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CALENDAR, MICHAELMAS TERM, 1954

September

- Thurs. 17 Term begins
- Fri. 28 Field Day—C.C.F. and Scouts
- Sat. 29 1st XV v. D. O. Willis' XV (h)

October

- Mon. 2 1st XV v. Reading School (h)
- Tue. 9 1st XV v. Newbury Grammar School (h)
- Wed. 13 1st XV v. Pembroke College (a)
- Wed. 20 1st XV v. St. Edward's School 2nd XV (h)
- Thurs. 23 1st XV v. Radley College 2nd XV (a)
- Wed. 27 1st XV v. Solihull School (h)
- Fri. 29 to Monday, 1st November—Half Term

November

- Wed. 3 1st XV v. Magdalen College School (a)
- Thurs. 6 1st XV v. Southfield (a)
- Fri. 13 1st XV v. Bloxham School (a)
- Wed. 17 1st XV v. City of Oxford School (h)
- Thurs. 20 1st XV v. Royal Grammar Sch., High Wycombe (h)
- Fri. 27 1st XV v. Windsor County School (a)
- Sat. 28 Confirmation Service, 3 p.m.

December

- Tue. 4 1st XV v. Old Abingdonians (h)
- Fri. 10 School Play, "Tobias and The Angel"
- Sat. 11 School Play, second performance
- Sun. 14 Service of Lessons and Carols (S. Helen's Ch.) 6.30 p.m.
- Fri. 17 Term ends, 10.15 a.m.

Next Term begins 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18th January, 1955 (Boarders return Monday, 17th January).

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(Michaelmas Term, 1954)

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D. S. Lloyd (Head of Day Boys)

R. M. Marchbanks (S)

R. E. J. Packer (W)

B. J. Hiscock (S)

M. K. C. Grigsby (L)

A. J. Pickford (D)

P. Stroud-Viney (D)

J. R. Pratt (D)

T. C. Glucklich (D)

P. J. Simmonds (S)

K. W. Viney (D)

J. M. Pulsford (D)

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I. L. McLoughlin.

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EDITORIAL

"Spring, the sweet spring, is the year's pleasant king." How true are these words when we recall the high spirits in which we returned to school after the Easter vacation. Everywhere the fields, the trees and shrubs were green again; the fruit trees blossomed and the spring flowers bloomed one by one for what seemed to be a very short period. So fortunate are we, in fact, in living in such wonderful surroundings that we tend to think of the outside world rather less than we ought.

Providence, however, brought us into touch with the rest of the nation on two occasions during the Summer Term—memorable for the somewhat unusual sight of the school flag dominating the school buildings.

The first occasion was the return of Her Majesty the Queen from her Commonwealth Tour. How glad and how proud we all were to see her, and her family, return unscathed from a world so restless and unsettled. Then, soon after Whitsuntide came the sad news of the death of Dr. Kirk, the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Dr. Kirk had long been associated with our own School Chapel where he had confirmed many members of the School, past and present, at the annual confirmation service. We shall miss him.

Thus amidst the fever of the certificate examinations we were reminded of the life which lies beyond school; and what better examples could we have of lives given to the service of one's fellows than the examples of our gracious Queen and the late Bishop? Such persons inspire faith in any attempt whatsoever to secure a truly lasting peace.

SCHOOL NOTES

The school flag was flown at half-mast to mark our own sense of personal loss at the sudden and unexpected death of the Bishop of Oxford which occurred on Whit-Tuesday, 8th June. For many years the Bishop had visited us each Advent Sunday to hold a Confirmation Service in the School Chapel, and none of those who were privileged to hear him on these occasions, whether as masters, parents, or candidates, will forget the kindly and impressive dignity with which he invested the Service. We offer to his family our respectful and sincere sympathy in their irreparable loss.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Parham, formerly Bishop of Reading, has kindly agreed to conduct our Confirmation Service on Advent Sunday this year in the place of the late Bishop.

It is a matter for regret that our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Thomas, should have found it necessary to vacate the office of Chairman of the Berkshire County Council which he has held with such distinction. We hope that relief from the major cares of office will soon lead to a full recovery in

health so that he may continue for long to help guide the destinies of County and of School alike.

We note with interest that Mr. Airey Neave has been reappointed as P.P.S. to Mr. Lennox-Boyd, who has recently transferred from the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation to the Colonial Office.

We congratulate another of our Governors, Mr. Sparkes, on his re-election as a member of the Borough Council.

Last term we had the pleasure of thanking two of our Governors Mr. Candy and Mr. Morrell, for the presentation of challenge trophies. Now we offer equally warm thanks to Dr. O'Connor who has very kindly intimated his wish to commemorate his mayoralty by presenting a trophy to be awarded for sculling. This was actually competed for in anticipation (with Dr. O'Connor's approval) at this year's regatta: we hope it will be formally presented during Dr. O'Connor's year of office.

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Deas, our new H.M.I., who visited the School for the first time on 16th June and managed in the course of the day to see a good cross-section of our activities.

Other and more exotic visitors included Mr. C. F. Nanuel of St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, and Mr. M. I. Abusin and Mr. B. C. Dafalla, both of the Sudan, who spent the afternoon at the School on 6th May.

The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban had the honour of attending the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the afternoon of July 15th.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Burgess on the birth of their baby daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

We were glad to hear that the Bursar had made a good recovery from the major operation which he underwent early in July. It was pleasant too to see Mr. Wiblin back at work after his long illness. The School is indebted to Mr. Holloway, who gallantly took over Commander Hoyle's duties during his absence, and to Mr. Maurice Venables (O.A.), who in turn took over the bulk of Mr. Holloway's teaching periods.

The Governors have appointed Mr. D. O. Willis to fill the new post of Second Master. We wish him a happy term of office in an appointment which we suspect, will involve plenty of hard work.

It is with a heavy heart that we say good-bye to Mr. Barker, for there are few departments of school life which have not felt the impact of his dynamic energy. But he would be the last man to want a formal valedictory notice, and the healthy condition of the school music remains as his best monument. Here then we would merely thank him for services rendered: offer him our warm good wishes for the future and record the fact that a strong contingent of the Staff attended his marriage to Miss Felicity Martindale, which took place on 4th August at St. Mary's Church, Harefield.

In the place of Mr. Barker we welcome Mr. E. H. F. Sawbridge, of Haileybury and University College, Oxford. Before going up to Oxford, where he played in the University Rugger Trials, Mr. Sawbridge served as a lieutenant in the D.L.I., and he was mentioned in despatches for his services in Korea.

We welcome also, as an additional member of the staff, Mr. K. G. Hasnip, of Dulwich and Caius College, Cambridge. Mr. Hasnip did his national service in the R.A.F.; and then read both parts of the Modern and Mediaeval Languages Tripos at Cambridge before studying for his Diploma of Education. He did his student practice at Tonbridge School.

This term, too, we shall be glad to offer hospitality for one term to another resident student from Cambridge, Mr. A. P. Percival, a History Exhibitioner of (the other) Pembroke.

We congratulate our old friend Mr. Baynes on his appointment as Senior Master in History at Haberdashers' Aske's School: we look forward to seeing, and hearing, him this term when he comes down to preach in Chapel.

Congratulations also to Mr. Hillary whose prowess during his first season of holiday cricket for Berkshire was promptly rewarded by a county cap.

Once again we express our thanks to Mr. Bevir, who leapt into the fray as Invigilator-in-Chief whenever examinations impended: and also to Mr. Rudd who so willingly acts as the second line of defence.

We are indeed sorry that increased domestic commitments have made it impossible for Mrs. Grundy to continue to house four of our boarders. We are most grateful to her for the quite selfless way in which she has looked after her charges; and we are glad to think that her connection with the School will not be entirely severed.

Conversely, we are opening up new 'colonies' this term with Mr. and Mrs. Janes and with Mrs. Morland. At a time when the demand for our boarding vacancies is so pressing it is a real help for us to be able to fit in extra boys in this way. Many thanks to all concerned: and we are especially glad to think that our long-standing connection with the Morland family is being re-cemented in this way.

We bid farewell to Mrs. Morrison, who has been housekeeper at School House for the last term; and welcome as her successor Miss Wood, who will we hope find that her stay with us is long and happy.

Our good wishes, too, to Mrs. O'Connor, B.Sc. (Melbourne), who is shortly taking up her duties as Laboratory Assistant, and to Miss Bedingfield, who has joined the office staff as Administrative Assistant after reading Modern Languages at Sheffield University. It is reported

that Miss Bedingfield has already saved the Headmaster's reputation as a linguist by acting in his stead as interpreter at a German wedding.

We offer our very warm thanks to an anonymous Old Boy who has added to his many previous benefactions by presenting the Boat Club with £50 for the purchase of that much needed implement of training (or torture?), a fixed tub; and also to a Parent who was fired by our exploits this year on the river to send a cheque for £5 to the Boat Club. It all helps!

We would also thank the Rev. W. E. Henty-Summers (O.A.) for the gift of further newspaper cuttings from the archives of his father, the former Headmaster; the Rev. C. P. B. Montgomery (O.A.) for a copy of the Order of Service used at the inauguration of the Chapel Block in 1901; the Rev. Mr. Pixell for a useful collection of school-books; Mrs. Hamer for the gift of a school blazer; and Mr. G. P. Lawrence for some fine Rhodesian stamps, including many 'first day covers', which are being sold for the benefit of Chapel Funds.

At the beginning of the Summer Term the number of boys on the School Roll was 413 (Dayboys 259, School House 85, Crescent House 16, Waste Court 34, Larkhill 19).

We congratulate J. C. Ivatts on the award of an Open Exhibition in Classics, supplemented by a State Scholarship, at the newly-fledged University of Hull; and R. S. M. Millard on the award of a Hampshire County Major Scholarship (to St. Peter's Hall, Oxford).

Congratulations also, on Berkshire County Major Awards, to P. G. Cope (to the Middlesex Hospital); C. J. Lockhart-Smith (to Brasenose College, Oxford); D. S. Lloyd (to Pembroke College, Oxford); and W. G. Olscher (to St. Catherine's Society, Oxford).

School Foundation Awards were announced as follows on the result of the Common Entrance Examination:

Scholarship—C. T. Denniford (Forres School, Swanage).

Exhibitioners—M. R. Dawn (Abingdon School) and N. W. Pridham (St. Hugh's School, Carswell Manor).

O. M. L. Rhys and R. S. Green, both of this School, were commended for good work in the examination.

It is worthy of record that the School Orchestra made its first public appearance in Abingdon at the Evening Entertainment on Founder's Day, which is fully recorded on another page. One by-product of the flourishing musical life of the school is that examination successes are now so numerous that collective congratulations to successful candidates must suffice. We may however pick out for special mention the achievements of D. C. Shaw, who received the mark of 'merit' in Grade VII (Pianoforte), and B. D. Winkett, who obtained 97 marks out of (curiously) 99 in Theory of Music, Grade V (Higher).

The health of the School was exceptionally good throughout the past term; though a series of minor fractures (boys being boys—perhaps more so than usual) added variety to the medical lists.

The Annual Inspection of the C.C.F. is reported on another page. We cannot help quoting however the last sentence of Brigadier Laurie's very commendatory report—"An excellent contingent, well commanded, efficiently organised, and altogether very satisfactory". Impartial on-lookers did indeed consider that the turn-out and the march-past have never reached a higher standard. Perhaps it is easier, and it certainly seems less complacent, for us to say this here than to wait, probably in vain, for the Corps to blow its own trumpet so loudly.

The School War Memorial Fund has benefitted during the last term by the sum of £99.10.0 representing a refund of income-tax on covenanted subscriptions.

On 5th May, the Ruridecanal Conference was once again held at the School.

A Parents' Evening was held on 13th May, for parents of boys in the Third Forms.

Parties of boys attended the Abingdon Musical Society's Concert on 18th May and a meeting of the British & Foreign Bible Society on 25th May. On the latter occasion, they heard a lecture by the Hon. S. W. Kulubya, M.L.C., O.B.E., former Finance Minister and Regent of Uganda.

On 19th May, the Camera Club's first film, *Ut Proficias*, was awarded a handsome trophy as the best amateur film of its class, against strong competition, at the Slough Arts Festival.

Four senior boys were privileged to attend the ceremony of the inauguration of the new Mayor of Abingdon, Councillor Dr. G. F. O'Connor, on 26th May, whilst a party of Sixth Form scientists paid a visit to A.E.R.E., Harwell, on 29th May.

The Unicorn Theatre Club's performance of *The Winter's Tale* was attended by a school party on 27th May.

On 23rd June, the Balliol Players paid us their annual visit. They performed the *Birds* of Aristophanes.

On the same day, members of the Tennis Club visited Wimbledon.

The School Choir sang a group of part songs by E. J. Moeran at the Unicorn Theatre on 10th July.

On 21st July took place the eagerly awaited *première* of the Camera Club's first 'screen-play', "Thanks a Million". A select audience, which

included several of our Governors, greatly enjoyed both the film and the hospitality of the Camera Club that followed it.

We are grateful to Mr. Newby-Robson of the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau and to Mr. Allen of the Headmaster's Employment Committee for the visits they have paid us in the Summer Term.

In the House P.T. Competition, held on 22nd July, the Senior award was taken by Reeves and the Junior by Blacknall.

On 12th July, the day was given over to Form Expeditions. Visits were paid to, among other places, Morris Motors at Cowley, the Oxford Water-works, Morland's Brewery, Newspaper House, Oxford, the Oxford Gas Works and the Oxford Sewage Works, whilst one junior form spent the day walking along the old Trackway of the Berkshire Downs, and another, by courtesy of Mr. Airey Neave, was shown round the House of Commons. We are most grateful to Mr. Neave, and indeed to all who contributed to the success of the various expeditions.

We were once again pleased to offer hospitality to the Abingdon Cricket Club for their cricket week, which began on August Bank Holiday.

It is worth noting that many senior members of the School acted as censors (can that be the right word?) during the national traffic census in August.

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

The Editor wishes to acknowledge gratefully the receipt of magazines from the following (up to 31st July)—Aldenharn School; Henley Grammar School; The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe; Magdalen College School, Oxford; Newbury Grammar School; Oratory School; City of Oxford High School; Pocklington School; Reading School; St. Edward's School; The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst; Solihull School; Windsor County School.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Results at 'Advanced' level of the recent General Certificate Examination are appended. An asterisk indicates the mark of distinction. The total number of subject-passes at this level is almost exactly the same as last year.

We congratulate R. M. Marchbanks and J. M. Thistlewood on the State Scholarships they have been awarded on the result of the examination. Congratulations too, on a similar award, to Miss Jennifer Pulley of St. Helen's School who has joined us as a 'Co-educand' for some part of the last year.

At 'Ordinary' level the number of subject passes was some 290—almost half as many again as in the corresponding examination of July, 1953. This spectacular increase is most pleasing, and encourages us to hope for a similar improvement at higher level in future years.

Three Subjects: T. C. Glucklich (E, L, F); J. C. Ivatts (G, L, AH); P. W. Kemp (E, F, H); R. M. Marchbanks (Ch*, Bot, Zoo); R. E. J. Packer (G, L, AH); R. H. Redknap (E, H, A); J. M. Thistlewood (Ch, Bot*, Zoo); R. W. Westcott (Pure-and-App M, Ph, Ch).

Two Subjects: J. D. Hall (E, F); B. J. Hiscock (E, H); D. A. Jones (L, AH); D. M. P. Jones (L, AH); P. J. Lay (Pure-and-App M, Ph); T. R. Lay (E, H); C. J. Lockhart-Smith (E, H); A. R. Pezaro (E, H).

One Subject: R. J. Banwell (H); J. Blinman (AH); P. G. Cope (Ph); J. A. Nichol (Zoo); R. N. Paxman (Zoo); M. J. Ralfe (E); K. H. Smith (Zoo).

J.M.C.

VALETE ET SALVETE

The record of a boy's achievement at this School has long been regarded as one of the most important items in the magazine: but now that we can look forward to an 'output' of anything up to 75 boys a year it is no longer possible to devote enough space to a detailed 'Valete'. The Editors have therefore decided, very reluctantly, to make a clean break with custom so that as from the issue of the *Abingdonian* to be published in January, 1955, only the names and forms of leavers will be given. The records of their school careers will of course be carefully preserved, although not published.

Valete—left 30th March, 1954

Form 4 Science: J. C. Bines, M. 1950.

Form 4 General: W. L. H. Horlick, M. 1950.

Form 3B: R. E. Robertson, L. 1951.

Form 2B: N. S. Florida, M. 1952.

Salvete—came 27th April, 1954

Form 4 Arts: J. J. Day (D) (came 5th July); R. M. Kennedy (S); G. D. Wright (D).

Form 2A: R. B. Blackmore (W).

Form 1Y: A. C. Bowker (D).

SCHOOL AND GROUNDS

(A Note by the Headmaster)

The official opening of the War Memorial Field on Founder's Day, which is reported elsewhere, marked the successful completion of a project which has occupied so much of our thoughts during the past eight years. Two developments alone remain before we have the field of which we dream. The one is the growth of the surrounding boskage

which will screen the field to the north and to the west. The infant beech and hornbeam are in good heart, and now we wait patiently for Nature to play her part. The other is the construction of a pavilion which will provide the amenities that are particularly desirable in view of the distance from the School, whatever eleven may be playing in the field. As a temporary measure the ground staff has put up a serviceable, and not unsightly, shelter which affords storage space for equipment, a home for the scorers and some cover for some part of the players during a sudden shower.

As far as the Pavilion on Upper Field is concerned, we must frankly admit that our hopes have suffered a set-back. It was found that the construction of a full-scale pavilion to the agreed design would cost far more than we should be justified in spending—especially in view of the fact that some day very soon we shall have to build another pavilion on the War Memorial Field. In the circumstances the joint architects, Mr. Wood and Mr. West, with the full approval of the Pavilion Committee, are designing a much more simple building which will cater rather for what may be called 'playing requirements' and will not duplicate accommodation which is available in the adjacent school buildings. In fact the emphasis will be as much on the layout as on the building itself; and cheap in this connection will certainly not mean nasty.

Modification of plans has two positive advantages. It will be easier to produce a design which does not break the façade of the School; and the balance of the War Memorial Fund should now be big enough to cover the entire cost of the new pavilion, so that it can be regarded as an integral part of our War Memorial, and any other available fund can be put aside towards the cost of the next pavilion over the Far Ingdon Road.

Now for our most important, and most exciting, project—the new Class-room Block. If things seem to be moving slowly at the moment this is no cause for concern. The more time and trouble we take now in getting our requirements firm, the less likelihood there is of our having to ask for tiresome (and expensive) modifications later on; and much detailed planning has been taking place behind the scenes. One big step forward that can be reported is that the Ministry of Education has now given its formal approval to the construction of the Block. The major hurdle of finance remains; and at this stage of the negotiations all we can do is express our very real appreciation of the sympathetic and generous co-operation that we have met with from the Berkshire County Council. We hope that in our next issue we can be a little less nebulous about this very important matter. By then, too, we should be able to give more details about the design of the building.

The new site for the Boat House is now being prepared, and it is hoped that the transfer will be completed before very long. Th

advantages of direct and private access to the river will be enormous. We are grateful to those who conceived and to those who are carrying out an idea which is so much more practicable than appeared at first sight.

As usual, the School buildings have been a hive of activity during the summer holidays. Hall Dormitory and Hall Study, in School House, have been completely redecorated in what can only be described as peacock blue and eau-de-Nil (a combination much more pleasing, and less effeminate, than it sounds!). Underneath, a new window has been built into the Kitchen, large enough for the egress of urns on festive occasions; here too there is painting and decoration. In the School, the Music Room has at long last qualified for repainting, the colour scheme being the same as in Hall Dormitory. Larkhill has had a new coat of paint outside, and another of the dormitories at Waste Court has been redecorated. Minor work completed or in hand ranges from the replastering of the small dormitory quaintly known (for historical reasons) as the Old Bursary to the fitting of new shelves and hooks in the larger studies of School House.

Lastly, may I add a more personal note of thanks, firstly to those members of the Classical Sixth who redecorated the ground floor of Lacies Court at the end of last term, and secondly to all those who have helped to keep the School grounds in such good order this year? I feel it adds not only to the graciousness of our own life but also to the amenity of the town as a whole if we can show that we take a pride in the appearance we present to the world!

J.M.C.

CHAPEL NOTES

The Rt. Rev. A. G. Parham, former Bishop of Reading, will conduct a Service of Confirmation in the School Chapel at 3 p.m. on Advent Sunday, (28th November).

On 27th June, the Sunday following Old Boys' Day, we welcomed many Old Boys to Morning Service. The Choir sang the anthem, "O praise the Lord with one consent" by Handel, and the sermon was preached by Mr. C. E. Kemp, M.A., Headmaster of Reading School. The new President of the Old Abingdonian Club, Mr. T. E. Gardiner, read one of the Lessons.

We are grateful to Mr. Kemp and to all other preachers who visited us during the term. Visiting preachers for the coming term will be as follows:—

Oct. 3rd—Mr. E. L. King, M.A., Headmaster of King Alfred's School, Wantage.

Oct. 10th—Mr. R. D. Baynes, M.A.

Oct. 24th—Rev. K. C. Cooper, M.A., Vicar of Cumnor.

Nov. 14th—Mr. Frank Nelson, M.A.

Nov. 21st—Rev. Dr. C. A. C. Hann, Principal of Lichfield Theological College,

The last week of the Summer Term was as always a very busy one. On 20th July the Choir held its annual outing, which this year took the form of a romp on the White Horse Downs and finished with a visit to Uffington Parish Church. Later in the same week came the Commemoration Services in St. Helen's and St. Nicolas' respectively. These services are briefly reported elsewhere. Here we may merely note an innovation in the form of a specially printed Order of Evening Prayer for the service in St. Nicolas', which makes it unnecessary for us to man-handle all our hymn books down to the Church.

We are happy to state that the full complement of Kneelers has arrived and is now in use. Operation completed, in fact—very satisfactorily!

The collection taken in St. Helen's Church on Founder's Day amounted to £19.6s.3d., which was divided between Dr. Barnardo's Home at Oakley House and the National Spastic Society. The collection at St. Nicolas' Church the following evening, which amounted to £3.3s.0d., was devoted to St. Nicolas' Church Funds.

Other collections allotted to outside charities were as follows:

C. of E. Children's Society	£3 18 6
S.P.C.K.	£4 19 0
Antique Grammar School Chapel Fund	£4 4 0
St. Andrew's House, Singapore	£3 10 0
Berkshire Fund for the Blind	£3 18 3
British Empire Cancer Campaign	£3 17 6

The contents of the alms box (£1.15s.6d.) and two weekend collections, amounting in all to just over £9, were allotted to Chapel Funds: three collections, including that on Old Boys' Sunday, enabled us to give the new Chapel Seating Fund a flying start to the extent of some £16.

But meanwhile the Chapel has a new and more urgent commitment to face. The organ has long been due for a complete overhaul and this has been effected during the Summer holidays by Messrs. John Compton, the makers. The whole organ has been cleaned and restored, and the opportunity has been taken to revoice the Diapason and the Flute so as to give more power in the full organ effects. The Governors have very kindly accepted responsibility for the major portion of the cost. The Tuckshop Committee has also helped. The Chapel Committee has undertaken to find the balance of some £27. So during the coming term our 'internal' collections will be divided between three different funds—Chapel Fund proper, the Seating Fund, and the Organ Fund.

Another of our problems is being solved by the direct help of the parents. Some five years ago the whole chapel was equipped with the new edition of the Public Schools Hymn Book through the generosity

of the parents of boys then at School. Now all these books are wearing out at once (few people realise what hard usage a hymn book gets that is used for two services, day in and day out); and a new generation of parents has grown up. So we have had no compunction in appealing again for help. So far some 130 new books have been promised to us. We are indeed grateful to the donors; and we hope that before long we shall be in a position to equip the Chapel with the two hundred new books that are necessary to set it on its feet for another five years.

And now the time has come for the Chapel Committee to add its own particular word of thanks to Mr. Barker, our organist and choirmaster, whose untiring efforts have contributed so much to the music of the Chapel services. We wish him all good fortune.

R.E.J.P.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day, held on Saturday, 24th July, was generally considered to have been an enjoyable and successful occasion. In the morning, the customary service was held at St. Helen's Church, where the address was given by Bishop Roscow Sheddin, former Bishop of Nassau. He urged his hearers to go out into the world with the intention of building a New Jerusalem since the world situation could only be solved by individuals leading Christian lives.

Once again we were indebted to Mrs. Bevir for the lovely wreath which was laid upon the tomb of John Royse and to the Misses Challenor for the altar decorations. The choir maintained its own high standards in the anthem "Achieved is the glorious work" from Haydn's Creation.

After the main event of the afternoon, the Prize Giving, the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban met a great number of parents and friends at the garden party on Upper Field. The weather was kind. The Brass band played during tea and afterwards the school was open to inspection by parents and visitors, who were able to see a number of displays and the Camera Club's new film, 'Thanks a Million'.

Later in the afternoon there was a general move towards the Faringdon Road for the official opening of the new War Memorial Field. The resident of the Old Abingdonian Club, Mr. T. E. Gardiner, was introduced to the spectators by Mr. W. M. Grundy in a brief and delightfully characteristic speech, in which he referred especially to the generous co-operation of Town and County alike which alone had enabled the School to acquire the field. Mr. Gardiner felicitously declared the field open, and, what is more, successfully unlocked the gate. The Headmaster thanked Mr. Grundy and Mr. Gardiner and, through them, the host of Old Boys and friends of the School who had contributed

towards the War Memorial Fund. He invited Mr. Grundy, as the *onlie begetter* of the project, to be the first to enter the field which commemorated the sacrifice of so many of his own Old Boys. As soon as the company had followed him a smart team of gymnasts appeared from behind Larkhill to give a short but impressive P.T. display under the direction of Mr. Coleman.

Finally, there was an Evening Entertainment in the Corn Exchange, which is reported elsewhere in this magazine.

On the evening of the next day, the Headmaster preached the sermon at the traditional service in St. Nicolas' Church in accordance with the terms of the Cheney Bequest. Unfortunately, we were not able to welcome many parents or friends to this quiet epilogue to Founder's Day and the School Year, because of the limited space which the fire of last summer has left available.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

The prizes this year were distributed by the distinguished athlete, statesman and man of business, the Rt. Hon. Lord Burghley, K.C.M.G., LL.D., K.St.J., M.F.H., a former Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda and Rector of St. Andrew's University.

Once again the Corn Exchange had been beautifully decorated with flowers by Mrs. Gray and a capacity audience heard the Chairman of the Governors open the meeting. Admiral Clifton-Brown's introductory remarks were followed by the Headmaster's report.

The main academic and athletic achievements of the year were listed in the pages of the programme of prizes distributed to the audience and consequently the Headmaster's Speech dealt largely with other aspects of the past year. He laid particular emphasis upon the type of boy produced at the School, which could bear comparison with any in the country.

After the presentation of the prizes, Lord Burghley gave a delightfully clear and forthright speech, in which he advised the boys to aim high and not to be satisfied with the second best. They must not expect, he said, to get more out of life than they put into it. Success did not come immediately and it often came in an unexpected form: they must not therefore be surprised if they did not at once achieve their aim but must go on working for it.

THE ENDOWED PRIZES: The Morland Prize (*presented by Messrs Morland in memory of W. T. Morland, O.A., and awarded for all-round merit*)—P. J. Lay; The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—A. J. Gardner; The Smith Chemistry Prizes—D. S. Lloyd, J. M. Thistlewood, J. A. Howard, M. C. Rallings, H. C. Bowen; The Ball Science Prize—J. M. Thistlewood; The Bevan Essay Prize—R. E. J. Packer; The Beva

Scripture Prizes—B. D. Winkett, H. C. Bowen, W. W. Budden, A. P. Haynes, R. B. Blackmore.

THE SCHOOL PRIZES: The Headmaster's Prize for Efficiency in School and House—D. S. Lloyd, H. G. Williams; The Mayor's Prize for History Essay (*presented by Dr. G. F. O'Connor, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., J.P.*)—C. J. Lockhart Smith; The Old Boys' Prize for English Essay—C. J. Lockhart Smith; The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (*presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen of Princeton University, U.S.A.*)—C. J. Lockhart Smith; The Prize for Character (*presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ellis*)—M. J. Brackley; C.C.F. Prizes—U/O. M. J. Brackley, P/O. Lay P. J., C.S.M.'s Heavens J. F., Jones D. A., Pratt J. R.; Prize for Reading in Chapel—M. J. Brackley; The Junior Reading Prize (*presented by Mr. C. C. Woodley, O.A.*)—R. Dickenson; The Music Prizes—Senior (*presented by Mrs. Rayson*)—R. E. J. Packer, Junior (*presented by Miss Sheldon Peach*)—J. H. Thewlis; The Art Prizes—R. H. Redknap, A. J. Gardner; The Handicraft Prizes—J. F. Pridham, D. P. Kirk, I. A. Oliver.

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

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

THE FORM PRIZES: Sixth Form (Upper): Classics—J. C. Ivatts; History—B. J. Hiscock; Modern Languages—T. C. Glucklich; Physics—R. W. Westcott; Sixth Form (Lower): Classics—D. G. Dunkley; Biology—M. B. Enser; Modern Languages—T. M. J. Kempinski; Sixth Form (General)—E. G. Rockall; Form 5 Arts—B. D. Winkett, D. J. Langton (Languages and Mathematics); Form 5 Science—C. Hiles, M. R. S. Broadway, B. E. Stacey; Form 5 General—D. C. W. Lewis; Form 4 Arts—D. J. Lanham, J. M. Iredale; Form 4 Science—P. M. D. Gray, B. P. Kibble; Form 4 General—D. H. Roberts; Form 3A—A. P. Haynes, O. M. L. Rhys; Form 3B—B. G. Phillips; Form 2A—R. J. Baldwin, J. A. Longworth; Form 2B—J. E. Knight; Form 1X—K. N. Haarhoff, N. J. C. Haines; Form 1Y—G. Sheppard, T. A. Libby.

AN EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

We are indebted to Mr. Griffin and his many helpers for the very fine entertainment which was given in the Corn Exchange on the evenings of 23rd and 24th July. It was a fitting close to the celebrations of Founder's Day. We print below an appreciation of the evening written by Mrs. Liversidge, to whom we offer our thanks.

"Knowing only too well the feverish activity that goes on during the summer term it is all the more remarkable that such a finished programme as this can be produced in the course of two or three weeks.

It is simple to write a catalogue of superlatives and I am not going to do that if I can help it, but to do justice to the music of the school is no easy matter. In anthem, madrigal, song and chorus the choir has achieved great success, through hard work under our gifted and inspiring conductor, Royd Barker. Never failing to watch and obey his every movement and in knowing the notes practically by heart, a high standard of musicianship has been set and an excellent balance produced. One of the triumphs of the evening was the set of songs by Moeran. Few choirs could have sung them better or have made the difficult passages sound so easy. They are all fine songs and perhaps we should specially mention "Love is a sickness" and "Good wine".

Equally good and yet how different were the madrigals and sonnets. They were well staged and sung in the manner that John Royse himself would have enjoyed. Was he there I wonder . . . ? Surely he would have rejoiced to find such a party of madrigal singers, and a choir that almost equalled in numbers the whole of his school of 63 boys. It was a happy thing to interweave the sonnets with the madrigals. "O care thou wilt despatch me" was the loveliest of all and one longed to hear it again.

Could we have imagined three years ago that such a thing as a school orchestra could happen? And now Mrs. Kitching has performed the miracle and it is there! A very valuable asset to the school. Mrs. Fry's cellos play an important part, and so does she, on the double bass. And how right and good it is that the orchestra consists entirely of school and music staff with no "stiffening" from outside. The Vivaldi concerto was really lovely and Colin Kitching played his solo with confidence and success, and in the musicianly way that we should expect of him. The Bizet was a happy choice. It gave all the instruments an opportunity to shine and they shone with evident enjoyment.

In such a banquet of pleasure as "Rome, sweet Rome" we are grateful to Messrs. Horrex and Helliwell for giving us a glimpse of what happened on that famous Roman Holiday. Mr. Griffin's reading was joy, and how true to life were the scenes from the journey! In Rome itself the pictures that will always remain in our memories were especially concerned with sculpture—The Laocöon, The Boy with the Thorn, and last but not least, The Fountain. Would it were possible to make a film of the whole thing! It was full of delicious humour and too good to lose after just one performance.

In the two Folk Ballades, "Daniel" was one of the finest movements of the evening. It was a most sensitive dramatic production and was spoken clearly and with conviction. The scene with the lions will not be forgotten. The three Teutonic Witches were just as bloodcurdling and impressive as the English ones, and indeed they seemed very much at home. Their words were clear and it went with a swing. The famous

scene from "The Frogs" was enjoyed by all, whether classical scholars or not. I have often thought of Strachey's "Adventure of Living" in which he strongly recommends everyone to read translations of the Greek authors. Most fortunate of all are those people who can both read and produce the plays in Greek.

I hear that the impudent fragments of wit called "Musica Rara" were only rehearsed for two days. Having done duty up and down the village halls of England as serious music for at least 60 Victorian years, they are now relegated to the acting box along with the bowler hats and given a new lease of life in this Atomic Age—and what fun it was! (Did a few of us think of the moonlit summer nights of the nineties—as the boat glided home?) . . . In a mixed programme it is almost a certainty to get a bit of "Alice". It was a rather half-hearted Walrus and Carpenter but it was a pleasure to hear Lear's "Akond of Swat" said with vitality and it came over well.

The Brass Band has made great strides since we last heard it. There were fewer bubbles and better control and they enjoy making a pleasant noise, but the National Anthem needs more careful rehearsal.

The quartet was good and it was a suitable work to choose for that combination of instruments. How glad we were to hear the echo from "Trial by Jury"! Mr. Alston, in his best legal manner, was backed up by a happy chorus and sent us home feeling very proud of the school and very grateful for such a good and varied show".

CRICKET

As a whole, this season's cricket cannot be judged an unqualified success. The 1st XI had a very bad beginning and the batting has always been suspect. There has been a lack of aggressive cricket and frequent failures to consolidate a good position or to save a bad one. The school batsmen have in many cases yet to learn to combine correct play with scoring strokes, and to distinguish between pushing the score along and wild swinging. The weather itself, of course, has been against enjoyable cricket and the many soft wickets may in part account for low scores.

Results alone, however, do not present a completely accurate picture and there has been marked improvement upon last season. The victory over the Old Boys and the narrowness of the margin against Abingdon Cricket Club indicate a revival in School batting in the second half of term. Banwell, Hiscock, Glenny and Ryan all found their form, and three of them will be with us next year, and if they can produce their best more consistently they will provide a good foundation. Bowling has been excellent—with the exception of one match—and ably backed up by some splendid fielding and good wicket-keeping by Brackley. Jones

and Lewis deserve special mention for aggression and accuracy, and Marshall has bowled with great success.

During the season, Full Cricket Colours were awarded to R. J. Banwell and D. C. W. Lewis and Half Colours to Glenly and Marshall R. G.

FIRST XI CHARACTERS

M. J. BRACKLEY (Colours 1952; Captain 1953, 1954). He has had a most disappointing season as a batsman, and has only just run into form at the end of the season. He has had to make himself into a wicket-keeper, and has proved a very efficient one. Some of his stumpings have been brilliant, and he usually has a safe pair of hands. His captaincy has usually been sound, though perhaps a little too easy-going.

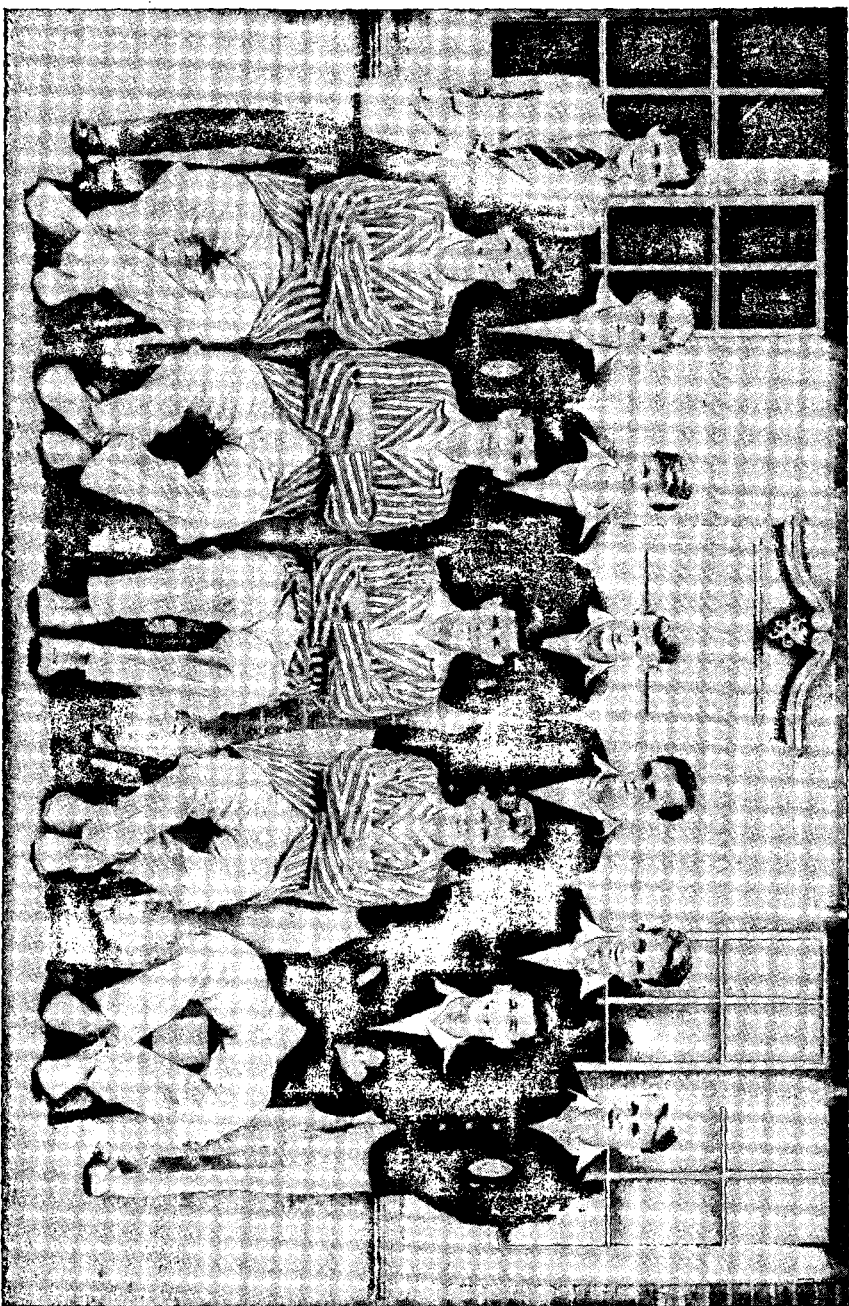
D. A. JONES (Secretary and Vice-Captain; Colours 1953). A much improved and faster bowler this season. He has bowled at the stumps, and kept the ball well up to the bat, and it has paid dividends. He would do well to try to develop his latent tendency to swing the ball either way. As a batsman, he is inclined to be rash, though a useful hitter. A very safe and quick fielder.

D. C. W. LEWIS (Colours 1954). He has had a much more successful season. He has usually varied length and flight intelligently, though he still does not use the one which goes with the arm to full advantage. He has improved his fielding and batting and done good service in both spheres.

R. J. BANWELL (Colours 1954). Unfortunately he only fulfilled his promise in the latter half of the season. He has at last overcome his weakness in defence, and has been able to make full use of his attacking strokes, with which he is plentifully equipped. He has played some fine innings, and shown powers of concentration. A very good fielder, with some difficult catches to his credit.

HINES R. J. (Half Colours 1952). He has not bowled as well this season, although he has had some useful spells. He is still reluctant to give the ball enough air, and would be a much better bowler if he kept the ball up to the bat. As a batsman, he is apt to become excited through over-keenness, but has had some useful knocks. There is room for much improvement in his fielding.

HISCOCK R. J. (Half Colours 1953). He is beginning to fulfil his promise as a batsman. He has a very sound defence, and hits the ball hard off the back foot. His greatest weakness is the drive, which he still tends to pull to leg. An exceptionally lively and safe fielder.



FIRST ELEVEN, 1954

MARSHALL R. G. (Half Colours 1954). A newcomer to the side this season, he has done good service as a bowler and as batsman. He has not quite overcome his tendency to bowl short, but his off-breaks and occasional outswingers have proved very effective. As a batsman he often fails through over-eagerness to turn the straight ball down the leg side. He has played some good saving innings as number ten, and has perhaps been overawed by promotion to first wicket down. A safe fielder, with a powerful and accurate throw.

GLENNY I. J. (Half Colours 1954). A young opening batsman who has improved steadily. He has a sound defence, and is developing his scoring strokes. His running between the wickets has improved, after some very doubtful calling early in the season. A safe catch, but somewhat immobile in the field.

MAXWELL. A batsman of great promise, who has often failed through lack of confidence. He is essentially a stroke-player, but is only just beginning to learn the meaning of discretion. He has been apt to throw his wicket away early through wild swinging. A much improved fielder, especially close to the wicket.

RYAN. A newcomer to the side this season, who has shown promise as an opening bat. He is as yet too fond of the leg-side deflection to be a safe bat, and he must rid himself of the habit of stepping forward to every ball bowled, regardless of length. He has plenty of strokes in the making though, and shows great confidence against fast bowling. A very keen and safe fielder, but he must learn to control his rather wild throwing.

SPINKS. A very recent arrival in the side, as an opening bowler. He sometimes bowls erratically at the beginning of his spell, but he can bowl a vicious off-break at medium pace, and has been a distinct asset to the side. He shows promise as a batsman, and is a good fielder.

IVATTS J. C. (Half Colours 1953). A batsman who started the season well, but lost form due to lack of patience and concentration. His fielding has improved, and he now has an accurate throw.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES

v. Newbury Grammar School (a). Sat., 8th May. Lost.

The School were dismissed on an easy wicket without any noteworthy resistance. Newbury scored the runs without losing a wicket. This was, we hope, one of those extraordinary and unaccountable things which happen only once in a lifetime.

School: 16 (Gibbons 3 for 5; Little 5 for 3).

Newbury G.S.: 17 for 0.

v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h). Wed., 12th May. Lost.

Batting first, a strong B.G. side took full advantage of the scoring chances offered by the School's opening bowlers. The spinners, however, bowled well, keeping the ball well up to the bat, and Lewis and Hines each took 4 wickets. On the whole, the School fielding was good, though there were some regrettable lapses.

The School's innings began disastrously, 3 wickets being down before a run was scored; but a partnership for the fourth wicket between Glenny and Brackley produced 39 runs. A second collapse then destroyed any hopes the School may have had, and only some good batting by Hines, supported by Parsons, prevented utter ruin. The three run-outs indicate the uncertainty of the School's calling and running.

Berkshire Gentlemen: 185 (C. E. W. Brooks 43; Hines 4 for 44;
D. C. W. Lewis 4 for 40).

School: 67 (M. J. Brackley 30).

v. High Wycombe Grammar School (h). Sat., 15th May. Drawn.

Marshall, playing in his first game for the eleven, and Lewis bowled well for the School, and the supporting fielding was very creditable in this match. Most noteworthy were two fine catches, one by Lewis and the other by Woodley. Brackley unfortunately strained a muscle while fielding, and this may well have affected the School's rate of scoring.

Left to score at a run a minute, the School showed more courage and confidence than they had previously done. Ivatts and Hiscock put the School in a strong position with a fourth wicket partnership of 44, but they were always behind the clock. The rather rash endeavours of later batsmen to achieve the improbable, by attempting impossible strokes, gave the scoreboard a misleadingly grim appearance, and Marshall and Brackley had no difficulty in holding out for the last over or two.

High Wycombe: 106 for 9 dec. (Harvey 36; Marshall 5 for 16).

School: 71 for 8 (Ivatts 34).

v. St. Edward's 2nd XI (h). Wed., 19th May. Drawn.

The School bowled fairly well, and the fielding was quite good. St. Edward's should have been dismissed for little over a hundred, but their last wicket was allowed to add 33 runs. Jones bowled steadily throughout the innings and for the first time this season found his real form.

The batting again collapsed, but the last three batsmen saved the day in their own particular styles! Parsons tempered aggression with

discretion, and his innings included some sound defensive play as well as two mighty sixes. Marshall and Lewis, not at all overawed, smote the loose ball safely and firmly, and appeared to be going well when stumps were drawn.

St. Edward's 2nd XI: 139 (Jones 6 for 36).

School: 99 for 9 (Parsons 31; Marshall 12 n.o.; Lewis 13 n.o.).

v. Oratory School (h). Sat., 22nd May. Won.

Oratory were dismissed, on a difficult wicket, in wet conditions, for a much smaller total than at one time seemed likely. Lewis bowled well without luck, and Marshall was somewhat flattered by his final analysis. Good fielding, and holding catches—particularly Parsons' three—contributed largely to the School's success.

Batting more consistently, and with greater determination, the School were able to scrape home for their first victory of the season. It again fell to the second half of the order to bear the final responsibility.

Oratory: 82 (Hines 29; Marshall 5 for 29; Lewis 3 for 15).

School: 85 for 8.

v. Reading School (a). Wed., 26th May. Lost.

Reading rapidly took advantage of a perfect wicket, and scored quickly from the start. The School's bowling was somewhat erratic and the loose ball received very short shrift. Only Lewis bowled at all steadily or caused any discomfort to the batsmen. The fielding also left much to be desired, and several chances went to ground for want of a determined effort.

Faced with an imposing total, the School failed by five minutes to survive the necessary hour and fifty minutes. Two run-outs again spoiled their chances, and only Ivatts and Banwell showed any sort of resistance. The latter played a really fine innings, using his feet to the slow bowlers, and producing some delightful shots off both front and back foot. More determination by the other batsmen would certainly have saved the day and produced a more respectable total.

Reading 177 for 2 dec. (Trower 55; Steward 55 n.o.; Sansom 40 n.o.)

School: 71 (Ivatts 21; Banwell 26 n.o.; Shelmerdine 5 for 33).

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a). Sat., 19th June. Lost.

Wantage batted very well against some accurate and hostile bowling, particularly by Jones and Lewis. The School's fielding and throwing was of a high standard, but too many runs were scored in the last few minutes of their opponents' innings.

Even so, 130 runs was by no means an impossible task, and Glenny and Banwell had built a strong foundation when the latter was third out at 56. From then on, however, it was a sorry story of poor batting against fast but not always accurate bowling. After being 63 for 4, the remaining batsman could only muster 12 runs, and with three balls to go the last batsman was shatteringly bowled. An exciting finish, and a well-deserved victory for Wantage.

Wantage 130 for 8 dec. (Lewis 7 for 49).

School: 75 (Banwell 22; Glenny 21).

v. A Staff and 2nd XI Side (h). Wed., 22nd June. Drawn.

The Staff match having been rained off earlier in the season, a scratch fixture was arranged, and it was notable for being the first match played by the 1st XI on the War Memorial Field. For many who played, it proved a pointer to the potential excellence of our new field.

The highlights of the game were Banwell's and Glenny's innings, and the all-round performance of Mr. Mortimer who struck excellent form both with bat and ball. Rallings kept wicket extremely well for the Staff side, and had three stumpings and one catch to his credit. The rate of scoring was quite reasonable, as the game was a shortened one.

School: 117 (Banwell 38; Glenny 23; R. G. Mortimer 6 for 34).

Staff and 2nd XI: 107 for 5 (A. A. Hillary 46; R. G. Mortimer 28).

v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 26th June. Won.

For the first time this season, the School really showed its batting strength. Having bowled the Old Boys out for a very reasonable figure, on a wicket which gave them little help after the first half hour, the School set about making the runs in a quiet and confident manner. Lewis bowled as well as he has ever done for his six wickets, and deserves the highest praise.

The School's first wicket fell at 27, and though Glenny had only made 3 he and Ryan had broken the back of a very fair bowling side. Ryan, playing in his first match, went on to score 28 before he was unnecessarily run out. It was a pity that a sound and useful innings should have ended so wastefully. However, Banwell and Hiscock, batting very sensibly, took full advantage of their opportunity, and were still together when the Old Boys' total was passed.

Old Abingdonians: 132 (B. Crook 34; N. Holmes 21; P. Millard 29; Lewis 6 for 22).

School: 133 for 3 (Ryan 28; Banwell 36 n.o.; Hiscock 44 n.o.).

v. A Parents' XI (h). Sat., 3rd July. Drawn.

The Parents batted confidently, against fairly accurate bowling, which was helped by a wicket made difficult by a shower at the beginning of the game. At tea they seemed comfortably placed, with 84 for 4, of which F/Lt. Henson had made a rapid 48. But they were quickly out for 106, mainly thanks to Marshall, who took 4 wickets in 3 overs for no runs.

The School began their innings comfortably, but lost two quick wickets in the thirties, and their rate of scoring dropped considerably. They left their effort a fraction too late, and in spite of some splendid hitting by Maxwell and Jones just failed to get the runs. Glenny played the part of sheet anchor admirably, and scored steadily throughout. On the whole a very creditable effort, when it is remembered that the School had half an hour's less batting time than the Parents.

A Parents' XI: 106 (F./Lt. Henson 48; Marshall 5 for 15; Jones 4 for 21).

School: 103 for 5 (Glenny 38 n.o.; Maxwell 23; Mr. Brackley 4 for 27).

v. City of Oxford School (a). Wed., 7th July. Drawn.

Owing partly to tight bowling and fielding, but largely to unwillingness to make strokes on a real batsman's wicket, the City of Oxford scored at a phenomenally low rate. They declared at 103 for 6, which they had taken two hours and ten minutes to score, leaving the School an hour and twenty-five minutes. It should have been easily possible, but after losing three quick wickets the School were very much on the defensive, and seemed unable to get the ball away. Only Maxwell really set about the bowling, and by that time it was too late for victory. Throughout, it was a game of close set fields, and the batsmen allowed themselves to be dominated by bowling which was not always accurate.

C.O.H.S.: 103 for 6 dec. (Lord 30).

School: 55 for 6 (Maxwell 23 n.o.).

v. Abingdon Cricket Club (h). Sat., 10th July. Drawn.

Abingdon chose to bat on an easy-paced wicket, and scored quickly from the start. Their 165 came in 99 minutes, and when they declared the School were left with 127 minutes in which to get the runs. Mr. Hillary scored 90 before being very well caught at deep mid-off by Banwell. Jones bowled well without much luck, but the rest of the bowling was rather nondescript.

The School accepted the challenge, and took advantage of some in-offensive bowling. They pushed the score along so well, that it

looked as if they might well win comfortably, but over-excitement proved to be their downfall. As it was, they finished with two wickets in hand, and only five runs needed for victory. Banwell again batted splendidly, and was ably backed by Ryan, Hiscock and Brackley.

Abingdon C.C.: 165 for 6 dec. (A.A. Hillary 90; L. C. J. Griffin 23; R. G. Mortimer 20).

School: 161 for 8 (Banwell 47; Ryan 25; Hiscock 24; Brackley 18 n.o.).

v. Windsor County School (h). Wed., 14th June. Won.

Windsor were dismissed very rapidly by some good bowling, but again the ball was allowed to dominate the bat. Four wickets fell to half-hearted strokes, which resulted in easy catches close to the wicket. Jones bowled particularly well, and the fact that Lewis was not called upon at all indicates the speed with which the opposition collapsed.

The School seemed overawed by the smallness of their opponents' score, and appeared to be following in their footsteps. Somehow the runs appeared, though getting them was a very laboured business, and the only batsman to show anything like his real form was Hiscock. It took Windsor 67 minutes to score 33 runs, and the School 65 minutes to score 34.

Windsor School: 33 (Jones 5 for 7; Marshall 3 for 7).

School: 34 for 4 (Crook 4 for 14).

v. Magdalen College School (a). Wed., 21st July. Lost.

The School ended the season badly, for no apparent reason. This was one of the few games played in ideal conditions. Both weather and wicket were perfect, and batsmen had only themselves to blame for losing their wickets. The bulk of the Magdalen score was due to their opening batsman, Carter, who played a fine innings, full of scoring shots all round the wicket. Jones bowled well, and Spinks, once he had settled down, had the batsmen in trouble, but he did not bowl at the wickets. The School batting was deplorable from the start, and only Brackley and Maxwell looked like staying there. They, like the others, lost their wickets through unnecessary carelessness to bowling which was accurate, but never really dangerous.

M.C.S.: 148 for 6 dec. (Carter 101).

School: 51.

SECOND XI

The 2nd XI had a good season, winning three of their matches, drawing two and losing two. Much of their success can be attributed to their happy spirit and cheerfulness under all conditions. Great credit is also due to their captain, Stroud-Viney, who has handled a young side with great tact and fostered their keenness. Payne, Woodley and Carter were the most consistent batsmen but all the first nine performed creditably upon occasions. Wastie, Spinks and Viney captured most wickets—in fact Spinks has moved on to the 1st XI—and there were several other competent bowlers. Rallings kept wicket well and some of his stumpings were excellent. He is still somewhat weak on the leg side, but shows promise.

The team was:— Stroud-Viney (Capt.), Parsons, Woodley, Carter, Wastie, Payne, Rallings, Westbrook, B., Bush, Langton, Cowles.

Results

- v. Newbury Grammar School (h). Won. 98, 45.
- v. High Wycombe Grammar School (a). Drawn. 51 for 2, 93 for 5 dec.
- v. K.A.S. Wantage (a). Won. 128 for 6, 58.
- v. City of Oxford School (h). Won. 103 for 9 dec., 45.
- v. Reading School (h). Drawn. 33 for 7, 103 for 7 dec.,
- v. St. Edward's School Colts (h). Lost. 74, 77 for 6.
- v. Radley College 3rd XI (a). Lost. 95, 97 for 7.
- v. Windsor County School (h). Drawn. 90 for 9 dec., 57 for 9.
- v. M.C.S., Oxford—abandoned.

THIRD XI

Although it has not been an inspiring season, several young players have gained valuable match experience and taken the opportunity of showing their paces. Ryan began the season with the 3rd XI, but quickly moved up into the 1st XI. Langton spent much of the season with the 2nd XI after a good knock against Newbury. Hill, M. R. H. and Emmett have both shown promise as fast bowlers.

The team was:— Paxman, R. N. (Capt.), Smith, A. M., Clewley, Emmett, Campell-Dykes, Sale, Rawlins, Lay, T. R., Thistlewood, Hill, M. R. H., Light.

Results

- v. Newbury Grammar School (a). Drawn. 86 for 7, 123 for 7 dec.
- v. Radley College 4th XI (a). Lost. 58, 185 for 6 dec.
- v. Reading School (a). Lost. 52, 105 for 9 dec.
- v. Magdalen College School (a). Abandoned.

'UNDER 15' XI

Under 15 cricket has produced disappointing match results, but there have been a number of pleasing aspects. A young and very small side, the XI have made decided improvement both in batting and bowling, and they have shown great enthusiasm. Fielding has always been keen and usually very good. Thistlewood in particular has taken some good catches in the gully, whilst Trenaman, Phipps, Wond and Penney deserve special mention. FitzSimons has been the mainstay of the bowling, though at times inaccurate, and Trenaman and Baldwin have both shown promise as left armers. Penney, Trenaman and Morris have played good innings and Longworth and Phipps, each with two more years in the side, are the two most improved players. FitzSimons has been a good captain.

The team was:— FitzSimons (Capt), Trenaman, R. J., Penney, Longworth, Phipps, Morris, Thistlewood, A.M., Freedman, Dimond, Wond and Baldwin.

Results

- v. Newbury Grammar School (h). Lost. 37, 41 for 3.
- v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Lost. 19, 125 for 3 dec.
- v. Radley College Junior Colts (a). Lost. 54, 82.
- v. City of Oxford School (h). Won. 45 for 5, 44.
- v. Reading School (h). Lost. 42, 79 for 7 dec.
- v. St. Edward's School (a). Lost. 80, 141 for 6 dec.
- v. Oratory School. Abandoned.
- v. Magdalen College School. Abandoned.

HOUSE MATCHES

The final of the Senior House matches again provided an exciting finish. Reeves declared at 133 for 5 (Banwell 46) and when Bennett were 66 for 9, it looked as if the match was over. However, a last wicket partnership by Brackley and Sale took the score to 129 before Brackley was well caught by Carter at short leg. Brackley's innings of 63 was a fitting conclusion to his career in School cricket.

The Junior House final was won by Tesdale, who beat Bennett by 3 wickets. In the Wednesday league games, the Senior Leagues were won by Tesdale 'A' and Tesdale 'B', and the Junior League Cup was retained by the holders, Reeves 'A'.

A.A.H.

ROWING

Looking back on a season which started in such an unpromising way with rough weather, arctic conditions and major damage to one of the boats, the Boat Club can indeed be grateful that things turned out so well in the end. For this has been another extremely successful year.

The 1st IV suffered only one defeat and that in the Final of the Public Schools' Fours at Marlow Regatta. The 2nd IV won four races and lost two, and the 3rd IV won both its races. The standard of the rowing was as good as the best of previous years and amongst the juniors it was better, which augurs well for the future.

Next season the first crew can look forward to rowing in the new Banham four—Thomas Tesdale II—and, thanks to the generosity of the Old Boys, we shall have in use a Bank Tub which will be of the greatest possible assistance in the training of the juniors and also be of great benefit to the experienced oarsmen.

We hope too that the Boat House will have been moved to its new site before the end of September. Much remains to be done but work is in progress and the prospects are exciting. Our thanks are due to the Thames Conservancy officers for their ready and willing co-operation and help in this matter. They have offered practical advice and material assistance at every stage of the project, and we are indeed grateful to them.

We owe a debt of gratitude also to John Bury, O.A., who has been one of our most enthusiastic supporters this term and has helped us most generously with transport. His infectious cheerfulness has driven away the "butterflies" of many a young oarsman before racing and inspired him with confidence. We hope that he will be able to continue the good work next season!

We must also record our gratitude to Pembroke College B.C. for the loan of a clinker eight during the last weeks of term which enabled us to have several useful and enjoyable outings, and when we have our larger boat house the logistics of rowing in eights will be greatly eased.

Finally the coaches would like to thank very much the retiring Captain and Secretary of the Club for all that they have done. Williams has been outstandingly good as stroke where his control and cheerful leadership has been largely responsible for the success of crews in the last two seasons, and also for the happy enthusiasm of the Juniors. Lay has shown courage of the highest order in his rowing and has been most efficient as Secretary. We wish them and all leavers the best of luck in the future.

1st IV CHARACTERS

P. SARSFIELD-HALL (Bow). Full Colours 1954. A stylish oar with an excellent swing but a tendency to be late when paddling by dropping in from a height. Has made great progress and promises well for the future.

P. J. SIMMONDS ('2'). Full Colours 1954. Gives much thought to his rowing and follows stroke excellently, but inclined to wash out at the finish.

P. J. LAY ('3'). Full Colours 1953. A powerful oar, but does not use his body to full advantage, dropping his shoulders when right forward. A very good Secretary of Boats.

H. G. WILLIAMS (Stroke). Full Colours 1953. An inspiring, courageous and cool-headed stroke largely responsible for the success of the 1st IV in the last two years. Has proved an extremely good Captain and it is to be hoped that he will continue his rowing in a Metropolitan Club.

B. J. HEDGES (Cox). Full Colours 1954. After two years service in the 1st IV has become an efficient cox, but still lets his mind wander occasionally—and does not always keep his rudder-lines taut.

1st IV RACES

Sat., 15th May, v. Prince Henry's G. S. Evesham (h).

Won by 2 lengths in 3 mins. 35 secs.

After being slightly down at the start the School soon gained a comfortable lead, but failed to produce a good spurt at the finish.

Wed., 19th May, v. Culham College (h).

Won easily in 3 mins. 17 secs.

The crew was better together and rowed a longer stroke at a lower rate, with a good finishing burst.

Sat., 22nd May, v. Sir Wm. Borlase's School, Marlow (h).

Won by 4 lengths in 3 mins. 26 secs.

Conditions were not very fast. After an early lead the School steadily went away with some good spurts.

Wed., 26th May, v. Reading School (h).

Won by 2 lengths in 3 mins. 14 secs.

Once again we had a good race with our keenest rivals of the last two years, and had Reading been able to row their regular crew the margin would have been much closer. As it was the School rowed a higher rate without sacrificing length and returned a time only 1.5 secs. outside the record.

Sat., 29th May, v. Cheltenham College and King's School, Worcester.

Rowed at Tewkesbury.

The School won the toss and chose the inside station on a course with a wide bend and staggered finish, as well as considerably longer than ours. After a good start the School settled down to row very well and at the half-way mark were leading by over a length. From that point however King's School gradually closed the gap, and in a thrilling finish the verdict was a dead-heat with Cheltenham 3 lengths behind. This was a most enjoyable fixture and a very good performance in unfamiliar conditions.

Sat., 26th June, v. Old Abingdonians (h) .

Won easily in 3 mins 17 secs.

The School rowed in the new boat for the first time, and though the Old Boys made a gallant effort training told its inevitable tale. The O.A. crew consisted of I. Juggins, J. Westall, R. M. Reed and R. S. M. Millard.

Sat., 19th June, Marlow Regatta.

For the first time the School drew a bye into the Semi-final round, where they met Monmouth School and Sir Wm. Borlase's Sch., Marlow. Apparently taken by surprise at the Start the School were $\frac{1}{2}$ -length down in the first 10 strokes, but they soon settled down to a long powerful stroke and at half-way were slightly ahead of Borlase's and clear of Monmouth. Though they were challenged all the way to the finish a good spurt gave the School a winning lead of 1 length over Borlase's School, who were 2 lengths ahead of Monmouth.

In the Final heat against Eastbourne College and Cheltenham one of the School crew was suffering from stomach cramp but nevertheless rowed a most plucky race. Eastbourne led off at the start, but were never clear, while the School fought out a ding-dong struggle with Cheltenham. Eastbourne eventually won a good race by $\frac{3}{4}$ length with the School a canvas ahead of Cheltenham.

*'A' Crew at Wallingford Regatta on Sat., 5th June.**Maiden Fours*

Two members of the 1st IV being Juniors could not enter, so a composite crew composed of P. W. Kemp (bow), J. J. Swainston, P. C. Sarsfield-Hall, P. J. Simmonds (Str.), B. J. Hedges (Cox), was given a week's practice and did quite well to reach the semi-final. After beating Wallingford G.S. and Sir Wm. Borlase's School in the first two heats they lost to Ashmead School, Reading by 2 feet in the Semi-final.

SECOND IV

Bow—Pratt J. R.; '2'—Smith B. L.; '3'—Kemp P. W.; Stroke—Swainston J. J.; Cox—Clark K. A.

Dady rowed at Bow in two races.

This was a hardworking and effective crew. Although not polished, they rowed strongly and with enthusiasm.

2nd IV RACES

Sat., 15th May, v. Prince Henry's G.S., Evesham (h).

Won by 4 lengths. 3 mins. 49 secs.

Wed., 19th May, v. Culham College (h).

Won by 5 lengths. 3 mins. 38 secs.

Sat., 22nd May, v. Sir Wm. Borlase's School, Marlow, (h).

Lost by 2 lengths. 3 mins. 36 secs.

A rough and unsteady row, the one poor performance by the crew.

Wed., 26th May, v. Reading School (h).

Won. by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. 3 mins. 33.5 secs.

Sat., 29th May, v. Cheltenham College and King's School, Worcester.

Rowed at Tewkesbury. Lost by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

The School rowed extremely well over the longer course and though they finished third there was never more than a length between the three crews.

Sat., 26th June, v. Old Abingdonians (h).

Won by 4 lengths. 3 mins. 36 secs.

O.A. crew was J. Westall, A. L. G. Milligan, C. S. Wiggins and I. Juggins.

THIRD IV

Bow—Prentice K. H. S.; '2'—Hall J. D.; '3'—Iredale J. M.; Stroke—Ashworth W. H.; Cox—Foden A. J.

Dady W. St. A. R. also rowed at bow.

Sat., 15th May, v. Prince Henry's G.S., Evesham, (h).

Won by 6 feet. 4 mins. 0 secs.

Plenty of vigour and a long steady stroke got the School home—just.

Wed., 26th May, v. Reading School (h).

Won by 2½ lengths. 3 mins. 57 secs.

More life and a faster stroke gained an early lead. Rather rushed at the finish.

THE REGATTA

The Boat Club regatta was held on Monday evening, 19th July, on Wilsham Reach. The weather was kind and there was a large crowd of spectators.

Results were as follows:

House Fours—The Bennett Cup

Blacknall (Prentice, Broadway, P. J. Lay, H. G. Williams, B. J. Hedges—Cox) beat

Reeves (Rhys M. F. L., Smith B. L., P. C. Sarsfield-Hall, P. J. Simmonds, Clark K. A.—Cox) by ¾ length.

Day boys v. Boarders—The Pierpoint Cup

Boarders (Kemp P. W., P. J. Simmonds, P. C. Sarsfield-Hall, H. G. Williams, B. J. Hedges—Cox) beat

Day boys (Pratt J. R., Dicker, P. J. Lay, Smith B. L., Clark K. A. (Cox) by ½ length.

House Pairs (Juniors)—The Morrell Cup

Tesdale 'A' (Roberts D. H., Ashworth I. T. S., Glucklich—Cox) beat Blacknall 'B' (Budden, Paige R. J., B. J. Hedges—Cox).

Sculls—The O'Connor Trophy

(presented this year by the Mayor of Abingdon, Dr. G. F. O'Connor) P. J. Simmonds beat P. C. Sarsfield-Hall by 1 length and H. G. Williams easily.

The Staff v. Leavers

The Staff (J. F. H. Barker, G. M. Helliwell, J. J. Horrex, R. G. Mortimer, G. F. Duxbury—Cox) lost by $\frac{3}{4}$ length to the Leavers (Kemp P. W., Ashworth W. H., P. J. Lay, H. G. Williams, B. J. Hedges—Cox).

Coxes' Race

Foden A. J. and Oliver I. A. beat Glucklich T. C. and B. J. Hedges.

The Visitors' Race for Double Scull Skiffs

Paxman, Jones D. A., and Pezaro A. R.—Cox, beat Lockhart-Smith, Marchbanks R. M., and Hiscock by 2 lengths.

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

TENNIS

This is our second season of serious tennis and of eight matches played five were won—a very satisfactory record. The closest match was against Pangbourne in which the deciding game lasted over an hour and 5 match points somehow eluded us, making the result 4—5 against, instead of in our favour. Our strongest opponents were Leighton Park and as they subsequently reached the semi-final of the Public Schools' Gould Cup Competition at Wimbledon, we cannot be too dissatisfied with a 3—6 defeat.

Sixteen boys have been playing full time tennis and the standard of play is certainly on the up-grade. We were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. R. J. Lay (kindly released by Radley College) as coach and his work with the juniors bodes well for the future.

The weather has been our principal enemy and we have felt the lack of a second hard court. The East Grass Court, resown and levelled last season, was brought into play in July and promises well. It is hoped to re-sow the South Court next April, while the start of a turf nursery is planned for this Autumn. A concrete base for the practice wall is under

construction—as all those who have helped with the digging and laying of broken brick foundations know only too well!

In the final of the Buckley Cup (Open Singles) competition, the holder, J. A. Nichols, defeated A. J. Gardner 6—4, 6—1.

TENNIS VI CHARACTERS

J. A. NICHOLS (Captain). A very fine singles player; but he has been a little unsteady in doubles and has not always been able to evoke the best from weaker partners. He has a complete range of strokes with a powerful forehand, service, and sound back-hand—though he still nets too many back-hand volleys when running in. He is an outstanding player who has done much to raise the general standard.

A. R. PEZARO. A player who has improved much since last year. He had coaching during the holidays and played a steady game throughout the term. He has the strokes but still lacks power and confidence, both of which should come in time. Throughout the season, he and Nichols have formed a successful first pair.

A. J. GARDNER. A defensive rather than an attacking player whose base-line and net play is very consistent. He has a good service and his overhead play is accurate although his mid-court volleying could be improved. He should try to speed up his play and develop a more thrustful game.

C. S. WOODRUFF. A new member of the Six, who has not quite lived up to his early promise. His service needs to be improved and his volleying has suffered from over-eagerness; but he has a good forehand and plenty of keenness.

P. G. COPE. An unorthodox player who has considerably improved upon last year. His service is better, although still somewhat erratic, and he has a good controlled forehand drive. In other departments, he tends to use too much force without getting a smooth swing and as a result often hits out or smashes into the net.

A. J. PICKFORD. A player who is more at home with a shuttlecock than a tennis ball and found it difficult to forget his badminton strokes. He has a fast first service but should try to acquire a more reliable second one. He has a good eye for the ball and with practice became a very useful player, combining well with Cope to make a strong 3rd pair.

Also played (one match): E. G. Westbrook.

Match Results

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a), 15th May.	Won 5—1 (3 unfinished).
v. Radley College (a), 19th May.	Lost 0—3 (1 unfinished).
v. Old Abingdonians (h), 22nd May.	Won 7—2
v. Staff (h), 2nd June.	Won 6—3
v. Reading School (a), 16th June.	Won 5—4
v. Pangbourne N.C. (h), 3rd July.	Lost 4—5
v. Leighton Park School (h), 10th July.	Lost 3—6
v. Windsor County School (h), 14th July.	Won 9—0

The matches against Magdalen College School and Abingdon L.T.C. had to be cancelled because of rain.

H.M.G.

SWIMMING

Unfavourable weather conditions marred the Summer Term so far as swimming generally was concerned. Nevertheless considerable progress was made with Life Saving and the term's activities were successfully concluded by the Swimming Sports, held on a sunny afternoon on 21st July at the Municipal Pool. A number of records were made, three of them by M. Scott-Taggart, who showed very good form indeed. After the events, the Green Cup and the certificates were presented by Mrs. Willis.

The results were as follows:—

- U.14 Freestyle, 2 lengths (Record: J. Kingston, 1953—39.6 secs.)
 1. Kingston, 2. Lier, 3. North. 38.3 secs. (new record).
- U.14 breast-stroke, 2 lengths (Record: P. A. Smith, 1953—51.6 secs.)
 1. Hatcher, 2. Evans, 3. Cross. 54.4 secs.
- U.16 back-stroke, 2 lengths (Record: B. L. Smith, 1953—47 secs.)
 1. Kingston, 2. Lier, 3. Hardy. 53.8 secs.
- U.16 breast-stroke, 4 lengths (Record: M. Scott-Taggart, 1953—
 1 min. 47.8 secs.)
 1. Wray, 2. Foden, 3. Le Voi. 1 min. 44.5 secs. (new record).
- U.16 free style, 4 lengths (Record: M. Scott-Taggart, 1953—
 1 min. 28.2 secs.)
 1. Becker, 2. Lord, 3. Foden. 1 min. 28.5 secs.
- Open back-stroke, 4 lengths (Record: M. Grant, 1953—1 min. 53 secs.)
 1. Rockall, 2. Dicker M. C., 3. Smith A. M. 2 mins. 0.1 secs.

*Open breast-stroke, 4 lengths (Record: E. G. Rockall, 1953—
1 min. 37.8 secs.)*

1. Scott-Taggart M., 2. Rockall. 3. Williams H. G. 1 min. 32.6 secs. (new record).

*Open free-style, 4 lengths (Record: R. H. Redknap, 1953—
1 min. 23.3 secs.)*

1. Scott-Taggart M., 2. Redknap, 3. Bush. 1 min. 20.1 secs. (new record).

*Open free-style, 10 lengths (Record: R. H. Redknap, 1953—
4 min. 27.8 secs.)*

1. Scott-Taggart M., 2. Redknapp, 3. Foden. 4 min. 24.7 secs. (new record).

Obstacle Race—1. Nichols, 2. Ralfe, 3. Hall J.

Open Diving—1. Redknap, 2. Scott-Taggart, 3. Kingston.

Junior (U.15) Relay (Record: Reeves, 1953—1 min. 26.4 secs)

1. Tesdale, 2. Reeves, 3. Bennett. 1 min. 19.6 secs. (new record)

Senior Relay (Record: Blacknall, 1953—1 min. 11.4 secs)

1. Reeves, 2. Bennett, 3. Blacknall. 1 min. 13.5 secs.

The Green Cup was won by Tesdale House with 44 points, followed by Reeves with 40 and Bennett with 27 points.

R.H.R.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Life in the Corps was as varied—and exciting!—as is usual in the Summer term. "Hostilities" began almost with the commencement of term, Field Day being held in beautiful weather on 11th May in the area of Cumnor Hurst. The opportunity was taken of putting in some last minute revision, on the ground, for Cert. 'A' candidates; and the Field Day, as such, was really given over to the recruits who made the most of this opportunity to get a firm grasp of the Section battle drills. For their Field Day, the R.A. and R.E. Sections visited the H.Q. of 'R' Battery, 480 H.A.A. Regt. R.A. (T.A.), where by courtesy of the Commanding Officer, Major D. B. West (O.A.), an instructive and enjoyable day was spent.

On Friday, 14th May, came the Cert. 'A' exam., in which 45 candidates obtained Part 2, sixteen with distinction. This remarkable number of credits however must be off-set against a few 'freakish' failures in Section Leading. Examinations were also held for the R.A. and R.E. Sections. Four Gunners completed Parts 1 and 2 of the Classification Test and all eight Sappers qualified in theirs, one with distinction. Quite a 'Field Day' of a different kind!

It is now a tradition that the Corps supports Empire Youth Sunday in strength and accordingly when this day occurred at the end of May, a contingent some 80 strong took part in the parade. Turnout was good and marching too generally; unhappily though, owing to 'difficulties' with the Band, we were a trifle ragged when passing the Saluting Base during the March Past. Especially was this regrettable as the C.O.'s ex-Army Commander, Gen. Anderson, was taking the salute.

In June, Corps life is generally normal except that specialist sections make a practice of going off to watch elaborate demonstrations. Two such were attended by our R.E. and R.A. Sections. The Sappers saw a demonstration given to R.M.A. Sandhurst by 32 Assault Regt. R.E., and the Gunners were thrilled by Ambassador III at Larkhill. Shooting, too, began to get under weigh for Bisley, the next big event in the calendar.

In this—our second year at Bisley—we bettered last year's score by 10 but, with weather conditions very much better, dropped 18 places in the table to finish 74th. There was some consolation in the fact that we came 17th in the Snap and Rapid. Three of our number returned to Bisley later as competitors in the Queen's Prize and two others were asked to practise with the R.N.V.R. for the Services' XX match, one, A/Seaman Dady, representing his Service in the match and putting up a respectable score. Dady also has the distinction of being the only serving Abingdonian so far photographed by the Press, on the firing point at Bisley. We were the guests at Bisley of the R.N.V.R., an arrangement eminently satisfactory to us; and we renew here our thanks to all those who entertained us, especially to Surgeon Lt.-Cdr. P. A. Crow, prime mover in the plot and a most courteous host.

Last, before Camp, came Inspection Day, on Friday, 16th July. The inspection, a War Office one, was carried out by Brigadier I. W. L. D. Laurie, O.B.E., Deputy Director of Quartering, supported by Commander A. R. E. Bishop, R.N., Major J. Ritchie, M.C., O.C., P.C.A.U., Abingdon, Major N. W. Sackett, R.E., and Captain C. E. Quekett, G3 Cadets, Salisbury Plain District. The Brigadier expressed himself as well satisfied with all that he saw, notably the cadets' steadiness on parade and their general keenness. His report, received later, confirmed the good opinion he expressed verbally.

During the term, the following promotions were made:

To be C.S.M., 'A' Coy.—C.Q.M.S. Jones, D. A.

To be C.S.M. 'B' Coy.—C.Q.M.S. Heavens, J. F.

To be C.S.M. 'C' Coy.—Sgt. Pratt, J. R.

To be C.Q.M.S.—Sgt. Lloyd, D. S.

S.C.P.

TWESELDOWN CAMP.

A contingent of 4 officers and 77 ORs attended annual Camp at Tweseldown, from 27th July to 4th August. It had been hoped that we should be 100 strong, but the response from Middle School was somewhat disappointing. Let us hope that next year we shall register the "Century" for the first time. Be it added since quality counts as well as quantity, that one of our number, U/O M. J. Brackley, was attending his seventh Camp. A record surely—the more satisfying is that it is, we believe, "illegal" to have attended so many . . .

The success of any Camp depends, in the last resort, on two factors—food and weather. In both respects—most surprisingly in this year of grace!—we were fortunate. The Advance Party left in a torrential down-pour and endured agonies of exposure in getting the lines ready for the main body. Beyond this, however, we got only one wetting throughout the period, and this relatively short lived. It was cool for most of the time; but this—except perhaps in the evenings—was a blessing in disguise, as we realised during the last day—a hot steamy one when tents became thoroughly unpleasant places . . . As for food the boys fed excellently throughout, and with a minimum of fuss and queueing—a sure sign of organisation. It should go on record in this connection that relays of volunteers from Abingdon rendered a public service as servers in 1st Bn. Dining tent.

Perhaps the next most important feature of Camp is the quality and tempo of demonstrations. On the first score, we had no complaints there were 'bangs' in plenty, as well as sound tactical 'set pieces'. We were able to take a particular pride in this aspect of the work, as we contributed 4 (Cpls. Brown, McLoughlin, Older and Walker) of the 10 cadet members of the Demonstration Pl., manned for the rest by officer cadets from Mons O.C.S. Abingdon members achieved their fair share of the limelight—notably Cpl Walker, who took one magnificent 'header' into a miniature lake—and received as their reward the written congratulations of the Mons officer in charge. . . . As to "tempo", we were sorry that these demonstrations should have ended on the Saturday; we all like to see, on the last day, the "biggest and best yet", a large-scale affair with publicity value. At least, those of us who are able to keep awake after a Night Op.!

"Potted" Sports were held on the Sunday afternoon, without interference from the weather. These, in which we came 4th, proved most enjoyable. Records were 'put up' by our team for the pyramid of table event and for 'clearing the decks', with a stirrup pump as weapon, and an assortment of empty milk tins. Unhappily, it must also be recorded that the only member to score, in a game of Aunt Sally directed at a set of cricket stumps, was one of the *batsmen* of the 2nd XI! What of the 1st XI opening bowler?

The Drumhead Service in the morning was better organised and conducted than any we have seen since the war, and was followed by a March Past in which, for the first time, officers were not included. The Contingent was ably led by Michael Brackley and came, we think, second only to Wellington in steadiness when passing the Saluting base.

There was no Guard Mounting Competition as such, but—still on Sunday, when Abingdon was "running" the Camp—we provided the Main Guard which, under the command of S/Sgt. Roberts, was as smart and efficient as any seen during the Camp. A very good Concert was organised, for the last evening, by Lt. Scarr of St. Edwards but in this we made no platform appearance, having perhaps had our fill, pro. tem., of functions of this kind.

To close this account of an eminently successful Camp, we record that we managed to put in more shooting than at any camp other than Browndown. Some 'fledglings' had their first "go" on this occasion, and possible Bisley shots of the future came to light. The work of J/Cpl. Bush and L/Bdr. Howard, as coaches on the firing point, was particularly useful on this occasion.

A final word—of thanks, to all those people from our Training Officer to the overworked Messing Officer, so sick of the sight of food that he couldn't eat!—who helped to make training easy and living comfortable. A word also, for Capt. Duxbury, M.C., R.A.E.C., brother of our own G.F.D., for his initiative and hard work in producing the first "home-made" newspaper we have had at Camp, *The Tweseldown Times*. And so to 1955, when we hope to have as good a time some where, in even larger numbers!

S.C.P.

NAVAL SECTION NOTES

The highlights of an otherwise uneventful term were Field Day and the Inspection. For Field Day the section visited H.M.S. *Phoenix* at Portsmouth and had a most impressive display of fire-fighting and damage-control, as well as a most interesting demonstration of some of the principles of buoyancy and a rather sobering talk on the effects of an underwater atomic explosion. Altogether an unusually interesting and instructive day.

The Inspection day programme went through without any major hitches and both the Inspecting Officer and the Naval representative, Cdr. Bishop, seemed well satisfied. One of the features of this year's inspection was the interest in the individual shown by Cdr. Bishop, who detached himself from the Brigadier and spoke to each member of the Section in turn. We were most impressed by his interest.

We were pleased to see, during the term, Mr. Midshipman D. L. Banfield, R.N.V.R., who visited us shortly after receiving his commission. Another O.A. who spent some time with us was S./Lt. M. H. Venables R.N.V.R., and we are very grateful to him for the good work he put in with the Section while he was with us.

We were pleased to have eight new recruits at the beginning of the term, but we lost eight members at the end of it. Our good wishes go with them all, particularly with Petty Officer P. J. Lay, who has done a great deal for the Section both by the instruction he gave and by his example. We look now to our three Leading Hands to follow in his footsteps.

The Section has suffered another very serious loss this term in S./Lt. Barker, whose energy and enthusiasm will be sadly missed. However "To Amurath . . ."—and we are very glad to welcome in his stead Mr. Cooper, shortly, we hope, to become S./Lt. Cooper, who needs no introduction to us.

Summer Camp 1954

Owing to a last minute alteration of plans by the Admiralty, for which we are very grateful, our week's training this year was aboard H.M.S. *Porchester Castle*, a frigate in full commission, at Portland.

The advantages of being in a fully-manned ship are very great, the most important being that we can see a ship working as she is meant to work. Consequently, through living aboard a living ship, almost as a part of the ship's company, we learnt far more than we should have done had the ship been only half-manned. Instruction was more by doing than by listening to a formal talk or watching a formal demonstration, and this also helped to make the week more interesting.

Apart from having a very valuable time on board from the point of view of learning about the Navy, we also had a very pleasant time. The best part of it was undoubtedly the visit to Guernsey, and although the sea, on the way over, was a little 'humpy' (even sea-sickness is a useful experience!) we all enjoyed ourselves very much while we were there and on the return journey. Several of our number volunteered to be the "victims" in a demonstration of the 'Crossing the Line' ceremony at the Southern Show in Guernsey, but they seemed to enjoy it only a little less than the audience, and, although we were invited to paint the ship red before she sailed for Guernsey, and did so, no-one was tempted to spread the same pigment over the town of St. Peter Port.

Altogether a most pleasant and profitable stay, and we are very grateful both to the Captain of H.M.S. *Porchester Castle* for having us, and to Cdr. Pringle for arranging it.

L.C.J.G.

SCOUT TROOP

During the Summer Term the time-table allowed us only rather informal meetings, but most of these have been in the open. We prepared a small camp for Founders' Day in the garden of Lacies Court, where we showed off a little of our cooking prowess. The Troop had another successful "Bob-a-Job" week when the active members managed to average 10 shillings a head. Field Day at Wittenham Clumps gave us brilliant weather and much excitement; one lesson which we learnt there was that it was easier to light a fire than to put it out! We were again fortunate in having a visit from the District Commissioner, who was able to invest and warrant the S.M., and we look forward to having regular visits from him in the future.

M.N.W.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

The Society held three most successful meetings during the Summer Term, at the first of which A. R. Pezaro read a long and interesting paper entitled, "Russian Propaganda". He dealt with the aims of propaganda in general, and then gave an account of how the Russians achieve these aims. Subsequent discussion was vigorous and considered the means of counteracting the evil effects of propaganda and ways of strengthening reciprocal propaganda of the Western democracies.

For the second meeting the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban kindly invited members of the society to see a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, "The Mikado", at the New Theatre, Oxford. Supper was cooked for all after the show by the resident members of the Society. Needless to say the evening was much enjoyed by all and we do thank Mr. and Mrs. Cobban for their generosity.

At the last meeting of the year P. G. Cope read a paper entitled "The Evolution and Problems of Modern Medicine". In this most interesting paper the author gave a brief history of the growth of medicine, and its gradual change from being alchemical and mystical to its present association with the biological sciences. He then dealt with some of the problems, such as that presented by the increase of the average age of the population, which have arisen because of the advancement of medical technique. Subsequent discussion dwelt on such topics as the National Health Service, its good points and its weaknesses, and the best means of looking after old people; thus adding to our vocabulary such words as gerontology and geriatrics.

This was one of the most lively meetings, and proved a fitting end to the year's activities. The society would like to record on paper its

deep indebtedness to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban for their gracious hospitality throughout the year, and also to thank those members of the staff who so helpfully support the society.

R.M.M.

TURNOR SOCIETY

The Summer Term, as is usual, was one of comparative inactivity, for only two meetings were held.

Early in the term, Mr. L. C. J. Griffin gave us a talk, copiously illustrated with photographs and postcards on the epidiascope, about the expedition to Rome last Easter. His description of the excursions and visits to such places of interest as the Forum, Ostia and Tivoli proved most interesting, and we do thank him very warmly.

After the G.C.E. exams we once again found ourselves indebted to Mr. Willis who arranged a film show for us. There were three films: the first, "Persian Story" was in colour about oil-prospecting in Persia; "Rankin's Springs is West", the second, told of life in the Australian bush; and lastly a film whose title is explanatory—"Isle of Man T.T., 1950".

We hope that the Michaelmas Term will bring with it a programme as varied and as attractive as this past year has seen.

J.B.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Three meetings were held during the Summer Term, the average attendance of about thirty being somewhat lower than in the two previous terms.

At the first B. P. Kibble, seconded by J. Budgen, proposed the motion—"In the opinion of this house, the Ship of State is sinking fast". The opposition was led by N. K. Hammond who was supported by N. J. H. Grant. The debate was a lively one and plenty of humour was shown: it was unfortunate therefore that time was so limited and many speeches had to be cut short. The motion was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

When the Society next met the motion was that—"This House refuses to be dismayed and alarmed at the prospect of 1983". C. M. Dunman, seconded by J. M. Mobbs, proposed, whilst B. P. Kibble and I. T. S. Ashworth opposed. Speeches in this well-fought debate covered a variety of subjects from the threat of Atomic War to a world economic slump and in spite of the most vigorous opposition, the motion was carried.

The final meeting was largely confined to two junior forms—3A and 3B—and a most encouraging display was given. The motion was—"In the opinion of this house, fame is incompatible with happiness".

J. M. Foster and R. Dickenson spoke for the motion and O. M. L. Rhys and D. G. Darroch against it. It was generally agreed after the debate that this innovation of a junior meeting was worth repeating and plans for next year will include at least one 3rd Form debate.

J.C.I.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

The first meeting during the Summer Term included the overture, "The Hebrides" by Mendelssohn and the "Enigma Variations" by Elgar and was introduced by the Secretary, who subsequently introduced Tchaikovsky's fifth symphony at the third meeting. At the second meeting J. M. Thistlewood presented Bach's third Brandenburg Concerto, Mozart's fortieth symphony and the first movement of Prokofiev's Classical Symphony.

The remaining meetings, three in number, were introduced by D. C. Shaw, T. M. J. Kempinski and J. A. T. Saywell. The respective programmes were: the overture, "The Wasps", by Vaughan-Williams and the Violin Concerto in E minor by Mendelssohn; Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony; and Haydn's Trumpet Concerto together with Mozart's Third Horn Concerto.

Unhappily, at the close of this very enjoyable series of meetings we bade farewell to our Vice-president, Mr. Barker, who has done so much for the Society. We wish him every good fortune in his new post.

R.E.J.P.

CAMERA CLUB

The Summer Term was another very busy term in every respect. In the dark room the new enlarger has proved most successful and many of its products were seen in the annual photographic exhibition on Founder's Day. With the ciné cameras we were engaged on our new 16 m.m. forty-five minute production, "Thanks a Million"—locations for which ranged from a famous inn to the courtroom—an athletics film and a corps film. In addition, we were preparing for our forthcoming documentary.

We were very pleased to hear of the success of "Ut Proficias", our first production, at the Slough and District Arts Festival where it was awarded the trophy for the best film "having won no previous award".

The outstanding lectures during the term were given by Mr. Macdonnell of Johnsons of Hendon Ltd., to whom we are most grateful for the gift of some photographic equipment. Mr. Macdonnell's lectures, which were illustrated, were on the Colour Screen Process and Portraiture. There was also a popular series of talks on ciné technique with subjects ranging from "Art Direction" to "Camerawork".

Finally, we were very sorry to say good-bye to Michael Sale and Jeffrey Heavens at the end of the term. They have both, through their hard work and great enthusiasm, contributed much to the success of every section of the Society. We do thank them very warmly indeed for their unfailing assistance.

M.K.C.G.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

During the Summer Term the Society held three meetings at which films were shown. At the first, two films were given entitled "Malaria" and "The Diesel Story". The former showed the life cycle of the parasite which causes malaria and was illustrated with some very good animated diagrams of the parasite at work in the blood of a human being. The other film showed the historical background of the diesel engine which we know today, from the first huge apparatus, which would not turn under its own power, to the highly efficient modern machine.

Subsequently "The Tree of Life" showed that for centuries the oil palm, harvested by crude methods, has been the veritable tree of life for the Africans of the Belgian Congo. Furthermore it showed how the way of life in the Congo improved when large plantations and oil-mills were set up.

At the last meeting "The Oxo Story—Part II, 'Africa'," was given. This film was in colour and showed the stocking and development of beef herds for the making of "Oxo" in Africa.

R.W.W.

CHESS CLUB

During the Summer Term, the Chess Club continued its weekly meetings with steady attendances from both seniors and juniors.

Owing to examinations and the large number of sporting fixtures, we were unable to play any matches against other schools, but in the Michaelmas Term we shall be arranging matches as usual.

P.S.V.

BRASS BAND

The early part of the Summer Term was occupied in conscientious practice and this, in addition to the weekly classes which Mr. Clack held for beginners, proved rewarding on the occasion of the Corps Inspection.

As always, the Summer Term afforded ample opportunity for the Band to give an account of itself: on Old Boy's Day and on Founder's Day it played during the interval and the 'At Home', whilst later on

at the Corn Exchange, both the Band as a whole and a quartette gave creditable performances.

The number of players increased to seventeen, and in spite of the fact that four members are leaving, it is hoped that the Michaelmas Term will again be sonorous and successful.

R.H.R.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Membership is still fairly high. Most of the members are juniors but unfortunately many of them were unable to attend every meeting. Nevertheless there was an excellent attendance of twenty to thirty members.

Meetings were held every fortnight when stamps were discussed and swapped. One meeting was devoted to a quiz which proved to be very successful and at another we discussed how to display stamps to the best advantage. At the end of the term a competition was held for the neatest sheet subscribed for the Founder's Day exhibition. First prize was awarded to J. Knight.

During the Michaelmas Term, it is hoped that the meetings will be better attended and more frequent.

H.G.W.

JOINT CLUB

Not always has the club been able to hold three meetings in a busy Summer Term, but this year all went according to plan. A tennis party at St. Helen's in May set the ball rolling, while a very successful social and dance in the grounds of Lacies Court brought the season to a fitting close. Perhaps the highlight of the term was an evening picnic at Cumnor Hurst. On this occasion the girls showed themselves as adept at lighting fires as the boys were at frying sausages.

Let us not overlook the academic achievements of the club. Both Jennifer Pulley and Roger Marchbanks are to be warmly congratulated on the award of State Scholarships.

F.J.S.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We acknowledge with many thanks a copy of Trevelyan's Social History of England from Miss P. Estridge; a book of 'cuttings' referring to the School and two interesting books of Latin Versions from Rev. W. E. Henty Summers; and another copy of Irak Petroleum Co. Journal from J. McPherson. We are also very pleased to receive leaving books from the following: A. R. Pezaro (*Stories of Somerset Maugham*); P. J. Lay (*Pattern of Islands and Florence Nightingale*); D. C. W. Lewis (*Reach for the Sky*); J. E. Cowles (*I, Claudius*); P. B. Light (*John*

Wetherell); K. H. Smith (*Old Man and the Sea*) and T. R. Lay (*Cry, the Beloved Country*). We shall be including further acknowledgments in our next issue.

Thanks to the skilful and strenuous efforts of members of the Classical Sixth the Libraries and Heylyn Room were completely redecorated at the end of last term, and the result is very pleasing. Next term there is plenty of work ahead of the new Library staff in getting the records up to date and carrying on the work of rebinding, which is at last under way.

G.F.D.

VISIT TO ITALY

It was not until we disembarked at Dieppe that I really believed that we were indeed on our way. In a surprisingly short time, however, we were on the train and speeding towards Paris. A hasty meal, a glimpse of some of the well-known sights of Paris—the Madeleine, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, a sprint along the interminable length of the Gare de Lyon, a hasty leap into the train, and we were, all forty-one of us miraculously, aboard the Rome Express. Seconds later, and before we had all found our seats, we were off.

Twenty-four hours later, almost exactly, after a journey through some lovely scenery, particularly along the Ligurian coast from Genoa until the railway turned inland to Pisa, we disembarked, somewhat tired, at Rome. We were met by our guide, a lady whom we were to come to know and like during the next few days, Signora Caramazza. Buses took us to our hostel—built by Mussolini,—somewhat pretentious externally, rather austere with a minimum of furniture inside, but it was clean, the beds were fairly comfortable, and the food, typically Italian, though purged of garlic, was fairly good.

To try to see Rome in six days is like trying to paint a battleship in a day. Yet we saw a great deal. There were the impressive things, St. Peter's, the Vatican Museums, the Colosseum, the Forum: the great thrill of standing in Nero's "Domus Aurea", even though the imagination had to restore it to its former glory; the somewhat macabre thrill of walking along the Cryptoporticus where Caligula was murdered—more than nineteen hundred years ago. History began to come to life. Walking along the Via Sacra, the realisation came to us that most of the great men of Rome must have walked or ridden along that same road, probably over these very stones. Nor was it only history that we found in the Forum, and the other remains of Ancient Rome; there was beauty too. Non-one could forget the three lovely columns which are all that remain of the temple of Castor and Pollux, or the little circular temple of Vesta nearby.

In the more modern parts of the city, though 'modern' is a relative term, there was much to admire, much to wonder at. The Churches,

most of them on ancient sites, and incorporating a great deal that is very ancient, though mostly in the Baroque style, were very lovely. There was one literally breath-taking moment when we went into one of them, Santa Maria Maggiore. The Church was dark, one could hardly see, unfortunately, the fifth century mosaics above the columns of the Nave; but in one corner of the Church there was a light. It was the Borghese Chapel lit for a service which was in progress, and as we approached, the grace and beauty of the intricate yet tasteful decoration brought the tears to our eyes.

Rome, of course, is famous as a home of Art as well as of History and we were able to see some of the finest pieces of sculpture and painting in the world. Perhaps the most impressive were Laocoon and Michaelangelo's great ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, but there were others no less beautiful—the dying Gaul, and a lovely statue of a little girl protecting a bird from a snake—while some of the most interesting were contemporary portrait heads of famous Greeks and Romans, many of them familiar from being used as illustrations in Greek and Latin textbooks.

It was good to wander among the people of Rome,—friendly, cheerful, jolly people they seemed, to wait at a bus stop with forty others, knowing that even if the bus appeared to be full, we should all probably get on; to crowd on to lorries in the bus strike; to walk through the streets of Rome to the Romantic places, the Spanish Steps, the Pincio in the evening, looking over to the floodlit dome of St. Peter's, the Fountain of Trevi where we threw our coins into the water and thus, so the legend runs, assured our return to the Eternal City.

Two days were spent out of Rome—one at Tivoli in the foothills of Abruzzi—the Romans called it Tibur. Here, eighteen hundred years ago, Hadrian built a home for his later years, and the remains are there to testify to its magnificence. Here also fourteen hundred years later the Este family built a villa, and adorned its garden with many lovely fountains. Neglected for many years, they are now restored and were all playing when we were there, making a brilliant display in the strong sunshine.

The ancient town of Ostia and the beach at Castelfusano formed the other excursion. Ostia had a charm all of its own—a dead town, yet one which needed little imagination to bring it back to life.

After the magnificence of Rome, it was refreshing to come to something much more homely, to see shops and the houses of ordinary people, the small theatre and beyond it the square where merchant companies had their offices, most of them with their trade marks in mosaic on the pavement in front of them. There were small temples, granaries, mill stones, a fireman's barracks, public baths; everything on

a smaller and more intimate scale than in Rome. There was a freshness about it all as though the town wore a smile in death.

It was with very real regret that we left Rome to travel North to Florence. Once more the journey was interesting, passing nearer to the mountains and close to Lake Trasimene.

Florence was very different from Rome. The Cathedral with Giotto's beautiful Campanile, and most of the other churches, were rather startling at first with their coloured marbles, white and black, green and pink. The interiors contrasted sharply with the façade and with the Roman churches. Though they were adorned with fine frescoes, their Gothic stone arches were plainer and, to some eyes at least, more beautiful than the rich and sometimes rather over ornate Baroque of the Roman churches.

Once again there were art galleries—the Pitti palace and the Uffizzi, both full of paintings familiar from reproductions, and others less familiar, but equally beautiful—the best of them all Leonardo's Annunciation with its wonderful simplicity and richness of colour. Again there was sculpture—and in particular the great bronze doors of the Baptistry which Michaelangelo called the "Gates of Paradise". Again there was history—a medieval history with the great Italian names—the Medici particularly—constantly recurring.

Florence indeed has a medieval charm about it, derived perhaps from its architecture, which dates mostly from the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. The most romantic and charming place of all is the Ponte Vecchino, the only bridge in the city which survived the war intact, mercifully preserved with its medieval houses, for centuries the shops of the goldsmiths and silversmiths, still upon it.

We spent three delightful days here, sight-seeing, buying souvenirs at the open air markets where all kinds of craftsmen have their stalls, in particular the basket-workers and leather-workers for whose work the city is well-known, gazing in admiration at the views of the city to be seen from the hills above, visiting the monastery of San Francesco at Fiesole eleven hundred feet high, until, much too soon, it was time to come home.

The trip was over. The experiment a success. We returned much richer in experience, with a little knowledge of an unfamiliar country and a small familiarity with two beautiful cities. We have many memories and perhaps the legend of the fountain will come true at least for some of us. It remains to be seen.

L.C.J.G.

OLD BOYS' DAY

Old Boys' Day, held on Saturday, 26th June, again brought together a good number of Old Boys covering many generations of School life. The weather was fine and the sporting activities were carried through without interruption. The School 1st XI defeated the Old Boys by seven wickets after a very good game and both School crews were successful on the river.

The Annual Dinner in the Council Chamber was attended by just on one hundred members and guests. The President, Mr. Hugh Insley-Fox was supported by the President-Elect, Mr. T. E. Gardiner, the Headmaster and Mr. Grundy, while the guests included the Mayor of Abingdon, Dr. G. F. O'Connor, five other members of the Governing Body and three of the Senior Prefects.

After the loyal toast and the toast of John Roysse had been formally honoured the President proposed the health of the School coupled with the name of the Headmaster. Mr. Cobban in reply gave a summary of the School's progress during the year, and emphasised that increase in numbers would not mean any lessening of personal interest in the individual boy. He then proposed the toast of the Club to which the President-Elect replied urging all members to take an active interest in its affairs. Mr. Airey Neave, the local Member, replied to the toast of the visitors with his usual felicity and vigour and was followed, without anti-climax, by Michael Brackley, Head of the School.

The formal part of the proceedings ended with the installation of the new President.

The sincere thanks of the Club are due to Mrs. Bevir for the beautiful table decorations and to Duncan West, the Dinner Secretary, for a highly successful dinner.

A large number of old boys attended the Sunday morning service in the School Chapel when the lessons were read by the Headmaster and the President, and afterwards the visitors were entertained to coffee by Mrs. Cobban in the School House.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (O.A.C.)

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Pembroke Room at 5.45 p.m. The President, Mr. Hugh Insley-Fox, was in the Chair, and 42 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and, with no questions arising, approved and signed,

The Secretary's report showed that the Club had again enjoyed a successful year and membership had increased by forty-five. The report was adopted.

The Sports secretary reported a fairly successful year, particularly in the Athletics meeting, but asked all members who wished to take part in any of the activities to get in touch with him as early as possible. He was thanked for all the trouble he took in carrying out his difficult task.

The Treasurer's report showed the following balances on 26th June, 1954. In the General Account at Westminster Bank, less £116.7 due to the Treasurer, £30.11.6. In the Magazine Account at the Trustee Savings Bank £709.0.5. The report was adopted with due thanks to the Treasurer and Mr. Snell, the auditor.

Increase of Subscription. The proposal recommended by the Committee to increase the Life Subscription to the Club—apart from the 5 gns. Life Subscription to the Magazine—to 3 guineas, as from 1st July, 1954, was discussed and unanimously approved.

New Pavilion. The Vice-President stated that since the last General Meeting the prospect of playing 1st XI matches on the War Memorial field instead of on Upper Field appeared much closer than expected and therefore the whole question of what sort of pavilion should be erected where was being reviewed afresh. Considerable discussion followed on the merits of keeping 1st XI games on the Upper Field, though it was generally realised that it was not the Club's business to say where cricket should be played. Eventually a show of hands was taken, simply as an expression of opinion, and a formal resolution passed *nem. con.* declaring the meeting's complete confidence in the Club's representatives on the Pavilion Committee.

The Vice-President stated that the War Memorial Field would be formally opened on the evening of Founder's Day, as that was thought to be the most appropriate date.

Election of Officers. Officers elected for 1954-55 were as follows:—

President: T. E. Gardiner.

Vice-President: J. M. Cobban.

Hon. Secretary: N. J. Holmes.

Assistant Secretaries: J. O. Bury, J. H. Hooke, D. B. West.

Hon. Treasurer: W. Bevir.

Sports Secretary: E. H. Aldworth.

London Secretary: S. A. Paige.

J. D. Wood and W. A. Rudd were re-elected to the Committee and M. H. Venables was elected in place of J. H. Bartlett retired.

The President announced that through the great generosity of an anonymous Old Boy the Club was in the happy position of being able to give £50 to the School Boat Club for the purchase of a fixed tub, Appreciation of this handsome gift was shown in no uncertain manner.

There being no other business, the President thanked members for their indulgence and declared the meeting closed.

Members are asked to note now that the Annual Dance will be held on Saturday, 4th December, the date of the O.A. Rugger match. The President and Mrs. Gardiner will receive guests from 8.0—8.30 p.m., while sherry is served, and dancing will follow till midnight. Tickets price 10/- single, will be obtainable in due course from W. Bevir, Esq.

OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND

Statement of Accounts for Year ending 31st March, 1954.

Receipts	£.	s.	d.	Payments	£	s.	d.
Balance at 1.4.53	201	19	10	Magazines supplied	30	1	3
Subscriptions and				Postages, Stamping			
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G. D. Duxbury, Hon. Treas.

We are very grateful to R. W. Snell, O.A. for once again auditing the Accounts.

We acknowledge with many thanks increased covenants from J. M. Cobban, G. F. Duxbury and W. M. Isbister: new Covenants from J. C. Blackmore, B. N. J. Bosley, H. B. Healy, W. R. A. Kettle, J. W. Rayson and J. L. Taylor: and we shall welcome as many more subscribers as possible, particularly those whose Covenants to the War Memorial Fund are now reaching completion.

O.A. NOTES

Births

FOXWELL. On 8th April, 1954, to Elizabeth, wife of A. E. Byrne Foxwell (1931), a daughter (Helen) sister for Alice and Stephen.

Marriages

BROWN—BROWN. On 8th June, 1954, at Oxford, Derick P. Brown (1949) to Jean M. Brown of London.

HEARD—ANNS. On 24th July, 1954, at Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon, Donald A. Heard (1944) to Beryl Anns.

HEAVENS—ELDRIDGE. On 31st July, 1954, at St. Peter's Eaton Square, London, Michael Anthony Heavens (1950) of Abingdon to Elizabeth Eldridge of Chigwell, Essex.

TOWN—BOULCOTT. On 16th July, 1954, at Christ Church, Reading, Paul A. Town (1935) of Radley College, Berks., to Doris Boulcott of Reading.

WESTON—HUMPHRIES. On 31st July, 1954, at St. Mary's Church, Bloxham, Kenneth J. Weston (1948) to Kate Elizabeth Humphries of Bloxham.

Deaths

ASHWIN. On 29th December, 1953, at Bexhill, Robert Forster Ashwin, Priest, of Res Augusta, Bexhill, aged 86.

DAVIES. On 7th February, 1954, at the North Staffordshire Infirmary, Lewis Cyril Davies (1900-03), Hon. Canon of Chester Cathedral and Vicar of Audlem, near Crewe, aged 67.

Rev. R. F. Ashwin, Scholar of Pembroke College, Cambridge, was ordained in 1901 and was a master at King Edward VI School, Grantham, before he came to Abingdon in 1906. He left in 1910 to become Headmaster of Magdalen College School, Brackley and occupied that position for 20 years. From 1930 till his retirement in 1947 he was rector of Ashurst, Sussex, and since then he lived at Bexhill. All who knew him at Abingdon would wish us to offer their sympathy to his two daughters.

Lewis Davies was at the School for 3 years from 1900 and after leaving won an exhibition at Christ's College, Cambridge, and was ordained in 1910. After holding curacies at Eastleigh, Sidcup and Dartford and acting as Chaplain to the Forces in World War I, he was appointed Vicar at Crewe in 1921 where he remained till 1935. From 1935 to 1947 he was Vicar of Liscard, Cheshire, during which time he was appointed Rural Dean of Wallasey and Hon. Canon of Chester Cathedral in 1946. In 1948 he moved to Audlem where he was Vicar at the time of his death.

As we go to press we are shocked to hear of the death of Peter Gurbutt (September 1946—March 1950) as the result of a road accident on the outskirts of Abingdon on 1st September, 1954. We offer our sincere sympathy to his family.

A recent number of John O' London's Weekly devoted two pages to an article by Trevor Allen on the life and work of Eric Whelpton (1909), whose latest travel book, *Dalmatia*, was published earlier this year by Hale.

David Wheaton (1948) has been appointed Tutor and Lecturer in Classics at Oakhill Theological College, Herts., while he continues to read for his B.D.

E.S.N. Hazel (1942) who has qualified as B.M., B.Ch., M.A. (Oxon), and L.R.C.P. (Lond.), after a locum at St. Nicholas' Hospital, Plumstead, has now been appointed a House Physician at his old hospital St. Thomas', where D. B. Ker (1943) is also on the Staff.

Kenneth Walker (1942) after completing his Staff College Course in London has been appointed Secretary of York Maternity and Fulford Hospitals, containing some 250 beds. He has had a very busy time supervising the completion and opening of this fine new hospital.

Edgar Rice (1928) writes from Kabete, Kenya, with a more reassuring picture than we have had of late and hopes to be home in the Spring of 1956 to enjoy a leave that was cancelled in the emergency last year.

Gordon Bayley (1938) has transferred his actuarial activities to the North and has become a partner in a firm of consulting actuaries in Liverpool. His address is The Boynes, Thornton Hough, Wirral, Cheshire.

Geoffrey Hill (1942) is now practicing as a Solicitor on his own account at Hinckley, Leics.

Laurie Taylor (1943) has returned to Oxford as Agricultural Assistant and Farm Dept. Manager with the firm of Buckell and Ballard.

Tony Randle (1941) has also come to Oxford where he is on the staff of the City Engineer's Department.

Cecil Pulford (1947) after 5 years as a Gunner Officer spent mostly in N. Africa and Malta is now working with a private Air Charter Company, operating from Blackbushe.

Brian Arundale (1941), married with a small son, is working with a firm in Sheffield.

Campbell Stott (1946) recently had a serious accident while climbing on Kepple Crag, Cumberland, and we trust he has now fully recovered from the effects. He is on the Engineering Staff at Esso head office in London.

Alan Beadle (1947) who is at A.E.R.E., Harwell, left recently for Canada to participate in experimental work there.

Among recent academic achievements we have to record with appropriate congratulations:—

J. B. Rich (1947), Bristol University, B.Sc., Cl. II.

P. C. Richardson (1950), London Hospital, B.Sc. Cl. II Hons.

R. J. Taylor and M. J. Wareham (1951) Reading Univ., Cl. II and Cl. III respectively in Agriculture.

S. R. Mills and C. S. Wiggins (1953) Pembroke College, Oxford Cl. III in Maths. Hon. Mods. and Science Hon. Mods.

The Services

Group Captain D. S. Kite (1930) is now stationed at Uxbridge.

Cmdr. D. C. Woolf, R.N., (1934) has a posting to Portsmouth and is living at Prinsted near Emsworth.

David Banfield (1953) is a fully fledged Midshipman.

Lt. R. F. Hamer, R.A., (1950) in the Canal Zone has been enjoying more underwater fishing at Bir Odeil.

Lt. R. A. Clay, R.A., (1948) is now stationed at Dover. We congratulate him on his engagement to Miss Jennifer Tortise.

2nd Lieut. M. M. Grant (1953) R. Berks. has left for West Africa on attachment to the Gold Coast Regt.

H. B. Stevens (1951) is deserting industry and is hoping to return to the Army with a Regular Commission.

2nd Lieuts. Peter Amey and John Westall (1953) both R.A. find themselves in the same tent at Suez attached to a Mauritian Guard Company.

Lt. D. M. Aldworth, R.A.P.C., (1949) is stationed in Germany and also is G. W. Crockford (1952) in R.E.M.E.

Norman Shurrock, R.A.O.C., (1953) is an instructor at R.A.O.C. Technical Training School, Deepcut, initiating monthly batches into Depot procedure. Life is made more congenial by good quarters and two stripes.

B. D. Guimaraens (1953), now in the Marines at Lympstone, has recently passed his Unit Selection Board.

I. S. Baxter (1952), who has been serving in H.M.S. *Adamant*, has been selected for entry to Dartmouth.

Many of the boys who left the School in July have already joined the Services. Others are awaiting their papers. To all we extend our good wishes. We should like to print in our next issue as full a list as possible of their whereabouts, so we hope they will let us have news of them.

Terms of Subscription

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