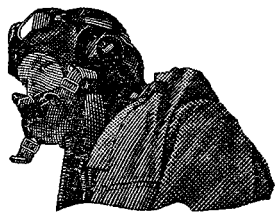


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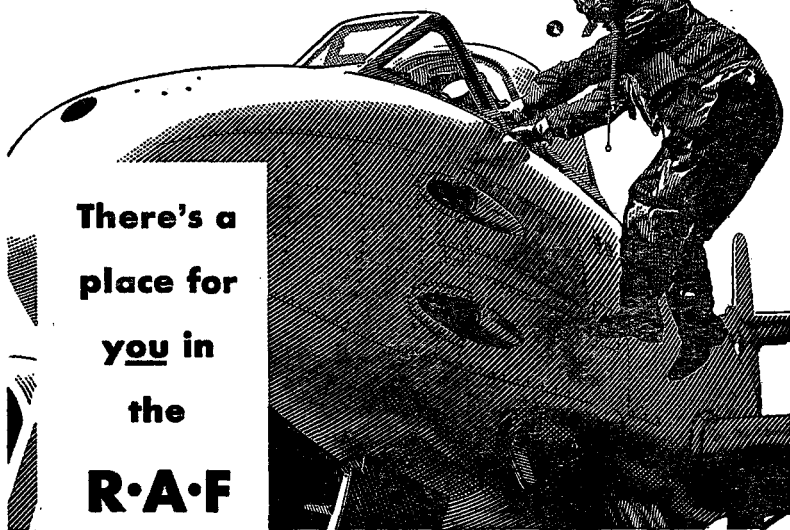
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September

- Fri. 19 Term begins.
Tue. 30 Field Day—C.C.F. and Scouts

October

- Wed. 1 1st XV v. D. O. Willis' XV (h).
Sat. 4 1st XV v. Windsor County School (a).
Wed. 8 1st XV v. Reading School (h).
Tue. 14 Night Ops.—C.C.F.
Wed. 15 1st XV v. Pembroke College (h).
Sat. 18 1st XV v. Newbury Grammar School (h).
Wed. 22 1st XV v. St. Edward's School 2nd XV (h).
Sat. 25 1st XV v. Solihull School (h).
Wed. 29 1st XV v. Radley College 2nd XV (a).

November

- Sat. 1—Mon. 3 Half Term.
Wed. 5 1st XV v. Magdalen College School (a).
Wed. 12 1st XV v. Henley Grammar School (a).
Sat. 15 1st XV v. Southfield School (a).
Sat. 22 1st XV v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).
Wed. 26 1st XV v. City of Oxford School (h).
Sun. 30 Confirmation Service, 3 p.m.

December

- Sat. 6 1st XV v. Old Abingdonians (h).
Fri. 19 Term ends, 10.15 a.m.

Lent Term begins 9 a.m. on Friday, 16th January 1953 (Boarders return Thursday, 15th January).

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EDITORIAL

It is interesting to consider what impression *The Abingdonian* must make on outsiders. Primarily it is a school record, not an outlet for the genius of any literary minded Editors. It must combine the functions of an annotated calendar, a school diary, an organ for the dissemination of official school policy; it must serve to guide public opinion inside the school and, most difficult of all, it must try to interest widely differing types of readers—Boys, Staff, Old Boys, Governors, Friends of the School, Parents. It must too, without hypocrisy, show the school in a good light to members of the general public and to parents who are contemplating sending their sons to Abingdon.

Financially *The Abingdonian* makes a deficit in every issue. Every boy in the School receives a copy which is paid for by the Governors from school funds, and in addition almost as many copies again are sent out to subscribing O.A.'s. There are a few other consumers, giving in all a circulation of about 800 copies. Even with this assured circulation there is a deficit of some ten pounds on each issue, which is met from such sources as, *inter alia*, Tuckshop profits. There are but two ways of abolishing this deficit. Either the magazine must be made to cost less to produce, the only practical way of doing this being to reduce the size, or more revenue must be forthcoming.

In the years to come the circulation of the magazine will undoubtedly increase as the new method of subscription to the O.A. Club begins to take effect. To appeal for a greater circulation to the readers of this magazine may seem like preaching to the converted, yet it would be a great service to the magazine and to the school if readers would take any opportunity they can of increasing the circulation by inducing non-subscribers to get in touch with Mr. Duxbury at the school.

We announce with regret the death of Doctor Charles Robert Scott, O.B.E., which occurred on 7th September.

Dr. Scott was educated at Loretto School and Edinburgh University, where he graduated M.B., C.M., in 1898. Before taking up private practice at Abingdon he held appointments as Assistant Medical Officer at the Warneford and as House Surgeon and Physician at the Radcliffe. He was the School Doctor from 1901 to 1928, and after retiring he continued to take a lively interest in the School.

The Headmaster represented the School at his funeral which took place on 10th September. To Mrs. Scott and his family we offer our deep sympathy in their loss.

PROGRESS REPORT

The War Memorial Field has been thoroughly 'cultivated'—a word which has acquired a new meaning for those many members of the school who have helped to win the long-drawn-out battle against the squitch (if indeed that is the correct term for the enemy). Good friends of the school brought up reinforcements in the shape of monstrous mechanical equipment and the field is now level and ready for its autumn sowing. It may well be that Founder's Day of next year will provide an appropriate occasion for the formal opening of the field and its dedication.

The new Dayboys' Changing Room has now been completed and it will be available for use from the beginning of the Michaelmas term. It makes no pretence to architectural merit, but it is discreetly and inoffensively hidden behind the Science Block and it will serve a very practical purpose. Its erection has enabled us to throw a door through from School House to the old Dayboys' Changing Rooms, thus giving much needed elbow room to the boarders. Provisional plans exist for the complete remodelling of these two rooms, with the installation of a block of showers, but the construction of the new washing-up pantry will probably claim priority. Meanwhile it will be the turn of the boarders to envy the day boys the facilities they will enjoy in their new quarters.

The extremes of weather we have experienced in the past six months provided a severe test of the stamina of all the new trees and shrubs that we planted last autumn, and there have been a fair number of casualties, including some of the more interesting specimens such as the tulip trees. Replanting will take place during the autumn. Our little friend the metasequoia now seems to have got over its teething troubles and to be growing vigorously.

Mention may be made here of the very hard work which two or three members of Middle School have voluntarily put in on the school gardens. Throughout the summer the main border adjoining the School Drive has been a belt of colour, and the whole School has appreciated and enjoyed the result of their labours.

Internally, the main work of decoration during the Summer holidays has been the repainting of the large Upper Dormitory of School House in a pleasant combination of café-au-lait and cream. In addition, the Hall at Lacies Court and the Day Room at Larkhill have been redecorated. We congratulate the Scouts and the Modelling Club on the way in which they have furnished their own quarters at Lacies' Court.

Last, but by no means least, comes the Mayott fireplace. Readers of the *North Berks Herald* will be aware of the remarkable and romantic

history of this fireplace, built out of stones 'borrowed' from the Abbey, installed in the house of Richard Mayott, the first Mayor of Abingdon, hidden for many a year behind some panelling, and only revealed during recent reconstruction. One of the uprights of the fire-place contains at the back an elaborate carving, as fresh as on the day on which the Abbey was destroyed, and still bearing some traces of the original colour. This fireplace has been presented to the School and it is proposed to re-erect it in the Heylyn Room of Laics Court, where it will stand almost back-to-back with another Tudor fireplace of strangely similar design. We are indeed grateful to the *Friends of Abingdon* and to the Oxford and District Co-operative Society, the present owners of the property concerned, to whose good offices we owe this imaginative gesture. In particular we would thank Mr. A. R. Chance, the general manager of the Society, who has taken the greatest interest in the presentation of the fireplace: and also the strong team of experts, headed by Mr. W. H. Godfrey, C.B.E., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., which has recently visited Laics Court to advise us on the delicate work of installing the fireplace in its new home. There, as D.S.L. felicitously said in our contemporary, it will serve as a constant link between historic tradition and a living present.

J.M.C.

SCHOOL NOTES

On June 11th, the whole School attended in the Market Place to hear the Deputy Mayor read the Proclamation of Her Majesty's forthcoming Coronation. Once again the National Anthem was played by our Military Band.

We offer our respectful and affectionate congratulations to our Chairman, Admiral Clifton-Brown, on the occasion of his marriage. We were very glad to welcome Mrs. Clifton-Brown to Founder's Day and we hope that she will be a frequent visitor to the School.

We are very grateful to the Admiral for coming over to inspect our contingent before it marched off to attend the service on Empire Youth Sunday (May 25th)—an act of courtesy that was much appreciated by all ranks.

We are sorry to hear of Mr. Morrell's illness and we send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We congratulate our good friend Alderman S. Freeman on his election as Chairman of the Didcot Parish Council.

It is pleasant to record that another of our Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, has in the course of the Summer not only played cricket against the School but has also done a tour of duty as a 'Z' reservist—concealing his Brigadier's rank beneath a Major's crown.

We extend a hearty welcome to Councillor Candy and to Councillor Sparkes who will in November join Councillor Stow as representatives of the Corporation upon the Governing Body. At the same time we should like to say how much the School appreciates the support which it has received for so many years from the two retiring representatives of the Corporation, Alderman Stimpson and Alderman Tombs. We hope they will long continue to be 'friends of the School' in an unofficial capacity.

We congratulate the Senior Tutor of Pembroke College and Mrs. McCallum on the birth of a second son (30th August).

We offer our good wishes to Sir Reader Bullard, who leaves shortly for a lecture tour in the United States; in the course of which it is possible that he will be able to give the greetings of the School to Colonel Van Wagenen at Princeton.

Surprisingly—and happily—there were no changes in the Masters' Common Room to record this year. But all boarders say goodbye with regret to Miss Barras, and wish her good fortune as she takes her cookery books off to Malvern. We welcome in her stead Miss Birch—who, if names are anything to go by, should find it easy to help Miss St. John rule the kitchen.

Once again we were glad to see that old war-horse, Mr. Bevir, prick up his ears and return to the battle as chief invigilator of the Certificate Examinations. We were also glad of the occasional help of Mr. Rudd at the end of term.

As from this year Major Parker, whose military responsibilities are becoming more and more widespread, will be handing over the care of the cricket to Mr. Hillary. We cannot allow the occasion to pass without a word of very sincere gratitude to Major Parker for the tremendous amount of hard and often thankless work he has put in since the war in making the best of a succession of rather lean teams. The successes of future years will be largely built on the foundations laid by him.

Two of our masters achieved local notoriety during the holidays. Mr. Alston, when confronted with a real life street accident, put his recent First Aid classes to such good account that he was mistaken for a policeman; and now that all is well that ends well we can afford to smile at the irony with which one sulphurous August day Fate aimed a thunderbolt unerringly at our own Meteorological Expert, Mr. Sewry.

It should be placed on record that visitors to our Founder's Day Celebrations included Sir Francis Wylie, who, among other claims to fame, was at one time the tutor at Balliol of the then undergraduate, and now octagenarian, Mr. Ross-Barker.

Other visitors to the School during the Summer term included Alderman Mrs. Jarvis, Chairman of the County Education Committee, who came over to see our new Science Block on 19th June: Mrs. Ecklund, of Sweden: Mr. R. Dugger, of Texas University, and Mr. R. McNalty, of Columbia University, U.S.A.

We were also glad to offer hospitality to the Abingdon Cricket Club—now once again errant—for their cricket week in August; and over the first weekend in September we had the pleasure of entertaining between fifty and sixty visitors who came to Abingdon for the Autumn Meeting of the Morris Ring. Dancing, not cars. And as Upper Dormitory was still in the hands of the decorators we had to put beds in Big School, probably for the first time in its history. Nor, we think, has 'Shepherd's Hay' ever before been danced in Upper Field, with musical accompaniment, at 11.30 p.m. in the light of a full moon.

We appreciated very much the kindly reference to the development of the school grounds made in the annual report of the *Friends of Abingdon*.

We thank Mr. V. L. Banting for the assistance his motor boat gave to the Boat Club during a recent minor crisis and for his subsequent gift of 5/- to Chapel Funds; and we also thank P. M. O'Brien for the gift of some boxing gloves and a rugger ball.

We are extremely grateful to a parent, Mr. H. P. Marshall, who has presented a set of new rugger posts to the School.

We congratulate N. J. Shurrock, who has been awarded a State Scholarship in Classics on the result of the recent G.C.E.: D. Free, whose Open Scholarship in Classics has now been supplemented by a State Scholarship; and D. R. G. Andrews, who has been allotted a Berkshire County Award at Oxford.

We congratulate also M. R. S. Broadway (Lansdowne School, High Wycombe) and D. J. Langton (Abingdon School) who have been awarded respectively a School Foundation Scholarship and a Foundation Exhibition.

We are glad to record that M. J. C. Griffiths recently blazed a new trail by being the first representative of the School to attend a course at the Outward Bound Sea School in North Wales.

The number of boys in the School at the beginning of the Summer Term was 361 (Day-boys 226, School House 82, Waste Court 34, Larkhill 19). The subsequent admission of three more day-boys brought the number up to 364.

A Parents' Evening (Third Forms) was held on 22nd May.

We offer our sincere thanks to the following lecturers who visited the School, as opposed to specific school societies, during the Summer Term:

13th May—Mr. D. G. Chambers, of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau.

19th May—Mr. A. G. H. Voss, of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

7th July—Mr. H. L. Fosbrooke, a Senior Sociologist from Tanganyika, who spoke to the Sixth Forms on 'Careers in East Africa'.

11th July—Mr. W. A. Gibson Martin, who spoke on "Steel and Current Affairs."

14th July—Squadron Leader Levien, D.S.O., D.F.C., who enlightened the Sixth Forms on some aspects of the Royal Air Force.

22nd July—Major-General H. R. Swinburne, C.B., O.B.E., M.C., Army Liaison Officer for Schools, attached to H.Q., Southern Command, who spoke of his experiences "Inside the Wire".

Many middle-school boys saw a film "The M.C.C. Tour of Australia" on 14th May: on 20th May, a party from the School visited the Abingdon Musical Society's production of Bach's Mass in B Minor; and on 25th June all School House boarders and some day-boys enjoyed the Balliol Players' version of the "Clouds" of Aristophanes, given in the Arcadian surroundings of the Old Tennis Court in a freely-adapted (and very topical) version based on Gilbert Murray's translation.

The Boat Club 'Regatta' provided a highly entertaining *Quatorze Juillet* celebration for large numbers of the School.

The Bradfield Greek play this year was Sophocles' "Antigone", which a small party of seniors greatly enjoyed on 19th June. On 23rd June many non-examination candidates saw the O.U.D.S. production of "Twelfth Night" in Oxford.

On 7th July the fifth form Scientists inspected the Lewis Evans collection of Scientific Instruments in Oxford, while 5 Arts visited Dorchester Abbey.

The Upper Sixth Classicists and Historians enjoyed a ramble through the Ashmolean Museum on 10th July.

The majority of forms in the School visited the Corporation Exhibition of Abingdon charters and documents (which included some of our own treasures) during the week 17th—24th July. This was a fascinating exhibition, and all who saw it are looking forward to the more extensive Coronation Exhibition of documents next year.

The winner of the new Morland Prize, Richard Millard, and a select party of his friends were shown over Messrs. Morland's Brewery in Abingdon, on 22nd July. The visit was greatly enjoyed.

An innovation this year was an inter-house P.T. Competition, admirably organised by Mr. Coleman, which was held during second period on 17th July. Practically every boy in the School took part, and the new challenge cup—one of those kindly presented by Wing Commander John Viney—was won after keen competition by Bennett House.

The War Memorial Fund has benefited during the last six months by the following contributions, which we acknowledge with thanks:—

Mr. C. E. Kemp £1. 1. 0. Mr. and Mrs. W. Free £5. 10. 0.

In addition we are grateful for gifts of clothing by R. Acklam and M. J. Millichap, which has been sold for the benefit of the Fund: and we have received £121. 4. 2 from the Exchequer in repayment of income-tax for the financial year 1951-52.

The new School Cap is now in course of production and it is hoped that it will be available at Messrs. Shepherd and Simpson's from September. During the transitional period the School will necessarily present a piebald appearance, for boys will not of course be expected to buy a new cap until the old one is worn out.

We commend the initiative of the Tuckshop committee whose gay and attractive posters have enlivened Lower Corridor throughout the term.

As we go to press we are following with keen interest the vigorous correspondence in the *Times* about the fate of Fitzharris House—a matter of particular concern to a school which owes so much to the benefactions of Thomas Tesdale, co-founder of Pembroke College, who lived there in the 16th century.

The photograph of the 1st XI in this issue appears by courtesy of Mr. Milligan, Photographer, Abingdon.

Contemporaries

The Editor wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following Schools (to 15th August, 1952):—

Aldenham School; Bloxham School; Chigwell School; City of Oxford School; King Alfred's School, Wantage; M.C.S., Brackley; M.C.S., Oxford; Newbury Grammar School; Oundle School; Reading School; Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe; St. Edward's School, Oxford; Southfield School; Windsor County School; and from Culham College.

EXAMINATIONS

Results at 'Advanced' level of the recent General Certificate Examination were as follows. It may be noted that the total of subject-passes at this level is exactly half as great again as last year.

Three Subjects: W. W. Crockford (Ch, Bot, Zoo); P. J. Downer (Ch, Bot, Zoo); D. Free (L. G, AH); J. C. Ivatts (L, G, AH); R. S. M. Millard (L, H, A); S. R. Mills (Pure M, App M, Higher M); P. R. Sale (Chem, Bot, Zoo); N. J. Shurrock (L, G, AH); C. S. Wiggins (Pure M, App M, Ph).

Two Subjects: D. R. G. Andrews (L, H); B. W. Boddington (E, H); P. J. Emerton (E, H); M. W. Matthews (Ph, Ch); N. G. Nicholls (L, AH); E. G. R. Peedell (E, F).

One Subject: P. B. H. Amey (A); C. H. Banwell (Pure M); N. A. C. Darroch (E); A. G. B. King (Ch); H. R. Leach (Zoo); C. J. Lockhart-Smith (E); P. C. Madley (Pure M); J. Norman (Zoo); J. Westall (Ch).

CHAPEL NOTES

The Bishop of Oxford has kindly consented to hold a Confirmation Service in the Chapel at 3 p.m. on Advent Sunday (30th November).

Collections allotted to outside Charities were as follows:—

The Hostel of God	£2	9	0
The Mission to Lepers	£2	6	0
Berkshire Fund for the Blind	£3	10	0
St. James' Church, Nevis	£3	12	6
S.P.C.K.	£2	13	6

As a result of the collection at St. Helen's Church on Founder's Day cheques for £8 18 0 were sent to Dr. Barnardo's Homes and to the Dockland Settlement. The collection at the traditional evening service at St. Nicolas' Church on the last Sunday of term, amounting to just over £4, was given to the funds of St. Nicolas' Church.

The annual Choir Outing took place on 2nd July, when a large party visited the E.M.I. (better known as H.M.V.) Factory at Hayes. It proved a most interesting and enjoyable day.

We are grateful to the outside preachers who visited us in the Summer Term. Visiting preachers for the Christmas Term will include:—

28th September—Rev. F. Aldous, M.A.

19th October—Rev. G. R. Dunstan, M.A., Vicar of Sutton Courtenay

16th November—E. L. King, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of King Alfred's School, Wantage.

7th December—George Goyder, Esq., (a member of the Church Assembly).

After experiment with different types of new lighting—two of which temporarily mar the symmetry of the Chapel—the Chapel Committee has selected the kind most suitable for the building, and the necessary equipment is now on order. We are deeply grateful to Wing-Commander John Viney, D.S.O., D.F.C., (O.A.), who, with his family, has offered to defray the entire cost in memory of his wife's mother, Mrs. Mayne, who died recently. An appropriate bronze tablet is being mounted on the wall above the Chaplain's stall.

The Committee has also tackled the problem of the ventilation of the Chapel: and it is hoped that the School will return in September to find that many of the windows have been made to open. It is not until next Summer Term, of course, that we shall feel the full benefit of this improvement.

We would thank the Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Cowley for the gift of a hymn-book to the Chapel.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day was celebrated this year on Saturday, 26th July. It was again a very successful festival, the weather being pleasantly warm.

The address in the morning at St. Helen's Church was delivered by the Warden of Radley College, the Rev. J. C. Vaughan Wilkes, M.A., who took for his text the opening verses of the 145th Psalm, traditionally sung at the Founder's Day Service. He spoke of the duties of private prayer and thanksgiving, public worship and daily Bible-reading, and asked for a sacrifice of thanks to God, emphasising that the most important freedom vouchsafed to man was the opportunity for self-sacrifice and service.

The wreath which was laid on the tomb of John Royse was again very effectively prepared by Mrs. Bevir, to whom our thanks are due, as well as to the Misses Challenor for decorating the altar.

In the afternoon came the distribution of the Prizes in the Corn Exchange. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban were afterwards 'At Home' on Upper Field to parents and visitors. The Brass Band was again in evidence, and a display of gymnastics was given by the winning teams in the House P.T. Competition. The buildings and grounds of the School were thrown open, displays and exhibitions of 'out of School activities' were staged, and a notable collection of handicrafts was on Show.

The day was closed—a passive verb, perhaps 'stampeded to a close' is more suitable—by a programme of Speeches and Music, which is reviewed on page 544.

At 8.15 the next morning a corporate celebration of Holy Communion was held in the Chapel. The Chaplain preached at Morning Service, while in the evening the traditional Service in St. Nicolas' Church took place in accordance with the terms of the Cheyney Bequest. The Headmaster, preaching the sermon, spoke to those who were leaving the School of the importance of maintaining the standards which they had formed during their sheltered period of growth at School.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

The School can rarely have had a more distinguished visitor than the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Ruffside, P.C., J.P., D.L., Hon.Litt.D., Hon. D.Litt., High Steward of the University of Cambridge and former Speaker of the House of Commons, who very kindly came down to distribute the prizes. The Chairman of the Governors, Vice-Admiral F. Clifton-Brown, C.B., presided, and the Corn Exchange, beautifully decorated by Mrs. Gray, was filled to capacity.

The Headmaster, after welcoming Lord Ruffside not only as an eminent public servant but also as the younger brother of the Chairman, gave a comprehensive review of the events of the year, so many of which have already been recorded in these pages. He concluded by appealing for two things—for a sense of personal responsibility and for that spirit of voluntary service, more important than ever in these days of the Welfare State, which found its satisfaction in the knowledge of a job well done rather than in material reward.

After distributing the prizes Lord Ruffside spoke discursively and delightfully of the importance of tradition, illustrating his remarks with examples of historical continuity drawn from his own office. He added a special word to those about to leave school, advising them to go out in a spirit of adventure, and, while looking forward, not to lose contact with the School they had left behind them.

The proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks, a round of cheers, and the National Anthem.

AWARD OF PRIZES

THE ENDOWED PRIZES: The Morland Prize (*presented by Messrs. Morland in memory of W. T. Morland, O.A., and awarded for all-round merit*)—R. S. M. Millard; The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—R. S. M. Millard, *prox. acc.* P. B. H. Amey; The Smith Chemistry Prizes: Sixth Form (Upper)—P. J. Downer; Sixth Form (Lower)—R. M. Marchbanks; Fifth Forms—B. N. Parker; Fourth Forms—J. M. Thistlewood; The Ball Science Prize—C. S. Wiggins, G. W. Crockford; The Bevan Essay Prize—N. J. Shurrock; The Bevan Scripture Prizes:

Fifth Forms—K. H. Smith; Fourth Forms—R. E. J. Packer; Third Forms—B. D. Winkett; Second Forms—W. W. Budden, A. J. Jones; First Forms—D. J. Privett.

THE SCHOOL PRIZES: The Headmaster's Prizes for Efficiency in School and House—D. Free, A. G. B. King; The Mayor's Prize for History Essay (*presented by Mr. H. G. Mullard, J.P.*)—P. B. H. Amey; The Old Boys' Prize for English Essay—C. J. Lockhart Smith; The Old Boys' Prize for English Verse—C. J. Lockhart Smith; The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (*presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen of Princeton University, U.S.A.*)—N. J. Shurrock; The Prize for Character (*presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ellis*)—D. R. G. Andrews; The Prizes for Efficiency in the C.C.F.—U/O. H. R. Leach, Sgt. T. W. Downs; The Junior Reading Prize (*presented by Mr. C. C. Woodley, O.A.*)—R. S. Green, P. Lagden; The Music Prizes: Senior (*presented by Mrs. Rayson*)—B. W. T. Leech; Junior (*presented by Miss Sheldon Peach*)—A. E. Bush; The Art Prizes—R. S. M. Millard, A. J. Gardner; The Handicraft Prizes—F. E. Bartlett, J. W. Corderoy, A. E. Woodward.

THE CRICKET PRIZES: The Lake Bat (*presented by H. W. Lake, Esq., M.C.*)—B. A. Whiteford; The Fletcher Cup—B. A. Whiteford; The Henderson Prizes—M. J. Brackley, D. A. Jones, D. C. W. Lewis.

THE TENNIS CHALLENGE CUP (*presented by Major V. C. Buckley*)—J. A. Nichols.

THE FORM PRIZES: Sixth Form (Upper): Classics—D. Free; English and French—E. G. R. Peedell; Mathematics—S. R. Mills; Biology—J. Norman; Sixth Form (Lower): Arts—J. Blinman; Science and Mathematics—D. S. Lloyd; Form 5 Arts and Science—P. W. Kemp, B. J. Hiscock; Form 5 General—C. G. P. Aylin; Form 4 Arts—R. E. J. Packer, J. D. Hall; Form 4 Science—R. W. Westcott, M. B. Enser; Form 4 General—R. Pinniger; Form 3A—B. D. Winkett, C. Hiles; Form 2A—R. W. Cowley, P. M. D. Gray, J. M. Iredale; Form 2B—N. A. J. Antrobus, P. Lagden; Form 1A—N. D. O. Hall, G. Dimond; Form 1B—R. A. N. Saunders, M. R. Harvey.

SPEECHES AND MUSIC, 1952

(We are indebted to Mr. David Green, the historian of Blenheim, for the following review)

When vintage champagne accompanies the main course, it is not unnatural for the sherry, no matter how good, to slip from the minds and palates of the fortunate guests. So brilliantly did "Trial By Jury" bubble and sparkle, such heady stuff it was, so jolly and rollicking, so winning and captivating, it sent its audience home in a cloud of content and a whirl of well-being—

joy unbounded,
with wealth surrounded—

and it was not until one had sobered sufficiently to look back upon the programme as a whole that one remembered all the excellent things that had gone before.

Yet how, even for a moment, could we have forgotten the Brass Band! Did we ever enjoy a band so much? Never before perhaps, was the direction *espressivo* given such wholehearted interpretation (for face and foot came into it too); and the result—magnificent, overwhelming, irresistible—was wildly encored. One relished particularly the grave air of Mr. Winston Churchill (or rather, of him who had but two items back spoken his homily) at the big drum; and the spirit of calm and yet dogged resolution (so typical of the School) with which the trumpeter nearest the audience tackled his part.

Those of us who had spent but a year learning German, and that at a public school, felt more than a little nervous about *Die Hemzelmännchen*; for how were we to know that Robin Mills would prove so much at ease with hobgoblins as to have the little brutes in no time hopping and skipping about the stage for all to see? Nor need we have worried about those speeches in Greek and Latin, the former being a thing of beauty most sensitively pointed by Clayton Armstrong, (though seldom if ever can a Greek chorus have been compelled to sport buttonholes of pink carnations), and the latter simply—yet not quite so simply—our rough island story, in duplicate, all over again.

And how much, one fell to wondering, has our climate changed since Caesar described England as "one horrible wood"? Perhaps it has run full circle, so that soon we shall be terracing our Cotswold fields and growing vines upon them as happily as the Romans did. At all events, the evening of July 26th was a sizzler, and just now and again, though not often, one wondered if the piece chosen for a boy to declaim or play was not so far beyond his capacity as to give him small chance of hitting the mark. Agreed, a man's aim should exceed his grasp, but for a boy to attempt the role of a Churchill or, at an even more tender age, that of a disillusioned cynic, is aiming far indeed and (I repeat, it was very hot) is apt to impart a sense of strain.

But do you remember how welcome were those cool crystal notes of the Bach prelude (*Mortify us by Thy Grace*) played on two pianos by Barker and Packer? How near the river seemed and how safe was Bach's lovely theme in the hands of those true musicians!

Again, in the Three Speeches in English the standard was high, whether with Brooke one took a fish's eye view or with Shaw a bishop's or with Marlowe the strutting Tamburlaine's. All three were spoken clearly and with conviction. True, Brooke's jaundiced old trout sat awkwardly (if a trout can sit) on a twelve-year-old, but Green bore up bravely and, after a near-miss, gaffed and landed his monster expertly

amid applause. As for the performances of Prentice and Boddington, both were excellent and deserve special mention.

And now for the champagne. — From the first moment of "Trial by Jury", when the curtain rose upon a bustling scene of smocked and frock-coated males and dazzlingly frocked and hatted "females" (the same who that very morning had sung like a charm of cherubim in St. Helen's choir) we all knew we were in for a bolsterous time. But was this bustle deliberate or should we find the packed stage, the whole surging mob running out of control? Not a bit of it. The show ran perfectly and with tremendous gusto from start to finish, as though jet-propelled, the jet of course being Signor Giovanni Bacceroni—transparent disguise for our dynamic friend Barker who, after the last curtain, had to be all but dragged on to the stage to receive frenzied applause.

Both upon the stage and below it (for Burgess and Packer were at the pianos) there was plenty of talent. Indeed, the witness-box was manifestly bursting with it. But two performers, both blest with good voices, were outstanding: the learned judge and the defendant, for both were a joy and a delight. Mr. Alston took his part in the grand and heavy manner, though with a pretty knack for stooping to folly, while Mr. Cooper flung himself into his role with such charm and finesse (never for an instant did he forget that he was Somebody's Lovesick Boy), one sighed for the chances all absent talent-scouts were missing. As for the plaintiff, "she" was entirely convincing, though we might have loved "her" even more (A voice: 'Impossible!') had "her" voice been just that little bit stronger. Foreman, counsel, usher, all were splendid; and you remember the cheer that greeted the entrance of the bridesmaids (six of them, all in pale pink, with posies)? Well, they deserved it, every man-Jill of them. And the same goes for those girls on the public benches with gay skirts and scarves and schoolboy complexions. Yes, the draught was heady and it did not entirely astonish your critic when, peering through the gloom of the gangway at what he took to be an eager sixth-former, drinking in with relish every word of the trial and hugely enjoying the judge's antics, he found it to be none other than your Headmaster.

D.B.G.

(In fairness to Mr. Mortimer we should add that Mr. Green did not learn his German at Abingdon—Ed.)

PROGRAMME

THE QUEEN

Part I.

1. IN MEMORIAM—His Late Majesty King George the Sixth
Extracts from Winston Churchill's broadcast speech
Richard Millard (*Winner of the Layng Reading Prize*)
2. A SPEECH IN GERMAN Robin Mills
Verses from "Die Hemzelmännchen" by August Kopisch
3. MARCH—Blaze Away by Holzmann The Brass Band
4. A SPEECH IN FRENCH Richard Millard
An excerpt from Cyrano de Bergerac by Edmond Rostand
5. A SPEECH IN GREEK Clayton Armstrong (*Cassandra*)
An excerpt from the George Brown, David Dunkley
Agamemnon of Aeschylus Peter Fysh, Thomas Glucklick
James Page
6. DUET FOR TWO PIANOS J. F. H. Barker and Roger Packer
Chorale Prelude: Mortify Us By Thy Grace—J. S. Bach
7. A SPEECH IN LATIN G. F. Duxbury (*Tacitus*)
David Free (*Caesar*)
8. PIANOFORTE SOLO David Shaw
Prelude in F Minor—J. S. Bach
9. TRUMPET SOLO Richard Redknap
Count Your Blessings—Morgan
10. THREE SPEECHES IN ENGLISH Roger Green
Heaven—Rupert Brooke (*Winner of the Junior Reading Prize*)
from Shaw's St. Joan Bryan Boddington
from Taimburlaine by Christopher Marlowe Kenneth Prentice
11. TRIO FOR TWO TROMBONES J. F. H. Barker, Peter
& PIANO—F. W. Burgess Simmonds, F. W. Burgess

Part II.

TRIAL BY JURY

by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan

The Learned Judge	J. B. E. Alston
The Plaintiff	Alan Bush
The Defendant	G. H. Cooper
Counsel for the Plaintiff	Michael Grigsby
Usher	Richard Millard
Foreman of the Jury	Peter Millard

Bridesmaids

Charles Owen, David Meakins, Martin King, David Wiggins, Robert Simpson, Tony Gardner.

Gentlemen of the Jury

C. E. T. Moore, Peter Amey, David Lloyd, John Westall, L. C. J. Griffin, Ian Baxter, Michael Brackley, J. V. Fiori, R. G. Mortimer, Patrick Sarsfield-Hall, Jeffrey Heavens.

The Public

Colin Wiggins, Peter Lay, Ian Trenaman, Alan Costley, Peter Penny, John Thewlis, David Camplin, John Saywell, Alan Caswell, Michael Rallings, David Langton, John Buckland, Mark Bretscher, Christopher Coble, John Pridham, Malcom Alberry, John Nichols, Richard Griffith, Michael Creevy, John Hasthorpe, Peter Simmonds, Roger Davis, Cyril Woodruff.

At The Pianos: F. W. Burgess and Roger Packer

SALVETE ET VALETE

Valete—Left 1st April, 1952

Lower Sixth Forms (Arts), L. G. Guimaraens (L, 1946), House Prefect 1951; C.C.F., Cert. 'A'.

Form 5 Sci.: R. W. Allen (M, 1946); 3rd XV 1951; Athletics Team 1952; C.C.F., Cert 'A', Pt. 1.

Form 4 Gen.: B. V. Gerring (M, 1948); C.C.F.

Salvete—Came 29th April, 1952

Form 4 Arts: A. M. Smith, S.

Form 4 Gen.: B. J. Le Grys, D. (Came 19th May, 1952).

Form 3A: B. L. Smith, D.

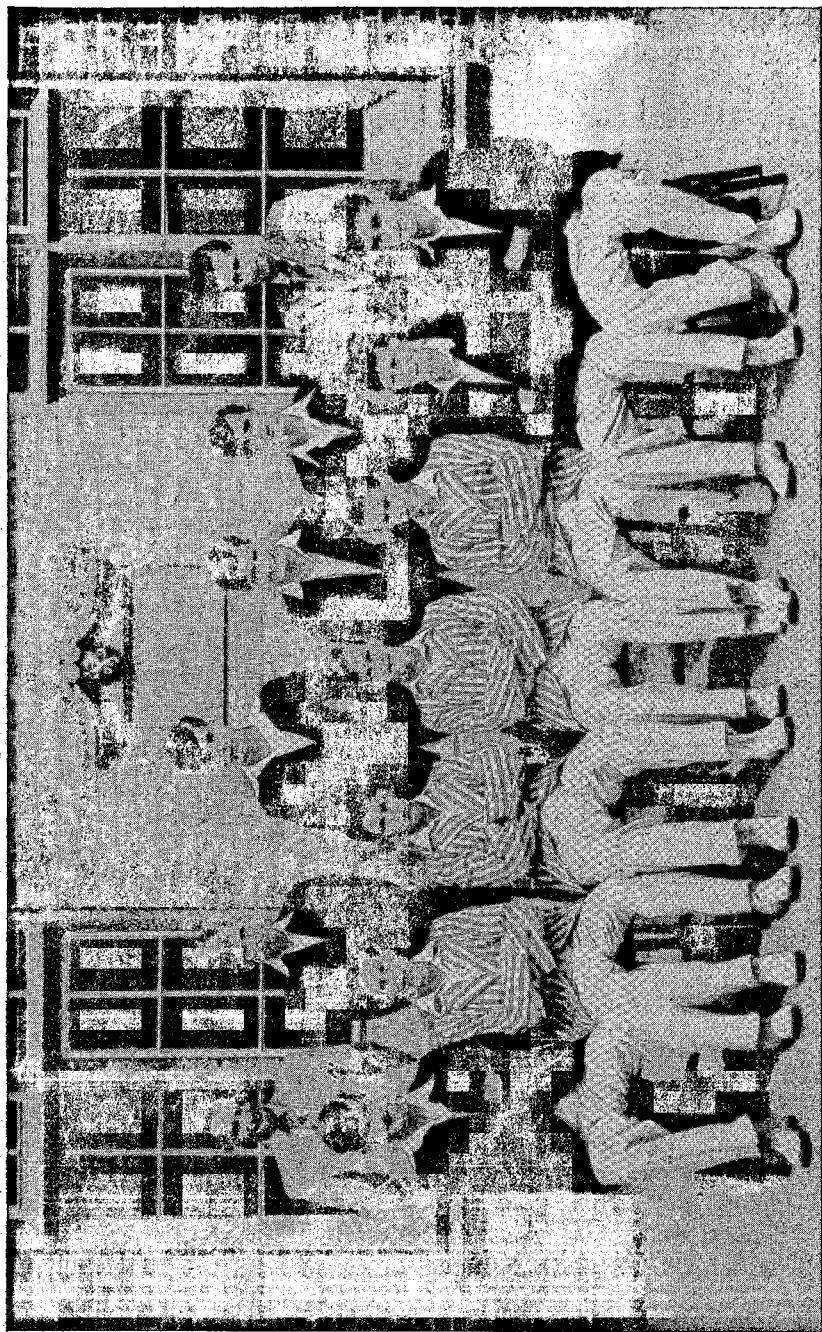
Form 2B: B. E. Price, D. (Came 16th May, 1952).

Form 1A: R. Proudman, D.; J. A. Sheard, D. (Came 19th May, 1952).

CRICKET

The season as a whole has again been disappointing; and although several players remain who were in the eleven last year, of these only Whiteford, Brackley and Stevens were successful.

The form of the team was very inconsistent throughout the season, and after an overwhelming defeat at the hands of Wantage School, a brilliant victory was achieved over the Parents. This revival was con-



Mr. S. C. Parker, D. C. W. Lewis, P. Stroud-Viney, R. J. Hines, C. A. Full, Mr. A. A. Hillary

tinued in the next match, when a narrow victory was gained over the Staff, but in the last match of the season we suffered a 9 wickets' defeat at the hands of our old rivals, Magdalen College School.

The batting honours were shared by Whiteford, Brackley and Stevens, while Banwell played more than one good innings. As a bowler Whiteford had lost much of his old fire, probably through staleness, but Jones bowled well on all occasions, often without luck, and Lewis had the happy knack of taking wickets just when they were needed. In recent years the School fielding and throwing have been good, but this year some deterioration was evident, although Whiteford was a brilliant close-to-the-wicket fielder and Brackley was good in the outfield.

With eight of the team staying on, we look forward to next season with confidence, and by that time the six members of the team who came straight into the eleven from the under-fifteens will have matured and gained that extra experience which is so vital for a cricket team.

We congratulate M. J. Brackley and P. S. G. Stevens on being awarded Full Cricket Colours; also R. J. Banwell, D. A. Jones, A. C. Marshall, R. J. Hines, P. Stroud-Viney and D. C. W. Lewis on being awarded Half Colours.

1st XI CHARACTERS

D. FREE (Captain and Secretary, Colours 1952). Elected to the Captaincy for his experience rather than for his skill as a player. A fine cover-point, he set the team a high example of optimistic determination. Off the field, a conscientious administrator. (S.C.P.).

M. J. BRACKLEY (Vice-Captain, Colours 1952). A very steady opening bat, who has the ability to 'stay at the wicket' for long periods; at present, however, he has no genuine strokes on the off-side, and he is thus unable to take charge of a given situation. A good cover point with an accurate throw.

B. A. WHITEFORD (Colours 1951). As an opening bowler he has lost some of his form, but his batting has greatly improved and he now possesses a wide range of strokes and is our most prolific scorer. A brilliant fielder at silly mid-off.

P. S. G. STEVENS (Colours 1952). An aggressive batsman, whose driving and pulling are particularly good. A useful change bowler and a smart fielder.

R. J. BANWELL (Half Colours 1952). After a run of low scores at the beginning of the season, he regained confidence and showed good strokes all round the wicket. A safe slip fielder, but slow in anticipation.

D. A. JONES (Half Colours 1952). A young opening bowler who bowls intelligently and shows great promise for the future, but he could with advantage shorten his run. It is unfortunate that he lost all form with the bat.

A. C. MARSHALL (Half Colours 1952). An effective 'stopper', who does not, however, gather the ball very safely, and is often moving when he should be in position. As a result, chances are missed. His batting is quite untutored.

R. J. HINES (Half Colours 1952). He missed the first few matches because of illness and consequently did not get the necessary bowling practice. An unorthodox type of batsman who has made some useful scores. As a fielder, he is lazy and disinclined to get down to the ball.

P. STROUD-VINEY (Half Colours 1952). A young player who was promoted from the 2nd XI early in the season. A slow-scoring batsman with a good defence and good powers of concentration. A safe fielder, but he must move to the wider balls more quickly.

D. C. W. LEWIS (Half Colours 1952). A left arm spin bowler who is not afraid to give the ball some air. Has a happy knack of taking wickets at opportune moments. A very good fielder to his own bowling. Must try to acquire some batting.

C. A. FULL. Came into the team late in the season as an opening batsman and played one good innings. A good fielder.

D.F.

1ST XI MATCHES

v. City of Oxford School (a). Sat., 10th May. Draw.

Batting first on a firm wicket the School were quickly in trouble, losing 4 wickets for 23 runs, but when Stevens joined Brackley 64 runs were added before Stevens was bowled for 47. The School declared at tea time with the score at 111—8, Brackley carrying his bat for 37. At first City of Oxford went for the runs, but when Parsloe was out for 14 they closed up the game and had scored 59—6 when stumps were drawn.

School: 111—8 dec. (Stevens 47, Brackley 47 not out).

City of Oxford School: 59—6 (Brackley 2—3).

v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h). Wed., 14th May. Lost.

The School did well to dismiss a strong Gentlemen's side for 121, of which Waites made 50. Whiteford, Jones and Lewis each took 3 wickets, Lewis taking his in one over. When the School batted they were all at sea against the bowling of Nunn and only Stevens offered any worthy resistance.

Berkshire Gentlemen: 121 (Waites 50, Lewis 3—12).

School: 57 (Stevens 21, Nunn 4—10; Rev. H. Pickles 2—3).

v. Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe (h). Sat., 17th May. Lost.

High Wycombe made an extremely slow start in this game, scoring only 38 runs before tea. Afterwards the rate quickened and they declared at 79—6. The School displayed an alarming lack of confidence in their batting and were all out in 48 minutes for 49 runs, no one reaching double figures. Ashby took 6—13 for Wycombe.

High Wycombe: 79—6 dec. (Dixon 24 not out).

School: 49 (Ashby 6—13).

v. St. Edwards School 2nd XI (a). Wed., 21st May. Lost.

Put in to bat on a good wicket the School started cautiously and then lost two wickets with the score at 18. Whiteford and Stevens then had a good partnership, 30 of Stevens' 38 runs coming in boundary strokes. Whiteford made 19. The later batsmen offered little resistance and the innings closed with the total at 103. When they batted, St. Edwards were always in front of the clock and they passed the School's total for the loss of only 4 wickets.

School: 103 (Whiteford 19, Stevens 38, Latham 4—22).

St. Edward's: 107—4 (Walker 35).

v. Abingdon C.C. (h). Sat., 24th May. Draw.

Batting first, Abingdon C.C. lost their first wicket at 13 and did not lose another until 108. Of the 95 runs put on for the 2nd wicket, Mr. Hillary made 79 before being bowled by Lewis. In all he made 90, including 6 sixes and 10 fours. After this big stand Lewis caused a collapse and only Primmitt of the remaining batsmen achieved double figures. Lewis had the grand analysis of 5—17. The School went for the runs in grand style and Brackley made an aggressive 65, while Whiteford made 38. With 10 minutes to go, 30 runs were still required, but the School were still 15 behind their opponent's total when stumps were drawn, having sacrificed several wickets in an attempt to get quick runs.

Abingdon C.C. 154—8 dec. (Hillary 90, Lewis 5—17).

School 141—8 (Brackley 65, Whiteford 38, Brooks 5—40).

v. Oratory School (h). Wed., 28th May. Won.

The School batted first and put on 38 runs for the first wicket before Brackley was run out for 23. Stroud-Viney and Whiteford batted well, the former making 27 and the latter 39 and the School were able to declare after tea with the total at 121—7. Arundell, with 3—14, was Oratory's most successful bowler. When Oratory batted they made half-hearted strokes against the spin bowling of Hiscock, and were all out for 81. Only Smith, who made 33, offered any serious resistance.

School: 121—7 dec. (Brackley 23, Stroud-Viney 27, Whiteford 39).
Oratory School: 81 (Smith 33, Hiscock 7—40).

v. Reading School (A). Wed., 11th June. Draw.

Reading won the toss and batted first on a good batsman's wicket. Steward made a fine 40 and then the Reading Captain, Howe-Jones, completely dominated the scene with a quick 57 not out. Jones was the best of the School bowlers, taking 2—23. Reading declared at 142—5. When the School batted they found the Reading attack much too accurate for fast scoring and only 80 runs were scored in 2 hours for the loss of 7 wickets. Birtchnell took 5 of these for 26.

Reading School: 142—5 dec. (Steward 40, Howe-Jones 57 not out).
School: 80—7. (Brackley 19, Stevens 22, Birtchnell 5—26).

v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 14th June. Lost.

The School lost the toss and took the field in a fine drizzle which threatened to stop play at any moment. Bradfield and Packer were quickly out, but Glassbrook, M. C., and Inwood then made a stand which was still unbroken at lunch time. The later batsmen swung their bats freely and the innings closed at 143. Stevens and Hines were the most successful bowlers for the School.

The School were quickly in trouble against the hostile bowling of Barrett, supported by keen fielding, but made a partial recovery. Tea was taken with the score at 41 for 2, and it seemed that, with only an hour left for play, the match was certain to end in a quiet draw. There followed another weak-spirited collapse, Banwell alone offering firm resistance.

O.A.'s 143 (Glassbrook, M. C., 26, Inwood 33).
School: 68 (Banwell 23 not out, Barrett 5—21).

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a). Sat., 28th June. Lost.

The School squandered their advantage in winning the toss by an inept display of batting. Against the medium paced left-arm bowling of Green, they made a very poor showing, and with 9 wickets down for 39 the position looked desperate. A last wicket partnership of 18 by Hines and Lewis made the score a little more respectable. Wantage showed how placid the wicket was by putting on 43 runs for the first wicket, and they passed the School's total for the loss of only one more wicket. Tubb's innings of 42 was a joy to watch.

School: 57 (Hines 18, Green 8—29).
Wantage: 60—2 (Tubb 42 not out).

v. A Parents' XI (h). Sat., 5th July. Won.

The Parents won the toss and batted first on a firm wicket. From the start they attacked the bowling and the rate of scoring was high. Five of their batsmen were out in the twenties, but their total could have been less had the School fielding been better. Whiteford was unlucky, four catches being dropped off him in the slips. The Parents declared with their score at 141 for 6, leaving the School 110 minutes to get 142 runs. A disastrous start was made, two wickets falling for only 11 runs, but then Banwell and Whiteford completely mastered the bowling and put on 110 in 79 minutes with free scoring strokes all round the wicket. Banwell was eventually bowled for 57. Stevens then came in and he and Whiteford quickly made the necessary runs, Stevens' winning hit, which was made seven minutes from the end, being a six over mid-wicket. Whiteford made 47 not out and Stevens 21 not out. The fielding of the Parents was good.

Parents: 141—6 (Clewley 29, Maxwell 25 not out, Woodley 24).

School: 146—3 (Banwell 57, Whiteford 47 not out, Stevens 21 n.o.).

v. A Staff XI (h). Wed., 9th July. Won.

This match produced the most exciting finish, the last Staff wicket falling with the last ball of the match. Against a steady attack the School started cautiously, but when Stevens and Whiteford came together 46 runs were quickly added before both were run out with the score at 97. At the tea interval, the score was 101—5 and afterwards 28 runs were added for the loss of two more wickets, before the School declared with their score at 129—7. The Staff began well, Mr. Hillary hitting 15 in ten minutes. Then Mr. Griffin and Mr. Mortimer put on 55, but Lewis completely altered the complexion of the game by taking four wickets in 7 balls for no runs. When the last man came in 15 more runs were still required. 9 of these were scored, and in attempting to win the match by hitting a six off the last ball, Mr. Holloway, who had been batting for some time, was bowled. The School fielding showed improvement, two men being run out as the result of accurate returns to the wicket.

School: 129—7 dec. (Full 20, Whiteford 23, Stevens 32).

Staff: 124 (Mr. Griffin 41, Mr. Mortimer 36, Lewis 4—23).

v. Dr. Fisher's XI (h). Wed., 16th July. Lost.

For this match, Dr. Fisher gathered together a strong team and it was with this in mind that the School decided to field. Miller, the Oxfordshire player, made some delightful leg glides in a quick innings of 32. When Mr. Hillary and Mr. K. N. Fisher came together, they added 70 runs in 30 minutes. Mr. Hillary made 55—44 coming in

boundaries—and Mr. Fisher 32. Throughout the innings, which was declared closed at 182—8, the rate of scoring was over 2 runs a minute. Once again the School batting was weak, and only Whiteford and to a lesser extent Stevens showed any ability to stay at the wicket. After they were out the innings quickly ended.

Dr. Fisher's XI 182—8 dec. (Miller 32, Hillary 55, Fisher K.N. 32).
School: 108 (Whiteford 49, Fisher K. N. 6—31).

v. Magdalen College School (a). Sat., 19th July. Lost.

The School batsmen were in trouble right from the start and although Whiteford, Stevens and Stroud-Viney temporarily checked the rout the last wicket fell at 77. Jones bowled very well to take 7 for 12. Magdalen lost one wicket early on and then coasted to a comfortable 9 wickets' victory.

School: 77 (Jones 7—12).

Magdalen: 79—1 (Gibson 38 not out, Carter 25 not out).

SECOND XI

On paper the 2nd XI had a very lean season, losing all its matches except one, which was drawn. In fact the matches against Wantage and Wycombe were lost when victory seemed within grasp. The fielding was of a high standard and Millard proved a very good Captain. Edelsten was the best of the bowlers, and Nichols and Buxton deserve special mention among the batsmen.

The team was as follows:—Millard P. J. (Capt.), Sale P. R., Nichols J. A., Hiscock, Glover, Robbins, Edelsten, Buxton, Clewley, Ivatts and Armstrong.

Results

- v. City of Oxford School (h). Lost, 49, 50—3.
- v. St. Edward's School Colts (a). Lost, 57, 162—4 dec.
- v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). Lost 41, 57.
- v. K.A.S., Wantage (a). Lost, 91, 92—8.
- v. Reading School (h). Draw, 71—5, 139—8 dec.
- v. Radley College 3rd XI (a). Lost, 156, 193—4 dec.
- v. Magdalen College School (h). Lost, 114, 116—4.

THIRD XI

Because of the success of the introduction of a 3rd XI last year the experiment was continued. Two matches were played and in one of these an exciting victory was achieved over Radley College—a most meritorious performance.

The team was as follows:—Ellis (Capt.), Redknap, Madley, Hudson, Allsworth, Prothero, Aylin, Banwell C. H., Brown E. L., Paxman R. N., and Strodder.

Results

- v. Reading School (a). Lost 43, 96—6.
- v. Radley College 4th XI (h). Won 39—8, 38.

'UNDER 15' XI

With only one player, Cowles, remaining from last year it was not expected that this year's team would be the equal of that of last year, and, in fact, this lack of match experience proved to be the team's downfall on more than one occasion. Cowles was a keen Captain and a useful bowler, and Parsons, in hitting vein, and Smith A. M., a spin bowler, did well. The season ended with an exciting victory over Magdalen.

The team was as follows:—Cowles (Capt.), Glenney, Maxwell, Marshall R. G., Carter J., Carter N., Bush, Parsons, Woodley, Rallings and Smith A. M.

Results

- v. Newbury Grammar School (a). Lost 37, 39—2.
- v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Lost 51, 55—3.
- v. St. Edward's School (a). Lost 48, 212—8 dec.
- v. Reading School (a). Lost 40, 123—9 dec.
- v. City of Oxford School (h). Won 94—8, 85.
- v. Radley College (a). Lost 74, 76—3.
- v. Magdalen College School (a). Won 34, 28.

HOUSE MATCHES

Senior

Blacknall beat Tesdale by 5 wickets. 35—5, 34.

Bennett beat Reeves by 24 runs. 96, 72.

Final:—Blacknall beat Bennett by 17 runs. 115, 98.

Junior

Reeves beat Blacknall by 53 runs. 82, 29.

Bennett beat Tesdale by 3 wickets. 27—7, 26.

Final:—Bennett beat Reeves by 41 runs. 77, 36.

OTHER MATCHES

An 'A' XI lost to the Town Clerk's XI. 34, 35—6.

Day Boys beat Boarders by 7 wickets. 101—3, 98.

Navy beat a scratch Army team by 2 wickets. 78—8, 77.

ROWING

It is pleasant to record that the Boat Club had an enjoyable and moderately successful season. If we did not win all our races the fixtures were good and racing keen. The problem of boats is slowly being solved, while our chief worry now is accommodation. However the number of rowers has increased and there is much promising material among the juniors so we have much to be thankful for.

After a term's trial of John Roysse II we feel more grateful than ever to the O.A. Club, and it is in large measure due to this fine boat that the 1st IV settled down into a useful combination. At last coach and crew were relieved of the nagging thought 'What is going to break next?' and were able to concentrate on the rowing! To the Governors also we are deeply grateful for enabling us to secure two more fours. One, a sister ship of John Roysse II, we have already procured from our very good friend Mr. D. Talboys, who has helped us so much throughout the years; and we offer him our deep sympathy in the untimely death of his son, Dick Talboys, the O.U.B.C. waterman—a severe loss to Oxford rowing.

The other four we hope to receive in the fullness of time from the stocks of Banham, the well-known Cambridge boatbuilders. Thanks to the efforts of many members of the Boat Club in scraping, painting and varnishing the Boat House roof and interior are again presentable and the two gig pairs afloat, giving much pleasure and useful practice to beginners who would otherwise have had very little time on the water. Old members of the Club will be sorry to hear that the Marina has at last gone to the breakers' yard, where we fear the Tom may shortly have to join her; but the Marlow and Kingston continue to do yeoman service and even the Radley, now fitted with slides again, has some life left.

We must thank Messrs. Halford and Winterbourne for all the assistance they have given us in doing repairs and in other ways, and we are especially grateful to Mr. V. Banting of Abingdon who, in his outboard motor dinghy, gallantly and most cheerfully assisted in the salvage and recovery of the raft, which some irresponsible elements had cast adrift while others assisted its passage over the lasher into Sutton Pools.

Finally we must congratulate King's School, Worcester on winning the Public School Fours at Marlow for the second successive year.

As for the actual rowing, the highlight of the season, of course, was the success of the 1st IV at Wallingford Regatta, where they won the enormous Saunders Cup for Maiden Fours, shewing very good form and pace over a course the same length as our own. The crew developed into a very good average combination as the season progressed. R. S.

M. Millard proved a very competent stroke, though he—or the crew—were unable to produce the sudden and effective sprints that win close races, probably because there was never sufficient spring from the stretcher without excessive loss of slide. Westall at '3' combined well with stroke and Amey and Hullett made a neat and effective bow pair. The 2nd IV took a long time to reach the promise shown in the Lent term. In the first three races they were clumsy and lifeless but gradually the vigorous and determined stroking of H. G. Williams infused the right spirit and they then improved steadily. The 3rd IV made up in enthusiasm for what they lacked in technique and won two good races. There will be a fair leaven of experience available next year, with some promising new material, and we shall look forward to the task of building up three good crews.

Crews

1st IV: Bow—J. W. Hullett; '2'—P. B. H. Amey; '3'—J. Westall; Stroke—R. S. M. Millard (Capt.); Cox—H. R. Leach.

2nd IV: Bow—Lay P. J.; '2'—Griffiths M. J. C.; '3'—Wiggins C. S.; Stroke—Williams H. G.; Cox—Trenaman I. W.

3rd IV: Bow—Simmonds P. J.; '2'—Crockford G. W.; '3'—Leech B. W. T.; Stroke—Guimaraens J. G.; Cox—Rawlins D. P.

Races, 1st IV

Sat., 17th May, v. King's School, Worcester (a). Lost $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

This race was rowed over seven furlongs upstream. The School rowed with fixed pins for this race only, since a swivel boat was not available. Lay P. J. was at Bow. Trenaman coxed. The crew rowed very well indeed and chased King's with great determination. Shaky coxing lost us some ground, inexperience the rest.

Wed., 28th May, v. King Edward's School, Stratford (h).

Won $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; 3 mins. 29.8 secs.

Our first race and victory in John Roysse II.

Sat., 7th June, Wallingford Regatta

Heat I—Rowed over. Keble College scratched.
Heat II—Beat a Magdalen College School IV.
Heat III—Beat Wallingford R.C. Maiden Four.
Final—Beat Reading School.

The School rowed very well and their times were most consistent.

P. J. Simmonds entered for the Maiden Sculls but lost his first heat. A good effort nevertheless.

Wed., 11th June, v. Reading School (h).

Lost by 4 feet in 3 mins 27.6 secs.

A crab in the third minute cost us the race!

Sat., 14th June, v. O.A.s. Won easily in 3 mins. 29 secs.

O.A. Crew: K. Donkin, D. H. Wheaton, G. S. Strachan, J. Juggins.

Marlow Regatta—Public Schools Fours

Heat I—Friday, 20th June: Beat Emmanuel School and Tiffins.

Heat II—Saturday, 21st June: Lost to Eastbourne College.

The School rowed extremely well on Friday and took the lead at an early stage in the race. On the Saturday a poor start was the cause of a very low rate and thoroughly stodgy row. Eastbourne took the lead in the first ten strokes and increased it all the way over.

Sat., 28th June, v. Wallingford R.C. (a). Won by 2 lengths.

A very good and steady row against experienced oarsmen.

2nd IV

Wed., 7th May, v. Culham College I. Lost by 1 length; 3 mins. 59 secs.

Conditions were fairly slow but rhythm and life were lacking.

Sat., 17th May, v. King's School Worcester (a). Lost by 3½ lengths.

(Over 6 furlongs)

P. J. Simmonds rowed at 'Bow'.

Wed., 21st May, v. M.C.S. 'A' (a). Lost by 3½ lengths.

An extremely poor performance.

Wed., 28th May, v. King Edward's School, Stratford (h).

Won by 3 lengths in 3 mins. 42 secs.

Wed., 11th June, v. Reading School (h).

Won by ¼ length in 3 mins. 35.2 secs.

The crew continued its improvement and showed more life.

Sat., 14th June, v. O.A.s (h). Won by 3½ lengths over Short Course.

O.A. Crew: C. Calvert-Fisher, R. J. Pezaro, R. M. Reed, K. A. Fathers,

Sat., 28th June, v. Wallingford R.C. Maiden Four. Won by 3 lengths.

3rd IV

Wed., 7th May, v. Culham College II (h).

Won by 3½ lengths in 4 mins. 5.8 secs.

Wed., 21st May, v. M.C.S. 'B' (a). Lost by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Wed., 11th June, v. Reading School (h).

Won by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 3 mins 41.4 secs.

We regret that we were unable to arrange fixtures with Prince Henry's G.S., Evesham.

THE REGATTA

The Regatta was held on Monday, 14th July, at 6.0 p.m. on Wilsham Reach, and was watched by a large audience.

Results

House Fours—The Bennett Cup

Heat I—Bennett beat Reeves by a distance.

Final—Bennett beat Blacknall by 2 lengths.

Tesdale were unable to enter.

Crews: Bennett: Bow—J. W. Hullett; '2'—Crockford G. W.; '3'—Wiggins C. S.; Stroke—R. S. M. Millard; Cox—Rawlins D. P.

Reeves: Bow—Simmonds P. J.; '2'—Guimaraens J. G.; '3'—Leech B. W. T.; Stroke—Bartlett F. E.; Cox—Baxter I. S.

Blacknall: Bow—Downs T. W. S.; '2'—P. B. H. Amey; '3'—Lay P. J.; Stroke—Williams H. G.; Cox—Trenaman I. W.

Day Boys v. Boarders—The Pierpoint Cup

Boarders beat Day Boys by 3 lengths.

This race was rowed again for the first time since 1914. The Boarders' victory this year evens the score with 3 wins each.

Boarders: Bow—J. W. Hullett; '2'—Williams H. G.; '3'—P. B. H. Amey; Stroke—R. S. M. Millard; Cox—Hedges B. J.

Day Boys: Bow—Lay P. J.; '2'—J. Westall; '3'—Wiggins C. S.; Stroke—Crockford G. W.; Cox—H. R. Leach.

House Pairs

'A' Crews: Reeves beat Bennett.

Reeves: Sarsfield-Hall P. C.; Wood J. A.; Baxter I. S.

Bennett: Kemp P. W.; Swainston J. J.; Foden A. J.

'B' Crews: Tesdale beat Bennett.

Tesdale: Hall J. D.; Dady W. St. A. R.; Trenaman I. W.

Bennett: Fysh A. J.; Pratt J. R.; Foden A. J.

Sculls

Heat I—Simmonds P. J. beat H. R. Leach

Heat II—R. G. Mortimer beat G. F. Duxbury.

Final—R. G. Mortimer beat Simmonds P. J.

Staff versus School

The Judge (!) awarded a Dead Heat to the Staff by 3 lengths.

The crews were tastefully garbed in traditional costume.

Staff: Bow—J. F. H. Barker; '2'—J. V. Fiori; '3'—G. F. Duxbury;
Stroke—R. G. Mortimer; Cox—A. A. Hillary.

School: Bow—R. S. M. Millard; '2'—J. Westall; '3'—P. B. H. Amey;
Stroke—J. W. Hullett; Cox—H. R. Leach.

After the race an involuntary bathe was enjoyed by all.

R.G.M. and G.F.D.

ATHLETICS

The annual athletic meeting was held on Saturday, 3rd May. Consistent rain and a soaked track, added to the postponement from last term, dashed hopes of breaking a number of records. In spite of this, however, the day was a great success, and two records were broken: A. G. B. King's javelin throw of 137ft. broke the existing record by 4 feet, while Stroud-Viney broke the junior weight-putting record with a put of 36 feet 1 inch.

The Ladies of Abingdon Challenge Cup for the House with the greatest number of points was won by Tesdale, who entered the field with a substantial lead in standard points and held their lead throughout. The Challenge cups were presented by Mrs. S. C. Parker under the oak tree in Waste Court. They included four of the five caps recently given to the School by Wing Commander Viney.

The results were:

Heber-Clarke Challenge Cup for seniors—N. A. C. Darroch (18 points).
Shallard Challenge Cup for juniors—R. D. Gammack (20 points).

100 YARDS

(Under 12): 1. Norman; 2. Powell; 3. Peedell I. R.; Time 13.9 secs.

(Under 13): 1. Killeen; 2. FitzSimons; 3. Beckett; Time 13.4 secs.

(Under 14): 1. Antrobus; 2. Ashworth I. T. S.; 3. Gardner A. J.

Time 12.7 secs.

(Under 15): 1. Gammack; 2. Hall; 3. Griffith R.D.P.; Time 11.9 secs,

(Open). 1. Darroch N. A. C.; 2. Allsworth; 3. Pinniger J. H.

Time 10.9 secs.

LONG JUMP

(Under 15): 1. Fysh; 2. Gardner A. J.; 3. Mott; Distance 14ft. 6½ins.

(Open): 1. Leech; 2. Millard R. S. M.; 3. Pickford; Distance 17ft. 2ins.

JAVELIN

(Open): 1. King A. G. B.; 2. Darroch N. A. C.; 3. Brown E. L.

Distance: 137ft. (new record)

440 YARDS

(Under 15): 1. Gammack; 2. Pinniger R.; 3. Hall; Time 60.7 secs.

(Open): 1. Darroch N. A. C.; 2. Ellis; 3. Pinniger J. H.

Time 55.3 secs.

HIGH JUMP

(Under 15): 1. Gammack and Packer J.; 3. Alberry; Height 4ft. 6ins.

(Open): 1. Guimaraens; 2. Archer; 3. Pickford; Height 5ft. 2ins.

DISCUS

(Under 15): 1. Gammack; 2. Wastie; 3. Hall; Distance 88ft. 2ins.

(Open): 1. King A. G. B.; 2. Leech; 3. Archer; Distance 128ft. 4ins.

880 YARDS

(Under 13): 1. FitzSimons; 2. Killeen; 3. Bretscher;

Time 2 mins 44.4 secs.

(Under 15): 1. Pinniger R.; 2. Griffith R. D. P.; 3. Hall;

Time 2 mins. 31.6 secs.

(Open): 1. Leech; 2. Crockford G. W.; 3. Edelsten;

Time 2 mins. 24 secs.

WEIGHT

(Open): 1. Darroch N. A. C.; 2. King A. G. B.; 3. Archer;

Distance 38ft. 11ins.

(Under 16): 1. Stroud-Viney; 2. Cope; 3. Pickford;

Distance 36ft. 1in. (new record).

MILE

(Under 15): 1. Griffith R. D. P.; 2. Pinniger R.; 3. Brodrick

Time 5 mins. 57.7 secs.

(Open): 1. Sale P. R.; 2. Aylin; 3. Armstrong; Time 5 mins. 21 secs.

RELAYS (4 x 220 YARDS)

(Junior): 1. Bennett House; 2. Blacknall House; 3. Reeves House;

Time 4 mins. 6 secs.

(Senior): 1. Bennett House; 2. Tesdale House; 3. Reeves House

Time: 3 mins. 39.5 secs.

During the Summer Term, B. D. Guimaraens was elected Captain of Athletics for next season and D. R. Ellis was elected Secretary of Athletics.

N.A.C.D.

MINOR GAMES

New life surged through the Minor Games during the Summer Term. Reports on the major competitions in Boxing, Tennis and Swimming appear elsewhere, but it would not be out of place to say here what an improvement is already evident in the Tennis. Six now that juniors are receiving coaching. Two qualified for the team, and credit for this must go to Mr. Gray. This rapid improvement augurs well for future years.

Let our last word be one of congratulation to J. A. Nichols, who won the Buckley Tennis Cup although only a junior.

N.A.C.D.

BOXING

The Club gave the whole School its first demonstration of an amateur boxing tournament on the afternoon of Friday, 11th July.

The programme consisted of nine bouts ranging from Heavyweight (12 st. 7 lbs.) to Featherweight (9 st.). They were all won by points decisions, but this lack of knockouts speaks more for general toughness than lack of punching ability.

The best fight of the day was perhaps that between E. L. Brown and C. G. B. Aylin, which the former won. Brown's straight left was his main weapon, and this punch won him the decision.

It would be invidious to pick out one fight in nine and give it special commendation, as action was the key-note in all. Where boxing ability was lacking, enthusiasm more than compensated for the deficiency.

Results (All matches were over three rounds):

Featherweight—R. D. P. Griffith beat B. M. Roberts

Welterweight—F. E. Bartlett beat R. N. Paxman

Light Welterweight—E. L. Brown beat C. G. P. Aylin

Light Middleweight—M. J. Brackley beat M. J. C. Griffiths

Featherweight—P. W. Kemp beat C. A. Full

Welterweight—P. R. Sale beat R. D. Gammack

Lightweight—R. J. Payne beat J. W. Corderoy

Heavyweight—E. J. Rockall beat B. D. Guimaraens

Welterweight—N. S. C. Cox beat K. J. M. Taylor

N.A.C.D.

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club had a very successful season, winning for the first time two of its three matches. Selected 3rd and 4th Form boys may now use the School Courts and this should help to improve the general standard of the School's tennis. We may expect stronger teams in the future. There can be no doubt of the game's increased popularity despite the calls of the major sports. The ladder, however, did not work as well as was hoped.

The first important event in the club's calendar was on 23rd May, when a film called 'How to Improve your Tennis' was shown. The dates and results of the matches were as follows:

4th June, Staff beat School, 15½ sets—2½.

7th June, School beat O.A.s, 14 sets—4.

21st June, Staff lost to Abingdon L.T.C., 6 sets—12.

12th July, School beat Abingdon L.T.C., 10 sets—8.

The Buckley Cup, which was once again played for by the top four on the ladder, was won by J. A. Nichols.

D.R.G.A.

SWIMMING

The Swimming Sports were held by kind permission of the Sister Superior in the St. Helen's School pool on Thursday, 24th July. Conditions were very good and several records were broken, the most notable being the Junior Relay record which was lowered by 10 secs. Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Willis again assisted in judging the open diving and after the events were over Mrs. Coleman kindly awarded the certificates.

An exciting obstacle race was won by Westall and other results were as follows:—

(Under 14) 25 yards free style—Lord (R), 14.7 secs. (record)

(Under 14) 50 yards breast stroke—Foden (B), no time taken.

(Under 16) 50 yards back stroke—Smith B. L. (R.), 35.8 secs.

(Under 16) 100 yards breast stroke—Brown E. L. (R.), 86.4 secs.

(Under 16) 100 yards free style—Smith B. L. (R.), 78 secs.

(Open) 50 yards back stroke—Hullett (B.), 37.7 secs. (record).

(Open) 100 yards breast stroke—Leech (R.), 85.3 secs.

(Open) 100 yards free style—Hullett (R.), 64.6 secs.

(Open) Diving—Redknap (Bl.).

Junior (Under 15) Relay—Reeves House, 62.6 secs. (record).

Senior Relay—Blacknall House, 61.4 secs.

The "Green Cup" was won by Reeves House with a total of 38 points, Bennett House being second with 32 points and Blacknall House third with 29 points.

N.A.C.D.

C.C.F. NOTES

The Summer term is always a busy one in the Corps, and 1952 was no exception. We began with a final punch-up for the Cert. 'A' exam. in mid-May. The entry for this was again a record—76 candidates for Part 1 and 43 for Part 2. Of the latter a number failed in Drill. Happily, it was possible, after further punching-up, to arrange a second exam. a month later, and then these 'failures', with a number of special cases, of whom several had taken Part 1 only the month before, rose to the occasion. In the event, we thus secured 47 passes, with only one failure. In Part 1, 72 passes were secured.

Field Day was again held in brilliant weather, and was marred only by the fact that one Platoon inadvertently disturbed the partridges in Col. Ingham Clark's game preserve. In the afternoon a competent demonstration of the Platoon in attack was led by Sgt. Downs and directed by Mr. Holloway.

There followed three major ceremonial occasions: Empire Youth Sunday with the customary parade to Church and March Past afterwards; the proclamation of the Coronation, at which the Band provided the music for what was otherwise a parade of the Regular Services only; and the Annual General Inspection, on 18th July, which was carried out by Maj.-Gen. T. N. F. Wilson, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., supported by the C.R.E., South Midland Area, Lt.-Col. E. H. Sparrow, O.B.E., M.C., and Lt.-Cdr. W. W. Dennis, R.N., of R.N.A.S. Culham. On Empire Sunday we heard it said that the officers taking the salute thought us the smartest unit on parade; and at the Inspection, Gen. Wilson was good enough to express an equally flattering opinion. He was particularly impressed, he said, by the turn-out of the cadets, and by their steadiness on parade. He expressed himself well satisfied, too, with the training that he saw—which is no small praise when it comes from a Commandant of the first School of Infantry.

In the last fortnight of term, the spotlight turned to the specialist sections—to the Sappers, taking their first qualification exam, with 12 passes out of 13 including a "distinction" for C.Q.M.S. Andrews, and to the embryonic Gunners, much of whose equipment was arriving, as well as their 'prefabricated' home. Here again the Sappers were to the fore, as they undertook, when available, the task of erecting the R.A. hut. One important detail is left over to the holidays, and that is the gun itself! We welcome into the Corps, as O.C. of this further Post-Cert A section, Major D. O. Willis, R.A., who will serve with us

in the humbler rank of Captain. The Corps is now, we think, grown to its full stature, with a strength of 7 officers and 230 cadets; and we look forward, in the years immediately ahead, to a period of consolidation, during which the achievements of the post-war quinquennium shall become an established part of our 'tradition'.

S.C.P.

WARMINSTER CAMP, 1952

This year the Corps went to Camp at Warminster, although the last two camps have been at Bourley, near Aldershot. Our contingent of 4 officers and 84 O.R.s was much the largest we have taken so far, and included most of the cadets in the Band as well as strong teams for Boxing and the Sports. This is a standard we must maintain in the future.

The Contingent managed to distinguish itself, although some members thought the Camp less enjoyable than previous ones. There were three main grouses. Firstly, the rain, an old enemy, began on the Friday, and heavy showers persisted until the last day. It seemed, indeed that there was a certain malignity in it, especially during the March Past after Church Parade, when driving rain developed most abruptly just as Abingdon were approaching the Saluting Base.

A second limiting factor this year was that we missed until the last day the spectacular and realistic demonstrations which have been the glory of Warminster in other years. No doubt we have been spoilt in this respect, for in the past the Demonstration Bn. of the School of Infantry have laid on demonstrations with full battle realism as well as administering the Camp. This year, however, it was engaged with T.A. training and Z reservists, so the formal and diagrammatical demonstrations failed to stir the imagination. On the last day, however, two impressive demonstrations were given, of tanks and guns in action and of all weapons available in the Infantry Bn. Few cadets will forget for a long time the tremendous flash and recoil of the 17 pdr. A/Tk gun, less than 100 yds. away from them, or the accuracy of the shooting by both this and the tank guns. This final display was given by the Demonstration Bn., 1st Bn. The Gloucestershire Regt., to whom we are grateful for the spectacle.

The third grouse was about food, which was generally good in quality and adequate in quantity, but there were considerable delays in the service, with consequent long queues. This was a pity, for smooth working in this respect is important. We hope next year to see the 'family messing' system again, with more Dining Tents and serving points.

The Contingent distinguished itself by a handsome win in the Sports, by a closer win on its Guard Mounting night, by carrying out, without fuss, more than its due share of Coy. and Camp fatigues and by smartness on the march in and out of Camp. These achievements attracted favourable comment from Camp authorities.

The Sports were held on the Saturday afternoon on a rather soggy track, with one torrential interruption. Points were awarded on a Coy. not Contingent, basis: 11 Coy., with 20 pts., had a lead of 9 over the runners-up, and all of those twenty were scored by Abingdon. Darroch won the 100 yds. Open in 10.3 secs., and Gammack got home comfortably in the corresponding Junior event, while Sale, after leading all the way, was beaten by inches in the final of the 880 yds.: an ill-timed roar of 'Abers' distracted his attention from his challenger's strong effort. There were to have been no prizes, but our team so impressed the Camp Commandant that he gave them supper in the NAAFI at his own expense.

The Guard, improved greatly by practices in Camp, fulfilled our hopes by winning the triangular contest on their Mounting Night. We were sorry that our victory spelt defeat for the small Churchers contingent, ably administered during the absence of their officer by a young sergeant.

It is well to be critical of ourselves; thus we have to admit that as a whole the Contingent did not show up well during the critical period between Reveille and first parade, despite the multiplicity of our senior N.C.O.s, who were indeed frequently among the last to lay kit out ready for inspection. Those who aspire to high rank must realize that, in Camp especially, example counts for more than precept. Outstanding during this testing time was the junior Tent Commander, L/Cpl. Jones D. A., who had well earned his promotion to Cpl. before it became expedient also that he should become 2nd i/c the Guard.

So ends this account of Camp. We look forward to a repetition of our successes and to the elimination of our major weakness.

S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The highlight of an otherwise uneventful term was the General Inspection. As far as the training side was concerned, this was the most successful inspection yet and we must congratulate not only S/Lt. Barker, who changed from a first trombone to first Lieutenant in an unbelievably short time, and dealt with the flashing with his usual efficiency, but also L/S. Wiggins and A.B. Banfield who instructed (the latter at very short notice) as though to the manner born. L/S. Crockford and his crew also deserve congratulation for the way they handled the whaler. Altogether it was a good show, and the inspecting officers, Lt. Cdr. Dennis of Culham, and Lt. Cdr. Crow, our liaison officer with the R.N.V.R. seemed well pleased with what they saw of us.

Field Day this term was spent with the Army on the Downs, where we carried out some signalling practice and had the unusual experience of seeing "Birnam Wood" running to "Dunsinane".

The Section has recently acquired a model of the Forecastle of a Destroyer—a useful asset for instruction.

We are grateful to Lt. Cdr. Crow for the gift of several books—among them "Jane's Fighting Ships".

We have again had the assistance of C.P.O. Woodcock of Culham, and we are most grateful to him for his help.

Four cadets are leaving us this term and we wish them the best of luck in their new lives.

Summer Training

Twelve cadets and one officer made the long journey to Plymouth at the end of term to spend a week on board H.M.S. Apollo—one of the fast mine-layers built during the war, and it was well worth while. The ship's officers, and in particular the Navigator, Lt. Cdr. Forrest, went out of their way to see that everything went smoothly for us, and as a result, our training was better than it has been before.

Activities included boat-pulling, visits to various ships and installations in the Dockyard, including a Depot Ship—H.M.S. Alaunia—and the Boatshed, a good deal of seamanship in Apollo herself, one or two talks and films on naval subjects, and best of all, a day at sea in a frigate H.M.S. Snipe, which gave us an impressive, if noisy, display of naval gunnery. Perhaps the greatest value, however, was in living aboard a ship, and doing as the seamen do, slinging hammocks and (in one case) falling out of them, working a part of ship, learning naval terms and customs, and seeing much that had previously only been experienced in books come to life, and in general obtaining some insight into life in the Navy.

It was a most successful week, and we are all most grateful to the Captain, Officers and Ship's Company of H.M.S. Apollo for the way they looked after us.

L.C.J.G.

SCOUT TROOP

The 1952 "Bob-a-Job" week was held during the Easter holidays and the sum of £12 9s. thus realised made an encouraging start to the summer term.

Decorating was finally finished in the Scout Room during the term and we are now in full possession. Each patrol now has its own "corner" which they have furnished to their own tastes. The final result was seen by many parents on Founder's Day.

Field Day, with glorious weather for once, was spent at Sutton Pools.

Scout Camp

The Troop's third annual camp was held at Culham, on a site next to the Thames. Eighteen boys attended, nearly twice last year's number. The majority were under canvas for the first time but nevertheless enjoyed themselves and helped to make the camp a success.

Many and varied now are their memories; the day when lunch started at 1 p.m. and finished at 4—with a gap of 3½ hours while the sweet was cooked; the day we helped to put out a fire in an adjoining cornfield; the visitors' day; the games; the four-legged visitors at 6 a.m. each day; the long, long trek for the water. At any rate, these all counted as experience and we now look forward to next year's camp.

H.J.

LIBRARY

Last term an anonymous donor sent two guineas to the School as a thank offering for the life of the late King. It has been decided that no more appropriate use could be made of the gift than the purchase of Harold Nicolson's notable book *King George V* which the Library has received with deep gratitude. Thanks to a generous contribution from Tuck Shop funds we shall at last be able to purchase the latest Chambers Encyclopaedia, and we look forward eagerly to its appearance in the reference section. Presentations have been numerous and noteworthy, particular in the case of 'Leaving Books', and we offer our heartfelt thanks to the following donors: H. W. Lake Esq. (Mr. Churchill: *A Portrait*, and *The Two Marshals* by Guedalla, and the M.C.C. Cricket Coaching Book); O. J. Couldrey, O.A., for his latest book of verse *Sonnets of East and West*; W. H. Stevens, O.A. (*Minerals in Industry*); and for Leaving Books, D. R. G. Andrews (*Letters of Private Wheeler*), F. E. Bartlett (*Effective Flowering Shrubs and Farmer's Progress*), A. D. Burton (*Works of Oscar Wilde*), N. F. A. Buxton (*Lords 1787-1945*), J. W. Corderoy (*Identification of Trees and Shrubs*), N. A. C. Darroch (*Track and Field Athletics*), J. Edelsten (*The Shoals of Capricorn*), D. Free (*Oxford Book of Modern Verse*), A. G. B. King (*Athletics: Do it this Way*), M. W. Matthews (*French Impressionists*), J. Norman (*In his own Country* by A. G. Street), E. G. R. Peedell (*The Gilbert and Sullivan Book* by Leslie Baily) and C. W. Robbins (*The Tower of London*). We must also thank Handley Page Ltd., Lever Bros., and Shell Mex and B.P. Ltd., for the regular receipt of their interesting publications.

G.F.D.

REVIEW

"*The Literary Magazine*" (published at Abingdon School, July 1952).

The Abingdonian of fifty years ago was largely filled with literary compositions. In these days the over-riding demands of an ever-increasing variety of school activities have monopolised the limited amount of space available, and the school magazine has become in fact, if not in name, a chronicle. It is a very good thing therefore that some other outlet should be found for the creative urge of our budding authors, and I welcome the appearance of another number of the 'Literary Magazine'.

Not a very bulky number, agreed: but in these days of austerity the Editors have rightly gone for quality rather than quantity, and the contributions are all well worth reading. Best, perhaps, are one or two of the 'documentaries'. J.W. and D.R.G.A. succeed admirably in recapturing the atmosphere of two of the solemn occasions which have marked the past year. There is an acute, but irritatingly anonymous, article on the Festival of Britain. M.C.J.G.'s description of the Outward Bound School is a good piece of straightforward reporting: though of course it is not to be judged on the same plane as the two admirably-written articles—both, strangely enough, with a Spanish motif—that precede it.

All in all, these articles do present an encouraging picture of the literary ability that exists in the upper forms of the School; but what has happened to the poetic muse? There is only one piece of serious poetry in this magazine, and that a competent but not very distinguished sonnet which does not represent the author at his best. That the poet is born, not made, is a highly dangerous half-truth. The infant Shakespeare will "warble his native wood-notes wild" without any encouragement; but the discipline of expressing one's thoughts in a regular verse form is one that can be commended to any intelligent sixth-former, even if only as an alternative to the *Times* cross-word. This, however, by the way.

The production is of the high standard we associate with the Abbey Press. But I have two minor grumbles. If, as we all hope, we can look forward to a long series of such ventures, it would help if the date of issue could be on the outside of the magazine. "*The Literary Magazine*" *tout court*, has a once-and-for-all tang about it. And I wish the modesty of the Editors had not concealed both their own identity and such sordid details as the price of the magazine. I am credibly informed, however, that it can still be obtained for 1/9 post free, and I can assure any friend of the School that that sum would be money well spent.

J.M.C.

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

The Society opened the term's activities with a visit to the New Theatre, Oxford, on 14th May, made at the kind invitation of the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban. The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company gave a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore" which was enjoyed by all.

Later, on 4th July, E. G. R. Peedell read a paper entitled "The development of France and the Influence of the French people". He succeeded admirably in covering this broad canvas, and gave an interesting picture of the growth of French national consciousness. Talk concentrated mainly on the country's ever-recurring political problems.

At the last meeting, on 9th July, Mr. J. F. H. Barker read a paper on "Taste in Music". He was careful to differentiate between taste, fashion, and the appreciation of the mechanics of music. Ensuing discussion was lively and interesting, and involved musicians as far apart in time and style as Bach and Duke Ellington.

Once again we owe our thanks to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban for their continued hospitality.

D.R.G.A.

TURNOR SOCIETY.

Only one meeting was held during the Summer Term, on 6th June, when Mr. J. S. Candy, who had previously addressed the Society on 8th December, 1950, spoke on "Locusts in South America". He described the life cycle of locusts, from their birth underground, their hibernation in the Grand Chaco, to their death after egg-laying, making even such a technical subject of very great interest.

B.W.B.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Owing to the pressure of other events, only three meetings could be held during the term. At the first, on 23rd May, under the chairmanship of B. W. Boddington, B. D. Guimaraens and H. C. Armstrong proposed that "This House believes in Revolutions". H. G. Williams and M. M. Grant opposed the motion, which was defeated 9—2.

On 13th June the motion was "This House likes Ike". D. R. G. Andrews proposed, and R. S. M. Millard opposed the motion. They were supported by H. G. Williams and B. W. T. Leech respectively. The motion was carried 27—8. P. J. Millard was Chairman.

The last meeting, on 26th June, provided a rather one-sided debate. C. W. Robbins and E. L. Brown proposed "This House believes that the development of the B.R.M. should be continued". H. G. Williams and B. D. Guimaraens opposed. The motion was carried unanimously. R. S. M. Millard was Chairman.

D.R.G.A.

HOLIDAY CLUB.

Once again the Headmaster generously allowed the Club to use the School Gym during the Easter holidays, and table tennis was played enthusiastically therein. Five external matches were played: we triumphed over the Church Youth Club and Dry Sandford, but were beaten by Cumnor Boys' Brigade, the 2nd North Berkshire Scouts, and Bayworth Youth Club.

J.W.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Philatelic Society was inaugurated on 13th October, 1947 with six members, two Vice-Presidents and a President-elect. Now there are five times the number of members.

During the past term Mr. G. P. Arnold displayed some of his Canadians and Mr. A. M. Strange gave an illustrated general talk. In addition, meetings were held for the sale and exchange of stamps, and an exhibition was staged for Founder's Day.

B.W.B.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The Society was inaugurated during the Summer Term, and five meetings were held, at which films were shown. The subjects, which proved to be of considerable interest, included the use of radio-active isotopes in industry, the manufacture of magnesium from sea-water, and the huge irrigation project which was recently undertaken in French West Africa.

During the Michaelmas Term we hope to present a more varied programme. Mr. Pulsford of Harwell has kindly promised to speak on "Precision Time-Keeping", and Mr. Gray is arranging a chemistry lecture.

J.T.

CAMERA CLUB.

The Club held eight meetings during the Summer Term, including business meetings, film shows, a lecture and outside visits.

For the first meeting D. S. Lloyd gave an interesting and instructive lecture on developing and printing, mainly for the benefit of new members; a sequel, which took the form of an "Any Questions" show, was held a month later. On 22nd June five members represented the Club at the Royal Photographic Society's exhibition in Oxford, while 9th July found us in the capable hands of Mr. Heavens, who conducted us round the M.G. Car Company's factory; we were able to take many pictures illustrating car production.

We are now affiliated to the Royal Photographic Society, and therefore hope to welcome many outside lecturers in the future.

M.K.C.G.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY.

Once again examinations and other commitments curtailed our activities in the Summer Term, and we were able to hold only four meetings.

At the first meeting our Vice-President, Mr. Barker, presented works by Brahms, Delius and Cesar Franck. This was the only meeting before Half-term. At the next meeting H. R. Leach introduced a programme of well-known works by Mozart, Bach, Dvorak, Holst, Elgar and Handel, the last named being represented by excerpts from his "Water Music" suite.

The third meeting, presented by P. J. Millard, consisted of movements from symphonies by Dvorak, Tchaikovsky and Brahms, Mendelsohn's "Hebrides" Overture, and the *andagio* from Max Bruch's First violin concerto. At the last meeting Mr. H. H. Fowler introduced a programme consisting of two works—Brahms' "Academic Festival" Overture and Mozart's Thirty-ninth symphony in E Flat. This brought a successful year's activities to a close.

D.F.

MODELLING CLUB

This term the Club moved into its new quarters, having previously redecorated them in white and cream. Models have still been mostly of aeroplanes, but a start has been made in a new field; a 1/250 scale model of Harlech Castle in cement and plaster, which proved to be a great success, although somewhat fragile. We hope to start on an Elizabethan theatre in the near future, and possibly also a relief map of the School buildings and grounds, 1/500 scale. We held an exhibition on Founder's Day in our own room, which contained a number of aeroplanes, both solid and working models, the renovated and labelled motor cycle engine and a number of small compression ignition engines mounted on boards and labelled. Harlech Castle was moved to the Art Room Exhibition.

J.V.F.

JOINT CLUB.

We were able to hold three meetings during the Summer Term. The ladies of St. Helen's School were our hosts at two tennis meetings, and we are indebted to them for their hospitality.

For the third meeting, we travelled to the New Theatre, Oxford, to see "King's Rhapsody" by Ivor Novello, which was enjoyed by everyone. Once again, thank you, St. Helen's.

A.G.B.K.

O.A. NOTES**Births**

BOSLEY. On 12th August 1952, to Joan, wife of Geoffrey A. H. Bosley (1932), a daughter, Vanessa Lorraine.

HARFIELD. On 29th June, 1951, to Margaret, wife of Victor Harfield (1937), a son, Michael John.

JAMIESON. On 12th July, 1952, to the wife of Lt. Ian J. Macdonald Jamieson (1946), a son, John Macdonald.

WIMBERLEY. On 29th April, 1952, at the British Military Hospital, Singapore, to Pauline, wife of Squadron-Leader P. A. Wimberley (1936), a daughter.

WYATT. On 4th June, 1952, to Lilian, wife of H. R. Wyatt (1940), a son, Roger Stephen.

Marriages

BURGESS—MOYLE. On 26th April, 1952, at All Saints' Church, Headington, Derrick G. Burgess, B.A., (1941), to Mary A. Moyle.

CULMER—JARVIS. On 29th September, 1951, at St. James the Great Church, Friern Barnet, David A. Culmer (1940) to Beryl Marrian Jarvis.

GARNER—HOLBOROW. On 30th August, 1952, at St. Andrew's Church, Oxford, Alan James Garner (1948), to Pamela Mary Holborow,

GIBAUD—WHEELER. On 16th February, 1952, at St. Mary's Church, East Bergholt, Suffolk, Roy David Gibaud (1942) to Janet Dorothy Wheeler.

HOLT—KENTISH. On 11th July, 1952 at St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, Martin G. H. Holt (1943), son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Holt, of Appleford, to Jean M. Kentish of Thesiger Road, Abingdon.

ORAM—FITCHEW. On 28th June, 1952, at Bishop Hannington Church, Hove, Sussex, Eric N. Oram (1930), of Copthorne, to Gladys M. Fitchew, of Hove.

WALTERS—ALLDAY. On 30th August, 1952, at St. Clement's Church, Oxford, Albert John Walters (1946), of 120 Kennington Road, Oxford, to Iris A. Allday of St. Clement's, Oxford.

Death

BAKER. We have received notice, but no further details, of the death of Francis John Slade Baker. The younger son of Dr. Innes Baker, of Oriel House, Abingdon, he was at the School 1884—91.

playing in the soccer and cricket XIs. He went to South Africa in 1907, and was for many years in the Engineers' Dept. of the Post Office, from which he retired in 1944.

His elder brother, Martin, (1877-84), who was at St. George's Hospital, and returned to Abingdon in 1926 to take over the practice of the late Dr. Paulin Martin, O.A., died in 1938.

Rev. T. M. Layng, M.C., C.B.E., (1906), Vicar of Kemble, Glos., has been appointed Chaplain to H.M. the Queen.

R. E. Eason (1920), who has been on the staff at Radley College for 27 years, has been appointed Sub-Warden, with effect from January, 1953.

Rev. R. F. Ashwin, who was a master at the School, 1906—10, when he became headmaster of Magdalen College School, Brackley, and is now living in retirement at Bexhill, celebrated his Golden wedding two years ago.

A note from T. S. Wilding (1905), recently reminded us that it was he who in 1903 started the School Society which was for many years known as the Literary, Scientific and Debating Society. He will no doubt be glad to know that his nursling has grown into three flourishing societies, whose activities are recorded elsewhere in this issue.

We are grateful to Edgar Rice (1928), for sending us a copy of the East African Annual. He hopes to be home on leave with his family next year.

Our thanks too to Jim McPherson (1933), at Homs, Syria, with the Iraq Petroleum Co., for a very interesting number of the Company Journal.

H. F. Good (1928) is now living in New York as Sales Manager of B.O.A.C.

Peter King (1945) has recently left for Kenya where he is taking up a post in the Education Department.

John Petty (1941), who qualified L.D.S., R.C.S., last year is now practicing in Sevenoaks with a partnership in view. He had previously been for six months a Dental House Surgeon at Guy's Hospital.

Mark Hedger (1942) has abandoned industry in favour of education, and at present is a master at King's College School, Cambridge. The University atmosphere is certainly more congenial than that of the Potteries. Rupert (1940) is still at Glasgow Academy but hopes to move further south.

Allan Bristow (1935) a family man with a son and two daughters, is now in partnership with his father in their old-established grocery business at Bletchingley, Surrey.

Arthur L. Shepherd (1935) is also a director of a similar family business at Wallingford.

David Culmer (1940) whom we congratulate on his not-so-recent marriage is now an A.R.I.C.S., which, for the benefit of the uninitiated, means a chartered Surveyor.

John Langford (1946) has also collected a lot of initials, A.M.I.G.E., as a qualified gas engineer; at the moment he is doing his national service in the R.A.O.C.

His brother, Robert (1948), has recently joined the Sales Dept. of Harrods.

J. A. Howard (1929) is a director of W. D. Evans Ltd., the large-scale poultry-breeders, at Kibworth, Leics.

Keith Donkin (1941) and Ivor Juggins (1950) have been plying the oar with considerable success at the regattas this year, the former in the colours of Neptune R.C., and the latter stroking Wallingford R.C. Junior VIII and IV.

G. H. Brown (1947) has recently emigrated to Australia, Sydney to be precise.

Congratulations to Jim Betterton (1945) and Gilbert Sanders (1947) on 2nd Classes in Finals of Chemistry and Maths respectively at Oxford, and David Beattie (1947) on his 2nd in Classics at Exeter. He is now spending a year on his Education Diploma.

Service News

Squad. Ldr. P. A. Wimberley (1936) is now stationed at Singapore.

V. A. Harfield (1937), formerly Sub Lt. R.N.V.R., has joined the R.A.F. as Pilot Officer, on the Physical Training Staff.

Alan Mills (1939) has returned to the R.A.F. as Civilian Flying Instructor. He is stationed at 7 Res. Flying School, Desford, Leics.

I. J. M. Jamieson (1946) also has rejoined the Army and is again Lieut. R. Berks Regt.

Peter Lucas (1950), 66th in the recent Passing Out at R.M.A. Sandhurst, has been commissioned in the Lancs Fusiliers. Tony Riggott (1950) in the same term has been commissioned in R.A.

Tim Moore (1947) and Michael Bateman (1951), both 2nd Lt.'s R.A., are in Egypt and Hong Kong respectively.

Beville Stevens (1951), recently commissioned in R.A.S.C., leaves shortly for Cyrenaica.

J. R. Wake (1947) is in Korea with R.A.O.C.

OLD BOYS' DAY

Old Boys' Day was celebrated on Saturday, 14th June. The Old Boys secured a fairly easy win over the School 1st XI, as is reported elsewhere, though the issue of the match was still in doubt until the tea interval. On the river however the school was more successful in both races.

The school grounds, which were looking their best, and all the school buildings were open to the visitors. Tea was served under the trees on Upper Field to the accompaniment of appropriate music by the brass band.

After the Cricket Match and the Annual General Meeting of the Club came the Annual Dinner in the Royse Room which was attended by just on 100 members and guests, a record number. The President, Mr. S. A. Paige, was supported by the President elect, Mr. John Hooke, the Headmaster and Mr. W. M. Grundy, and the guests included the Deputy Mayor of Abingdon (Alderman Percy Holmes) the Chairman of the Governing Body (Admiral F. Clifton Brown, C.B.), the Recorder of Abingdon (Mr. S. R. Benson), Alderman H. Booth, Mr. H. Wheaton and Mr. J. D. Wood (Governors of the School), Mr. Howard Cornish (Chairman of the Rural District Council), Superintendant Day, Dr. O'Connor, and three of the senior prefects of the school.

After the loyal toast had been formally honoured the President proposed the health of the school and mentioned some of the current activities of the Club. He took the opportunity of congratulating the 1st Four on their success at Wallingford Regatta the previous week.

The Headmaster in replying to the toast gave a progress report of the school and thanked the Club for everything it had done to help the school in the past year. In response the President Elect assured the Headmaster of the continued support of the Club during his year of office.

Mr. George Duxbury, in proposing the health of the Guests, referred particularly to the gratitude the school felt for all the hard work which the Governors put in behind the scenes. Mr. S. R. Benson, the Recorder of Abingdon, shared the response with Mr. D. Free, the Head of the School, who achieved the difficult task of following such a speaker as the Recorder without either banality or anti-climax.

Before the formal part of the proceedings ended the Headmaster asked the permission of the Chairman to propose a special toast to the four ex-masters of the school who were present, Messrs. Grundy, Ross Barker, Rudd and Bevir, to whose labours much of the present prosperity of the school was due. The toast was received with acclamation and with musical honours.

The general impression was that the dinner was the most successful function of its kind since the War; much of the credit for this is to be given to the Dinner Secretary, Mr. Duncan West. A special word of

thanks is due to Mrs. Bevir who had decorated the Roysse Room so beautifully. The courtesy of the Deputy Mayor in putting the Mayor's Parlour at the Club's disposal for the reception of guests was very much appreciated.

An Epilogue to the celebrations came on Sunday morning when a large number of old boys attended service in the School Chapel at which the address was given by Mr. Ingham, the Senior Master. They were subsequently entertained to coffee by Mrs. Cobban in the School House.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1952

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Abingdonian Club was held in the Pembroke Room on Saturday, 14th June, at 5.45 p.m. The President, Mr. S. A. Paige was in the Chair and forty-eight members were present.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.
2. The Secretary, giving his annual report, said that the strength of the Club was now just over 700. Membership during the past year had increased by 29 and more and more of the parents of boys now at the school were paying their life subscriptions in advance under the new scheme. He also stated that the Club had had another progressive year, the highlight of which was the presentation of his portrait to Mr. Grundy at the Annual Dance in December. The report was adopted.
3. In the absence of the London Secretary the President said there was very little to report from London, but a date was now fixed for a London Dinner on Friday, 27th February, 1953.
4. The Sports Secretary reported that as last year the School teams were still giving a good account of themselves. The club was almost in disgrace as regards Athletics but again proved masters on the cricket field. The report was adopted with a vote of thanks to the Sports Secretary.
5. The Treasurer's report was adopted with a vote of thanks to the Auditors and our master financier himself. The Balances on 14th June, 1952 were: at Westminster Bank £100 17s. 8d., at Trustee Savings Bank 10/5d., in hand 4/6d. Total £101 12s. 7d. The Magazine Account had now reached the total of £130 6s. 0d.
6. The Vice-President gave a brief report on Lacies Court. He said that it was the finest amenity the School had and the School would be ever grateful to the Old Boys for their help. Mr. Duxbury gave some figures to show how the money had been spent and how the Loans were being repaid.

7. The Officers elected for 1952—53 were as follows:—

President:—John Hooke.

Vice-President:—J. M. Cobban.

Hon. Secretary:—N. J. Holmes.

Asst. Secretaries:—J. O. Bury and D. B. West.

Hon. Treasurer:—W. Bevir.

Sports Secretary:—E. H. Aldworth.

London Secretary:—H. J. G. Livingstone.

J. B. E. Alston, R. E. Eason and K. Donkin were re-elected to the Committee. J. A. D. Cox and D. J. Heavens were elected by ballot to fill casual vacancies, due to the elevation of John Hooke and the resignation—accepted with regret—of W. H. Stevens.

8. The Reeves Golf Cup. After much discussion regarding the function of this cup it was decided by the meeting that the cup should be loaned to the School, until such time as golf could again attract enough members to compete for the trophy.

9. Under the heading of "Any Other Business" discussion ranged from the quality of the new O.A. tie to the date of Founder's Day.

OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND.

To simplify accounting and auditing, the annual balance sheet is now drawn up to 31st March of each year, and it will therefore be observed that the Statement of Accounts of the Fund given below, which R. W. Snell, O.A., has again very kindly audited, covers a period of 15 months for this occasion only.

Cash Account for the period 1st January, 1951 to 31st March, 1952.

Receipts			Payments		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balances in hand			School Magazine		
1st Jan. 1951	259	19 10	Expenses	45	9 6
Donations and Subs.	112	13 0	Donations to Lacies		
Inland Revenue Refund			Court Fund	250	0 0
of I.T. on Covenants	30	4 8	Postages, Stationery etc.	1	12 6
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It is gratifying to find that the subscriptions by Banker's Order and Refund of Income Tax continue to show small but steady increases, while magazine expenses are becoming smaller as the new system of O.A. Club membership gets into its stride. If the trend continues as we hope it will, we shall, in five or six years, again have a sizeable balance at the disposal of the Fund.

We gratefully acknowledge an increased Covenant from T. G. Austin and new covenants from G. Hill and W. M. Isbister.

G. F. Duxbury, Hon. Treasurer.

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