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APRIL, 1952

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CALENDAR, SUMMER TERM, 1952

May

- Sat. 3 School Sports.
Sat. 10 1st XI v. City of Oxford School (a).
Wed. 14 1st XI v. Berkshire Gentlemen (11.30 a.m.) (h).
Sat. 17 1st XI v. Royal Grammar Sch., High Wycombe (h).
Wed. 21 1st XI v. St. Edward's 2nd XI (a)
Sat. 24 1st XI v. Abingdon C.C. (h).
Sat. 24 1st IV v. Prince Henry's School, Evesham (a).
Tues. 27 Field Day, C.C.F. and Scouts.
Wed. 28 1st XI v. Oratory School (h).
Fri. 30—Tues., 3 June Half Term.

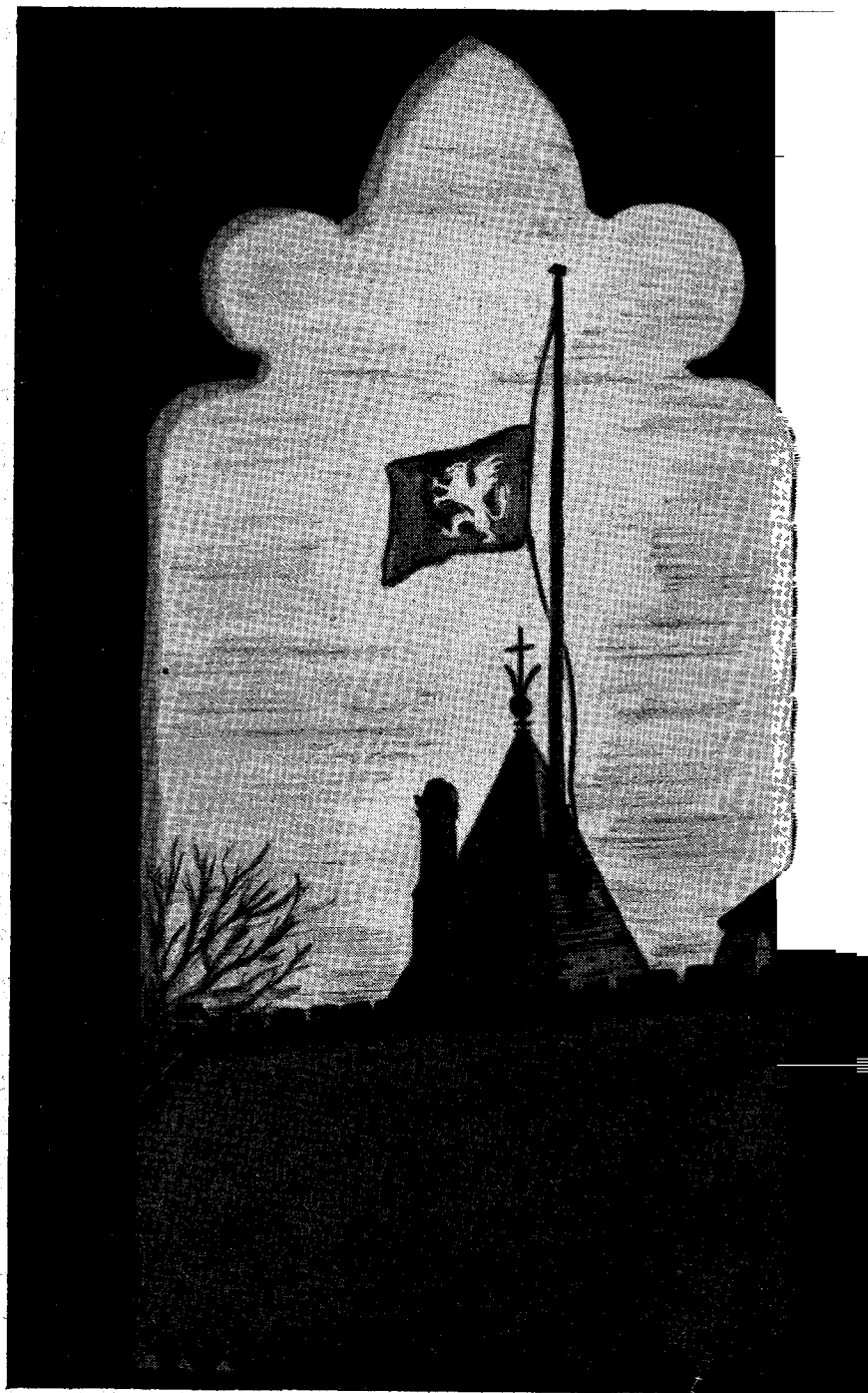
June

- Wed. 11 1st XI v. Reading School (a).
Wed. 11 1st IV v. Reading School (h).
Sat. 14 1st XI v. Old Abingdonians (11.30 a.m.) (h).
Sat. 14 1st IV v. Old Abingdonians (h).
Sat. 21 1st IV at Marlow Regatta.
Sat. 28 1st XI v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a).
Sat. 28 1st IV v. Wallingford Rowing Club (h).

July

- Sat. 5 1st XI v. A Parents' XI (h).
Wed. 9 1st XI v. A Staff XI (h).
Wed. 16 1st XI v. Dr. J. H. Fisher's XI (h).
Fri. 18 Annual Inspection of C.C.F.
Sat. 19 1st XI v. Magdalen College School, Oxford (a).
Wed. 23 Swimming Sports.
Sat. 26 Founder's Day.
Tues. 29 Term ends 10.15 a.m.

Michaelmas Term begins 9 a.m. on Friday. 19th September. (Boarders return on Monday, 18th September).



FEBRUARY 6th, 1952

EDITORIAL

'In the sight of the unwise they seem to die and their departure is taken for misery and their going from us is to be utter destruction: but they are at peace.'

These words, from the Wisdom of Solomon, are of great comfort whenever a death occurs in our families. They became of national comfort on the occasion of the death of George VI. Then, the nation was united in its sense of bereavement and in its sympathy for the members of the Royal Family. In every corner of his Kingdoms petty quarrels and political strife were forgotten, and each citizen who had observed the piety and devotion which were so characterised in the King's life felt a personal loss. Few sovereigns have so justly deserved to be remembered as 'of blessed and glorious memory'.

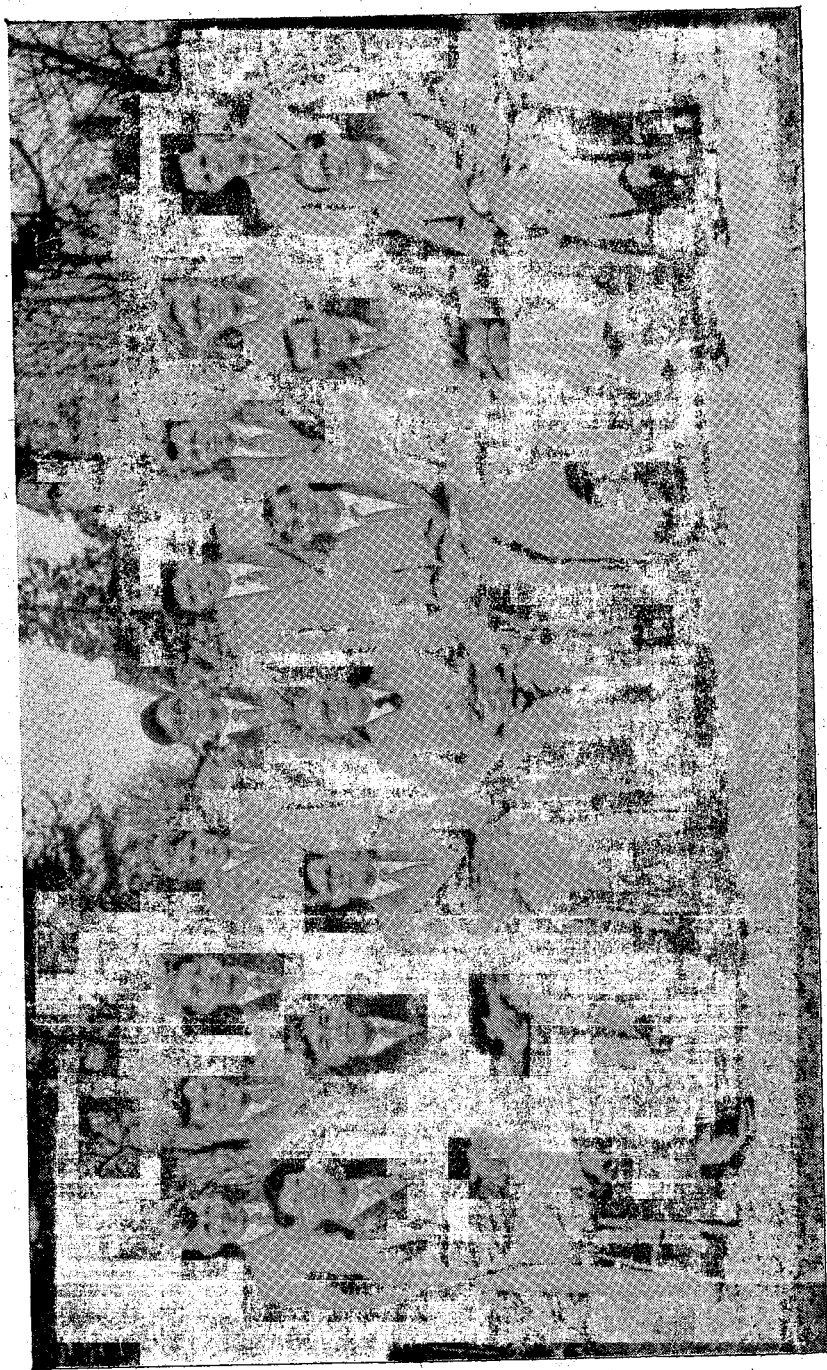
In Abingdon, as in the rest of the country, mourning was interrupted on the day of the Proclamation. Just as the country and Commonwealth had been united in grief, so now they were one in declaring their allegiance to the new sovereign. It is surely the wish of all men of good will that this unity of thought and emotion may always exist in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Comparisons have been drawn between the new reign and the reign of Elizabeth I. We may indeed hope that the reign of Queen Elizabeth II may be as prosperous, satisfying and glorious as that of her namesake, not only for the country but for the School as well. It was four years after the accession of Queen Elizabeth I that John Roysse re-endowed the School. We hope that some equally momentous occasion in the life of the School may take place during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Our respect for the late King, our allegiance to his daughter, our hopes for the country and the School may be expressed by another verse from the Wisdom of Solomon,

'They that put their trust in the Lord shall understand the truth and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him, for grace and mercy is to his servants and he hath care for his elect.'

SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1952



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: N. A. C. Darnock, F. G. Peardell, S. R. Mills, N. I. Shurrock

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A. G. B. King (Head of School House)

J. Westall (Head of Day Boys)

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N. A. C. Darroch (S)	M. J. Brackley (W)
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HOUSE PREFECTS

School House

P. B. H. Amey	C. A. Full
J. B. Archer	J. W. Hullett
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D. L. Banfield	D. R. Ellis

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J. Norman	P. C. Madley
B. A. Whiteford	P. J. Emerton
J. C. Ivatts	P. S. G. Stevens
P. J. Downer	A. D. Burton
G. N. Nicholls	

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Captain of Boats—R. S. M. Millard

Secretary of Boats—H. R. Leach

Captain of Athletics—N. A. C. Darroch

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Secretary of Minor Games—N. A. C. Darroch

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SCHOOL NOTES

The School joined with the Town in mourning the death of a great and good sovereign and in acclaiming his successor. The whole School attended the proclamation of Queen Elizabeth the Second in the Market Place on 8th February, where the National Anthem was played by our military band; and we were strongly represented at the Civic Memorial Service on the morning of the Funeral, 15th February.

Our own service of commemoration of King George the Sixth and thanksgiving for his life was held in Chapel on the afternoon of the same day and was timed to begin with the Two Minutes' Silence. The lesson, from the third chapter of the Book of Wisdom, was read by Mr. Ingham, and the Headmaster gave a short address. The congregation included Masters, Senior School, and members of the domestic staff; and we are particularly grateful to the Mayor of Abingdon, who attended to represent both the Governing Body and the Corporation of Abingdon, as also to the Vicar of Abingdon, who gave the Blessing. At the same time the Chaplain conducted a similar service for Junior School in the Music Room.

The School appreciated very much the imaginative gesture of Sir Ralph Glyn who invited the Headmaster and three representatives of the boys to attend, in his company, the Lying-in-State in Westminster Hall. A. G. B. King and J. Westall represented Boarders and Day-boys respectively, and R. E. J. Packer from Middle School completed the party.

The School offers its very respectful sympathy to the Chairman of the Governing Body on the loss he has suffered through the death of Mrs. Clifton Brown. The Headmaster and the Bursar represented the School at the funeral.

The School has so long been linked with the name of Morland that Mr. Lake's resignation of the office of Managing Director of Messrs. Morland is a matter of interest to us all. He will however remain as Chairman of the Company and we hope that he will long continue to be a Governor of the School.

To Amurath an Amurath succeeds. Mr. Stow, the new Managing Director of the firm, is also a Governor of the School, and to him we extend our felicitations.

We congratulate Messrs. W. M. Grundy and J. L. West (O.A.) on their unopposed return as the representatives of Abingdon on the Berkshire County Council.

We have learnt with pleasure that Mr. Mullard has agreed to accept an invitation to continue as Mayor of Abingdon, and therefore as a Governor of the School, for another year.

On the eve of his departure for Australia Sir Ben Lockspeiser found time to send us a photograph of himself which now hangs in the entrance hall of the Science Block. A very kind thought, for which we are grateful.

We congratulate Mr. Hugh Fowler on his recent marriage to Miss Nash and we hope that he and Mrs. Fowler will have many years of happiness before them.

We welcome Miss Adams as Assistant Matron at Waste Court: and we are grateful to Miss Tristram who at very short notice stepped into the breach at School House when Miss Kinder went down with mumps. Apart from a small number of cases of mumps (of which this was the most distinguished) the health of the school has been extremely good throughout the term.

During the Lent term we have entertained, and been entertained by, no less than five students in training, Messrs. R. J. Brimacombe (a Bristol scientist, now at Culham), L. J. Barr (Mathematics), J. F. Hetherington (English), R. E. F. James (French) (all of Oxford), and C. N. Rattee (a classicist from Cambridge). To all of them we offer our very good wishes and particularly to Mr. Rattee who created a precedent by being our first Resident Student, and who very quickly identified himself with the School.

We are very grateful to Mr. Fiori (*alias* Major Fiori, M.C., R.E.) who spent a considerable part of the Christmas holidays, helped by Mr. Willis (an ex-gunner major) and an Old Boy, Colin Stopps, in making an accurate survey of all the School grounds.

We congratulate Mr. P. W. Martin, who was a master here during the early years of the war, on his appointment as Headmaster of Chipping Norton Grammar School, which will we hope enable him to renew his links with us.

We are grateful to Dr. Cornog, one of our recent American visitors, who has sent us a copy of the *Handbook* of the Central High School of Philadelphia. We hear that Mr. Fels, who visited the School with him, was able to get into touch with Colonel Van Wagenen on his return to America and give him a first-hand picture of Abingdon.

We offer our sincere thanks to an anonymous parent who has sent a cheque for two guineas, in thankoffering for the life of the late King, which is being held for some really appropriate purpose.

We should also like to thank Wing-Commander John Viney, to whose good offices we owe the return to School of five athletic trophies originally awarded some fifty years ago. These will be re-engraved and used as challenge trophies for individual events.

The final chapter of the Affair of the Royssie Archway was provided by a letter in the North Berks Herald, signed by Mr. Longland and the Headmaster, thanking all those who contributed to the success of the appeal. To quote from this letter— "It is gratifying that it (the preservation of the Archway) should be the happy result of a 'combined operation' on the part of the Corporation, the *Friends of Abingdon*, the School, and a broad cross-section of the community. There can't be much wrong with a town where Local Government is prepared to co-operate with Private Enterprise in this way". Definitely a story with a happy ending.

The activities of the Tuckshop continue to increase, and the new ice-cream remains a best-seller even in the winter months. We are grateful to those members of the Management Committee who are completing the internal decoration of the Tuckshop over the Easter holidays.

For the sake of historical record, we should note that the weather this term was unusually mild and sunny until the final weekend when a dramatic and unexpected return to stark winter conditions led to the postponement of the Athletic Sports. These will be held (if winter has finally departed) on the first Saturday of the Summer Term, 3rd May.

The number of boys in the School at the beginning of the Lent Term was 358 (Day-boys 224, School House 81, Waste Court 34, Larkhill 19).

Our warmest congratulations to D. Free, who has been awarded an Open Scholarship (in Classics) to Reading University, and to S. R. Mills on his election to the Abingdon Scholarship (in Mathematics) at Pembroke College, Oxford. We are informed that his performance reached Open Exhibition Standard, and to mark this achievement the School was granted a 'half half-holiday' on 10th March. A half-holiday is to be awarded in the Summer Term to mark D. Free's achievement, which represents our first Open Scholarship at our own regional university.

Congratulations also to B. W. T. Leech on being selected to play in the English Public School Boys' final trial at Cheltenham on 15th March, and to N. A. C. Darroch who featured as 'a well-known local boxer' at Radley on 24th March.

At the Schools' Championship Meeting of the London Athletic Club, held at the White City on Saturday, 19th April, A. G. B. King came 3rd in the Discus and N. A. C. Darroch 7th in the weight. These performances are the more noteworthy in that each event attracted some 60 competitors.

Mr. Hugh Lyon, of the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau, talked to senior members of the School on 6th February. After his talk he gave interviews to those who wished to discuss their careers with him.

On 8th February, the Fourth Forms heard Count Ulrik Duurloo, formerly an active member of the Danish Resistance Movement, talk about life in Denmark.

The choir went to the Sheldonian Theatre on 10th February, to hear the Oxford Bach Choir sing Brahms' Requiem. This was a most able performance, remarkably appropriate at such a time of national mourning.

The next day we had another visitor, Miss Lindsay, the Schools Secretary of the Conference of Missionary Societies, who talked to the Sixth Form, and then attended Fourth General's Divinity period.

The Boarders' Concert, on 27th March, was even more of a success than in previous years. The four playlets:—'Students on Holiday', written by Simmonds, 'The Oak Settle', 'Elegant Edward', and 'The Monkey's Paw'—were all well produced; the Brass Band, with 'Scipio', 'Belphegor', 'Mello' and 'Let the hills resound' was on the top of its form, as too was Mr. Burgess in his piano solo. Perhaps the best entertainment of the evening was provided by the Choir who sang a round, 'Drei Könige', and a scene from 'Trial by Jury'.

A Parents' Evening, for the parents of boys in the Sixth and Fifth Forms, was held on 13th March.

The Ruri-decanal Conference for the Deanery of Abingdon was held in the Pembroke Room on 3rd April.

We are grateful to the following lecturers, who featured in the Saturday evening entertainments:

26th Jan.—Mr. Frank Lowe: "A Bird Watcher's Tales".

9th Feb.—Mr. R. St. B. Baker: "Wonder Trees of the World".

8th March—Sir Ronald Storrs, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., LL.D.: "Lawrence of Arabia: the Man".

To mark his visit Mr. Baker presented an apple tree, a Bramley seedling, to the School, which has since been planted in the orchard in Lacies Court.

Films shown during the term were:

19th Jan.—"They met in the Dark".

16th Feb.—"Here comes the Sun".

1st March—"Trouble Brewing" (this was the first occasion on which the new School Projector was used).

A print of the painting known as "The Lock", by John Constable (1776—1837) is now hanging in the Pembroke Room. It was purchased with the money obtained by the sale of salvage collected last year.

The photographs in this issue are reproduced by courtesy of H. J. Milligan, Photographer, Abingdon. The frontispiece is a reproduction of a pen and ink drawing by Richard Millard.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following Schools (to 22nd April, 1952):—

Aldenham School; Chigwell School; City of Oxford School; Henley Grammar School; Magdalen College School, Brackley; Magdalen College School, Oxford; Newbury Grammar School; Oratory School; Oundle School; Reading School; St. Edward's School; Windsor County School, and also from the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

THE SCHOOL PROPERTY

The development of the School property continues. The 'cleaning' of the War Memorial Field—a necessary preliminary to the sowing—will take rather longer than we thought, and we shall probably not be able to sow the grass seed until the autumn. Work has now begun on the erection of the new Day-boys' Changing Room. Consequential alterations to the existing Boarders' Changing Room may be held up by the present restrictions on educational building, but we shall push on as and when we can.

At the present moment all the new trees and shrubs are hesitantly burgeoning. A preliminary check revealed only two casualties—a shrub in Lower Field and (possibly) a fruit-tree in Lacies Court. But that was before the great Spring Freeze-Up . . . Now we are looking forward to the arrival of the *Metasequoia* whose biography appears on another page.

This is perhaps the occasion to acknowledge publicly how much the School is indebted to Mr. Talbot for the invaluable help he has given in the selection, arrangement, and planting of the new trees. *Si monumentum requiris, circumspice*—preferably in about ten years' time. We are indeed grateful to him.

Internally, the main work of decoration during the Easter holidays is the repainting of the Bennett Room in contrasting shades of apple green; in addition, the Heylyn Room at Lacies Court is being distempered by direct labour (thank you, Shurrock and Mills!), and the stone stairway from Big School to Common Room is being partly refaced. Not before time, either, in view of the growing roll of accidents caused by the worn steps.

Lastly, there is now reason to think that we may be able to enter into occupation of No. 21 Park Crescent, rather earlier than we expected. Then will come the formidable task of adapting and equipping it for school purposes. So there is plenty of hard thinking and careful planning ahead of us.

J.M.C.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Founder's Day this year will be celebrated on Saturday, 26th July. The provisional programme will be as follows:

- 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Helen's Church, Abingdon. Address by the Rev. J. C. Vaughan Wilkes, M.A., Warden of Radley College.
- 2.30 p.m. Distribution of Prizes in the Corn Exchange.
- 4.30 p.m. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban will be At Home at the School House to Parents, Old Boys and friends of the School.
- 5.30 p.m. The School (including the Gardens and Ground floor of Lacies Court) will be open for inspection: and there will be displays of various school activities.
- 7.30 p.m. A programme of 'Speeches and Music' in the Corn Exchange; of which the main feature will be a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta 'Trial by Jury'.

On Sunday, 27th July, the Chaplain will preach at Morning Service in the School Chapel (10 a.m.); and the Headmaster will preach at 6.30 p.m. at the Annual School Service in St. Nicolas' Church.

Invitations to Founder's Day will be sent to all parents and to friends of the School: but *Old Boys* are asked to regard this note as a personal invitation. Any *Old Boy* who would like to attend the Prizegiving or the At Home is asked to write to the Headmaster. Tickets for the 'Speeches and Music' can be obtained from Mr. F. J. Sewry at the School, price 3/6 and 2/6.

The O.A. Cricket Match, the Annual General Meeting of the Club, and the O.A. Dinner, will be held on Saturday, 14th June. Details of these events will be issued later. *Old Boys* are also especially invited to attend Morning Service in the School Chapel on the following day, Sunday, 15th June, at 10 a.m., when the address will be given by Mr. J. Y. Ingham, M.A., and afterwards to take coffee with the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban.

CHAPEL NOTES

Besides the usual Services there has been a series of short midweek Services during Lent. Also, on every Saturday evening of the term a Short Service has been held of preparation of Holy Communion.

In accordance with the usual custom, about half of the collections have been allotted to Chapel Funds, which has also benefitted by £1 14s. 2d. in the Alms Box. Collections allotted to outside charities were as follows:—

St. James' Church, Nevis	£2 7 0
British Empire Cancer Campaign	£2 14 0
Abingdon School Mission	£2 5 0
Royal School of Church Music	£2 15 0
Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service	£2 12 6

The Chapel Committee has had a busy term, one of the main items under discussion being lighting for the Chapel: it is safe to say that new lighting will be installed within a year.

Visiting preachers for the Summer Term will be as follows:

18th May—Mr. H. B. Hitchens, O.B.E., T.D., M.A., D.Phil.,
(Headmaster of Solihull School).

29th June—Rev. L. P. Smith, B.A. (of Culham College).

6th July—Mr. F. C. Lay, M.A., B.Sc., (Headmaster of the City of Oxford School).

13th July—Rev. J. H. S. Dixon, M.A. (Vicar of Kennington).

The panel of stained glass by the late Mr. Louis Davis (O.A.), described in our last issue, has now been placed in the window in the South-west corner of the Chapel.

A pleasing innovation this term, and one we hope which will be continued in the future, has been the occasional reading of the lesson on Sunday mornings by friends of the School. We are grateful to Sir Ronald Storrs and Mr. E. W. Pulsford who inaugurated the practice.

We are very grateful to those parents who marked the confirmation of their sons by presenting hymn books to the Chapel; and also to another and anonymous parent who has since enabled us to purchase four further copies.

EVERYMAN

Keeping up its recent tradition of an Easter play-reading, the School Dramatic Society gave a reading of the mediaeval morality play *Everyman* on the evening of the last Sunday of the Lent Term. As

usual the Organ Loft was curtained off for the presentation, but the voices came over to the Chapel very clearly. The accompanying music, part of Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius*, was very appropriate, though a little too loud at times. The major characters, especially Everyman, all gave finished performances as, indeed, did many of the less important characters. Altogether it was a very moving performance, and Mr. Griffin is to be congratulated on yet another successful production.

Christening

LACEY-JOHNSON. On 6th April, 1952, Vivian, son of Captain and Mrs. Lionel Lacey-Johnson (born 18th September, 1951).

D.F.

METASEQUOIA GLYPTOSTROBOIDES

During the Spring we hope to plant our gift specimen of *Metasequoia Glyptostroboides*, or Dawn Redwood as the Americans have called it. This tree is of particular interest because until 1945 it was known only as a fossil. In that year a Chinese Botanist discovered three living trees near the Szechwan-Hupeh border, not far from Chungking, and reports of this exciting discovery, together with some specimen material, reached the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard, which makes a speciality of Chinese Flora.

An expedition was instigated by the Arboretum, to be undertaken by a party of botanists from the University of Nanking, and towards this end a grant of 250 American dollars was made. Such was the rate of exchange, however, that this modest sum yielded over 9 million Chinese dollars, and proved sufficient to support an extensive exploration of the area.

In all, more than one thousand trees of this extraordinary species were recorded, the largest measuring 110 feet in height, with a trunk seven feet in diameter. Although 1947 was reported as not being a good seed year, an ample supply of seeds was secured, which reached Nanking in December, 1947. These seeds were shipped to Boston, and the Arboretum then distributed seeds widely to institutions in Europe and America. No difficulty was experienced in germinating these, and it was discovered also that, unlike some conifers, this tree may be readily propagated from cuttings.

Since 1948 the Forestry Commission has been experimenting with the tree to discover its possibilities for timber production. It has proved quite hardy in this country but it does succeed best in a wet soil and does not take kindly to exposed positions.

One of its most striking characteristics is that, like the larches, it is deciduous. The Swamp Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), a specimen of

which has recently been planted in Lacies Court, is another example of a deciduous conifer.

Fossil evidence indicates that *Metasequoia* flourished widely in Mesozoic times, the age of the giant reptiles, so this newly discovered tree has persisted almost unchanged for at least 120 million years. Even so, it is not the oldest specimen, geologically, in the School grounds. In the Headmaster's garden is a Maidenhair tree, *Ginkgo biloba*, which takes precedence by many millions of years.

The suggested site for the new trees is on Waste Court lawn, where we already have a "Big Tree" (*Sequoia gigantea*) and a fine Evergreen oak (*Quercus ilex*). Ultimately these should form a magnificent trio.

J.T.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete—Left, 18th December, 1951

Upper Sixth Form B:

C. Tompson (M. 1949) (Science); House Prefect, 1951; 3rd IV 1951; 2nd XV 1951; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', L/Cpl. (*left 15th December*).

Lower Sixth Form:

J. M. Benson (M. 1946) (Science); C.C.F. Cert. 'A'.

M. J. Biggs (L. 1946) (Science); School Prefect 1951; 1st XI 1951, Half-Colours 1951; 2nd XV 1950; 1st XI Hockey 1950, Half-Colours 1950; Captain of Cross-Country 1951, Half-Colours 1950; Tennis VI 1951; Basketball V 1951; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Pt. 1, Naval Section, Able Seaman.

M. C. Glassbrook (M. 1945) (Arts); House Prefect 1951; 1st XI 1950, Colours 1951; 1st XV 1950, Half-Colours 1950; 1st XI Hockey 1950, Half-Colours 1951; Athletics Team 1948, Half-Colours 1951; Vice-Captain, Blacknall House; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', L/Cpl.

P. M. Glassbrook (M. 1945) (Arts); House Prefect 1951; 1st XI 1950, Colours 1951; 2nd XV 1950; 2nd XI Hockey 1950, Half-Colours 1951; Athletics Team 1948; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', L/Cpl.

C. E. Stopps (M. 1943) (Science); House Prefect 1951; 1st XI 1951, Half-Colours 1951; 1st XV 1949, Half-Colours 1949; 1st XI Hockey 1950, Half-Colours 1950; Athletics Team 1951; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Pt. 1.

The Remove:

R. G. Beere (L. 1946); School Prefect 1951; 3rd IV 1951; 1st XV 1950, Colours 1950; R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion 1949; Basketball V 1951; Dramatic Society, 1951; C.C.F. Cert. 'A'

D. Cullen (M. 1946); 2nd XV 1950; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Pt. 1.

P. W. Fay (M. 1945); 3rd XV 1951, Captain; Sec. Chess Club; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Cpl.

Form 5 Gen.:

R. J. Cowles (M. 1946); 2nd XV 1951; 2nd XI Hockey 1951, Half-Colours 1951; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', L/Cpl.

Form 4 Sci.: M. D. G. Butler (M. 1947); C.C.F.

Form 2 A: J. R. Legh-Smith (M. 1949).

Form 1 B: D. J. R. Skipper (M. 1951).

Salvete—Came, 18th January, 1952

Lower Sixth Form: M. J. Hudson, D.

Form 5 Sci.: P. W. Kemp, S.

Form 4 Arts: T. M. J. Kempinski, S.

Form 4 Sci.: D. R. Pearce, D. (*came 11th February*).

Form 3 A: D. S. Gerrard, D. (*came 31st January*).

Form 2 A: N. A. J. Antrobus, L.

Form 2 B: M. J. Pearce, D. (*came 11th February*).

Form 1 B: N. G. MacKenzie, W; R. H. Simpson, L.

ROWING

We have been fortunate in being able to carry out a fairly full programme of training this term. The weather has been very favourable, and even the mumps did not affect us as badly as we feared it might. The first three crews have been on slides; the 1st IV have been practising in the new boat and finding that rowing with swivels is not too difficult. It has been decided—with the agreement of the anonymous donor—to name it John Roysse II, and we hope to arrange a suitable ceremony next term. In addition to the first three crews, quite a number of beginners have been afloat, either as coxes or oarsmen. There is a good deal of promising material.

In addition to the usual coaches we have welcomed Mr. Janes of St. Michael's Church, and we are very grateful to him for his help. We hope we shall see more of him next term.

R.G.M.

HOCKEY

Victories against the Staff XI, Old College (Sandhurst) and St. Edward's School 2nd XI were the highlights of a most successful season. There was a noticeable cohesion between forwards and defence and a high standard of play was reached in many games.

It was a pity that our fixtures with R.A.F. Halton and the Abingdon Club had to be cancelled but this was the only disappointment in a most enjoyable season.

During the season the following Colours were awarded:

Full Colours: Free, Brackley, Marshall and Edelsten.

Half Colours: Andrews, Sale P. R., Stevens P. S. G., Banwell R. J., Hiscock, Candy M. A., Robbins and Whiteford.

The final arrangement of the team was as follows:— Marshall; Brackley, Hiscock; Edelsten, Millard P. J., Stevens P. S. G.; Banwell R. J., Full, Sale P. R., Andrews and Free.

1st XI CHARACTERS

P. J. MILLARD (Captain, Colours 1951). Centre Half. A keen and efficient captain who is also developing into a sound player. His stickwork is good and he plays a constructive game. He has a tendency, however, to hang on to the ball too long and eventually to lose it, when a quicker pass would be more effective and would open up the game more. (L.C.J.G.)

D. FREE (Vice-Captain, Colours 1952). Right Wing. A fast and clever winger whose approach work and centring is good. He has combined well with his inside but must try to develop a scoring shot.

M. J. BRACKLEY (Hon. Sec., Colours 1952). Left Back. A reliable and steady player whose stickwork is good and clearance intelligent.

C. A. FULL (Colours 1951). Inside Left. A clever individualist who has scored many good goals this season. He is quick to seize his chances and is a constant danger to the opposition. He must try to overcome a tendency to dribble across the field instead of making for goal.

A. C. MARSHALL (Colours 1952). Goalkeeper. In his first season his performance in some games has been brilliant. His kicking and clearance are sound and his positioning good. He is more often beaten by the slow trickling shot than by the really powerful one.

J. EDELSTEN (Colours 1952). Left Half. A reliable and effective player whose stickwork, positioning and clearance are safe, although he sometimes moves in and misses his man and is apt to clear wildly.

D. R. G. ANDREWS (Half Colours 1952). Right Inside. His stickwork is good and he passes intelligently. He has combined well with his winger. He is rather slow, however, and lacks a powerful shot.

P. R. SALE (Half Colours 1952). Centre Forward. A robust and effective player who has scored some very good goals. He must, however, aim to secure greater control and to get his forward line moving by better passing.

P. S. G. STEVENS (Half Colours 1952). Right Half. Promoted from the 2nd XI, he has proved a reliable player whose stickwork and clearance is usually safe. But he should try to improve his positioning.

R. J. BANWELL (Half Colours 1952). Left Wing. He has a good eye and sound stickwork but he must centre more quickly and harder.

B. HISCOCK (Half Colours 1952). Right Back. He possesses a good sense of positioning and clears and tackles well. He promises well for the future.

A. G. B. KING (Half Colours 1952). Full Back. His tackling and positioning are good and he possesses a powerful clearance. He must, however, endeavour to quicken up his game.

P.J.M.

1st XI MATCHES

v. Staff XI (h), Wed., 23rd January. Won 8—1.

In this first match the School scored a decisive win. The backs and half-backs combined well, and initiated counter-attacks of which the forwards took good advantage. Scorers for the School were Candy (3), Full (2), Andrews (2), and Millard. Mr. Coleman scored the Staff's goal.

v. Wallingford Grammar School (a), Wed., 30th January. Draw 2—2.

Playing under treacherous conditions the School were held to a draw, mainly because the forwards were continually getting off-side. The feature of the game was the outstanding goal-keeping of Marshall. Full scored both goals for the School.

v. Windsor County School (a), Sat., 16th February. Lost 1—6.

Windsor fully deserved their win over the School, although the score was not perhaps a true representation of the game. Windsor scored 4 goals before the School became accustomed to the prevailing conditions. In the second half, Full scored for the School.

v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI. (a), Wed., 20th February. Won 6—1.

Playing fast, constructive hockey the School scored a decisive win, although St. Edward's scored first. In the second half the School dominated the play, Millard, King and Brackley being outstanding. Full (2), Sale (2), and Andrews (2) scored for the School.

v. Old Abingdonians, (h), Sat., 1st March. Lost 0—2.

The Old Boys won this match once again, mainly on their individual play. The School did not combine well and this gave the Old Boys a big advantage. Both goals were scored in the first half through Packer.

v. Oxford School of Architecture, (h), Wed., 5th March. Won. 5—0.

In the first half the School attacked strongly. Full scored from a rebound and soon afterwards scored twice again for the School. In the second half, Sale and Full scored for the School.

v. Old College, Sandhurst, (h), Sat., 12th March. Won 8—4.

Opening briskly the School scored three goals in the first ten minutes. The Sandhurst team then settled down and equalised before half time. In the second half the School attacked strongly and scored five goals. Sandhurst could only reply by one more goal. Goals for the School were scored by Full (4), Candy (2), Andrews and Banwell.

Berkshire Hockey Tournament, Wed., 19th March.

In this tournament, held at Arborfield, the School team was handicapped by the absence of four of its players. All matches were drawn. The School defence was good, but the forwards lacked imaginative play.

Results: v. Wallingford Grammar School, Draw 0—0.

v. Army Apprentices, Draw 0—0.

v. Windsor County School, Draw 0—0.

The Tournament was won by Windsor County School.

SECOND XI

The side, captained by Leech, and in his absence by Whiteford, did not have a very successful season, winning only one of their four fixtures. This was the result of inevitable team changes. Even so, some enjoyable games were played, and plenty of enthusiasm was shown. Candy M. A., Whiteford, Robbins, Ivatts and Armstrong played on occasions for the 1st XI, and Hudson deserves mention for some good play.

The final arrangement of the team was: Grant, Cope, Crockford A. F. R., Cowles, Hudson, Robbins, Ivatts, Armstrong, Whiteford, Candy M. A., and Ellis.

Also played:—Glenny, Nicholls, Leech.

Results

- v. Radley College 3rd XI, (a), Wed., 6th February. Lost 2—5.
- v. King Alfred Sch., Wantage (a), Wed., 13th February. Draw 4—4.
- v. Windsor County School (a), Wed., 20th February. Won 2—0.
- v. Rhine Coy., Sandhurst (a), Wed., 12th March. Lost 0—5.

One match was played in the Berkshire Tournament, v. Windsor County School, and was lost 0—1.

HOUSE MATCHES

House Matches were played this season on a league basis. Opinions differ as to its success, but at least it provides more games and eliminates the possibility of a lucky win. Blacknall House won the cup for the third time in succession on a superior goal average.

Results

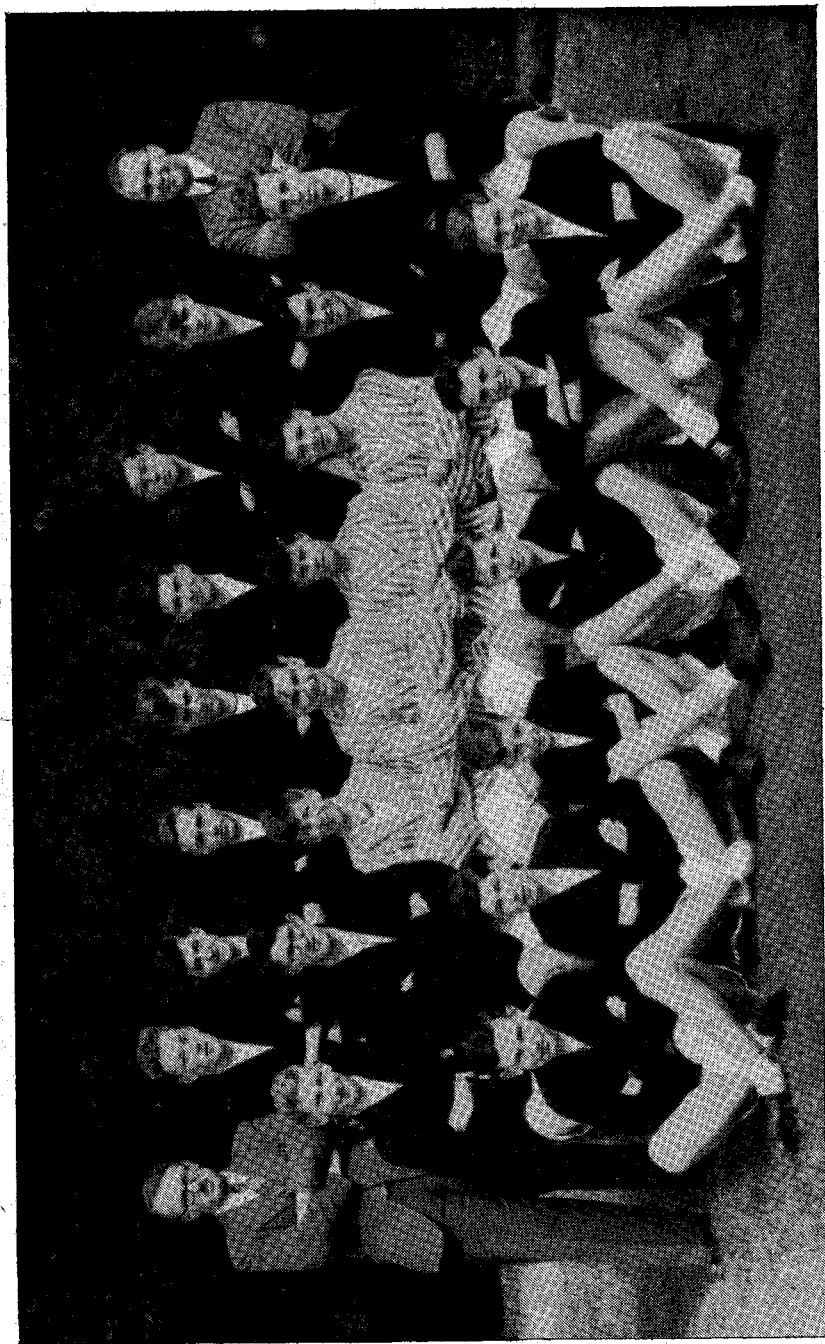
- Blacknall defeated Reeves 2—0: Tesdale 5—1.
- Reeves defeated Bennett 3—1: Tesdale 5—3.
- Bennett defeated Blacknall 3—1.
- Tesdale defeated Bennett 2—1.

P.J.M.

ATHLETICS

Despite cold winds and the Arctic conditions of the end of March, the Athletic Club had a most successful season. We competed this year against Magdalen College School and Southfield School as well as against our old opponents, the City of Oxford School and the Old Boys. It was unfortunate that bad weather caused the postponement of Sports Day, due to have taken place on 29th March, to the Summer Term. It is now fixed for the first Saturday in May. Considerable progress was, however, made with the Inter-House Standards competition, and the position of Houses at the end of term was—Tesdale 136 points, Reeves 120 points, Blacknall 114 points and Bennett 34 points.

The season began on 15th March with a triangular match on Waste Court Field between the City of Oxford School, Magdalen College School and ourselves. This meeting, in which we took second place to C.O.S., was for senior boys. On the same day, another meeting was held between our Juniors and those of the City of Oxford School in Oxford; the result was a win for C.O.S. by a substantial margin. There followed, on 19th March, a senior and junior fixture against Southfield School at Oxford. In this, we were victors in both senior and junior contests, our juniors making up for their previous defeat by a very good win. The final meeting on 22nd March was the annual fixture against the O.A.s. The Old Boys were unable to find a very strong side and the School recorded a fairly easy win in this match.



Mr. D. O. Willis.

Mr. J. Talbot.

If we pick out a few performances for special mention, we do so only because they stand out from what was a season of quite high standard Athletics. Of our opponents, D. J. Heavens ran a fine half-mile for the O.A.s—his time of 2 mins. 9.8 secs. was only .2 secs. outside the School record which he himself made two years ago, Lawrence of M.C.S. long-jumped 19ft. 1 inch and ran 100 yards in 10.7 secs., both good performances, Warmington of C.O.S. was only .2 secs. off the track record in the 440 yards, whilst at Southfield Wiggins gave a polished display of both high and long jumping. Our most notable performer was King, who in the three-cornered meeting set up a new ground record for the Discus of 143 ft. 11 ins., and later also secured the Old Boys' record with a throw of almost as prodigious a length. Darroch showed marked improvement both with the Shot and over the quarter-mile. His winning time of 54.8 secs. against the O.A.s was most impressive. Of the juniors, R. Pinniger with a quarter-mile in 60.7 secs. and Pickford with a long jump of 18 ft. 2½ ins. deserve commendation.

Half Colours were awarded to Ellis, Guimaraens B. D., Millard R. S. M., Pickford, and Sale P. R.

SENIOR MATCHES

v. City of Oxford Sch., and Magdalen Coll. Sch., (h). Sat., 15th March.

High Jump: 1 Nichols (C.O.S.), 2 Archer, 3 Guimaraens; 5ft. 2ins.

100 Yards: 1 Lawrence (M.C.S.), 2 Darroch, 3 Millard; 10.7 secs.

Shot: 1 Darroch, 2 Moore (C.O.S.), 3 Archer; 42 ft. 9 ins.

440 Yards: 1 Warmington (C.O.S.), 2 Darroch, 3 Parsloe (C.O.S.);
54.6 secs.

Long Jump: 1 Lawrence (M.C.S.), 2 Warmington (C.O.S.), 3 Pickford;
19ft. 1in.

880 Yards: 1 Coles (M.C.S.), 2 Greene (M.C.S.), 3 Clarke (C.O.S.);
2 mins. 15 secs.

Discus: 1 King, 2 Darroch, 3 Wastie (M.C.S.); 143ft. 11ins.

Mile: 1 Dunnill (C.O.S.), 2 Knowles (M.C.S.), 3 Frewer (C.O.S.);
4 mins. 54 secs.

Relay (4 x 220): 1 C.O.S., 2 Abingdon, 3 M.C.S.

Result: C.O.S. 36 points, Abingdon 32 points, M.C.S. 25 points.

v. Southfield School, (a). Wed., 19th March.

440 Yards: 1 Darroch; 2 Netherton (S.), 3 Leech; 55.8 secs.

Discus: 1 King, 2 Darroch, 3 Eggleton (S.); 137ft. 11ins.

v. Southfield School, (a). Wed., 19th March.

100 Yards: 1 Pickford, 2 Gammack, 3 Cater (S.); 11.3 secs.

880 Yards: 1 Davenport (S.), 2 Griffith, 3 Miell-Ingram; 2mins. 30.3secs

Shot: 1 Stroud-Viney, 2 Cunnington (S.), 3 Gammack; 35ft. 5½ins.

Discus: 1 Brown, 2 Creevy, 3 Cunnington (S.), 95ft. 6ins.

High Jump: 1 Manners (S.), 2 Gaunt (S.), 3 Pickford; 4ft. 9½ins.

440 Yards: 1 Pinniger, 2 Hall and Simmons (S.); 60.7 secs.

Long Jump: 1 Pickford, 2 Phillips (S.), 3 Cunnington (S.); 18ft. 2½ins.

Relay (4 x 110): 1 Abingdon, 2 Southfield; 52.55 secs.

Result: Abingdon 44½ points; Southfield 32½ points.

D.O.W. and N.A.C.D.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Junior Rugger had to compete with the weather in the Lent Term and the XVs each played only a couple of games. Nonetheless many valuable lessons were learned and next season's material was fairly well sifted.

The 'Under 14' House matches revealed, too, a number of promising youngsters.

Results were:—

'Under 15' XV v. City of Oxford School (h), Wed., 20th February.
Won. 18—0.

'Under 15' XV v. Solihull (a), Sat., 23rd February. Won 19—0.

'Under 14' XV v. City of Oxford School (h), Wed., 20th February.
Won 9—6.

'Under 14' XV v. Solihull (a), Sat., 23rd February. Lost 8—14.

The Bayley Cup for the 'Under 14' House Matches was won by Bennett House, who defeated Tesdale House 16 points to 13 points. Bennett House had earlier in the term defeated Reeves House 30—0, whilst Tesdale beat Blacknall House 16—11.

Following their successful play for the County during the Xmas vacation, Pickford and Leech enjoyed further trials during Lent term. Pickford played in the South-East v. the South-West Group ('Under 15') Trial at Finchley, whilst B. W. T. Leech played in the Final English Trial ('Over 15') at Cheltenham.

D.O.W.

MINOR GAMES

Apart from Boxing this has been an off term for Minor games. We hope that next term they will regain their former popularity.

The Tennis Club is to broaden its membership to admit fifteen junior members. This will make a big difference to the standard of tennis in the School in future years.

Squash will have a chance to come into its own next term and we extend our very warm thanks to the Commanding Officer and Officers of the R.A.F. Abingdon for allowing us to use their court.

N.A.C.D.

LITERARY MAGAZINE

On Founder's Day, 1950, the School *Literary Magazine* made its first appearance. It was a slim booklet, containing a few original contributions, reports on Prize Essays and several poems by members of the School.

Now, two years later, the second issue is to be produced. The articles which will go to make it up have already been commissioned or collected, and production details settled. The magazine will be on sale on Founder's Day, 1952. It will contain essays, articles and poems by members of the School, many on topics which are of direct interest to boys and friends of the School, and others of more general interest.

Although the Literary Magazine is an entirely separate venture from the old-established and official organ *The Abingdonian*, yet the Editors consider that many readers of *The Abingdonian* will wish to read the *Literary Magazine* also. Copies will be on sale at the School on Founder's Day, or may be obtained, price 1/9 post free, from the Editor, *Literary Magazine*, School House, Abingdon, Berks.

C.C.F. NOTES

The Lent Term is, traditionally, the quietest of the year. This has remained true in a general way, but there are a number of important things to be recorded. In the first place, the band took part, on Friday, 8th February, in the ceremony held outside the County Hall for the Proclamation of the new Queen. Secondly, application has been made to H.Q., Southern Command, for the formation of an Artillery Section in the contingent. If this application is granted, we shall have, next year, two specialist Sections to cater for the needs and tastes of those Post Cert. 'A' Cadets who cannot be used on the training side. The Section would come under the command of Major D.

O. Willis, and have its own 25-pdr. gun. Those whose School life is long enough may recall the time, some years back, when Oxford University brought over 25-pdrs. every week, to instruct some senior cadets; for them, it will be quite like old times to have gun and gunners permanently in residence!

Considerable improvement has been made, too, in the shooting facilities. We have secured, in C.S.M. Wiblin, an enthusiastic instructor, who is able to take charge throughout the lunch-hour on all full School days, as well as on Tuesday afternoons. New Mossbergs are available, and it is expected that a couple of first-class match rifles will be acquired for the Summer Term. With these greater facilities, we are extending our activities, and can look forward to making our mark in *Country Life* and other competitions.

Fourthly—and this perhaps the most noteworthy thing of all!—Field Day this term was held in glorious, warm spring sunshine. This, we believe, is the first time since the warm autumn of '49 that we have not gone soldiering in a downpour; and it was a welcome sight to see officers in shirt-sleeves wiping away the sweat during pauses in the action.

The exercise, held in part over new ground, was planned on this occasion by C.S.M. Leach, assisted by Richard Millard; it was voted by many senior cadets the best Field Day in their experience. The friendly weather, no doubt, had something to do with this enthusiasm, but the cadet organisers deserve the highest praise for their work.

In the last issue of the Magazine it was inadvertently stated that 6 N.C.O.s attended a course during the Christmas holidays at the Small Arms School, Royal Marines; the number should have read 12. We took besides 6 N.C.O.s from Radley. The weather was again kind—though cold; and everyone had an enjoyable and instructive time, on one occasion at least, quite hair-raising. . .

During the Term the following appointments and promotions were made:

Sgt. Armourer—Sgt. Norman, J.

To be C.Q.M.S.—Sgt. Norman, J.

To be Sgt.—L/Sgt. Downs, T. W. S.

To be L/Sgt.—Cpl. Ellis, D. R.

S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The section has this term devoted more of its time to subjects of general interest, in order to get away from the more ordinary work of the syllabuses for the various examinations. Navigation, naval terms and customs, and ship recognition have all been dealt with in some

measure, while various members of the section have done a fair amount of shooting. We have again been grateful for the assistance of C.P.O. Woodcock of Culham.

Field Day was spent at H.M.S. Hornet—the M.T.B. base at Portsmouth. Unfortunately fog made the sea trip which had been arranged for us impossible, and we had to be content with being shown round the slips, warships and the boats themselves. Much of value, however, was learnt from this.

On the day before Field Day, a flying demonstration on board H.M.S. Illustrious was attended by Cadet J. B. Archer, and he appeared to have spent an interesting and instructive day. On the subject of flying, two cadets attended a special Naval Aviation course at Lee-on-Solent in January, and three others are to go to a similar course in April.

Finally, we record with some pride our win over the army at shooting (by a very narrow margin). Congratulations to the team (L/S Wiggins, L/S Candy, O/S Williams, A.B. Hullett).

L.C.J.G.

SCOUT TROOP

Lent term may well prove to be a landmark in the history of the troop as our new headquarters in Lacies Court became ready (apart from decorating) for our occupation. Scouts will be doing the decorating during the Easter holidays ready for us to move in at the beginning of the Summer Term.

The term was also distinguished by the fact that for the first time the majority of the Scouts have passed their Tenderfoot tests and the rest are well on the way to doing so: not a great achievement perhaps for most troops but certainly one for ours because our members are so constantly changing. Amongst those who hold their Tenderfoot badge several also hold their Second Class badge and several nearly so.

Field Day was again spent at Youldbury, but the most outstanding feature of the day was when Mr. Johnston and Mr. Cooper took a 'short cut' on the way there and arrived two hours after everyone else!

Negotiations are now going on for a camp-site for the summer camp.

H.J.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

There have been two particularly noteworthy presentations to the Library this term; the new Oxford Atlas given by the late Mr. P. Stuart Mills and Mrs. Mills, and a number of books and documents dealing with the work of the late Louis Davis, O.A. from Mrs. Davis.

Included in the latter collection is a finely bound copy of *The Sleeping Beauty* with engravings by Doyle and the bookplate and autograph of George Dalziel. We have also to acknowledge with many thanks 'Orientations' by Sir Ronald Storrs, and 'Trees' by Richard St. B. Baker, both with author's signature, and Leaving Books from R. G. Beere, M. J. Biggs, M. C. Glassbrook, P. W. Fay, D. Cullen and C. E. Stopps.

G.F.D.

BRASS BAND

In the Lent Term we welcomed three new members: W. St. A. R. Dady, tenor horn; D. P. Rawlins, drums and R. S. M. Millard, drums. These three replace our trumpeters, who left us at the end of the Christmas Term.

We fulfilled two public engagements: one at Abingdon Isolation Hospital, on 24th March, where we performed a programme of waltzes and marches, and the other at the School House Concert, where we were again very popular.

We have gained in technical ability, and have already started practising the marches we are to play on Inspection Day.

B.W.T.L.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

The meetings this term were well-attended and, on the whole, successful. The last two in particular were enlivened by the presence of three student masters.

At the first, on the 6th February, N. J. Shurrock read a paper on "British Politics since 1945". The period underwent a searching diagnosis in the paper itself, while the subsequent discussion studied such points of interest as the question of nationalisation. However this did not arouse the controversy one might expect from so vital a problem; perhaps because our minds were overshadowed by the dramatic events of the day as recorded to us by the nine o'clock news bulletin.

On the 20th February, N. A. C. Darroch read the second paper. It was entitled "Some British authors of the twentieth century". He dealt particularly with Wells, Galsworthy, D. H. Lawrence and Aldous Huxley. This proved to be the liveliest meeting of the term. After the polemics had subsided the merits of other authors of this period were discussed.

The third paper of the term, on the 12th March, was read by A. G. B. King. His subject was "British Drama 1620—1850". A comprehensive historical review, which was the basis of the paper, was a good starting point for further discussion. Interesting points which arose were the influence of stage designs and settings, and whether a play ought to be didactic or not.

Once again our thanks are due to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban for their generous hospitality.

D.R.G.A.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Three meetings were held in the Lent Term. At the first, on 8th February, Mr. Basil Blackwell, of the well-known Oxford publishing firm, spoke on "The Appeal of Books". Mr. Blackwell's talk, which was enlivened with several quotations from lesser-known authors, and which was throughout most interesting, discussed the reasons why some books become classics while others are forgotten.

On 22nd February, Mr. E. Paget, lecturer in Geography in the University of Oxford, talked on "Geography: its relation to politics and history". He stressed the importance of maps, saying particularly that a quick glance at them was not enough, but that if they were properly used they could be of great value. Maps could be used as propaganda, and had indeed been so used by Hitler and Chiang Kai-Shek, while the Prime Minister has on occasion been accused of being 'Mercator-minded'. Political Geography, he said, was of importance to statesmen and administrators in the control of people, lands and resources.

Mr. Michael Prior, Specialist in Speech Training, spoke on 29th February, on 'Our Living Language'. We all know the importance of a good delivery, for bad delivery can effectually mar the expression of our sentiments. Like so many British institutions, British speech is a happy medium. We do not indulge in extremes of pronunciation but, just as the invention of printing had standardised spelling, so the B.B.C. might lead to standardised pronunciation. Mr. Prior advised us to think carefully about our speech, and then to forget it; thus the action would in time become automatic.

It is regrettable that many senior members of the Society frequently have to miss meetings because of Corps training, for we are fortunate in having many excellent speakers.

B.W.B.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society held four meetings during the term. There has been a definite improvement all round for more members are speaking now and speaking with greater fluency and to better purpose.

In the first meeting, on 25th January, B. W. T. Leech proposed that "This House deplores the monopoly of the B.B.C.", P. R. Sale opposed the motion, which was defeated 14-5. D. R. G. Andrews was in the Chair.

B. W. Boddington was Chairman on 1st February when the motion was "This House considers that the Stone Age was the Golden Age". B. W. T. Leech, seconded by P. R. Sale, proposed, and H. R. Leach, seconded by G. W. Crockford, opposed. The motion was carried 15-10.

For the third meeting, on 7th March, a Hat Debate was held. B. W. T. Leech was Chairman. In all sixteen members were called upon to speak; they did so, with varying degrees of quality, in what were usually sombre tones.

The last meeting was on 21st March. D. R. G. Andrews was Chairman. The motion was "In the opinion of this House the modern craze for speed is not tending to the world's happiness" H. G. Williams proposed, and M. M. Grant opposed. They were seconded by B. D. Guimaraens and H. R. Leach respectively. The motion was carried 7-5, with four abstentions.

D.R.G.A.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Mr. G. P. Arnold, of Nuffield Exports, displayed part of his fascinating collection of Airgraphs to the Society on 25th January. This collection contains not only many of the known varieties of forms used in the service—and there are many—but also photographs illustrating the processing of Airgraphs.

On 8th February Mr. K. Chapman, who has succeeded Major Antony Walker as Editor of "Stamp Collecting", talked on the hobby in general, giving much help to the younger members during a most interesting meeting.

We had hoped to hear Dr. J. L. Grumbridge's "Confessions of a Butterfly" on 29th February, but he was unfortunately not able to come, so Mr. Griffin discussed early Colonial designs.

The term's activities were concluded by a meeting on 14th March at which members exchanged stamps or looked at the approvals which the Society now obtains, and by a meeting on 28th March at which stamps which had been given to the Society were sold in aid of the Society's funds.

B.W.B.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Our Christmas activities, by reason of the feast and the weather, were confined to two table-tennis matches and a soccer fixture with Cumnor Boys' Brigade which was cancelled. The table-tennis matches, against the Scouts and the Church Youth Club, proved most enjoyable, notwithstanding our defeat in both by 5—3 and 8—7 respectively.

The more energetic of our number passed many pleasant days playing basketball, badminton, and table-tennis in the Gymnasium, which was made available to the Club through the Headmaster's kindness.

The Easter holidays promise well. Many fixtures have already been confirmed, and if the weather remains fine, the Club will doubtless give a good account of itself in several branches of sport.

J.W.

CAMERA CLUB

During the Lent Term the Club held nine meetings—three films, three lectures, two business meetings, and one debate; all were extremely successful.

The first lecture was by Mr. Rattee, on "Landscape Photography", during which varied aspects of the subject were set before us.

Mr. P. Simpson, himself a racing motorist, gave a lecture on "Racing-Car Photography", illustrated by slides; there was a large attendance at this meeting.

On 15th March, Mr. Henry Geddes, Production Manager of the Crown Film Unit, spoke to the boarders on "Film Production". This lecture, which was interesting and well-illustrated, was thoroughly enjoyed; Mr. Geddes' visit certainly compensated for our postponed tour of the Crown Film Studios.

On 23rd March, Mr. H. W. Franklin showed films taken by himself, and carefully explained each shot.

Films were presented at the other meetings; a large audience enjoyed "The New Adventures of Tarzan", while "Inland Waterways" was shown on the School projector.

The new dark-room is now in use, and membership is rapidly increasing.

M.K.C.G.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

At our usual business meeting at the beginning of the term six meetings were arranged, one of which was subsequently cancelled owing to the Memorial Service for King George VI. All the meetings proved very enjoyable.

At our first meeting, our Vice-President, Mr. Barker, introduced a programme consisting of two works—the 14th Variation of Elgar's Enigma Variations and Symphony No. 5 in C Minor by Beethoven, played by the N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Toscanini.

The second and third meetings also consisted of Beethoven Symphonies; at the former P. J. Millard introduced the 6th Symphony in F, Opus 88 ('The Pastoral') played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Erich Kleiber; and at the latter our Vice-President introduced the 7th Symphony in A. This recording, on a long-playing record, was to have been introduced by Mr. Fowler, but he was unfortunately indisposed.

The next programme consisted of a miscellany of records introduced by C. S. Wiggins, ranging from the beautiful Eine Kleine Nachtmusik serenade of Mozart to Ravel's exciting, if somewhat monotonous Bolero.

For our last meeting P. B. H. Amey introduced Brahms's Symphony No. 3 in F major, a work very popular with the members. It was played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.

Altogether, therefore, we have had a very successful series of meetings.

D.F.

CHESS CLUB

During the Lent Term we have, unfortunately, played no matches; nor was it possible, owing to rival attractions, to hold a tournament. Several matches were, in fact, arranged, but all were cancelled through unforeseen circumstances.

The Club met on every Friday, and although attendances were smaller, we welcomed several visitors to most of our sessions.

No matches have been arranged for the Summer Term, but we hope to hold both a senior and a junior tournament. Meanwhile we look forward to a full fixture list in the Michaelmas Term.

S.R.M.

MODELLING CLUB

The Modelling Club has now taken up occupation of its room over in Lacies Court—the old boiler room. This has been stripped of its boiler and cylinders; and work benches and cupboards have been installed in their place. Boys have helped by cleaning the room and we hope to decorate it soon. Already we have installed a motor cycle engine—the kind gift of H. W. R. Older, Esq., which we most gratefully acknowledge. It is a 500 c.c. B.S.A. side-valve engine which he has sectioned so that we can see its action. This should help our budding mechanical engineers.

J.V.F.

JOINT CLUB

We had planned to hold three meetings this term, but, unfortunately time was not available, so only two could be arranged. The first, on 2nd February, was a social evening in Lacies Court. This meeting showed us the possibilities that Lacies Court holds for functions of this kind, and it is to be hoped that many more meetings will be held there.

For the other meeting we had hoped to invite our friends from St. Helen's to listen to a lecture on Lawrence of Arabia but as we were engirdled by a *cordon sanitaire* this had to be abandoned.

We do, however, look forward to some enjoyable meetings in the Summer Term.

A.G.B.K.

THE OXFORD LETTER

Dear Mr. Editor,

It was with regret that your correspondent noticed the absence of an Oxford Letter in the last issue of *The Abingdonian* and I hope the news contained in my letter will make good last term's omission.

Of those residents in your list, Peter King went down at the end of last Trinity Term, but the rest are very much up and taking an active and lively interest in work, sport and the world in general. Morris Venables and Mike Millichap have been seen in recent weeks wearing harassed looks and white bow-ties muttering the mystic words 'Prelims'; in spite of this the former has found time to take on the Captaincy of Squash at Pembroke while the latter has been seen performing with equal gusto—if not with equal skill—on both soccer and hockey pitches, as well as attending the Jazz Club. Michael Jones, now Secretary of the O.U. Labour Club, has spent the term entertaining such notable characters as Messrs. Attlee and Strachey, while John Mortimore, an ardent Tory, has just finished a season as Secretary of Hockey and seems to be enjoying his year in College. Glen Strachan, who has also had to face the prelim. hurdle, stroked the

Pemmy Toggler on its steady progress down six places, but Alan Garner, Mike Green, Toby Trevor and Guy Willson seem to have retired from the realms of light to work for finals—they can normally be found between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. in the Camera or the New Bodleian. The other married man in our midst, Jim Betterton, is to be seen occasionally doing the shopping, while his colleague at Balliol, Gilbert Sanders is now living at home, again, the shadow of finals in the offing, so that we see very little of him either. But then, Balliol men are a race apart.

Another sufferer from prelim. trouble has been Ian McNaughton: we trust that he and the rest will be able to enjoy next term to the full. David Wheaton is the only one of our third-year members not taking finals next term, and is to be seen pondering over Attic inscriptions in the Ashmolean, while he has just been elected to a further term as Vice-President of the Inter Collegiate Christian Union. Finally, Sir, a regrettable omission from your last list of residents is the name of John Cowling, who is at Magdalen in his third year reading law. He takes a keen interest in shooting with the Rifle Club: whether this is to increase his legal practice or not we cannot say, but it is obviously useful for one engaged in such a dangerous recreation to have a working knowledge of the law.

Tom has tolled the last of his 101 strokes and Z-camps loom a day nearer, so 'tis time for every respectable Oxford man—and Sir, we are all respectable at Oxford—to be in bed. So with a reluctant sigh I would end this epistle before retiring beneath the time-worn eaves of this ancient hall. To those still at School we send a reminder that there is only one University: to those so colour blind as to sport the wrong favours on Boat-Race Day we offer our condolences, and to all our readers we wish a Happy New Year. (Our wish is belated as we had to wait until March 29th to see if 1952 could be happy!)

Finally, Mr. Editor, we congratulate you on your patience in reading thus far.

I remain, Sir,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

O.A. NOTES

Births

TAYLOR. On 25th November, 1951, to Valerie, wife of Laurie Taylor (1943), a daughter.

WATERFALL. On 25th February, 1952, to Patricia, wife of Malcolm Waterfall (1945) a son, Christopher John.

WEST. On 25th January, 1952, to the wife of Duncan B. West (1939), a daughter.

Marriages

BURBOROUGH-BARNETT. On 22nd March, 1952, at Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon, Clive R. Burborough (1944) to Doris M. Barnett of Bath Street, Abingdon.

CROOK-FATHERS. On 22nd March, 1952, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Alan V. Crook (1946) to Marie Fathers of Abingdon.

OLLIFFE-HILLS. On 16th February, 1952, at St. Christopher's Church, Farnborough, Captain Donald W. Olliffe, R.A.S.C. (1942), of Abingdon, to Anne Hills of Cove, Farnborough.

OLSCHER-UNGER. On 26th January, 1952, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Wilfred G. Olscher (1949) to Miss W. M. Unger.

THATCHER-INMAN. On 8th January, 1952, at All Hallow's Church, Almondbury, Arthur Maurice Thatcher, M.A., (1928) of Worksop College, Notts., to Joyce Mary Inman of Almondbury, Huddersfield.

Death

BROWN. On 12th February, 1952, George Brown of Combe Manor, Newbury, aged 75.

George Brown was at the School 1890-95. He was one of five brothers, who came from Purton, near Swindon, and played for several seasons in the Soccer and Cricket XIs. He went up to Selwyn College, Cambridge and later out to Ceylon as a planter. His brother, Stephen (1899), was Captain of the School and went up to Keble College, his eldest brother, Richard (1890) went to Canada to farm and his youngest, Arthur (1905), who maintained the family cricket and soccer tradition at School and at Caius College, Cambridge, also became a tea planter in Ceylon. In the 1914-18 war he was Capt., R.F.A., gained the M.C. and died on active service in 1918.

As mentioned elsewhere the School has received from Mrs. Davis an interesting collection of handbooks and notices dealing with the work of Louis Davis who was at the School in the 70's and died in 1941.

A close friend of Burne Jones, Morris and other members of the 'Brotherhood', Louis Davis is described as 'a genuine Pre-Raphaelite of the romantic school, concerned with mediaeval glamour and Celtic twilight rather than the method of fidelity to nature'. He painted landscapes in oils and watercolours—one of his works was purchased by the National Gallery in 1925—exquisite flower subjects, decorative panels and designs for stained glass windows. Most notable examples of the last are the six large windows in Duwblane Cathedral on the theme of the 'Benedicite', and by the kindness of Mrs. Davis we have

an example of this work hanging in the School Chapel. Mrs. Davis, herself an artist, embroidered the banner designed by her husband, which was presented to Earl Grey when Governor-General of Canada.

Nigel Bruce (1912) has been engaged lately acting with Charlie Chaplin in the latter's new film 'Limelight'. He describes Chaplin as 'an untiring genius, writing, acting in and producing the film, as well as composing the ballets', and withal a delightful person to work with. It is cheering to feel that we shall soon be seeing Nigel again on the screen.

In the Radio Times we read that "the British film producer Raymond Stross (1933) is to make a film version this summer of Geoffrey Household's thriller, 'A Rough Shoot'."

Rev. B. M. Challenor, M.A. (1906), Vicar of Whaddon, Bucks., was inducted recently to the United Benefices of Whaddon and Tattenhoe.

Those who remember Mr. Burke Gill when he was on the Staff will be interested to hear that he has left again for South America to take up the headship of the Junior School of St. George's School, Buenos Ayres.

C. G. Carter (1937) has passed the examination of the Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants.

A. J. Sansom (1945) after leaving the Navy in 1947 took his teaching Certificate at King Alfred's College, Winchester, and is now taking a Supplementary course in Geography for a year at the City of Leicester Training College.

Rodney Deval (1945) is now in the Central Laboratories of the Vacuum Oil Company.

John Evans (1948) has one more trip to do as Apprentice before sitting for his Officer's ticket. On his last homeward voyage he passed Jimmy Penning's Ship, M.V. 'Naninia' in the Red Sea, but was too late to communicate with him.

Latest news of servicemen is that Capt. D. W. Olliffe, R.A.S.C., has left for service in Korea: Michael Bateman, commissioned in R.A., has volunteered for service in the Far East: 2nd Lieut. R. D. M. Grant, R.Berks, attached K.A.R. is in Mauritius: Aubrey Taylor is in R.A. in Cyprus, Peter Lucas at R.M.A., Sandhurst, has done a Parachute Course at Abingdon R.A.F. Station, and Peter Field, of the Royal Lincolnshire Regt., has just been accepted for O.C.T.U.

Of those who recently left School, R. Acklam has joined the Merchant Navy, Peter Fay is working in Burroughs and Wellcombe's

Laboratory, M. C. Glassbrook is training with Harrods, C. E. Stopps is a pupil in the Borough Surveyor's office and David Heavens an articled pupil with the Town Clerk of Abingdon. A. C. Wright is working at Harwell, A.E.R.E., in the same laboratory as Tony Jordan, and Conal Tompson is training in electrical therapy in London.

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB

New Members:

- Stone, H. W., 3/28, 1 Gainsborough Green, Drayton Rd., Abingdon.
 Beere, R. G., 12/51, The Ravens, Mill Lane, Gerrards Cross, Bucks.
 Benson, J. M., 12/51, 16 St. Helen's Estate, Abingdon.
 Fay, P. W., 12/51, 14 Burnt Oak Lane, Sidcup, Kent.
 Glassbrook, M. C., 12/51, The Laburnums, Church Rd., Sunningdale, Berks.
 Glassbrook, P. M., 12/51, The Laburnums, Church Road, Sunningdale, Berks.
 Cowles, R. J., 12/51, 8 Willoughby Road, Langley, Bucks.
 Stopps, C. E., 12/51, 13 Norman Avenue, Abingdon.
 Tompson, C., 12/51, c/o. 110 Hudson Road, Plumstead, S.E.18.
 Guimaraens, J. G., 3/52, Quinta das Regadas, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal.

Changes of Address

- Acklam, R., 68 Norcliffe Road, Norbreck, Blackpool, Lancs.
 Nadin, D. T., 1 Honeys Green Lane, West Derby, Liverpool 12.
 Davies, E. C., 11 Oval Road, Regents Park, N.W.1.
 Stevens, G. M., 42 Old Chester Road, Bebington, Birkenhead.
 Marshall, Capt., R. H., c/o. Lloyds Bank (Cox's & Kings) 6 Pall Mall, S.W.1.

Omitted from List of Members:

- Light, J. H., 7/50, 118 Streetly Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks.

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