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CALENDAR—LENT TERM, 1949.

January:

- 14th, Friday Term begins 9 a.m.
29th, Saturday Hockey XI v. Abingdon H.C. (Home).

February:

- 2nd, Wednesday Hockey XI v. Southfield School (Away).
9th, Wednesday Hockey XI v. King Alfred's School, Wantage.
12th, Saturday Hockey XI v. Queen's College 2nd XI (Away).
16th, Wednesday Hockey XI v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (Away).
19th, Saturday Hockey XI v. Old Abingdonians.
1st and 2nd IV's v. Old Abingdonians.
23rd, Wednesday Hockey XI v. Culham College (Home).
26th, Saturday Hockey XI v. Wallingford G. S. (Home).

March:

- 2nd, Wednesday Hockey XI v. Queen's College 2nd XI (Home).
5th, Saturday Hockey XI v. Southfield School (Home).
7th, Monday FIELD DAY—C.C.F. and Scouts.
12th, Saturday 1st 2nd and 3rd IV's v. Magdalen College School (Home).
17th, Thursday SCHOOL SPORTS.
19th, Saturday A.S.A.C. v. City of Oxford School (Away).
26th, Saturday O.A. Sports.
29th, Tuesday Term ends 10.15 a.m.

Summer Term begins 9 a.m. Tuesday, 26th April, 1949. (Boarders return Monday, 25th April).

EDITORIAL

This issue of the magazine heralds great changes that are about to come to the school.

When we speak of changes, we think first, of course, of the long awaited, long dreamed of extensions, which have now become a practical possibility. Preliminary plans are now in hand, and it is hoped that many of the boys now at School will witness their completion.

This School has always maintained a close connection with both parents and former pupils; and very many of them have given practical proof of their interest by their generous support of the War Memorial Fund, instituted to purchase a lasting memorial to those who gave their lives in the Second World War. Work upon the first part of this memorial, a plaque inscribed with the names of the fallen, has begun, and the plaque should be installed in the School Chapel by the middle of the Summer term. Negotiations for the purchase of the new War Memorial Playing Field, to which the major portion of the fund will be devoted, are now taking place and we hope they will soon be complete.

This issue also records the rebirth of a number of school activities which disappeared as a result of the War, and which are now, all too slowly, returning. This rebirth has been reflected in the life of the whole school, both at work, and at play. The 1st XV and Colts' XV, although lacking in weight, have made up for it in vitality, 'punch' and drive; the school societies have had much greater support and the newly-formed Combined Cadet Force has had great success in its proficiency examinations.

We are looking to the future in the hope that it may bring to the School, and all those connected with it, even greater prosperity and happiness in the coming year.

THE EXPANSION OF THE SCHOOL

There are now, for the first time in its history, over 300 boys in the School. This rapid and continuing increase has been, and is, the dominating factor in our lives. Ingenious planning of the time-table, and a ruthless disregard of the claims of what may be called 'ancillary accommodation', may ensure that every form and every set have a roof above their heads each period, but the least departure from the norm, whether it is a film show in the Art Room or a wireless period in the Reading Room, tends to throw our nicely balanced machinery out of gear.

Our problems are made worse, too, by the fact that, for very obvious reasons, our expansion had to start at the bottom of the School. Until the second stream reaches the Sixth Form the School is therefore badly

out of proportion. The present numbers of the Sixth Form are absurdly small for a school of our size, and this shortage of leaders—a deficiency of quantity, not of quality—is reflected in every branch of School activity.

Fortunately we can look forward to happier days. In two years' time, with a Sixth Form three times its present number, we should be able to aim at standards of work and play far higher than those we now accept. As for the problem of accommodation, our projected new buildings have passed well beyond the stage of a pious hope. Plans for a new Science Block, to be erected to the East of the Chapel, have received the provisional approval of the various authorities concerned, and we hope to receive final permission to start building in the Spring. It may be possible to give a more detailed description of the new building in our next issue.

This is not the place to discuss the delicate negotiations which have taken place in the past year; but it may perhaps be put on record, here and now, that if our plans come to fruition it will be entirely due to the sympathy and help given to us by public authorities whose only obligation to us, in view of our status, is moral rather than legal.

J.M.C.

SCHOOL NOTES

A considerable amount of work was carried out in the School buildings during the summer holidays. A large-scale 'Aga' Cooker, and a supplementary gas cooker, were installed in the School House kitchens. Wash-basins were put into the Senior Dormitory of School House; and the Sanatorium Wing was completely redecorated. In the School, a new study for the Headmaster and an office for his Secretary were successfully carved out of the Wantage Room; and the opportunity was taken to give what remained of the Wantage Room a 'new look' of Cotswold cream and kingfisher blue (we quote the alluring terminology of the decorators). New leather seated chairs have arrived for the Library, and the Prep. Form can boast of new tables of modern streamline design.

The number of boys in the School at the beginning of the Michaelmas term was 302 (School House 75, Larkhill 19, Waste Court 32, Dayboys 176).

The only outstanding change in the School timetable during the past term has been the institution of a 'Form Masters' Period' at the end of Friday afternoon, to cater for those boys who are not engaged in 'cultural activities' (horrid term!). On balance this seems to be a successful experiment.

We congratulate G. S. Strachan on being awarded a Blacknall Scholarship, the first of the new Day-boy Scholarships, one of which is to be awarded each year to a boy in, or entering, the Sixth Form.

The boys and staff contributed £10 4s. 9d. to the Earl Haig Appeal Fund as the result of the sale of poppies and a chapel collection. Thanks are due to Miss I. S. Peach for her valuable work in the sale of the poppies.

Mr. H. N. Winkle, of Magdalen College, Oxford, has done his practice teaching at the School during the past term, under the watchful eye of the Oxford University Department of Education. We have enjoyed having him with us, and he has been of much assistance to the English Staff. We wish him the best of good fortune in the Sudan, where he has accepted a teaching appointment.

A second 'Parents' Evening' was held on Thursday, 30th September, when about 160 of our Fathers and Mothers met in the Gymnasium to discuss Us with the Headmaster and the Staff. Statistics do not record how many of our ears were burning that evening!

A new avenue of chestnuts was planted along the Drive during the Christmas holidays to replace the noble elms which had to be felled in the Spring. The line of the new avenue has been continued along the northern edge of Upper Field by a series of smaller flowering trees, mainly of the prunus and malus families. The cost of these trees averages 14s. 0d. each, and one parent has had the happy idea of presenting two of them to the School. The Bursar will be glad to hear from any other friends of the School who would like to be associated with the new trees in this kind of way.

We congratulate Professor H. M. Last, a Governor of the School, upon his appointment as Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford, in succession to the late Dr. W. J. S. Stallybrass.

We record our thanks to Mr. R. A. R. Townsend, O.A., for the gift of several wall maps published by the National Geographical Magazine.

We congratulate all those awarded Rugby Football Colours. Details will be found in the review of the term's sport.

We are glad to note that not only the School House Reading Room but also the form-rooms are going gay with new pictures. Especial thanks are due to Mr. Duxbury for the trouble he is taking in framing and arranging them.

We are extremely pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Rudd back to this country after a somewhat adventurous return journey which culminated in a real old-fashioned shipwreck. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rudd are well, however, and Mr. Rudd has already paid us a visit.

We acknowledge with deep gratitude the gift in the Will of W. Benjamin Ball, O.A., who died 7th December, 1947, of £100; the interest of which is to go yearly for a prize to the scholar showing most aptitude in Science.

The functions attended by members of the School this term range from film shows to Rugby Football matches. The film shows included both educational films, and a series of 'Saturday evening entertainments.' We wish to record that these have been thoroughly appreciated and we hope that they will become a permanent feature of the Saturday evenings of the winter terms. The feature films shown were as follows:—3rd October—"The Overlanders"; 13th November—"Tawny Pipit"; 4th December—"Oh! Mr. Porter".

On the afternoon of 27th September a party of boys from the Sixth Form attended a conference of the Student Christian Movement at Magdalen College School, Oxford.

Other functions attended by members of the School have been: A special schools' matinée of the film version of "Hamlet" at the Super Cinema, Oxford on 5th October; a visit to H.M.S. Vernon, a Portsmouth shore establishment, on 7th October; a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" by the Choir of Trinity Methodist Church on 21st October; a lecture entitled "Rhythm and Phrasing" by Dr. Armstrong, of Christ Church, organised by the Abingdon and District Musical Society, on 23rd November; a performance of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" by the Abingdon and District Musical Society augmented by a choir from St. Helen's School on 8th December; a lecture organised by the 'Friends of Abingdon' and given by Graham Hutton entitled "The Mediaeval and Modern Town" on 10th December; a performance of Henry IV, Part II, given by Newbury Grammar School Dramatic Society at Newbury, on 16th December.

A small number of Sixth Formers attended a function of a less usual type on 10th December, when they visited the Quarter Sessions held by the Recorder, Mr. S. R. Benson (who is ex-officio a Governor of the School).

In honour of the birth of H.R.H. Prince Charles of Edinburgh a half holiday was celebrated on Thursday, 18th November, and a large party was thereby enabled to attend the annual match between the University and Major Stanley's XV. Previously a smaller party had seen the match between the University and Cardiff on Tuesday, 2nd November.

Lecturers who have visited the school this term—apart from those introduced by School Societies—have been as follows. To them all we offer our warm thanks.

Oct. 15th—Mr. Pentland Hick, F.R.G.S., F.Z.S., on 'A Day at a Butterfly Farm'.

Nov. 12th—Mr. F. M. Butterfield (O.A.), on 'The Railways of Ireland'.

Dec. 10th—Mr. Viney, of the British Railway Executive, on 'Railway Wonders of Great Britain.'

Under the able guidance of Mr. Winkle and with the assistance of various members of the Staff as *dramatis personae*, a model debate was staged in Big School on Friday, 5th November. It is hoped that this will prepare the ground for the revival of a live and vigorous debating society.

The Rag Concert (reported elsewhere in this issue) was held in Big School on Wednesday, 15th December, and the Boarders' Christmas Supper followed on the last evening of term. We apologise to any of our neighbours who were disturbed by the Christmas games that ensued in the School House!

The following six boys passed the Oxford Higher School Certificate in July, 1948:—

H. D. Baecker in main subjects Physics and Chemistry, with Subsidiary French (good) and German (good).

J. A. Garner in main subjects French, History, English, with Subsidiary Latin.

D. J. Leach in main subjects Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (good), with subsidiary French (good) and Pure Mathematics.

J. P. Mortimore in Classics.

W. S. Ogden in main subjects Physics, Chemistry, Biology (good).

D. H. Wheaton in Classics.

In the Oxford School Certificate Examination 13 boys passed. Where the distinction was obtained the subject is put in brackets after the boy's name.

Allen, D. E. (Gen. Science, Art); Aplin, M. J.; Bateman, M. (Art); Berry, P. F. C.; Dance, D. F. (Gen. Science); Eeles, S. F.; Evans, J. B.; Free, D.; Klein, R.; Lucas, P. R. (Mathematics, Gen. Science); Reed, R. M. (Gen. Science); Richardson, P. C.; (Latin, Gen. Science); Willson, A. E. (Art).

ABINGDON SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The War Memorial Fund is climbing—by now a little painfully—towards the figure of £2000 at which we aimed. There follows a list of contributions promised or received since our last issue; the amounts listed represent in some cases the consolidated totals of subscriptions covenanted over a period of seven years. We are particularly grateful to those Old Boys who have doubly helped the School by sending us

articles of sports clothing to be disposed of for the benefit of the Fund. The Headmaster still holds a certain amount of this clothing which has not yet been sold, or has not yet passed through the accounts, and this will be acknowledged in later issues of the magazine. He will be glad to receive further offerings of the same kind, and especially school blazers, for which there is an incessant demand.

It is hoped to close the Appeal within the next year and we therefore ask all friends of the School who have not yet done so to give as generously as they can, and to give now, to the Fund. Contributions should be sent to the Bursar, from whom forms of covenant may be obtained. It is emphasised once again that every penny of the Fund will be needed to purchase the Field and (a far heavier item) to lay it out in a dignified and appropriate way.

Negotiations for the purchase of the field continue. Meanwhile, with the approval of the Governors and of the Old Boys, a memorial tablet is being prepared by Messrs. Mowbray of Oxford, which will be installed in the Chapel opposite the memorial of the First World War. While the general size and appearance of the two tablets will be similar, a somewhat more modern and more easily legible style of lettering and of incision has been adopted for the new tablet.

The tablet will be dedicated at a special service in the Chapel on the morning of Sunday 26th June, 1949 (the day after the O.A. Match and Dinner). The Rev. T. M. Layng, M.A., C.B.E., M.C., formerly Archdeacon of the East Riding, an Old Boy of the School and a nephew of a former headmaster, whose outstanding career as an Army Chaplain is well known to all of us, has very kindly agreed to perform the dedication; and we hope that Mr. Grundy will be able to take some part in the Service. Seats will be reserved in the first instance for relatives of the fallen who are commemorated on the tablet. Further details will be given in our next issue.

THIRD LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS

£	s.	d.	
19	3	4	Abingdon School Dramatic Society (Founder's Day Production.
14	14	0	T. G. Austin.
11	11	0	W. A. Rudd.
7	7	0	E. H. Blacknell, E. J. Cowles, J. A. D. Cox, F. R. J. Cox, J. C. Toogood, C. C. Woodley.
7	0	0	Chapel collections (11th and 12th December).
5	5	0	Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wood (in memory of Norman).
5	0	0	Mrs. E. Brakspear, P. J. Clayton, F. H. G. Taylor, R. B. Masterman Wood, P. S. Wilsdon.
3	6	8	S. Cullen, M. J. Cullen, C. S. Cullen.
3	3	0	T. E. Upton.
2	2	0	Miss R. Layng.
1	1	0	Miss A. C. Baker, A. W. Culley, T. D. Thomas.
1	0	0	H. J. Milligan, J. B. Rich.

Also clothing presented which sold for—

2	2	0	D. A. Culmer.
1	10	0	M. Chase, J. A. D. Cox.
	9	6	R. A. Langford.
	5	0	H. J. Clarke, Anon.

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

Christmas Term, 1948.

Head of the School—G. S. Strachan.

Head of School House—R. M. Reed.

School Prefects—

W. G. Olscher	M. A. C. Heavens
J. T. Cullen	B. H. Wiggins
J. L. Wyatt	M. H. Venables
H. D. Baecker	A. F. Bastin
M. D. Millichap	A. L. G. Milligan
D. M. Aldworth	

House Prefects—

Day Boy:

D. E. Allen
A. W. H. Riggott
P. C. Richardson
P. F. C. Berry
S. F. Eeles
A. E. Willson

Waste Court:

M. Bateman

School House:

R. F. Hamer
P. R. Lucas
H. B. Stevens
W. L. Wooldridge
D. Free

Larkhill:

R. Klein
D. R. G. Andrews

Captain of Football—J. T. Cullen.

Hon. Secretary of Football—R. M. Reed.

School Librarians—G. S. Strachan and M. H. Venables.

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FOUNDER'S DAY, 1949.

(Note by the Headmaster).

Last year the Founder's Day celebrations were an outstanding success, but the programme, as then arranged, had several disadvantages. To attempt to get so much into two days was exhausting to staff and to boys alike; Friday afternoon was perhaps the worst time of the week for many of our parents to get away; and the complete dislocation of the ordinary work of the School just before the examinations cannot have been good for our Certificate candidates.

The only solution would seem to be to separate Old Boys' Day from Founder's Day. With the agreement of the Governors and of the Committee of the O.A. Club, I therefore propose in 1949 to hold Founder's Day, with Service, Prize-giving, Garden Party and Play *on the last Saturday of the Summer Term (23rd July)*. Old Boys' Day, with the Cricket Match and the Dinner, will remain about its present date (25th June).

I realise we shall lose something by the change, but on balance I think it is well worth making the experiment. I hasten to add that Old Boys will be just as welcome on Founder's Day as they will on Old Boys' Day, and that we hope that that admirable body of men who are both Old Boys and "parents" will do their best to come down on both days!

J.M.C.

CHAPEL NOTES

This term separate Senior and Junior Chapel has been held on week-days. This system was introduced to relieve overcrowding in the Chapel, and it has worked surprisingly well. We are still able to squeeze the whole School into Chapel for great occasions.

In order to achieve greater co-ordination between the lesson, hymn and prayers of each day's service, a new system of lesson-reading was started at half-term. By this, each prefect is to read the lesson for a consecutive period.

Visiting preachers at Sunday Morning Service have been R. St. J. Pitts-Tucker, Esq. (Headmaster of Pocklington School), Wing-Comdr. Patrick Hamilton, Rev. E. Knapp-Fisher of Cuddesdon College, and R. S. Stanier, Esq. (Master of Magdalen College School, Oxford).

On Sunday, 3rd October, boarders attended the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St. Helen's Church (by kind invitation of Canon Liddiard).

Early in the term a welcome letter and parcel of coconuts were received from the Rev. R. Brown, the missionary priest of the Church of S. James, Nevis, B.W.I., with which our School is associated. The

coconuts were shared by boys from the Remove form downwards, and several letters of thanks have been sent to Mr. Brown.

Collections in Chapel have been made for S. James' Church, Nevis; the Imperial Cancer Research Fund; Earl Haig's Fund; the Dockland Settlement; the Warren Hospital Christmas Fund; Chapel Funds, and the Abingdon School War Memorial Fund.

On Advent Sunday, 28th November, a Confirmation service was held in the School Chapel at 3 p.m., at which the Bishop of Oxford confirmed forty-eight candidates, whose names are printed below.

A Carol service was held on the last Sunday evening of the term and is reported elsewhere in this issue.

We thank all those who have given their time, their care and their gifts to adorn the Chapel and its services.

Visiting preachers for the Lent Term will include, J. D. Hills, Esq., M.A., M.C., (Headmaster of Bradfield School) on 6th February, and E. R. Tucker, Esq., M.A., (Headmaster of the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe) on 27th February. May we remind all parents and Old Boys that a limited number of seats is reserved for them at the East of the Chapel. Morning Prayer on Sundays is at 10 a.m.

Confirmation Candidates:—P. B. H. Amey, R. F. Appleton, J. B. Archer, R. B. Atkinson, M. J. Austwick, R. G. Beere, J. M. C. Bishop, M. J. Brackley, A. D. Burton, D. R. Carter, P. J. Chamberlin, R. J. Cowles, E. G. A. Cox, N. S. C. Cox, P. J. Downer, D. R. Ellis, P. W. Fay, F. P. Field, P. H. Frearson, C. A. Full, M. C. Glassbrook, P. M. Glassbrook, M. J. C. Griffiths, P. Gurbutt, R. F. Hamer, G. E. Holford, J. W. Hullett, J. R. W. Ireland, W. R. Jackson, A. G. B. King, J. V. King, B. W. T. Leech, R. S. M. Millard, N. G. Nicholls, T. W. Packer, E. G. R. Peedell, C. W. Robbins, M. G. Ryman, C. E. Stopps, G. S. Strachan, A. J. Taylor, R. J. Taylor, D. L. Treacher, J. B. Walker, M. J. Wareham, J. Westall, A. E. Willson, A. C. Wright.

J. A. Penning, who was in quarantine on Advent Sunday, was subsequently Confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford at the Church of S. Michael, Summertown, Oxford, on 7th December.

A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND LESSONS

A festival of Carols and Lessons, which was attended by a large gathering of parents, friends of the School, and boys, was held in the School Chapel on the evening of Sunday, 12th December.

The prayers were led by the Chaplain and the carols were sung by the School Choir, assisted in part by the members of the congregation. One of the carols, entitled "The Fir Tree Carol", had been arranged

from the German by Mr. J. Y. Ingham. The service also included two anthems, one sung as a solo by Miss I. S. Peach, and the other by four trebles.

The nine lessons were read, in accordance with the usual custom, by representatives of the different branches of the School. A very young new boy, S. C. Woodley, read the difficult first lesson from Genesis with clear and simple dignity. The story of the Messiah in prophecy and of the birth of Christ was continued by senior boys, masters, a parent (Mr. Westall) and a Governor (Ald. A. M. Wilson-Green, M.A., J.P.); and the Headmaster read the final lesson.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1948.

We have had on the whole a successful season. At the beginning of term there was a dearth of talent, only six of last year's XV being available whilst there seemed little likelihood of promising material from lower down. Gloomy prophecies, however, were soon dispelled and much good courage, liveliness of play and keen team work have given us a record of which we can be fairly proud. This is the more remarkable since the XV remained an experimental side right up to the end—we never found the answer to our full-back problem and we never discovered a left wing three-quarter; in addition the incidence of injury was high throughout the term.

Generally speaking, our strongest feature has been our back play. Cullen at fly-half, Aldworth at right-centre, and Lucas at left-centre have been an aggressive and high scoring trio—and the XV has willy-nilly been built around them. The forwards with a few invaluable exceptions have been unfortunately very light, but their backing up and loose scrumming have been good. Throughout they have been ably led by Reed, the only forward left over from the previous season.

This term J. T. Cullen has been Captain of Rugger and R. M. Reed Secretary of Rugger, whilst R. Klein was at half-term elected to a temporary office as Fixture Secretary. During the season the following colours were awarded—

1st XV—J. T. Cullen, R. M. Reed, D. M. Aldworth, P. R. Lucas, W. G. Olscher.

2nd XV—M. Bateman, A. F. Bastin, K. A. Fathers, T. O. Inwood, R. Klein, A. Morgan, G. S. Strachan, M. H. Venables, B. H. Wiggins; W. L. Wooldridge, and J. L. Wyatt.

The final arrangement of the XV was as follows—Bateman: Wooldridge, Aldworth, Lucas, Bastin: Cullen, Klein: Wiggins, Morgan, Olscher: Reed, Strachan: Venables, Wyatt, Fathers.

Also played—Millichap, Beasley, Inwood, Andrews, Darroch.

1st XV CHARACTERS

J. T. CULLEN (Captain, Colours 1948). Stand-off half. A most enthusiastic and capable 'skipper', who has throughout set a magnificent example. He possesses a fine swerve, great determination, and a good pair of hands. His tackling is excellent and his kick useful. There is still an occasional tendency to go through mid-field instead of opening up the game.

R. M. REED (Hon. Sec., Colours 1948). Second row forward. A stalwart, dependable player, always an example of energy and competence to the scrum. A good place kick. He could perhaps use his voice more in scrum leading.

D. M. ALDWORTH (Colours 1948). Left centre. A vastly improved player who has scored some 65 points this season. Exceptionally fast, he has perfected the 'interception' and the cross-kick, and he takes a lot of stopping. His tackling is good and his place kicking at times excellent.

P. R. LUCAS (Colours 1948). Right centre. A clever and hard-running centre who is quick to make an opening, possesses a nice 'jink', and a most effective kick-ahead. Short place kicking good. Tackling good. He promises well for next season.

W. G. OLSCHER (Colours 1948). Front row forward. Although he only became a forward this year he has developed rapidly and well. Strong running and good tackling are his assets. He follows up well and works well in the line-out.

G. S. STRACHAN (2nd Colours 1948). Second row forward. Perhaps the most improved player in the side. His line-out work is good and he has been especially prominent in taking on from the line-out.

B. H. WIGGINS (2nd Colours 1948). Front row forward. A very good line-out forward who gets the ball back excellently. Good in the tight but not as yet sufficiently agile in the loose.

M. H. VENABLES (2nd Colours 1948). Wing forward. Although somewhat light, he has played effectively. His tackling and falling on the ball are excellent but he could be quicker.

J. L. WYATT (2nd Colours 1948). Lock forward. A strong and determined player who takes a lot of stopping. He has much promise and with experience should do well.

K. A. FATHERS (2nd Colours 1948). Wing forward. A very fast and competent player. He backs up well and is a good place-kicker.

A. MORGAN (2nd Colours 1948). Hooker. He has hooked very well and in spite of being small has proved a good loose forward.

R. KLEIN (2nd Colours 1948). Scrum half. A useful and able half-back who has developed well. He gives a good pass, has a neat kick and can 'go on his own.' He could be still quicker however.

A. F. BASTIN (2nd Colours 1948). Right wing. He has speed and a useful kick which he could use more effectively by cross-kicking instead of kicking for touch. Tackling needs practice.

M. BATEMAN (2nd Colours 1948). Full back. He has shown ability in varying positions on the field. At full back his chief asset is fearless tackling. He possesses a swerve and in time could make a centre.

W. L. WOOLDRIDGE (2nd Colours 1948). Left wing. A late-comer to the side, he is really too slow for a wing, but he has a lot of rugger sense and tackles well. He could be a good centre.

M. D. MILLICHAP (2nd Colours 1947). Full back and three-quarter back. He has not maintained his promise of last season. Before he can become a 'three' he needs much practice, whereas he could be a good full-back without much effort.

1st XV MATCHES

v. D. O. WILLIS' XV. (H). Won 8—3.

The School backs were much faster and their forwards good against a heavier side. Cullen scored a fine individual try, which Lucas converted. Later in the game Lucas scored as the result of a nice movement.

v. SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL. (A). Won 22—19.

Tackling was bad in this game at Oxford, and there was plenty of scoring by both sides. The Southfield pack was superior and the School lost most of the tight scrums and line-outs. When they got the ball, however the School backs were irresistible. Tries were scored by Aldworth (3), Cullen (2) and Olscher. Lucas converted twice.

v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL. (H). Lost 3—21.

The School scored first through Aldworth, and managed to hold their opponents well for the first half, the score at half-time being 3—6. In the second half the School pack, outweighed and very weary, gave too much ground and M.C.S. won comfortably.

v. ABINGDON R.F.C. (A). Lost 0—9.

This game, played in a downpour of rain, became a struggle between the heavy Town pack and the School pack, reinforced by two of the Staff. Good tackling on the part of the School kept the score down.

v. ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL 2nd XV. (H). Won 28—3.

The School played well against a heavier but less active side. The scrum showed great improvement and were well led by Reed, but the speed of our backs won the day. Tries were scored by Aldworth (4), Cullen (2), Millichap (2); Lucas and Aldworth converting one of these each.

v. NEWBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. (H). Won 13—11.

The School won a fine, hard game by two goals and a try to two tries and a goal. Lucas and Aldworth were outstanding in the attack, the latter undoubtedly winning the game in the last few minutes by an interception which gave him a try somewhat against the run of the play. Tries came from Lucas and Aldworth (2); Lucas converting two of them.

v. OXFORD R.F.C. COLTS. (H). Won 64—0.

This proved to be an easy victory by eight goals and eight tries to nil. Tries came from Cullen (5), Aldworth (4), Fathers (4), Bastin (2) and Lucas.

v. HENLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. (A). Lost 3—6.

A small pitch undoubtedly cramped the School backs, and we lost a good game, Henley winning by a drop goal and a penalty goal to a try. The School try came from Fathers, who followed a cross kick by Aldworth.

v. STOWE SCHOOL 2nd XV. (A). Lost 3—27.

Once again the School pack found themselves against a heavier and superior scrum. This was so in both tight and loose, and our backs consequently saw little of the ball, our only score coming early in the game from an interception by Aldworth. It was, however, a most enjoyable game.

v. RADLEY COLLEGE 2nd XV. (A). Won 21—9.

An enjoyable match, closer than the score suggests. The forwards were fairly evenly matched, but the School backs were much faster, a fact that told its tale in the second half. Tries were scored by Aldworth (3), Cullen, and Olscher, three being converted.

v. ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, High Wycombe (A). Lost 6—34.

This was a good game. Aldworth opened the scoring after a kick ahead by Lucas, but Wycombe were soon on top. Half-time score was 3—18. In the second half, although Cullen scored a fine individual try, the School could find no effective answer to Woodward, the opposing centre.

v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL. (H). Lost 0—8.

The School were off form for this match and allowed the C.O.S. scrum to dictate the pace of the game. Losing the tight scrums and the line-outs, the School saw little of the ball, although passing was erratic when they did have it.

v. OLD ABINGDONIANS. (H). Lost 11—19.

The O.A.s produced a much fitter side than in recent years, and the School were largely outplayed in the first half. Injuries deprived the Old Boys of Sims and Jackson, however, and the second half saw a gallant effort on the part of the School to win what became a very keen struggle. Eventually the O.A.s won by 2 goals, 1 penalty goal and 2 tries to 2 goals and a try. School tries came from Aldworth (2) and Olscher, Reed converting two, whilst O.A.s tries were scored by Hayter (2), King and E. H. Aldworth. Cherrill converted two tries and kicked a penalty goal for the O.A.s

HOUSE MATCHES.

The re-arrangement of the School (this term) into four new Houses did not result in any falling off in enthusiasm in the rugger House matches. The Senior matches resulted in a victory for Teasdale House who thereby gained the Lin Cup.

Results were—

Blacknall v. Bennett 3—0

Reeves v. Teasdale 3—36

Teasdale v. Blacknall (Final) 36—0

The Junior matches were played with great zest and the decisions in all cases were much closer. Teasdale House gained the Robinson Cup.

Results were—

Blacknall v. Bennett 0—3

Reeves v. Teasdale 3—9

Teasdale v. Bennett (Final) 3—0

2nd XV.

We have not had a good team this season although several individuals have been quite outstanding. Andrews, Millichap and Darroch have played for the 1st XV on a number of occasions, and Wooldridge, beginning life as 2nd XV Captain, ended up in the 1st XV. Bateman, too, has fluctuated between 1st and 2nd XV's. In general, there has been a great lack of spirit and a serious tendency towards half-hearted-

ness in the side, and this it to be regretted, especially in view of the expanded fixture list. Results—

- v. Pangbourne Nautical College 'Under 16' XV. (H). Lost 3—14.
- v. Radley College 3rd XV. (A). Lost 0—42.
- v. Magdalen College School. (A). Lost 0—50.
- v. Southfield School. (H). Won 18—0.
- v. City of Oxford School. (A). Lost 0—20.
- v. Magdalen College School, Brackley. (A). Lost 0—17.
- v. St. Edward's School 3rd XV. (H). Lost 3—31.
- v. Stowe School 3rd XV. (H). Lost 0—18.
- v. R.G.S. High Wycombe. (H). Lost 0—22.

3rd XV

The 3rd XV have had varying fortunes, but in general their youth and lack of size have been serious handicaps. Hamer proved himself a good captain, and the full back, Lucas, F. C., is a footballer of much promise. Results—

- v. City of Oxford School. (A). Won 13—0.
- v. Radley College 4th XV. (H). Lost 0—54.
- v. Southfield School. (H). Won 8—6.
- v. Radley College 4th XV. (A). Lost 3—37.

'Under 15' XV

It is encouraging to note that this season the Colts have produced good football, and, although still very small in size, they have had plenty of dash and enthusiasm. The backs have been good in attack, but sometimes woefully bad in defence and tackling remains the most serious defect. The forwards, though good, have not with a few exceptions shown a liking for hard work all the time, and many of them have been guilty of such sins as not backing up.

The team was as follows—Archer, Glassbrook P. M., Glassbrook M. C., Stopps (Capt.), Millard R. S. M., Whiteford, Ireland, Beere; Winter, Crockford G. W., Emerton, Inwood, Hullett, Leech B. W. T.

Also played—Crockford A. F. R., Cowles R. J.

Results—

- v. Magdalen College School. (A). Won 17—0.
- v. City of Oxford School. (H). Won 9—0.
- v. St. Edward's School. (A). Lost 6—29.
- v. Southfield School. (H). Lost 6—17.
- v. M.C.S., Brackley. (H). Won 14—6.
- v. R.G.S., High Wycombe. (A). Lost 0—16.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY

Great enthusiasm attended the re-introduction of cross-country running in the Michaelmas Term. No attempt was made to revive the old pre-war steeplechase, but, with the help of Mr. Tudor, a new course was found in the Drayton direction. On this course, Senior and Junior House competitions took place on Tuesday, 14 December, when despite very bad ground conditions and heavy rainfall much good running was seen. In each competition, the method of scoring was the same—the first twenty runners home gaining points as follows:—1st—20 pts., 2nd—19 pts., 3rd—18 pts., etc. The Senior course was approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles and the Junior $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length.

Details of the House competitions were as follows—

Senior: Reeves 72 pts.; Teasdale 55 pts.; Blacknall 53 pts.; Bennett 31 pts.

Junior: Blacknall 81 pts.; Reeves 56 pts.; Teasdale 46 pts.; Bennett 28 pts.

The over-all winner proved to be Blacknall House with 134 pts. against Reeves House with 128 pts.

Those gaining points in the Senior Race were:—

Allen D. E., R. (22 mins. 28 secs); Heavens D. J., Be.; Cullen J. T., T.; Bateman, Bl.; Reed, R.; Draisey, R.; Beasley, Bl.; Fathers, T.; Hobday, R.; Strachan, Bl.; Walker J. B., Bl.; Austwick M. J., R.; Andrews, T.; Treacher, Be.; Brown D. P., T.; Free, T.; Wooldridge, T.; Riggott, Be., Venables, Be.; Hamer, T. and Grant R. D., Bl.

Those gaining points in the Junior Race were—

Glassbrook M. C., Bl. (13 mins. 56 secs.); Glassbrook P. M., Bl.; Winter, Bl.; Sale, R.; Allen R. W., R.; Carter D. R., R.; Full, Bl.; Cullen D., Be.; Burton, T.; Stopps, T.; Allsworth, T.; Frearson, T.; Whiteford, Bl.; Ellis, Be.; Islip, Be.; Parker D. R. C., R.; Amey, Bl.; Gurbutt, T.; Banwell R. J., R.; Bloor, T.; and Brown C. G., R.

We are extremely grateful to Miss Cullen and to Mr. Hedges for so readily allowing us the unrestricted use of the land which they respectively own and farm.

LAWN TENNIS

Summer, 1948, produced a new and welcome enthusiasm for lawn tennis. The School Courts were not yet ready for play, but the Abingdon L.T.C. most kindly offered the use of two of their courts in the Park in the afternoons. Full advantage was taken of this and by the end of the term a number of promising players had emerged, the strongest pairs being 1st M. H. Venables and J. T. Cullen, 2nd R. M. Reed and B. G. Budden, 3rd M. J. Aplin and J. P. Mortimore. It was felt that the time was appropriate to start playing matches, but unfortunately Budden and Mortimore had to drop out owing to early call-up.

Two matches were arranged for the end of term, both played on the Park Courts. The first match, played in the evening, against an Abingdon L.T.C. 'A' VI, produced a very exciting draw, after which we were most warmly welcomed in the Pavillion and partook of some excellent light refreshment. The second match, against the Staff, showed that age and experience were at least the master for 2 sets. Both matches had to be limited to two short sets. Results were—

v. ABINGDON L.T.C. 'A'. Wed. Evening, 21st July. Drew 4½—4½.

J. T. Cullen and M. H. Venables lost to R. Skipper and M. Cullen 3—6, 4—6; won against B. Challenor and G. J. Atwood 6—5, 6—2; drew with D. Hayter and P. Sims 6—4, 5—6.

H. M. Gray and M. J. Aplin lost 2—6, 2—6; drew 6—3, 5—6; won 6—5, 6—4.

R. M. Reed and R. F. Hamer lost 3—6, 0—6; drew 4—6, 6—3; won 6—5, 6—4.

v. THE STAFF. Friday Afternoon, 23rd July. Lost 2½—6½.

The School were represented by (1) M. H. Venables and J. T. Cullen, (2) R. M. Reed and M. J. Aplin, (3) D. M. Aldworth and D. J. Leach. The Staff by (1) J. B. E. Alston and C. E. T. Moore, (2) H. M. Gray and Mrs. H. M. Gray, (3) R. Mortimer partnered first with L. Griffin and then with J. Y. Ingham.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete — Left 27th July, 1948.

Upper Sixth Form—

D. H. Wheaton (Classical) (iii, 38), Left 21st July. School Prefect 1946; Captain of the School 1948; O.S.C. 1944; H.S.C. 1946, 1947, 1948; Bennett Scholarship; State Scholarship 1947; Open Exhibition in Classics, St. John's College, Oxford, 1948; 2nd XV 1947; 2nd Hockey XI 1948; Athletic Team 1948; J.T.C., Sgt.; Cert. 'A' 1946; First Class Shot; Shooting VIII 1946-48; School Librarian; Editor of 'Abingdonian'; Hon. Sec. G.G.C. 1947-48; Chapel Committee 1947-48; Chairman Turnor Society; Joint Club Committee; Roysse Society.

W. S. Ogden (Science) (iii, 40). School Prefect 1946; Head of School House 1947; Captain of School, July, 1948; O.S.C. 1945; H.S.C. 1948; 1st IV 1947-48; Colours 1947; Captain of Boats 1948; 1st XV 1947; 2nd Colours 1947; Half Athletic Colours 1947; J.T.C. Sgt.; Cert. 'A' 1946; 1st Class Shot; Shooting VIII 1947-48; Roysse Society.

B. G. Budden (Modern) (iii, 42). School Prefect 1947; O.S.C. 1946; 1st Cricket XI 1945-48; Colours 1947; 1st XV 1947; 2nd Colours 1946; 1st Hockey XI 1947-48; Half colours 1948; Athletic Team

1948; Colours 1947; J.T.C. Cpl.; Cert. 'A' 1946; Cert. 'B' (Artillery) 1947; First Class Shot; Shooting VII 1948; Hons. Sec. All Games 1946-47; Hon. Sec. Cricket 1948.

R. A. Clay (Modern) (ii, 43). School Prefect 1948; O.S.C. 1946; Army Entrance Exam 1948; 2nd IV 1948; 2nd Colours 1948; 3rd XV 1946-47; J.T.C. C.Q.M.S.; Cert 'A' 1946; Cert. 'B' (Artillery) 1947; Shooting VIII 1947-48.

J. A. Garner (Modern) (iii, 41), Left 21st July. School Prefect 1947; O.S.C. 1946; H.S.C. 1948; Pembroke Scholarship 1948; 1st XV 1946-47; Colours 1946; Athletics Team 1948; Colours 1947; 2nd Cricket XI 1946; J.T.C. Sgt., Cert. 'A' 1946; Cert. 'B' 1947; Cert. 'T' 1947; First Class Shot; Shooting VIII 1946-48; Roysse Society; Holiday Club Committee.

T. W. J. Jordan (Science) (iii, 40). School Prefect 1947; O.S.C. 1946; 2nd IV 1946 and 1948; 1st IV 1947; 2nd Colours 1946; 1st XV 1947; 2nd Colours 1947; Athletics Team 1948; Colours 1946; J.T.C. Sgt.; Cert. 'A' 1945; Cert. 'B' 1947; First Class Shot.

D. J. Leach, i (Science) (ii, 38) Left 21st July. School Prefect 1946; O.S.C. 1944; H.S.C. 1946, 47, 48; Bennett Scholarship; 2nd XV 1946-47; 2nd Colours 1947; 2nd Cricket XI 1947-48; 2nd Hockey XI 1948; Tennis VI 1948; Hon. Sec. Athletics; Roysse Society; Hon. Sec. Holiday Club.

L. H. McNaughton (Science) (iii, 42). School Prefect 1946; O.S.C. 1945; 1st XI Hockey 1948; Half Colours 1948; 1st Cricket XI 1948; 2nd XV 1945-47; J.T.C. Cpl.; Cert. 'A'; Cert 'B' (Artillery); Shooting VIII 1947-48; Hon. Sec. Chess 1947-48; Chess Team 1948.

J. P. Mortimore (Classics) (i, 38), Left 21st July. School Prefect 1946; O.S.C. 1943; H.S.C. 1946, 47, 48; 1st Hockey XI 1948; Half Colours 1948; 2nd XV 1947; Athletics Team 1948; 2nd Cricket XI 1948; Hon. Sec. Hockey 1947-48; Hon. Sec. Roysse Society; School Librarian; Chess Team 1948; Joint Club Committee 1948.

K. J. Weston (Science) (iii, 41), Left 21st July. School Prefect 1946; O.S.C. 1945; 1st XI Cricket 1945-48; Colours 1945; Captain of Cricket 1946-48; 1st XI Hockey 1945-48; Colours 1946; Captain of Hockey 1948; 1st XV 1945-47; Colours 1946; Athletics' Colours 1945; Captain of Athletics 1947-48; J.T.C. C.S.M.; Cert. 'A' 1945

Lower Sixth Form—

A. H. Cherrill (Modern) (iii, 42), Left 26th June. School Prefect 1948; O.S.C. 1947; 1st XV 1946-47 Colours 1947; 1st XI Hockey 1948; Half Colours 1948; 1st XI Cricket 1948; Athletics Team 1948; Athletics Colours 1948; J.T.C. Cpl.; Cert. 'A' 1947; First Class Shot; Shooting VIII 1947-48; Holiday Club Committee.

Form 5—

M. J. Aplin (ii, 44). School Prefect 1948; O.S.C. 1948; 1st XI Cricket 1946-48; Colours 1948; 1st XI Hockey 1948; Colours 1948; 2nd XV 1947; 1st Tennis VI 1948; J.T.C. Cpl., Cert. 'A'; Cert. 'B'; 1st Class Shot; Vice-President Photographic Society; Hon. Sec. and Treas. Chess Club; Hon. Sec. Debating Society; Turnor Society Committee; Joint Club Committee.

J. A. Beary (iii, 39). Sub-Prefect 1947; 3rd XV 1946.

D. F. Dance (iii, 44). O.S.C. 1948; 3rd XV 1948.

J. B. Evans (iii, 43). O.S.C. 1948; 3rd IV 1948; 2nd XV 1947; 'Under 15' XI 1947; J.T.C.; Cert. 'A', Pt. I, 1947.

H. N. Isaac (ii, 44). 'Under 15' XI 1947.

R. B. Langford (iii, 39). J.T.C.; Cert. 'A', Pt. I, 1947.

Form 4B—

C. B. Carter (iii, 43).

P. W. Jamieson (iii, 44).

G. A. J. Terpstra (iii, 46). 'Under 15' XV 1948.

Form Remove A—

J. C. Ivatts (iii, 44).

Form Remove B—

W. F. Cullum (iii, 43). J.T.C.

R. E. Dodd (iii, 46).

Form 3A—

M. V. S. Mann (i, 47).

Form 1—

D. N. P. Cullum (iii, 44).

Salvete — Came 17th September, 1948.

Form 5A—J. Furby (25th October).

Form 5B—J. Furby (25th October).

Remove—R. F. Appleton, J. A. M. Brakspear, M. J. Morris, C. W. Robbins, H. A. Wilson.

Form 4B—N. S. C. Cox.

Form 3A—J. M. Pulsford.

Form 3B—D. C. W. Lewis, M. J. Ralfe.

Form 2A—D. E. Aldworth, W. J. M. Barker, B. C. Breakspear, G. E. G. Brown, R. D. Gammack, B. K. Hill, F. Jeal, I. L. McLoughlin, H. E. Midwinter, R. E. J. Packer, J. T. Page, B. M. Roberts (came 4th October), G. R. H. Slack, P. Thompson, T. M. Trowell, R. P. Warren, S. C. Woodley, J. T. Young.

Form 2B—W. H. Ashworth, R. J. H. Davis, B. V. Gerring, M. J. J. Hilton, B. James, S. Linnegar, D. P. C. Parker, I. J. Parsons, B. H. E. Roberts, D. C. Shaw, P. J. Simmonds, K. J. M. Taylor, K. W. Viney, T. A. W. Walker.

Preparatory Form—P. D. Exon, R. J. H. Haskins, J. Hasthorpe, N. R. Kearsey, T. I. Mundy, R. J. Paige, D. H. Roberts, J. A. T. Saywell, R. C. Spring, B. E. Stacey, G. F. Wastie, B. Westbrook.

GENERAL GAMES COMMITTEE

The General Games Committee held no less than five meetings during the Michaelmas Term and made a number of important decisions. The proposals for a change in the athletic house system were put into practice and the four new houses are now in existence. Old Boys may be interested to know that the new houses are as follows—Bennett (gold)—Mr. Parker; Blacknall (blue)—Mr. Alston; Reeves (red)—Mr. Willis; Teasdale (green)—Mr. Duxbury.

One of the more important decisions was to revive the cross-country races, which are now to be run annually in the Michaelmas term.

The first races were run on 14th December, 1948. They are more fully reported above.

It is hoped that arrangements will be made to provide facilities for basket ball in the School, although this will not be allowed to interfere with major sports.

G.S.S.

C.C.F. NOTES

At the beginning of term our manpower position was, like that of the Territorial Army, depressing; only 5 N.C.O.s remained, all of them comparatively new to non-commissioned rank. The shortage of cadet-instructors was accompanied by an increase in the number of cadets, from 88 to 106. It will be appreciated, therefore, that serious training problems have arisen. These we claim to have tackled with no small measure of success: at the end of term, 21 boys out of 23 passed Cert. 'A', Part I, and 11 out of 13 passed Part II. For this success we owe a considerable debt of gratitude to the Officer Commanding 4th Batta. Oxford & Bucks L.I. (T.A.), who has very kindly provided two instructors regularly each week. In addition Mr. Mortimer has continued to give expert and invaluable assistance with the shooting. With this

regular help and an occasional lecture from outside, we have pulled through—though the numbers in some of the Junior Squads have been larger than we care to see. We now hope to have in the summer—when the newly starred Cert. 'A' holders have been put through the mill in a N.C.O.s' Cadre—a fair number of competent Junior Leaders.

Some of the leaders we shall be losing, of course, to the R.N. Section, which, under the command of Sub-Lt. L. C. J. Griffin will be getting under way next term. It will not, indeed, be waterborne at the outset, as we understand it will be some little time before the promised whaler can be delivered; but there will be much to keep its members busy. In October, a party of 30 of us visited H.M.S. Vernon at Portsmouth, where we had a look, from close-to, at several elements of the Home Fleet and at a number of its weapons. In mid-term we were looking forward to a visit from the Deputy Comdr. Salisbury Plain District, but this, unhappily, had to be postponed owing to bad weather. A full term's work was rounded off by a lecture on 'Combined Operations', from the Headmaster. Mr. Cobban gave us, from his inside knowledge, a capital picture of what was involved in preparing for the major opposed landings of the war.

At the beginning of term, the following appointments and promotions were made: C.S.M.—J. T. Cullen, C.Q.M.S.—M. A. C. Heavens, Sgt.—W. G. Olscher, Cpl.—R. M. Reed, L/Cpl.—A. L. G. Milligan.

The following completed Cert. 'A' this term—Andrews D. R. G.; Draisey J. S.; Hamer R. F.; Heavens D. J.; Juggins I.; King A. G. B.; Lucas P. R.; Noyce B. J.; Rabson D.; Riggott A. W. H.; Wooldridge W. L.

Congratulations to P. R. Sims (1946), on his being commissioned in the Regular Army; and to R. A. Clay (1948), on his success in getting through the difficult Sandhurst 'W.O.S.B.'

J.T.C. CAMP AT BOURLEY, NEAR ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

(27th July to 3rd August, 1948)

Forty-three Cadets went to camp this year, under the command of Lt. C. E. T. Moore, assisted by C.S.M. R. H. Coleman. Cadet N.C.O.s were Sgt. J. T. Cullen, Cpl. M. A. C. Heavens and L/Cpl. A. L. G. Milligan.

The contingent was larger, in proportion to the numbers in our corps, than that of most schools at camp—probably larger than any. It was exactly half our numbers, which was a great deal better than the year before. Chief credit for attendance goes to the small boys, but the N.C.O.s had to work very hard to make soldiers of them. Their efforts were most effective, to judge by the improved smartness, punctuality and stamina in the latter half of camp.

It was a good camp. The weather was very hot until the Sunday, and then cloudy and rainy. The first day severely tested the endurance of our platoon who were not used to trudging over sand and broken heath in almost tropical conditions. By the end of the second day they knew they could take it, though there were unkind thoughts about their officer keeping them on training longer than the other schools. There were realistic demonstrations of fire power, tanks acting tactically, and even a flame-thrower in action in a lively company attack with strong armoured support.

After dismissal from training at 3 p.m. each day, and a hot meal, the day was free; but far from empty, for there was a wide choice of demonstrations, training and entertainment films, guard mounting competition, the Guard of Honour for the King, artillery firing blank shells, Radar, and tent displays of models and specimens to introduce the cadet to various specialised branches of the Army. There was almost too much to see.

It was unfortunate that we were too young a platoon to be able to compete in the Guard Competition, but those who were selected (by the camp R.S.M.) to be in the King's Guard of Honour were remarkably smart in turn-out and drill. These were: Sgt. Cullen, Cadets Draisey, Field, Inwood and Pickford. They were drilled mercilessly by the senior R.S.M. of the British Army, so that when H.M. the King arrived (11 a.m., 3rd August), he was saluted by 120 cadets out of all the contingents who mastered their arms-drill and marched past like guardsmen.

His Majesty saw the rest of the cadets on training before lunching with the Officers in camp, after which he addressed all cadets of the J.T.C. and A.C.F. (of Hants.), before departing about 3 p.m.

His Majesty's visit was of course the highlight of the camp; but even apart from this it would have been a memorable week for all of us. Perhaps the best way of expressing what we felt about it is by quoting the actual words of some of the cadets. The few comments that follow are culled (without the authors' permission) from a composite letter written from camp, before the King's visit, to One Who Stayed At Home.

The Fire Eater—I liked night ops best because it seemed like real war. We were not observed and finally we were one of the only patrols to get through.

The Highwayman—The Guard Mounting was amazingly interesting when one stepped forward and challenged the men and boys alike.

Billy Bunter ?—I have had very good fun and I like the food very much. The training is good and I have learnt a lot—but I wish the mosquitoes didn't like me so much. I have enjoyed being section commander.

Once Bitten—On night ops three of us trod into a wasps' nest and were stung fairly badly.

Man About Town—There are plenty of entertainments, concerts, exhibitions (R.E.M.E., R.E., R.A., etc.), training and entertainment films and the NAAFI is well frequented.

Foot-conscious—The roads, if one can call them such, are very dusty and marching on them is no easy task. A few concrete roads would not be out of place. The NAAFI was a blessing, and the exhibitions very interesting.

Theme-song—"I am coming again next year."

C.E.T.M.

List of Cadets who went to Camp—Amey P. H. B.; Archer J. B.; Austwick M. J.; Bartlett F. E.; Bateman M.; Brackley M. J.; Candy M. A.; Carter C. B.; Chamberlin P. J.; Cowles R. J.; Cullen J. T., Sgt.; Cullen D.; Cullum W. F.; Draisey J. S.; Eustace A. G.; Field F. P.; Frearson P. H.; Glassbrook P. M.; Glassbrook M. C.; Grant M. M.; Heavens M. A. C., Cpl.; Heavens D. J.; Inwood T. O.; Ireland J. R. W.; Juggins I.; King A. G. B.; Leach H. R.; Lucas P. R.; Millard R. S. M.; Milligan A. L. G., L/Cpl.; Morgan A.; Noyce B. J.; O'Brien P. M.; Penn M. R.; Pickford I. M.; Rabson D.; Ridout D. W. H.; Riggott A. W. H.; Stevens H. B.; Walker J. B.; Westall J.; Wiggins C. S.; Wooldridge W. L.

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

Several new members were elected at the beginning of term. On 14th October the Society enjoyed a symposium from general literature at which the readers, all new-comers, were Mr. G. Tudor, W. G. Olscher, J. T. Cullen and M. A. C. Heavens.

On 10th November, Mr. G. F. Duxbury gave us some views entitled 'In Defence of Leisure'. The Society concurred heartily in commendation of leisure but doubted whether Mr. Duxbury's own methods of enjoying it were practicable for ordinary mortals.

On 30th November the Society heard views on 'Changes in our Daily Life' from H. D. Baecker (Transport and Communications), R. F. Hamer (Sports and Pastimes), and M. A. C. Heavens (Church Attendance). The subsequent discussion was lively and, as usual, the Society's school of red herrings was well to the fore.

Throughout the term we have been indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Cobban for their hospitality.

H.D.B.

TURNOR SOCIETY

President—The Headmaster. Chairman—M. A. C. Heavens.
 Hon. Sec.—P. C. Richardson. Hon. Treas.—Mr. D. O. Willis.
 Committee—J. T. Cullen, R. F. Hamer and R. M. Reed.

We had three meetings in all, and curiously enough the first two were lectures on the West Indies. The first, given by Mr. L. A. Gobin, M.A., was on the West Indies generally, and the talk was both interesting and amusing. Mr. Gobin himself was a native of Trinidad and answered many questions on his home country.

The second was given by Mr. Griffin on "Trinidad". His lecture was accompanied by photographs, shown on the epdiascope, which he had taken in the West Indies during his service in the Royal Navy.

The last meeting consisted of three films. The first was "Houses in History", describing the various well-known types of houses from early times to the present day. The second film, a cartoon, showed the problems of town and country planning. The third film, "British Criminal Justice", dealt with legal procedure in court ranging from a petty offence to murder. Thus with the happy assurance that crime does not pay, we finished the last meeting, and closed the term's proceedings.

P.C.R.

PLAY-READING SOCIETY

President—The Headmaster. Chairman—R. M. Reed.
 Hon. Treas.—Mr. R. G. Mortimer. Hon. Sec.—M. D. Millichap.

The first reading this term was of A. A. Milne's play, "The Dover Road". The second play was that drama of dramas, "Rope" by Patrick Hamilton. The third, and last, reading was of "The Farmer's Wife" by Eden Philpotts. In this, the Headmaster read the part of Miss Tapper, whilst Mr. Mortimer provided some amusement by his rendering of the part of Churdles Ash.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Lockhart-Smith for letting us use the Sanatorium for the readings, and for providing the very welcome tea which unfailingly arrived after each reading.

M.D.M.

JOINT CLUB

The meetings last term were all too few in number, two only, but both were enjoyed very much.

At the first meeting held at St. Helen's, Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man" was read, and this was followed by dancing. It was with

great reluctance that at 9 o'clock we left the hospitable atmosphere of St. Helen's.

The second meeting was at home in the School Library. It took the form of a "Quiz", the questions being chosen by the Committee consisting of G. S. Strachan, R. F. Hamer, J. T. Cullen and R. M. Reed. The questions were not all easy, and some good answers were given. The evening closed with a piano recital by Mr. F. W. Burgess.

It was with much chagrin that we heard of the cancellation of the Social on 9th December. However, it will take place next term instead, providing the school has not developed some other foul disease akin to measles.

We must thank St. Helen's again for their hospitality.

R.F.H.

The Joint Club would like to express its sincere appreciation of the generous donation received from an anonymous well-wisher. The Roysse Rooms were engaged for the Social on 29th January primarily because of their association with the School and not entirely through lack of funds, but the opportunity to use the Large Council Chamber afforded by the useful gift of four pounds is most welcome and arrangements to carry out the donor's wishes have been made.

HOLIDAY CLUB

President—The Headmaster.

Chairman—Mr. J. Y. Ingham.

Hon. Sec.—M. A. C. Heavens.

Hon. Treas.—D. M. Aldworth.

Sports Sec.—M. H. Venables.

Committee—D. E. Allen, A. W. H. Riggott and B. H. Wiggins.

The Club arranged a large programme of sporting activities for the summer holidays, but the weather prevented the whole of it being fulfilled. Thanks are due to both A. W. H. Riggott who arranged the tennis and D. M. Aldworth who, in the absence of M. H. Venables, organised the cricket.

As a result of the cricket matches the Club retained the Brooks Challenge Cup which it has held since it was instituted. On Monday 16th August, we defeated the Abingdon Sea Cadets by 75 to 27 (D. M. Aldworth 32, B. Walker 5 wkts. for 2 runs), and on Saturday, 11th September, we defeated the Dry Sandford Youth Club by 59 to 26 (D. M. Aldworth 32, I. J. Pickford 5 wkts. for 17 runs). Both matches were played on the School Ground.

Two tennis matches were played, the first against the M. G. Social and Athletic Club and the second against the Methodist Youth Club. The M. G. Team won the former by 2 matches to 1, and the Club the latter by 2 matches to 1.

Two more matches had been arranged but had to be cancelled owing to the inclement weather.

M.A.C.H.

SCOUT NOTES

This has been a quiet term for the Troop. We welcomed four new members in the early part of the term, two of whom were old Scouts. Only one Scout has been invested during the term, but we hope to see those who have not passed 'tenderfoot' do so next term.

Field Day, at the beginning of the term, again found us at Youlbury, this time with bicycles, and we had a good day,

L.C.G.

THE CUB PACK

Sixers—Turck P. R., and Dady.

We welcome many new boys into the Pack this term. Our activities, besides the passing of tests, have been tracking, treasure-hunting, with clues in morse and semaphore, and other games. We were once visited by the District Cubmaster, accompanied by the Cubmaster of the local Pack.

F.W.B.

MINOR SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

The Aviation Club has not held many meetings during the Michaelmas Term. This has been mainly due to the weather. There has, however, been a certain amount of activity—stunt control lining made its appeal and several models were built, although they did not prove to be unqualified successes. One interesting model was a well-built, Amco powered flying wing. The Club are hoping for better flying weather next term.

The Photographic Society held one meeting, at which a film show was given by one of its members. This film was a silent version of "The Count of Monte Cristo" and was much appreciated.

LIBRARY NOTES

We first express sincere thanks to benefactors for books presented last term—to Mrs. F. L. Banfield for a most varied and interesting collection of some sixty books; to Mark Hedger, O.A., for a volume on Bridging Operations from Normandy to the Elbe, with many of which he was personally concerned; to Lord Kemsley for two reprints on Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain; and to B.O.A.C. for copies of Speedbird. Among numerous books purchased are *Chaucer and the 15th Century* (H. S. Bennett); *Thomas Hardy's Wessex Scene* (Clive Holland); *Shakespeare and his Predecessors* (F. S. Boas); *Aristotle's Politics* (Barker); *World of Industry* (Young); *Chaucer* (G. K. Chesterton); *English Cottages and Farms* (Warren), and many additions to the Art and English Classics sections.

The appearance and comfort of the Library have been much improved by the provision of new chairs throughout, while two additional bookcases have solved the problem of overcrowding—for the moment. There is, therefore, no excuse now for borrowers failing to replace books on their proper shelves. Please Note.

Now that the supply of books is rather easier we feel that we may again actively encourage the presentation of a book, or books, by boys who are leaving the School, and for this purpose we are having a special book-plate printed. We hope that there will be as ready and regular response as before the war.

SPORTS PHOTOS

The photos of School teams and crews, dating from 1890, have now been collected into albums kept in the Library. Considering the number involved the gaps are surprisingly few, but we should be deeply grateful to any Old Boys who could send to the Librarian any of the missing groups listed below—

Cricket—1930, 1932, 1940.

Soccer—1893, 1905, 1914.

Athletics—1925, 1927, 1928, 1931, 1932, 1939.

Rowing—1911, 1913, 1917, 1929, 1931.

Rugger—1941.

The Librarian (Mr. G. F. Duxbury) is also collecting material for a School Scrapbook, and any interesting photos or other documents, ancient or modern, would be most gratefully received by him.

THE RAG CONCERT

Last term's Rag Concert reached a higher standard than in previous years and, although the programme was an unusually long one, the time sped swiftly away.

The evening started with two sketches; the first, played by members of Hall Dormitory was entitled "Who's body?", enacted in the eerie setting of a country Inn; the part of the publican was acted convincingly by Bloor.

"Art and Craft" was the title of the second short play which was very creditably acted by five Waste Court boys.

The programme continued with "The VIB Warblers" giving us some expressively sung nigger-minstrel melodies, and members of the Preparatory form acting an amusing sketch called "No longer a baby!" where the "infant's" gesticulations amused everybody.

Green lights were directed on to the stage for the next play which was entitled "The Wealthy Ghost" and was written by Atkinson (Remove), who also acted in it; the theme was a happy blending of Hamlet and Dick Barton and produced roars of horrible laughter from the audience! The first part of the programme was ended with Miss Peach singing "Come Little Leaves", with Mr. Ingham on the piano, and by "The Ghost's Mistake" where the way to transform oneself into a spirit was admirably portrayed by Lloyd.

The show was resumed with forms III and IV bringing back all the horrors of the dental waiting-room when they played "Toothache". The acting of Hall, Banfield and Millard ii, was very natural.

"Macnamara's Vth Form Band" now entertained us with some lively songs, and this was followed by B. H. Wiggins and M. A. C. Heavens simulating the Berkshire scene with gusto.

A Dartmoor play entitled "The Unexpected", acted by the Lodge, was followed by Messrs. Ingham, Burgess and Alston singing on their relative preferences for tall wives, short wives and no wives at all.

After another short interval the "The VIB Warblers" again appeared on the stage with some songs, old and new, and we all joined in the chorus of "A feudin', a fussin', an' a fightin'!!"

The last was that old favourite "Box and Cox" admirably acted by J. T. Cullen, R. F. Hamer and R. M. Reed. The Victorian atmosphere was well reproduced and the play was often excruciatingly funny but, as all good things must, the show came to an end at 9.50 p.m.

The stage was excellently constructed and back stage jobs were smoothly operated. We must thank all those producers, electricians, stage-hands and make-up artists who, though they did not appear in the spotlight, really made the show possible; and above all Mr. Ingham, whose guiding hand was felt behind the whole production.

OXFORD LETTER

Dear Sir,

Following the publication of two successive issue of the 'Abingdonian' without the customary Oxford Letter, your correspondent feels that it is incumbent upon him to remove any suspicion that this feature is to lapse permanently. And since the number of O.A.s now in residence at Oxford has reached double figures, the regular appearance of the Letter in future editions should be assured.

Pembroke College alone has seven Old Abingdonians on its list, three of them answering to the name of Hedger.

Peter, the eldest of the three, took Finals this term, and we wish him the very best of luck.

Rupert, who was last term elected President of the J.C.R., has upheld this office with dignity and efficiency and in addition he also coached the College long-distance Eight. Work too formed a part of his curriculum.

Mark, who is now in his second year, has become an ardent supporter of the College Boat Club, and took a very active part in Robinson Fours.

Of the other 'Pemmy' Abingdonians, T. W. Green is taking life in great earnest and working very industriously. J. T. Moore was observed running in Inter-College Cross-Country 'Cuppers' and on one occasion for the University Second C.C. Team. P. M. King came up this term and is reading History; he has also played for the College Rugger Team. D. E. P. Jones, now in his fourth year, still shrouds his movements with the air of mystery which emanated from him when he, a medicine-man, first broke the long Abingdonian tradition of Humane Studies.

E. S. N. Hazel who is at St. Catherine's is rather an unknown factor, but as he reads medicine too, it is quite easily explained.

G. Hill is firmly established in St. Peter's Hall; no longer an exile in Corpus as he was during the war. He continues his Law studies and also finds time for College Rugger.

Another Rugger enthusiast, who came up this term is A. J. Betterton. The first of the Milne-Watson scholars at Balliol, he is reading chemistry (or is it physics?)

As so many of my predecessors have concluded in Latin (legal) I feel I should conform to pattern; but I do not read law so I find myself rather limited. However 'Pro hoc cibo' brings to my mind supper.

And so I remain Sir,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Dear Sir,

I am happy to be able to inform you that the O.A. Club at Cambridge is enjoying quite prosperous times. Early in the late term a meeting was held round a tea-table, at which 60 per cent. of members were able to be present—the other two being unavoidably absent. A record of the assembly was not made, but all appeared to enjoy the reminiscent conversation, which centered of course round the School.

In a frank and detailed description of his new work the medico of the party, W. S. Ogden (Jesus) allowed no considerations to mar his

narrative. The impression given was that most of his time is employed in cutting up dead bodies, and so realistic was the account that your correspondent had most unpleasant dreams on many consecutive nights.

In lighter vein Peter McLeod (Christ's) sketched briefly his Service career, and it was realised how well-merited is the reputation of the R.A.F. for enterprise. Few who knew Mac at School will be surprised at this choice of subject; being so well fitted by nature for the business world, he is supplementing his natural aptitude by reading Economics.

The third member of this tea-time triumvirate was T. W. Smith (Downing) who claims that he finds his work is interfering unduly with his rowing. The results of both show such ample room for improvement that a rumour, whose source has been traced to the College Buttery, that a third distraction is claiming many of his evenings, is possibly not without foundation.

Although the other two O.A.s, Frank Hesten (Trinity) and J. A. Rose, have been seen occasionally flitting silently in and out of cake queues, further comment will be postponed to our next letter, by which time our investigations will enable us to lay bare their most treasured secrets.

Wishing yourself and your readers a highly successful New Year, I have the honour to remain, Mr. Editor,

Your Cambridge Correspondent.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

BOSLEY—On 29th August, 1948, to Joan, wife of Geoffrey A. H. Bosley (1932), a son (Julian Paul Holmes).

CARR—On 15th August, 1948, at St. Francis' Nursing Home, Leicester, to Peggy, wife of Noel Carr (1922), a sister for Martin, (Meryl Brenda).

DAVIDGE—On 8th August, 1948, to Mary, wife of C. R. Davidge (1923) a second daughter.

FABES—On 7th November, 1948, to Sadie (née Hanniffy) wife of S. A. Fabes (1928), a son (John Philip).

GRIFFIN—On 19th August, 1948, at The Radcliffe Maternity Home, to Diana, wife of L. C. J. Griffin (Staff), a daughter (Margaret Elizabeth).

STONE—On 13th October, 1948, to the wife of Charles V. Stone (1942), a daughter (Monica Julie).

WIMBERLEY—On 11th December, 1948, at Louth, to Pauline, wife of Sqdn./Ldr. P. A. Wimberley (1936), a brother for Richard, (Alastair Michael).

MARRIAGES

CARTER—GRIFFITHS. On 11th September, 1948, Philip Carter (1941) to Stella Griffiths.

LANE—GODDARD. On 15th November, 1947, at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, W.1. Sidney M. B. Lane (1939) to Doreen Margaret Goddard.

LESSER—SMITH. On 20th November, 1948, Richard H. S. Lesser (1944) to Doreen Smith.

TAYLOR—DOSSOR On 20th October, 1948, at St. Michael's Church, Chiswick, James Laurence Taylor (1943) to Valentine Janet Dossor.

DEATHS

BURLEY. On 14th August, 1948, at Didcot, David Curtis Burley (1943) aged 23.

DEACON. On 23rd August, 1948, in Reading Hospital, the Rev. Gerard Stuart Deacon, (1902), Vicar of Worminghall, Nr. Thame.

MORLAND. On 11th December, 1948, suddenly, at Sheepstead House, Marcham, Philip Hough Morland (1892) aged 75.

David Burley, whose death occurred in tragic circumstances at Didcot, was a boarder at the School from 1939 to 1943. Though prevented by health from taking part in games he was a boy of many interests and hobbies. After leaving, he served in the Royal Engineers in France, Holland and Germany, and when he was demobbed in 1946 he obtained a post at the R.A.O.C. Depot, Didcot.

G. S. Deacon was in School House from 1893 till 1902, and like his elder brother, Philip, who died in Mombasa in 1918, he distinguished himself as a cricketer and soccer player, being Captain of Football in his last two years. Later he went to King's College, London, and was ordained in 1907. After holding curacies at Windsor, 1915; Swallowfield, Reading, 1918; and Blaydon, Woodstock, 1924; he was appointed Vicar of Worminghall in 1930.

It is with great regret that we have to report the sudden death of Philip Morland so soon after that of his brother, J. H. E. He was at School in the years 1884—92, was Captain of Football in 1891, and also represented the school at rowing and cricket. He went up to St. John's College, Oxford in 1893 and thereafter for some time held a post at a school in Holland, and in 1903 was appointed Vice-Consul

at the Hague. In 1906 he went to Canada, and on the outbreak of World War I he joined up and served overseas with the Canadian Army. After the war he returned to Canada for a short time, but came home in the early 20's to look after the Sheepstead Estate, where he had since lived with his brother.

We have had the pleasure on several occasions recently of renewing links with the not so distant past. T. P. R. Layng (1913) and his sister Miss Rachel Layng paid a visit to the School where their father was Headmaster for 20 years before retiring to live at Clifton. Peter Layng is still a master at Cambridge County School where he has been since 1924. The son of an earlier Headmaster has also come back to Berkshire to live in retirement at Moulsoford. He is the Rev H. E. Summers, and he has the distinction of being the first 'new boy' to be born in the School in its new buildings in the Park, though he was, of course too young to join the school before his father resigned in 1883.

Another visitor was F. H. Eddrupp, a boarder of the early 80s who is now living with his daughter at West Drayton, Middx.; and to continue the process of retrogression, the School has lately come into possession of an article on Abingdon, illustrated by the author, Louis Davis, taken from the 'English Illustrated Magazine' of 1889. Louis Davis was at the School with his brothers Arthur and Oliver between 1870 and 1875, and later established a reputation as an artist, one of his pictures being purchased by the National Gallery.

'Triolets and Epigrams' by O. J. Couldrey (1901) has gone into its second edition.

A message of congratulation was sent, by the O.A. Secretary, to N. V. H. Riches (1900) former Captain of Glamorgan, on the success of his Club in winning the County Championship. In his reply Riches wished the School and its cricket well and hoped he might be able to pay a visit before long.

After a long silence, news has been received of A. J. Turnham (1934) now Major, R.A., and at present in the last year of a three-year attachment at Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. As he has spent only a few months in this country since 1938 he is looking forward to a more lengthy stay when he returns from U.S.A., and we hope to see something of him then.

A letter from Pat Mosdell (1931) brought the interesting news that David Brown (1935) is not only engaged on the same kind of job but actually living next door to him. Whether the distance is to be measured in yards or miles he does not say, but as their postal address is Livingstone the meeting must have been momentous. Mosdell is still an enthusiastic oarsman, in fact President of the Zambesi Boat Club, which boasts a regatta course that would make Henley look like a trout stream.

C. C. Woodley (1924) has returned from the West to become an English Tutor at Culham College, while his Son has joined the ever-swelling ranks of sons of O.A.s at the School.

L. A. G. Hendley (1938) is now in Eritrea, where he has a post with Barclay's Bank in Asmara.

P. R. Sims (1946) passed out of Sandhurst in the very creditable position of 57th. He has since been commissioned in the R.A.C. and is stationed at Bovington. R. A. Clay (1948) having successfully negotiated all the obstacles, is due to enter Sandhurst in January.

S. M. B. Lane (1939) whose marriage we announce somewhat belatedly, is now a 1st Officer in B.O.A.C. He operates in flying boats to 'Africa, Australia and the Far East, and is now living near his base at Southampton.

Peter Aldiss (1946) embellished with very nautical whiskers, paid a visit some time back, having just completed several trips to Odessa, loading wheat. Another mariner, J. B. Evans (1948) is making his first trip with the New Zealand Line in the New Year.

We must congratulate the O.A. Rugger team on the well-deserved victory over the School only marred by a nasty injury to R. F. Jackson (1939) necessitating hospital treatment. However, we were glad to see him at the end of term looking none the worse for it.

Rodney Deval (1945) is now demobbed and studying chemistry at the Northern Polytechnic.

A. B. Beadle (1947) has successfully taken the last of a long series of exams and is a fully fledged Radar Fitter. We now learn that he has actually been posted to Abingdon.

R. S. Barnes (1944) is not, as stated in our last issue, going up to Oxford, but instead hopes to leave shortly with his father to join his married sister in Kenya.

E. R. Absalom (1946) seems to be enjoying the Navy, and has been playing hockey and rugger for his flotilla.

We have some news of last year's Prefects. David Wheaton, having completed his training with the Grenadier Guards at Paderborn, has now been posted, with one stripe, to the Wiltshires at Krefeld. J. A. Garner in the Intelligence Corps, has been at the S.M.I., Maresfield Park, where J. Cowling (1943) is a Sgt. Instructor. J. P. Mortimore, A.C.1., has been moved to Newton, Notts., where he is in the Postal Section but hopes to be 'posted' further south in the New Year.

B. N. Margrave (1947) is now working at Martins Bank Ltd. in London.

We should like to draw the attention of O.A.s to the appeal for Sports groups and other photos, issued under Library Notes.

O. A. CLUB NOTES

The War Memorial, and Method of Election of New Members were the main items of the O.A. Committee Meeting held on 4th December.

The Committee viewed a template of the Memorial Tablet which is to be placed in the School Chapel. The Tablet is to be similar in size and design, and placed opposite the 1914-18 War Tablet. The names of the fallen will be in alphabetical order, without rank but with regiment.

It will be unveiled and dedicated on Sunday, 26th June.

Regarding the election of members to the Club, it was decided that in future applicants' names should go before J. M. Cobban, W. Bevir, J. B. E. Alston, G. F. Duxbury, and the Secretary prior to election.

The Annual Club Dance held at the Council Chambers on the evening of the 4th December, was attended by about 110 members and partners. And to quote no better saying, "A good time was had by all."

Any Club Member wishing to participate in the Hockey Match, Rowing or Sports versus the School, please inform E. Aldworth, 38 Bostock Road, Abingdon, as soon as possible.

The following new members are added to the list—

- APLIN M. J., 7/48, 7 Frognal, Hampstead, N.W.3.
- BEADLE A. B., 7/47, 65 Swinburne Road, Abingdon.
- BEARY J. A., 7/48, Framptons, East Hendred, Berks.
- CHERRILL A. H., 5/48, 28 Bowyer Road, Abingdon.
- CROASDELL A. C., 3/25, The Abbey House, Abingdon.
- CULLEN C. S., 7/47, 14 Park Crescent, Abingdon.
- JAMIESON I. J. M., 7/46, 127 Radley Road, Abingdon.
- LEE M. J., 7/43, The Beehive, Stert Street, Abingdon.
- WIGGINS A. E., 7/19, 39 Ock Street, Abingdon.
- WIGGINS H. C., 7/16, Cheriton, Radley Road, Abingdon.
- WIGGINS N. P., 3/25, 39 Ock Street, Abingdon.
- WIGGINS W. F., 7/ 34, 39 Ock Street, Abingdon.

Changes of Address—

- Carter P., 2 Blacklands Drive, Hayes End, Hayes, Middlesex.
- Cole F. M., R.R.I. Smithville, Ontario, Canada.
- Davidge C. R., P.O. Box 617, Singapore.
- Hendley L. A. G., c/o Barclay's Bank Ltd., (D.C.&O.) Asmara, Eritrea.
- Hesten F., 172 London Road, Whitley, Coventry.

Hughes Rev. H., 30 Gravel Hill, Ludlow, Salop.
 Lesser R. H. S., 46 Telford Avenue, London S. W. 2.
 Lloyd L. A., 306 Kensington Close, London W.8.
 Lane S. M. B., 47 Whitworth Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton.
 Randle J. S., 79 Southfield Road, Hinckley, Leics.
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 Taylor J. L., Thatch Cottage, Amsbury Road, Hunton, Nr. Maidstone.
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Any items of news relating to O.A.s will be gladly received by G. F. Duxbury, Abingdon School, Berks.