M. F. Packer, lbw, b Cox	3			
R. F. Cox, c Jakeman,					Heard, b Carter	14			
b Slingsby	5				Slingsby, c and b Cox	0			
H. Jamieson, c Heard,					Jakeman, st Bury, b Cox	5			
b Harris	19				Jones, not out	11			
J. H. Bartlett, b Harris	7				Carter, c Cox, b Carter	0			
C. G. Carter, not out	9				Oughton, st Bury, b Cox	4			
J. M. Viney, c Jones									
b Heard	0								
J. O. Bury, c Jones b Harris	5								
E. H. Aldworth, run out	3								
W. H. Stevens, b Harris	2								
Extras	1				Extras	2			
Total	102				Total	70			
O M W R					O M W R				
Harris	7	6	0	4	Jamieson	5	2	1	15
Carter	3	0	1	18	Aldworth	3	1	0	3
Oughton	3	0	1	11	Cox	8	7	2	6
Slingsby	3	0	2	20	Heard	7	1	1	23
Heard	4	0	1	29	Carter	3	0	2	6

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30th (Away), Drawn.

A.S.C.C. 1ST XI AVERAGES, 1943.

v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

BATTING.

Magdalen College School				Abingdon School				No. of Times Highest							
								No.	Name.	Innings.	Not out.	Score.	Runs.	Average	
A. P. B. Behr, c Carter,				Milne, b Johns				11							
b Harris 15				King, b Johns				7	1.	P. H. Harris	8	1	70*	132	18.85
S. M. Bull, b Carter 5				Dudley, c Pauffrey					2.	M. F. Packer	8	1	27	84	12.0
D. F. R. Beazley, c Dudley				b Johns				0	3.	Milne	8	1	23*	71	10.14
b Oughton 4				P. H. Harris, c Birchall					4.	Jones vi	7	3	13*	36	9.0
A. G. W. Rees, b Heard 41				b Rees, 14					5.	Heard	7	1	25	51	8.5
A. A. Birkett, run out 3				M. F. Packer, b Johns				0	6.	King i	8	0	10	42	5.25
R. Johns, c Dudley,				Heard, b Johns				4	7.	Dudley	8	0	12	32	4.0
b Harris 20				Slingsby, not out				4	8.	Jakeman	6	2	6*	14	3.5
A. H. Birchall, not out 14				Jakeman, c Pauffrey,					9.	Slingsby	6	1	6	12	2.4
J. H. Pauffrey, b Slingsby 33				b Jones 0					10.	Carter i	5	0	4	9	1.8
J. E. Bush, G. L. Coleman,				Jones, not out 13					11.	Oughton	5	1	4	6	1.5
man, and V. N Ferriman				Carter and Oughton											
did not bat.				did not bat.											
Extras 8				Extras 8											
Total (7 wks. dec.) 143				Total (7 wks.) 61											

After the match P. M. King, F. W. G. Carter, D. A. Heard, K. R. Dudley, M. C. Oughton, C. D. Slingsby, and B. C. Jakeman were given their 2nd XI Colours.

SATURDAY, JULY 3rd (Away), Lost.

v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

HOCKEY

Thanks to the remarkably dry and mild weather practice games were more frequent and enjoyable than usual. Once again it was impossible to play against any other schools, but we met the R.A.F. Abingdon twice, and played two matches against teams kindly brought by W. G. Bradfield. The opposition in three of these matches was fairly strong, and the School could only win one match of the series.

Although only four of last year's eleven remained, the composition of the team was never in much doubt, the chief problem being whether Jones should play at centre-half or in the forward line. In the former position he worked untiringly but not very constructively; his presence in the forward line in the last match strengthened the attack but weakened the half-back line. King (P. M.) moved to centre-half, where he played a good game, but his place at right-half could not be satisfactorily filled owing to the lack of reserves.

In goal Walters was a great asset, his clearance kicks being most effective. His chief weakness

City of Oxford School					Abingdon School				
Judd, lbw, b Harris	1				Milne, lbw, b Spickernall	3			
Phelps, lbw, b Carter	7				King, c Spickernall,				
Emerson, b Harris	1				b Porter	0			
Spickernall, lbw, b					Dudley, run out	0			
Slingsby	13				P. H. Harris, lbw, b Stone	3			
Stone, st Jones, b Oughton	8				M. F. Packer, not out	24			
Tomlin, b Harris	4				Heard, c Porter, b Stone	0			
Porter, b Oughton	3				Slingsby, b Stone	0			
Rowles, b Harris	4				Jakeman, b Porter	1			
Walters, not out	0				Jones, lbw, b Porter	1			
Powell, st Jones, b Harris	3				Carter, c Powell, b Stone	2			
Belcher, b Harris	0				Oughton, b Porter	1			
Extras	1				Extras	4			
	Total			45		Total			39
	O	M	W	R		O	M	W	R
Harris	9.5	2	6	19	Spickernall	4	1	1	10
Carter	5	0	1	13	Porter	8.8	1	4	18
Oughton	5	0	2	10	Stone	5	1	4	8
Slingsby	2	1	1	2					

was a reluctance to come out of goal to meet the unsupported attack of a fast forward. This was most apparent in the first encounter with the R.A.F. Abingdon, most of whose goals were scored by their speedy inside-left. The combination of Carter and Johnson at full-back was rather shaky, though Carter's coolness and hard hitting saved some awkward situations. The wing-halves, Jakeman and King (P. M.), fed their forwards adequately, and in defence the latter controlled and cleared the ball very well.

The effectiveness of the inside forwards was reduced by their weak finish and inability to gain a favourable position for shooting. Packer was the most polished player in the circle, and scored at least one goal in each match. The right-winger King (A. R.) was speedy but erratic. Heard, playing on the left wing in two matches, was neat and promising, but lacked speed. Sims played either on the left wing or at inside-left, and was useful if not brilliant in both positions.

After winning their first match with W. G. Bradfield's XI (2—1), the School were heavily defeated by the R.A.F. Abingdon (1—9). Bradfield brought a stronger team for his second match and the School, playing rather below their true form, were beaten 6—3. In the last match the School played their best game against a strong and speedy R.A.F. Abingdon team. The rearranged forward line had more pace and thrust than hitherto, and scored five goals (Burborough, Jones, Packer, and Sims one each). The game was played at a fast pace on a hard ground and was very even, except during the first twenty minutes of the second half, when our opponents scored five goals without reply. After this setback we rallied strongly and scored three goals, the final score being 5—9.

The XI was as follows: A. J. Walters, F. W. G. Carter, L. Lacey Johnson, P. M. King, G. L. Jones (Captain), B. C. Jakeman, A. R. King, M. F. Packer, A. J. Burborough, D. A. Heard, K. R. Sims.

J. A. Hill, J. M. Lewington, and K. P. Woodward played in one match each.

ROWING, 1943

An account of this season's activities must seem very much of a jeremiad, but what is said is meant as explanation not as excuse. At the best of times Abingdon oarsmen need to be a hardy, forbearing and optimistic crowd, and doubly so under war-time conditions. When the river floods and we have no raft things are difficult; when boats and oars cannot be repaired and replaced things are more difficult; but when, after losing two outings a week owing to parades, the Army suddenly demands the presence of a member of the crew the position becomes almost impossible. Little need be said of the minor ailments which are a regular feature of the Easter term, and were present in good measure this year. However we did manage to get two crews to the start of the only race, and if they were not very good crews it was not for want of trying, and with better luck and a little more regular practice they could certainly have put up quite a good performance.

IST IV

None of the available material had had any racing experience as there were no races last year, but as originally constituted the crew looked very promising. Milne made a lively stroke, easy to follow and with plenty of stamina to drive the crew, and he was quite well backed up by Holt at three, who looked rather clumsy but was quite effective. Smith, who had been stroking the second boat, took Holt's place when the latter was called away to the Army, and filled that difficult position quite adequately. His sliding was rather uncontrolled, and owing to lack of practice his timing with stroke was not always plumb, but he worked hard and his bladework was good. Harris at two showed promising form and did his full share of work; his faults were erratic bladework and short body swing—the latter a fault common to the whole crew and to many of their predecessors. Crudgington at bow was really too slow for the position, and though he did his best he would obviously have been happier in the middle of the boat. Incidentally, it was an unusual experience to have such difficulty in finding a suitable bow.

Dodge, as cox, improved considerably and steered quite well, but he insists on drawing his orders.

There is not much to be said about the race against M.C.S. Oxford, which was rowed at Oxford on Saturday, March 6th. We won the toss, but Magdalen went away fast at the start and were well clear in a minute. From then on it was just a question of practice and the lack of it, and Magdalen, who were a hard-punching crew, drew steadily away to win by about five lengths, with Abingdon plugging along gamely and quite well together in the rear. The crew and weights were:

Bow—I. M. Crudgington, 10 st. 7 lb.

2—P. H. Harris, 10 st. 0 lb.

3—T. W. Smith, 11 st. 10 lb.

Stroke—C. B. F. Milne, 9 st. 5 lb.

Cox—G. W. Dodge, 6 st. 0 lb.

2ND IV

As with the 1st IV the second crew, completely without experience, was handicapped by the unwelcome vicissitudes of misfortune during the period of training: in point of fact a bare week was all the time available for the crew to work up their necessary fitness and rowing technique. However, what they lacked in polish and uniformity was compensated by enthusiasm and determination. No criticism of individual faults will avail or improve the existing condition of circumstances so adverse, and therefore comment will be limited to a general survey. All worked hard, and though they met with little success in their only race, with more luck they might have been a victorious crew.

The result of the race was in many respects a repetition of the performance of the 1st IV, and served to show how essential to success are fitness and uniformity. Though badly down at the start Abingdon pluckily kept up the struggle all the way and were thoroughly rowed out at the finish.

Crew and weights:

Bow—J. H. Luker, 8 st. 1 lb.

2—J. C. Calvert-Fisher, 9 st. 1 lb.

3—R. Grey, 10 st. 10 lb.

Stroke—M. J. Cullen (i), 9 st. 13 lb.

Cox—C. S. Cullen (iii), 5 st. 8 lb.

House Races

The Bennett Cup for Inter-house Rowing was won by Green after a good race in fixed-seat Clinkers against Blue.

The crew consisted of I. M. Crudgington (bow) B. O. Crook, J. C. Calvert-Fisher, M. J. Cullen (stroke), G. W. Dodge (cox).

AIR TRAINING CORPS

No. 2 Section. 'B' Flight. 1056 Squadron.

The activities of the Air Training Corps continue to expand, and there has been steady development during the last two terms. Owing to this expansion of the Corps, two new Commands have been created, this Squadron being transferred to the new Central Command.

This section has been carrying out the prescribed syllabus of pre-service training, with special emphasis on Signals and Navigation. In this connection we wish to thank Mr. Alston and Mr. Gray for their invaluable help; also Mr. Ingham, who has been instructing in Astronomy and Meteorology. The aerodrome authorities have made arrangements for the Squadron to visit the aerodrome on alternate Sunday afternoons when an attractive programme of instruction has been carried out. Though this is a voluntary parade, this section has taken full advantage of the opportunity.

On Wednesday, May 5th, we were inspected by Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Stewart Barrett Commandant of the Central Command. After a brief inspection, he gave an informal talk to the section on the responsibility and importance of using their pre-Service training properly, so that they might become of value to the R.A.F. and their country.

Fl.-Lt. Wright of Command H.Q. visited the section on June 8th for an Instructional Inspection. He expressed himself satisfied with the way the syllabus of training was being carried out.

The normal Annual Squadron Inspection was held on the Lower Ground on Sunday, June 20th Fl.-Lt. S. H. Paton being in command. The inspection was preceded by an innovation—a Drum-head Church Parade, conducted by two R.A.F. Chaplains, Rev. W. B. Wilson and Rev.

C. Hughes. This was most impressive. The actual inspection was carried out by Group Capt. D. Adams.

A number of the cadets will attend a Summer camp this year.

Cadets F. G. Smith and J. S. Capel obtained their Proficiency Test Part I in December, while cadets P. Anag, A. J. Burborough, A. J. Betterton, F. W. G. Carter, M. Cullen, J. A. Hill, P. M. McLeod, M. C. Oughton have classified as first class cadets.

A number of these have sat for their Proficiency test, but the results are not yet published.

Promotions—Leading Cadet T. W. Smith was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Leading Cadet H. Harris to the rank of Corporal, both with effect from January 12, 1943.

WINGS FOR VICTORY WEEK

As our part in the local Wings-for-Victory effort held in the last week of May we set ourselves a target of £570, which would pay for one revolving turret and two parachutes. P. A. S. Scott constructed for us an illustrated thermometer to record the progress of savings, and by the middle of the week the index had rocketed so high that we ventured to double our target. This stimulus to our efforts proved fruitful, and by the Saturday evening we ended up with the grand total of £1,265. 12s. 0d., which was highly satisfactory. We have since received official appreciation of our achievement.

During the week posters executed by N. A. Parker, I. H. McNaughton, and R. J. Pezaro were exhibited, and a model aeroplane made by Cowling. This latter was offered by him as a prize in a crossword competition arranged by W. G. Pask. The winner was G. J. Good and the runner-up M. G. Beadle.

HOME GUARD

The section has continued its training and now forms part of a specialist squad. The .303 shooting has reached a good standard, and the rough art of bayonet fighting is slowly being mastered. A visit to a R.A.F. Battle School proved most interesting and instructive.

A. W.

J.T. CORPS

The Annual Inspection was carried out on 4th February by Major W. R. G. Smith, M.B.E., Assistant Inspector of the Training Corps. Special interest was shown by the Inspecting Officer in the T.E.W.T. arranged by Sergt. G. L. Jones, the Cover from View lesson and demonstration staged by Sergt. K. R. Sims, and the stalking methods of squads C and D under Sergt. C. B. F. Milne and C.S.M. Scott. Summing up, the Inspecting Officer said he was pleased with all ranks and had no hesitation in giving the contingent a good report. He also made three points: first, that cadets should not neglect their school work and that their School Certificate was as important as their Certificate 'A'; secondly, to seize any available opportunities for visiting garages and learning vehicle maintenance; thirdly, to push on with the learning of Morse.

The Easter Term Whole Day Exercise was held in the vicinity of Blewbury. Section training was carried out in the morning, and Wood searching in the afternoon. Keeping direction and contact were the principal lessons of the afternoon; the thick wood proved a severe test. This term's Whole Day Exercise was held on Abingdon Common. Honours in the morning went to the fighting patrol commanded by Sergt. I. M. Crudgington, which successfully penetrated the opposition and attained its objective. In the afternoon the Battle Drill for a platoon in the attack was carried out tactically on the ground. Great energy and excellent leadership was displayed by Sergt. Jones as the Platoon Commander.

C. B. F. Milne, T. W. Smith, R. Grey, G. L. Jones, A. J. Walters, attended Physical Training Courses in the Easter vacation, and obtained good reports, Milne and Jones receiving special commendation. These instructors are now in charge of the Thursday morning Physical Training classes in which notable progress is being made, many cadets having passed all their P.T. tests. An Obstacle Course has been designed by Sims and Milne, and is gradually being completed in the lower field.

Twelve senior cadets have been privileged to

visit an R.A.C. O.C.T.U. The visit included tank and gunnery instruction and proved a notable experience.

It is hoped that some thirty cadets will be able to attend a Fieldcraft and Map Reading Course in early August, in which they will also have unparalleled opportunities of seeing armoured vehicles, airborne troops, and other Army units and equipment.

Promotions

Easter Term

To be C.Q.M.S.—K. R. Sims.

„ Sgts.—G. L. Jones, J. L. Taylor.

„ Cpl.—I. M. Crudgington.

„ L/Cpls.—R. Grey, A. J. Walters, R. H. S. Lesser.

Summer Term

To be C.Q.M.S.—C. F. B. Milne.

„ Sgts.—I. M. Crudgington, R. Grey.

„ Cpls.—A. R. King, A. J. Walters, R. H. S. Lesser.

„ L/Cpls.—M. F. C. Brook, P. B. Keys, R. Deval, M. J. Cullen, D. E. P. Jones.

Certificate 'A' Results

Easter Term

Part I (Individual)

The following passed:

B. C. Jakeman, A. J. Betterton, C. Calvert-Fisher, J. M. Lewington, M. D. Waterfall, A. J. Sansom, J. H. Luker, B. O. Crook.

Part II (Section Leaders)

R. Grey, R. H. S. Lesser, A. J. Walters.

Summer Term

Part I (Individual)

The following passed:

R. S. Barnes, R. J. Badman, R. H. Tompsett, D. A. Heard, N. F. Horwood, N. A. Palmer, M. F. Packer, J. W. J. Freestone, T. W. Green, C. R. Burborough, P. Lay, G. H. Willson, D. J. Penny, M. D. White.

Part II (Section Leaders)

M. F. C. Brook, R. Deval, M. J. Cullen, P. R. Keys, D. E. P. Jones.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete (Christmas, 1942)

VIth Form. C. R. T. Heard (1936, iii). Captain of School, 1942. O.S.C., 1940. 1st XI Cricket 1941-42; Colours, 1942. 1st XI Hockey, 1942. 2nd XV Rugger, 1942. J.T.C., Sergt., Cert. 'A', 1941; 1st Class Shot.

E. S. N. Hazel (1936, iii). School Prefect, 1942. O.S.C., 1941. 1st XV Rugger, 1941-42; Colour 1942. 2nd IV, 1942. 2nd XI Cricket, 1942. J.T.C., Sergt., Cert. 'A', 1941; A.T.C., Cpl Proficiency 'A', 1942.

F. G. Smith (1940, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1942. O.S.C., 1942. 1st XV Rugger, 1942; Colour 1942. J.T.C., Lance-Cpl., Cert. 'A', pt. 1, 1942; A.T.C., Proficiency 'A', 1942.

J. S. Capel (1938, iii). O.S.C., 1942. J.T.C. Cert. 'A', pt. 1, 1942; A.T.C., Proficiency 'A' 1942.

E. Lay (1937, ii). O.S.C., 1942. J.T.C., Cert. 'A', pt. 1, 1942.

IVth Form. J. A. Rose (1940, iii).

Remove Form. R. E. Blackwell (1939, iii).

IIIrd Form. T. Hayton (1941, iii).

Valete (Easter, 1943)

VIth Form. M. G. H. Holt (1934, iii). Captain of School and Head of the House, 1942. O.S.C. 1942. 1st XV Rugger, 1942; 2nd XV Colours 1942. 1st IV, 1943; Colours, 1943. J.T.C. C.Q.M.S., Cert. 'A', 1941; Hon. Treasurer A.S.P.R.S. Home Guard.

K. R. Sims (1938, iii). School Prefect, O.S.C. 1942; 1st XV Rugger, 1941-42; Colours, 1942. 1st XI Cricket, 2nd XI Colours, 1942. 1st XI Hockey, 1942-43. Full Athletic Colours, 1942. J.T.C., C.Q.M.S., Cert. 'A', 1941; 1st Class Shot, A.T.C.

P. R. Allum (1938, i). O.S.C., 1942. 2nd XV Rugger, 1942; Hockey XI, 1942.

IVth Form. A. F. Blundell (1942, ii).

F. M. Sharp (1941, iii).

L. D. Parrott (1939, iii).

D. J. Towersey (1939, iii).

M. G. Budden (1942, iii).

Salvete (January, 1943)

Remove Form. H. B. Baccker, P. A. Dexter.
Ird Form. A. F. Bastin.
Form. R. Klein.

Salv te (Summer, 1943)

Ird Form. R. A. Clay.
nd Form. J. R. B. Williams.
Form. C. B. Carter, D. J. Heavens.
Form. J. Westall.

INDIA'S ARMY BOND

The following letter was published by the
Daily Telegraph of 22nd December, 1942.

the Editor of the *Daily Telegraph*.

R,
Some months ago I asked my son, a captain in an Indian
mechanized cavalry regiment, how it was that Hindus and
Moslems could live together peaceably serving in the Indian
Army, whereas in private life they were apparently quite
unable to do so.

'In my present unit,' he replied, 'we have one squadron of
Moslems, one of Hindus, and one mixed squadron. The
only difference is in their religion and a very few ancient cus-
toms whereby, for instance, a Moslem will never eat food
cooked by a Hindu, and vice versa. The relationship be-
tween the two is just as close as it is in a British unit between
members of the Church of England and Roman Catholics.
'I have been commanding the Moslem squadron for the
past eight months, and have never had to deal with a case
arising from any dispute between the two religions. British
Officers are the friends of the Indian troops, and they are
ours. This friendship is of a type that needs to be experi-
enced to be understood and appreciated.

'The Indian troops need to get to know you, and that
takes a few months. Afterwards one could not hope to find
more loyal companions. They are real men, and will do
anything for you.'

Yours faithfully,

YANMORE.

DOUGLAS WOOD.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

There are two changes which we are pleased to
welcome: one is the introduction of a School Cap
(black with cerise stripes) for day boys and board-
ers alike, and the other is the introduction of drill.
It may be thought hardly correct to say the intro-
duction of drill, for there was drill in times past;
it was the drill that was taught then was, to say the
least, a trifle antiquated, and now the Sergeant
Instructor of the Volunteers has taken the corps
band.—*Abingdonian*, July, 1893.

CHAMBER MUSIC

It was a great pleasure to welcome Mrs. Gotch
and Mr. Spicer once more on March 13th; Mr.
Gowings was visiting us for the first time and we
sincerely trust he will come again. The pro-
gramme was as follows:

PROGRAMME

March 13th, 6.30 to 7.30.

LEONARD GOWINGS, *Tenor*. MARY GOTCH, *Violin*.
HAROLD SPICER, *Piano*.

1. Sonata in E major - - - *Handel*.
Adagio—Allegro—Largo—Allegro.
2. 'Where'er you walk' - - - *Handel*.
'Summer is a-coming in.' Traditional. Arr. F. Corder.
'On Wings of Song' - - - *Mendelssohn*.
3. 'Cherry Ripe' - - - *Cyril Scott*.
Allegro and Tambourin - - - *Leclair, 1697*.
4. 'Angels Guard Thee' (with violin obligato) *Godard*.
'The Pretty Creature.' Arr. Lane Wilson *S. Storace*.
'Is Life a Boon' (from the 'Yeoman of the Guard')
Sullivan.

GOD SAVE THE KING. To be sung by all.

The concert 'struck a high note' at the very be-
ginning with the delightful Handel sonata in E,
where the two *allegro* sections contrast so spark-
lingly with the slow movements. In no other work
given did the players' technique and musicianship
show up more effectively. Cyril Scott's somewhat
'precious' setting of C. E. Horn's simple air
'Cherry Ripe,' heard later, offered scope for a
different style of playing, and in its own *genre* was
very pleasant.

Mr. Gowings also started on a Handelian
height, and his *aria* from the operatic oratorio
'Semele' was very acceptable. His Mendelssohn
lyric in the same group gave us *cantabile* in the
romantic style, contrasting interestingly with the
previous classical model. In the *Berceuse* from
Godard's opera 'Jocelyn' an opportunity occurred
for voice, violin, and piano to join forces, after
which Mr. Gowings finished with some English
songs which were perhaps the most popular of all.
In giving 'Take a pair of Sparkling Eyes' as an
encore he roused real enthusiasm.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Lake

(An abridged version.)

The stars in heaven fade and die,
The dark sky flees as if afraid
Of Light.
Encircled with soft mists and cloud
The sleepy sun looks down upon
The world.

The mountains gleam a distant pink,
Far softer than the breath of life
In sleep.
More lovely than a touch of lips,
The brush of cheeks, the soft caress
Of love.

The otter wakes to greet the rising sun,
The badger creeps to solitude
And sleeps.
The farthest corner of the lake,
With quiet waters clear and cool,
Is still.

The air is filled with beating wings:
Is there such beauty in the code of sound
As this?
The lap of waters in the creek
Gives up a swelling anthem to the skies
On high.

The lonely thrush, whose clear-cut notes
Ring doubly through the woods, unless
Her song
Should fly away on silent wings,
And ne'er recaptured in the realms
Of time.

And at her call the herons wake,
And with a heavy beat of wings
They fly.
And where asleep they stood
Now only great grey feathers drift
Alone. . . .

H. H.

Peace

The sun shines, strong yet mild, upon the field,
Ripening this Spring, the corn the earth will yield
A few months hence, a gentle breeze doth blow
And makes for quiet warmth the cattle know
And love. In a sequestered nook I lie
Beneath the trees. A stream goes rippling by,
So soft, so cool, so restful to the mind,
That here content and restful peace I find.
My fingers to its soft embrace I give,
Enjoying solitude. 'This is the way to live!'
Thinks happy brain. But slowly comes a doubt,
For how can one expect to live without
Some toil? Some aim to reach for, not achieve,
Perhaps; but none the less not one can leave
This world, and hope to answer heaven—
'Not once have I for something worthwhile striven.
This thought persists. The day has lost its charm:
The quiet is there, the warmth serene and calm,
But peace has flown. Disturbed I go away,
Departing home. But still, upon this day,
I've learnt one thing, eternal as the soil,
'The peace men seek comes after weary toil.'

T. W. S.

Home Fever

We must go home on the train again, on the train
that's so terribly slow,
And all we ask is a safe trip, and safety as we go,
And an engine for the last stage, as fast as the other
one's steady,
With the Underground to take us home, where a hot
meal's ready.

We must go home on the train again, to the fine
place in the world,
That place we take a pride in, like the flag of our
country unfurled;
And all we ask is a quiet chat with the people whom
we love,
And escape from all this labour that hangs like a
weight above.

We must go home on the train again, for home-life
calling us back;
The gay life, the free life, that this place seems to lack
To the cosy rooms, the blazing fires and bright lights
burning,
The comfort and the dreaminess for which we
yearning.

T. W.-G.

OXFORD LETTER

OXFORD

June, 1943.

To the Editor of the Abingdonian.

DEAR SIR,

Oxford is seen at her best either by moonlight or in summer time. Alerts and roof spotting give the undergraduate an opportunity of admiring Oxford's stone 'by the light of the silvery moon'; and now in summer, we have the beauty of the college gardens, the meadows, and above all, the river. This term has seen Eights Week and a Regatta, opera at the Theatre, and Shakespeare in college gardens and the Playhouse. Your correspondent considers that the O.U.D.S. production of 'Twelfth Night' in Worcester gardens was the best thing in Oxford this term.

Three O.A.s are in residence this term, all in different colleges, doing totally different work. All they have in common is that they do plenty of work and at times are to be seen on the river.

G. Hill is up doing a six months' course sponsored by the R.A.F. Nominally a member of St. Peter's Hall, he lives in exile in Corpus. His time is divided between the Air Squadron, reading law, and rowing—in which connexion he must be congratulated on rowing 'five' in his college eight. Thanks to his tuition in law, Hill can now distinguish between housebreaking, burglary, larceny, and theft.

At Magdalen there is D. B. Ker, a potential doctor. At the end of term he is taking an exam. in which his future fate depends—Science Prelims. in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. In contrast with Hill, Ker prefers to punt or canoe leisurely on the Cherwell, part of which is within stone's throw of his rooms.

At the end of last term K. G. Walker took Classical Mods., and following the example of previous Abingdon scholars, gained 2nd Class honours. Then followed an interlude with the Army medical authorities, which resulted in his returning to Pembroke, a sick man (*sic*). Now he reads 'Greats' and argues on philosophical

questions; he belongs to various clubs and societies, not least among which is the Film Society, which has convinced Walker that French films are the best in the world. Walker, too, has been seen at odd times in a punt or canoe.

I could tell you more, Sir, but I wish to spare the blushes of those three, so let this suffice.

Aes sonat in numeris; Tom is tolling the hour when all wise people should be in bed. Now they are to be joined by

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

THE PLAY READING SOCIETY

The Society made a good beginning to the Easter Term with twenty members, the majority of whom were carried off by the scourge, so that it was possible to read only one play, *The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse*. A good performance was given by the readers and the listeners were suitably impressed. As is usual, the Society is in abeyance during the Summer Term, but it is hoped that there will be several new members next term.

On the Felling of the School Elms, 1943

Farewell! tall elms,

Our sleepy summer shade,

No more to guard our realms

Of fancies all arrayed,

The nursery of the nesting rooks

Cawing above us at our books.

We, now left in summer's dusty realms,

Will not keep cool

Without our friendly elms.

Your boles stricken with dread disease,

The timber merchants' yards adorn;

Your stumps alone remain to show

How e'en the mighty in their pride

Are brought so low!

M. J. C.

CHALLENGE CUPS

It is thought that it may be of interest to publish a list of the main Challenge Cups offered for annual competition.

Rugger. Lin Cup—Senior House (Christmas Term).

Robinson Cup—Junior House (Christmas Term).

Bayley Cup—Junior House (Easter Term).

Cricket. Carr Cup—Senior House.
Brewer Bowl—Junior House.
Fletcher Cup and Bat—best 1st XI batsman.

Headmaster's Bat—best 1st XI bowler.
Meredith Bats—best bowler 2nd XI and under 15.

Henderson Bats—best bat under 16 and best bat under 15.

Rowing. Bennett Cup—Senior House.

Sports. Heber Clarke Cup—best individual Senior.

Shallard Cup—best individual Junior.
Ladies of Abingdon House Championship Cup.

Way Cups—for breaking existing records.

Challenge Cups—for Open Sports events.

Stockton, Price, Pierpoint, Brown, Burkett, Dolphin Cups.

Shoot- Reeves Cup—House Team.
ing. West Cup—best Individual.

OUR FOUNDATIONS

Under this heading it is hoped from time to time to include in this present volume of the *Abingdonian* short articles and excerpts from various sources to illustrate the history of Abingdon School. By way of introduction, here is what the late Mr. A. E. Preston, O.A., Barrister-at-Law,

writes in his scholarly book, *St. Nicholas, Abingdon, and Other Papers*. Dealing with the pre Roysse (1563) period: 'Although in common with most of the early schools of the country, no definite date can be assigned for the beginnings of Abingdon School, there are sufficient grounds, will presently be seen, for admitting it to rank as the most ancient school of Berkshire; and not merely as the most ancient, but as the only school that has managed throughout the centuries to maintain its character as a public school, and to preserve down to the present day a continuous and uninterrupted existence. Save for an interval in the sixteenth century, after the fall of the Abbey, Abingdon, from at least the time of Edward III, has always been a boarding-school as well as a day-school. Events in the nation's history, such as the Black Death and the Dissolution of the Monasteries, to one or other of which so many of the mediaeval schools succumbed, left Abingdon School unbroken and able, in face of all difficulties, to keep open its doors and carry on its functions.'

Fourteenth Century. Though there is no doubt that a school existed in Abingdon as far back as the Norman times, the first actual documentary mention occurs in 1372. (Previous records were probably destroyed by fire during the great riot of 1327.) Robert, Bishop of Sarum, was called upon to settle a dispute between the incumbents of St. Helen's and St. Nicholas' as to their right to minister to certain parishioners, and among others 'the master of the grammar school of Abendon and his servants and the scholars with him dwelling' who lived 'under the wall of the garden' (i.e. on the east side of modern Steeple Street). Thus, then, the school was in 1372 both a boarding as well as a day school in a flourishing condition. The scholars of the school at this time would have been the sons of the well-to-do tenants of the Abbey and of the wealthy wool merchants who prospered greatly in Abingdon in the fourteenth century.

Moreover, the Bishop's Award, in the dispute mentioned above, dated June 17, 1372, not only proves the existence of a flourishing school but

no evidences that more than one hostel was required for the accommodation of the boarders; the award mentions another house under the pervision of one Dionysia Mundy, acting presumably as house-mistress. *Magistro etiam Scholarum grammaticalium Abendonie et servientibus suis Scholaribusque cum eo commorantibus ibuscumque etiam in domo cuiusdem Dionisie Mundy Abendonie predictae.* This suggests that the number of boarders exceeded that of the day scholars. Undoubtedly bad roads and the difficulties of travel contributed to this, while the country, using the Abbey as a safe depository for their deeds and other papers of value and thus coming into touch with Abingdon, were glad to be able to leave their sons at a school of known reputation and efficiency.

But the School appears to have been independent of the Abbey, offering no free places, the headmaster carrying on at his own risk and mainly dependent on the fees of the scholars. If other sources of income were private tuition of Oxford students and the customary end-of-term collection for the 'master's benefit.' The master paid a rent to the Abbey (in 1375-6 for premises held from the Abbey the 'schol maystur' was paying a rent of 5s. 8d.), and lodged his boarders and lived himself in hostels just under the wall of the monastery. The old Grammar School faced Stert Street a few yards distant from the north side of the Church of St. Nicholas.

S. P. S.

CORRESPONDENCE

to the Editor, 'Abingdonian'

re,

In glancing recently through a Public Schools' bibliography, I happened to notice under the heading Abingdon School this item: 'Abingdon School Song "The Golden Age" by W. H. Richardson, music by W. Young, published by Hughes of Abingdon, price 4d., 1904.'

Can any readers of the *Abingdonian* supply any information about this song, which to-day appears to be extinct.

I am, Sir,

'CURIOUS.'

[The Editor will be glad to forward any information on this subject which may be sent to him.]

O.A. NOTES

Births

WAGSTAFF—On May 18, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Wagstaff, a daughter, Prudence.

VINEY—On September 25, 1942, to Elizabeth, wife of Squadron-Leader J. M. Viney, a son, Nicholas Richard Mortimer.

BURY—On November 28, 1942, at Buddleia Nursing Home, Witney, to Mary, wife of John O. Bury, a son, Peter John.

FOXWELL—On December 1, 1942, to Joan, wife of Capt. A. W. R. Foxwell, of Wimbledon, a son.

THOMAS—On December 1, 1942, at Oakengates, Sutton Coldfield, to Rita, wife of Myer Thomas, R.A.O.C. (India), a daughter, Sandra Lyn.

WOOD—On January 14, 1943, to Margaret (*née* Emmett), wife of G. A. Wood, a son, Jeremy John.

COMFORT—On January 21, 1943, at Barratt House, Northampton, to Helen, wife of Vivian Comfort, of Clifton, a son.

COULSON—On February 14, 1943, to Joy, wife of Capt. T. Sutton Coulson, R.A.M.C., a son, John Robert.

RANT—On February 22, 1943, at Kidderminster, to Kay, wife of Victor Rant, a son, Martin.

KITTO—On March 19, 1943, to Mildred, wife of P/O Douglas Kitto, R.A.F.V.R., a son, John Howard.

HEALEY—On May 9, 1943, at Stanmore, to Madeline, wife of the late Flight-Lieut. D. E. Healey, D.S.O., R.A.F.V.R. (killed in action, September, 1942), a second son, Timothy Howard.

GILL—On May 11, 1943, at 99 Cromwell Road, S.W.7, to Margaret, wife of T. H. Alex Gill, a daughter.

Marriages

BRADBURY—MITFORD.—In April, 1941, Kenneth C. Bradbury, R.A.S.C., to Heather Mitford, W.R.N.S.

RANDLE—CROTTY.—On November 14, 1942, Paymaster Lieut.-Commander Jack S. Randle, R.N.V.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Randle, of The Nook, Priesthills, Hinckley, to Genevieve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Crotty, of New York, U.S.A.

ELLEY—HALL.—In December, 1942, at St. Mary's Church, Huntingdon, L.A.C. A. N. Elley to Marjorie Hall, of Huntingdon.

LUNghi—KAPLAN.—On December 12, 1942, at St. Alban's Church, Teddington, Lieut. H. A. Lunghi to Helena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kaplan, of Teddington.

LONGFORD—BERRY.—On December 26, 1942, at Headcorn Parish Church, Kent, Richard J. Longford to Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Berry, of Sungate Lodge, Battersea Park, London.

MORTLEMAN—MOORE.—On April 10, 1943, at Holy Cross Church, Uckfield, Alan Mortleman, to Cecily, daughter of the late Mr. E. C. H. Moore and Mrs. Moore.

BRADFIELD—JACQUES.—On June 1, 1943, at Steventon, Ronald E. Bradfield to Rita M. Jacques.

RICE—NORTON.—June, 1942, in Cairo, Edgar P. Rice to Myrtle Norton.

Deaths

The death occurred recently of Ernest Augustus Allnutt of Sunfield, Townsend Road, Streatley.

E. A. Allnutt was born in Watlington in 1864 and entered the school in 1874. He was a prominent agriculturist and farmed at Clifton Hampden and Drayton St. Leonard. He served in the Q.O.O.H. and was mentioned for service in South Africa in 1900.

These notes were already in course of preparation when the sad news reached us of the death of Alec Morland. He died quite suddenly on Tuesday evening, June 29th, at his house, The Old Cottage, Abingdon. He had, however, been very seriously ill for some weeks past, though not confined to his bed, and even able to some extent to attend to matters of business. Actually he had been at work at his office in the brewery, which he was a director, on the afternoon of his death.

He was the youngest son of the late Mr. John Thornhill Morland, and like all his brothers was educated at the School (1888-1896). Here he was distinguished as an all-round athlete: for five years a member of the Cricket XI (Captain for the last three), Soccer XI four years (Captain two years), three years Stroke of the School IV, and Captain of Rowing in his last year, prominent also as a hurdler and long-jumper: surely a remarkable record for any public schoolboy.

He was elected to the Borough Council in 1902 and was Mayor during the earlier war years, 1912-1915. Later he served abroad with a commission in the Royal Berks, in which same regiment he had served in the South African War, and he was severely wounded in 1918.

In 1922 he was made an Alderman and the following year a J.P. for the Borough. On the Council he was for some years Chairman of the Housing Committee, and further services he rendered his native town as Chairman of the Joint Hospital Board and of the Public Library Committee, a Manager of the Council School, Vice-president of the Abingdon Bowling Club, and a Governor of Christ's Hospital. He had also been for a number of years a Governor of the School, and since 1902 one of the Trustees of the Waste Court proper and of the Old Abingdonian Trust Fund. For five years during the last world war he had held the Presidency of the O.A.C.

His loss will be keenly felt in Abingdon, and much sympathy is felt for his three surviving brothers and two sisters.

He was in his sixty-sixth year.

R. G. Sandercock (1932) has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Power Station at Hayle.

J. C. Cattle (1942) is at Southampton (University Air Training Scheme). He won the discus at the College Sports.

G. Hill (1942) is at Oxford (University Air Training Scheme). He rowed for Corpus Christi College in the Eights.

K. G. Walker (1942) has gained a 2nd Class in Classical Mods.

L. J. D. Hutchinson (1936), Royal Corps of Signals, broadcast on March 9th from India in the Forces programme.

F/O R. M. Aldwinckle, R.C.A.F., (1931) has been mentioned in dispatches.

G. A. R. Boyd (1931) wrote from a hospital in Scotland in January where he had undergone a successful operation.

L. Gilman (1888) has been very busy with A.R.P. work. His own house was wrecked by a bomb.

J. F. Sinclair (1924) as a member of the Bengal Legislative Assembly had as a fellow member another O.A., R. Haywood (1911). R. L. C. (Jim) Footitt is working in his office as Director of Petroleum in India.

G. E. Sinclair (1931) has been seconded to the Colonial Office.

D. G. Brown (1935) met P. R. Wood (1935) in a cinema in a very small place in India.

A. C. Dean (1940) met Arthur Hendley (1938) in India and spent a most enjoyable evening with him listening to his collection of gramophone records.

P. R. Wood (1935) has passed the Higher Standard Urdu examination and can now read and write Urdu script.

M. N. Laybourne (1933) has obtained his diploma M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. After qualifying he was Senior House Surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital for nine months.

WAR NEWS

Casualty List

JONES-GWYTHYER—Died on active service in South Africa on May 12, 1942, Frank Gwyther-Jones, R.A.F.V.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gwyther-Jones, Lyndhurst, New Cavendish Road, Matlock.

Frank Jones-Gwyther was a boarder from April, 1908, to 1911.

NATHAN—Killed on active service on September 15, 1942, Sergt. Pilot Michael Frederick Nathan, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Nathan, 73 Fountain Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 17.

Michael Nathan came here as a boarder in September, 1936, and left in March, 1939. He played for the 1st Rugby XV. Before joining the R.A.F. he held an executive post in a stationers and general sundries supply factory in Birmingham. He was killed while on patrol over the Channel.

RANDALL—Missing, believed killed on active service in April, 1942, Sergt. Graham Donald Randall, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Randall, 14 Northcourt Walk, Abingdon.

Graham Randall (September, 1933, to July, 1939) was a School Prefect and won his Colours for Rugby Football, Cricket, and Athletics. On leaving school he went to Culham College. He represented the R.A.F. at Boxing against the Army in 1940.

Additions and corrections to Roll of Service

Aldersley, J. P. (1938), Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.

Aldwinckle, R. M. (1931), F/O, R.C.A.F.

Ashby, S. R. (1935), Chief Petty Officer, R.N.

Ball, R. E. (1942), R.A.F.

Baumann, C. F. (1926), 2nd Lieut., Intelligence Corps.

Bosley, G. A. H. (1932), Flt. Lieut., R.A.F.

Bradbury, K. C. (1925), R.A.S.C.

Brown, D. R. H. (1936), Johore Volunteers, P.O.W., Japan.

Bruce, Sir M. W. S. (1910), Flt. Lieut., R.A.F. Regt.

Cattle, J. S. (1942), R.A.F. (University A.T.S.).

Carter, P. (1941), R.A.

Cather, L. G. (1936), Lieut., H.A.C.

Coulson, T. S. (1932), Capt., R.A.M.C.

Cowley, A. F. (1939), R.A.F.
 Cox, J. A. D. (1941), L.Cpl., Young Soldiers Bn.
 Dean, A. C. (1940), Lieut., R.A.
 Dennison, M. S. S. (1940), R.A.O.C.
 Emms, A. C. (1934), Lieut., R.A.
 Emmett, J. E. (1932), Straits Settlements Volunteers, P.O.W., Japan.
 Farmer, W. J. (1927), Cpl., R.A.F.
 Foxwell, A. W. R. (1926), Capt., H.A.C.
 Harris, J. H. (1927), Sergt., R.A. (A.A.), P.O.W., Japan.
 Hazel, E. S. N. (1942), R.N., University Course.
 Hendley, L. A. G. (1938), 2nd Lieut., Indian Army.
 Hill, G. (1942), R.A.F. (University A.T.S.).
 Hill, P. J. (1936), Capt., 8th Lancashire Fusiliers.
 Holt, M. G. H. (1943), R.A.
 Jones, D. (1937), Intelligence Corps.
 JONES-GWYTHYR, F. (1911), R.A.F.V.R.
 Killbourn, B. C. (1926), R.N.
 Kitto, D. A. (1931), P/O, R.A.F.V.R.
 Lansdown, S. J. (1931), Capt., R. Corps Signals.
 Leach, P. F. (1940), R.A.F.
 Leigh, A. L. (1941), R.A.
 Longford, R. J. (1936), Radio Officer, Merchant Navy.
 Lunghi, H. A. (1939), Capt., Army Intelligence Corps.
 Martin, P. W. (Staff), Major, R.A.
 Mayhead, W. H. C. (1928), P/O, R.A.F.
 NATHAN, M. F. (1939), Sergt. Pilot, R.A.F.
 Newman, D. F. W. (1935), Capt., R.E.
 Oliver, J. H. (1940), R.A.F.
 Parks, E. F. (1933), Lieut., R.A.
 RANDALL, G. D. (1939), Sergt., R.A.F.
 Rice, E. P. (1928), Lieut., R.A.V.C.
 Rowe, C. G. (1938), P/O, R.A.F.
 Sandercock, D. G. (1939), Army O.C.T.U.
 Sims, K. R. (1943), Army O.C.T.U., H.A.C.
 Stevens, E. F. (1936), Lieut., R.A.
 Viney, J. M. (1935), S/Ldr., R.A.F.
 Westgate, R. W. F. C. (1941), R.A.F.
 Willey, E. S. (1934), F/O, R.A.F.
 Wooster, P. H. (1938), Lieut., R. Corps Signals.
 Young, J. R. (1941), R.M.

We congratulate S/Ldr. J. M. Viney on being awarded the D.F.C.

N. J. Holmes (1938) is training in Michigan under the United States Navy Air Arm.

P. W. Martin (Staff) is teaching in an Army A.A. School in India. Promoted Major.

F. H. G. Taylor (1931) is working in the Film Division of the Ministry of Information, M.E.F.

A. F. Cowley (1939) has got his wings, and passed out top of his squadron.

P. R. Andrew (1940) was a member of Brigadier Wingate's Expedition to Burma.

E. O. Jones (1941) is at an Air Navigation School in South Africa.

Of those who left at the end of last term:

D. B. Ker is at Magdalen College, Oxford, studying for a Medical Degree.

P. R. Allum is at the Westminster Bank, Abingdon.

E. S. N. Hazel, R.N. University Course at Glasgow.

K. R. Sims, Army University Course, H.A.C., at Glasgow.

M. G. H. Holt has joined the R.A.

Letters from abroad have been received from D. G. Brown (1935), W. W. Brown (1927), A. C. Dean (1940), A. C. Emms (1934), L. A. G. Hendley (1938), N. J. Holmes (1938), M. N. Laybourne (1934), S. J. Landsdown (1931), P. W. Martin (Staff), L. P. Mosdell (1931), J. N. Paige (1938), E. F. Parks (1933), E. P. Rice (1928), J. F. Sinclair (1924), D. O. Willis (Staff), G. A. Wood (1929), P. R. Wood (1935), P. H. Wooster (1938), W. R. A. Kettle (1930).

VISITORS

K. G. Walker, C. V. Stone, H. V. Stone, D. W. Olliffe, C. F. Baumann, T. J. Foy, J. Calvert Fisher, J. C. Cantle, Ron Goodey, B. W. O. Dockerty, J. H. Hill, E. D. Grimwood, J. R. Andrew, M. Hedger, J. A. D. Cox, G. Hill, A. C. Randle, J. W. Rayson, P. H. Gould, G. E. Sinclair, M. S. S. Dennison, J. O. Bury, M. G. H. Holt, D. R. A. Whidbourne, J. M. Viney, E. S. N. Hazel, K. R. Sims, R. D. Gibaud, J. M. Allison, A. E. B. Foxwell, P. Carter, A. L. Leigh, R. C. Howell.