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CALENDAR, SUMMER TERM, 1956

May

Tues. 1	Term begins.
Tues. 8	Field Day—C.C.F.
Wed. 9	1st IV v. Culham College (h).
Sat. 12	1st XI v. Newbury Grammar School (a). 1st IV v. Prince Henry's School, Evesham (a).
Wed. 16	1st XI v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a).
Sat. 19	1st IV v. Sir Wm. Borlase's School, Marlow (h). 1st Tennis VI in Glanvill Cup Competition (a).
Mon. 21	Full Holiday. 1st IV at Reading Clinker Regatta.
Wed. 23	1st XI v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI (h).
Sat. 26	1st XI v. Parents' XI (h).
Wed. 30	1st XI v. Reading School (a). 1st IV v. Reading School (h).

June

Sat. 2	1st XI v. Oratory School (h). 1st IV v. King's School, Worcester (a).
Sat. 9	1st IV at Wallingford Regatta.
Wed. 13	1st XI v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h).
Sat. 16	1st XI and 1st IV v. Old Abingdonians (h).
Sat. 23	1st XI v. City of Oxford School (a). 1st IV at Marlow Regatta.
Sat. 30	1st XI v. Staff XI (h).

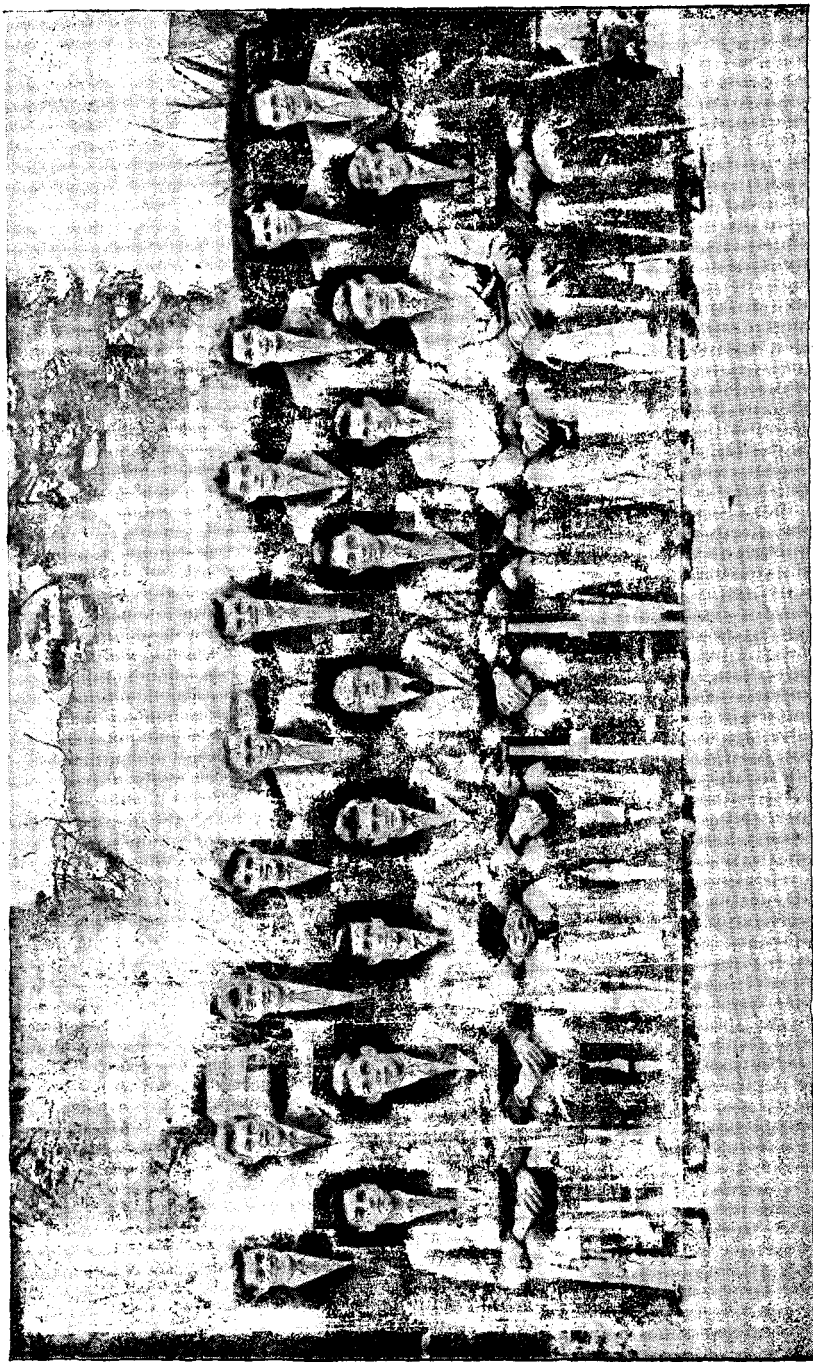
July

Sat. 7	1st XI v. Abingdon C.C. (h).
Sat. 14	1st XI v. Magdalen College School (a).
Wed. 18	1st XI v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a).
Fri. 20	Annual Inspection of the C.C.F. by Major-Gen. Sir John Winterton.
Wed. 25	Swimming Sports, 2 p.m.
Sat. 28	FOUNDER'S DAY.
Tues. 31	Term ends, 10.15 a.m. 1st Tennis VI in Youll Cup, Wimbledon.

Michaelmas Term begins Thursday, 20th September, 1956.

(Boarders return Wednesday, 19th September).

THE SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1956



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April, 1956

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EDITORIAL

A significant change in the school curriculum has been announced—that the present 'General' stream is to be converted into a secondary science stream. We welcome this sign of "moving with the times", realizing that the scientific knowledge gained will be of greater practical value to most boys in the 'General' stream than any vaguely assimilated culture.

But balance is essential, and while accepting the urgency of the need for scientists and technicians at all levels, we dare not overlook the arts. Science is progress. Innovation is vital for any healthy society, but so is tradition. No civilization can ever be entirely fluid.

This country needs leaders, men of outstanding personality. But these must come from both sides—arts and science. Neither can afford to be ignorant of the other, for ignorance breeds contempt. Close integration is necessary for a true appreciation of the merits and demerits of both.

There can be little doubt that schools such as this will maintain an arts stream as well as a science. The danger is that, with still greater increase in specialisation, and still heavier examination demands, the subjects will grow further and further apart and their students know less and less about anything beyond their particular field.

The obstacle of a too narrow specialization does not really arise till the sixth form is reached. But it is to be hoped that every effort will be made there to ensure that the arts man does not go out into the world ignorant of the scientific age around him, nor the scientist leave without having grasped some appreciation of the unchanging values of the arts.

SCHOOL NOTES

As Councillor H. J. Polley vacates the office of Mayor of Abingdon we offer to him and to Mrs. Polley warm thanks for the very friendly interest they have taken in the School during the past year and good wishes for their health and happiness in the future.

Our good wishes, too, to Councillor and Mrs. C. G. Stow who will shortly be taking over the gilded chains of office. With quatercentenary celebrations and royal visit coming ahead they will indeed have a busy time in front of them.

We wish good fortune to Mrs. Bromley Challenor, first lady to be Mayor of Abingdon and Governor of this School, as she retires from public life; and we congratulate our friend and neighbour Dr. O'Connor on his election as an Alderman of the Borough in her stead.

We were very glad to welcome the Admiral and Mrs. Clifton-Brown to our Sports Day on Easter Monday.

We note with interest that the Bursar of Pembroke College, Mr. Bredin, has added to his many appointments by accepting the onerous post of Chairman of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. There is an old adage, of course, that if you want a job well done, you find a busy man to do it.

We are extremely grateful to Lord Glyn of Farnborough who has presented to the School a gravure reproduction in colour of the well-known painting of Her Majesty the Queen by Pietro Annigoni. Rarely an dignity, grace and charm have been combined more felicitously in a state portrait. We are indeed proud to have it hung in the main entrance hall of the School.

We were glad too to hear that arrangements have been made for Her Majesty to drive along Park Road past the School during her brief visit to the town on 2nd November. This means that such members of the School as are not lining the streets in battledress will be able to greet her from a post of vantage in Upper Field.

We returned in January to learn that Mr. Holloway had been stricken with pneumonia. We were extremely grateful to Mr. Anderson, of New Zealand and Oxford, who courageously came down to hold the fort for him. We use the epithet advisedly. It is not every spastic, however good a scholar, who dare face the rough-and-tumble of schoolmastering—and who could do so with success.

Our good wishes go with our two student masters, Mr. Peter Walker, mathematician from Oxford Department, and Mr. M. H. A. Chandler, historian who maintained the succession of the 'Cambridge residents'.

During the past term Mrs. Toplis very kindly agreed to stay on at Ladies Court and to look after two boarders who were 'surplus to establishment'. She will shortly be moving to a house she has bought in St. John's Road and she will take with her the affectionate good wishes of us all. We are very glad to think she will still be living near her friends at the School.

It would be ungracious not to put on record, very briefly, how generously parents and friends responded to a suggestion that this might be an occasion when sympathy could take a practical shape. As a result upwards of £850 has been passed to Mrs. Toplis to help her start her new life.

Shortly after Easter the School had an unexpected and welcome visitor in the person of Miss Summers, daughter of the Rev. Edgar Summers (Headmaster 1870-1883), who was born in the School House over eighty years ago,

It is with very mixed feelings that we congratulate the Rev. Leor Janes on his appointment as Vicar of St. Barnabas' Church, Oxford. We shall always be grateful for the way in which Mr. and Mrs. Jane have offered hospitality to one or two boarders during the past two years and we wish them both good fortune in the formidable job that lies in front of them.

During the Lent Term the School as a whole enjoyed a very good record of health; but the domestic staff suffered more severely and a special salute is due to the survivors who carried on and kept the show running in the kitchen. For the sake of the record we may add that meteorologically the term was marked by a very cold spell in February which put a stop to rugger but enabled some of us to skate instead and by the gift of a perfect spring day for our Athletic Sports.

We offer our thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Clayton for the gift of a flowering peach tree to enliven the main drive; to Commander Cobley R.N., for the generous offer of a special prize for seamanship, to be awarded annually to the best all-round cadet in the Naval Section; to Mr. A. W. Gray for the gift of special bulbs to the Film Society; and to the Rev. T. M. Layng, C.B.E., for sending us a further selection from the archives of his uncle, the Rev. Thomas Layng (Headmaster, 1893-1913).

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the Lent Term was 460 (Dayboys 278, School House 89, Crescent House 40, Waste Court 34, Larkhill 19).

We congratulate C. S. Woodruff, D. S. Gerrard and N. J. H. Gray on securing the first place in their age-group in the public speaking competition run by the Berkshire Youth Organisations. The final was held at Didcot on 10th March.

Congratulations also to S. C. Woodley on winning the boys' singles and the boys' doubles (in partnership with D. E. Mitchell of Magdalen College School), in the Oxfordshire Junior Lawn Tennis Championships in April.

On 20th January, Mrs. A. B. S. Soper gave a lecture to the four forms, illustrated by a film, on 'International Communications'.

We were extremely grateful to the Ladies of St. Helen's School who invited a large party of senior boys to a most enjoyable dance on 28 January.

On 6th February a small party of sixth form boys visited Southfield School to take part in a C.E.W.C. Conference on the problems of the Middle East. On the same day the remainder of the sixth and fifth forms heard a most stimulating talk by Rev. Hon. O. W. Fiennes 'The Man and the Ministry'.

We owe it to the kindness of Colin Wiggins, O.A., President of the Oxford University Science Society, that a small party of masters and

boys was enabled to attend a meeting of the Society on 22nd February to hear a paper on "Semi-conductors".

Our own Mr. Williams had the honour of proposing the toast of 'The Visitors' at the Annual Dinner of the Local Scout Association held in the Guildhall on 24th February.

On 29th February Mr. John Hills, M.C., former Headmaster of Bradfield College, spoke to senior forms about the work and aims of 'The Times'. Now we look forward to sending a party over next term to see the Times Mobile Printing Unit at work at Radley—and later to a nocturnal visit to Printing House Square.

Mr. R. Reynolds gave a talk to the fourth forms on 'The Work of the Christian Church in South Africa' on 1st March.

A large party of fourth formers visited the locomotive works at Swindon on 12th March.

The 'Parents' Evening' for the parents of boys in the Sixth and Fifth forms was held on 15th March.

On 16th March the Classical Sixth made a tour of inspection of Messrs. Morland's Brewery—under the most distinguished auspices.

Mr. A. E. Wardman, M.A., of Reading University, spoke to senior members of the arts side about 'Roman Historians' on 20th March.

A party of fifth-formers visited the drawing offices of the Pressed Steel Company on 26th March.

On the evening of 31st March the third forms staged an informal dramatic performance in the Gymnasium, the plays performed being 'Shivering Shocks' (3.y): 'A Night at an Inn' (3.a): and 'The Invisible Duke' (3.x).

The customary Boarders' Concert was held on the last evening of the term (3rd April). The general standard of previous years' productions was well maintained: and a nicely balanced programme was vastly enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

The Play-Reading Society continues to flourish. During the Lent Term plays read on Sunday evenings were 'Pygmalion', 'The Cherry Orchard', and 'Henry IV (Part I)'.

'Saturday lectures' during the Lent Term were as follows:—

January 21st—Captain Vernon Lee, M.B.E., in 'Magic, Music and Mirth'.

February 25th—J. P. Brook-Little, Esq., M.A., on 'Heraldry'.

March 17th—Major V. C. Buckley, F.R.G.S. on 'America'.

We were especially grateful to our old friend Major Buckley (whose name is commemorated by the Buckley Cup) for stepping at short notice into an unexpected breach.

Feature films were as follows:—

January 28th—African Queen.

February 18th—Trouble in Store.

March 10th—The Maggie.

The Bible-Reading Fellowship held meetings on 24th January, 28th February and 27th March.

We offer a warm welcome to a young contemporary the 'Fourth Science Times'. It is a joy to find middle-school journalism that can be quite astringently funny without being offensive. We treasure particularly the respectful references to 'Professor Sewry'. Long may it flourish!

During the Summer Term it is planned to bring out another edition of the School Literary Magazine, which will be on sale on Founder's Day. We hope for contributions from throughout the School. It is quite clear that Fourth Science, at any rate, contains a reservoir of potential talent.

By a quite irrational coincidence the name of Winterton is going to be closely linked with the School during the coming term. Lord Winterton (direct descendant of Sir Edward Turnor, O.A., Speaker of the House of Commons from 1661 to 1671) is distributing the prizes on Founder's Day. The Annual Inspection of the C.C.F. will be conducted on Friday, 20th July, by General Sir John Winterton, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., formerly Military Governor and Commander of Trieste.

The multifarious activities of our members during the Easter holidays almost defy description. Mr. Griffin is leading a large party of staff and boys to Italy while Mr. Helliwell is once again flying his flag in (or on) the Lakes. Interim reports on these two excursions will be found on a later page. Members of the C.C.F. are attending varied courses both naval and military: rumour says that the C.O., Capt. Moore and Capt. Willis are visiting the School of Military Intelligence. We are represented at the Norwich course of the Royal School of Church Music (N. P. Loukes and R. A. Lucas) and at the Toc H Schools' Week (J. A. T. Saywell). W. W. Budden is spending the whole of April at the Outward Bound School at Aberdovey. J. T. Buckland and G. F. Wastie are attending the Public Schools' Course on Industry and Commerce at Ashridge: W. C. Broad is taking a Scout Leadership Course. N. A. J. Antrobus and L. A. Knight have been on attachment to British Railways at Glasgow and Bristol respectively. A. J. Foden and I. A. Oliver are attending a short Works Course run by Messrs. Crompton Parkinson. And M. C. Rallings and I. J. Glenny left School a day early to play in the Berkshire Schools Hockey Tournament.

So the spirit of enterprise is not quite dead in the School!

We were delighted recently to receive a letter from Erhardt Busch, who generously attributed to his month in Abingdon the fact that he passed his English examination with flying colours. We wish we could have heard him delivering his oral thesis on his special subject of 'English Education'.

Readers of the 'Railway Magazine' noted with interest a recent article on 'The Abingdon Railway' (which celebrates its centenary this year); and, in the next issue, an erudite letter on the same enthralling topic signed by two Old Boys—N. J. Shurrock and S. R. Mills.

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We are very grateful to Mr. Milligan for kindly allowing us to reproduce the photographs of the School Prefects, of the Shooting Team and of the 1st Hockey XI in this issue, and Mr. Horrex for the photograph of work in progress on the new classroom block—or rather, of work in suspense during the cold spell.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following schools (to 31st March, 1956)—City of Oxford: Henley Grammar: Magdalen College: Pocklington: Reading: St. Bartholomew's, Newbury: St. Edward's, Oxford: St. Helen's, Abingdon: Southfield: Stratford: Wallingford Grammar: Windsor County: and also from Culham College: H.M.S. Worcester: R.M.A., Sandhurst: R.N.C., Dartmouth: R.N.E.C., Keyham.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL

(a note by the Headmaster)

The severe cold spell called a temporary halt to the progress of the new Class-room block but we are assured by the architects that it will be possible to make up for the time lost. The brickwork of the main building is now almost completed and we are looking forward with some curiosity to the construction of the first-floor 'bridge' that will connect the new block with the existing Science Block. It is already clear that the new building will fit in admirably with its surroundings. It will come into use, too, only just in time to prevent us from 'bursting at the seams'. Arrangements for the formal opening of the block have yet to be made; but we are planning our September time-table on the assumption that we shall have the new class-room at our disposal. Let us hope that we are not tempting Providence too much!

Meanwhile, a little to the south-west another firm of builders is busy constructing on the Upper Field what I am pretty sure will be

known affectionately as the 'R.B. Pavilion'. Reference has so often been made, apologetically or critically, to bus-shelters, booths, and bicycle-sheds that it has come as a surprise to some of us to find how roomy and attractive it is going to be. Members of the Pavilion Committee (which first met, I believe, in March 1953) will be especially pleased to see their commission completed. Much progress, too, has been made behind the scenes with the rather more elaborate Pavilion which is going to be erected by the Old Boys (bless them all!) on the War Memorial Field. After very careful consideration of alternative projects submitted by different manufacturers, the Old Boys' sub-committee unanimously decided to order from the Medway Building Company a pre-fabricated pavilion prepared to the design of the School Architect. This pavilion will be erected during the summer in the south-east corner of the field, near the entrance gates. It will contain changing rooms and washing accommodation, a tea-room and kitchen, and a scoring box, and it will have water, gas and electricity laid on. The total cost of this pavilion will be of the order of £2,500 and it is only because the Old Boys have responded so generously to the recent appeal that the O.A.T.F. has been able to shoulder such a heavy commitment. Even so it means that the entire resources of the Fund will be mortgaged for some years to come; and the more we can increase the income of the Fund the sooner it will be in a position to help the School in other directions. We hope that photographs of both Pavilions will appear in our next issue. Here I would only add a special word of thanks to Duncan West (Old Boy and Architect) for the vast amount of patient and cheerful hard work which he has devoted to this particular question.

During the Easter holidays the School has been alive with workmen inside as well as outside. The first steps have been taken to improve the seating at the east end of the Chapel: and in School House the somewhat drab little East Dormitory has been completely redecorated in a light shade of yellow with gray woodwork.

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In his 'leader' the Editor very rightly (and, I may say, without any prompting) has drawn attention to the significance of a change in the curriculum which I announced in this term's 'Parents' Letter'. It is important enough, I think, to call for a little further explanation. It is pretty generally known that at the present moment, when specialisation starts in a small way in the fourth forms, a boy goes into one of three forms, Arts, Science or General; and that normally only boys in the Science Stream, that is, one-third of the School, get a sufficient grounding in Science to enable them to pass on into the Science Sixth. From September we are increasing the science content of the third stream so that it will, in effect, become a secondary science stream. The pace

will be a little easier than it is in the primary science stream in that the curriculum will contain neither Latin nor Biology; but the more able members of the stream will be able to read advanced Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics in the Sixth Form while others will be well-equipped to leave and take up engineering apprenticeships or junior scientific appointments. This change will make rather greater demands on the weaker members of the School and we hope they will rise to the challenge of it. It is prompted and justified by the urgent need of the country for scientists and engineers of all grades.

At the same time I hope that nobody will misunderstand this change, which represents a change of emphasis rather than a radical change of policy. There are two things I want to stress most strongly. There will always be need in a School of this type for a strong arts stream, and there will always be need for a generous allowance of arts subjects in the science streams. I agree with the Editor in deploring narrow specialisation. As he says, each side has much to learn from the other; a liberal education, in the widest sense, depends largely upon the cross-fertilisation of ideas. Provision is already made for the Sixth Form Scientist to choose from a broad range of optional 'arts' subjects. Conversely, from September we are providing a special 'option' course in Physics for members of the Arts Sixth Forms. Even more important, perhaps, is the provision we make for members of both sides to meet on common ground in the Upper Sixth for certain subjects such as Divinity.

All this may seem to have little to do with 'works and bricks' but it has its repercussions on our building programme. The natural growth of the Sixth Form, combined with the doubling of the Science stream, will lead to a considerable increase in the number of boys reading advanced Science. Our present Science Block, which seemed to provide so generously for all foreseeable needs when it was opened in 1950, is already overloaded and will be quite unable to cope with the number of Sixth Form Scientists whom we must shortly expect. It does seem therefore that an extension to the Science Block may well claim priority over other cherished projects such as the new boarding-house. For the moment all I can say is that this is a problem of which the Governors are very well aware and which is receiving very earnest consideration.

J.M.C.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Founders Day this year will be celebrated on Saturday, 28th July. The provisional programme is as follows:

- 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Helen's Church, Abingdon. Address by the Lord Bishop of Reading.
- 2.30 p.m. Distribution of Prizes in the Corn Exchange by the Rt. Hon. Earl Winterton, P.C., former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
- 4.30 p.m. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban will be 'At Home' at the School House to Parents, Old Boys and friends of the School.
- 5.30 p.m. The School and the Grounds will be open for inspection and there will be displays of various School activities.
- 8.00 p.m. An Evening Entertainment in the Corn Exchange.

We are not yet able to say whether the new class-room block will have advanced sufficiently for us to incorporate a formal opening ceremony in the Founder's Day celebrations; but at any rate our visitors will be able to see from outside what kind of a building it is.

On Sunday, 29th July, the Chaplain will preach at Morning Service in the School Chapel (10 a.m.); and the Headmaster will preach at 6.30 p.m. at the Annual School Service in St. Nicolas' Church.

Invitations for Founder's Day will be sent to all parents and to friends of the School: but *Old Boys* are asked to regard this note as a personal invitation. Any Old Boy who would like to attend the Prize-giving or the 'At Home' is asked to write to Mr. F. J. Sewry at the School.

There will be an additional performance of the Evening Entertainment at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 27th July. Tickets for either performance can be obtained from Mr. Sewry, price 3/6 and 2/6. Parents who live locally are asked to come, if possible, to the performance on Friday.

Old Boys' Day will be held this year on Saturday, 16th June. Details of the programme will be circulated later to all members of the O.A. Club. Old Boys are also specially invited to attend Morning Service in the School Chapel on the following Sunday, 17th June; and subsequently to take coffee with the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban in the garden of the School House.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete—left 16th December, 1955.

Upper Sixth Form Arts: G. E. G. Campbell-Dykes, R. D. Gammack,
Form Sixth General: R. Cooper, R. D. Hill (left 19th November), I. J. Parsons.

Form 5 General: C. R. Coxeter, A. K. Hatherall, R. C. Spring (left 12th November).

Form 3A: R. F. Burton (left 28th October).

Form 3X: R. E. D. Deffee, G. T. Clayton.

Form 2X: E. A. Blainey (left 27th October).

Salvete—came 19th January, 1956.

Form 4 Arts: B. D. Gibbs.

Form 3A: D. W. G. Riddick.

Form 3X: I. J. Cockburn.

Form 1X: C. R. Scott (came 19th March).

Form 1Y: R. Cooksley (came 2nd March).

CHAPEL NOTES

This term the vagaries of a movable Easter gave us the rare opportunity of celebrating Good Friday and Easter at School as a community. We began Lent with a (very early) Celebration on Ash Wednesday. Throughout Lent there were voluntary services at 6.0 p.m. each Thursday; and during Holy Week (except on Good Friday) there were special services each day at 7.45 a.m. and 6.0 p.m.

On Good Friday all boarders attended Matins, followed by Sung Litany (Tallis), at 10 a.m. The service included also two motets sung by the Choir, 'O my people' by Vittoria and 'Faithful Cross' by John IV of Portugal. There was a voluntary service of meditation on the Passion at 2.30 p.m. and in the evening a section of the Choir gave a moving rendering of a shortened version of the St. Matthew Passion by Schütz. An appreciation by a parent, Mr. Loukes, is attached at the end of these notes.

On Easter Day there were well-attended celebrations at 7.30 and 8.15 a.m. Morning Service included the Easter anthems and an Easter carol. At 6.30 p.m. a joyful festival of Easter music and readings replaced the usual service. At this festival the Choir sang the carol 'This Joyful Eastertide' and Handel's anthem 'O praise the Lord with one consent', and the congregation joined them in singing well-known Easter hymns with considerable verve.

We are grateful to all those who came to preach for us in Chapel during the term: and also to Rev. G. E. Hubbard, the curate of Abingdon, who kindly took the early Celebration for us on 4th March, at very short notice, in the absence through indisposition of the Chaplain.

Visiting preachers during the Summer Term will be as follows—

May 13th—W. M. M. Milligan, Esq., M.B.E., T.D., M.A., Warden of Radley College.

June 10th—J. D. Hills, Esq., M.C., M.A., former Headmaster of Bradfield College.

June 24th—Rev. G. E. Knoff, B.D., Ph.D.(Yale).

July 1st—Rev. Colin Morris, M.A., Chaplain of Pembroke College, Oxford.

July 15th—J. A. Ballantyne, Esq., M.B.E., M.A., Headmaster of St. Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury.

Collections allotted to outside charities during the Lent Term were as follows—

Student Christian Movement	£4 13 0
British Council of Churches (Refugee Appeal)	£4 14 0
British Empire Cancer Campaign	£5 15 0
Royal School of Church Music	£4 9 9

The collections over Easter were put at the disposal of the Chaplain, at whose suggestion they were sent to the Diocese of Oxford Ordination Candidates Fund. The contents of the alms box were devoted to the same purpose, and this brought our total contribution up to £6 7s. Od.

The six 'state' prayer books are now, at long last, in position, and very pleasing they look too. Renewed thanks to the donors.

We are grateful too to Mr. Milton, who has spent many hours of his spare time repairing minor defects in our admirable but somewhat temperamental organ.

We hope that the new Chapel notice board, first mooted over a year ago, will soon be up on the wall near the Reeves Room. And very glad we shall be to have a proper and dignified notice board and to see the last of the 'clutter' near the Common-Room door.

During the Easter holidays the first steps were taken to improve the lot of those who are fated to sit at the east end of the chapel. The old radiators have been replaced by new ones, and the staging has been continued to the end of the chapel on each side. The next step will be the extension of the oak pews. Meanwhile those who sit on the chairs will at any rate see—and be seen—a little more easily.

J.M.A.T.

There was a general feeling that there should be some lasting memorial of Mr. Toplis; and Staff and boys have joined in contributing towards the cost of a simple bronze tablet which is now being prepared by Messrs. Mowbray. It will be affixed to the stonework above the first

angway to the left as you enter the Chapel. The wording, which has been approved by Mrs. Toplis, will be as follows—



JOHN MICHAEL ALEXANDER TOPLIS

BORN OCTOBER 8th, 1925

DIED NOVEMBER 2nd, 1955

ASSISTANT MASTER 1953-1955

Philippians iv. 8

The reference is to a favourite verse of Mr. Toplis, ("Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true . . .") which had especial associations for him. Some may remember that it is quoted in the latest School film "No Tumbled House".

ST. MATTHEW PASSION

The Schütz passion music seemed, to those who heard it in chapel on Good Friday, so fitting, so inevitable, that we forgot that it is an unusual choice for a school choir. It is unusual, because school choirs are still learning to sing, and their masters are reluctant to present them with many problems beyond their singing. We must be grateful for the courage and confidence that offered us this, for it is ideally suited to school worship, in being primarily a narrative, rather than, like Bach's, an interpretation. The quiet, austere faithfulness to the St. Matthew text offers a form which choir and congregation can apprehend, and the poignant moments when the choir is called upon to voice feeling that the recitative cannot reach, are weighted with brevity. At the same time, there is ample variety of colour and dramatic interest in the recitatives themselves, amplified in this rendering by the readings, and the distribution of the parts.

The main burden of the story fell on the voice of the evangelist, and was sustained with rare sensitiveness and understanding, and a restraint which gave full opportunity for the intervention of the other voices. Most of these parts were sung by experienced members of the choir, but the younger singers bore their share and blended well. When the choir was called upon to compass the great turns of feeling, it dealt with them all adequately, and some superbly—notably the agonized cry of the disciples, 'Is it I?' and the demand of the crowd for the release of Barabbas. It is one of the powers of music that its performers, more than actors in a play, can voice emotion beyond their experience; and this was the impression left by the whole performance, that by patiently studying the score, and practising up to a high level of faithfulness, a choir, mostly of boys, were able to convey the tragedy and triumph of

the Passion. This success was such that the careful attention to technique went, for the moment, unnoticed: the excellent balance of the choir, the all-important matter of pace, and the use of the harpsichord fitting so admirably the restrained dignity of the whole performance.

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Jesus	L. C. J. Griffin, Esq.
Judas	J. J. Horrex, Esq.
Maid I	D. Wiggins
Maid II	R. A. Lucas
Caiaphas	C. K. D. Cobley
Peter	I. W. Trenaman
Pilate	E. H. F. Sawbridge, Esq.
Pilate's Wife	A. M. Q. King
Harpsichord Continuo	— Rev. R. W. Burgess

H.L.

HOCKEY, 1956

This season must rank as one of the most successful in recent years. The first eleven was never beaten when at full strength, and lost only two of the eight matches played. Two matches were unfortunately cancelled because of bad weather conditions, one rather unluckily when the ground was fit to play on, but the state of the roads made it impossible for our opponents to make the long journey from Birmingham. At its best the team played fast constructive hockey, but occasionally showed a tendency to allow the opponents to dictate the terms of play, with the result that the game became scrappy.

Results: Played 8, Lost 2, Drawn 0, Won 6.

MATCH REPORTS

January 25th v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (h). Won 5—0.

The ground conditions were far from perfect, but the School, with only four of last year's eleven, settled down quickly, and in the first half good use of the through pass gave Spinks several chances, and he scored twice. In the second half he added two more goals, and Caswell scored from a *melée* in front of the goal to bring the total to five.

Scorers: Spinks 4, Caswell 1.

January 28th v. Reading School (a). Won 3—2.

The School played badly in the first half and allowed Reading by bustling tactics to score two goals. A very good goal by Spinks as a result of good following up just before half-time pulled the School

together, and in the second half they played very much better. Langton equalised with a hard shot, and soon afterwards Spinks put the School ahead.

Scorers: Spinks 2, Langton 1.

February 8th v. Radley 2nd XI (h). Won 5—4.

This was the most exciting game of the season, and perhaps a draw would have been a more satisfactory result. Both sides played good constructive hockey, and the issue was in doubt right up to the very end. The ground was in perfect condition, and the School scored quickly through Glenný. After some fast play in midfield, Radley equalised, but Langton regained the lead for the School. At the beginning of the second half, Radley overran the School and scored three times and were unlucky not to score more. Once more play ranged in midfield and eventually the School gained the upper hand, the winning goal being scored by Glenný just before the final whistle.

February 18th v. Old Abingdonians (h). Lost 0—3.

Ground conditions were not good, the pitch, though free of snow, being very slippery. The School started well, but the greater experience of the Old Boys gave them the upper hand. Their goalkeeper played particularly well, and it was largely due to him that the School forwards, who had several chances, failed to score. The absence of Bush and Spinks unsettled the team (though their substitutes played well) and failure to follow up and general lack of combination lost them the game. Rallings, however, was a tower of strength at Centre Half.

February 25th v. Windsor County School (a). Lost 0—3.

The School never settled down to playing good hockey. Windsor were much quicker on to the ball, and the interception of the School was never as good as it should have been. Bush was again sadly missed, but Walker gained some useful match experience.

February 29th v. R.A.F. Halton (a). Won 6—0.

The pitch though not soggy was slippery and this prevented a fast game. The School had most of the play, however, and should have scored more goals. Fitzsimons cleared well, but passing was not as accurate as it should have been.

Scorers: Spinks 3, Glenný 2, Langton 1.

March 3rd v. Wallingford Grammar School (h). Won 5—3.

The School played constructive hockey to begin with, and were four to one at half-time. In the second half, however, Wallingford played better, and Abingdon failed to combine well, and Wallingford

scored two more goals. At the end of the game the School rallied again and played well to score their fifth goal.

Scorers: Spinks 4, Glenny 1.

March 10th v. Old College, Sandhurst (a). Won 5—1.

On a beautiful afternoon, with the ground in perfect condition, the School from the start played fast, constructive hockey. The forwards moved as a line, and the halves backed up well, distributing the ball evenly. Sandhurst forwards pressed the defence, but it never lost control, and Sandhurst's only goal came from a fine solo effort by their captain. A good game to end a successful season.

Scorers: Spinks 2, Langton 1, Glenny 1, Candy 1.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS

M. C. Rallings, Centre Half, Colours 1956, Captain.

A fast, reliable player with a good interception and hard clearance. Coming into the centre-half position to fill a gap from his normal position of left back, he did not quite make that position his own, but succeeded in being a good pivot. As a captain—his quiet authority on the field and his efficiency and keenness at all times inspired the rest of the side with enthusiasm and made them a 'happy' team. (L.C.J.G.)

I. J. Glenny, Inside Left, Colours 1955, Secretary.

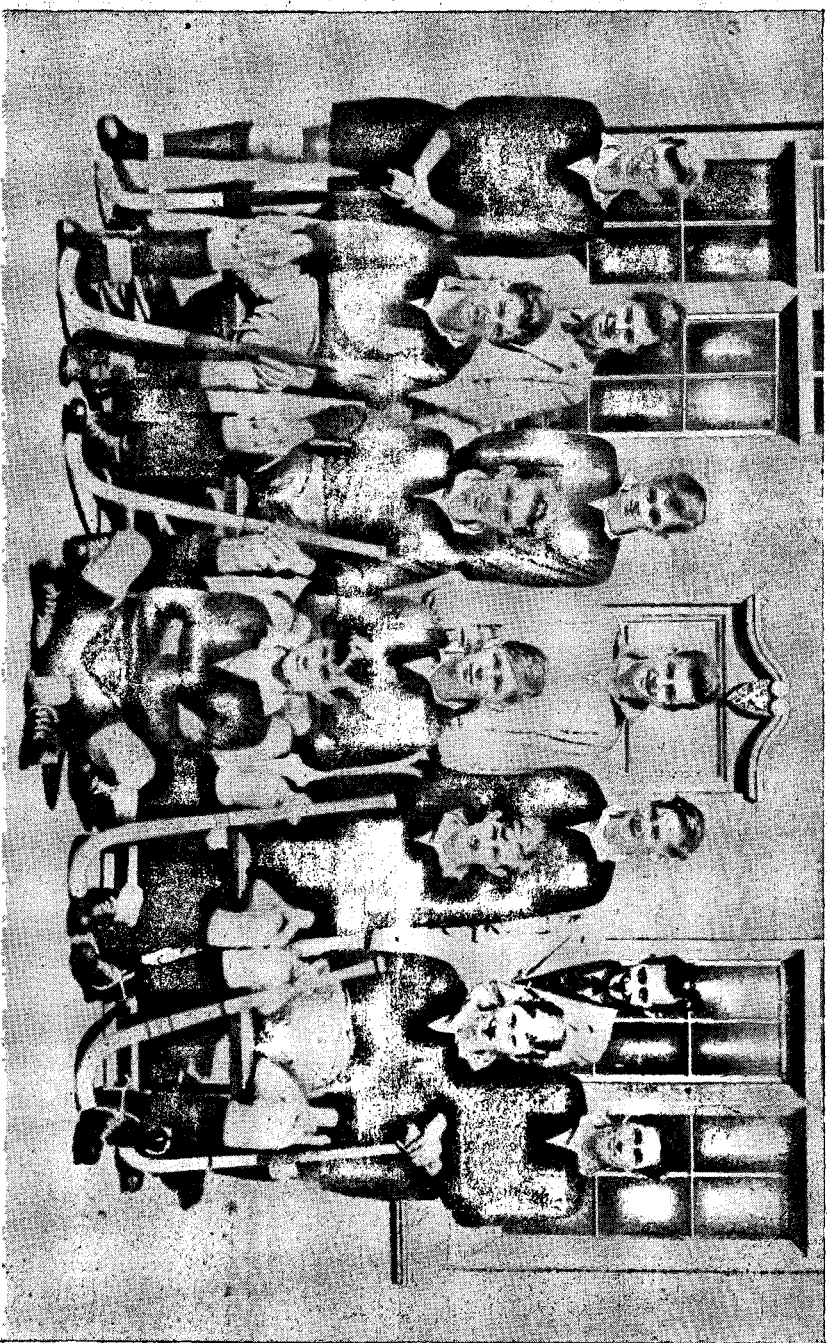
His good stickwork and excellent all round play have made him very constructive forward, but he is still a little slow in attack. He has been a very hard-working secretary.

A. E. Bush, Right Back, Colours 1956.

He has proved a pillar of strength in defence, backing up hard tackling with a sound clearance. Unfortunately an illness in mid-term rather put him off, and he never really regained his best form. He must guard against a tendency to wander which might become a dangerous habit.

D. J. Langton, Inside Right, Colours 1956.

Apart from a tendency to hang on to the ball a little too long, he has proved a fast, forceful player with a very hard shot. He must, however, be careful not to be caught out of position, and thus give rise to misunderstanding among the forwards.



J. C. Spinks, Centre Forward, Colours 1956.

An opportunist, whose ability to see the opening and shoot quickly has brought him many goals. More combination with his insides will make him a most useful player next season.

M. D. Hardy, Right Half, Colours 1956.

A greatly improved player who intercepts well and gives good support in attack. He is still, however, inclined to get flustered, though greater experience should cure this.

A. G. Caswell, Right Wing, Half Colours 1955.

In spite of his comparative lack of speed, he has held his position by his tenacity in attack. His long centre improved throughout the season, though his stickwork still needs to be improved.

J. T. Buckland, Goalkeeper, Half Colours 1956.

Combining a good sense of position with quick reactions, he has done a difficult job well. His kicking is usually safe, but he still needs greater experience, especially in hitting the ball away.

P. E. J. Fitzsimons, Left Back, Half Colours 1956.

A very promising player who will benefit from experience. His positional play is good and his clearances sound, though he occasionally appears rather slow.

S. C. Woodley, Left Half, Half Colours 1956.

A player who improved throughout the season, and whose anticipation and stopping were excellent. He needs to cultivate a more energetic tackle, and put a little more thrust and dash into his play.

P. S. Candy, Left Wing, Half Colours 1956

A natural hockey player whose stickwork is excellent, and who has combined well with his inside forward. He must, however, remember that his job is to feed his centre-forward, and make his centres a little more quickly.

Also played: P. G. Davies, W. N. R. Stevens, P. J. Walker (once each).

SECOND ELEVEN

Played 4, Lost 1, Drawn 0, Won 3.

Results:

February 8th	v.	Radley 3rd XI (h).	Lost 0-12
February 25th	v.	Windsor County School (a).	Won 4-3
February 29th	v.	Radley 3rd XI (h).	Won 3-0
March 8th	v.	A Staff XI (h).	Won 2-0

The second eleven also had a successful season. Apart from the first match, played before the team had settled down, and about which the less said the better, the team played well together, and were unlucky to have three of their matches cancelled. Wastie was a very good captain, and an example by his own keenness to his side. W. N. R. Stevens proved himself an energetic and constructive centre-half.

The final arrangement of the side was: Broad, R. D., Westbrook, Dunkley, Gardner, Stevens, Trenaman, I. W., Wastie, Penney, Davies, P. G., Kibble, P. D., Freedman.

Also played: Hasthorpe, Woodruff, Trenaman, R. J., Walker, P. J.

At the end of the season, on 24th March, a party mainly composed of members of the elevens went to Guildford to see England beat Wales. This was greatly appreciated, and should have an improving effect on standards of play.

HOUSE MATCHES

This year Bennett and Blacknall met in the final, Bennett winning 3-0 on a frozen pitch. M.C.R.

ATHLETICS

Once again the weather was unkind to us during the early part of the season when training and heats should have taken place. As a result, heats, standards and meetings with other Schools were crowded into a rather hectic three weeks. Nonetheless we may claim to have had quite a successful season and to have found two outstanding athletes in our Captain (M. J. Scott-Taggart) and Secretary (T. M. J. Kempinski).

Our first meeting against the City of Oxford School gave us a good victory with which to begin the season. The War Memorial track was in fine condition so that despite a slight East wind, times were good. Two records were broken in the Senior contest and one in the Junior contest. In the Senior 220 yards, Kempinski set up a new time of 24.2 seconds, in the Mile, Scott-Taggart beat a long-standing record by winning in 4 minutes 49 seconds and P. R. Davis, running for the Juniors, achieved 2 minutes 21.6 seconds for the Under 15 Half Mile.

Against Southfield School and the Old Abingdonians we were not so successful. At Southfield our seniors managed to win quite comfortably but our juniors lost so heavily that the over-all score was in our opponents' favour. The day was bitterly cold and this may in part account for the eclipse of our Junior team. On the other hand, in the match with the Old Boys it was ill luck that cost us the day. Disqualification in the relay owing to a false take-over by the School team enabled the Old Abingdonians to claim that event and the victory at the same time. Apart from this mishap, however, the School did well. Scott-Taggart excelled himself again by beating the School Half Mile record in 2 minutes 7 seconds, although in doing so he only managed to come second to P. R. Sale who by winning this event in 2 minutes 4 seconds ran a very fine race indeed, and achieved a new O.A. record.

Our final contest was in Birmingham, where we again competed in the Midland Public Schools' Athletic Meeting. Held on Wednesday, 28th March on the Birmingham University track, this meeting provided our team with excellent competition and experience and we did reasonably well. In the track events, Kempinski was placed third in the final of the 220 yards whilst Scott-Taggart after leading part of the way in the Mile was also placed third. This race, however, was won in the extraordinary good time of 4 minutes 35 seconds and Scott-Taggart himself actually achieved 4 minutes 42.2 seconds—a very grand effort indeed! In the field events, Young was placed fifth in the High Jump, Older fifth in the Discus and Wastie seventh in the Weight.

During the season, Full Colours were awarded to T. M. J. Kempinski and Half Colours to P. G. Davies and C. Young.

SENIOR MATCHES

v. City of Oxford School (h). Sat., 17th March.

High Jump: 1. Young, 2. Davies (C.O.S.), 3. Williams (C.O.S.).
5ft. 1in.

Long Jump: 1. Davies, 2. Tuffrey (C.O.S.), 3. Davies (C.O.S.).
18ft. 1in.

Discus: 1. Bush, 2. Older, 3. Clarke (C.O.S.). 112ft. 10in.

440 yards: 1. Burnett (C.O.S.), 2. Brunson (C.O.S.), 3. Davies.
54.4 secs.

100 yards: 1. Scott-Taggart, 2. Kempinski, 3. Palmer (C.O.S.). 11 secs.

Javelin: 1. Mendham (C.O.S.), 2. Davies, 3. Carter (C.O.S.). 139ft.

880 yards: 1. Tate (C.O.S.), 2. Fitzsimons, 3. Nichol. 2 min. 14.9 secs.

220 yards: 1. Kempinski, 2. Brunson (C.O.S.), 3. Fysh. 24.2 secs.
(new record).

Shot: 1. Brown, G. J., 2. Combey (C.O.S.), 3. Wastie. 35ft. 5ins.

Mile: 1. Scott-Taggart, 2. Tate (C.O.S.), 3. Lord (C.O.S.).

4 min. 49 sec. (new record).

Relay (4 x 110 yards): 1. Abingdon, 2. City of Oxford. 47.6 secs.

Result: Abingdon 61 pts., City of Oxford 44 pts.

v. Southfield School (a). Wed., 21st March.

High Jump: 1. Howard, J. A., 2. Young, 3. Watts (S.). 4ft. 11ins.

100 yards: 1. Scott-Taggart, 2. Cater (S.), 3. Kempinski. 10.5 secs.

880 yards: 1. Kirk (S.), 2. Nichol, 3. Fitzsimons. 2 min. 16.3 secs.

Discus: 1. Older, 2. Clay (S.), 3. Rawle (S.). 103ft. 11½ins.

440 yards: 1. Scott-Taggart, 2. Denton (S.), 3. Davies. 55.7 secs.

Shot: 1. Clay (S.), 2. Brown, 3. Dillon (S.). 39ft. 8ins.

220 yards: 1. Kempinski, 2. Cater (S.), 3. Johnson (S.). 24.5 secs.

Javelin: 1. Bell (S.), 2. Davies, 3. Scott-Taggart. 167ft. 6ins.

Mile: 1. Scott-Taggart, 2. Kirk (S.), 3. Culley. 5 min. 6 secs.

Long Jump: 1. Phillips (S.), 2. Older, 3. Dopson (S.). 19ft. 7in.

Relay (4 x 220 yards): 1. Southfield, 2. Abingdon. 1 min. 42.1 secs.

Result: Abingdon 70 pts., Southfield 60 pts.

v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 24th March.

High Jump: 1. Young, 2. Cope (O.A.), 3. Howard. 5ft. 2ins.

100 yards: 1. Kempinski, 2. Cullen (O.A.), 3. Heavens (O.A.).
11.2 secs.

Long Jump: 1. Davies, 2. Older, 3. Whiteford (O.A.). 18ft. 4ins.

880 yards: 1. Sale, P. R. (O.A.), 2. Scott-Taggart, 3. Griffith (O.A.).
2 min. 4.2 secs. (a new O.A. record: Scott-Taggart's time of 2 min.
7 secs. was a new School record).

Shot (12lbs.): 1. Cullen (O.A.), 2. King (O.A.), 3. Brown.
37ft. 11ins.

440 yards: 1. Kempinski, 2. Davies, 3. Griffith (O.A.). 55.7 secs.

Javelin: 1. Davies, 2. King (O.A.), 3. Sale, M. J. (O.A.). 132ft. 4ins.

Mile: 1. Sale, P. R., (O.A.); 2. Nichol, 3. Exon. 4 min. 54.9 secs.

Discus: 1. King (O.A.), 2. Cullen (O.A.), 3. Older. 139ft. 8ins.

Relay-(6 x 220 yards): Old Abingdonians on disqualification of School.

Result: Old Abingdonians 48 pts., School 41 pts.

JUNIOR MATCHES

v. City of Oxford School (h). Sat., 17th March.

Long Jump: 1. Tuffrey (C.O.S.), 2. Ford, 3. Milne. 18ft. 4ins.

High Jump: 1. Coleman (C.O.S.), 2. Longworth, 3. Kingston.
4ft. 11ins.

100 yards 'A': 1. Ford, 2. Stevens (C.O.S.), 3. Longworth. 12.2 secs.

100 yards 'B': 1. Davis, 2. Jarman (C.O.S.), 3. Hailston (C.O.S.).
11.8 secs.

Discus: 1. Martin (C.O.S.), 2. Ford, 3. Couling (C.O.S.). 121ft. 1in.

880 yards: 1. Davis, 2. Tuck, 3. Couling (C.O.S.). 2 min. 21.7 secs.
(a new record).

Shot: 1. Barnes (C.O.S.), 2. Longworth, 3. Lawrence (C.O.S.).
30ft. 6ins.

440 yards: 1. Martin (C.O.S.), 2. Barnes (C.O.S.), 3. Cross. 58 secs.

Relay (4 x 110 yards): 1. City of Oxford, 2. Abingdon. 50 secs.

Result: City of Oxford 47½ pts., Abingdon 36½ pts.

v. Southfield School (a). Wed., 21st March.

Long Jump: 1. Ford, 2. Bell (S.), 3. Milne. 16ft. 4ins.

100 yards: 1. Davis, 2. Bell (S.), 3. Lewis. 10.9 secs.

Discus: 1. Townsend (S.), 2. Nolan (S.), 3. Ford. 112ft.

880 yards: 1. Davis, 2. Thurling (S.), 3. Wood (S.).
2 min. 26.5 secs.

Shot: 1. Nolan (S.), 2. Johnson (S.), Longworth. 38ft. 3½ins.

440 yards: 1. Ford, 2. Swainger (S.), 3. Styles (S.). 61.3 secs.

220 yards: 1. Bell (S.), 2. Ford, 3. Drinkwater (S.). 25.9 secs.

High Jump: 1. Bond (S.), 2. Lewis and Longworth (tie). 4ft. 9ins.

Relay (4 x 110 yards): 1. Abingdon, 2. Southfield. 51.4 secs.

Result: Southfield 65 pts., Abingdon 38 pts.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

Sports Day was held this year on Easter Monday (2nd April). The weather was perfect and the largest ever crowd of parents and friends enjoyed an excellent afternoon's sport. To add to the attractions of the well laid out field, we experimented with a loudspeaker system run off the electricity supply of Larkhill: it was generally considered a success and will probably be repeated in the future.

A number of Junior records were broken. R. C. Luker knocked .3 secs. off the 100 yards Under 13 record. New records were also achieved by Ganf in the Under 14 100 yards (11.8 secs.) and by P. R. Davis in the Under 15 100 yards (11.3 secs.). Davis later broke the 440 yards Under 15 record by two whole seconds—a remarkable performance. In the field events two records were broken. Longworth jumped 4 ft. 11ins. in the High Jump Under 15 to beat a nineteen-year-old record by half an inch. R. B. Scott-Taggart gained the Under 16 Shot record with a putt of 36ft 11ins.

The inter-House competition was not very exciting as Tesdale House had already gained a comfortable lead in the Standards competition. Tesdale emerged easy winners of the Ladies of Abingdon Cup, their 313 points, apart from being a record achievement, overshadowing the other Houses—Bennett (219½ pts.), Blacknall (179½ pts.), Reeves (158).

The Challenge Cups and certificates were presented by Mrs. Coleman on the War Memorial Field after the conclusion of the Sports.

Results:

Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors—M. J. Scott-Taggart (20 pts.).

Shallard Challenge Cup for Juniors—P. R. Davis (20 pts.).

110 Yards:

(Under 12): 1. Talbot, 2. Watts, R. C., 3. Marsh. 13.7 secs.

(Under 13): 1. Luker, 2. Stuart-Lyon, A. G. 3. Hedges, P. L.
12.7 secs. (record).

(Under 14): 1. Ganf, 2. Cross, 3. Milne. 11.8 secs. (record).

(Under 15): 1. Davis, P. R., 2. Ford, 3. Tuck. 11.3 secs. (record).

(OPEN): 1. Scott-Taggart, 2. Bush, 3. Kempinski. 10.9 secs.

Long Jump:

(Under 15): 1. Milne, 2. Ford, 3. Cross. 17ft. 1in.

(OPEN): 1. Gardner, A. J., 2. Davies, P. G., 3. Older.
18ft. 7½ins.

Javelin:

1. Davies, 2 Spinks, 3. Gardner, A. J. 134ft.

Shot:

(Under 16): 1. Scott-Taggart, R. B., 2. Darroch, 3. Smith, R. B.
36ft. 11in. (record).

(OPEN): 1. Wastie, 2. Brown, G. J., 3. Older. 35ft. 8ins.

220 Yards:

(OPEN): 1. Kempinski, 2. Spinks and Fysh (tie). 24.8 secs.

440 Yards:

(Under 15): 1. Davis, 2. Ford, 3. Cross. 58.4 secs. (record).

(OPEN): 1. Scott-Taggart, 2. Davies, 3. Bowen. 54.6 secs.

High Jump:(Under 15): 1. Longworth, 2. Milne, 3. Kingston. 4ft. 11in.
(record).(OPEN): 1. Young, C., 2. Howard, J. A., 3. Westbrook.
5ft. 1in.**Discus:**

(Under 15): 1. Ford, 2. Wyatt, 3. Campbell. 108ft. 10ins.

(OPEN): 1. Older, 2. Bush, 3. Wastie. 112ft.

880 Yards:(Under 13): 1. Luker, 2. Henson, M.K., 3. Stuart-Lyon.
2 min. 46.6 secs.

(Under 15): 1. Davis, 2. Tuck, 3. Cross. 2 min. 30.7 secs.

(OPEN): 1. Scott-Taggart, 2. Nichol, 3. Fitzsimons.
2 min. 13.7 secs.**Mile:**(Under 15): 1. Davis, 2. Johnson, C. T., 3. Harvey, R. W.
5 min. 37.9 secs.(OPEN): 1. Scott-Taggart, 2. Nichol, 3. Stevens, W. N. R.
5 min. 10.1 secs.**Relay (8 x 220 yards):**

Junior: 1. Tesdale, 2. Reeves, 3. Blacknall. 3 min. 49.1 secs.

Senior: 1. Bennett, 2. Tesdale, 3. Reeves. 3 min. 29.9 secs.

D.O.W.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

The severe weather of mid-term played havoc with the junior rugger fixtures with the result that the 'Under 15' XV team played only one match and the 'Under 14' XV only two matches during the term. Against Solihull School, away from home, on Saturday, 28th January, both teams lost, the senior side heavily (5—28) and the junior side far less disastrously (3—8). Later, on 18th February, in spite of frozen conditions, the 'Under 14' XV redeemed their defeat by a fairly comfortable win over Stoneham School, who were paying their first visit to Abingdon.

Early in March, the Captain of Rugger, Buckland, was asked to play in a regional trial at Finchley. He played in the pack for the combined S.W. and S.E. Counties against a London Counties' XV, and although not selected for consideration for the English Schools'

Fifteen, he is to be congratulated upon this distinction. We hope he will have better fortune next year.

'Under 14' House Matches

In the Knock-out competition for the Bayley Cup, Bennett House under the lead of Ford proved very much too strong for their opponents. The preliminary round, played on Wednesday, 15th February, saw Tesdale defeated by Bennett 22—8 and Blacknall the victors over Reeves by the more even score 18—15. In the final, postponed until March because of the freeze-up, Bennett overwhelmed Blacknall 30—0.

'Under 13' Rugger League.

With the co-operation of the Athletic Club, we were able to play off all the matches in this Junior League. Many spirited games were played, although it early became clear that Tesdale House were comparatively weak and indeed only succeeded in gaining a single point during the season. Reeves and Bennett, with several Under 14 XV players between them, ultimately proved the winners of the competition gaining 10 points each. Blacknall House gained 3 points. This tie necessitated a replay to discover the winner of the Candy Cup. Reeves House made no mistake about their final victory and beat Bennett soundly by 14 points to nil. Altogether, the League proved most popular and spirited.

D.O.W.

BOAT CLUB

Training this term has proceeded more or less normally and conditions on the river have been quite good. The very cold weather early in the season hindered but did not stop us: de-icing equipment would have been welcome as spray froze instantly on oars and boats, but fortunately the main stream remained navigable although Culham Cut was impassable for some time.

The 1st and 2nd IV's show decided promise, and the 3rd and 4th crews make up in enthusiasm what they lack in technique. We look forward to the racing season with confidence. Several junior crews have been afloat and by tubbing and bank-tubbing it is hoped that sound foundations are being laid for future crews.

We have enjoyed this term the use of our new large raft, bought cheaply at a sale in Maidenhead in the Michaelmas Term. This is a tremendous(!) asset, and puts us in a position to launch eights if we ever have them to launch! However, whilst the purchase price of the new raft was comparatively low, the cost of transporting it here was

extremely high. We are not an endowed Club and if any old enthusiasts would care to make a small contribution towards this it would be much appreciated. Large contributions would not be rejected either, of course. We still want that eight, and another tub pair.

It is pleasant to record also that we have secured the services of Mr. N. L. Kimbrey as part-time boatman. Mr. Kimbrey, who has close connections with the School, will be of very great assistance to us and we hope that he will continue with us for many happy years.

We are grateful to Mr. M. H. A. Chandler of Fitzwilliam House for all his hard work this term in coaching beginners. We shall miss his help much and hope that he will at any rate continue to give us moral support and encouragement from the idle waters of Granta.

R.G.M., G.F.D.

MINOR GAMES

Fives is now becoming a more prominent activity on the Games Curriculum. The Junior House Fives Competition, an innovation, was most successful, the cup being won by Tesdale House.

The Weekly House Fives worked exceptionally well also and we were fortunate enough to have 4 players from each house playing at different times on most Wednesday afternoons.

The Tennis 16 for this season is now complete and we are pleased to welcome new members. It is lucky that we have a hard court, for potential team players and other members were able to play on Sundays and other days when they were not required for hockey or athletics.

A.J.G.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Our 'quiet' term has been more than usually so: there have been no excitements from the outside to distract attention from the routine but very necessary work of training for the Cert. 'A' exam in May. Candidates, incidentally, do not always appreciate the fact that the course is covered by the end of the Lent term and that there is time only for very quick revision after the beginning of Summer term. This warning comes a little late, of course, to those about to cross the Rubicon, but it is one that should be taken to heart by the Juniors of today, who are the 'Part Two's' of to-morrow. Moreover, the syllabus for Cert. 'A' has again been revised. The new changes will make it more difficult for the cadet who relies on native wit and personal smartness to see him through. Exact knowledge in each subject is now an essential, and we shall not repeat the 100% record of last year's exam. unless the maximum advantage is taken of the chances

that remain for revision. With an entry of 65 Part I and 50 Part II candidates we can once again promise the Board a busy day.

In the field of .22 shooting, we record with modest pride the third successive victory of our team in the Abingdon and District .22 League. In the final round, we beat E (Harwell) Coy., Home Guard by 28 points, after a match the issue of which remained in doubt until one of our opponents cancelled out a "hoob" of ours by putting two shots on the same target. It must be mentioned, too, that we fought out the final with a reserve in the IV, in the person of Sgt. Hiles, who acquitted himself with honour.

This competition has now run for 4 years—the School figuring in every final—but there is a possibility that with the retirement of the Home Guard, its sponsors, it may lapse. We hope not; and it is understood that, if it goes on, we can look forward next year to meeting a team from Radley. With this prospect ahead, let us resolve now to burnish our blades—or, should I say, blacken our foresights . . . ?

Shooting was, too, the theme and purpose of our visit in January, thirty strong, to the Small Arms School, R.M. The shottist element was, alas, rather weakly represented, but a number of fledglings in the General Squad gained valuable experience. Unhappily, because of Service commitments, it has not been possible to arrange the usual visit during April of this year.

"Coursing" goes on, but obviously on a more limited scale, in the Easter holidays: one N.C.O. and four cadets are attending a Course in Fieldcraft and Section Leading at Salisbury Plain District, and another N.C.O. is going on an Engineer course with 9 Trg. Regt., R.E. In addition, two cadets—on their own initiative—are paying an approved visit to the Museum of the Small Arms Wing, School of Infantry, at Hythe. We can only hope that the Railways Branch A.P.O. will "wear" the free warrant which they have extracted in this connection from the C.O. . . !

Thoughts of the Cert. 'A' and the R.A. Classification test tend to dominate our minds at the beginning of the Summer Term; we should not forget, however, that the R.E. Section—under instruction from Sgt. North of the School of Military Survey—have been taking exams in their stride throughout the winter. For them, terminal, not annual, exams have become the form and we record with pleasure and satisfaction that all the cadets—now rightly to be rewarded in the matter of stripes—have qualified comfortably in two successive tests. On the subject of specialist Sections, it is hoped that we shall be able to revive the Signal Section in September. Qualified Signal officers, however, are not easy to come by and the answer will probably rest with our sponsor unit, 1 Med. Signal Regt.

Field Day was held on 22nd March in the hope that we should be favoured with fine weather. Alas, it proved to be the only day over a period of three weeks when there was any appreciable rain. However, in spite of our getting a succession of wettings, the day was not unenjoyable nor unprofitable. Platoon exercises in separate areas in the region Benson—Ewelme—Chalgrove had been ably laid on by the C.S.M. The opportunity was taken of giving Cert. A' candidates some useful practice as Section Commanders. Some of these acquitted themselves with honour; and in general the experiment was a success, if only in the sense that it must have impressed on all concerned the need for getting the maximum of practice in the giving of orders. The R.E. Section were again unlucky, for their prospective visit to the School of Military Survey had to be cancelled at the last minute; they joined—most of them—in the honest labours of the infantry. The R.A. Section ran a Command Post exercise independently of the main body but in the same area, while the P.I.—known to some as the Chairborne Section—in the course of a successful day at the School, thought lovingly of the rest of us as they read magazines in the comfortable Mess at Nuneham Courtenay whilst the pouring rain flavoured(!) our 'haverbags' . . .

During the term, the following promotions were made:

to be Sgt.: L/Sgts. Gardner, Grant, Hammond, Hasthorpe, Hiles and Wastie.

to be L/Sgt.: Cpls. Broad and Rallings.

Once more we express formal but not the less sincere thanks to all those who have helped with the training during term; and we look forward to their continuing help. And so to the Summer term with its prospects of high achievement. May we make on General Winterton as good an impression as we have contrived to create on other Inspecting Officers.

S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

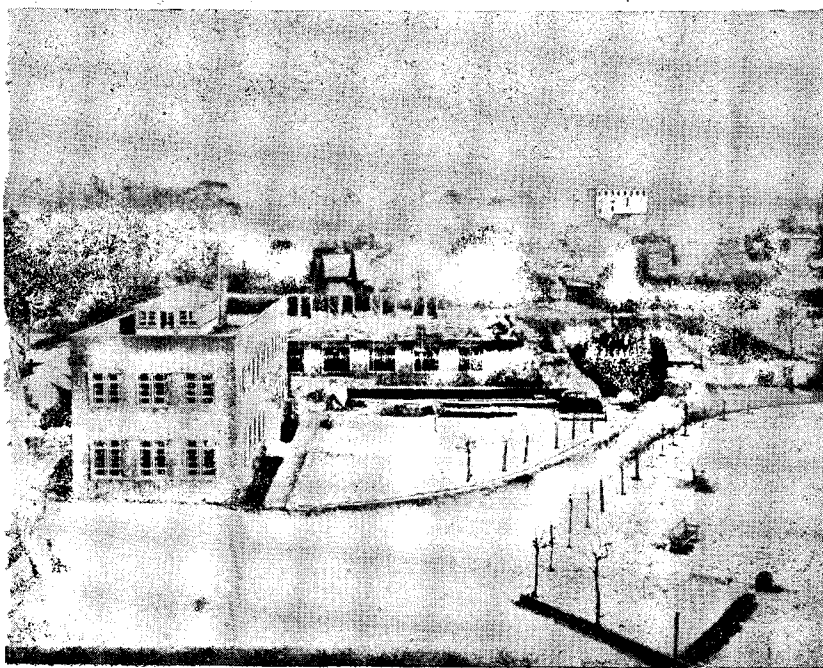
The Section has tried this term to get away from the ordinary work for the usual examinations, and the main work of the term has been a short course in Navigation, while some members have been engaged in making models.

Field Day was spent at H.M.S. *President* in London where a most interesting day was spent in varied instruction—not the least interesting of which was a look round H.M.S. (Late S.S.) *Discovery*.

Five members of the section have been on courses during holidays, four on an air course, and the other on a Quartermaster's course.



THE MINIATURE RANGE SHOOTING TEAM



FEBRUARY, 1956

The Section now numbers thirty-two members, of whom all but one have passed for Able Seaman. The following promotions were made during the term:—

To Petty Officer—D. J. Langton, C. K. D. Cogley.

To Leading Seaman—F. Jeal, D. J. Meakins.

L.C.J.G.

SCOUTS

This term has seen the introduction of a new neckerchief—navy blue with the school badge upon it. It is hoped that the use of a standard colour will give the troop a uniform in every sense of the word.

Training has progressed very satisfactorily and two scouts have gained their second class badges. With several others nearing this standard, prospects for summer camp are bright.

Field Day was unfortunate for its weather, but Youlbury rang to the sounds of the "Quarter Master's Stores" suitably amended. The cooking of sandwiches on a camp fire was found to give them a new unsuspected flavour.

Next term will see the Troop participating in the Abingdon Quarter-Centenary Celebrations and preparing for Camp.

M.N.W.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are pleased to acknowledge the following gifts, with sincere thanks to the donors: *Stevenson's Book of Quotations* from Mrs. David Green; *The Story of Scotland Yard* from C. E. T. Moore, Esq.; *The England of Elizabeth* from P. Stroud-Viney, *Essays in French Literature* from T. C. Glucklich and *Ages in Chaos* from C. G. Brown, the three last leaving books.

We are also glad to welcome Mr. Helliwell to the Library Staff. He has already put in a tremendous amount of hard work and with the assistance of the junior librarians carried out an accurate check of the whole library. This has revealed the depressing fact that at least 200 books are unaccounted for—many of them only recently acquired. There is no doubt that this is chiefly due to carelessness, but if any Old Boys should find themselves in possession of library books we do appeal to them to return them anonymously whenever they come across them. The Governors recently authorised a generous increase in the Library grant, but the benefit is largely lost if we are compelled to spend more and more money on replacements.

G.F.D.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

The activities of the Roysse Society during the Lent Term consisted of three highly successful meetings; rarely can the papers have reached a higher general level.

At the first meeting held on 14th February, M. C. Rallings presented a paper entitled "Physician heal thyself". The author dealt thoroughly with the mental factors which were involved in the art of healing. The use of psychosomatic medicine, and the National Health Service, were topics well to the fore in the heated discussion that followed.

The second meeting was held on 29th February, when P. J. A. Fysh read a paper entitled "Modernity". He outlined the growth and appeal of modern poetry, and in the course of his paper he quoted effectively from several modern poets, T. S. Eliot's "The Waste Land" being specially prominent. Discussion became enjoyably general, and most members agreed that the pessimism portrayed in modern poetry did not reflect the outlook of the present day.

At the last meeting of the term M. J. Scott-Taggart read a paper entitled "An Analysis of the Mind", in which he put forward the modern view of the nature of the non-material sections of the personality. After general discussion it was agreed that the brain was the interpreter for the mind, but the members were unable to reach agreement on the relationship of the mind to the soul.

The Society wishes to express its thanks to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban for their continued hospitality throughout the term.

J.A.H.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Unfortunately it was only possible to hold two meetings during the Lent Term. On 3rd February, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet gave us a most vivid and comprehensive talk on "New Zealand". He showed us that it was the most English of the dominions; and told us of its size, trade, cities, government and welfare services, finding several of these things similar to those of the United Kingdom. He then favourably compared the scenery and sports facilities of New Zealand to their European equivalents. Afterwards he patiently answered numerous questions, including one as to the quickest means of emigrating there!

On 16th March Mr. G. Dimond spoke to us on "Kenya", concentrating mainly on the recent waves of Mau-Mau terrorism and its effect on the country. After a short introductory talk, he showed a splendid colour film of the country, but the meeting had to be adjourned at the end of the film through lack of time. We have invited Mr. Dimond to complete his talk in the Summer Term.

I. L. McL.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The emphasis this term was upon Public Speaking. An internal competition was promoted by the Society and, at the well-attended Finals on 23rd March, B. Westbrook (Chairman) and N. K. Hammond (Speaker) were adjudged the winners by the Headmaster, L. C. J. Griffin, Esq., and K. M. D. Holloway, Esq.

The Headmaster gave a brief critical speech emphasising the importance of choosing an appropriate subject. The winning team had spoken on "The Deportation of Archbishop Makarios" while other subjects included "History" (two teams), "Arts and Sciences" and "Me".

Only two debates were held. At the first M. J. Scott-Taggart, proposing the motion that "Man's place is on Earth", contended that Man's natural evolution precluded the possibility of his creation for either Heaven or Hell. S. C. Woodley, opposing, suggested that our subconscious desires were Heaven (or Hell) and therefore Man was destined for one or the other. T. M. J. Kempinski and P. J. A. Fysh, seconding the proposition and opposition respectively, gave two extremely entertaining speeches. The motion was adopted by 28 votes to 20.

The second debate was unusual in that the speakers were drawn solely from the Third Forms. T. A. Libby proposed the motion that "Film censorship should be abolished", seconded by D. P. Heather-Hayes. C. J. Pickup and B. M. J. Lewis opposed. The self-assured and intriguing speeches heard on this occasion promise well for the healthy continuation of the Society. The motion was adopted by 39 votes to 37.

The term was one of innovation but it is hoped that in the Summer we shall return to the more conventional form of debate.

D.S.G.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

During the Lent Term three meetings were held. At the first, on 3rd February, the film "Building Britain's Grid", made by Callender's Cables Ltd., was shown. It was a source of much regret that owing to a technical hitch the film could not be completed.

On 24th February Mr. Williams gave a very interesting talk to budding Geologists of the Field Club and the Scientific Society on "The Changing Face of the Earth". In this he described how, in the cooling of the once-molten earth, the present types of rock and geographical features were formed.

2nd March brought the annual *Conversazione*, at which members of the Society performed experiments and gave demonstrations. These

ranged from a working model of Hiero's Engine to a demonstration of the advantages of high-voltage transmission in Britain's Grid. However, the exhibit which proved of the greatest attraction—Electrostatics—came as a great shock for many members!

R.W.W.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The initial meeting of the Literary Society was held on 6th February. At this the society officially came into being, and a constitution was drawn up limiting membership to fifteen sixth-form boys, meetings to be held at members' houses. Mr. Helliwell had kindly agreed to sponsor the society, and the following officers were elected: President—The Headmaster; Chairman—P. J. A. Fysh; Secretary—S. C. Woodley; Committee—T. M. J. Kempinski and W. W. Budden.

At the first full meeting a general discussion was held, begun by several members reading poems.

The second meeting featured a highly successful reading of T. S. Eliot's verse drama, "Murder in the Cathedral". A. J. Gardner interpreted the part of Thomas à Becket with his customary ability, while Mr. Helliwell and M. J. Scott-Taggart formed a splendid chorus.

At the last meeting D. S. Gerrard read a paper called "The Inadequate Medium", lamenting the inadequacy of words to convey our deepest experiences. In the ensuing discussion, almost everything the speaker had said was vehemently attacked.

During the Summer Term we are hoping to stage an outing to the Stratford Memorial Theatre; in addition, Mr. John Betjeman has kindly consented to address the society.

S.C.W.

MUSIC SOCIETY

The Lent Term was again a busy one. C. K. D. Copley gave a talk entitled "Handel and his Music" with many well-chosen illustrations. S. H. Freedman presented records of Schubert's 3rd and Beethoven's 8th Symphonies. The vice-president, E. H. F. Sawbridge, Esq., introduced "The Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert and Sullivan, and "Till Eulenspiëger" by Richard Strauss. D. Wiggins presented Dvorák's delightful 'cello concerto.

The orchestra again entered for the North Berkshire Music Festival, which this year was held at Wantage. Everybody concerned agreed that it was a very profitable and enjoyable day. Perhaps the most notable event was the first public appearance of the string quartet, which has made a highly successful start with a contemporary work by David Stone.

The Secretary arranged an informal concert of chamber music on Friday, 23rd March. The programme included a violin solo, a piece for two recorders and continuo, a flute solo and a piano trio, as well as a solo violin, viola and 'cello and the quartet.

We were busy over Easter. On Good Friday a section of the choir sang the "St. Matthew Passion" by Schütz. The anthems over the Easter weekend were two motets by Vittoria and John IV of Portugal. We also sang the carol "This Joyful Eastertide", Handel's chorus "O Praise the Lord with One Consent", and the Tallis five-part litany.

M.Q.K.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The filming of "Danger is Near"—the winning entry for the competition for the best film script last term—has begun. The film has a somewhat conventional theme, so the technicians are giving full reign to their imagination in order to make it as original as possible. This term has been devoted mainly to exterior shots, which have now been almost completed. This leaves next term free for the simpler exteriors, so that filming does not interfere with examination work. We are grateful to Michael Grigsby and Michael Sale for giving up their weekends to come and give advice to the Society at the beginning of the Term.

The film of the new class-room block is almost complete. The shooting now is of specialized work which will give added interest to the film. It is hoped that both films will be ready for Founder's Day.

C.H.

FILM SOCIETY

During the Term six meetings were held, at which various types of film were shown. On 10th February a large audience saw a selection of early films, all of which were made before 1913 in Britain, France, U.S.A. and Italy. The programme illustrated early types of film-making and showed how the art of the film began to develop from that of the theatre.

On 9th March, two Polish films were presented, "The Dragon of Cracow", a piece of puppetry based upon an ancient legend, and a Newsreel. A week later we were amused by the exploits of Charlie Chaplin in two short films, "The New World" and "Rolling Around".

Other films shown during the Term included colour films of the Scottish Highlands, and several of American make. Among the latter was a film on the development of the helicopter, and one concerning the Korean war,

W.N.R.S.

JOINT CLUB

The opening meeting was a social on 4th February, when old acquaintances were renewed and fresh ones made. On 3rd March we visited the New Theatre to see the domestic comedy, "A Likely Tale", which was enjoyed by most people.

On 17th March the Club attended a most interesting lecture by Major Buckley. Our thanks go also to Mr. Horrex, who later in the evening showed "No Tumbled House".

It might not be amiss here to remind members that they have an obligation to attend the cultural activities as well as the social. We hope for an improvement in this direction during the Summer Term, when we shall be holding several outdoor meetings. P.O.O.

HOLIDAY CLUB

The Club had a quiet Christmas holiday in the field of sporting activities. One table tennis match was played, against the Church Youth Club which, after a most enjoyable game, we lost 7—2.

Although our sporting activities were curtailed the Club prospered in other aspects, as it held for the first time a social evening. Despite wretched weather the attendance was good and the social itself was extremely enjoyable. The Club would like to thank everyone who helped to make the evening such a success, especially the Headmaster for his kind gift of fruit, Mr. Ingham, and Mr. Brampton who so kindly allowed us to use the hall at Caldecott House. It is hoped that another social will be held in the near future.

Several fixtures were arranged for the Easter holidays. Stop-press reports indicate that a soccer match was lost by 4—1 against the RAF Abingdon Boys Club on April 8th. The match was fast and enjoyable, with Woodruff, Davies and Young conspicuous for the Holiday Club, and Westbrook outstanding in goal. But we gain our revenge at table-tennis, where a Holiday Club III defeated a RAF Boys Club III by the narrow margin of 5 matches to 4.

The only fixture outstanding at the time of going to press was a table-tennis match against Milton Youth Club.

Membership of the Holiday Club continues to rise to an almost alarming extent. We are sorry to have to turn down numerous prospective members each term, but a limit must be imposed somewhere!

Finally we should again like to thank the Headmaster for the use of the Gymnasium during the holidays, and Mr. Ingham for continuing to sponsor the club—a job that is no sinecure! C.S.W.

EASTER EXCURSIONS

The 'Abingdonian' goes to press as the Italian party is speeding across Europe on its homeward journey. This interim report therefore is based on the published programme of the party and on the series of picture postcards which has enlivened our breakfast table.

This year Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were supported by Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Snelling, Mr. Horrex, Mr. Williams, Mr. Sawbridge and twenty-two boys. The party left Abingdon on Tuesday, April 10th, and has had approximately a week in Rome and a week in Amalfi before entraining for home. It is due back in Abingdon on the evening of Wednesday, April 25th. Apart from local excursions in Rome, the itinerary included visits to Frascati, the Catacombs, Pompeii, Paestum and Capri (where presumably the ghosts of Tiberius and Azel Munthe now walk together, an ill-assorted pair).

Most of the picture post-cards we have received have the titles reproduced at the back in four languages. We can therefore assure our readers that the "Romain Forum" looks much as it did twenty-five years ago; that the "Sculptures' Museum" contains a "helicoïdal staircase"; and (curiously) that "Impero's Street" retains its proud title. From the manuscript messages we gather that all the party have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, that the weather has been good, and that the hotels have been very comfortable. Some of the party have been to the Opera in Rome ("The Barber of Seville"); others represented the School at a Papal Audience. It is an anti-climax to add that the appearance of octopus on the menu has apparently had no ill-effects.

We are rather better briefed about Mr. Helliwell and his private Outward Bound School up in the Lakes for we have seen one of the party who has just returned—we almost said one of the survivors.

The Commodore himself flew his flag in a motor cruiser; Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Hillary provided the ship's complement. A round dozen boys were accommodated in sailing boats (there is probably a technical term for them, dinghies of brigantines, but we are unashamed landlubbers). Most of the time was spent on, in or under the water, but a couple of days were devoted to scrambles on the Fells. The arrival of a V.I.P. in the person of Mr. Alston provided added excitement. We have yet to learn whether Heather-Hayes' ingenuity extended to a *feu de joie*.

On second thoughts perhaps this article ought really to be entitled 'Bricks without Straw'? But the vast rotary presses are already in motion: the Abingdonian is being put to bed; and for a first-hand account of these two parties we shall have to wait for our next issue.

J.M.C.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

FABES. On 27th February, 1956, to Sadie, wife of Alan Fabes (1928), a son.

GIBAUD. On 9th January, 1956, to Janet, wife of Roy D. Gibaud (1942), a second son, Hugh Charles.

MILLS. On 30th March, 1956, to Barbara, wife of Ralph Mills (1935), a daughter, Rosemary Ann.

POLLEY. On 22nd March, 1956, to Rita, wife of Vernon G. Polley (1939), a brother for Roy (Brian James).

MARRIAGES

CALVERT-FISHER-LOWNDES. On Saturday, 21st April, 1956, at Radley Parish Church, Captain Colin Calvert-Fisher, R.M., (1944) to Heather Bee Humphries Lowndes.

GARRETT-POTTINGER. On December 31st, 1955, at Childrey Methodist Church, Frederick John Garrett (1950) to Ruth Pottinger.

SCOTT-ROOKE. On Saturday, 27th August, 1955, at Summertown Congregational Church, Oxford, Peter Arthur Scott (1943) to Jeanne Erica Rooke, of Oxford.

WHEATON-FORRER. On Friday, 23rd March, 1956, at Christ Church Chislehurst, Kent, David Harry Wheaton (1948) to Helen Joy Forrer, of Bromley, Kent.

Many Old Boys who were confirmed by him will learn with regret of the death of the Rt. Rev. G. B. Allen, late Bishop of Dorchester. Since his retirement two years ago he had been living at Cheltenham, but his health steadily deteriorated and he died there on 27th March. He always had a particular affection for the School Chapel, where with other candidates, he received the final preparation for ordination.

We are very sorry also to record the sudden death on 31st March of Mrs. Frank Morland, mother of four O.A.'s, J.W., R.B.H., T.F.T. and C.S. to whom we offer our sincere sympathy. They have for many years been dispersed in three continents, John in Australia, Ben and Charles in Africa and Tom in Canada but they have always kept in touch with their old School.

John Knowles (1916) is now Assistant Public Trustee.

Gilbert Sanders (1947) who recently received his degree of D.Phil. in Physics at Oxford is now on the Staff at A.E.R.E., Harwell.

J. B. Rich (1947) is also engaged on nuclear work at Holmbrook, Cumberland.

David Wheaton (1948) whom we congratulate on his recent marriage took his B.D. London Degree last July.

D. B. Ker (1943) who qualified as M.B., B.S. Lond. in Dec., 1953, after two years as House Physician at St. Thomas' is now Ship's Surgeon on a P. & O. Liner.

V. J. Relle (1924) is Chief Engineer with Totalisators Ltd.

Kenneth Mills (1932) has moved from the Isle of Wight and is now teaching at Aldwickbury School, Harpenden, a Preparatory School with some 120 boys.

J. L. Taylor (1943) has relinquished his post with Estate Agents in Oxford and is now in the Technical Sales department of May and Baker (Agricultural Division).

Trevor Thomas (1947) with a large firm of builders at Maidenhead is already an A.M.B.S.I. and is aiming at L.I.B., mystic symbols denoting membership of Building Institutes. He also has been playing for Thames Valley R.F.C.

John Langford (1946) is a Junior Technical Assistant with the Bristol Gas Undertaking at the Stapleton Road works.

Michael Grigsby (1955) has secured a post with Granada's Outside Broadcast Unit at Manchester and we hope it will not be long before his name appears among the 'credits'.

School rowing was well represented in the recent Head of the River race at Putney. John Swainston (1955) was stroking London Univ. 1st VIII. Peter Lay (1954) was '7' in King's Coll., Newcastle VIII as well as being 9th man for Durham Univ. VIII. Geoffrey Crockford (1952) was bow in St. Mary's Coll. VIII and John Hall (1955) '6' in Southampton Univ. 2nd VIII. Richard Millard (1952) Captain of Boats at St. Peter's Hall, Oxford was also there rowing '6' in the VIII. In the Oxford Torpids Peter Amey (1954) in the Pembroke 1st boat went up one place, while the 2nd boat, into which Colin Wiggins (1953) was coaxed at the last minute, made 4 bumps and gained its oars.

Drawings by Michael Bateman (1951) have been appearing with some frequency in University and College (Pembroke) Magazines, while Brian Boddington (1952) has continued to issue his feature articles from Keble.

Gerald Nicholls (1953) now happily recovered from a relapse in health, is still studying Hospital Administration with the Middlesex Group, but hopes to be going to Bristol University in the Autumn.

SERVICES

Lt.Col. A. T. Hatfield (1927) M.B.E. (and sometime holder of the Shallard Cup) is stationed at Bicester in R.A.O.C.

2nd Lt. C. G. P. Aylin (1952) R. Berks is at Goslar, joined recently by David Free and Jim Page. Their stay will be brief as the battalion returns in May to Tidworth. Both play hockey for the battalion and David also played for the Depot at Topsham and Reading.

Capt. D. W. Olliffe (1942) R.A.S.C. has been attending an 18 months Petroleum Installation Course at the National Oil Refinery, Llandarcy. When this ends in July he will probably be posted to No.3 Petroleum Reserve Depot, R.A.S.C. at Grobbendank in Belgium.

N. A. C. Darroch (1952) in R. Education Corps is also at Goslar in Company with L/Cpl. Blinman (1954) who was hoping to spend Easter in Berlin.

John Greenaway (1952) R.A., A.A., is at Oldenburg. He was with Barry Whiteford at Delmenhorst before the latter was demobbed.

David Jones (1955) has arrived at R.M.A. Sandhurst.

O.A. CLUB

The London O.A. Dinner was held on Friday, 9th March at the City Livery Club, Thames Embankment. The arrangements were again in the capable hands of Stanley Paige to whom the Club is sincerely grateful.

C. C. Woodley, the President, was in the Chair, supported by the Vice President, the President-elect, G. S. Sturrock and a goodly array of ex-Presidents. Altogether some 58 members were present, including a strong contingent from Abingdon, but it is still felt that members living in and near London should support what is a most enjoyable event in much greater numbers. However, it is always good to see the regulars each year as well as the 'lost boys' who reappear on these occasions.

The Committee has decided that it is time another address list was circulated, but to avoid the very heavy burden on the Club's finances that would be entailed by printing—especially as such lists become out of date so rapidly—it is proposed to have it duplicated. If this method meets with general satisfaction it should be possible to issue new lists at much shorter intervals. Members may expect to receive the new list with the annual notices, before the end of the month. Meanwhile there is appended a list of Club members whose present addresses are unknown. Any information that will help to fill the gaps will be gratefully received by G. F. Duxbury, Abingdon School, as soon as possible.

J. P. Aldersley, '38	E. D. Grimwood, '18	W. R. E. Scrivener, '17
J. B. H. J. Aldiss, '46	J. H. Guy, '29	H. D. Shallard, '25
P. V. Aldiss, '46	L. A. G. Hendley, '38	W. D. Shallard, '25
P. J. Aldridge, '05	E. O. Hills, '20	J. G. Shepherd, '09
R. F. W. Andrews, '35	J. B. Hodgson, '03	R. M. Short, '28
H. W. C. Barnes, '12	T. H. Hodgson, '29	R. F. Simmonds, '37
J. A. C. Barnes, '42	G. J. Holmes, '26	W. R. T. Skinner, '15
E. P. Bastin, '45	F. C. L. Humphrey, '28	A. J. Kingsley Smith,
S. S. Bates, '29	L. J. D. Hutchinson,	'28
G. H. Beazley, '27		'36 D. G. Smith, '28
J. S. V. Beazley, '27	G. H. J. Ingold, '12	E. R. Leslie Smith, '29
K. C. Bradbury, '25	W. G. E. Jacob, '32	K. Casson Smith, '25
A. F. Bragg Smith, '26	D. H. Jenkins, '21	W. B. Smith, '28
E. J. Bride, '17	F. L. Kitto, '20	W. G. Smith, '35
M. G. Brinsmead, '06	R. B. Leach, '09	A. H. K. Stevens, '21
A. F. Brown, '53	R. H. S. Lesser, '44	R. Stross, '33
E. L. Brown, '53	L. A. Lloyd, '20	G. L. Thatcher, '20
B. W. L. Buckland, '24	W. Lupton, '18	T. T. Theophilus, '25
E. C. Cann, '34	R. H. Marshall, '40	R. F. L. Thomas, '25
F. Crossland, '17	H. J. Mason, '20	R. L. Triggs, '31
R. L. Dawson, '28	H. A. N. Medd, '10	G. E. T. Trudgian, '42
W. G. C. Denny, '29	V. H. Miller, '19	H. N. Trye, '29
J. W. Duncan, '03	R. E. G. Morewood, '33	J. H. Wakefield, '08
J. B. O. Durell, '27	E. A. Passam, '27	J. G. Waldron, '27
C. B. Edwards, '14	N. V. Pearson, '27	M. D. Wells, '37
L. L'E. Edwards, '09	P. B. Pfordten, '32	R. W. F. C. Westgate,
F. V. Enoch, '13	K. Prior, '33	'41
A. L. Fleet, '34	H. N. Rogers, '11	M. H. Wheat, '37
A. M. Garton, '26	S. W. R. Royse, '25	E. G. Whelpton, '09
G. J. Goodey, '33	D. G. Sandercock, '39	M. D. White, '45
A. M. D. Greene, '28	E. D. S. Schwier, '48	

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OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND

A more detailed account of the progress made with the two pavilions has already been given on a previous page of this issue; here we need only say that the R.B. pavilion on Upper Field is nearing completion and a start will shortly be made with the larger building on the War Memorial Field.

We are very pleased to say that the steady trickle of new covenants continues, as well as generous donations, and to all we say 'Thank you, very much'. Since the last issue of the Abingdonian covenants have been received from J. E. Greenaway, R. F. Martin, J. P. Mosdell, D. W. Olliffe, E. L. Parry, A. C. Vivian and M. N. Williams, a Banker's Order from R. B. H. Morland and donations from C. M. Humfrey, H. M. Insley-Fox, D. W. Olliffe, and J. E. Emmett

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G. F. Duxbury.

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