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CALENDAR, SUMMER TERM, 1953

April

Tues. 28 First Day of Term.

May

Wed. 6 1st XI v. Staff XI (h).

Sat. 9 1st XI v. Newbury Grammar School (h).

Wed. 13 1st XI v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h), 11.30 a.m.

Wed. 13 1st IV v. Prince Henry's School, Evesham (h).

Sat. 16 1st XI v. Royal Grammar Sch., High Wycombe (a).

Wed. 20 1st XI v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI (a).

Thur. 21 Field Day, C.C.F. and Scouts.

Sat. 23 1st XI v. Oratory School (a).

Wed. 27 1st IV v. King Edward's School, Stratford (a).

Fri. 29 Half Term—Friday, 5th June.

June 2 Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen

Sat. 6 1st IV at Wallingford Regatta.

Wed. 10 1st XI v. Reading School (h).

Wed. 10 1st IV v. Reading School (a).

Sat. 13 1st XI v. Parents' XI (h).

Sat. 20 1st XI v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (h).

Sat. 20 1st IV at Marlow Regatta

Sat. 27 1st XI v. Old Abingdonians (h), 11.30 a.m.

July

Wed. 8 1st XI v. City of Oxford School (h).

Sat. 11 1st XI v. Abingdon Cricket Club (h).

Wed. 15 1st XI v. Windsor County School (a).

Fri. 17 Annual Inspection of C.C.F.

Sat. 18 1st XI v. Magdalen College School (a).

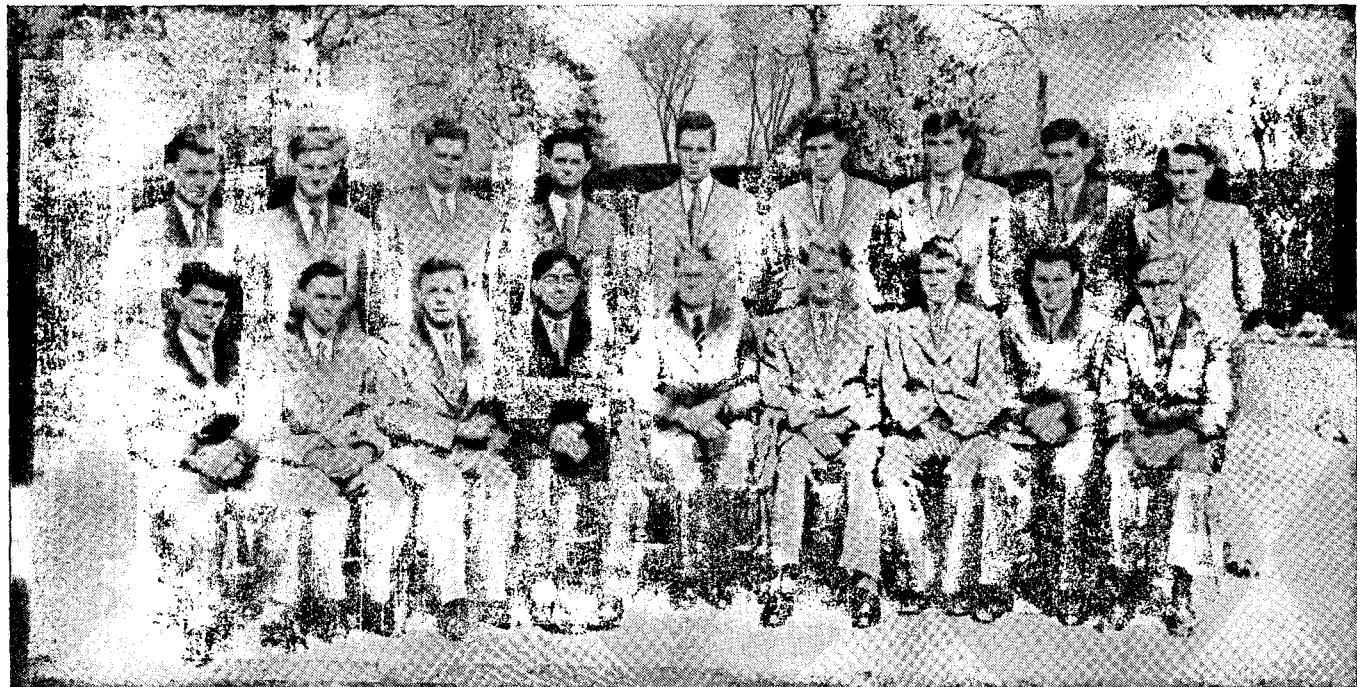
Sat. 25 Founder's Day.

Tues. 28 Term ends 10.15 a.m.

Michaelmas Term begins on Friday, 18th September.

(Boarders return Thursday, 17th September).

SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1953



D. R. Ellis, J. C. Ivatts, M. M. Grant, P. B. H. Amey, B. D. Guimaraens, C. S. Wiggins, D. A. Jones, P. J. Downer, B. A. Whiteford
 M. J. Brockley, N. I. Shurrock, F. G. R. Peedell, J. Westall, The Headmaster, P. J. Millard, H. R. Leach, P. R. Sale, S. R. Mills.

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SCHOOL OFFICERS (Summer Term, 1953)

School Prefects

J. WESTALL (Head of the School)

P. J. MILLARD (Head of School House)

E. G. R. PEEDELL (D)

H. R. LEACH (D)

N. J. SHURROCK (D)

P. R. SALE (S)

M. J. BRACKLEY (S)

S. R. MILLS (D)

C. S. WIGGINS (D)

P. B. H. AMEY (S)

B. A. WHITEFORD (D)

J. C. IVATTS (S)

P. J. DOWNER (D)

M. M. GRANT (D)

D. A. JONES (W)

D. R. ELLIS (S)

B. D. GUIMARAENS (S)

House Prefects

School House—H. G. Williams, R. M. Marchbanks, C. J. Lockhart-Smith, P. R. J. Gregory, D. Y. Candy.

Larkhill—D. L. Banfield, T. W. S. Downs.

Waste Court—A. C. Marshall, R. N. Paxman.

Day Boy—(N. G. Nicholls), P. G. Cope, D. S. Lloyd, A. F. R. Crockford, M. J. Hudson, C. G. Brown, L. M. Bolton, D. J. James, J. F. Heavens, P. J. Lay, E. G. Rockall, E. L. Brown.

Captain of Cricket—M. J. Brackley

Secretary of Cricket—B. A. Whiteford

Captain of Boats—J. Westall

Secretary of Boats—H. R. Leach

Secretary of G.G.C.—J. Westall

Secretary of Minor Games—P. J. Millard

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HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY**1867—1953**

The School salutes the memory of a great and gracious lady, wife and mother of kings, whose life was a high example of courage and service, and who was loved by the peoples of this Empire.

EDITORIAL

The Lent term was not distinguished by any event of more than ordinary importance, but in a quiet way much was done and much was achieved. The weather, apart from the chilly rain of Sports Day, was good if somewhat cold. The athletic heats, standards and fixtures were successfully completed, occasionally in perfect conditions as on the afternoon of the O.A. Sports, and, even though the rains came to mar the annual Sports, a large number of parents and friends defied the elements to witness a full programme of events.

Hockey, perhaps had the best of the season and we were able to carry through the fixture list more fully than is usually possible during the Lent term. The decision to extend hockey facilities to a greater number of boys was fully justified by the enthusiasm that was manifest on all sides. After organised hockey had given place to athletics training, scratch games were continued and the keenness of those who took part, especially from Middle School, augurs well for the future of the club.

In other spheres, too, expansion continues. It is indeed good news that Crescent House will be at our disposal so much sooner than we expected, and that a new pavilion is under consideration. A more tangible sign of future benefit is the verdant carpet which now clothes the War Memorial Field, bringing with it a promise of much-needed elbow-room on the playing-fields.

And with the future, our thoughts are naturally upon the Coronation. Although an extended half-term will cover Coronation Day itself, the School will play a full part in the celebrations both before and after the event.

SCHOOL NOTES

We cannot allow Alderman H. G. Mullard to vacate the office of Mayor of Abingdon without expressing our very warm thanks to him for the interest he has taken in the School during his two years' tenure of office. We hope he will long continue to regard himself as an unofficial friend of the School.

He will be succeeded as Mayor by Alderman Percy Holmes, who is already well known to the School. We welcome Alderman Holmes to the Governing Body and wish him well as he faces the onerous responsibilities of Coronation Year.

The memorial service to the late Mr. John Etty is reported elsewhere in this issue. Christ's Hospital have filled the vacancy on the Governing Body of the School created by his death by the election of Mr. John Hooke. The choice is particularly happy for Mr. Hooke is President of the Old Abingdonian Club for the current year. We congratulate him on his election: we congratulate ourselves, too.

Recently the School had the privilege of hearing talks given by two members of the Governing Body. Sir Reader Bullard's illuminating "Report on America" is described more fully in the annals of the Turnor Society. Here we will merely thank him for the good offices which have secured for us a copy of Colonel Van Wagenen's book on "The Iranian Case". The other governor to whom we are indebted is Mr. Bredin, who spoke to all the Senior School on Thursday, 12th March, about the Sudan. As a former Governor of the Blue Nile Province, Mr. Bredin is particularly well qualified to speak on this topical subject: he must not take it as flattery when we say that his was one of the most stimulating and informative talks we have had for a long time.

Mr. Grundy's improvement continues. We have watched with interest his daily walks around Waste Court Field; and, to judge from the local press, the Councillor has returned to the Council Chamber with renewed vigour.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Willis on the birth of a second son, Richard Guy, on 23rd February.

At Easter we said goodbye with regret to Miss Shedden, who had been Matron at Larkhill since September, 1949. She will be much missed, both in the sick-room and behind the Larkhill footlights; and in thanking her for all she has done for the School we offer her our very best wishes for the future.

During the past term we welcomed three students in training, two from Oxford, Mr. Barthorpe (French) and Mr. Hillam (English), and one from Cambridge, Mr. Evans (Classics). Mr. Evans, like Mr.

Rattee (whom we were glad to see recently in the guise of a visiting lecturer) was a resident; so we had more opportunity of getting to know him. To all three we offer our thanks for their services and our good wishes for the future.

At the beginning of the Lent term the number of boys on the School Roll was 381 (Dayboys 244, School House 84, Wastecourt 34, Larkhill 19).

We congratulate C. S. Wiggins on his election to the Abingdon Scholarship (in Mathematics) at Pembroke College, Oxford; also Neil Purnell on the award of a Berkshire Major Scholarship (tenable at Downing College, Cambridge). Congratulations also go to the members of the Leach clan who are going to Confuse the Issue at Sandhurst. B. W. T. Leech has already reached the R.M.A. through the ranks; H. R. Leach has successfully surmounted R.C.B. and will join his near-namesake in June. We hope that M. J. Hudson, who has passed the written papers of the Sandhurst examination, will be following them later in the year.

Congratulations too to M. J. Brackley and B. D. Guimaraens who, having satisfactorily completed a fortnight's training, are now enrolled as Marines in the R.M.F.V.R. Their Marine uniforms will make Corps parades seem even more amphibious.

The School offers its thanks to Dr. O'Connor, who instigated the return to the School of a beautiful edition of the Latin Corpus, once presented as a School prize; and to Mrs. Brown, of Didcot, for the presentation of a vast and comely family Bible for lectern use. Acknowledgment should also be made of two unusual items of anonymous public service. Let us then thank the boy who has so beautifully executed the historical note now displayed in the Science Block; and the small team who made themselves responsible for the care of the School flag during the recent period of national mourning. Only those who have themselves tried to handle the flag in a strong wind will realise what a delicate operation it is.

After the dry and sunny days of early March, the weather treated us maliciously on Sports Day, but it was not quite as inclement as last year, and we were able, as later pages will show, to carry through the programme.

The germs too held their hand until the end of term. One Sunday in February every single boarder was on parade for Chapel—a phenomenon remarkable even in terms alleged to be more healthy. But later we too were smitten by influenza, though not so ruthlessly as most schools. And the last laggard invalid was able to go home on Easter Eve.

Mr. Hugh Lyon, Director of the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau, talked to Senior members of the School on 24th March. Afterwards he interviewed boys who wished to discuss their careers with him.

Parents of boys in the Sixth and Fifth Forms were entertained at a Parents' Evening on 12th March.

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

14th February—Mr. Granville Squiers: "Secret Hiding Places".

21st February—Mr. Neil Rattee: "A Recent Visit to the Balkans".

21st March—Mr. Duncan Carse: "Antarctic Expedition—South Georgia".

We were especially indebted to Mr. Squiers who came down to lecture at very short notice: the original speaker, Lt.-Col. J. H. Williams, was unable to come, and Mr. Russell Brandon succumbed to influenza after we had obtained his services.

Films shown during the term were:

31st January—"The Three Musketeers".

28th February—"A Run for Your Money".

14th March—"The Blue Lamp".

A technical hitch delayed the showing of this last film for nearly two hours, and consequently most dayboys were unable to see it. In recompense, a special programme was shown on 27th March, the main film being, "The Clouded Yellow".

The fugitives from the examination by the Regional Mass-Radiography Unit held last term were finally examined at Reading on 4th February.

A party of boys attended the Abingdon Drama Club's production of "Victoria Regina" at the Corn Exchange on 12th February; the Fifth Forms attended a production of "Macbeth" by the Hertford College Dramatic Society on 25th February; and on 5th March, the School was well represented at a performance of "Richard III" by the Oxford University Dramatic Society at the Playhouse, Oxford.

On 28th February, a meeting of the South Midland Branch of the Science Masters' Association and A.W.S.T. was held in the Science Block, attended by about twenty members. The laboratories and parts of the School were inspected, and members were entertained to tea and a lecture.

A small party from School was present at a lecture organised by the Friends of Abingdon and given by Miss A. C. Baker entitled "Christ's Hospital 1553—1953". The lecture took place on 20th March in the Council Chamber.

Wednesday, 25th March, marked a milestone in the history of the School, when the embryonic School String Orchestra gave its first ensemble performance, if that is the right word, to a small but select audience. We congratulate Mrs. Kitching and Mrs. Fry on the progress which they have already made with their violin and 'cello classes respectively.

The activities of the Camera Club continue to entertain and amuse us. The film camera has followed the Headmaster into the Heylyn Room and the Chaplain into the Chapel. Life will certainly be more dull when "Operation Hollywood" is completed. Advance extracts of the film that we have seen have been (dare we say surprisingly?) effective and interesting.

The approach of the Coronation has revived interest in the Abingdon bun-throwing; and the *Reading Mercury* has recently referred to the two historic specimens (one thrown at the Diamond Jubilee, one at the Coronation of King Edward VII) which were formerly kept in a glass case at the School. They bore the teeth-marks, or so it alleged, "of an over-zealous youth whose efforts they resisted round about 1927". At a rather later date they seem to have vanished from human ken . . . possibly into an even more zealous, or more voracious, youth?

We acknowledge with gratitude the following donations to the War Memorial Fund:

C. Calvert-Fisher	£1	1	0
G. H. Brown (sale of clothing)	6	0	

As we go to press we would thank Mr. Hillary, Mr. Fiori, and their willing helpers who have recently done much to prevent the gravel from encroaching on Upper Field by building a wooden verge in continuation of the low brick wall. Some day we hope that the brick wall may be re-aligned and extended to provide a better boundary but this will be a much bigger operation.

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The Editor wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following Schools (to 31st March, 1953):—

Aldenham School; Chigwell School; Henley Grammar School; King Alfred's School, Wantage; King Edward's School, Stratford; Magdalen College School, Oxford; Newbury Grammar School; Oundle School; Pocklington School; Reading School; St. Edward's School; Solihull School; Windsor County School; and also from Culham College.

THE CORONATION

Primarily, the School will celebrate Coronation *in absentia*; for there will be an extended half term to enable boys either to go up to London or at any rate to be with their parents on the actual day. School will end at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, 29th May. Boarders will return to their houses not later than 7 p.m. on Thursday, 4th June, ready for School at 9 a.m. on the Friday.

But those of us who are left will make as brave a show as we can. To decorate the whole building adequately would be scarcely practicable; so apart from flying the School flag we shall concentrate on the Science Block, which will lend itself to the display of dominion flags and coronation emblems. "Dress rehearsals" are taking place during the holidays. And we shall be able to find a quorum to represent us at such traditional ceremonies as the bun-throwing.

Subsequently too the School will be producing at least one historical episode in the Schools Pageant, apart from helping in other ways.

The question of individual souvenirs is still being considered by the Corporation. We shall have our own permanent souvenirs of this historic event in two teak seats, suitably inscribed, which the Governors have agreed to provide for use in the School grounds.

It may be added that to remind boys that the Coronation is something more than pageantry and junketting, arrangements are being made for every boy in the School to see beforehand a special film of the last Coronation Service.

J.M.C.

WORKS AND BUILDINGS

(a note by the Headmaster)

We are still waiting for the licences for the new washing-up pantry, but we hope we shall get them in time to undertake this major work of reconstruction during the Summer holidays. Meanwhile we record our thanks to our good friend Mr. Wiggins who has made a beautiful new 'high table' for the Dining Hall. Visitors find it difficult to believe that the solid oak of this table came mainly from the overmantel in Lacies Court displaced by the Mayott fireplace.

We are now reaping the benefit of all the painstaking preparatory work that was put in on the War Memorial Field, for the grass is coming up commendably clean. The site for the main entrance from the Faringdon Road, which will be through a pair of wrought iron gates, has already been marked. During the Summer we hope to get the fencing up around the three open sides of the field. It has been decided to plant a line of fastigate hornbeam along the

northern edge, to screen the new houses to the north without masking our immediate neighbours.

There is good news of No. 21 Park Crescent. Thanks to the helpful co-operation of the Borough Council, we can now look forward to taking possession before the end of May. This will enable us to push on with the work of repair and adaptation: and if all goes well the School will return in September to find Mr. and Mrs. Talbot ensconced therein with some sixteen boarders. It is no easy task starting a new boarding house in these days, especially one that will have to feed itself, and I am sure we shall all wish Mr. and Mrs. Talbot well as they face their new commitment. As the house will also contain two small senior classrooms we shall have to plan the time-table carefully to avoid too many cross-country journeys between No. 21 and Lacies Court. In the matter of names, unless or until something better is suggested we shall refer to the new house as Crescent House. This name has the merit of being short, descriptive, unmistakable and reasonably euphonious: it has the negative advantage of avoiding an invidious selection of one from our many benefactors. 'House Full' notices, by the way, are already up, though only metaphorically.

And now for a new building venture. The present 'Pavilion' (to use a courtesy title) is neither ornamental nor adequate for our needs. A strong committee has therefore been set up, representing the Governors, the Old Boys, and the Staff, to consider the possibility of replacing it with something more in keeping. It is hoped that the major portion of the cost can be covered by the balance of the War Memorial Fund and that the O.A. Trust Fund will be able to bridge what gap remains. The cardinal problem is one of site, for the trouble of having a school that nicely bisects its own grounds is that no pavilion can possibly cover all the playing fields. After long consideration of all alternatives it does seem that the immediate solution is to build a simple pavilion more or less on the site of the existing building. This would still leave it open for us to move the First Eleven Pitch to the War Memorial Field at some future date; in this case the 1953 pavilion would become the Second Eleven Pavilion, and we should have to build another pavilion on the new field—as indeed we shall have to some day, in any event.

To design such a pavilion so that it does not spoil the facade of the School will present the architects with a very pretty problem. Meanwhile we can say that the Committee has already had one very profitable meeting (on Maundy Thursday); and we can offer our very warm thanks to Mr. Fiori and his assistants who produced an admirable model of a suggested pavilion which has at any rate provided a *point d'appui* for discussion.

J.M.C.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Founder's Day this year will be celebrated on Saturday, 25th July. The provisional programme will be as follows:

- 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Helen's Church, Abingdon. Address by the Lord Bishop of Dorchester.
- 2.30 p.m. Distribution of Prizes in the Corn Exchange by Mr. H. A. Benyon, Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Berkshire, who will be supported by Mr. H. J. Thomas, Chairman of the County Council.
- 4.30 p.m. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban will be 'At Home' at the School House to Parents, Old Boys, and friends of the School.
- 5.30 p.m. The School and the grounds will be open for inspection; and there will be displays of various School activities.
- 7.30 p.m. The Choral and Dramatic Societies will give a joint production of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera 'The Sorcerer' in the Corn Exchange.

On Sunday, 26th July, the Chaplain will preach at Morning Service in the School Chapel (10 a.m.); and the Headmaster will preach at 6.30 p.m. at the Annual School Service in St. Nicolas' Church.

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

The O.A. Cricket Match, the Annual General Meeting of the Club, and the O.A. Dinner, will be held on Saturday, 27th June. Details of these events will be circulated later to all members of the O.A. Club. Old Boys are also specially invited to attend Morning Service in the School Chapel on the following day, Sunday, 28th June, when the service will take the form of a commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel in 1903. The address will be given by Mr. W. M. Grundy, M.A., J.P., (Headmaster from 1913 to 1947) and the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban will subsequently be glad to welcome Old Boys to coffee in the School House garden.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete—Left 19th December, 1952

LOWER SIXTH FORM:

J. E. GREENAWAY (Science), M. 1947; House Prefect 1952; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', L/Cpl.

LOWER SIXTH FORM GENERAL:

J. S. WILLIAMSON, M. 1947; C.C.F. Cert. 'A'.

FORM 5 GENERAL:

B. C. BREAKSPEAR, M. 1948; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Pt. 1, Naval Section.

N. S. C. COX, M. 1948; House Prefect 1952; 1st XV 1952, Half-Colours 1952; Secretary Modelling Club; C.C.F. Cert. 'A'.

M. J. J. HILTON, M. 1948.

M. D. HOWES, L. 1944; 3rd XV 1952; C.C.F. Cert. 'A'. (*left 29th November*).

FORM 4 ARTS:

I. S. BAXTER, M. 1949; Dramatic Society 1952; C.C.F.

FORM 4 GENERAL:

G. S. A. DUNN, L. 1946; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Pt. 1.

D. P. C. PARKER, M. 1948.

J. A. WOOD, M. 1949; C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Pt. 1.

FORM 3B: D. W. GREEN, M. 1949; C.C.F. (*left 15th November*).

FORM 2B: P. A. JENNER, M. 1951 (*left 2nd October*).

Salvete—came 16th January, 1953

Form 4 Arts: M. F. L. Rhys, S.

Form 4 Gen.: D. C. J. Emmett, D.

Form 3B: M. P. Murphy, D. (*came 26th January*).

Form 1A: D. T. L. Eke, L.; R. M. Mackintosh, D.

Form 1B: N. J. Eden, D. (*came 2nd March*); J. E. Knight, D.; P. G. Watts, D.; P. P. Wintle, D. (*came 19th February*).

THE BOARDERS' CONCERT

The concert was held on the last evening of term in the Gymnasium, where a temporary but spacious stage had been erected. In spite of difficulties in presentation in the Gym, the production compared very favourably with those of former years.

During the first half of the Concert, music was provided by the Brass Band, with a solid and satisfactory performance of the march "When Jesus Comes", and by the Dance Band Quartet with a medley of popular tunes. Those experienced trumpeters, Leach and Redknap, gave us the duet "Bonne Bouche" by Waldteuffel, and Mr. Cooper sang "Come ye not from Newcastle?" while the Choir gave an excellent rendering of Orlando Gibbon's "Silver Swan". Two short sketches were ably performed by members of Middle School, and finally Williams H. G. and Amey presented an old favourite under a new name, "The Recess in the High Street".

After the interval, the Headmaster in Barkeresque garb expelled one by one the members of the Staff Choir for their inability to follow his conducting in a silent rendering of "Clementine", but Mr. Burgess and Packer restored sobriety with "Variations on a Theme of Hadyn" by Brahms. "Other Times Other Manners" showed us just how different courtship was one hundred years ago, and "The Dentist's Chair" supplied some real old-fashioned melodrama—murders, ghosts and repentant wives—perhaps not the ideal theme for such a concert, but well acted, nevertheless. The Prefects' Choir burst momentarily into song with "Doctor Foster", and the entertainment was concluded by the Choir in a rousing chorus extracted from "The Sorcerer" by Mr. Barker.

It was apparent from the first how much hard work had gone into this production; each sketch was well executed, and not once was anyone at a loss for his lines. Players, producer, and stage-hands alike are to be congratulated for their varying contributions to a most enjoyable evening. And a special word for the stage-hands; their unseen efficiency was manifest in the smooth flow of the whole production. We have it, too, on good authority, that they got up at five o'clock the next morning in order to clear the gymnasium.

CHAPEL NOTES

Memorial Service to Mr. Etty

Morning Service on Sunday, 18th January, took the form of a memorial service to the late Mr. John Lyttleton Etty, M.A., J.P., a Governor of the School, whose death occurred during the previous month. Representatives of the many public bodies with which Mr. Etty had been associated joined with the School in commemorating his long life of service. The Lessons were read by the Chairman of the Governors (Admiral F. Clifton-Brown) and the Mayor (Ald. H. G. Mullard), and an address was given by the Headmaster.

Others present, apart from members of the family and personal friends, included the Town Clerk, the Master of Christ's Hospital, the Chairman of the Borough Bench, the President of the Old Abingdonian Club, and representatives of the Abingdon Musical Society, the Friends of Abingdon, and Ruskin College.

During the Lent Term, Chapel collections were allotted to outside charities as follows: The British and Foreign Bible Society £3 16s. 3d.; The Mayor of Abingdon's Flood Relief Fund £14 2s. 6d.; St. James' Church, Nevis, £3 13s. 9d.; The Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Society £3 14s. 6d.; The British Empire Cancer Campaign £3 10s. 0d.; The Royal School of Church Music £3 15s. 0d.

In addition, at the end of term, the contents of the alms box amounted to £1 1s. 4½d.

On Sunday, 28th June, the day after Old Boy's Day, the address will be given by Mr. W. M. Grundy, Headmaster from 1913 to 1947.

Other visiting preachers for the coming term will be as follows:—

May 10th—The Headmaster of Bloxham School
(Mr. R. S. Thompson).

June 14th—Dr. Cyril Bailey, C.B.E., F.B.A.

June 21st—Rev. Professor A. A. Cock.

July 5th—Canon W. M. Peacock (former Headmaster of
King Alfred's School, Wantage).

July 19th—Rev. P. R. Baelz (Assistant Chaplain of Ripon Hall).

The unsightly pitch-pine benches, which disfigured the centre aisle, have now been replaced by the new oak joint stools. These arrived shortly before the end of term and they tone in extremely well with the remainder of the Chapel and add much to its beauty. We are most grateful to the Trustees of the War Memorial Appeal for agreeing to defray the cost from the balance of the Fund, and to Wing Commander Viney (O.A.), of the firm of Messrs. Vineys, for the great personal interest he has taken in their design and manufacture. It is pleasant to think that these benches have been designed and executed by a local firm.

The first consignment of the new kneelers has also arrived and these too are most satisfactory. Only the stalls have been fitted out with them at present but it is proposed to purchase more in small batches, until there is one for everybody. We are extremely grateful to the anonymous donor who has offered to assist financially in this matter.

Visitors to the Chapel may have noticed a damp patch on the ceiling in the N.W. corner. This is due to a split in the lead lining of the roof, which has now been repaired. However, re-decoration of this portion of the ceiling will only take place when it is quite certain that no further leak is possible.

A minor improvement to the Chapel is the provision of red warning lights outside the main doors and the door of the organ loft, to indicate that a service is in progress. This should do much to lessen external distraction.

PSALTERS

As reported in the last issue of *The Abingdonian*, the response to the suggestion that Old Boys might like to present a new psalter, inscribed with the donor's name, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Dedication of the School Chapel, has been, and continues to be, most gratifying. On Sunday, 28th June, the day after the Old Boys' Day, there will be a special service of Commemoration in the Chapel of which further details will be given in the O.A. Club notices to be posted in May.

While we shall welcome further gifts up to 28th June the following is a list of donors to date, to whom we offer our sincere thanks.

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(† In Memoriam)

FAURE'S REQUIEM

A performance of Faure's Requiem was given by the School Choir in St. Helen's Church on the last Saturday evening of term, 28th March, and was attended by a large number of parents and friends of the School. This was the Choir's first real public performance and was therefore a great step forward in its continued progress under the direction of Mr. Barker. The soloists were D. S. Lloyd (baritone), D. J. Meakins and M. Q. King (treble), and the Choir was accompanied by R. E. J. Packer, who played with the skill and feeling of one several times his age.

The Choir commenced by singing "Let Thy merciful ears O Lord", an anthem by Thomas Weelkes, brief but pleasing. Then followed the Requiem which was excellently performed from the first crashing chords to the final breath of sound dying away into nothingness. During an interval, passages from Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" and "The Holy Sonnets" of Donne, both admirably suited to the performance, were read from the back of the Church.

One half of the retiring collection was given to St. Helen's Church and the remainder went towards the (necessarily heavy) cost of the music. We are very grateful to the Vicar of Abingdon and to the organist of St. Helen's, Mr. Hugh Fowler, for allowing us the use of the Church and the organ for this performance.

TUCKSHOP NOTES

It may be of interest to Old Boys to learn of the extent to which the tuckshop has recovered from the lean war years. In new premises—the old C.C.F. clothing store near the north-east corner of the gymnasium—a flourishing trade is carried on. The more popular lines include buns, sweets, "pop", potato crisps and ice-cream, while pens, pencils, protractors and even pocket handkerchiefs are also available.

Some may wonder what happens to the profits. It will be of interest to both past and present to learn that the cost of the new School Flag was borne by the Tuckshop, as also was half the cost of the new edition of *Chambers Encyclopaedia* for the Library. There is also an annual contribution to the printing expenses of *The Abingdonian*, and a helping hand has been extended from time to time to such worthy causes as the preservation of the Royse Archway and the Literary Magazine. In all about £100 has been put to good use in the past two or three years, while a reserve fund is being gradually built up in the Trustee Savings Bank.

F.J.S.

(As beneficiaries of the Tuckshop—for without its annual grant we should not be able to produce a magazine of this size and quality—we should like to add a word of appreciation to Mr. Sewry himself, and to his staff for the hard work they put in behind the counter.—Edd.).

HOCKEY

Last years' high standard of play was maintained in a most enjoyable and successful season. The team played consistently well and was defeated only three times in eleven games. We were particularly pleased to defeat a strong Old Boys' side.

The moving of Brackley from back to inside forward immediately increased the effectiveness of the forward-line which soon settled down to a well-balanced combination.

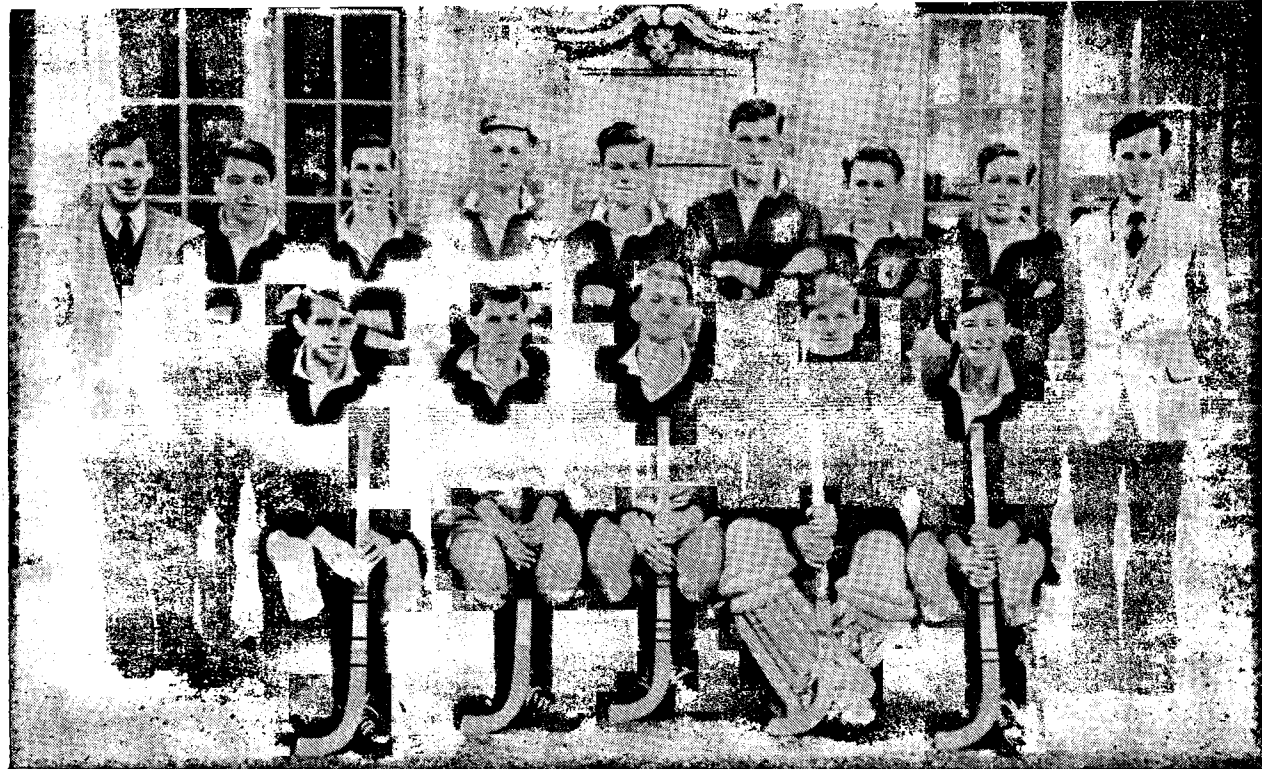
The defence was fortunate in having so able a goalkeeper as Marshall behind it—but there were still gaps. However, Hiscock, Hudson and Millard were outstanding in covering up in emergency. The junior members of the team came through the season with honour and next year's prospects appear bright. During the season the following Colours were awarded.

Full Colours: M. J. Hudson, B. J. Hiscock, J. C. Ivatts.

Half-Colours: Crockford, Glenny, Cowles, Clewley, Grant M.M.

The final arrangement of the team was: Marshall; Hiscock, Crockford; Hudson, Millard, Cowles; Ivatts, Brackley, Clewley, Glenny, Banwell.

The following also played: Whiteford (3 times), Cope (3 times), Lucas (once).



Mr. L. C. G. Griffin

Mr. A. A. Hillary

R. P. Clewley, R. J. Banwell, J. C. Ivatts, J. E. Cowles, A. F. R. Crockford, B. A. Whiteford, I. J. Glenny,
M. J. Hudson, M. J. Brackley,, P. J. Millard (Captain), A. C. Marshall, B. J. Hiscock.

FIRST XI CHARACTERS

P. J. MILLARD (Captain, Colours 1951). Centre Half. An enthusiastic captain who has set a good example to his side. As centre-half he has always played a bold and energetic game. His stickwork and his constructive play have been outstanding and he has been an inspiration to his side, particularly to the younger members. (L.C.J.G.)

M. J. BRACKLEY (Vice-Captain, Hon. Sec., Colours 1952). Inside Right. He has settled down well in his new position and has become the schemer and principal goal scorer. He has a powerful shot and a keen sense of position, and has added colour and effectiveness to the forward line.

A. C. MARSHALL (Colours 1952). Goalkeeper. A consistently good goalkeeper who has again distinguished himself with several brilliant displays. His positioning and clearance are good, and he is unusually sound in a crisis.

B. J. HISCOCK (Colours 1953). Left-Back. An extremely sound full-back who possesses a good clearance, and tackles strongly. Positional play and stickwork are both good.

M. J. HUDSON (Colours 1953). Right-Half. An extremely confident player who feeds his winger intelligently. Possessing a keen sense of position, a long clearance, and good anticipation, he has developed into a neat, polished player.

J. C. IVATTS (Colours 1953). Right-Wing. A robust, hardworking forward who possesses a useful turn of speed and an effective centre. He has a good understanding with his partner, and together they have formed a dangerous combination. Perhaps the most improved player in the side.

R. J. BANWELL (Half-Colours 1952). Left-Wing. A neat and clever wing who does not hesitate to cut in when opportunity offers. His centring has improved and he has again filled this difficult position with credit.

A. F. R. CROCKFORD (Half-Colours 1953). Right-Back. A newcomer to the side, he has settled down well and plays with confidence. His stickwork and positioning are both usually good, but at times he is inclined to wander.

J. E. COWLES (Half-Colours 1953). Left-Half. A promising young player who has a sharp eye and whose stickwork is good. Potentially a very good player but he needs greater speed and experience.

I. J. GLENNY (Half-Colours 1953). Inside-Left. Another young player who has had a good season. He has combined well with his winger, making particular use of the diagonal pass. He must however speed up his game and augment his highly effective flick with a hard scoring shot.

R. P. CLEWLEY (Half-Colours 1953). Centre-Forward. Coming into the team in mid-season, he justified his position with neat touches in the centre. More care over distribution would render his play more effective.

B. A. WHITEFORD (Half-Colours 1952). Centre-Forward. A somewhat erratic player who was unfortunate in losing his form after a leg-injury early in the season. Although he possesses a good shot, he must strive for greater accuracy and ball control.

P.J.M.

FIRST XI MATCHES

v. Staff XI (h). Wed., 28th January. Drawn 2—2.

A draw was the fair outcome of this match. The School, although playing hard, did not pass accurately, and consequently the attack was not fast. The Staff scored first through Mr. Hillary. The School fought back and Brackley equalised. Soon afterwards Whiteford put the School ahead with another goal. The second half was played mainly in mid-field, and not until the closing minutes did Mr. Hillary equalise for the Staff.

v. Abingdon Town H.C. (h). Sat., 31st January. Drawn 1—1.

Improved form was shown by the School defence in particular, which withstood a strong Town attack. Brackley scored first for the School, and just before half-time the Town equalised from a penalty bully.

v. Radley College 2nd XI (a). Wed., 4th February. Won 4—1.

For the first time in the season the School forward line showed high scoring ability. The forwards won convincingly, but upon occasions Radley had the School defence hard pressed.

Scorers for the School: Banwell, Brackley, Cope, Glenny.

v. Wallingford G.S. (h). Sat., 7th February. Won. 4—2.

Despite a fierce Wallingford attack which earned a goal in the opening minutes the School appeared calm and gradually gained superiority. Four swift goals were scored for the School by Banwell (2), Brackley and Glenny. Then, in a defensive lapse, Wallingford again scored.

v. King Alfred's Sch., Wantage, (a). Wed., 11th February. Won 2—1.

The three goals of this match belonged to a brief interlude in an evenly contested game. Wantage scored a break-away goal early in the second half. The School pressed back, and Brackley scored two fast goals. After this, play was centred round the School goal, but Wantage could not force the equaliser.

v. Solihull School (a). Wed., 18th February. Lost 2—4.

The School XI met its match in this game. Solihull were quicker on the ball and more accurate in their passing. The School tried hard but scored only twice—through Banwell and Brackley.

v. R.A.F. Halton (h). Sat., 21st February. Lost 0—4.

This was one of the most enjoyable matches of the season, and many lessons were learnt in the art of dribbling. The School stood up well to more experienced players and still played fast hockey.

v. Mr. A. A. Hillary's XI (h). Wed., 25th February. Won 4—1.

An early goal by Mr. Hillary's XI did not unsettle the School defence. The School, playing fast constructive hockey equalised just before half-time and scored further goals from the restart.

Scorers for the School: Brackley (2), Clewley, Ivatts.

v. Windsor County School (h). Wed., 4th March. Lost 0—3.

Windsor fully deserved their victory and showed the School how to take advantage of every chance. It was not until the second half that Windsor scored however. Play was from end to end, but the School was without scoring forwards.

v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 7th March. Won 4—2.

The School forwards showed improved form in this match. The Old Boys' strength lay in their stickwork so that it was probably the fast through-pass which allowed the School forwards such scope. Scores at half-time were even 1—1; but in the second half the speed of the attack wore down the Old Boys' defence. The School scored, only for the Old Boys to equalise. However, the School then took command of the game, scoring two further goals.

Scorers for the School: Brackley (2), Glenny (2).

v. Old College, R.M.A., Sandhurst (a). Sat 14th March. Drawn 2—2.

The School produced its best hockey form in this match, but scoring was checked by over-anxiety near goal. The School scored first, just before half-time. In the second half, Old College improved and equalised. The School scored again, but soon after Old College equalised once more. Play then became very fast and both of the goal-keepers were tested but no further score resulted.

Scorers for the School: Ivatts, Glenny.

M.J.B.

SECOND XI

This team, as far as results go, did not have a successful season, but nevertheless some good and enjoyable games were played. The team rarely settled down to its best, and yet individually it contained some useful members, of whom Grant (the Captain), Jones D. A., Lucas and Cope deserve mention.

The final arrangement of the team was: Grant, Jones D. M., Campbell-Dykes, Maxwell, Jones D. A., Lucas, Pezaro, Cope, Whiteford, Humby; Nichols J. A.

Second XI Matches

v. Radley College 3rd XI (h). Wed., 4th February. Lost 0—1.

v. King Alfred's School Wantage (a). Wed., 11th February. Lost 1—4.

v. Solihull School (a). Wed., 18th February. Lost 1—6.

v. Radley College 3rd XI (a). Sat., 21st February. Lost 1—4.

v. Windsor County School (h). Wed., 4th March. Drawn 2—2.

v. Rhine Coy., R.M.A., Sandhurst (a). Sat., 14th March. Lost 3—8.

House Matches

The Knock-out system was re-instated this season and resulted in a triumph for Reeves. In an unusually good final they beat Bennett House by 3 goals to 2, and thoroughly deserved the success.

P.J.M.

ATHLETICS

Contrary to expectations the season proved a most successful one. We began not too happily with a senior and junior match against the City of Oxford School on 11th March. This meeting was held in Oxford on a cold day and, judging by later performances, was somewhat too early in the season for the bulk of our athletes. The result was a handsome defeat in the senior contest but a fairly comfortable win for our juniors, best of whom perhaps was R. D. P. Griffith, first home in the sprint, the quarter mile and the half mile. P. R. Sale ran well in the senior mile, only to be beaten over the last few yards by Colman of C.O.S. in the very fast time of 4 mins. 56.9 secs.

There followed on 21st March the annual match against the Old Abingdonians, who this year were able to put into the field a very strong side. Victory in this contest was only decided by the final Relay, and as befitted such an enjoyable meeting, the lead changed hands twice in this race before the School finally emerged the winner in a time which was only 0.6 secs. outside the record.

Then on 25th March we successfully met Southfield School in a senior and junior contest under perfect weather conditions. Two records went by the board in this match. N. A. Carter threw the junior discus to make a new distance of 102ft. 11in., whilst D. R. Ellis won the senior 440 yards in the extremely good time of 54.1 sec. which beat a long standing record by 0.1 sec.

During the season Full Colours were awarded to D. R. Ellis and P. R. Sale, whilst Half-Colours were won by Hill B. K., Redknap, Grant M. M., Gammack, Lay P. J., Rockall and Millard.

Senior Matches.

v. City of Oxford School (a). Wed., 11th March.

High Jump: 1. Martin (C.O.S.), 2 Nichols (C.O.S.), 3 Guimaraens
4ft. 11ins.

100 Yards: 1. Warmington (C.O.S.), 2 Kirkland (C.O.S.), 3. Ellis
11 secs.

880 Yards: 1. Dunnill (C.O.S.), 2. Sale P.R., 3. Goodway (C.O.S.).
2 min. 12.2 secs.

Discus: 1. Bolton (C.O.S.), 2. Moore (C.O.S.), 3. Brown E. L.
99ft. 8in.

440 Yards: 1. Warmington (C.O.S.), 2. Kirkland (C.O.S.), 3. Ellis.
56.3 secs.

Shot: 1. Moore (C.O.S.), 2. Ryder (C.O.S.), 3. Lay. 36ft. 2ins.

Javelin: 1. Clarke (C.O.S.), 2. Colman (C.O.S.), 3 Sale M.J. 137ft.

Mile: 1. Colman (C.O.S.), 2. Sale P.R., 3. Frewer (C.O.S.).
4 mins. 56.9 secs.

Long Jump: 1. Dunnill (C.O.S.), 2. Whiteford, 3. Clarke (C.O.S.).
17ft. 9½ins.

Relay (4 x 220): 1. C.O.S., 2. Abingdon. 1 min. 40.9 secs.

Result: City of Oxford 89 pts. Abingdon 24 pts.

v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 21st March.

Long Jump: 1. Pickford, 2. Whiteford, 3. Cullen (O.A.). 16ft. 7ins.

Mile: 1. Sale, 2. Stott (O.A.), 3. Marchbanks. 4 mins. 56.9 secs.

Shot: 1. Darroch (O.A.), 2. Cullen (O.A.), 3. Olscher (O.A.).
41ft. 10in.

100 Yards: 1. Cullen (O.A.), 2. Heavens (O.A.), 3. Darroch (O.A.).
10.8 secs.

Javelin: 1. Darroch (O.A.), 2. Aldworth (O.A.), 3. Redknap. 123ft.

440 Yards: 1. Ellis, 2. Heavens (O.A.), 3. Gammack. 54.7 secs.

Discus: 1. Darroch (O.A.), 2. Rockall, 3. Cope. 120ft.

High Jump: 1. Grant, 2. Guimaraens, 3. Pickford (O.A.). 5ft. 2½ins.

880 Yards: 1. Sale, 2. Heavens (O.A.), 3. Pinniger. 2 min. 15.5 secs.

Relay (6 x 220): 1. School, 2. Old Abingdonians. 2 mins. 31.6 secs.

Result: School 49 pts., Old Abingdonians 44 pts.

v. Southfield School (a). Wed., 25th March.

High Jump: 1. Wiggins (S.), 2. Manners (S.), 3. Cope. 5ft. 2ins.

100 Yards: 1. Millard, 2. Ellis, 3. Stratford (S.). 11.1 secs.

Mile: 1. Sale, 2. Marchbanks, 3. Harris (S.). 4 mins. 58 secs.

Javelin: 1. Hill, 2. Furby (S.), 3. Wiggins (S.). 121ft. 10½ins.

Shot: 1. Lay, 2. Furby (S.), 3. Stroud-Viney. 33ft. 6in.

440 Yards: 1. Ellis, 2. Gammack, 3. Stratford (S.). 54.1 secs. (record).

Long Jump: 1. Wiggins (S.), 2. Pickford, 3. Whiteford. 19ft. 1in.

Discus: 1. Rockall, 2. Cope, 3. Tomkins (S.). 99ft. 5½ins.

880 Yards: 1. Sale, 2. Devenport (S.), 3. Griffith. 2 mins. 11 secs.

Relay (4 x 220): 1. Abingdon, 2. Southfield. 1 min. 40.4 secs.

Result: Abingdon 75 pts., Southfield 38 pts.

Junior Matches

v. City of Oxford School (a). Wed., 11th March.

Long Jump: 1. Ayris (C.O.S.), 2. Gardner, 3. Fysh. 15ft. 3ins.

100 Yards: 1. Griffith, 2 Fysh, 3. Brunson (C.O.S.). 11.7 secs.

100 Yards 'B': 1. Antrobus, 2. Kempinski, 3. Tuffrey (C.O.S.). 11.6 sec.

880 Yards: 1. Griffith, 2 Pinniger, 3 Smith (C.O.S.). 2 mins. 26.4 secs

Shot: 1. Pinniger, 2. Smith, 3. Loewenberg (C.O.S.); 32ft. 5ins.

440 Yards: 1. Griffith, 2 Pinniger, 3 Welsh (C.O.S.). 61 secs.

High Jump: 1. Woodward (C.O.S.), 2. Scott-Taggart, 3. Clarke (C.O.S.). 4ft. 7ins.

Discus: 1. Carter, 2. Bryden (C.O.S.), 3. Brown A. F. 91ft. 8in.

Relay (4 x 110): 1. City of Oxford School, 2. Abingdon. 52.4 secs.

Result: Abingdon 63 pts., City of Oxford School 32 pts.

v. Southfield School (h). Wed., 25th March.

Long Jump: 1. Jones (S.), 2. Youngman (S.), 3. Gardner. 15ft. 6ins.

100 Yards: 1. Jones (S.), 2. Fysh, 3. Kempinski. 11.5 secs.

880 Yards: 1. Pinniger, 2. Wiggins (S.), 3. Carter. 2 mins. 16 secs.

Discus: 1. Carter, 2. McClusky (S.), 3. Stoyles (S.). 102ft. 11ins. (record).

220 Yards: 1. Pinniger, 2. Cooling (S.), 3. Fysh. 26.1 secs.

High Jump: 1. Perrit (S.); 2. McClusky (S.), 3. Scott-Taggart. 5ft.

Shot: 1. Perrit (S.), 2. Pinniger, 3. Hall (S). 33ft. 6ins.

Relay (4 x 110): 1. Southfield, 2. Abingdon. 52 secs.

Result: Southfield 53 pts., Abingdon 36 pts.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

Unfortunately, Sports Day, held on 28th March, was wet and though carried through without a hitch could not compare with the previous athletic meetings from the point of view of enjoyment. Nonetheless, much excellent running was seen and P. R. Sale was only prevented from attacking the half mile and mile records by the very bad ground conditions. His times were very good as it was. One record was gained when Gammack achieved 36ft. 4ins. in the Shot (Under 16), whilst the running of Jones in the junior half mile and mile was very good indeed. The 'Standards' Competition was won by Blacknall House with 192 points as against the 171 points of Reeves House. Bennett House and Tesdale House gained 99 points and 113 points respectively.

This large Blacknall lead—a tribute to the enthusiasm of the House—was increased on Sports Day when Blacknall House proved the winners of the Ladies of Abingdon Cup.

At the end of the meeting the Challenge Cups and Certificates were presented in the shelter of the Gymnasium by Mrs. Sewry.

Results

Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors—P. R. Sale (19 pts.).

Shallard Challenge Cup for Juniors—N. A. Carter (13 pts.).

Ladies of Abingdon Challenge Cup for the winning House—Blacknall (289 pts.).

100 Yards:

(Under 12) 1. Longworth, 2. Tuck M. D., 3. Young M. J.; 13.7 secs.

(Under 13) 1. Beckett R. A., 2. Norman, 3. Powell; 13.6 secs.

(Under 14) 1. Budden, 2. Bowen, 3. Spinks; 13 secs.

(Under 15) 1. Budden, 2. Kempinski, 3. Tinney; 12.2 secs.

(Open) 1. Sale P. R., 2. Ellis, 3. Millard; 10.9 secs.

Long Jump: (Under 15) 1. Carter N. A., 2. Gardner A. J., 3. Ashworth I. T. S.; 15ft. 7½ins.

(Open) 1. Whiteford, 2. Pickford, 3. Cope; 17ft. 2ins.

Javelin:

(Open) 1. Ralfe and Sale P. R., 3. Redknap, 111ft. 2ins.

440 Yards: (Under 15) 1. Ashworth I. T. S., 2. Tinney, 3. Gardner A. J.; 64.8 secs.

(Open) 1. Ellis, 2. Gammack, 3. Brackley; 56.2 secs.

High Jump:

(Under 15) 1. Spinks, 2. Kempinski, 3. Westbrook B.; 4ft. 7ins.

(Open) 1. Cope, 2. Guimaraens, 3. Grant M.; 5ft.

Discus:

(Under 15) 1. Paige, 2. Gardner A. J., 3. Carter N. A.; 92ft. 10ins.

(Open) 1. Cope, 2. Rockall, 3. Lay P. J.; 109ft. 3ins.

880 Yards:

(Under 13) 1. Peedell I. R., 2. Powell, 3. Smith R. B.;
2 mins. 47.4 secs.

(Under 15) 1. Jones A. J., 2. Carter N. A., 3. Gardner A. J.;
2 mins. 27 secs.

(Open) 1. Sale P. R., 2. Gammack, 3. Pinniger; 2 mins. 11.8 secs.

Shot:

(Under 16, 8lbs.): 1. Gammack, 2. Brodrick, 3. Smith B. L.
• 36ft. 4ins. (record).

(Open, 12lbs.) 1. Lay P. J., 2. Stroud-Viney, 3. Cope; 32ft. 10½ins.

Mile:

(Under 15) 1. Jones A. J., 2. Carter N. A., 3. Hiles; 5 mins. 34 secs.

(Open) 1. Sale P. R., 2. Pinniger, 3. Marchbanks R. M., 5 mins.
2 secs.

Relays (8 x 220):

(Junior) 1. Blacknall, 2. Bennett, 3. Reeves; 4 mins. 12.8 secs.

(Senior) 1. Reeves, 2. Bennett, 3. Blacknall; 3 mins. 32.6 secs.

D.O.W./B.D.G.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

The first half of the Lent Term provided good 'rugger' weather and for once it was possible to complete the season's fixtures, play off the 'Under 14' House matches and introduce a new 'Under 13' House League without too many interruptions. The League proved a most successful experiment and will be included in next year's programme. Results of both School and House matches are given below:—

'Under 15' XV

v. Thame Grammar School (h); Sat., 24th January.	Won 37—3
v. Reading School (a); Sat., 31st January.	Lost 3—19
v. City of Oxford School (a); Sat., 7th February.	Drawn 6—6
v. Henley Grammar School (a); Sat., 21st February.	Won 17—6

'Under 14' XV

v. Radley College (a); Wed., 4th February	Lost 3—16
v. City of Oxford School (a); Sat., 7th February.	Won 32—0
v. Henley Grammar School (a); Sat., 21st February.	Won 21—12

Both School XV.s played well, although the 'Under 14' was perhaps the livelier side, possessing in Ashworth a promising half-back and in Broad, Candy and Dunman sound, hard working forwards. The 'Under 15' side was again well skippered by Pinniger but on the whole lacked the punch of a real good side and was poor in defence.

'Under 14' House Matches

Blacknall defeated Tesdale	24—6
Reeves defeated Bennett	14—9

In the final, played on 18th February, Blacknall defeated Reeves 17—3 after a game which was commendable for the keenness and good tackling on both sides.

'Under 13' House League

This Junior League, introduced to provide incentive to ordinary training, resulted in some extraordinary good rugby. Points were awarded on the basis of two points for a win and one for a drawn game, and matches were restricted to Wednesday afternoons. The competition was won by Reeves who gained ten points, Tesdale being close behind with eight points. Blacknall and Bennett gained four points and two points respectively. It was refreshing to see the keenness of all the young players, and special commendation was earned by Bennett House who although heavily defeated in every game except one, none the less managed in that one game to defeat Reeves, the ultimate winners, 30-0. The fact that there was on the same Wednesday afternoon the 'Under 14' House Final was, of course, all in the luck of the game.

D.O.W.

ROWING

It is always satisfactory to report at the end of the Lent term that the Boat Club has enjoyed a more or less uninterrupted start to the season. Admittedly crews were hampered because they hardly ever had the same combination from one outing to another, but adaptability and versatility are valuable qualities for oarsmen to possess. At all events, training was carried out and it is evident that there is a good deal of promising material from which to select the crews.

Old members of the Club will be interested to hear that the second crew, as well as the first, is to use swivels, although it is not intended to introduce them lower down as yet.

Finally, it should be noted that the Club is grateful to those members who have devoted time to work on the boats. Costs are so high these days, that without a good deal of self-help of this kind, it is almost impossible to keep the boats in proper working order.

R.G.M.

MINOR GAMES

Fives, Squash and Basketball were well supported during the Lent term. Mr. Gray and two prefects continued to organise games and to instruct some junior boys in Fives, and it is already obvious that we shall have a pool of good players in future terms. Throughout the term, it was found possible to play practice matches twice a week. After it was found that rain was seeping through the roof of the Fives Court at many points, members of the Club undertook extensive repair-work, and after two afternoon's hard work became notably proficient in scaling the lofty heights. Their efforts were successful in stemming the leaks at the major points, although this did not become obvious until

some time later, as the period of drought coincided with the repair work. Nevertheless, the Fives Club can now face the rainy season with confidence.

The Squash Club again flourished, and its members are grateful to the Officers' Mess of the R.A.F. Station, Abingdon, for their continued generosity in making the Mess Court available to the Club.

After an interval of one term, our ears were assailed once again by the sounds of echoing feet in the gym, which proclaimed the revival of Basketball. Hockey players and Athletes alike found this an interesting variation, and a useful way of keeping fit, when bad weather kept them indoors.

P.J.M.

C.C.F. NOTES

The Lent term has once again followed its traditional course: it has been a period—as the School reports would have it—of “steady progress” towards the big events of the Summer—Cert. ‘A’, Bisley, the Inspection. For the second year in succession, we shall have a record entry for the Cert. ‘A’ exam—60 candidates for part 2, and over 70 for part 1.

As for Bisley, this is a new venture. It has been felt for some time that the School should enter the competition, and this year we shall do so. The Shooting VIII began their preparations during the Christmas holidays when 20 N.C.O.s and cadets attended the now traditional course at the Small Arms School, Royal Marines, where the good work is to be maintained at Easter. During term, some 303 shooting has taken place, and also much practice with .22, as well as “operational” shooting—in the Country Life competition, and by post against Fettes, Sherbourne, and Solihull. Finally a IV finished runners-up in the Abingdon District .22 Rifle League, being beaten in the final by only 8 points.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the term has been the weather, which has never interfered with our normal programme. Field Day—for the second Lent Term in succession—took place in ideal conditions. In the sultry heat, the Downs looked more like the Desert, and the C.O., actually in shirt-sleeve order, was able to keep the troops amused all the time! The spring weather was kind indeed, for quite a number of boys had only just recovered from the “plague” and would have had to miss the fun had conditions been more wintry.

Our specialist sections had their own elaborate programmes. The Sappers paid a visit to 9 Trg. Regt., R.E., where the C.O. had laid on a series of short demonstrations for them, including the firing of detonators, watching a Bailey Bridge and several rafts under construction, a trip on Hawley Lake, and firing on a special moving target in the miniature range.

The Gunners spent a day at Larkhill. In the morning they enjoyed a conducted tour of the Gun Park and Ammunition Wing. The afternoon's programme proved the more instructive and interesting, for they were taken on the ranges, where they first watched a troop of guns coming into action and firing, and afterwards visited the O.P. On the gun position, most of the section were allowed to fire the guns, whilst at the O.P. L/Cpl. Pulsford and Cadets Nichol and Ivatts volunteered to shoot. Pulsford was allowed to conduct a neutralisation shoot.

Once again, we are greatly indebted for assistance with the training to Col. Sparrow, C.R.E., South Midland Area; to Major Ritchie, O.C., P.C.A.U., Abingdon; and to the O.C., 299 Fd. Regt., R.A., all of whom have regularly provided officers and N.C.O.s to assist us. Without their continuing help and interest, the life of the Sections' Officers would be hard indeed.

Congratulations to U/O. Leach on having passed the Sandhurst R.C.B.; Sgt. Brackley on being accepted in the R.M.F.V.R.; Cadet Hudson on passing the written exam for Sandhurst; and L/Cpl. Lloyd, on his initiative and thoroughness in organising a "mock" Cert 'A' exam for his squad.

During the term the following promotions were made:

To be L/Sgt.—Cpl. Millard P. J.

To be Cpls.—L/Cpls. Marchbanks R. M., Brown C. G., Littlewood D. J. L.

And so to the Summer Term with its varying commitments, culminating in the Inspection to be carried out this year by Rear-Admiral A. K. Scott-Moncrieff, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

Our main object during the term was the Leading Seaman's Examination, which was passed by P. J. Lay and B. D. Guimaraens. Lay was rated up to Leading Seaman immediately, while we hope to be able to rate Guimaraens next term, when, we hope, we shall have some more recruits. We congratulate them both, Guimaraens on a double count, since he has been accepted in the R.M.F.V.R.

Field Day was spent at Culham, probably for the last time, since the station is closing down this year. We are very grateful to Lieutenant-Commander Dennis for arranging a most interesting and enjoyable day which this year for the first time included flying. Such was the enthusiasm for this unnatural activity that S/Lt. Barker could not be restrained from leaping into the air a second time, and after spending most of the afternoon in a Sea Fury

somewhere between Culham and Southampton, missed the bus back to school.

We have again had the assistance of C.P.O. Woodcock from Culham this term, and we are indeed grateful to him for the good work he has done.

L.C.J.G.

SCOUT TROOP

The Lent Term was again very quiet, but our usual Troop meetings and test-passing carried on. It was notable, however, in that we had fine weather for Field Day, when each patrol had to follow a trail of clues leading, via Drayton, to buried treasure at Sutton Pools; the Patrol which did not know the Boat-house and the one which did not know the start of the cross-country course shall be nameless! Most Patrols arrived at the Pools before the treasure was actually unearthed and between them they managed to dig up most of the beach. The Wolf Patrol, which eventually did find it, certainly deserved—and needed—the ice-cream as their reward.

A Camp-site has already been found for the Summer Camp. It is in a very pleasant wooded district at Yattendon, near Newbury.

H.J.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

The Society enjoyed a successful term, during which the standard of attendance was high.

The first meeting was on 11th February, when J. C. Ivatts read a paper on "The Second World War". He dealt ably and concisely with this broad subject, giving a comprehensive picture of the major theatres of war. The discussion was discursive, ranging from Swindon to Siberia.

On 25th February, P. J. Downer read a paper entitled "The World Food Shortage". This paper gave much scope for speculation on the future of the world even exciting consideration of the nutritional value of the locust. The Society as a whole was much interested in the possibility of reclaiming unfertile areas for cultivation.

The last meeting of the term was held on 18th March, when C. J. Lockhart-Smith and P. B. H. Amey read papers entitled "Opera" and "Ballet" respectively. Both dealt with the attractions and disadvantages rather than with the history and techniques of these two art forms. The discussion was general, embracing the merits of Mozart and Wagner, and the question whether Ballet is a slightly precious art form.

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

P.B.H.A.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Four meetings were held in the Lent term. At the first, on 23rd January, Mr. Willis gave us a first-hand account of the Anzio Beach-head. He explained the situation which had led to its formation and the subsequent part that it played in the Italian campaign. He enlivened his talk by recounting many personal experiences which were of great interest and amusement to all.

The next talk, on 20th February, given by Col. H. D. B. Goldie, was on "The Arab Legion". The speaker, who had just retired from his post of second-in-command of the Legion, dealt comprehensively with its organisation. He concluded on a topical note by giving us his views on the present situation in Egypt.

At the third meeting on 13th March, Mr. Eldridge of the Colonial Service gave us an interesting talk on Northern Rhodesia. He recounted its history and development and presented us with some of the problems that face a colonial administrator. This talk was of particular interest in view of the proposed Federation of the African States.

Finally the Society was indebted to Sir Reader Bullard, who, on 20th March, gave us an excellent account of his impressions of the United States, where he had recently paid a visit. Sir Reader, who compared our way of life with that across the Atlantic, obviously felt great enthusiasm for the hospitality and generosity shown by the Americans, and amused us all by the witty anecdotes with which he emphasised his points.

The Society is indeed grateful to have been addressed by speakers of such distinction, and we look forward to the same high quality in next term's programme.

H.R.L.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

During the Lent term, in which our membership rose to 65, six meetings were held.

On 23rd January, a film "Drilling for Oil" was shown, which demonstrated the various stages in the sinking of an oil-well. On 6th February, "Job 99, Pluto", another oil film, showed the construction of the pipe-line, which carried petrol from England to France during the latter stages of the war.

The "Conversazione" meeting was held on 13th February. The Headmaster was present at this meeting, when many interesting and instructive experiments were performed by members of the Society.

Our thanks are due to all those who put in so much hard work to make this meeting a success.

Mr. G. L. Sanders (O.A.) who is engaged in nuclear research work in Atomic Physics at Oxford addressed us on the 27th February on "The use of crystals in Radiation Detection". We are extremely grateful to him.

A mishap to the projector marred our next meeting, for only the first reel of "Scandinavian Project" could be shown. But the next film we saw, "Our Teeth", passed without trouble. It dealt, very interestingly, with the problems which may assail our teeth.

We are looking forward to what we hope will be an even more varied and instructive series of meetings during the Summer.

R.W.W.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

During the Lent Term the Society was more active, and three meetings were held. The first two were general meetings, to which members brought their collections and "approvals" to be exchanged.

At the third meeting, Mr. Bullwinkle addressed the Society upon "Stamps of the Gold Coast"; no less than fifty members heard this talk.

Next term we hope to broaden the scope of our activities still more, and to arrange three lectures by outside speakers.

H.G.W.

CAMERA CLUB

Filming, lectures, and film shows have made up the busy programme which we have enjoyed this term.

M. J. Sale began the term with an interesting lecture on trick photography, which was followed a fortnight later by two films from British Transport. Next month we saw a series of films from Morris Cowley, and heard an instructive talk by J. D. Hall entitled "How and when to take holiday photographs". Then followed a committee meeting and an excellent documentary, "Ocean Terminal". The term's meetings concluded with the recently filmed "Operation Europe".

Most of our weekends, including non-meeting days, have been occupied in "shooting" our 30 minute, 16 mm. documentary film of the school, which, progressing slowly but surely, entails both hard work and great fun. We hope to hold its première within the first month of next term.

M.K.C.G.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

This term we have held six very enjoyable meetings.

The first meeting, introduced by D. S. Lloyd, consisted of records of the memorable "Trial by Jury". Later in the term, at the fifth meeting, we were reminded of another school production, when P. B. H. Amey introduced Sibelius' first symphony, which served as background music to Richard II. Amey's programme began with Brahms' Academic Festival Overture.

More of Sibelius' music was played in the second and third programmes. H. R. Leach introduced Sibelius' tone-poem "Finlandia", as well as Schubert's fifth symphony. Sibelius' fifth symphony was subsequently introduced by the Secretary.

At the fourth meeting C. J. Lockhart-Smith presented Bach's sixth suite, for full orchestra, and Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G minor. P. J. Millard concluded this very successful series with Rossini's overture, "The Thieving Magpie", Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll", part of Beethoven's Violin Concerto and Bach's third Brandenburg Concerto.

R.E.J.P.

MODELLING CLUB

Once again the club has enjoyed a successful term, and our members have spent much time in the modelling rooms. We have been able to hold meetings every week, and were pleased to welcome many enthusiastic juniors.

We were unfortunate in losing N. Cox, our enthusiastic secretary, at the end of the Michaelmas term. H. G. Williams was elected to the vacant position.

It was not found possible to hold a "free flight" competition for light weight gliders, but we hope that this attraction will grace our programme for the summer Term.

H.G.W.

JOINT CLUB

Unhappily we were able to hold only two meetings during the Lent term; but we console ourselves that quality is better than quantity.

For the first meeting, we were the guests of the ladies of St. Helen's in the gym, and we indulged in multitudinous party revels, partaking of refreshments at odd moments.

The second meeting was of a more sober nature. A party of our friends from St. Helen's attended the performance of Fauré's Requiem in St. Helen's Church and afterwards we accompanied them to Lacies Court for light refreshments. At this point, we inquired among members what we should do during the Summer term, and several suggestions were made. If any of them are eventually carried out, great fun will indeed be had by all.

J.W.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Our activities during the Christmas holidays were inevitably curtailed both by the weather and by other commitments. However, the School gymnasium was once more made available to the Club by the kindness of the Headmaster, and members were not slow to avail themselves of this convenience.

Several enjoyable tennis matches were played, but a Soccer match against the Scouts had to be cancelled, when visibility was reduced to nil by a blinding blizzard.

Prospects for the Easter holidays are good. Soccer and table-tennis matches have been arranged and hockey is a distinct possibility.

We are grateful to Mr. Gray and the M.G.C. for the use of the Fives Court which will provide an additional amenity.

J.W.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Five meetings were held during the term. The first debate took place on 30th January, with P. R. Sale in the Chair, when K. H. S. Prentice, seconded by N. J. H. Grant, proposed that "The Theatre is a better source of enjoyment than the cinema. N. K. Hammond and J. C. Ivatts opposed the motion which was defeated 38—11.

On 13th February, under the Chairmanship of P. J. Millard, J. C. Ivatts proposed that "This House considers the Scientist to be the Devil's assistant". P. R. Sale successfully opposed the motion; second speakers were D. A. Jones and R. M. Marchbanks.

On 27th February, J. C. Ivatts, seconded by D. A. Jones, proposed the third motion that "The re-armament of this country in its present form is not likely to lead to peace." M. M. Grant opposed, seconded by S. R. Mills, and the motion was defeated 26—10. P. B. H. Amey was in the Chair.

At the fourth meeting on 6th March, under the Chairmanship of H. R. Leach, the House decided by 15 votes to 4 that there was no chance of Britain becoming Americanized. M. M. Grant, supported by M. J. Ralfe, proposed the motion, while D. A. Jones and J. C. Ivatts opposed.

The last meeting was on 27th March, when H. R. Leach occupied the Chair. The motion that "This House deplores the tendency of this Country to become a Welfare State" was proposed by N. J. Shurrock, seconded by B. D. Guimaraens, and opposed by D. C. Shaw, seconded by J. C. Ivatts. The motion was carried 21—11.

The Society has enjoyed a successful term: attendances were good and the standard of debating was high. But the secretary still views with concern the fact that the Society's well-being rests upon a small nucleus of speakers. The reluctance of certain members to speak means that an increasing burden is thrown upon a few, and some new voices would indeed be welcome.

H.R.L.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are very grateful to Rev. W. E. Henty-Summers for the gift of *An Outline of Christianity*, a most comprehensive work, well illustrated in five volumes; to Mrs. M. Sale for a set of *Gibbon*, and other books; to Mrs. Lier for a set of *Stories of the World's Great Books*; and likewise to the following donors of books: Miss P. Shedden: C. G. P. Aylin, J. R. Jarvis and C. H. Banwell (leaving books), A. G. Caswell, and D. S. Lloyd. We also acknowledge receipt of *The Eagle Looks Back* from Barclays Bank, and *The Thin Red Lines* from Cable and Wireless.

Chambers' Encyclopaedia is now in constant use and its value is beginning to be appreciated. Finally, though the position is improving, we must appeal for more care in the handling of books, and much more regularity in returning them.

G.F.D.

REVIEW

100 BEST POEMS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, Chosen by
Stephen Graham. (Ernest Benn Ltd. 10/6).

He is a brave man who attempts to select the best poems of our language. The best, mark you, not just one hundred good poems. It is not to be expected that such an anthology will meet with whole-hearted approval, for each of us will note omissions of seemingly obvious choices.

Mr. Graham emphasises that the production of an *exclusive* anthology is something that is very unusual and perhaps he felt some trepidation when he wrote, "It is a personal choice of the hundred best poems in the language." Certainly he admits that he was anxious for his omissions, in particular of Shakespeare's work. This, I think, argues that he had some doubts in his own mind over his choice. In any anthology claiming to contain the hundred best poems, to allot only four of those to Shakespeare must lead to appalling omissions. Only two of his Sonnets are included, when at least twenty are worthy, and we find not one of the songs from the plays, nor one of his other poems.

I cannot honestly believe that Thackeray's "At the Church Gate"—which is a composition designed to show the minor talents of Pendennis—deserves anything more than Thackeray's own, "I think they'll do". So with many other poems in this collection. They will do, but they are certainly not great.

If Mr. Graham's book is to achieve anything approaching the authority of such anthologies as those of Palgrave and Quiller-Couch, he must seriously reconsider his choice of such poems as Browning's "Evelyn Hope", which I was particularly sorry to find in these pages, as it represents a weak and maudlin Browning; "The Raven" which only

lives because of a certain felicity of metre; "A Psalm of Life", which Mr. Graham cannot really expect us to take seriously; and "The Diverting History of John Gilpin". Instead, he should seriously consider the claim of the Augustans, very poorly represented here as it is. And it is high time that Pope was given his rightful place.

I think that Mr. Graham was dominated by the feeling that the poems that he learnt in the classroom must at all costs be included, and in an attempt to balance this he made some rather unusual choices. But the general state of this anthology is sound. There are, however, some sickly plants, some overgrown blooms, which should not have been allowed to mar the beauty of this gathering.

Finally, in the next edition, let the title be changed, for in order to avoid the charge of presumptuousness, the personal element should from the first be made plain.

C. J. L.S.

THE OXFORD LETTER

Sir,

Perusal of the last two numbers of *The Abingdonian* might suggest that the obituary column of this issue should be headed by the announcement of the much-lamented decease of your Oxford correspondent. He is, however, happy to report that it was no sleep of death into which he had fallen, but merely an unfortunately prolonged coma.

Our senior member is G. L. Sanders. With his academic zeal apparently undiminished by the rigour of Schools last summer, he is now engaged on a three year course for a Research Degree in Nuclear Physics and finds no time for any more humane pursuits. David Wheaton, also in his fourth year, scorns delights and lives laborious days, for he will take Greats Schools next term. He made his last public appearance in the St. John's Torpid, thus emulating his mentor of earlier years, and becoming a joint tortfeasor in depreciating the reputation of the Pembroke boat. John Mortimore and Michael Jones are also in their final year. John takes a little time off from playing hockey and bridge to study P.P.E., but his thoughts are really more of Acol than of Aristotle. Michael, having read Law in his first year, early decided that the History school would allow him more time for his political activities. These he has now, at least nominally, abandoned and he gives his full attention to battles and kings, and other such trivialities. Michael Millichap, in his second year, pursues his legal studies with increasing enthusiasm during the daytime and occasionally spares an hour to play hockey or soccer. His evenings, we understand, are devoted largely to the sweet things of life. Glen Strachan, though professing to read History, has recently won the gratitude of medical brethren by yielding up his appendix for further study. His aquatic activities this term have been confined to infrequent appearances masquerading as a player of water-polo, but next term he will again be wielding an oar in the Pembroke Eight. Morris Venables, in his second year too, is reading English. He continues in several fields of

sport to prove that he is always lamentably unfit. Ian McNaughton is reading Botany at St. Catherine's and displays unwonted vigour on the soccer field. Alan Garner, having taken a History degree last summer, is now studying with the Oxford Institute of Education and hopes to obtain a Diploma in the worthy art of pedagogy. This term he has been teaching at Aylesbury. Michael Green also took his degree last summer and is now reading for Bar Finals at the Inner Temple. He continues to "run out of road" on his motor-cycle.

And now, with very sincere apologies for my sins of omission, and our very good wishes for the welfare of the School,

I am proud, Sir, to remain, your

OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

GIBAUD. On 11th November, 1952, to Janet, wife of Roy D. Gibaud (1942), a son, Christopher Roy.

JORDAN. On 31st December, 1952, to Betty, wife of Tony W. J. Jordan (1948) a son.

NEWMAN. On 28th March, 1953, to Jane, wife of Sqdn. Ldr. D. F. W. Newman (1935) a daughter, Clare Marion Wyndham.

MARRIAGES

BOSLEY—BOOKER. On 15th January, 1953, at Stanford-in-the-Vale, John R. Bosley (1945) to Sylvia C. Booker.

SLINGSBY—SHORT. On 21st March, 1953, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, C. Derek Slingsby (1944) to Beryl, daughter of H. W. Short (1911), Lieut., R.N. (ret.).

DEATHS

CANNON. In 1952 at Hove, Sussex, Alfred Edward Cannon (1896-99), aged 69.

JACOB. On 4th June, 1952, Hilton Lancelot Jacob (1932-36), aged 32.

NICHOLL. On 19th December, 1952, Edward Aubrey Rice Nicholl (1900-03), late Rector of Chettle, Dorset, aged 69.

We have heard with regret of the death on 13th February of Mrs. R. F. Ashwin. For four years, 1906-10, she and her husband, Rev. R. F. Ashwin, were in charge of Tesdale House, and she will be remembered with affection by Old Boys who were in her care during that period.

News continues to come in from O.A.s who have been 'lost' for some time in the wilds of Africa. M. R. T. Cooper (1935) after 6½ years in the Army in East Africa during the war returned to Kenya and is now coffee farming near Mt. Elgom. His address is, Kapietiva Estate, Kitale, Kenya,—and strangely enough, during his 18 years in Kenya and elsewhere he has never met another O.A.

Malcom Chase (1946) is an Assistant Inspector in the Kenya Police at present stationed at Mombasa in the Public Prosecutor's Office. He was actively engaged in the fight against Mau Mau in its early stages, and during the Queen's brief visit last year he was one of the six officers on security duty at the Royal Lodge. When he wrote he was hoping to be married in March.

L. P. Mosdell (1931) in the Judge Advocate's Dept., North Rhodesia, has been transferred from Livingstone, to Kitwe.

Shaw Brown (1926) is on a visit to England with his wife, the first time for many years since he settled in Australia.

J. N. Sanders (1918) whose son is at present at Pembroke College, where he himself was an Abingdon Scholar, has come to live in Abingdon.

J. M. Wood (1938) now an A.R.I.B.A. is a partner in the family firm and doing well.

A. J. Walters (1946) is teaching in the C. of E. Modern School at Meriden, Warwicks., and A. J. Sansom (1945) is similarly engaged in a Secondary School in Southampton.

Peter Richardson (1950) has passed his 2nd M.B. and we congratulate him heartily on being awarded the B.Sc. Scholarship in Physiology, at the London Hospital Medical College.

David Wheaton (1948) rowed in the St. John's Torpid at Oxford, which gained and lost one place.

N. A. C. Darroch (1952) was invited to box for the English Universities against Scottish Universities at Sheffield on 24th April.

Peter Stevens (1952) is in the Oxfordshire County Surveyor's Office, and enjoying it.

Paul Glassbrook (1951) is serving his apprenticeship with the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., the same line as John Penning.

Nigel Wilson (1945), nephew of Duncan Lovibond (1932) has gained an Open Scholarship in Classics at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, from U.C.S. whither he migrated when his parents left Abingdon.

Peter McLeod (1944) after graduating at Cambridge is working with Maclean's Toilet Preparations' firm in London.

Tim Moore (1947) has secured a post in the executive branch with British American Tobacco Co.

P. C. Madley (1952) is working at A.E.R.E., Harwell.

D. R. G. Andrews (1952) is with H. J. Robey, the Botley building firm, for a year before going up to Oxford.

G. S. A. Dunn (1952) is working with British Motor Corp'n. at Cowley.

The Services

Major W. R. A. Kettle M.C. (1930) Devons, is now stationed at Colchester.

Michael Glassbrook (1951), also of the Devons left recently with reinforcements for Kenya, whence R. D. M. Grant (1950) has just returned on completion of his service.

Sqdn. Ldr. Peter Austin (1929) is back again in this Country with his family, after a tour of duty in Malta.

Colin Calvert-Fisher (1944) 42 Commando, R.M., is now based in Malta for 2½ years and has been busily engaged in amphibious exercises, usually starting at 3 a.m.

J. B. Archer (1952) started his career in the R.A.F. with an intensive course in the Ceremonial Force for the first trooping of the Colour at Manchester on 1st April.

Brian Leech (1952) successfully negotiated his R.C.B. for entry into Sandhurst, and so the long-standing synchysis will be continued, with Hugh Leach also on the strength.

A. D. Burton (1952) is in R.E., and was a short time ago at Elgin.

Universities and Hospitals

The following, to the best of our knowledge, are now in residence:
Oxford University:

Pembroke—J. P. Mortimore, M. H. Jones, J. A. Garner, M. D. Millichap, G. S. Strachan and M. H. Venables.

Balliol—G. L. Sanders.

Keble—C. V. Davidge (Fellow).

Magdalen—J. Cowling.

St. John's—D. H. Wheaton

St. Catherine's—I. H. McNaughton.

Cambridge University:

Jesus—H. D. Baecker

St. John's—J. A. Rose.

Reading University: D. J. Leach, M. J. Wareham, R. J. Taylor, D. Free.

Bristol University: J. B. Rich.

St. Andrew's University: M. A. C. Heavens.

Univ. College Exeter: R. Owen, D. Beattie.

Loughborough College: R. Klein, N. A. C. Darroch.

Hospitals:

London—P. C. Richardson.

St. Bartholomew's—W. S. Ogden.

St. Thomas'—D. B. Ker.

Guy's—D. E. P. Jones.

Middlesex—E. S. N. Hazel.

Royal Veterinary College—C. S. Cullen.

LONDON DINNER

The first post-war London Dinner of the Old Abingdonian Club was held at the Holborn Restaurant on the evening of Monday, 9th March. The President of the Club, Mr. John Hooke, was in the chair and he was supported by about sixty members of the Club including the Headmaster, Mr. J. M. Cobban, and a strong contingent from Abingdon, including six past and present members of the Staff.

After the loyal toast, which was given musical honours, the company drank to the health of "absent friends" with especial reference to Mr. Grundy. The President then proposed the health of the School with which he coupled the name of the Headmaster. He expressed his pleasure that the dinner had been revived and that so many Old Boys had been able to attend it, and he mentioned the many messages of greeting and good wishes that he had received from others.

The Headmaster in reply congratulated the President on being a member of the Governing Body and gave a report on the recent progress of the school. Mr. Duxbury in proposing the toast of the Club pointed out that the Club was first founded in 1743 and that by a happy coincidence the first London Dinner of the revived Club had taken place in the same Restaurant sixty years ago. The reply was given by Mr. J. D. Wood, a past President of the Club and a Governor of the School, who entertained the members with reminiscences of the successful rugby team which was run by the London Old Boys before the war.

The success of the evening was largely due to the untiring efforts of the Dinner Secretary, Mr. S. A. Paige. It was interesting to note the wide span covered by the members present whose leaving dates spread from 1902 to 1952. There was general agreement that now that the Dinner had been revived it should become an annual event, since clearly many Old Boys, who find it difficult to get down to Abingdon for the Dinner or other functions, greatly enjoyed this opportunity of getting together.

NEW MEMBERS

(since the last supplement issued in Nov. 1952)

The following are candidates for election at the next meeting of the Committee:

- N. S. C. Cox, 12/52, 36 Francis Road, Windsor, Berks.
 G. S. A. Dunn, 12/52, Tower Hill, Kidlington, Oxon.
 J. E. Greenaway, 12/52, 5 South Avenue, Abingdon.
 M. D. Howes, 12/52, 170 Broadway, Didcot, Berks.
 R. A. Trotman, 3/27, 123 Radley Road, Abingdon.
 J. S. Williamson, 12/52, 21 Norman Avenue, Abingdon.
 J. A. Wood, 12/52, 22 Blenheim Drive, Oxford.

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