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### CALENDAR, MICHAELMAS TERM, 1948.

#### September:

- 17th, Friday Term begins 9 a.m.  
29th, Wednesday 1st XV v. D. O. Willis' XV (Home)

#### October:

- 4th, Monday FIELD DAY—J.T.C. and Scouts  
6th, Wednesday 1st XV v. Southfield School (Away)  
9th, Saturday 1st XV v. Magdalen Col. School (Home)  
16th, Saturday 1st XV v. Abingdon R.F.C. (Away)  
27th, Wednesday 1st XV v. S. Edward's School 2nd XV (Home)  
30th, Saturday HALF TERM

#### November:

- 3rd, Wednesday 1st XV v. Newbury Grammar School (Home)  
6th, Saturday 1st XV v. Nomads' Colts (Home)  
13th, Saturday 1st XV v. Henley Grammar School (Away)  
20th, Saturday 1st XV v. Stowe School 2nd XV (Away)  
24th, Wednesday 1st XV v. Radley College 2nd XV (Away)  
27th, Saturday 1st XV v. Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe (Away)  
28th, Sunday CONFIRMATION SERVICE by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

#### December:

- 8th, Wednesday 1st XV v. City of Oxford School (Home)  
11th, Saturday 1st XV v. Old Abingdonians  
17th, Friday Term ends 10.15 a.m.

Lent Term begins Friday, 14th January, 1949. (Boarders return Thursday, 13th January).

## EDITORIAL.

The place of the individual in society is today more than ever before a subject of controversy. The modern world is a restless one, in which a sense of insecurity and much mental depression are wide spread; and these factors are naturally having a somewhat baleful influence on youth. It is therefore fortunate, perhaps, that during the past term we have benefited by the suggestions of two visitors to the School. The Bishop of Dorchester in a thought-provoking address on Founder's Day indicated the responsibilities that are ours as heirs of an honoured Public School, and at Prize Giving, Sir John Cockcroft stressed the fact that the important thing is not necessarily a 'secure job' but courage and really hard work in the attaining of worth while aims.

In connection with these remarks, we feel that Abingdon, and similar schools, will assume an increasingly important place. The old Public School virtues of leadership, unselfishness and religious devotion can be welded on to new courage, greater vision and a new spirit of adventure in facing problems of a 'brave new world'.

The problems of today, however, are not wholly ethical or social. The Editors have had to concern themselves reluctantly with economics. Since the Edwardian era the price of the magazine has gone up 125 per cent. but the cost of printing it has increased 800 per cent. and, even so, we now publish no photographs or other illustrations as in those days. Since then, too, the School has more than trebled its numbers, and activities to be recorded have increased in far greater ratio. Admittedly the magazine is larger than then, but only by half as much again. This is just sufficient to make the magazine a record of the School's activities. Original contributions have been swamped out and are the last items to receive consideration in the magazine.

We realize, of course, that all this represents a temporary situation, and we look forward to the day when economic conditions will allow something more than a record, important though that undoubtedly is. Meanwhile, we still like to receive readers' letters and any literary efforts for possible inclusion; whenever space permits they will be included.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Aldenhamian*, *The Chigwellian*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *The Dog Watch*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Monktonian*, *The Newburian*, *The Phoenix*, *The Recorder*, *The St. Edward's Chronicle*.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

When we returned from our Easter holidays we found the Drive stripped of its avenue of elms. We are assured, however, that the decision to fell was taken only after much consultation of experts and

that it is proposed to plant another avenue in the Autumn. Meanwhile, once the first shock was over we have become quite accustomed to the sight of the open field, with the not unattractive stone wall behind it, surrounded by greenery; though we can still sympathise with those who lament the loss of the elms they had known for so long.

One parent has already informed the School that he would like to present one or two trees for the avenue. In expressing the gratitude of the School for this kind thought, we commend his example to others.

The number of boys in the School at the beginning of the Summer Term was 273 (School House 65, Larkhill 19, Waste Court 27, Lodge 8, Day-Boys 154).

We were very glad to welcome Mr. Mortimer back at half-term after an unfortunate absence whilst suffering from pneumonia. Our thanks are due to Mr. Bevir who emerged from retirement to take over Mr. Mortimer's work during the first half of term; and to Mr. Ingham who very kindly came to live as temporary House Tutor in the School House.

At the end of the Summer Term we said good-bye with regret to Miss Bennell who had had charge of the first form since 1940. We wish her every success with the preparatory school she is opening in September.

The Editors have received the following letter from Miss Bennell:

"Could you allow me a small space in which to express my gratitude to the Headmaster, the staff and the boys for their too kind appreciation of the services I may have been able to render the School.

Whenever I see a 'Parker' arrow adorning a coat pocket, I shall be reminded of the friendly Common Room members, and when I look at my clock I shall see again the happy smiling faces of a last Assembly. (Was it not the last day of term?).

To quote the only entry in a small boy's diary 'I am gone out'! but I hope my 'endeavours' will still continue to grace the old first form for many years to come.

God speed you on your way.

Yours ever faithfully,

Elsie L. Bennell."

In the Michaelmas Term we welcome three new members to the Staff. They are:

Mr. J. Talbot, B.Sc., of Birmingham University, and the George Dixon Grammar School, Edgbaston, who represented his university at

rugger and athletics. He will join the staff on the science side as a biologist.

Mr. R. D. Baynes, B.A., Exhibitioner of Trinity College, Cambridge, who will teach History and English. He was in his college XV.

Mr. G. D. C. Tudor, B.A., Scholar of Christ Church, Oxford, who will teach English subjects and Mathematics. He was chosen to represent Britain in the 3,000 metres steeplechase at the Olympic Games this summer.

The shield above the monument of the Rev. T. Woods in St. Nicolas' Church, referred to in our January number, has now been repainted. The entire cost was very generously defrayed by the O.A. Club.

Congratulations to R. A. Clay who has passed the final examination for entry to the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Three boys—K. J. Weston, W. G. Olscher and J. A. Garner—took part, during the Easter holidays, in the Public Schools' Sports organized by the London Athletic Club at Motspur Park. J. A. Garner reached the final of the Half-Mile, Senior, coming 7th out of the twelve finalists, and achieving the good time of 2 min. 6 secs. There were eighty competitors in this event.

On 10th July, W. G. Olscher won the Junior Discus event at the Berkshire A.A.A. Championships at Reading with a throw of 109ft. 2in.

In the Individual Table Tennis competition on 25th March organized by the Abingdon Youth Council, M. H. Venables and B. Crook qualified for the finals in the senior group. In the juniors P. Stevens became a finalist. The finals were played on 22nd April, when Venables won the senior cup and Stevens the junior cup.

We regret that in the January, 1948, issue of the magazine the award of 2nd XV Colours was not complete. D. J. Leach, Captain of the 2nd XV, was awarded these Colours.

We give our sincere thanks to Colonel H. W. Lake, M.C., for his generous offer to award a bat each year for the best batsman. The award is to be known as the 'Lake Bat'.

We congratulate all those awarded Colours for cricket. Details will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Congratulations also go to H. R. Leach and C. J. Lockhart-Smith for the award of Abingdon School Foundation Scholarship and Exhibition respectively.

A party from the School attended a performance of Haydn's 'Creation' in the Corn Exchange by the Abingdon and District Musical Society on 27th May.

A number of film shows have been given at the School during the term. The subjects ranged from cricket to road safety.

Lecturers to the School in the Summer Term have been:—

29th May—Mr. Williamson on 'Unesco'.

8th June—Mr. Sear, M.P.S. on 'Vitamins'.

6th July—Mr. Phirozshah Mehta on 'India'.

Prize Essays this year were of a much higher standard. This was particularly so with regard to the History Prize, where it proved difficult to judge the winner out of four very good essays submitted by B. G. Budden, J. T. Cullen, J. A. Garner and G. S. Strachan. Strachan eventually came first, but the runners-up certainly deserve congratulation.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Griffin on the birth of a daughter.

#### ABINGDON SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The total amount paid or promised to the War Memorial Fund on 12th July, 1948, was £1550, of which £730 was in cash. There follows a list of contributions promised or received since 20th March; the amounts listed represent in some cases the consolidated totals of subscriptions covenanted over a period of seven years.

We would once again appeal to all friends of the School who have not yet done so to give as generously as they can to the Fund. All contributions should be sent to the Bursar, from whom forms of covenant may be obtained.

It should be emphasised that the Appeal is intended to cover far more than the bare cost of the field. We want to lay the field out properly and to provide it with a dignified entrance that will be in keeping with its name of War Memorial Field. Subscribers may therefore be assured that their contributions will be put to good account, and that any surplus will not merely be diverted to general School funds.

#### SECOND LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS

£	s.	d.	
22	1	0	F. L. Banfield, F. M. Butterfield.
21	0	0	Morland & Co.
12	13	9	Founder's Day collections in S. Helen's Church and School Chapel.
10	10	0	J. E. A. Clark, C. R. Davidge, Mr. and Mrs. Langford in Memory of Guy.

10	0	0	Mrs. D. Pearman.
8	15	0	Col. H. L. G. Livingston.
7	7	0	E. Bailey & Son, W. J. Brewer, G. W. Budden, G. Cordell, A. H. Dockerty, A. C. Hullett, W. R. Ivatts, P. M. & J. C. N. Kortright, L. P. Mosdell, H. F. Noyce, H. P. Tame, D. O. Willis, J. D. Woolf in Memory of Peter.
5	0	0	W. H. Beere, The Misses Challenor, F. L. England, Rev. G. R. Palmer, R. Taylor.
3	3	0	L. G. Shurrock.
2	2	0	J. D. May, Canon & Mrs. Liddiard, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Milligan.
2	0	0	C. S. Morland, Mr. & Mrs. W. S. R. White.
1	10	0	M. Chase.
1	1	0	Abingdon Wanderers C.C., Mrs. Benson, W. H. Brodrick, Mr. & Mrs. P. L. Carlaw, J. A. D. Cox, W. D. Ellison, S. J. Lansdown, A. O. Riggott, L. E. Stopps, R. C. Wicks.
1	0	0	Anon., B. G. Hawtin, E. J. Round, V. E. Welch.
10	0	0	Mr. & Mrs. Crockford, Mrs. Grundy.
5	0	0	Anon.

### SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Summer Term, 1948.

Head of the School:—D. H. Wheaton.

Head of School House:—W. S. Ogden.

School Prefects:—

J. P. Mortimore	J. A. Garner
K. J. Weston	J. T. Cullen
D. J. Leach	A. H. Cherrill
L. H. McNaughton	M. J. Aplin
H. D. Baecker	R. M. Reed
W. G. Olscher	R. A. Clay
T. W. J. Jordan	G. S. Strachan
B. G. Budden	

Sub-Prefects:—

M. D. Millichap	J. A. Beary
D. M. Aldworth	A. F. Bastin
J. L. Wyatt	R. F. Hamer
M. A. C. Heavens	A. L. G. Milligan
B. H. Wiggins	D. E. Allen
M. H. Venables	A. W. H. Riggott

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O.A. Editor and Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. G. F. Duxbury.

## CHAPEL NOTES.

Our thanks go to all those who have helped to beautify the altar with flowers each week; to H. B. Stevens and B. J. Noyce for their untiring labours; and to Mrs. Burgess for embroidered seasonal altar veils and embroidery on altar linen.

On Saturday, 1st May, the School enjoyed an organ recital in the Chapel given by Mr. Dussek; Mrs. W. Dussek played the 'cello, and we offer them both our sincere thanks.

The School received a five-page letter from the Rev. R. Brown of St. James', Nevis, B.W.I., and some of the boys have written to him.

Special preachers during the past term were Mr. A. M. Wilson-Green, M.A., J.P.; Rev. Frank Hepworth; Mr. P. C. Sands, M.A., J.P.; Mr. F. J. Sewry, B.Sc. ; and (on Founder's Day) Mr. R. E. Eason, M.A. (O.A.)

On Whit-Sunday (16th May), the School attended Morning Service in St. Helen's Church; and on the last Sunday evening of the term (25th July) the usual special service was held in St. Nicolas' Church. On this occasion the sermon was preached by the Headmaster (in revival of old custom), and loaves of specially baked bread, destined for subsequent distribution to the poor, were once again displayed on the Blacknall Tomb in accordance with the terms of the two-hundred year old Cheyney Bequest.

Visiting preachers at Morning Service (10 a.m.) during the Michaelmas Term will include the following:—

26th September—Mr. R. St. J. Pitts-Tucker, M.A. (Headmaster of Pocklington School).

17th October—Wing-Commander Patrick Hamilton (a member of the Church Assembly, whom boys will remember from last year.)

7th November—Rev. E. Knapp-Fisher, M.A., (of Cuddesdon College).

21st November—Mr. R. S. Stanier, M.A. (Master of Magdalen College School, Oxford).

The Bishop of Oxford has kindly agreed to hold a Confirmation Service in the School Chapel at 3 p.m. on Advent Sunday (28th Nov.)

'Outside' Collections during the past term have been allotted as follows:—

United Nations Save the Children Fund	...	£6	16s.	0d.
The Mayor of Abingdon's Appeal for the Y.M.C.A.	...	£2	2s.	0d.
Christian Reconstruction in Europe	...	£2	2s.	0d.
Abingdon School Mission	...	£2	0s.	0d.
St. James' Church, Nevis, B.W.I.	...	£1	12s.	6d.
Dr. Barnado's Homes	...	£1	7s.	6d.



## FOUNDER'S DAY.

Founder's Day this year was held on Friday, 25th June and Saturday, 26th June. The weather throughout was excellent and the celebrations proved to be even more successful than last year. There were some changes in the programme, the Regatta being held on Saturday morning instead of Friday afternoon, which was given over to Prize Giving, whilst for the first time for many years the School Dramatic Society gave a full-scale production, with a two-night run.

The celebrations began with a service in St. Helen's Church on Friday morning. The sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. G. B. Allen, D.D., Bishop of Dorchester, who had much to say on the subject of Public Schools. A high standard had to be set and followed these days if the Public School was to maintain its place in the national scheme of education; and in this connection religion must play a foremost part. During the Service a wreath, kindly prepared by Mrs. Bevir, was laid on the tomb of John Roysse. We are grateful too to the Misses Challenor who arranged the altar flowers so beautifully—a labour of love which they have inherited from Mrs. Scott who carries with her into 'retirement' our sincere thanks.

In the afternoon of Friday, Prize Giving took place in the Corn Exchange, the prizes being distributed by Sir John Cockcroft, Director-General of the A.E.R.E. Harwell. A full account of the proceedings is printed below. After the Prize Giving, the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban were At Home to a large company of O.A.s, parents, and friends of the School. Tea was taken on Upper Field where parents had an opportunity of seeing massed P.T. by the boys and then of looking over the School, in which a number of exhibitions of School art and handiwork were on view. Some of the School archives on view in the Library were an added source of interest; and demonstrations were also given by the Scout Troop and the Cub Pack.

In the evening came the second performance of the School Play which had 'opened' on the Thursday; and on the Saturday the Regatta and the O.A. Cricket Match took place, followed in the evening by the Annual General Meeting of the O.A. Club, and the O.A. Dinner.

## PRIZE GIVING.

The Prize Giving opened with the Headmaster's Report. The first part of this dealt with events of the past year which have already been reported in this magazine.

The Headmaster then looked ahead. He hoped that in three year's time the School would have reached a stable maximum of 325 pupils. The proximity of A.E.R.E. added to the responsibilities of the School

and to the influx of new pupils, a result of the arrival of technicians and scientists with their families. The strain upon the accommodation would be so severe that the existing arrangements could only be regarded as temporary, and the Governors were following up every proposal for the increase of accommodation.

The Headmaster concluded with some criticisms of the modern boy. He said that if he were to praise him he would far out-run his time. His criticisms were far fewer than his praises, but none the less they were very definite. The modern boy was not so self-reliant as his predecessor. He could not look after himself and even less after his property. 'Social security' was sapping his independence. Also he was too concerned with his own comfort and what 'he could get out of life.' The Headmaster said he wanted to see more of the spirit of gay adventure.

The Chairman of the Governors then asked Sir John Cockcroft to present the prizes. In his speech Sir John emphasised the fact that a School must train its pupils to do a good job of work in life.

"To enjoy your work and do it well you will have to work hard and for longer hours than are considered fashionable in some quarters today. No good scientist ever did his job in a 40-hour week. The most important simple truth that needs to get home in England today is that the one cure for our difficulties is a little more and a little harder work from everyone."

He also considered that there was too much pessimism about the future of Britain. People should draw strength from the realization of our great achievements in the last ten years. The qualities that brought about these achievements could ensure the future prosperity of Britain.

The Chairman ended the proceedings by thanking Sir John for distributing the prizes.

#### AWARD OF PRIZES.

**THE ENDOWED PRIZES:** The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—M. H. Venables, J. T. Cullen *proxime accessit*; The Smith Chemistry Prizes—Sixth Form (Upper) D. J. Leach, Sixth Form (Lower) M. A. C. Heavens, Form 5 D. F. Dance; The Bevan Essay Prize—(aeq) D. J. Leach and D. H. Wheaton; The Bevan Scripture Prizes—Form 5—A. E. Willson; Forms 4A and 4B—J. B. Walker, Removes A and B—C. J. Lockhart Smith, Forms 3A and 3B—Garth Round, Forms 2 and 1—J. A. Howard.

**SCHOOL PRIZES:** The Headmaster's Prizes for Efficiency in School and House—D. H. Wheaton, W. S. Ogden and J. A. Garner; The

Member's Prize for Efficiency in the J.T.C. (presented by Sir Ralph Glyn)—K. J. Weston and J. T. Cullen; The Mayor's Prize for History Essay (presented by F. Stimpson, Esq., J.P.)—G. S. Strachan; The Old Boys' Prize for English Essay—J. A. Garner; The Old Boys' Prize for English Verse—D. H. Wheaton; The Junior Reading Prize—1. J. A. Howard, 2. J. A. Nichols; The Music Prizes: Senior (presented by Mrs. Rayson)—G. W. Crockford; Junior (presented by Miss Sheldon Peach)—J. A. Nichols; The Art Prizes: Senior—A. E. Willson; Junior—R. W. Allen.

FORM PRIZES: Sixth Form: Classics—D. H. Wheaton; Maths. & Physics (1st Year)—B. H. Wiggins; Form 5: General Proficiency—(1) P. C. Richardson, (2) P. R. Lucas; Form 4A: General Proficiency—(1) S. R. Mills, (2) *aeq* D. R. G. Andrews and M. J. Wareham; Form 4B: English Subjects—F. P. Field; Maths. and Science—A. C. Wright; Remove A: General Proficiency—(1) D. M. Pointer, (2) N. G. Nicholls; Remove B: General Proficiency—(1) D. F. Lacey, (2) T. S. Reeve; Form 3A: General Proficiency—J. Blinman; Maths. and Science—J. H. Pinniger; Form 3B: General Proficiency—(1) J. A. Nichol, (2) I. D. Woodmore; Form 2: General Proficiency—(1) D. G. Dunkley, (2) J. A. Nichols; Form 1: General Proficiency—(1) J. A. Howard, (2) T. G. G. Hodges.

The School expresses its sincere thanks to those who have presented Prizes or contributed to the General Prize Fund.

### JULIUS CAESAR

An important feature of Founder's Day this year was the fine production of William Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar' in the Corn Exchange on the evenings of 24th and 25th June.

Special congratulation for this must go to Mr. L. C. J. Griffin. The Dramatic Society had not functioned for many years so that Mr. Griffin literally started from scratch—talent was unknown, props on a large scale non-existent and inexperience in both actors and stage hands a serious handicap. All these difficulties were, however, most successfully overcome.

Congratulations—well deserved in every case—must also go to many others whose co-operation assured the success of the endeavour, to Mrs. Sewry for presiding so well over the Wardrobe, to stage-manager R. M. Reed, to Mr. Sewry at the box-office, to Mr. Mortimer's prompting and finally to the actors themselves.

We print below an appreciation from a local critic, unconnected with the School, who wishes to remain anonymous; and need only add that the profits on the production, amounting to some £20, will be devoted to the War Memorial Fund.

*Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare—produced by L. C. J. Griffin, Esq.

The Dramatic Society is to be congratulated on giving an evening of such good entertainment with so ambitious a play. The cast list is most impressive: over forty performers, and many of them of an age that proves lack of any previous stage experience. Such conditions present a formidable task for any producer, particularly in the handling of Crowd scenes. And how pleasant it was to see large numbers of Citizens instead of, as sometimes, a mere six or seven trying to look like thirty or forty.

The unseen Stage Manager deserves praise and thanks for the general smooth running of the performance and the commendably quick scene changes. Rather more might have been done to suggest the Roman setting even with only curtains and in the Corn Exchange, but the carefully chosen carved chairs and the very effective marble staircase were excellent.

Costumes were wonderfully colourful and great ingenuity was shown in dressing the minor parts so successfully. Perhaps some of the actors could have shown more of the proud bearing of Romans: head up, shoulders back; lords of creation effect; but one realises that this isn't easy when the actors gaze — not into a comfortably darkened auditorium — but towards a sea of familiar faces as much in the light as their own!

There was evidence of sound and careful casting resulting in some notable performances. One or two suggestions on general lines may perhaps help for the next production. First, grouping and movement. The more important characters should have the advantage of being placed up-stage so that their words and looks are directed at the audience. This is not only for the sake of audibility but in order that the faces of the actors may be seen. The old rule "speak to the man at the back of the gallery" is one generally to be observed in the theatre and what are his chances of hearing and seeing if the front rows do not even receive a glance! Movement is part of the scheme which builds up grouping and also expresses individual character. At times the movement was overdone; there was too much pacing about so that the movements good in the first instance became meaningless with constant repetition.

Audibility on the whole was very good, though there were some occasions when actors spoke too fast and without sufficient variety of tone and pace. Marcus Brutus was a notable exception. His lines came over with great sensitiveness and considerable variation in pitch. Stage gestures are extremely difficult and it was pleasing to see instances of an easy naturalness when hand movements preceded words in quite a professional manner. This was particularly noticeable from Julius

Caesar, Brutus, Cassius, Octavius Caesar (who also used his voice well), Marcus Antonius, and some of the young servants who helped in no small way by being quick on cues.

There was good "attack" from many players, particularly Cassius, Casca, Calpurnia and Portia and also many of the Crowd in their more vital moments. During long speeches however, some of the listeners were inclined to lose interest, and to gaze around the stage instead of focusing attention solely on the speaker. Crowds are tremendously important and very, very difficult. Each actor, even if he only shouts 'hurrah' now and again, must act without ceasing the whole time he is on the stage. The good actor acts with eyes, hands, feet — in fact the whole of himself — during every moment the curtain is up.

May I thank the Dramatic Society for a fine show and renew my congratulations to everyone concerned with the production of so encouraging a performance.

#### CAST

The main parts were as follows:—

Julius Caesar	...	D. H. Wheaton
Octavius Caesar	...	A. R. Upton
Marcus Antonius	...	M. J. Aplin
Marcus Brutus	...	G. S. Strachan
Cassius	...	J. T. Cullen
Casea	...	J. A. Beary
Trebonius	...	J. B. Evans
Ligarius	...	D. E. Allen
Decius Brutus	...	P. R. Lucas
Metellus Cimber	...	T. O. Inwood
Cinna	...	A. W. H. Riggott
Calpurnia	...	M. W. Matthews
Portia	...	F. P. Field
Flavius and Lucilius	...	M. H. Venables
Marullus and Titinius	...	R. F. Hamer
Messala	...	M. D. Millichap
Lucius	...	P. H. B. Amey
Pindarus	...	J. A. Penning

Other parts were taken by:—J. P. Mortimore, W. L. Wooldridge, A. G. B. King, J. S. Draisey, R. Klein, A. L. G. Milligan, M. R. Penn, W. S. Olscher, G. A. J. Terpstra, E. G. R. Peedell, R. A. Clay, I. M. Pickford, D. J. Heavens, D. L. Treacher, R. S. M. Millard, M. A. C. Heavens, D. M. Aldworth, J. G. Guimaraens, R. G. Beere, S. R. Mills, F. C. Lucas.

## 50 YEARS AGO.

From the *Abingdonian* of October, 1898 we see that organized cultural activities flourished even in those days. There is a list of four lectures to the School sponsored by the Gilchrist Trust. The subjects range from 'A Universe in Motion', delivered by the Lowndean Professor of Astronomy, Cambridge, to 'The Spirit of Greek Art' by the Slade Professor of Fine Art, Cambridge.

There is also the following item: "Arrangements were made on Wednesday, October 25th, by which Barnum & Bailey's Show at Oxford was visited by a large party from Abingdon School."

Also culture !

## CRICKET.

The weather, always an important factor in an English cricket season, has not been good this year, and its influence, combined with the effect of a very "sporting" home wicket may have had something to do with our poor results.

We must record our sincere thanks to Mr. Brooks, the Surrey wicket keeper from 1927—1939, for his patient and painstaking coaching. His efforts have born fruit in that already the team is less 'agricultural'.

One heartening feature of the season was that the captain recovered some of his old form and on several occasions made runs when they were needed. Another was that the 'Under 15' team showed signs of promise for the first time for several seasons.

During the season the following Colours were awarded:—

1st XI Colours—M. J. Aplin.

2nd XI Colours—D. M. Aldworth and T. O. Inwood.

Other awards were as follows:—

The Fletcher Cup—K. J. Weston.

Henderson Awards (best all-round merit)—B. G. Budden and  
K. J. Weston.

Lake Bat (best batsman)—M. H. Venables.

House Matches resulted as follows:—

Carr Cup (Senior Competition)—Green House.

Brewer Bowl (Junior Competition)—Blue House.

## 1st XI CRICKET CHARACTERS.

**K. J. WESTON** (Captain, Colours 1945). A stylish forcing batsman, but somewhat weak in defence. A useful change bowler and a good fielder anywhere. Led the side for the third year in succession with keenness and ability.

**B. G. BUDDEN** (Colours, 1947). Has the qualities of an opening batsman and when once set is hard to dislodge. Bowls his left arm 'slows' very well on occasions and is the best fielder in the team.

**M. H. VENABLES** (Colours, 1947). Has not shown us the form this season that we know he is capable of producing. One of the keenest members of the team in every way.

**M. J. APLIN** (Colours, 1948). Has improved immensely with the ball as a medium paced bowler. Unfortunately he has not 'come off' with the bat (due to acute attacks of 'nerves'). A reliable fielder.

**D. M. ALDWORTH** (2nd XI Colours, 1948). Would improve with the bat if he could contain his eagerness to hit straight 'full tosses' over midwicket's head. With practice could make a left arm medium pace bowler. A good field in the deep.

**T. O. INWOOD** (2nd XI Colours, 1948). Has a good stance and quite a few good shots, but must improve his running between the stumps. He has the makings of a good wicket keeper.

**BATEMAN**. A nervous young batsman who is capable of making runs if he could only regain his confidence. Fair in the field.

**McNAUGHTON**. A defensive batsman who has few scoring strokes. A very safe catch in the deep.

**LUCAS (P. R.)** A latecomer to the team who has not had time to show us his true form. Will one day make a very reliable batsman.

**PICKFORD (I. M.)** A coming all-rounder whose bowling especially shows promise for next season.

**RIDOUT**. An Under 15 XI 'star' who is also a latecomer to the team. An all-rounder who has a good future in the eleven.

**CHERRILL**. Was only here for the first half of the season; he took over wicket keeping and did very well considering his inexperience. A hit or miss batsman.

Also played—Olscher, Millichap, Leach, Lucas F. C., and Walker J. B.

## 1948 CRICKET AVERAGES

## BATTING

Position	Batsman	times high.			Average.	
		Inns.	n.o.	score		
1.	K. J. Weston	15	1	42	199	14.21
2.	M. H. Venables	15	0	35	210	14.00
3.	B. G. Budden	14	1	51*	181	13.92
4.	Aldworth, D. M.	14	4	30	105	10.50
5.	Inwood, T. O.	12	3	20*	90	10.00
6.	M. J. Aplin	15	1	26	100	7.14
7.	Lucas (P. R.)	4	0	18	25	6.25
8.	Cherrill	5	0	10	21	4.20
9.	McNaughton	12	2	16*	40	4.00
10.	Bateman	14	1	12*	39	3.00
11.	Pickford (I. M.)	4	4	13*	14	—

Also batted:—Ridout, Olscher, Millichap, Leach and Lucas F. C.

\* denotes "not out".

## BOWLING

Position	Bowler	Ovrs.	maids.	runs	wkts.	Average
1.	K. J. Weston	81.2	21	220	29	7.59
2.	B. G. Budden	186	49	440	53	8.30
3.	Aldworth, D. M.	23.1	3	77	8	9.63
4.	M. J. Aplin	146.3	38	343	30	11.43

Also bowled:—Walker (J. B.) 5 for 17; and M. H. Venables 0 for 9.

## CATCHES.

- 8—K. J. Weston; Aldworth, D. M.  
 7—B. G. Budden; M. H. Venables.  
 3—Inwood, T. O.; McNaughton  
 2—Bateman; Cherrill  
 1—M. J. Aplin; Millichap; Olscher; Walker.



## v. R.N.A.S., Culham. Saturday, 15th May (Home)—Lost.

R.N.A.S., Culham.		Abingdon School	
Shoebridge run out	0	M. H. Venables b Thorpe	9
Gledhill c Venables b Budden	6	B. G. Budden c Gledhill	
Daffurn b Weston	22	b Shoebridge	4
Williams c and b Budden	1	Bateman c Head b Thorpe	2
James lbw b Budden	2	McNaughton c and b Shoebridge	2
Phillips c Budden b Weston	6		2
Summerfield c Aldworth		Aplin b Thorpe	2
b Budden	4	K. J. Weston c Gledhill b Shoe-	
Laurence c Inwood b Weston	17	bridge	9
Thorpe b Weston	0	Millichap lbw b Thorpe	0
Verrall c Olscher b Budden	0	Aldworth st Gledhill b Shoe-	
Head not out	0	bridge	13
		Cherrill c Verrall b Thorpe	1
		Inwood b Shoebridge	0
		Olscher not out	0
	Extras 3		Extras 5
	<u>Total 61</u>		<u>Total 47</u>

## v. Abingdon Police. Whit-Monday, 17th May (Home)—Won.

Abingdon Police		Abingdon School	
Hearn lbw b Budden	0	M. H. Venables b Kerr	7
Kerr b Budden	2	B. G. Budden not out	51
Holloway b Aplin	6	Bateman c Wilder b Kerr	0
Billington b Aplin	11	McNaughton b Kerr	1
Burdett lbw b Budden	4	Aplin b Kerr	10
Hughes b Weston	8	K. J. Weston b Kerr	2
Wilder b Budden	1	Millichap c Barnes b Wilder	5
Barnes c Bateman b Weston	17	Aldworth not out	0
Wooldridge not out	1	Olscher, Inwood and Cherrill	
Hughes b Weston	0	did not bat	
Smith b Weston	0		
	Extras 6		Extras 5
	<u>Total 56</u>		<u>Total (6 wks.) 81</u>

## v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI. Wednesday, 19th May (Away)—Won

Abingdon School		St. Edward's School	
M. H. Venables st F-Brown		Ablitt b Aplin	4
b McDonald	35	Jackson lbw b Budden	1
B. G. Budden c McDonald		Fischmann b Aplin	2
b Carroll	1	Neville b Budden	4
Bateman b Carroll	0	F-Brown b Budden	5
K. J. Weston b Carroll	42	Hewitson c Weston b Budden	10
Aplin c F-Brown b Carroll	24	McDonald b Aplin	1
McNaughton c F-Brown		Wright not out	5
b Carroll	0	Carroll b Budden	4
Millichap not out	6	Lee b Budden	2
Aldworth not out	8	Charles-Jones c Venables	
Olscher, Inwood and Cherrill		b Budden	3
did not bat			
Extras	22	Extras	11
Total (6 wks. dec)	138	Total	52

## v. Pavlova Sports Club. Saturday, 22nd May (Home)—Lost.

Pavlova Sports Club		Abingdon School	
Espanahan b Budden	0	M. H. Venables b Crook	15
Stone run out	6	B. G. Budden lbw b Morris	26
Crook b Aldworth	51	Bateman lbw b Stone	0
Heard c Aldworth b Budden	44	K. J. Weston b Stone	4
Heridge b Budden	13	Aplin b Stone	0
Denton b Aldworth	8	McNaughton c Morris b Crook	1
Whiting b Budden	2	Millichap lbw b Stone	1
Morris not out	3	Aldworth c Morris b Morris	1
Rogers not out	14	Olscher b Heard	8
Morris and King did not bat		Inwood not out	3
		Cherrill b Heard	10
Extras	9	Extras	14
Total (7 wks. dec)	150	Total	83

## v. Abingdon Wanderers. Saturday, 5th June (Home)—Drawn.

Abingdon School		Abingdon Wanderers	
M. H. Venables b Dickinson	20	Clewley b Weston	50
B. G. Budden lbw b Clewley	15	Brookes b Budden	5
K. J. Weston b Clewley	9	Dickinson c Venables b Aplin	2
Aldworth not out	27	Lines b Weston	15
Aplin b Dickinson	0	Passingham c Aldworth	
Millichap lbw b Dickinson	0	b Budden	23
Bateman c Blagrove		Hayward c Inwood	
b Hayward	7	b Budden	4
Inwood b Hayter	5	Lillies c Aldworth	
McNaughton not out	16	b Budden	4
Cherrill and Olscher did not bat		Hayter not out	0
		Dudley not out	1
		Bycroft and Blagrove did not bat	
Extras	17	Extras	7
Total (7 wks. dec.)	116	Total (7 wks.)	111

## v. Newbury Grammar School. Wednesday, 9th June (Away)—Lost.

Newbury		Abingdon School	
Davis c Cherrill b Aplin	3	M. H. Venables c Allen	
Brooks not out	55	b Baker	23
Allen b Aplin	1	B. G. Budden c and b Baker	7
Baker c Weston b Aplin	2	K. J. Weston not out	27
Gibson lbw b Aplin	1	Aldworth c Gibson b Menard	3
Durnford c Cherrill b Aplin	0	Aplin b Menard	0
Leacey c Budden b Aplin	2	Millichap lbw b Menard	1
Charman b Aplin	0	Bateman b Brooks	0
Byment run out	5	McNaughton b Menard	0
Menard c McNaughton		Cherrill b Brooks	0
b Aplin	14	Olscher c Byment b Menard	0
Wakeford b Aplin	1	Leach b Menard	0
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	86	Total	63

## v. Pembroke College. Wednesday, 16th June (Home)—Drawn.

## Abingdon School

M. H. Venables lbw b Stewart	18
B. G. Budden h.wkt. b Stewart	0
K. J. Weston c Wall	
b Meadows	35
Aldworth c Wall b Stewart	4
Aplin b Wall	5
Millichap lbw b Meadows	0
Bateman b Wall	3
Inwood not out	19
McNaughton b Wall	13
Cherrill c Thomas b Wall	4
Olscher b Wall	0
Extras	7
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Total	108

## Pembroke College

Hodgkinson c Aplin b Weston	23
Meadows c Weston b Aplin	17
Wall b Aplin	10
Stewart lbw b Budden	4
Thomas b Weston	13
Paine b Budden	0
Bendall lbw b Budden	2
Wolfe b Budden	4
Watkinson lbw b Budden	0
Craven not out	5
Jones not out	0
Extras	4
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Total (9 wkts.)	82

## v. King Alfred's School, Wantage. Saturday, 20th June (Home)—Won.

## King Alfred's School

Marland b Aplin	8
Miller c and b Aldworth	27
Driskell c and b Weston	1
Clark b Aplin	4
Winterbottom h.wkt. b Weston	2
Giles b Budden	1
Lines st. Cherrill b Weston	7
Bunard c Budden b Aldworth	3
Harris lbw b Aldworth	2
Farmer lbw b Aldworth	1
Burningham not out	0
Extras	7
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Total	63

## Abingdon School

M. H. Venables b Miller	0
B. G. Budden lbw b Miller	24
K. J. Weston b Lines	1
Inwood lbw b Clark	9
Aplin b Miller	26
Aldworth c Lines b Clark	0
Bateman not out	12
Millichap not out	1
McNaughton, Cherrill and Olscher did not bat	
Extras	0
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Total (6 wkts.)	73

## v. Southfield School. Wednesday, 23rd June (Home)—Won.

Southfield School		Abingdon School	
Chinn b Budden	1	M. H. Venables c Chinn	
Draper lbw b Budden	2	b Groves	15
Piper lbw b Budden	0	B. G. Budden c and b Groves	0
Winman c Weston b Aplin	6	K. J. Weston lbw b Piper	14
Lardner b Aplin	0	Inwood not out	20
Boella b Weston	5	Aplin not out	13
Manger b Budden	1		
Groves c Venables b Weston	22		
Tyler c Budden b Aplin	0		
Mallinson not out	0		
Staples b Aldworth	1		
Extras	6	Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Total (3 wks.)</b>	<b>64</b>

## v. Old Abingdonians. Saturday, 26th June (Home)—Lost.

Abingdon School		Old Abingdonians	
M. H. Venables c Leigh		Bradfield c McNaughton	
b Barrett	8	b Aplin	55
B. G. Budden c Bradfield		King c McNaughton b Budden	2
b Heard	15	Heard c Millichap b Aplin	1
Inwood c Jakeman b Barrett	12	Hill c Weston b Aldworth	40
K. J. Weston c Sims b Barrett	0	Leigh b Aplin	10
Aplin lbw b Heard	0	Jakeman c and b Aldworth	21
Aldworth c Howell b Carter	4	Howell b Budden	16
Bateman lbw b Carter	4	Sims b Budden	0
Millichap b Carter	0	Aldworth b Budden	2
McNaughton lbw b Carter	6	Barrett not out	6
Cherrill c Heard b Barrett	6	Carter not out	1
Olscher not out	0		
Extras	7	Extras	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>Total (9 wks.)</b>	<b>157</b>

## v. City of Oxford School. Wednesday, 30th June (Away)—Lost.

City of Oxford School		Abingdon School	
Bailey b Budden	0	M. H. Venables lbw b Cripps	16
Rodgers lbw b Aplin	5	B. G. Budden b Cripps	2
Webb b Aplin	1	K. J. Weston b Cripps	5
Samsworth lbw b Budden	4	Inwood lbw b Cripps	0
Taylor c Aldworth b Weston	6	Aplin c Taylor b Cripps	0
Chew c Budden b Weston	19	Aldworth b Webb	0
Cripps b Budden	3	Bateman lbw b Cripps	3
Roderick b Weston	3	Millichap b Webb	0
Gibbons b Weston	5	McNaughton lbw b Cripps	0
Roberts not out	1	Pickford not out	0
Ray lbw b Weston	0	Olscher lbw b Webb	0
Extras	2	Extras	8
Total	49	Total	34

## v. King Alfred's School, Wantage. Saturday, 3rd July (Away)—Lost.

Abingdon School		King Alfred's School	
M. H. Venables b Miller	4	Driskell b Budden	5
B. G. Budden b Lines	2	Miller run out	2
K. J. Weston run out	37	Marland c Aldworth b Aplin	33
Inwood b Lines	2	Clark not out	22
Lucas b Miller	1	Winterbottom not out	12
Aplin run out	0		
Aldworth b Miller	7		
Bateman lbw b Clark	0		
McNaughton lbw b Lines	0		
Ridout b Lines	0		
Pickford not out	0		
Extras	10	Extras	3
Total	63	Total (3 wks.)	77

## v. A Parents' XI. Saturday, 10th July (Home)—Won.

Abingdon School.		A Parents' XI	
M. H. Venables run out	19	Clewley c Venables b Budden	12
B. G. Budden lbw b Clewley	34	Mills lbw b Budden	1
K. J. Weston c Paxman		Brackley b Budden	6
b Maxwell	14	Maxwell c Venables b Budden	2
Inwood lbw b Brackley	10	Paxman b Budden	5
Aplin b Clewley	13	Dunn run out	2
Lucas b Brackley	3	Noyce b Budden	5
Aldworth not out	3	Briance b Budden	0
Bateman lbw b Clewley	0	Wiggins b Budden	2
McNaughton not out	0	Jones not out	9
		Heavens c Bateman b Budden	0
Extras	15	Extras	10
Total (7 wks.)	111	Total	54

## v. Magdalen College School, Oxford. Saturday, 17th July (Away)—Lost.

Abingdon School		Magdalen College School	
M. H. Venables b Hopkins	0	Green b Budden	2
B. G. Budden b Hopkins	0	Jones c Budden b Weston	21
K. J. Weston lbw b Hopkins	0	Hopkins lbw b Weston	17
Inwood lbw b Green	1	Mumford lbw b Weston	0
Aplin b Hopkins	0	Laith c Inwood b Weston	2
Lucas lbw b Hopkins	3	Walters lbw b Budden	7
Aldworth b Green	0	Gayton not out	10
Bateman b Hopkins	1	Gertner not out	18
McNaughton lbw b Hopkins	0		
Ridout b Hopkins	0		
Pickford not out	1		
Extras	1	Extras	10
Total	7	Total (6 wks.)	87

## v. A.E.R.E. Harwell 2nd XI: Saturday, 24th July (Home)—Won.

A.E.R.E.		Abingdon School	
Fearnside run out	2	M. H. Venables lbw Mettrick	21
Gates lbw b Aplin	15	Lucas, (P. R.) b Mettrick	18
Mettrick c and b Weston	5	Inwood lbw b Mettrick	9
Jones b Walker	19	Weston lbw b Gates	0
Slatter b Walker	0	Aplin b Mettrick	7
Jackson c and b Walker	6	Aldworth b Mettrick	30
McIntyre b Weston	1	Bateman b Mettrick	7
James b Weston	6	Ridout b Mettrick	0
Nickson b Walker	7	Pickford not out	13
Draycott c Venables b Walker	4	Lucas, (F. C.) not out	11
Whyte not out	0		
Extras	1	Extras	4
Total	66	Total (8 wkts.)	120

## 2nd XI RESULTS

v. R.N.A.S. Culham	Lost, 69—123 for 9.
v. Leighton Park School	Lost, 57—135 for 4.
v. City of Oxford School	Draw, 92 for 8—18 for 9
v. Magdalen Coll. School, Oxford	Lost, 50—84.
v. Southfield School	Won, 53—50.

## 'UNDER 15' XI RESULTS

v. Radley College	Draw, 43 for 7—114 for 8.
v. Leighton Park School	Draw, 57 for 2 — 24 for 5.
v. Magdalen Coll. School, Brackley	Draw, 69 for 8—14 for 6.
v. Southfield School	Draw, 28 for 7—64 for 3.
v. City of Oxford School	Draw 50 for 3—61.
v. Magdalen Coll. School, Brackley	Lost, 18—73 for 9.
v. Bloxham School	Won, 117—115.
v. Magdalen Coll. School, Oxford	Draw, 62 for 9—75.
v. City of Oxford School	Won, 79 for 9—64.
v. Oratory School	Draw, 28 for 2—154 for 8.

There was also an 'Under 16' XI game against St. Edward's School Colts. This was lost very badly by 18 runs to 148 for 5.



## VALETE ET SALVETE.

*Valete*—Left 25th March, 1948.

Upper Sixth Form:—N. A. Parker (Modern) (iii, 40), School Prefect 1947; O.S.C. 1945; 2nd Hockey XI 1948; Athletics Team 1948; 2nd XV 1947; J.T.C.; Cert. 'A' (Part 1) 1946; Hon. Secretary of Aviation Club.

Lower Sixth Form:—W. J. Dunkley (Maths.) (iii, 42); O.S.C. 1947; 2nd Hockey XI 1948; 2nd XI, 1947; 2nd XV 1947; J.T.C.; Cert. 'A' 1948.

P. C. Lovegrove (Science) (iii, 42); O.S.C. 1947; 1st XV 1947; Colours 1947.

A. E. Reeve (Science) (iii, 42); O.S.C. 1947; 3rd XV 1947; 2nd Hockey XI 1948.

Form 5:—P. Howse (ii, 42); (left 20th January); 1st XV 1947; 2nd Colours 1947.

D. H. Key (ii, 42) (left 21st January).

Form 4B:—C. W. Brookes (iii, 41); 2nd XV 1947; 2nd Hockey XI 1948; J.T.C.

Form 3A:—B. J. L. Bennett (ii, 44).

*Salvete*—Came 27th April, 1948.

Form 4B:—M. Buzzard; J. B. Walker (i).

Form 2:—J. A. Dancy; J. F. Farrow (30th April); T. C. Glucklich (28th June).

Form 1:—J. A. Battam, P. R. Turck (ii).

## ROWING.

There was a fuller programme last term than in previous years, and apart from the useful practice it was very pleasant to meet two other schools in races. The visit to Evesham regatta on Whit-monday was favoured by very fine weather—a welcome change from our previous experience. On 5th June two crews came over from King Edward VI School, Stratford-on-Avon, reviving a fixture instituted in 1937, and it was altogether regrettable that mishaps to the borrowed boat should have ruined the race between the 1st IVs. after the considerable trouble involved in making the journey to Abingdon. The 2nd and 3rd IVs. also had races against Culham College. The crews were the same as in the Lent term, except that Ogden stroked the 1st IV and W. L. Wooldridge deputised for Clay in the 2nd, the latter being prevented from rowing by claims of work. The 1st crew were rather more lively in the new order but at times lacked steadiness over the stretcher. The 2nd showed the same drive and vigour on slides as on fixed seats and made very good progress with the more difficult technique, while the 3rd IV showed noticeable improvement in style and pace. The one cause for regret

was the absence of Mr. Mortimer, who was prevented by illness from assisting with the coaching.

Races were as follows:—1st IV.

*v. Prince Henry's G.S., Evesham on Monday, 17th May, at Evesham Regatta.*

After a good start the crews were level for two furlongs but then an unsteady patch by the School coincided with Evesham's spurt on the outside of the bend, which gained them a length. The School recovered and made up some of the lost ground, but Evesham, who won the Cup, finished  $\frac{3}{4}$  length ahead. It was quite a good performance but not their best, as was to be expected in the unfamiliar conditions.

*v. King Edward VI School, Stratford-on-Avon, on Saturday, 5th June, at home.*

The School gained  $\frac{1}{2}$  length at the start and had increased their lead to over a length when a jammed slide stopped the Stratford crew. A second attempt produced the same result, and so the race had regrettably to be abandoned.

The 1st IV crew was:—J. L. Wyatt (bow), J. T. Cullen, G. S. Strachan, W. S. Ogden (stroke), R. F. Hamer (cox).

2nd IV.

*v. Culham College I, on Saturday, 22nd May, on Culham Reach.*

The School went away fast at the start and were clear in half a minute. Thereafter they steadily increased their lead and won by six lengths in the good time of 3 min. 41 secs. Considering his lack of experience Wooldridge performed very creditably at bow.

*v. King Edward VI School II, on Saturday, 5th June, at home.*

This was almost a repetition of the previous race and proved, if proof were needed, that the crew were above average for 2nd crews.

The 2nd IV crew was:—W. L. Wooldridge (bow), A. F. Bastin, R. M. Reed, T. W. J. Jordan (stroke), A. J. Taylor (cox).

3rd IV.

*v. Culham College II, on Saturday, 22nd May on Culham Reach.*

This was a most exciting race. After a minute the School had gained a good half length, but Culham then began to draw up steadily with the advantage of slides, and it was a ding-dong struggle right to the finish, the final verdict being three feet in favour of the School.

The 3rd crew was R. Klein (bow), J. B. Evans, K. A. Fathers, P. R. Lucas (stroke), R. B. Atkinson (cox).

## HOUSE RACES

In the Senior Event for the Bennett Cup, held on Wilsham Reach, Red House gave Green, the favourites, a good race, the latter winning by a bare length. Crews were:—Green House: J. L. Wyatt, P. R. Lucas, G. S. Strachan, W. S. Ogden, R. F. Hamer (cox). Red House: B. J. Noyce, A. F. Bastin, R. M. Reed, J. T. Cullen, A. J. Taylor (cox).

In the Junior races there was more enthusiasm than skill, and after sundry crabs and collisions Red were adjudged winners on a foul, though Blue had the slightly better crew. Anyhow the cakes, kindly presented by the Headmaster, were enjoyed by all.

## LIBRARY NOTES

This term we have to say farewell to the two Librarians D. H. Wheaton and J. P. Mortimore, who have held office for three years and during that time put in a lot of hard and useful work for which we thank them. Their places will be taken by G. S. Strachan and M. H. Venables.

We are also pleased to acknowledge with many thanks the following presentations: Triolets and Epigrams, from the author, O. J. Couldrey, O.A.; Other Men's Flowers, Captains and Kings and Lamartine, Pages Choises, from A. M. Wilson Green, Esq.; Ettore Bugatti and also a fine old Family Bible, with illustrations, by Gustav Dorè, from John Hooke, O.A. Recent additions to the Library have covered a wide range of subjects but there is a tendency for new books to be cornered and held too long, which the present system of open access makes it difficult to check.

On Founder's Day there was a display of old books, documents and magazines which apparently proved of considerable interest to a large number of visitors. The exhibits certainly showed how very much alive Abingdon School was two, or even three hundred years ago, and, we might add, how generous the former pupils were in augmenting the School library.

## REVIEW.

We are pleased to welcome a little book of "Triolets and Epigrams" by Oswald Couldrey (1901), published by John Hooke (1924), of The Abbey Press, Abingdon.

If any of our readers do not know what a Triolet is (or ought to be), they cannot do better than read this attractive little book, including the brief introduction by the poet himself. Most of us know what an Epigram is — a smart dapper little thing, rather like a wasp, with a

sting in its tail to take the unwary by surprise. But the Triolet by its prescribed form is even more exacting — eight lines only and the last two a verbal repetition of the first two, and the fourth a verbal repetition of the first, and only two rhymes allowed. And yet in a good Triolet the repetitions must not be "merely ornamental (or merely tiresome)". They must in some manner add to or modify the sense of the whole, and so provide the quickened interest or the surprise which constitutes the point of the Epigram. But in the case of the Triolet the surprise need not be, though it may be, of the nature of a shock: the point need not be poisonous. And indeed in the triolets of this collection which we like best the author seems to have so manipulated the prescribed repetitions as to heighten and complete the real poetic quality or the serious intent of the whole. In others more akin to the Epigram the charm consists rather in their ingenuity, and the skill with which the repetitions have not been allowed to appear as due merely to the prescribed pattern, with no *raison d'être* of their own, and in this Couldrey's triolets seem to us to be as successful as most, perhaps any, that we have read.

The little book, which has received an appreciative review by Desmond MacCarthy in the *Sunday Times*, is dedicated with a neat Latin inscription to Mr. Ross Barker.

#### J.T.C. NOTES

In the Corps, life this term has been comparatively quiet. We have welcomed some new instructors very kindly provided for us by the O.C. 4th Bn. Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry (T.A.) These P.S.I.s have taken charge of the weapon training for Cert. 'A' and for potential N.C.O.s. Their expert assistance has been of great value, and we look forward to their continued help.

Field Day took place on 5th May, in perfect weather. In the absence of the C.O.—still convalescent then—the Officers' ranks were made up by the Old Guard, in the person of Lieut. Duxbury. It was good to see him again in his 'war-paint'. The day's exercises took place in what was to us a new area; the change of setting was generally appreciated, and the whole day went with a swing.

On 15th June the Corps was inspected by Brigadier W. C. A. Hanney, C.B.E., Deputy Commander, Salisbury Plain District. In his address the Brigadier told us he was well satisfied with the standard of training and emphasised the importance of this pre-service work.

We said good-bye in July to a great many of our N.C.O.s, to all of whom we wish good luck, and quick promotion when in the services.

With their passing a big responsibility will fall on the few left, while those now preparing for Cert 'A', Part 2, must develop quickly if they are to pull their weight as junior leaders. For this reason we are particularly glad to have such a large contingent at Camp, for the training and experience gained there are invaluable.

Once again we are much indebted to Mr. Mortimer for all his assistance on the shooting side.

### THE JOINT CLUB.

The active life of the Joint Club began with a dance on 8th May at St. Helen's School. With feelings rather akin to those of explorers forsaken in the midst of nature 'red in tooth and claw', Roysses approached the gates and entered the 'lions' den'. However, there were no ogres inside, and the dance went off extremely well. Interest in S. Helen's at once increased and after strenuous efforts a tennis meeting was arranged for 22nd May, also held at St. Helen's. The evening stayed fine, and some most enjoyable, if unscientific, tennis was played.

A second tennis party was arranged for 19th June, but the weather being against us (?), an informal dance was held instead. This meeting proved as great a success as its predecessors, and at 9 p.m. Roysses reluctantly left the now familiar walls of St. Helen's.

The last meeting of the term was also a dance, this time held in the Royse Room on 19th July, to enable the School to repay the hospitality of St. Helen's. This proved to be the high light of the term's activities, and all were extremely sorry when we had to end at 10.45 p.m.

M.J.A.

### ROYSSSE SOCIETY

The Society met only once during the Summer Term. On the evening of 1st June, H. D. Baecker and J. A. Garner opened a discussion on 'The Constitutional Reform of the House of Lords'. The subsequent exchanges between all members were lively and interesting, and the parliamentary system in general came under review.

The Society was again indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Cobban for their hospitality.

H.D.B.

### TURNOR SOCIETY.

This term's activities have included three talks and one expedition. We heard more about 'The Work of Unesco' in a pleasingly informal

way from Mr. Hawkin, at one time a delegate to the Paris Unesco Conference, were entertained to an interesting lantern slide talk on Newspaper Production by Mr. Hartley, Editor of the 'Oxford Times', and were most impressed by Mr. Metson's views on the future of Germany. Finally as a result of much spade work by Mr. Moore, the society combined with the Cycling Club for a trip to Dorchester. There we were shown the excavations of pre-historic burials, 'temples' and pottery, some of it dating back to 1800 B.C., by Mr. Atkinson, Assistant Director of the Ashmolean Museum. We are very grateful to him.

At the first Annual General Meeting held in July, the following Officers were elected for next year:—President: The Headmaster; Chairman: M. H. Venables; Hon. Sec.: P. C. Richardson; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Willis; Committee: G. S. Strachan, R. F. Hamer, and J. T. Cullen.

R.F.H.

#### SCOUT NOTES.

In common with many other activities the Scouts spent a fairly quiet Summer Term. Activities were mostly confined to cleaning up the newly acquired Headquarters (the Stable at Waste Court) and to clearing away the nettles which surrounded it. The troop is most grateful to Messrs. Garner and Hill of Culham College, who have given a great deal of help during the term. Field Day was held on 5th May, and a most enjoyable and fine day was spent in excellent weather at Youlbury. On Founder's Day the Scouts provided a demonstration after the At Home, and later in the term, they rendered assistance at the Scout Fete held in the Abbey Grounds.

L.C.J.G.

#### MINOR SOCIETIES.

There has not been much doing during the summer months, although several of the clubs have been very active on one or two occasions. The Locomotive Club, for instance, paid a visit to the Swindon Locomotive Works on 26th May. Amongst the interesting things they saw were the repair shops, the boiler testing shop, and the erecting sheds, where engines in all stages of construction were on view. Their programme for next term promises well.

The Field Club, too, under the watchful eye of Mr. Burgess has continued its good work. This term they specialised in the rearing of butterflies and moths, some fine specimens having been on view at different times in Hall Study.

Perhaps the most continuously active club has been the Aviation Club. On every Friday afternoon and on any fine evening, it has been possible this term to hear the drone of diesel engines. Most of the aero-

modellers were, it seems, bitten by the "control line bug" and the 'Procter' which towards the end of term made a gallant attempt at free flight was a very lone fellow indeed. An exhibition of models was given on Founder's Day.

The Philatelic Society has met from time to time and like the Aviation Club held an exhibition on Founder's Day.

One new Club has started life this term—the Cycling Club. It is sponsored by Mr. Burgess, who has been assisted by several other masters with varying success according to the distance travelled and age. Tours by the Club have included visits to Godstow, Wytham and Dorchester.

### PICKLED ONIONS !

Pickled onions! Those abominations loved by so many people! They are placed on the supper table to offend one's sight. They glare balefully out at one through their muddy coloured liquid, and make faces through the glass.

Then a hand reaches out and picks up the bottle, making the onions move about uncomfortably while the cap is unscrewed slowly, and we wait in uneasy anticipation for what is to come. Nemesis falls ! The cap is off and the odour that assails our nostrils is quite unlike any other. It will penetrate the heaviest cold, it will nauseate the clearest head; and yet in spite of this there is something in that smell that prevents us hurling the bottle through the window and taking smelling salts. A certain indefinable something, probably given it in the pickling process, which must be experienced to be understood.

Our fellow diner now takes half a dozen (more if he's a glutton), and proceeds to chase one round his plate, and possibly onto the table before conveying it mouthwards. At last the onion reaches its destination, and low crunchings are heard from our compatriot's mouth. A quick swallow and it's gone. Then, worst of all, he opens his mouth to talk, and the soul destroying aroma drifts sluggishly across the table and into our nasal organs. Gone is that indefinable something! Gone is any possible redeeming characteristic! Onion! Pure onion knocks one over and deadens the senses. It taints civilised food, it dulls the wits, and to add insult to injury our reeling minds hear the voice of our companion assuring us that he is enjoying them!

Of all the tortures of this world, there is none so great as sitting opposite a pickled-onion-eating friend.

M. J. Aplin, Form V.

## THE RUINED ABBEY

The steps are gone, where friars once had trod,  
 The ivy now is creeping up the aisle,  
 The altar where the monks have prayed  
 Is now a crumbling mass of falling stone.  
 The trees now stand, where pillars once had stood;  
 They take the pillars' place, but hold not up a roof.  
 Weeds grow now where monks once had their meals,  
 Lilac grows where praying monks have knelt.

R. Paxman, Form IIIa.

## O. A. NOTES

*Births.*

BRUCE—On 27th May, at Lytham Hospital, Lancs., to Margaret Helen, wife of Sir Michael W. S. Bruce, Bart. (1910), a son.

HEALY—On 18th May to Joyce, wife of H. Brian Healy (1931), a daughter.

HUMPHREY—On 15th June, to Bernadette, wife of F. C. L. Humphrey (1926), a son.

GIRDLER—On 18th March, at 67 Hill Top Road, Oxford, to Marjorie, wife of Keith Girdler (1928), a daughter, Margaret Felicity, a sister for Michael and Nicholas.

SINCLAIR—On 4th April, at Bay House, Stratford S. Mary, Suffolk, to Katherine Jane, wife of G. E. Sinclair (1931), Colonial Administrative Service, Gold Coast, a son.

*Marriages.*

BREWER—LAWRENCE. On 15th June, at S. Mary and S. Edmund Church, Abingdon, William J. Brewer (1933), The Nurseries, Marcham, to Violet M. Lawrence.

COLLINGS—PODMORE. On 28th June, in Cape Town, Peter Varwell Collings (1932) elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Collings of Cape Town, to Christine Anne Podmore of Hatch End, Middlesex.

ENGLAND—FOLLAND. On 5th June, at St. Mary's Church, Wallingford, Geoffrey W. J. England (1935) to Mildred Folland.

*Deaths.*

BICKMORE—On 16th December, 1947, the Rev. Charles Falkland Bickmore (1880), aged 84.

STEVENS—In December, 1947, at The Manse, Chinnor, Oxon, Alan William Stevens (1900), aged 65.

MORLAND—On 8th June, 1948, at Sheepstead House, Marcham, James Herbert Edward Morland (1895), aged 71.



Charles Bickmore was at School with his younger brother from 1878—80, and was Captain of the Cricket XI in his last year. He later went up to Cambridge where he played lacrosse for the University, and was later selected to play for England but was unable to do so as his Ordination was fixed for the same day. Subsequently he held benefices in Hereford and Co. Durham, his last being St. Peter's, Bishop Auckland.

Herbert Morland was the seventh of the eight sons of Ald. J. Thornhill Morland who were at the School, his years being 1888 to 1895. He was in the Cricket and Soccer XI's, was Head of the School in 1893, and won the Pembroke Scholarship in 1895. On coming down from Oxford he was for 2 or 3 years an assistant master at the School, and both then and later took an active part in O.A. activities. He was President of the O.A. Club in 1907. In the 1914 war he served in the R.A.S.C. For the last 20 years he lived at Sheepstead House with his brother Philip, but latterly had been in very poor health.

A. W. Stevens was in the Cricket and Soccer teams in 1899 and in 1900 went up to Wadham College with a David Thomas Scholarship. He gained his College Colours for Soccer and Cricket, and after graduating went on to Mansfield College. He was Pastor of the Congregational Church at Burslem, Stone, Aberdeen and lastly Chinnor, Oxon.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Ross Barker is at last happily and comfortably settled in his new home at Rye, and his address henceforth will be, — 16 Eagle Road, Rye, Sussex.

O.A.s of 50 years' standing will remember the three Montgomery brothers (J.W. 1896, J.E. 1900, and C.P.B. 1903), and will be interested to know that they, with their two sisters, are all living together now at Blickling Rectory, Aylsham, Norfolk where the youngest (Rev. C.P.B.) is Rector. J.E., the second brother, retired from Felstead School, where he had been on the Staff since 1905, at the end of the summer term, 1946. C.P.B., until 1944, had held the united benefices of Great Cressingham and Bodney, near Thetford, the latter being near Foulden, the boyhood home of his late Headmaster at Abingdon, the Rev. Thomas Layng.

We regret to learn from the Rev. T. Malcolm Layng (1906) that it was for reasons of health that he had been obliged to resign the archdeaconry, canonry and deputy-lieutenancy which he had held while at Burnby Rectory, York, after his release from Military service in 1946, and we wish him renewed strength and many years of less exacting duties at his new home in Gloucester.

We publish on another page a notice of O. J. Couldrey's (1901) little book of "Triolets and Epigrams". We would also call attention to an interesting article from Couldrey's pen on Deccan Rock Sculpture, published in last December's number of the Geographical Magazine. This forms a companion piece to his earlier article in the same Journal some few years ago on the Rock Temples of Ajanta; and on such subjects nobody could be better qualified to write, whether by personal visits to the scene of the wonders he discusses or as a student of Indian Art in general.

Incidentally the Couldrey family, whose connection with the School goes back several generations, can boast a remarkable record of musical talent. O. J. Couldrey's father was organist at St. Helen's Church for 60 years and three uncles were also organists, Thomas at Swindon, another, Robert, at Windsor, both as Organist and a Music Master at Eton, and the youngest, Charles, for some time Organist at St. Nicolas'. Moreover his great-grandfather who was writing-master at Roysse's School was organist at St. Helen's for 36 years.

A welcome letter from C. E. Lowe (1923) informs us that, after 7 years of exile in the East (Hong Kong and Shanghai) and an unsatisfactory army career, during which he had the misfortune to break a leg while on an O.C.T.U. course of training for the Royal Armoured Corps—an accident which kept him in hospital for nearly ten months and in England "for the duration", though he was later transferred to the R.A.S.C., and rose to the rank of sergeant—he is now in the branch Public Trustee Office in Manchester, having entered successfully in July 1946 for the competitive reconstruction exam. for a legal post in the Civil Service. The letter states furthermore that he is now very happily married and living in a pleasant little house on the outskirts of Manchester at 59 Grove Lane, Hale, Cheshire.

D. M. Brown (1924) of the Bank of South America, is now settled in Salvador. We congratulate him on the recent birth of another daughter. His brother Frank (1931) has accepted a post as Personnel and Welfare Officer under the Ground-nuts Scheme, and is already in Tanganyika.

Lt. Cmdr. D. C. Woolf (1934) is back in England after nearly three years' service in the Far East. During the war he seems to have served in most of the big ships, and since then has been in N. China and Japan. He is now in H.M.S. Glasgow at Portsmouth for a short spell, and hopes to renew O.A. contacts.

T. D. Thomas (1947) L.Cpl. R.E., wrote recently from Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, apparently unperturbed by the terrorist activities. Before leaving England he had met P. B. Keys (1943) on a course at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham.

Another recent arrival in Singapore is 2nd Lt. M. Chase, R.A.O.C. (1947).

T. J. H. Charley (1933) now has a Government job in Uganda. His address is Box 201 Kampola, Uganda, and he would be glad to contact any O.A.s in that part of the world.

Lt.-Col. H. L. Livingstone, R.A. (1935) is doing a Staff Course at the R.M. College of Science, Shrivenham, and living with his family at Marlborough.

David Beattie (1947) has moved from Jamaica to British Honduras, which he finds much more pleasant. He should by now be officially in the Army Education Corps, which may or may not deter him from schoolmastering.

C. S. Cullen (1947) Royal Army Veterinary Corps, is in Tripoli, where he is gaining useful practical experience.

The latest news of Jim McPherson (1933) was that he was in charge of the Iraq Petroleum Co.'s office in Haifa, a somewhat unenviable post. We hope that the disturbed state of affairs has not made life too unpleasant for him.

Rupert Hedger (1940) and Michael Cullen (1945) were rowing at Henley in the Pembroke Four entered for the Visitors' Cup, and J. M. Wood (1938) in the King's College, London, Eight. The first two were of course in the Pembroke 1st Eight, J. T. Moore in the 2nd, and Mark Hedger (1942) showed unwonted vigour in the 3rd.

We had a brief visit from Michael Green (1947) now in the mechanised Life Guards, and acting as driving instructor, which must be classed as one of the dangerous occupations.

We have to congratulate R. F. Jackson (1939) on his recently announced engagement. As he is in charge of one of the Atomic Piles at Harwell, matrimony should hold no terrors for him.

R. S. Barnes (1944) after 2 years 8 months honourable service has returned from Vienna to civilian life, and hopes to go up to Pembroke in October. Peter King (1945) is also going up then.

Of those who left last term we have the following information:—D. H. Wheaton, J. A. Garner and B. G. Budden are in the Army; K. J. Weston, J. P. Mortimore and D. J. Leach are in the R.A.F.; M. J. Aplin has gone to Canada to stay for some months with Barry Williams (1946). J. B. Evans is going to a Nautical College in London in preparation for the Merchant Navy.

## OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in Big School after the O.A. cricket match on Saturday 26th June, and some sixty members were present. The President was in the Chair. The various minutes and reports were dealt with expeditiously, and officers elected for the coming year. It was decided after some discussion that the onerous office of Secretary should be split, and a special secretary appointed to deal with all sports matters, other duties and general co-ordination remaining in the Secretary's hands. The list of Officers is as follows:—President and Hon. Treasurer: W. Bevir; Vice-President: J. M. Cobban; Hon. Secretary: M. J. Cullen; Sports Secretary: E. H. Aldworth; Assistant Hon. Secretaries: J. O. Bury, N. J. Holmes; Committee: J. B. E. Alston, J. H. Bartlett, G. F. Duxbury, J. H. Hooke, R. F. Jackson, S. A. Paige, J. M. Viney and S. D. Plummer (London Hon. Sec.)

Mutual recriminations and apologies exchanged between the President and Secretary on the question of which should have arranged the O.A. Golf competition were proved to have been unnecessary when on the following day no members showed any desire to play.

A well-deserved vote of thanks to the Dance Committee was followed by their re-election *en bloc* to arrange the next dance on 11th December in Abingdon.

Mr. Cobban tactfully announced that the Woods tomb in St. Nicolas Church had been recently restored and suggested that it would be a dutiful and pleasant tribute to the memory of a Headmaster for the Club to defray the cost amounting to some £5. This was agreed to. As a welcome change Mr. Duxbury stated that the School Boat Club was not in immediate need of financial assistance as boats, however badly needed, were not to be had at the moment.

It was decided that as the price of tickets for the Annual Dinner was inevitably rather high, consideration should be given to a reduced price for new members for a short and defined period after leaving school. Details were left to be worked out by the Committee.

The meeting ended with a message of good wishes to R.B. and a vote of thanks to the retiring President, Mr. W. M. Grundy.

*Annual Dinner.*

This was held on Saturday, 26th June in the Roysse Room at 8 p.m. Well over 100 members were present, and the whole function was a great success and notable for the quality of the fare and the speeches as well as the company. The speakers were the President, the Vice-President, the President-elect, the Secretary and (for the Guests) Dr. David Rendall.

*Club Notices.*

The promised list of Club Members and Addresses (1948 ed.) will soon be printed and circulated. It must of necessity be somewhat incomplete as members did not respond too well to the appeal for correction of addresses. However it is felt that to wait longer would not improve matters.

The O.A. Rugger match will take place on Saturday, 11th December. Any member of the Club wishing to play should get into touch with E. H. Aldworth, 38 Bostock Road, Abingdon, at least a fortnight before the day of the match.

The Dance will be held on the night of the Rugger match in the Council Chambers, Abingdon. Tickets will be 10/6 single and may be obtained from W. Bevir, Esq., 36 Park Road, Abingdon. In view of the outstanding success of last year's dance it seems probable that there will have to be a restriction on the number of tickets, so early application is advisable.

The following new members have joined the Club: N. A. Parker 3/48; W. J. Dunkley 3/48; A. H. Garrett 7/47; J. W. J. Freeston 7/43; C. W. Brookes 3/48; L. A. Lewis 12/45; F. M. Butterfield 12/27; D. R. Thomas 7/34; D. C. Woolf 12/34; J. A. Hill 7/44 and P. R. Betterton 7/47.

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