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CALENDAR, MICHAELMAS TERM, 1958

September

Fri. 19 Term begins.

October

Wed. 1 1st XV v. D. O. Willis' XV (h).

Tues. 7 Field Day—C.C.F. and Scouts.

Wed. 8 1st XV v. Reading School (h).

Sat. 11 1st XV v. Newbury Grammar School (h).

Sat. 18 1st XV v. Pembroke College (h).

Wed. 22 1st XV v. St. Edward's School 2nd XV (h).

Sat. 25 1st XV v. Solihull School (h).

Fri. 31 Half term begins, 12.30 p.m.

November

Tues. 4 Half term ends: School recommences, 8.55 a.m.

Wed. 5 1st XV v. Magdalen College School (a).

Sat. 8 1st XV v. Bloxham School (a).

Sat. 15 1st XV v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).

Wed. 19 1st XV v. City of Oxford School (h)

Sat. 22 1st XV v. Radley College 2nd XV (a).

Wed. 26 1st XV v. Southfield School (a).

Sat. 29 1st XV v. Old Abingdonians (h).

December

Sat. 6 1st XV v. Windsor County School (a).

Sun. 7 Confirmation Service, 3 p.m.

Thur. 11 School Play, "Taming of the Shrew", 7.30 p.m.

Fri. 12 School Play, "Taming of the Shrew", 7.30 p.m.

Sat. 13 School Play, "Taming of the Shrew", 7.30 p.m.

Wed. 17 Inter-House Cross Country, 2 p.m.

Fri. 19 Term ends, 10.15 a.m.

Lent Term begins Friday, 16th January, 1959.

(Boarders return Thursday, 15th January).

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OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

Michaelmas Term, 1958

A. J. Costley (Head of School and of Crescent House)

A. J. Foden (Head of School House)

J. H. Thewlis (Head of Dayboys)

J. A. Longworth (S)

J. J. Day (D)

R. B. Scott-Taggart (D)

C. D. Loukes (D)

C. J. Redknap (D)

C. T. Denniford (S)

J. A. Sheard (S)

G. M. Crow (L)

D. H. Bragg (D)

D. G. Darroch (S)

D. S. Lees (D)

D. G. Morris (W)

P. P. Wintle (S)

R. Dickenson (D)

HOUSE PREFECTS

School House—R. S. Green, D. T. L. Eke, N. G. Mackenzie, M. G. Yarkoff, R. L. Antrobus, T. A. Libby, E. F. Lier, A. L. Howell.

Crescent House—O. M. L. Rhys, P. E. Perry, A. Rowles, D. W. G. Riddick, C. P. Wyatt.

Larkhill—S. M. Womar.

Waste Court—R. W. Harvey, R. J. Baldwin.

Dayboy—D. E. Camplin, I. J. Kirby, P. J. Ford, A. P. Haynes, J. Fry, P. Kandiah, G. M. Morse, G. S. Howlett, G. W. Jones, A. F. Pritchard, D. P. Kirk.

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EDITORIAL

Almost four hundred years ago John Roysse wishing to show his gratitude to the town of his origin as well as to his own school undertook the refoundation of Abingdon School. After the dissolution of the Abbey, to which the School had for so many centuries been attached, the then Headmaster, John Clyffe, sub-prior of the Abbey, had been left to carry on the school as a private venture in the old premises just north of S. Nicolas' Church, and there it continued until the re-foundation transferred it to what is now known as the Roysse Room. Indeed there is good reason to believe that Thomas Tesdale, the first scholar enrolled on the new foundation, had been the senior boy of the old school. But the future of the School, without the Abbey in the background, was bound to be uncertain. It was highly desirable that it should have a permanent home and that proper provision should be made for the Headmaster; but no steps were taken to this end until the benefactions of John Roysse stimulated the Corporation of Abingdon and Christ's Hospital to joint action, thus providing a happy combination of private and public enterprise. John Roysse himself originally intended the school to be called "The Free Schole of the Holy Trynytye" but this name seems never to have come into popular use. For four hundred years the school has been known either by its original name of Abingdon School or (more locally and affectionately) as "Roysse's"; and we further commemorate our association with John Roysse by using the device of a griffin rampant from his crest in the school badge.

Since 1563, the School has undergone many changes, the new premises are of an extent that Roysse could never have imagined, the curriculum contains things he had never heard of, his modest number of "threescore and three" pupils has long since been forgotten, and present numbers hover around the five hundred mark. While it is to be hoped that numbers have now become roughly stabilised, there is still a need for better amenities and more elbow room; and that is why the School with ambitious building projects in mind has launched its Appeal for £50,000 to mark the Quatercentenary in 1963.

Naturally these projects need pecuniary support from outside and appeals have already been sent out. Lest it be thought that the School is little more than a monster that swallows money without having anything to show for it, we have only to review the past term. There have, of course, been cases of misguided initiative, but signs of vigorous progressive growth are to be seen on every hand. There is the fives court which is being built by the boys themselves. On the sporting side, the cricketers have produced high scores and defeated (among others) the Berkshire Gentlemen; and the boat club achieved victory

in the Junior Eights at Marlow. Academic achievement has been borne out by our successes in recent years in Scholarship Examinations and in G.C.E.

An antique dealer making a bargain of an exceedingly comfortable old armchair to a schoolboy said, as the deal was clinched, "My boy, you'll go far in that chair". So it is with the School. It does not grow lethargic as it receives more and more amenities, but takes fresh vigour from them and continues to raise its standards in every sphere.

RUPERT DONALD SLADDEN

We deeply regret to announce the death of Rupert Sladden, a boarder at Crescent House, who was drowned while bathing in the Thames on the afternoon of Thursday, 10th July.

Rupert Sladden, who was born on 24th June, 1942, was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Sladden, of Ashton, near Northampton. He entered Larkhill as a junior in September, 1953, and transferred to Crescent House two years later. He went up the School on the science side and at the time of his death had almost completed his Ordinary Level papers of the G.C.E. He had planned to have one more year at school in Sixth General before leaving.

Possibly his friends will remember Rupert Sladden best for his happy even temperament. He was an unusually friendly boy and of him, if of anyone, it could be said that he had not an enemy in the world. He had a very willing nature too, as those can testify who were with him at the Scout Camp in Wales three years ago or who worked with him last year in the Jekyll Garden.

On behalf of the whole School we offer our profound sympathy to his family in their grievous bereavement.

SCHOOL NOTES

The retirement of Admiral Clifton Brown marks another milestone in the history of the School. 'The Admiral', as he is affectionately known to all, has been a member of the Governing Body since 1929, and Chairman since 1944, and the unprecedented development of the School in recent years has been largely due to his wise leadership. The presentations made to him on Founder's Day illustrated, if they could not adequately express, our regard for him. As he hauls down his flag

we wish him many happy years of retirement; our respectful good wishes go too to Mrs. Clifton Brown, who has identified herself so much with the School.

The Governors have elected Mr. C. G. Stow, Managing Director of Messrs. Morlands, and a former Mayor of the Town, as their new Chairman, and Lord Glyn of Farnborough, our former Member, to succeed him as Vice-Chairman. If we may say so without impertinence, now that the Admiral has had to go on the retired list we are extremely fortunate in the succession.

It was the more disappointing that Lord Glyn was strictly forbidden by his doctors to distribute the prizes and to launch the Quatercentenary Appeal on Founder's Day. We wish him a speedy return to full health and vigour. We hope too that we shall soon have better news of our former Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. J. Thomas, who is still seriously ill.

We extend a warm welcome to Dr. Mary Watson, J.P., of Boar's Hill, whom the County Council have nominated to succeed the Admiral as one of their representatives on the Governing Body. John Knox may turn in his grave: but we think it is no bad thing that the Governing Body should beat the House of Lords by a short head in the introduction of a lady member. (We *have* had a lady Governor before, of course, when Mrs. Bromley Challenor was Mayor, but her membership was *ex officio* rather than personal).

We are grateful to Mr. A. C. Taylor, who has served the School far more whole-heartedly than one has any right to expect of a temporary master, and we wish him well as he goes to Cuddesdon to prepare for ordination. Similar good wishes accompany Mr. M. N. Williams who has already started his intensive course of training at Ripon Hall. We look forward to his return to us, a reverend gentleman, in September of next year.

To Mr. Helliwell, who has been appointed to Rugby, we must bid a longer farewell. Since he came to Abingdon in 1953, Mr. Helliwell has served the School well in so many different ways. He has left his mark as an inspired, and inspiring, teacher of English and Latin, as form-master of 2X, as coach on rugger field and cricket field (yes, and on the river too), and as junior house-master. The Literary Society and the Building Club remain as his continuing memorials. We are grateful, and we wish good fortune to him and to Mrs. Helliwell.

We are profoundly grieved that Mr. and Mrs. Helliwell's last days at Abingdon should have been clouded by the sudden death of their beloved little daughter, Susan Anne (July 2nd—August 14th). The whole School joins in sympathy.

The departure of Messrs. Helliwell, Taylor and Williams, and the continued development of the School, have led to the appointment of the record number of five new masters for September. Mr. A. R. Tammadge,

M.A., R.N. (retd.), who was educated at Dulwich, Dartmouth and Emmanuel, was graded as Senior Optime in the Mathematical Tripos and comes to us, after teaching experience as Senior Lecturer at Sandhurst and as assistant master at Dulwich, to be Head of Mathematics. Mr. B. C. Williams, B.Sc., Open Exhibitioner of Nottingham University and Dip.Ed. (Cambridge), will strengthen the Chemistry side. Mr. B. J. Montague, B.A., also of Emmanuel, who was commissioned into the Beds. and Herts. Regiment, is an historian and an oarsman, with a University Trial Cap and a Leander scarf to his credit. Mr. J. A. Pole, B.A., Open Exhibitioner of Jesus College (Oxford), who is at the time of writing still training as a Second-Lieutenant (R.A.O.C.) with a unit long-distance marching team in Belgium, will teach mainly English. Mr. D. G. Prosser, B.A. (Lampeter) will fill the place of the other Mr. Williams for a year before he too goes to a theological college. To all, a very sincere welcome.

Mr. Montague, indeed, we have already met, for he came into residence in School House during the last week of term while Mr. Mortimer was absent on a Course. We are grateful too to Mr. Nigel Hammond (O.A.) who also stepped into the breach to cover absentees during the busy period before Founder's Day.

During the holidays Mr. Hillary has again been playing cricket for Berkshire, and has so far notched at least two centuries (including a score of 146 against Devon); while Mr. Smithson has been enjoying a busman's holiday playing for Hertfordshire.

We wish good fortune to Mr. and Mrs. Sewry as they face the big adventure of taking over Waste Court from Mr. Alston. Adequately to record our thanks to Mr. Alston for the work he has done as Housemaster would smack too much of funeral bake-meats: but we hope he knows how grateful the School is.

We are grateful to Major Carslaw, who this year took the place of Mr. Bevir as O.C., G.C.E. Present joins with Past in hoping that 'Bill' will soon be on his feet again.

Visitors to the School during the past term have included Mr. Just Vange, of the Marselisborg Gymnasium, Aarhus, Denmark (8th May): Mr. Sprent, of the Oxford Department of Education (who subjected all senior school to a fact-finding enquiry on 9th May): Mr. Newby-Robson, of the P.S.A.B. (19th May): the Rt. Rev. Kosiya Shalita, Assistant Bishop in Uganda (19th June): Mr. I. D. McFarlane, of Caius College, Cambridge (5th July): and Mr. Scrivener, of the Youth Employment Service (22nd July).

We were also glad to welcome the Headmasters of Barnard Castle, Birkenhead, and Merchant Taylors' (Great Crosby), who visited the School on 14th May for a meeting of the Direct Grant Committee of the Headmaster's Conference.

And during July we admitted into our fold two French boys who wanted experience of an English school—Jean-Marie Lot, an old friend, who stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Nurton, and Denys Denant, who stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Gresswell.

Our very warm thanks go to Admiral Clifton Brown and to Lord Glyn, each of whom has presented the School with valuable collections of books (we treasure especially the beautifully bound prizes which the Admiral won at Cheam in the eighties): to Lord Glyn also for tickets for Henley and to Major V. C. J. Buckley for tickets for Lord's: to Captain L. S. Mathias for the gift of a cup for the Senior House Cricket League Competition: to the anonymous donor of magnificent trophies for the House Music Competition, and for the winners of the House classes for Strings, Choirs and Orchestras; to the equally anonymous donor of a new piano: and to Mr. and Mrs. Rowson and Mr. and Mrs. Weir for donations to Chapel Funds.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the term was 497 (School House 92, Crescent House 40, Waste Court 35, Larkhill 19, Dayboys 311).

We congratulate the following winners of Berkshire County Major Awards (and many more applicants are still 'in play')—J. Barnett (to the Oxford School of Architecture): M. S. R. Broadway (to Clare College, Cambridge): R. K. Le Voi (to King's College Hospital Medical School): M. G. Nichol (to Reading University): and I. A. Oliver (to Queen Mary's College, London): also S. H. Freedman (the London Hospital Dental School) and E. F. Lier (King's College, London) on receiving London Major Awards and P. C. Sarsfield-Hall a Hertfordshire Award (to the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester): and M. P. Cross on the award of a Royal Naval Scholarship.

School Foundation Exhibitions were awarded to C. J. D. Bailey (Barfield School, near Farnham) and to C. Carter (St. Edward's School, Reading). The work of E. G. B. Joseph in the examination was commended.

Congratulations too to R. S. Green, who secured an honourable mention in the Classical Reading Competition held at Magdalen College, Oxford, on 12th May: and to C. J. Bailey, who was one of the first boys in England to secure the Gold Award under the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme—an example which will, we hope, inspire many others.

Two Parents' Evenings were held this term, for Third Forms on 8th May and for Fourth Forms on 29th May.

We wish a happy retirement to Miss Breed, formerly Headmistress of the Carswell Primary School. Many of her old pupils now at this School attended the farewell ceremony held in her honour on 21st July.

On 12th May a party of fifth-formers visited the Pressed Steel Company, at Cowley.

The School fielded an excellent contingent for the Commonwealth Youth Sunday Parade on 18th May. Both the Band and the main party attracted very favourable comment. It was regrettable that the Band was instructed to march past the saluting base in silence: we are assured that next year it will be allowed, indeed encouraged, to play.

On 21st May a party of senior boys attended, by special invitation, the inauguration of Mr. (now Alderman) Gostling as Mayor of Abingdon, a ceremony which took place in the County Hall and which, in view of the needle election of Aldermen, probably provided them with rather more insight into the machinery of local government than they had expected.

On the same day representatives of Photo-Reportage visited the School to take a series of photographs of its activities.

The School played a prominent part in the Civic Exhibition, "This is Your Town", held in the County Hall during the fortnight after Whitsuntide, and in its attendant activities. Senior boys did their stint as curators: two members of the School (D. J. Griffiths and G. Bromley) won prizes in the Art Competitions: we provided a substantial part of the audience at one of the Brains Trusts. The colour film of Abingdon, produced by John Becker for the Civic Trust, was shown daily and was given very favourable mention in the Times Educational Supplement.

On 2nd June Mr. H. N. Iley very kindly paid us a return visit, to talk to senior boys on "The World Monetary Situation"; and a week later, on 9th June, Mr. W. Irving, H.M. Inspector of Taxes, addressed a cross-section of the Sixth Form on "Careers in the Civil Service".

We are deeply grateful to Bradfield College for inviting us to send a party to a performance of the "Agamemnon" in the Greek Theatre, on 25th June. The weather was unkind, but even a comparatively heavy shower could not veil the high quality of the production.

Warm thanks too to Dr. J. Howlett, Head of the Theoretical Physics Division of A.E.R.E., who arranged for a party of Sixth-formers to be shown round the computing installations at Harwell on 15th July.

We hope we are not trespassing on ground preserved for others if we offer our own tribute to the turn-out of the Corps on Inspection Day (18th July). We gather that Brigadier Holbrook, who was deputising for Major-General G. S. Thompson, was 'most impressed'.

Parties from the School attended productions of "She Stoops to Conquer" at the Unicorn Theatre (15th May) and of Bach's Mass in B Minor at St. Helen's Church (20th May).

We should like to congratulate the ground staff who, under the able generalship of Mr. Smithson, have made the School grounds so tidy and pleasant. The sweep of the drive, with the Jekyll Garden at the top of it, looked especially attractive on Founder's Day.

The spirited work of the Building Club, under Mr. Helliwell, deserves special commendation. The walls of the new fives court are already at far more than Romulus-and-Remus height.

For those who have come to expect nature notes in this section, we may announce that a spotted fly-catcher has successfully raised a brood in a nest in the ivy on the Library wall, and that the Prefects' mulberry tree has this year borne a rich crop which has defied all efforts at counting. It should supply the Headmaster's table with a tasty dessert in the summer holidays.

The Headmaster's morning mail continues to amuse the house-prefects at the breakfast table. There was one letter this term addressed to him, by name, as the 'Senior Science Master'. Another case of *Eminence grise*?

Abingdon was specifically mentioned as a typical direct-grant school in a country town, with a high proportion of boarders, in an extremely interesting 'turn-over' article on the Direct Grant System in *The Times* of 29th July. And on 14th August the town in general, as a cultural centre, and the Dene Bookshop (we suspect) in particular received a well-merited puff in a letter from Mr. Alan Kitching published in the same paper. So Top People read about Abingdon . . .

We extend a warm welcome to two contemporaries. The 'Literary Magazine', published on Founder's Day, provided a means of expression for the School's literary talent, now, alas, crowded out of these pages. The general standard of the contributions was perhaps higher than ever before. Special mention may be made of Roger Green's sonnet "Thoughts from a Classroom" (which won this year's English Verse Prize) and some very promising poems by Andrew Millard. Beautifully produced and printed too—but we hope that next year's editor will have the courtesy to provide a list of contents.

The "Octopus", a cyclostyled weekly newspaper, made its first appearance on 14th July. It has already secured one or two minor scoops, such as a personal interview with the Brigadier at the Corps Inspection. Its editorials have the advantages (with the attendant dangers!) of being completely uncensored. We wish it a long and successful life, and we hope it will use its tentacles to good effect.

It is pleasant to know that, thanks to the devotion of Miss Mary Baker, posthumous publication of the researches of Mr. A. E. Preston, F.S.A., and Miss Agnes Baker continues. To "Historic Abingdon"

(Abbey Press, 5/-) and "The Streets of Abingdon" (Abbey Press, 1/6) has now been added an authoritative work on "The Abingdon Corporation Plate" (Oxford University Press, £1). This volume is beautifully illustrated and contains much of interest to members of the School.

Abingdon must have been one of the first places this side of the Celtic Fringe to honour the newly-created Prince of Wales: for thanks to Mr. Sawbridge's initiative the orchestra played "God Bless the Prince of Wales"—at sight—together with the National Anthem before the final performance of "The Mikado" on Saturday, 26th July.

The holiday activities of our members defy comprehensive record. Masters have gone far afield for conference or course (including Mr. Mortimer to Germany and Mr. Gray to Holland). Apart from the official school camps, a party of 15 juniors accompanied C. J. Redknap to the Welsh Schoolboys' Camp at Llanmadoch near Swansea. C. J. Dean brought back an excellent report from an instructional course for choirboys, held at the Royal School of Church Music, where he acted as head chorister. P. R. Davis is doing a short works course with D. Napier and Son. Six boys are attending Outward Bound Courses (N. W. Pridham and W. J. Phipps to Ullswater; G. M. Crow and A. P. Gresswell to the Moray Sea School; J. Kingston and N. G. Mackenzie to Aberdovey); C. D. Loukes is afloat on a minesweeper (H.M.S. St. David).

Meanwhile the Abingdon Cricket Club once again held its Festival Week on Upper Field—a week which was only in part marred by wet weather.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following Schools (to the 30th July, 1958): Aldenham; Chigwell; City of Oxford; Magdalen College; Oratory; Pocklington; Radley College; Reading; Royal Grammar, High Wycombe; St. Edward's; Southfield; and also from the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL

(A note by the Headmaster)

As I write these words the School is alive with workmen. Messrs. Organ, of Oxford, who secured the contract for the extension to School House, arrived on the job on Monday, 18th August. Their first objective was to unearth the main drain which runs beneath the Main School Buildings and across the gravel. A deep trench prevents access through the main door: which is, as well, for there is a kind of elephant pit in the Entrance Hall. We are assured that *terra firma* will have been restored by the beginning of term. Meanwhile the old boot-room

is already part-demolished; while one has to tread delicately along Chapel Corridor where the floor (not before time) is being completely relaid. Over at Waste Court the new wing is completed and extensive alterations are being made to the old part of the house which will considerably improve the amenities of the juniors. All this is quite apart from the routine work of maintenance and decoration.

Looking forward, we shall welcome no less than five new masters in September, and with their help we shall cope with the problems presented by the new curriculum, the final stage of which now comes into operation. One hurdle we have successfully surmounted: for Mr. Sewry has proved that it is possible to construct a working time-table in spite of the inherent difficulties of the block system.

On the matter of work, we have decided to make certain alterations in the lay-out of the Mock Certificate Examinations. In future, Ordinary level will remain in the middle of February, but Advanced level will be held at the beginning of the Summer Term. This change will avoid the clash that might occur where a boy is taking papers at both levels; and it will help Sixth-formers to use the Easter holidays for proper revision of their main subjects. It will be understood that at 'A' level the mock certificate has no bearing on the papers to be taken in the real examination, and there is not therefore the same necessity to have it earlier in the year.

Another change we are making is to increase the number of Parents' Evenings. We shall continue to hold the Parents' Evening for new boys (perhaps the most important of all) in the middle of October. In the Lent Term there will be a Third Form evening early in February and a Fifth Form evening in March, after 'O' level Mock Certificate. An evening for Sixth Forms will be held in mid-May, as soon as possible after 'A' level Mock Certificate, and one for Fourth Forms (an innovation, this) in mid-June. This new lay-out should do much to improve the liaison between us.

There is much about the Quatercentenary Appeal elsewhere in this magazine. Here I should just like to say what an extraordinarily good job the Abbey Press made of the Brochure. It would be very difficult, I think, to resist its appeal: I only hope that recipients agree.

And lastly, two things. I should like to express my own personal debt of gratitude to the Admiral and Mrs. Clifton Brown for all they have done for my wife and myself. No chairman could have been kinder or more helpful to a young and inexperienced Headmaster (as I was eleven years ago): no chairman's wife could have shared more fully in the interest that her husband took in everything connected with the School.

I am grateful too to the many parents who sent messages of sympathy when tragedy struck the School in mid July. It is a real help on such

occasions to know that friends are thinking of one: and I am sure Mr. and Mrs. Sladden would like to join with me in saying 'thank-you'.

J.M.C.

THE QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

Our Appeal for £50,000 to celebrate the forthcoming quatercentenary of the re-foundation of the School by John Roysse in 1563 was officially launched on Founder's Day by the new Chairman of the Governors, who is also Chairman of the Appeal Committee. Copies of the Appeal literature have already been sent out to all parents and to all Old Boys who are members of the Old Abingdonian Club. We shall shortly extend the scope of the appeal by writing to those whom we know to be friends of the School and also to the parents of boys who have left the School in recent years. Meanwhile it has been brought to the attention of a wider public by sympathetic reference in *The Times*, *The Times Educational Supplement*, and the regional and local press.

All readers of this magazine should therefore be well aware of the nature and object of the appeal, and there is no need to repeat what we have said in the brochure. Three points may be emphasised however. The Appeal is not intended to relieve the Governors of their proper responsibility but rather to enable them to provide those extra amenities which mean so much to a School such as this. We have deliberately set our sights high, and we can only hope to reach the target if we can secure the widest possible response from all sections, parents, Old Boys, and friends. And thirdly, if prospective subscribers are in a position to covenant their subscription it enables the School to secure a considerable repayment of income-tax which has the effect of adding more than half as much again to the sum contributed.

Human nature being what it is, goodwill often fails to translate itself into action. If any reader has mislaid his appeal literature and would like to help us, will he please write to Mr. A. A. Hillary, the Honorary Secretary of the Appeal, at the School, and we shall be pleased to send a further copy? The target for the *individual* is one that only he himself can decide, in the light of his other commitments: but a little arithmetic may give some guidance. If 500 parents and 500 Old Boys each covenanted to give £5 a year for seven years, then, with repayment of income-tax at its present rate, we should have reached our target. Obviously we can't expect all to give at this rate. Some may be able to give more: smaller contributions—however small—will be equally welcome. But we do ask everyone to give as much as he can genuinely afford.

The initial response to the Appeal has certainly been encouraging. If, as I think we may, we include the full value of covenanted subscriptions, and allow for expected repayment of income-tax, then the total

sum contributed, promised or assured is over £8,000 at the time of writing. We have a long way to go yet: but we have made a good start.

J.M.C.

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K. Cleave*	Maj. W. R. Kettle*	R. W. Slatter*
Vice-Admiral F.	I. Kimbrey	A. C. Smith
Clifton-Brown*	S. R. Kirkby	A. M. Smith
J. M. Cobban*	E. G. C. Leatham*	F. A. Smith*
Mrs. Comfort	Canon & Mrs. Liddiard	Dr. M. L. Smith*
Mrs. G. R. Cook*	H. Loukes*	J. Southern*
Prof. J. M. R. Cormack*	Capt. P. R. Lucas†	Mr. & Mrs. W. A.
E. A. C. Crouch*	J. McPherson†	Spackman†
Cmdr. P. A. Crow*	Cmdr. T. G. Michelmore	I. N. Spencer*
M. M. Cunningham*	R. Milne*	C. G. Stow*
C. Davidge	D. R. T. Mole*	H. I. Sutton*
S/Ldr. R. F. Davis*	J. E. Montgomery	H. P. Tame*
Maj. A. E. Day	J. T. Moore*	H. Tarran-Jones*
A. J. Day*	P. C. F. Morgan*	Dr. J. Thewlis*
Mr. & Mrs. Dunman	Morland & Co. Ltd.*	Mrs. M. Topham
G. F. Duxbury*	T. G. Morris*	K. G. Walker
R. Eason	M. G. Nichol	Mrs. M. M. Warburton*
A. C. Emms	N. G. Nicholls*	H. G. Welch†
R. M. O. Evans*	D. G. Nurton*	Mrs. E. J. White*
K. W. Ewing*	Mr. & Mrs. A. H. W.	N. E. Williams
J. Fairlie†	Oliver*	Dr. J. A. V. Willis*
W. Firth*	Maj. A. Ormerod*	D. Wood
Dr. C. E. Ford*	M. R. Penn*	J. D. Wood
H. H. Fowler*	W. H. Phipps	M. Wood
H. R. French	S. D. Plummer*	P. R. Wood*
R. D. Gibaud*	F. L. Pritchard*	C. C. Woodley*
H. Goff*	Canon Prof. I. T.	In Memory of J. B.
W. B. Goodman*	Ramsey*	Wathem, O.A.
Mrs. E. Goodwin*	J. W. Rayson*	(1820-1906)
C. Gostling	C. F. Redgrave	
H. M. Gray*	J. B. Rich*	

FOUNDER'S DAY

Bad weather threatened but held off with lowering glances on Saturday, 26th July so that we were once again able to hold Founder's Day without having to have recourse to the 'wet weather programme'. The celebrations began with the customary service in St. Helen's Church, at which the address was given by the Rev. W. B. Littlechild, R.D., Vicar of Sutton Courtenay. The preacher compared the £50 legacy of John Roysse with the story of the five loaves and little fishes pointing out that the contributions each one of us makes are links in a chain the result of which is something big and worthwhile. He concluded that the most important link was that of the family where the Christian virtues could most easily find expression. The wreath, for which we again thank Mrs. Bevir, was laid on the Roysse tomb by the two senior prefects.

In the afternoon, the Prize Giving was held as usual in the Corn Exchange and afterwards the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban were 'At Home' to a large gathering of parents and friends on Upper Field. The Brass Band played during tea and then the opportunity was provided for visitors to tour the many and varied exhibitions in the School buildings. These included exhibitions of art, C.C.F. work, model railway construction, displays of work in the Science Laboratories, by the Skye Group, in woodwork and the Initiative Test results. In addition, the Film Society provided continuous showings of four recently made films.

The finale of the day was the performance of "The Mikado", a critique of which is published later in this magazine.

On the Sunday evening, the Headmaster preached at the annual service in St. Nicolas' Church. After explaining the traditions behind this service, he took his 'text' from "The Entertainer". We must realize, he said, that people such as those in the play do exist, and we must make sure that we do not become like them. Speaking to those who were leaving, the Headmaster said that they must have faith: they should obtain the facts, seek advice if necessary, and then put in the hard work essential if their faith and conduct were to go together; only then would they have a successful journey through life.

PRIZE GIVING

We were very sorry that Lord Glyn of Farnborough was prevented by strict orders from his doctor from distributing the prizes, and at the same time we were grateful to the Chairman of the Governors and to Admiral Clifton Brown for taking over his duties at short notice.

Proceedings opened with a speech from Mr. C. G. Stow, the newly elected Chairman of the Governors, in which he spoke with regret of the departure from office of Admiral Clifton Brown and went on, substituting as he said for Lord Glyn, to talk of the Quatercentenary Appeal. He made mention of some of the objects at which the fund is aimed, and commented upon the wisdom of starting the appeal early so that by 1963 some permanent memorial to the School's 400th year might already be a fact. He appealed to all, even those in the town not directly connected with the School, to show their pride in their local school in a tangible way. Mr. Stow then called upon the Headmaster to present his report.

In his speech, the Headmaster welcomed the new Chairman and members of the Governors and reviewed the academic and athletic achievements of the year. Thereafter he spoke of the implementing in September next of the final stages of the new middle school curriculum and went on to recall some of the events of the year that he remembered most vividly. After noting the present state of the Appeal Fund and especially the generous contribution given by Messrs. Morlands, the Headmaster spoke of the importance of the human element in school and thanked all those who had supported him throughout the year.

Mr. Stow then presented to Admiral Clifton Brown an album of views of the School from the Governors, together with a wireless set from the School. Martin Broadway, Head of the School, followed on by presenting from the boys a book and from the prefects a photograph. In thanking the donors for their gifts the Admiral reminisced about his early days and connection with the School since he first became a Governor in 1929: he ended by avowing his continued interest in the School's progress.

After the Admiral had presented the prizes, the Headmaster proposed a vote of thanks and with the traditional cheers and the National Anthem the assembly dispersed.

Once again, we are very grateful to Mrs. Willis and the other ladies who helped her to decorate the Corn Exchange.

THE PRIZES

THE ENDOWED PRIZES. The Morland Prize (presented by Messrs. Morland in memory of W. T. Morland, O.A., and awarded for all-round merit)—M. S. R. Broadway; The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—R. Dickenson; The Smith Chemistry Prizes—M. S. Bretscher, E. F. Lier, K. N. Haarhoff, R. G. Simmonds, C. T. Pollard; The Ball Science Prize—P. M. D. Gray; The Bevan Essay Prize—M. Q. King; The Bevan Scripture Prizes—C. T. Denniford, G. L. Griffiss, J. P. G. Butt, R. S. Ogg, R. J. Hutcheon, N. R. Leach, V. A. Marsh.

THE SCHOOL PRIZES. The Headmaster's Prizes—M. S. R. Broadway, J. A. T. Saywell; The Mayor's Prize for History Essay (presented by Ald. C. E. Gostling, J.P.)—R. B. Scott-Taggart; The Old Boys' Prize for English Verse—R. S. Green; The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, Dean of the American University, Washington, U.S.A.)—A. T. Aitchison; The Prize for Character (presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ellis)—I. A. Oliver; The Prize for Service to the School (presented by Ald. A. E. Tombs, O.B.E., J.P.)—C. J. Redknap; The Prizes for General Achievement (presented by H. Cornish, Esq., M.B.E., J.P.)—M. S. Bretscher, C. M. Dunman; C.C.F. Prize—M. S. R. Broadway; Seamanship Prize (presented by Lt-Cdr. K. W. Cobley, D.S.C., R.N.)—R. M. Kennedy; The Junior Reading Prize (presented by C. C. Woodley, Esq., O.A.)—M. A. Faireg; The Music Prizes: Senior—M. Q. King; Junior (presented by Miss Sheldon Peach)—J. Fairlie; Choral (presented by the Director of Music)—R. H. Simpson, N. P. Loukes; Pianoforte (presented by H. H. Fowler, Esq., A.R.C.O.)—A. P. Haynes, R. Dowson; Brass—J. R. N. Ogle; The Art Prizes—D. J. Griffiths, J. B. Ray; The Handicraft Prizes—J. Brimble, R. E. Parsons.

THE CRICKET PRIZES. The Lake Bat (presented by H. W. Lake, Esq., M.C.)—W. J. Phipps; The Fletcher Cup—W. J. Phipps; The Henderson Prizes—R. J. Trenaman, P. E. J. Fitzsimons, M. D. Nurton.

THE TENNIS CHALLENGE CUP (presented by Major V. C. J. Buckley)—N. G. C. Norman.

THE ASHBURTON TROPHY—for highest score in Ashburton Competition (presented by Cdr. P. A. Crow, V.R.D., R.N.V.R.)—P.J. Ford.

THE FORM PRIZES. Sixth Form (Upper): English and French—J. J. Day; Mathematics—D. Cook; Sixth Form (Lower): Classics—T. A. Libby; English—G. M. Morse; History—D. T. L. Eke; Mathematics—G. S. Howlett; Biology—P. J. Ford; Sixth Form (General)—A. M. Hedges; Form 5 Arts—J. S. Kelly; Form 5 Science—C. T. Pollard; Form 5E—D. P. Heather-Hayes; Form 4A—A. C. Bowker; Form 4B—M. P. M. Hart; Form 4C—M. E. Carpenter; Form 3A—R. J. Hutcheon, T. H. Day; Form 3X—R. H. M. Burridge; Form 3Y—R. Knight; Form 2X—D. R. Brown; Form 2Y—T. J. King; Form 1X—P. G. Henderson; Form 1Y—J. L. Walton.

"THE MIKADO"

(July 24th, 25th and 26th)

We are indebted to Mr. A. D. Cæsar, Precentor of Music at Radley College, for the following critique:

"What an evening! That remark might be taken in two ways, but read on, dear reader, and be not dismayed. One approaches the Corn Exchange knowing there have been splendid productions of plays and operas in the past and hoping for even better things tonight.

First of all, for a comparative outsider at least, there is a sense of occasion on entering the Corn Exchange. This is because Abingdon School inspires tremendous loyalty and devotion. The audience is proud of its school, there is a homely atmosphere, friends meet friends, and a mere glance at the programme tells one that the local population is vastly interested in these productions and gives positive assistance whether it is in the orchestra or behind the scenes. I use the word assistance advisedly, for it is also abundantly clear that the main burden of the production is borne by the school, members of the staff and boys.

The sense of occasion was enhanced this time by the Headmaster's announcement of the new Prince of Wales and it was delightful to hear "God Bless the Prince of Wales" played before the National Anthem.

The Overture, not Sullivan at his best, served to show us that the orchestra would be more than adequate. The company were grateful, no doubt, for the leadership of Roy Sommerlad, who gave added confidence to the players. The set, thanks to Mr. G. H. Cooper and his assistants, was gay, colourful and unfussy and gave plenty of room for movement. There was even room for a little movement when the whole company were on the stage. This cannot have been easy to achieve.

To save repetition later, it should now be said that all the singers were excellently trained. One was not anxious for them in any way. The chorus, male and "female", were always on the spot musically, and they were well balanced between the voice parts. And how one envied those top B flats from the trebles. By the end of the academic year one has to face breaking voices amongst the trebles who have been so carefully nursed but here there seemed to be a good supply. The crispness of the chorus materially helped the production and their movements were pleasing to the eye. The dresses, needless to say, were enchanting.

Nanki-Poo has a charming voice over the whole wide range and his sometimes coy, sometimes forward acting was nicely judged. The part of Pish-Tush is difficult to bring off because he is neither one thing nor the other it seems. He was a distinct success, nevertheless, and his first

song was beautifully sung, particularly when he came to the high-pitched dotted rhythm on "beheaded" and "objected" which suited his voice most happily. By the way, his wrist watch (Swiss made?) did not quite fit in with his costume.

That pantechnicon, so to speak, of personalities, Pooh-Bah, who, from being a mere sailor last July, is now First Lord of the Admiralty, well deserves his elevation to higher spheres of activity. He was a good actor and his voice had a pleasant quality and was nicely pompous or mock-solemn whichever (and whenever) he wanted it to be.

Then came Ko-Ko, a natural clown, with a face that would do anything and a physique that could turn itself inside out and upside down; well, *practically*. One had fears, at first, that he might overdo the part but once one had got used to the idea it proved to be just right. Occasionally words, sung or spoken, were lost at the end of a sentence but this is a minor criticism. He was consistently good throughout an exhausting part and that is high praise.

What a charming trio were Yum-Yum, Beep-Bo and Pitti-Sing. Yum-Yum had the most winning smile of the evening, and could she use her eyes. The voice was a beautiful one and top A's came floating through the auditorium with the greatest of ease. Pitti-Sing's voice is on the break and it must have needed courage to sing with a voice that might let him down at some point. It was, therefore, particularly callous on the part of some members of the audience to laugh when the voice encountered difficulties of range in the madrigal. Fortunately Pitti-Sing was not (apparently) put off by this lack of sympathy. Peep-Bo ably completed the trio.

Katisha, of course, was splendid. The voice we know, and it did not fail us. The acting was of a high order. Not for one second did she relax her impenetrable mask of matronly severity until the Tit-Willow song when she melted with the utmost delicacy. Thereafter she gave us a little clowning which was much appreciated, especially a touch at the end of the encore before the final chorus when she reached her top note one beat early.

One has to wait a long time for the entry of the Mikado but it was well worth waiting for. He had an authoritative bearing and a fine voice to match his stature and there were all the right noises.

On the subject of encores, Ko-Ko's "Here's a how-de-do" variations were brilliantly done and though seven encores might seem excessive, they were not so (except perhaps to Nanki-Poo and Yum-Yum). Planned or written encores are rightly acceptable, because something different happens each time. When it is a case of the last verse again without variation, one repeat is enough. One does not wish to curb

the enthusiasm of the audience but audiences do not always know what is best for them. Encores interrupt the flow of the opera and can have the effect of tiring young singers and actors unnecessarily. Once or twice the audience were left in a state of satiety instead of feeling how much they would have liked to have heard that one again.

On the subject of applause, the writer deploras the prevalent habit of clapping jokes. It started with B.B.C. audiences and has spread to the theatre and apparently to light opera with unhappy effect. Laughter is the proper way to receive humour. Applause has an air of finality about it which it is difficult for actors to break into. By all means applaud a song (especially if you want an encore!) but laugh, and laugh only, at a joke.

It is true to say one could really sit back and enjoy this performance. It was so well produced and rehearsed, sung, played and acted, that one had no moments of anxiety. There were a few rough edges but they were rare. The orchestra did NOT drown the singers. The singers had memorised their parts all but faultlessly (a big undertaking) and the words were consistently clear. Knowing something of life backstage it is possible that conditions there were the opposite of controlled calm. All one can say is that from the point of view of the audience the stage management was quiet and orderly.

Finally, many congratulations to the director, Mr. L. C. J. Griffin, and to the conductor Mr. E. H. F. Sawbridge for a first class performance. One can only speak in superlatives of their work but the supply of superlatives is running short. What an evening! It was sheer good entertainment".

A.D.C.

THE CAST

(*principals only*)

THE MIKADO OF JAPAN	JONATHAN FOSTER
NANKI-POO	G. H. COOPER
KO-KO (Lord High Executioner)	JOHN SAYWELL
POO-BAH (Lord High Everything Else)	MARK RHYS
PISH-TUSH (a Noble Lord)	ROBERT SIMPSON
YUM-YUM	PETER LOUKES
PITTI-SING	JAMES WILLIS
PEEP-BO	ROBIN OGG
KATISHA	J. J. HORREX
GUARDS	STANLEY FREEDMAN, JOHN LONGWORTH
COOLIES	PETER HOSSENT, RICHARD LUCAS
KO-KO'S ATTENDANT	DALE VENN

VALETE ET SALVETE*Valete—left 7th February, 1958*

Form 1Y—S. L. A. Walton.

Salvete—came 29th April, 1958

Form 4C—A. R. Chapman.

Form 3A—J. D. Spencer (came 7th July).

Form 3Y—R. H. G. Taylor.

Form 1Y—R. D. Hall.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Results at the 'Advanced' Level of the recent General Certificate of Education are appended. The total of subject-passes (103) reaches a new high level, though the number of distinctions (marked with an asterisk) is not quite as great as we had hoped. Congratulations to I. J. Kirby on the award of a State Scholarship.

The number of subject-passes at 'Ordinary' Level—just short of 400—is also considerably in advance of last year's figures. To be fair, this reflects an increased number of candidates rather than a higher level of general achievement: though it was pleasant to note that several boys obtained marks as high as 80 or 90 in individual subjects.

Four Subjects: R. S. Green (G*, L, AH, F).

Three Subjects: M. J. Blythe (E, H, Geog); M. S. R. Broadway (Pure M, App M*, Ph*); E. R. L. Day (Pure M, Ph, Ch); D. Cook (Pure M, App M, Ph); P. M. D. Gray (Pure M*, App M*, Higher M); A. P. Haynes (G, L, AH); M. Q. King (G, L, AH*); I. J. Kirby (Pure-and-App M*, Ph*, Ch*); B. G. Phillips (Pure M, App M, Ph); R. B. Scott-Taggart (G, L, AH); J. H. Thewlis (Pure-and-App M, Ph, Ch); M. G. Yarkoff (Ch, Bot, Zoo).

Two Subjects: A. T. Aitchison (App M, Ph); D. H. Bragg (E, AH); M. S. Bretscher (Pure M, App M); D. E. Camplin (Pure M, Ph); A. J. Costley (Bot, Zoo); D. G. Darroch (E, H); J. J. Day (E, F); C. T. Denniford (L, AH); R. Dickenson (E, H); P. E. J. Fitzsimons (Pure M, Ph); S. H. Freedman (Ph, Zoo); M. Freeman (App M, Ph); N. D. O. Hall (E, H); R. M. Kennedy (H, Geog); E. F. Lier (Ph, Ch); J. A. Longworth (L, H); N. G. Mackenzie (Pure-and-App M, Ph); D. J. Meakins (Pure M, Ph); D. G. Morris (E, H); A. P. Paxman (E, H); I. R. Peedell (E, H); C. J. Redknap (E, H); J. A. T. Saywell (E, H); J. A. Sheard (E, H); A. W. Thistlewood (Pure M, Ph).

One Subject: K. A. Clarke (E); G. M. Crow (E); C. M. Dunman (Ch*); D. J. Exon (Ph); A. J. Foden (Ph); J. M. Foster (E); J. Fry (Ph); L. T. Harrington (E); D. S. Lees (Zoo); R. K. Le Voi (Ph); I. A. Oliver (Ph); O. M. L. Rhys (AH); R. H. Simpson (E).

CHAPEL NOTES

Mr. Bernard Mayes, whom we all remember with affection, is being ordained deacon on 21st September. Our thoughts and prayers will be with him.

We thank all those who have preached in Chapel this past term, coming from distances ranging between 100 yards and 4,000 miles. If we make especial mention of our American preacher, Dr. Hemming, of Memphis, Tennessee, it is because of the great impact he made on us. Those sixth formers who had a private session with him in the Headmaster's drawing-room on Sunday evening were indeed fortunate: for in three hours they learned more of the American scene, political, social and religious, and (if we may say so) of the American character than they could ever derive from books or newspapers. We are grateful to him too for celebrating at Early Service in accordance with the American Order—a reminder of the world-wide nature of the Anglican Communion.

Visiting preachers during the Michaelmas Term will be as follows:

September 28th—Mr. A. R. Woolley, M.A., of the Oxford University Appointments Board.

October 5th—Mr. J. H. F. Barker, M.A.

October 19th—Mr. R. S. Thompson, M.A., Headmaster of Bloxham School.

November 16th—Rev. R. S. Brutton, Vicar of Radley.

December 14th—Austin Longland, Esq., Q.C.

In addition, the Lord Bishop of Oxford will conduct a Service of Confirmation in the School Chapel at 3 p.m. on the second Sunday in Advent (7th December). Preparatory classes have already started in earnest.

A party from the School attended the annual Choir Festival at St. Helen's Church on the evening of Sunday, 13th July. It had particular interest for us because our Chaplain was preaching, the Headmaster read the Lesson, and the collection was very generously presented to our Chapel Funds.

Collections that we ourselves have allotted to outside charities have been as follows:

C. of E. Children's Society	...	...	£6	11	4
S.P.C.K.	...	...	£6	0	0
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	...	...	£6	11	0
Abingdon Church Extension Fund	...	...	£6	17	3
Missions to Seamen	...	...	£6	18	10
British Council of Churches	...	...	£6	9	2

The collection taken at the terminal service on the first day of term, amounting to £5 11s. 0d., was given to the funds of St. Helen's Church. To the same destination went one-half of the record collection of £33 7s. 0d. taken at the Founder's Day Service, the other half of which was sent to Dr. Barnardo's Children's Home at Oakley House. St. Nicolas' Church received the collection of £4 4s. 10d. taken at the School Service on the Sunday evening after Founder's Day: not a bad total for the third collection in two days—and that at a lean time of the term. The contents of the alms box, £3 1s. 3½d., were devoted to the Chapel Furnishing Fund.

The Chapel Council met, after several unavoidable postponements, before lunch on Sunday, 20th July; the small attendance was largely due to the inconvenience of the time. However, a lively discussion took place that ranged from chapel furniture to attendance at the daily office.

During the Easter holidays the back row of the unsightly jumble of chairs and deal pews that marred the East end of the Chapel was replaced by oak benches, beautifully executed by Messrs. Viney to match the existing benches. Thanks to a generous grant from the Governors we have been able to arrange for the operation to be completed during the summer holidays, and we look forward to seeing the whole Chapel properly furnished when we return in September. We are extremely grateful both to the Governors and also to Wing-Commander J. M. Viney, D.S.O., D.F.C. (O.A.) for his personal co-operation and help in the matter. The Chapel Committee will be responsible only for providing the balance of the cost, some £75, and we hope that the sight of the new benches will act as an incentive on days when the collection is allotted to this purpose.

A minor but welcome improvement in the Chapel is the dorsal which has been put up behind the altar to bring the cross, and incidentally the altar flowers, into greater prominence. All thanks to the Chaplain for doing the spade-work and to Mrs. Gray for her patient and careful experiment in what seemed at first sight such a simple project.

During the term the Choir sang as introits 'Lead us, Lord' by S. S. Wesley (soloist, R. S. Ogg) and Farrant's 'Hide not Thou Thy face'. Other anthems included 'Rejoice in the Lord alway' (soloists, Mr. Horrex, M. Q. King and R. H. Simpson); and John Goss' 'O pray for the peace of Jerusalem' at the Founder's Day Service.

(These notes must not be allowed to close without some expression of thanks to Martin King for his quiet and devoted service to the Chapel as Secretary of Chapel Council and Committee and as Sacristan. He will be greatly missed. J.M.C.)

R. D. SLADDEN

The funeral service of Rupert Sladden was held in the Chapel on the afternoon of Tuesday, 15th July. Among those present, apart from his immediate family, were Mr. J. Hooke and Mr. J. Candy (representing the Governing Body), Mr. J. O. Bury and Mr. N. Holmes (representing the Old Abingdonian Club), Mr. N. B. Challenor (the Coroner for North Berkshire) and many representatives of the staff and of all sections of the School.

The service was conducted by the Chaplain and the lesson (from I. Corinthians, 15) was read by Mr. Talbot, Housemaster of Crescent House. The Choir sang Crotch's anthem 'Comfort O Lord', and the Headmaster gave a short address.

After the service the flowers which had been displayed in the aisle were taken down to the cortege which was waiting on the gravel, and members of the family, together with Headmaster, Housemaster and Form-master, accompanied the cortege to the Oxford Crematorium for the final rites.

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

An XI which inherits eight of the previous year's side is indeed fortunate, and this season was a very successful one. The plain figures of Played 13; Won 5; Drawn 5; Lost 2; Abandoned 1; do not indicate the strength and success of the team. Of the drawn matches, only those against Oratory and The Staff were clearly in the opponents' favour, and at least two of the others would probably have been victories given a little more time. The quality as a batsman of Phipps, whose batting average was 42, was often proved, notably in his innings against the Berkshire Gentlemen, and he was strongly supported by Browning, average 29, Trenaman, average 23, and three or four others on occasion. The brunt of the bowling was borne by Fitzsimons, who took 35 wickets at an average of 9 each, Trenaman with 27 wickets for 14 each, and Ford with 20 wickets for 11 each. The ground fielding was good and at times brilliant, but there were too many catches in the deep field dropped or not even attempted. Anderson as wicket keeper was always reliable and occasionally gave signs of great promise. He has improved by leaps and bounds since last season. On the whole a well-balanced and happy side with much to commend it. Next season, with only three regular members left, the process of team building begins again, but the presence in the Second XI of several outstanding players and the fruits of a successful Under 16 XI coming along should make the task not too difficult.

Thanks are due to Mr. G. A. Smithson both for the good wickets which he has provided and for his coaching. He has the knack of calling a spade a spade in the most friendly and helpful manner, and cricket throughout the School has already benefited much from his influence. We look forward to great progress as a result of his presence here.

Phipps has been playing for the Buckinghamshire Colts during the holiday, and Fitzsimons and Anderson for the Berkshire Bantams.

Colours were awarded to: R. M. Kennedy; P. J. Fitzsimons; P. J. D. Anderson; I. A. Browning; and A. W. Thistlewood. Old Colours were W. J. Phipps and R. J. Trenaman.

Half-colours were awarded to: P. E. Perry; D. G. Morris; I. R. Peedell; and P. J. Ford.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS

W. J. PHIPPS (Captain; Colours 1957). A batsman of power and authority, who plays all the shots well, though inclined to hit across the ball through impatience. He has proved an inspiring and successful Captain, but has been a little slow to learn the art of placing a field. An excellent fielder.

A.A.H.

R. M. KENNEDY (Secretary; Colours 1958). His batting improved during the season and he finished as a successful opening bat. As a bowler he has improved. He is still inclined to be a little slow in the field. Has been a very efficient Secretary.

R. J. TRENAMAN (Colours 1956). A fine all-rounder. His bowling has been highly effective and he has used his common sense in ranging flight and pace. As a batsman he is still a little rash though he is an ideal man to give the pace. A first-class fielder.

P. J. FITZSIMONS (Colours 1958). An invaluable outswing bowler with unremitting stamina. More than once he has bowled throughout an innings without loss of accuracy. A safe bat and a good fielder.

P. J. D. ANDERSON (Colours 1958). An outstanding wicket-keeper who has taken every chance offered. His taking on the leg side has been notably good. As a batsman he was off form at the beginning of the season but when moved down in the order he made runs quickly.

I. A. BROWNING (Colours 1958). A steady and most promising opening left-hand bat with great powers of concentration. He has helped the School in many good starts. A safe fielder with an accurate throw.

A. W. THISTLEWOOD (Colours 1958). A good all-rounder. His bowling has improved and he has flighted his off-spinners cleverly. As a batsman he has not had many chances, but when he has batted he has usually steered the side through some sort of crisis. A fine fielder in the gully.

PERRY, P. E. (Half-Colours 1958). A determined left-hand bat who promises well for next season. He must remember to play himself in before hitting out. A keen but rather slow fielder.

MORRIS, D. G. (Half-Colours 1958). A good right-hand bat, though still apt to throw his wicket away. His stroke play is delightful but he must exercise more discretion. A slow fielder, too often on his heels.

PEEDELL, I. R. (Half-Colours 1958). A lively left-hand bat, particularly strong on the leg side. He was a valuable quick scorer in the middle order. A very good fielder though his throw is weak.

FORD, P. J. (Half-Colours 1958). A good but rather erratic opening bowler as yet. As a batsman he has improved. A moderate fielder with a hard though sometimes wild throw.

W.J.P.

Longworth; Utin; Baldwin; and Nurton, M. also played on occasions.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES

v. Newbury Grammar School (a). Sat., 10th May. Won.

The School were on top from the start of the match owing to the accurate bowling of Fitzsimons, well supported by Ford and Longworth. If it had not been for Barlow, Newbury would not have reached the modest total of 74.

Browning and Anderson gave the School a useful start, which was consolidated by Phipps and Morris, and the School won comfortably with 5 wickets in hand.

Newbury: 74 (Barlow 30; Fitzsimons 5-23; Ford 3-10).

Abingdon: 75 for 5 (Phipps 20; Barr 4-25).

v. St. Edward's 2nd XI (h). Sat., 17th May. Lost.

St. Edward's started slowly and after an hour had only 38 runs for the loss of two wickets. A good third wicket partnership between Hedderwick and Wallace took the score to 88. With the loss of Hedderwick the School got on top, and Trenaman and Fitzsimons dismissed St. Edward's for 106.

The School started slowly, and soon lost Browning. But Anderson, Phipps and Trenaman seemed in complete control. However, with their dismissal the School collapsed, and were all out for 84, mainly due to a lack of aggression.

St. Edward's: 106 (Hedderwick 39; Wallace 22; Trenaman 5-20).

Abingdon: 84 (Phipps 24; Trenaman 24).

v. The Staff (h). Wed., 28th May. Drawn.

Mr. Vallance and Mr. Hillary gave the Staff a very good start with a partnership of 83. However with their dismissal only Mr. Smithson appeared at ease, and none of the remaining batsmen reached double figures.

The School recovered well from the early loss of Anderson; Browning and Morris having a partnership of 72. With the dismissal of Browning, Trenaman joined Morris, who soon reached his half-century. As soon as they had been dismissed the School lost wickets quickly in the chase for runs, but Thistlewood and Baldwin were able to last until the close of play.

The Staff: 178 (G. A. Smithson 78 not out; A. A. Hillary 45; M. Vallance 32; P. Fitzsimons 4-55).

Abingdon: 154 for 9 (D. Morris 56; R. Trenaman 33; I. Browning 35).

v. Magdalen College School (h). Sat., 31st May. Drawn.

The School lost two very quick wickets, but Browning and Trenaman soon gained control with a partnership of 97. After the loss of Trenaman the School lost two more wickets for the addition of 18 runs before declaring.

Fitzsimons and Ford had soon dismissed the Magdalen openers, but Tinbergen and Cole settled down. With the fall of two more wickets the School appeared to be on top, but Cole and Weedon were soon in control. After three more wickets Magdalen gave up all attempts at winning, not scoring a run in the last quarter of an hour.

Abingdon: 128 for 5 dec. (R. Trenaman 57; I. Browning 42 not out).
Magdalen: 94 for 7 (Weedon 33 not out).

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a). Wed., 4th June. Won.

Despite the early loss of Anderson, Browning and Phipps immediately started attacking the bowling. After three quick wickets Perry joined Browning and they added 59 before Perry was well caught at mid off. Browning was joined by Peedell who proceeded to hit the ball very hard, and they added 57 before the School declared.

Fitzsimons and Ford dismissed the Wantage openers with the score at 1, and they took two more wickets each before the slow bowlers were brought on. Of the remaining batsmen only Edgington offered any resistance.

Abingdon: 175 for 5 dec. (I. Browning 62 not out; P. Perry 35; I. Peedell 34; W. Phipps 30).

Wantage: 46 (P. Fitzsimons 3-6; P. Ford 3-7).

v. Solihull School (h). (11.30 a.m.). Sat., 7th June. Lost.

Browning and Anderson started slowly for the School but after their dismissal wickets fell steadily, only Trenaman showing any resistance. With the score at 66 for 7, Kennedy joined Trenaman, and their partnership of 45 gave the School a more respectable score. After Trenaman's dismissal the last two wickets fell quickly.

The School's bowling for once did not cause undue worry to the batsmen, and although they lost four wickets Solihull coasted to victory.

Abingdon: 120 (R. Trenaman 51).

Solihull: 122 for 4 (Taylor 28; Johnson 28 not out; Forsyth 25).

v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h). 11.30 a.m. Wed., 11th June. Won.

Fitzsimons and Ford struck quickly for the School, and sent back four of the Gentlemen for 14 runs. A. Hillary took charge and scoring at a run a minute took the score to 118 before he was caught by Anderson off Trenaman. Of the remaining batsmen only M. Smith and S. Lang put up any lengthy resistance.

The School started slowly, and were 35 for 3. Phipps, assisted by Morris, Perry and Kennedy however, brought the game round into the School's favour, and when Phipps was eventually out the School needed 6 runs to win. One more wicket fell, but Thistlewood and Fitzsimons hit the necessary runs, and the School had beaten the Berkshire Gentlemen for the first time.

Berkshire Gentlemen: 165 (A. Hillary 83; M. Smith 25; P. Fitzsimons 5-52).

Abingdon: 166 for 9 (W. Phipps 84; D. Morris 20).

v. Old Abingdonians (h). 11.0 a.m. Sat., 14th June. Won.

Only B. Whiteford, P. Penney and B. Budden showed any aggression against the School's bowling. Although Fitzsimons only took one wicket he beat Whiteford and Glenny a number of times. When the slow bowlers, Trenaman and Baldwin, were brought on the batsmen immediately forgot about attack, and although most of them stayed at the

wicket for quite a time they scored few runs. It was left to No. 11, M. R. Hill, to show most of the other batsmen how to play the slow bowlers.

The School batsmen, except for Trenaman, appeared to get into the same frame of mind, and the result of the game seemed to rest on whether Trenaman managed to get the runs before he was out. After a rather uninteresting game the School won by 3 wickets.

Old Abingdonians: 89 (B. Whiteford 30; R. Trenaman 5-33;
R. Baldwin 4-10).

Abingdon: 90 for 7 (R. Trenaman 47 not out; D. Lewis 4-34).

v. Leighton Park School (h). Wed., 18th June. Drawn.

On a good batting wicket the School started slowly. When Phipps came to the wicket he immediately began to hit the ball hard. Of the other batsmen only Browning and Anderson showed any aggression and the School declared with a modest total.

A brilliant piece of fielding by Phipps enabled the School to run out one of the Leighton Park openers, and Ford then took two wickets with successive balls. Ford and Fitzsimons bowled very well, and Leighton Park collapsed to 24 for 8. Then B. Warmington, assisted firstly by Knill and then Busby, was able to stave off defeat.

The game was spoilt by the shortness of the hours of play, our opponents arriving at 2.30 p.m. and having to leave at 6.0 p.m.

Abingdon: 125 for 7 dec. (W. Phipps 59; I. Browning 26).

Leighton Park: 56 for 9 (B. Warmington 26 not out; P. Ford 4-20;
P. Fitzsimons 3-22).

v. The Parents (h). Sat., 28th June. Won.

The early loss of Browning brought Phipps to the wicket, and immediately he started attacking the bowling. Assisted by Kennedy, Trenaman and Morris he had soon reached his half-century, and the School had 100 on the board in an hour. The scoring rate became even faster, the last 25 minutes seeing 75 runs scored, Phipps reaching his century and the School total reaching 200. When the School declared Phipps had 127 not out, scored in 83 minutes, and it was the highest score for the School for 19 years.

Very good bowling by Fitzsimons soon had the Parents' wickets falling. Only Mr. Houghton and Mr. Hossent showed any aggression. With the total at 36 for 8 Mr. Houghton and Mr. Bickers were able to add 20 runs to the score before Mr. Houghton was eventually caught, and the Parents were soon all out.

Abingdon: 203 for 4 dec. (W. Phipps 127 not out; R. Kennedy 23; R. Trenaman 22).

The Parents: 61 (Mr. Houghton 31; P. Fitzsimons 4-7).

v. Abingdon Cricket Club (h). Sat., 5th July. Drawn.

Although Abingdon C.C. lost their first wicket quickly, A. Hillary and A. Ambrose took the score to the 60's before being dismissed. None of the remaining batsmen showed any aggression, and the last three wickets only added 6 runs. Trenaman bowled particularly well.

Of the School's batsmen Peedell showed most spirit. R. Payne bowled well, assisted by Whiteford, but they were not unplayable, and if the earlier batsmen had put bat to ball as Peedell did the School might easily have won.

Abingdon Cricket Club: 116 (A. Hillary 33; A. Ambrose 30; F. Nelson 27 not out; R. Trenaman 6-47).

Abingdon: 103 for 8 (L. Peedell 21 not out; R. Payne 7-57).

v. Oratory School (h). Sat., 12th July. Drawn.

Browning and Kennedy started slowly for the School, but later hit out and after an hour's play had 60 on the board, and when Browning was out they had scored 86, the best opening partnership of the season. Phipps was dismissed immediately, and Kennedy and Trenaman took the score past the hundred before they were both dismissed by Sorapure. Peedell and Morris scored a few more quick runs before the School declared.

The Oratory opening batsmen immediately attacked the bowling, though when Nicol was dismissed the scoring slackened for a time. However, when Simpson had been in a few overs he hit the ball beautifully all over the field, and though his partners came and went he took their total nearer to the target. In the last over they needed 7 to win, but owing to a good piece of fielding by Thistlewood they only got 6, so the match was a draw.

Abingdon: 125 for 4 dec. (R. Kennedy 56; I. Browning 35; P. Sorapure 4-25).

Oratory: 125 for 6 (N. Simpson 55 not out; P. Nicol 24; L. Fynn 23).

v. High Wycombe (a). Wed., 16th July. Abandoned.

Rain once again washed out this match when the School had scored 28 for the loss of 1 wicket.

R.M.K.

SECOND ELEVEN

The Captancy of a 2nd XI is unenviable and never easy. The side is so frequently called upon to supply 'spare parts' for the 1st XI and these are of course the best that the side can, reluctantly, but happily, allow to graduate. With only six regular members of the side, M. Rhys is to be congratulated upon producing so splendid a spirit in the side as to ensure such thoroughly interesting and successful cricket. It is worth noting that he achieved this much more by example, both in front of and behind the stumps, than by much preaching.

Only in one match, against the Abingdon C.C., did the batting collapse; but a second innings gave the School a chance to prove that their potential was good enough for them to hope that the Club will continue this enjoyable innovation in future years.

With the bat the patient openings of Paxman, the lusty efforts (if short-lived) of Rhys and the highly individual techniques of Hamilton, culminating in a fine innings at Bloxham, all deserve mention. In bowling the honours were fairly even: Baldwin's performances against Newbury and Bloxham augur well for his work in the 1st XI next season and the steady improvement of Cain, Wyatt and Yarkoff is most encouraging.

But the season will be remembered more by certain matches than by recalling individuals—which is surely as it should be. Typical of this was the tension of the last wicket partnership of 32 by Yarkoff and Hamilton against all that M.C.S. could do—only to be capped by a similar performance of the visitors' No. 11, Hayes—26 n.o.—which brought his side a last-wicket stand of 36 and victory just in time.

But no matter what fortunes the team had with the bat—and they batted first in all but one completed match—or in bowling, it was the fielding that gave most pleasure. Throwing could have been more accurate at times but seldom more aggressive and the spirit of the side, fielding as a team and not as individuals, did more to ensure success and enjoyment—(this latter so important)—in this season's matches than any other single factor.

Half-Colours were awarded to: O. M. L. Rhys; A. Paxman; and R. Baldwin.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES

10th May v. Newbury G.S. (h). Won by 35 runs.

Abingdon: 115. Newbury: 80 (Baldwin 7 for 9).

31st May v. Magdalen College School (h). Lost by 1 wkt.

Abingdon: 100. M.C.S.: 101 for 9 (Wyatt 3 for 12).

4th June v. King Alfred's, Wantage (h). Drawn.

Abingdon: 140 (Hamilton 35). Wantage: 53 for 8.

7th June v. Solihull School (h). Won by 11 runs.

Abingdon: 88 (Paxman 24). Solihull: 77 (Cain 4 for 8).

14th June v. Old Abingdonians (h). Won by 5 wickets.

Old Abingdonians: 74 (Whitton 5 for 23). Abingdon: 77 for 5.

5th July v. Abingdon C.C. (h). Drawn.

Abingdon: 40 and 82 for 9 dec. (Rhys 31).

Abingdon C.C.: 81 for 9 dec. and 18 for 6.

19th July v. Bloxham (a). Won.

Abingdon: 146 for 5 dec. (Hamilton 61 n.o.).

Bloxham: 55 (Baldwin 7 for 19).

The match against R.G.S. High Wycombe was rained off after 13 overs: R.G.S. High Wycombe 28 for 3 (at High Wycombe).

Won 4; Lost 1; Drawn 2.

Teams

Rhys (Capt. & Wkt.), Paxman, Simpson, Hamilton, Morgan, Yarkoff, (8 matches); Baldwin, Cain, Johnson, Wyatt (7 matches); Utin (5 matches); Longworth (4 matches); Peedell, Whitton, Hunt, Saywell (1 match).

C.D.B.M.

UNDER 16 XI AND UNDER 15 XI

The Under 16 XI can look back on a fairly successful season. They were never actually beaten, although they certainly had the worst of it at St. Edward's. The last two matches, against the City of Oxford and Bloxham, were quite convincing wins.

The team, led by Nurton with quiet efficiency, worked well together, and the batting was steady—in fact they were never all out—if occasionally rather slow. Nurton was the most consistent batsman, but Neilan, Goodwin, Bunce, and Long all made scores of more than thirty. Of the bowlers Whitton was the most successful, with 18 wickets for just under 10 each, and Robey and Long also bowled well. The fielding was a bit patchy, sometimes brilliant, but at others rather slow, with the throwing in occasionally wild.

The Under 15 XI did not have a very successful season. Only three matches were played, of which two were lost and one drawn, but only just. The batting showed lack of confidence, and the bowling lacked fire, while one match might have had a very different result if the fielding had been up to standard.

Under 16 XI results

- v. St. Edward's (a). Drawn. St. Edward's 188 for 5 dec. Abingdon 86 for 6.
 v. Radley (a). Drawn. Radley 140 for 9 dec. Abingdon 108 for 9.
 v. Reading (a). Drawn. Abingdon 103 for 2 dec. Reading 97 for 8.
 v. City of Oxford. Won. C.O.S. 61 for 6 dec. Abingdon 63 for 5.
 v. Bloxham. Won. Abingdon 130 for 6 dec. Bloxham 56.

Under 15 XI results

- v. Newbury (h). Lost. Newbury 111. Abingdon 71.
 v. Oratory (a). Drawn. Oratory 145 for 5. Abingdon 42 for 8.
 v. Leighton Park (a). Lost. Abingdon 99 for 7 dec. Leighton Park 102 for 3.

L.C.J.G.

UNDER 14 XI

The Under 14 Team improved appreciably as the season went on, and finished by winning their last three matches. The bowling was strong and varied, Cooksley being a hostile opener, Keeyes most successful with his left-arm slows, and M. S. Ford a dangerous leg-spinner. Munson has the makings of a very good and accurate off-spinner, but did not have much luck in matches. The batting was not so strong, and suffered particularly because Veysey—an excellent Captain, intelligent and sensible—and Ford did not make the runs which they always promised, and certainly will make sooner or later. J. C. M. Watts, G. J. Bailey, Jennings and Munson were the most successful batsmen, and all played excellent innings of different types, while Fairlie, Keeyes and Cooksley were more than useful tail-enders. Fairlie's wicket-keeping has improved and promises well for the future. Altogether a spirited and happy team which played good cricket and enjoyed it.

Results

- May 10th v. Newbury (a). Lost by 45 runs.
 May 17th v. St. Edward's U.15 XI (h). Lost by 80 runs.
 May 31st v. Magdalen College School (h). Cancelled.
 June 21st v. Radley College (a). Drawn.
 June 28th "A" XI v. Col. Bryceson's Sch. (h). Won by 30 runs.
 July 12th v. Reading School (a). Won by 5 runs.
 July 16th v. C.O.H.S. (h). Won by 50 runs.
 July 19th v. Bloxham (h). Won by 65 runs.

M.W.V.

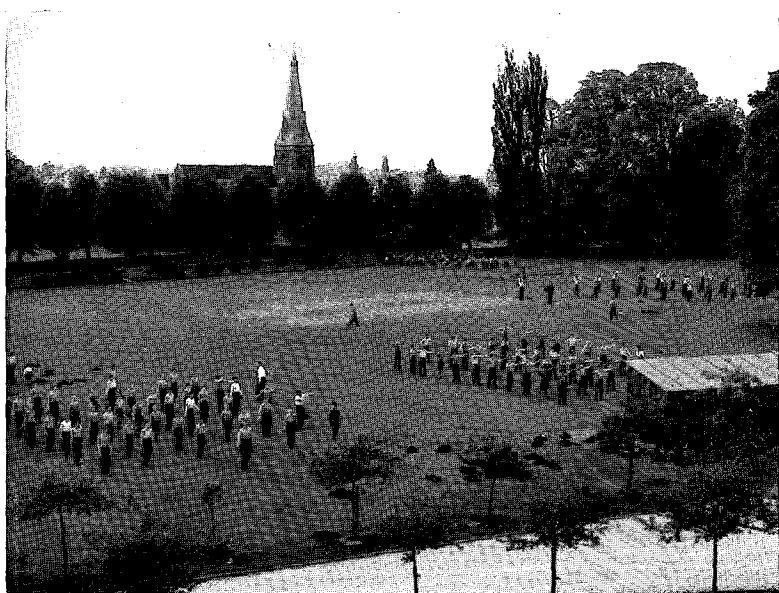


THE FIRST ELEVEN

A. W. Thistlewood, I. R. Peedell, A. A. Hillary, Esq., I. A. Browning, G. A. Smithson, Esq., P. E. Perry, P. J. Ford,
P. E. J. Fitzsimons, R. M. Kennedy (Secretary), W. J. Phipps (Captain), R. J. Trenaman, P. J. D. Anderson,
I. M. Cunningham (Scorer).
Absent ill—D. G. Morris.



LACIES COURT IN LILAC-TIME



—AND MASSED P.T. IN BREAK



THE FIRST EIGHT



THE WAR MEMORIAL FIELD



NAVAL
(Martin Broadway makes the School's presentation to the Admiral)



MILITARY
(marching past the Saluting Base at the Inspection)

The results of the various House Matches were as follows:

Senior Knock-out Competition—Bennett beat Reeves by 3 wickets.

Junior Knock-out Competition—Bennett beat Reeves by 40 runs.

Senior House Leagues, for the new Mathias Cup—won by Blacknall.

Junior House Leagues, for the Viney Cup—won by Tesdale.

ROWING

Last year we recorded the first appearance of a School Eight at Regattas. This year it is good to be able to add the word 'successful' to similar occasions and apply it not to one but two eights. The lessons learned the hard way last year have indeed helped us up a rung or two of the ladder; there can be no need to remind past or present members of the Boat Club of the ultimate objective towards which we strive!

If last season was one of experiment, no less can be said of this year, for we had insufficient evidence or experience rowing on home waters to know just how fast the crews were. An ample supply of data has now been accumulated which will enable us to gauge our potentialities in the future. The one imponderable factor is the racing spirit of a crew, but of this all that needs to be said is that there has never yet been a School crew lacking in this respect and that this year's Eight was no exception to the rule, providing an outstanding example to the younger members of the Club.

No report on the School rowing would be complete without an acknowledgement of our debt to the Old Boys for their generous help and encouragement: the boats in which we race; transport of boats to Regattas; our splendid new boat-cover; financial and moral support, for which we are most grateful. Our thanks are due also to Lord Glyn of Farnborough, whose gift of Enclosure tickets enabled members of the Eight to visit Henley Royal Regatta.

Finally may we say how pleased we are in the Boat Club that the Abingdon Rowing Club has been re-formed. We have been able to assist them by the temporary loan of boats and we hear that they are well on the way to complete independence. There are of course several O.A.'s involved, and we look forward to seeing them afloat in the near future.

R.G.M.

CREWS

1st VIII

Bow—M. S. R. Broadway; 2—R. L. Antrobus; 3—R. R. Bailey;
4—D. J. Meakins; 5—J. H. Thewlis; 6—A. J. Costley; 7—R. K. Le
Voi; Stroke—I. A. Oliver; Cox—N. W. Pridham.

2nd VIII

Bow—Rowles; 2—Haynes (D. W.); 3—Howell; 4—Sewry, T. A.; 5—Wintle, P. P.; 6—Gibbs; 7—Loukes; Stroke—Ogle; Cox—Havelock.

1st IV

Bow—Corps; 2—Denniford; 3—Griffiths; Stroke—M. G. Chambers; Cox—Smith (D. F. K.).

2nd IV

Bow—Mackenzie (A. J.); 2—Taylor (T. M.); 3—Heather-Hayes; Stroke—Howlett; Cox—Stuart-Lyon.

The crews shown above are as they rowed their last races. In fact, until just before the fixture with Reading School, N. G. Mackenzie rowed at '3' in the 1st VIII, R. R. Bailey rowed at '5' in the 2nd VIII, A. L. Howell rowed at '3' in the 1st IV, and D. J. Griffiths rowed at 'bow' in the 2nd IV. The illness of Mackenzie caused the change in the 1st VIII, which was reflected in the other crews. In the original 2nd IV P. J. Liles rowed at '2', but left the crew, owing to his age, when it was decided to enter the crew for an under-seventeen event at Wallingford Regatta.

RACES

FIRST VIII

May 14th v. Sir Wm. Borlase's School, Marlow (a).

Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. The crew was not rowing well on this occasion, being rather rushed and uncontrolled. There was too much attention paid to the opposition and too little to the rowing.

May 26th. Reading Clinker Regatta. Junior Eights.

The crew was lucky to draw a bye in the first round. In the second we met Molesey B.C. and defeated them by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. The crew was rowing better on this occasion, and a longer stroke was being rowed. In the Final we defeated Forest School by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, thus winning the event.

June 7th. Oxford Royal Regatta. Junior Eights.

In the first round we lost to Cheltenham College by $\frac{1}{4}$ length. Rowing on the Oxfordshire station the School was soon down, but drew level after coming out of the Cut. A steamer then forced us to stop. The race was restarted, and Cheltenham with the advantage of the O.U.B.C. bend drew away to win. The crew did not row particularly well on this occasion.

June 14th. Reading Amateur Regatta. Public Schools' Eights.

The School was defeated in the first round by $\frac{1}{2}$ length by Kingston G.S. who lost the Final on a disqualification. Shortly after the start we were a length down and despite an excellent spurt at the half mile the experienced Kingston crew resisted our challenge. We revised our ideas on 'starts' after this race!

June 21st. Marlow Amateur Regatta. Junior Eights.

In the first round we were drawn against Forest School and Magdalen College School II. The former failed to arrive, owing to a breakdown, and we beat M.C.S. easily.

In the second round the School defeated Sir Wm. Borlase's School by 1 length, Bedford Park R.C. being third. This was our best race of the Regatta, possibly of the season.

The Final was rowed against Canford School whom we beat by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

(Although the 1st VIII this year was a light crew,—average weight 10 st. 10 lb.—they developed a high degree of efficiency, and more than made up for their size by fitness and pugnacity. Much of their success was due to the Captain and Secretary who rowed at 'Bow' and 'Stroke' respectively. R.G.M.).

SECOND VIII

May 14th v. Sir Wm. Borlase's School.

Lost by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. The crew were lacking in racing experience and did not settle down well.

May 26th. Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Eights.

Rowing more comfortably the crew beat Reading School II easily in the first round. In the Final we defeated Sir Wm. Borlase's II by six feet.

June 4th v. Reading School.

Won easily.

June 7th. Wallingford Regatta.

Heat 1 v. Reading University. Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Heat 2 v. The Queen's College, Oxford. Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Final v. St. Edward's School III. Lost easily.

FIRST IV

May 17th v. Culham College.

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

May 26th. Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Fours.

Lost to Hannington R.C. in the first round.

June 4th v. Reading School.

Won easily.

June 7th. Wallingford Regatta. Maiden Fours.

Heat 1 v. Culham College. Won easily.

Heat 2 v. Henley R.C. Lost.

SECOND IV

May 17th v. Culham College.

Won easily.

June 4th v. Reading School.

Won easily.

June 7th. Wallingford Regatta. Schoolboy Fours.

Lost to Reading Bluecoat School in the first round.

BOAT CLUB REGATTA

The Regatta was held this year on Culham Reach on 16th July. The standard of House Rowing has much improved and it was decided to use the full course. Each House produced a Senior and a Junior IV.

Results

Bennett Cup for Senior House Fours—Blacknall beat Reeves easily.
3 mins. 24 secs.

Morrell Cup for Junior House Fours—Reeves beat Tesdale by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.
3 mins. 31 secs.

Pierpoint Cup—Boarders beat Dayboys by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. 3 mins. 25 secs.

Senior Sculls—R. L. Antrobus beat M. G. Chambers, thus winning the title of Mayor's Waterman.

M.S.R.B.

TENNIS

The 1st VI had a poor season only winning two matches. The weakness lay in the 3rd pair, who in nine matches only won 4 rubbers out of a possible 27. The 1st pair (Norman and Gray) played reasonably well throughout the season, winning 17 rubbers and drawing 2; while the 2nd pair won 9. Several combinations were tried for the 2nd pair but the most successful proved to be Bragg and Kirby. Greader unfortunately failed to fulfil his promise: his flashes of brilliance were all for nought, when he muffed the simpler shots. Morse and Tuck competed for the other place in the side, both showing more promise

than performance; yet as a singles player Tuck exceeded all expectations, reaching the final of the Buckley Cup.

For the first time a 2nd VI was fully established playing five matches and winning two, which was a very fair start. Two matches for an under 16 four were also arranged.

The Buckley Cup attracted a record entry of 56 players and was won by N. G. C. Norman, who defeated M. D. Tuck 6—2, 6—2, in the final.

Despite the variable weather, only two matches were rained off; though many practices were cancelled and the lack of more hard courts was keenly felt.

We are again most grateful to Mr. Lay for his coaching services on Thursday afternoons.

In conclusion we congratulate P. M. D. Gray, D. H. Bragg and I. J. Kirby on being awarded their colours and also Bragg and Kirby on their election as next year's captain and secretary respectively.

H.M.G.

FIRST VI CHARACTERS

N. G. C. NORMAN (Captain, Colours 1956). A player of great power and potential, with many winning shots at his command—yet they so often go out! On his day a most forceful and hard hitting player, whom we shall greatly miss. (H.M.G.)

P. M. D. GRAY (Secretary, Colours 1958). Improved during the season, serving fewer double faults, and making more successful volleys, though still weak on the high overhead smash. At his best in the Youll Cup driving well on both wings.

D. H. BRAGG (Colours 1958). He struck a bad mid-season patch, but finished well. He achieves good results with somewhat unorthodox methods and he makes serving more difficult by not throwing the ball up high enough.

I. J. KIRBY (Colours 1958). His style is a little awkward but effective. He must remember to bend his knees and follow through, when taking a low shot. He has a good forehand and a very useful service.

T. P. N. GREADER. He must learn not to slice the ball on every stroke but vary his approach to the game. He appears to lack concentration and only rarely gets his first service in, though it is a potential winner.

G. M. MORSE. He tends to become too tense when playing a match and this forces him into errors, his winning forehand drives failing to go in. His volleying and service have improved, but his backhand is still weak.

M. D. TUCK. He has some good strokes on both sides. However, he must learn to stand sideways to the net and so reduce his tendency to sky the ball.

N.G.C.N.

FIRST VI MATCHES

May 14th	v.	The Staff (h).	Won	5—4
May 21st	v.	Culham College (h).	Lost	3—6
May 28th	v.	Magdalen College School (a).	Lost	2½—6½
June 4th	v.	Nautical College, Pangbourne (h).	Lost	3—5
June 14th	v.	Old Abingdonians (h).	Lost	2—7
June 18th	v.	Leighton Park School 'A' (h).	Won	7—2
July 5th	v.	Radley College (a).	Lost	3—6
July 12th	v.	Reading School (a).	Lost	3½—5½
July 19th	v.	Abingdon L.T.C. (h).	Lost	4—5

Matches against Berkhamsted School and R.G.S., High Wycombe were cancelled owing to rain.

SECOND VI MATCHES

- 1st Pair—S. M. Womar (Capt.) and G. M. Morse or M. D. Tuck.
 2nd Pair—D. E. Camplin and D. Wiggins.
 3rd Pair—R. K. Paige and R. W. J. Bampton.

May 28th	v.	Salesian College (h).	Won	5½—2½
June 18th	v.	Culham College (a).	Lost	2—5
June 20th	v.	Magdalen College School (h).	Lost	2—7
July 9th	v.	City of Oxford School 1st VI (h).	Won	6—3
July 19th	v.	Bloxham School 1st VI (a).	Lost	2½—5½

YOULL CUP; PUBLIC SCHOOLS' WIMBLEDON WEEK

In the first round we defeated Highgate 2—0. Our first pair were playing well and won convincingly 6—2, 6—0; while the 2nd pair after a shaky start retrieved the position and got home 9—7 in the 3rd set.

The 2nd round produced two good matches against Winchester, neither of which we won. The 2nd pair had to play first and were always struggling, but they put up a very creditable performance only losing 4—6, 7—9. The first pair had a more uneven match with some scintillating play interlarded by periods in which our captain was putting both his power services and smashes very much out. The result: lost 1—6, 6—4, 1—6.

In the under 16 event our pair never found their true form and lost to Lancing II 5—7, 3—6.

1st pair—N. G. C. Norman; P. M. D. Gray.

2nd pair—D. H. Bragg; I. J. Kirby.

Under 16 pair—R. K. Paige; R. W. J. Bampton.

H.M.G.

SWIMMING

Swimming began early this Summer Term in May, and the number of full time swimmers was larger than ever before so that some twenty boys attended sessions in all weathers.

The Swimming Sports were organized on a different basis this year in an attempt to get the four best swimmers in each event instead of one representative from each Athletic House as in previous years. They were held on the afternoon of Wednesday, 23rd July, and we were grateful to Mrs. Talbot who kindly presented the awards at the end of the Sports. Not unexpectedly Tesdale House won the Green House Challenge Cup for the fifth consecutive year—with ten victories and a number of second places, they swept the board. Tesdale's total score (74) was well ahead of that obtained by Reeves House (25) who gained second place. Bennett House scored 20 and Blacknall had to be content with 12. No records were broken but the afternoon provided most enjoyable sport.

On the day following the Sports, a dozen boys took the examinations of the Royal Life Saving Society. For these, we borrowed the swimming pool of S. Helen's School and are very grateful to the Sister Superior for permission to do so. A. J. Foden and A. G. Dillabough did well to gain Awards of Merit (Silver Medallions) and C. M. Dunman his Instructor's Certificate. J. A. T. Saywell, P. Kandiah, G. G. Ganf, P. N. North, E. F. Lier, J. Kingston and C. P. Wyatt all passed their Bronze Medallions. The Club wish to place on record their thanks to Mr. Coleman without whose aid and encouragement these successes could not have been gained.

P. Kandiah, this year's winner of the Becker Free Style Challenge Cup, was appointed next year's Secretary of Swimming.

The results of the Sports were:—

Open Free-Style, 4 lengths:

[Record: 1 min. 17 secs.—P. D. Kibble, 1956].

1—J. Kingston; 2—P. Kandiah; 3—I. R. Peedell; 1 min. 19.6 secs.

Open Free-Style, 10 lengths:

[Record: 3 mins. 51 secs.—P. D. Kibble, 1956].

1—P. Kandiah; 2—C. D. Loukes; 3—R. K. Le Voi; 4 mins. 30.1 secs.

Open Breast Stroke, 4 lengths:

[Record: 1 min. 32.6 secs.—M. J. Scott-Taggart, 1954].

1—A. G. Dillabough; 2—A. J. Foden; 3—C. M. Dunman; 1 min. 38.5 secs.

Open Breast Stroke, 10 lengths:

[Record: 4 mins. 10.9 secs.—P. A. Smith, 1957].

1—A. J. Foden; 2—R. R. Bailey; 3—A. G. Dillabough; 4 mins. 49.9 secs.

Open Back Stroke, 4 lengths:

[Record: 1 min. 39.6 secs.—J. Kingston, 1957].

1—J. Kingston; 2—C. D. Loukes; 3—A. G. Dillabough; 1 min. 48.5 secs.

Senior House Diving:

1—A. G. Dillabough; 2—M. P. Cross; 3—K. A. Clark.

Under 16 Free-Style, 4 lengths:

[Record: 1 min. 24.2 secs.—P. D. Kibble, 1955].

1—B. R. Rosevear; 2—G. G. Ganf; 3—M. Bett; 1 min. 26.2 secs.

Under 16 Breast Stroke, 4 lengths:

[Record: 1 min. 37.9 secs.—K. A. Clark, 1955].

1—G. G. Ganf; 2—I. W. Moss; 3—M. Bett; 1 min. 43.5 secs.

Under 16 Back Stroke, 2 lengths:

[Record: 46 secs.—D. J. Griffiths, 1957].

1—G. G. Ganf; 2—Stuart-Lyon; 3—D. C. Pollard; 55.2 secs.

Junior House Diving:

1—R. H. M. Burridge; 2—A. W. Foster; 3—A. Hewison.

Under 14 Free-Style, 2 lengths:

[Record 38.3 secs.—J. Kingston, 1954].

1—T. R. Morris; 2—A. W. Foster; 3—R. H. M. Burridge; 46.1 secs.

Under 14 Breast Stroke, 2 lengths:

[Record: 51.6 secs.—P. A. Smith, 1953].

1—T. R. Morris; 2—A. W. Foster; 3—R. H. M. Burrige; 59.5 secs.

Under 14 Back Stroke, 2 lengths:

[Record: 48.6 secs.—C. M. Davis].

1—A. W. Foster; 2—R. J. Parsons; 3—R. H. M. Burrige; 52.3 secs.

Junior House Relay:

1—Blacknall; 2—Tesdale; 3—Reeves; 4—Bennett.

Senior House Relay

1—Tesdale; 2—Bennett; Reeves and Blacknall disqualified.

The Green Cup, House Challenge Cup awarded to the Athletic House gaining the most points in the Sports—Tesdale.

The Elliot Challenge Cup, awarded to swimmer gaining most points—G. G. Ganf.

The Becker Challenge Cup for Free-Style—P. Kandiah.

J.A.T.S.

ATHLETICS

The existence of a small group of official athletes or senior boys who elected and gained permission to train for athletics instead of cricket makes this report on summer athletics worthwhile. The most notable occasion upon which these boys competed was the Berkshire A.A.A. Championships held at Reading on 28th June. D. G. Darroch beat last year's champion by winning the Under 19 Shot with a put of 43ft. 6ins. R. W. Harvey won the Under 17 Mile in the record time of 4 mins. 44.4 secs. and D. T. L. Eke, after warming up by coming in fourth in the Junior 880 yards, won the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile steeplechase in the record time of 3 mins. 52.1 secs. G. G. Ganf secured second place in the Under 17 100 yards.

Later in the term, in the Berkshire Schools' Championships Darroch repeated his previous success by winning the Shot event with 44ft. 4ins. Harvey, too, gained another success by winning the Under 17 Mile easily in 4 mins. 48.1 secs., whilst Eke competing in the Under 19 Mile gained second place. Subsequently Harvey was selected to represent Berkshire in the All England Schools' Championships in Durham, but unfortunately was unable to travel.

Finally, mention must be made of what is fast becoming a traditional "wall race". In this, the Athletes, each running three laps round the Upper Field wall, won a well fought race against the Gentlemen, or non-athletes, who ran a lap each. The contest was held one Sunday after Matins and the Cup was presented to the winners by the Captain of Athletics.

J.A.T.S.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Field Day, on 13th May, took the now traditional form of a revision circus in a "tactical" setting, for the impending Cert. 'A' exams. Once again satisfactory results were achieved: 35 Cadets out of 44 passed Part 2, for which the Board was provided by the Oxf. & Bucks L.I. The President, in his report to District H.Q., recorded that the standard reached was "appreciably above the average of other C.C.F. Contingents examined by the Board". The nine failures all came down in Drill—a fact which should spur others to make the most in future of their opportunities to practise this, the most exacting part of the examination. In Part I, 64 out of 76 Candidates were successful. The R.A. classification tests were held later in term. Five of the seven candidates were successful and L/Bdr. Pritchard had the distinction of gaining full marks.

The Parade on Empire Youth Sunday with the Band leading a strong representative contingent was well supported. Air Vice-Marshal Baker commented favourably on our showing in the March Past—a satisfactory rehearsal for the General Inspection. This was to have been carried out by Major General G. S. Thompson, C.B., D.S.O., M.B.E., Director of Staff Duties, The War Office. Unfortunately, the situation in the Middle East prevented Gen. Thompson from leaving the War Office and the Inspection was in fact carried out—in weather hot enough to result in a record number of faintings on parade—by Gen. Thompson's personal deputy, Brigadier Holbrook. In spite of the casualties (most of them temporary) the March Past reached quite a high standard, except perhaps in the saluting of some Platoon Comds. This was gratifying in itself, and the more so because the newly-elected Chairman of the Governors was present for the Ceremonial parade. The official report, just to hand, is very pleasing. In it Brigadier Holbrook says, among other nice things, that he was greatly impressed by the efficiency and enthusiasm of the cadets. It is endorsed by G.O.C. Salisbury Plain District "A very satisfactory report".

Once again, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Varsity: assistance with R. A. training was supplemented this term by Signal training also, which we hope may have come to stay. We look forward to classifying a number of signallers next term. To Major Marsden, of the School of Military Survey, we extend grateful thanks for assuming charge of the R.E. Section in their switch-over from Field Engineering to Survey work.

During term, the following promotions were made:

To be Under Officer: C.S.M. Broadway.

To be B.Q.M.S.: Sgt. Thewlis.

To be Sgt.: Cpl. Womar.

To be Cpl.: L/Cpls. Ford and Kandiah.

ANNUAL CAMP: GANDALE, YORKSHIRE

A Contingent of 5 Officers, the Chaplain and 61 O.R.'s attended the Gandale C.C.F. Camp, near Catterick. We had hoped to go to Folkestone, and in this were disappointed; but on balance, we "won", as Camps in Eastern and Southern Commands were in the event cancelled because of the Middle East situation.

Weather was wet, windy, and cold, for much of the time, but one expects little else of an English August.

Three 'grouses' we did have. The Chaplain was laid low after 48 hours with a recurrence of an old teething complaint and had to return home. Food for cadets, provided for the first time since the war by a civilian caterer, was mixed in quality and insufficient in quantity and in addition led to a widespread though comparatively mild outbreak of food poisoning—a quarter of our numbers were affected for 24 hours or more. And finally, Northern Comd. refused to play ball in the matter of road transport for stores on the return journey, thereby causing the C.O. many anxious moments before a furniture van was hired for the purpose.

The Camp was staffed by 1st (Blazers) Field Battery, R.A.; and most willing and efficient they were.

Shortage of numbers was, however, a serious administrative handicap; while the withdrawal of the Yorks & Lancs as demonstration troops left a real gap on the training side.

Training areas—incredible as it may seem on the Yorkshire moors—were limited at times to a single unexciting "field"; but we did have one good area, on the only fine morning, and in this a couple of battles were fought which—stage-managed and controlled as they were—bore the stamp of tactical realism. On two occasions, lacking self-driven transport, we managed no more than a route march to and from our area. These were the first day and the last and both were made in driving rain; perhaps, in retrospect, no bad thing after all! Of the range allocation and the conditions for shooting, the least that is said is the soonest mended; suffice it to record that Sewry registered a possible in the only shoot that was possible. Church parade on the Sunday was excellently organized by the Gunners; we enjoyed the address by the Bishop of Ripon and in the March Past afterwards the contingent showed up well.

The Initiative Test, held on the Monday, was won by a short head by Cpl. Ford's section, while the Senior N.C.O.'s, travelling in pairs, covered considerable distances over moor and mountain. The prize for the best tent went to No. 4 tent under Sgt. Dickenson; and in general

the standard here was pleasingly high, so much so that the daily winners of the tent inspection earned a free trip to Scarborough on the Saturday. On the final morning, the whole contingent worked hard to clear our stores and lines by 0700 hours, U/O. Broadway then, as throughout Camp, doing a fine job; well done!

For the first four days of Camp, four of our number were detached to a separate camp at Otterburn for R.A. training which they enjoyed thoroughly. Another five—three of them leaving Gandale a day early for the purpose—attended the full-blooded R.A. Camp at Larkhill from 6th to 12th August. All honour to them . . .

S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The main part of the term was devoted to Navigation and Signals courses and a navigation examination was held in which six cadets were successful. After the Certificate 'A' examinations a record number of cadets applied to join the section, and it was with regret that we had to disappoint about one third of them, in order to keep the numbers within reasonable limits. As it is the section has reached a highest ever total of sixty-three.

The inspection, by Brigadier Holbrook, went off very well, and the Section gave a good account of itself, an especially gratifying aspect being the ingenuity shewn by Petty Officer Kennedy and his crew in constructing a rope bridge.

An interesting Field Day was spent in a visit to the Cutty Sark and to the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich.

On the day after the end of term, twenty-one cadets and the two officers left on a three day journey through France and Spain to annual training at Gibraltar. This was an experiment, and the event would seem to have justified it. H.M.S. Rooke, our hosts, is a shore station, acting partly as a transit station, and partly fulfilling naval tasks at Gibraltar, and the programme they had laid on for us was varied and interesting. Our first day was spent in looking over a cruiser, H.M.S. Ceylon, which arrived at 7.00 a.m. that day, and left again twelve hours later. We were very grateful to her Captain and officers for putting up with us when her stay was so short. A visit to the dockyard, where we saw the various departments in action, boat pulling (for some for the first time—and in a regatta too!), and some practice at the helm of an M.F.V. completed the purely naval side of the week, but in addition we visited the R.A.F. and had a twenty minute flight in a Devon of the Station Flight—an aeroplane normally used only by the very important—and were taken for a tour of the Rock, an extremely interesting and impressive experience. The highlight of the

week was undoubtedly the trip in the M.F.V. which despite our helmanship actually succeeded in finding Tangier in time for us to have some five hours there, most of which time we spent in the Casbah, fascinated by the narrow streets, the variety of native costumes, the crafts which went on in the houses—it was as though we were in an entirely different world. The journey through Spain, too, although long and wearying, was extremely interesting. Altogether it was a good trip, and one which we hope we may be able to repeat in a few years' time. In the meantime we should like to record our gratitude to Commander Hamer, from whom the idea came, and to the First Lieutenant of H.M.S. Rooke, and all those who looked after us so well while we were in Gibraltar.

L.C.J.G.

SCOUTS

(34th North Berks)

Camp this year was held on a farm at Wilcot, near Pewsey in Wiltshire; as Mr. Williams had already started his training for the Ministry, Mr. Hasnip was in charge, assisted by Mr. Blagden, who although not a Scouter has had much experience of camping and was fresh from the 'Skye Group's Easter Camp.

In all 13 Scouts attended, with I. M. Cunningham as Troop Leader and quartermaster; almost a half were still first-formers, and this promises well for the future. The weather of course was wet, and one patrol had to move its site on being flooded out, but a full programme of activities and badge work was carried out. We had a day in Salisbury, and a visit to Marlborough where we were shown around the College by the A.D.C., Mr. Chilton, who gave us much help, for which we thank him.

All in all a good camp, which we hope will stimulate recruiting amongst this term's first-formers.

K.G.H.

EXCURSION DAY

Excursion Day this year was held on Monday, 14th July. In view of the heavy commitments of many of the seniors, participation was limited to forms 1—3 (if we except the august members of the Literary Society, whose expedition to the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park was by way of being a private venture and is reported elsewhere).

Objectives comprised: Winchester (3A); the works of B.M.C. at Cowley (3X); Hampton Court (3Y); Salisbury and Stonehenge (2X); and Blenheim Palace (2Y). The first forms once again went for a conducted ramble along the Ridgeway—not a very dramatic programme, but we are assured that it was enjoyed by all.

Subsidiary excursions took place on Tuesday, 22nd July, when 4C visited the Planetarium at Madame Tussaud's and the Science Museum, and a select party of locomotive enthusiasts went round depots at King's Cross and Stratford.

THE INITIATIVE TESTS

This year the Initiative Test was divided into two sections. A small number of senior boys who were not too much tied up in other end-of-term activities was allowed to take part in what could more properly be called a 'night operation'. They were taken out, blindfolded, in masters' cars after nightfall on Saturday, 19th July, and dumped in pairs on the Downs some twenty miles from the School. They were equipped with compasses and maps, and they had to make their way back without recourse either to public transport or to any form of hitch-hiking. Most of the participants found their whereabouts pretty quickly, and the only problem that then faced them was a pretty tough night's marching. All arrived at School safe and sound on the Sunday morning—half of them, indeed, by half-past six: and after submitting a log of their journey they had the rest of the weekend in which to sleep it off. We have plans for introducing a greater element of difficulty (and adventure) next year.

The Junior Test, devised for members of the Lower Sixth and Fifth forms, was, as last year, based on the theme 'Know Your Own Region'. Thirteen couples, all volunteers, took part. A briefing conference was held after the General Inspection on Friday, 18th July, at which each couple had to choose an objective from a list of 24 covering such diverse subjects as the inn-signs of Abingdon, the Knights of the Garter, the windmills of Oxfordshire and Berkshire, the Hell Fire Club, and the story of the Mistletoe Bough. The evening was spent in planning, and pairs could set off any time after dawn the next day. They had to report back to the Duty Master not later than 5.0 p.m., and hand their logs in to him by 8.30.

Again the general standard was extremely high, and the resulting logs made very interesting reading. At least half of them were prize-worthy and it was no easy task to select the winners. Eventually the first prize, of book tokens, was awarded to R. J. C. Bampton and S. R. Turner. Their assignment, the watercress industry of Letcombe Bassett, was relatively simple, but there was no flaw at all in the way in which they tackled it. They contacted the right people, drew clear maps, produced helpful photographs, wrote an admirable log—and even brought back some of the water-bugs which invade the beds. Highly commended were G. W. Jones and R. C. Watts (Vanbrugh's Bridge at Blenheim Palace) and J. M. Milne and A. W. Potter (the buried village of Seacourt).

The first prize for the Senior test (book tokens, together with the Older Cup for Initiative) went to J. Fry and J. H. Thewlis, the second prize (book tokens) to J. M. Foster and D. T. L. Eke.

J.M.C.

SCHOOL MUSIC

As usual, we have had a full programme. The Band was first to appear in public—namely on Empire Youth Sunday. It played well, and was commended in the Band Journal by an unknown writer.

Dr. John Varley gave us another first-class Recital on 18th May and we trust that his visits will be annual. A large party from the School heard the Abingdon Music Society's performance of Bach's B Minor Mass on 20th May, and were most impressed by this, the greatest Choral work in existence.

Parties went to some of the D'Oyly Carte productions in Oxford—and members of the School Cast combined business with pleasure by going to "The Mikado".

Mr. John Manduell adjudicated the House Music Competitions on 1st June. His comments—both oral and written—were most helpful, and on the whole, he was most impressed by what he heard. Results are given below:—

Vocal Ensembles—

- 1—Blacknall.
- 2—Reeves.

Unbroken Voices—

- 1—M. A. Bisby (Bl).
- 2—L. J. W. Ewing (B).
- 3—N. P. Loukes (R).

Broken Voices—

- 1—J. H. Thewlis (Bl).
- 2—R. H. Simpson (R).
- 3—M. P. Cross (Bl).

Guitar—

- 1—A. L. Howell (T).
- 2—R. S. Haynes (B).

Compositions—

- 1—A. P. Haynes (B).
- 2—S. H. Freedman (Bl).
- 3—J. H. Thewlis (Bl).

House Orchestras—

- 1—Reeves.
- 2—Tesdale.
- 3—Blacknall.

As a result, Blacknall won the Competitions (with the previous term's points brought in) with 181 points; Reeves were 2nd with 121; Bennett 3rd with 111 and Tesdale 4th with 79. Thanks to an anonymous gift, trophies were awarded as follows:

- House Music Shield—Blacknall.
- House Choirs Cup—Blacknall.
- Open Brass Cup—I. A. Oliver.
- Strings Cup—D. Wiggins.
- House Orchestras Cup—Reeves.
- Open Woodwind Cup—J. H. Thewlis.

The Senior Orchestra has been preparing Beethoven's 2nd Symphony for next Term—though the majority have been spending their time on the not too easy parts of "The Mikado". The Junior Orchestra has met regularly and is as enthusiastic as ever.

Gramophone Recitals have been frequent in the Music Society, with a good and varied programme. But, all this aside, the most important 'Moment Musical' this Term has been "The Mikado", a report of which appears elsewhere—written by A. D. Caesar, Esq., Precentor of Radley College. It has used some 80 boys for the production—which is surely the main reason for doing an Opera at School: to have musicians, actors, painters, craftsmen and electricians, all combining to present as good an entertainment as they can, and thereby having a 'Ministry of all the Talents'—in a production where the individual can show his particular 'forte'.

"Men may come, and men may go . . ." and though the School Music will continue, some of its leading lights will not. After a long musical innings, M. Q. King is leaving, having led the Senior Orchestra, and given a firm lead to the Basses in Chapel. He has also had a long and successful term of office as Music Society Secretary. That Tesdale's music has improved so much is in no small measure due to his keen leadership. J. M. Foster, J. A. T. Saywell, R. H. Simpson and D. J. Meakins have served the Choral side of music indefatigably, and all are soloists in their own right—and would be invaluable in any Group they might join later. I. A. Oliver will be a tremendous loss to the Band, since not only has he been an outstanding trumpeter, but he has also been responsible for the Band's *esprit de corps* in recent years—and has been Mr. Clack's right-hand man. A Drum Major does not often receive commendation in writing, but R. B. Scott-Taggart, following in his brother's footsteps, has been faultless, and his poise on Inspection Day deserved the many kind remarks.

For the future, it is encouraging to see so many Junior School boys taking up instruments, or joining the Choir—for it is they who in five year's time will be taking the place of those, and other leavers, mentioned in the above paragraph. Finally, bon voyage to Mr. Helliwell, who has been a very keen member of the Choir, and who will be missed, especially by the Tenors.

E.H.F.S.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

The term's programme started on 15th May when the Headmaster invited the Society to attend a performance of "Patience" at the New Theatre, Oxford. It was a good production and was enjoyed by all. The members resident in School House then invited the Headmaster

and Mrs. Cobban and all other members of the Society to supper in School House. It may not have been a good supper, but at any rate there were no complaints.

At the next meeting, J. H. Thewlis read a paper entitled "Stars". It was, in general, a technical paper and the author dealt with the types and composition of stars, and with theories on the origin of the solar system. If some took little part in the discussion, all must have learnt much from this paper.

At the last meeting, J. A. T. Saywell read a paper entitled "Nuclear Dilemma" in which he dealt with the political and moral aspects of the problem which the hydrogen bomb has created. Discussion on the controversial subject of nuclear disarmament was heated and agreement on this topic could not be reached. The paper was excellently written and provided a fitting end to the year's activities.

Remarks often repeated tend to lose their effect, but the sincerity of our thanks to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban is not to be doubted. We really are extremely grateful for their hospitality.

M.S.R.B.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Owing to examinations we have been able to hold only two meetings this term. At the first Mr. L. Soens of Colorado University spoke about "The differences between the British and American ways of life". He said that Americans felt their lack of historical background when confronted by English institutions, and he also spoke about the two systems of education, of which he felt the English to be more efficient. These two points, together with many amusing anecdotes, provided an interesting meeting.

Mr. A. Long, Principal of Government College, Ibadan, spoke at our second meeting about "The life and people of Western Nigeria". He told us of the tribal and political divisions of the country, its exports and some of the difficulties of language there. We saw some excellent coloured slides taken in various parts of that country, and this proved an extremely informative meeting.

Attendance at meetings this term has been less encouraging than usual, and we hope that more senior boys will come to realise the interest and educational value of our lectures.

R.D.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The term was distinguished by a visit from the Debating Society of Magdalen College School on 13th June. In spite of a hitch in transport arrangements which resulted in one of the main speakers not arriving, the motion that "the Modern Humorist is no longer funny" was ably and wittily debated. C. T. Denniford proposed the motion and was supported by J. Davies, Secretary of the M.C.S. Society, whilst J. A. T. Saywell in the absence of the opposer led for the opposition. Lack of time made for too few speeches from the floor of the house and the vote went in favour of the opposition. This was a welcome fixture and we hope it will become a permanent feature of the Summer Term.

Prior to this meeting, an impromptu debate upon a wide variety of subjects had been held early in the term and the third meeting, held towards the end of the term, enabled us to debate the Colour Bar. H. W. Ticehurst and R. G. Moorshead proposing the need for a colour bar stressed the disastrous results of mixed marriages and the unrealistic view of those who thought black and white could live together. R. J. Morgan and R. S. Capstick opposed by pointing out that in an educated community no colour bar was necessary; they carried the day.

Once again, the Society took part in the Public Speaking contest organised by the County. Three teams were entered and although not successful all did well, reaching the finals of their groups.

J.A.T.S.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term took the form of 'a literary hotch-potch'. Four members each introduced authors of their own choice, and Thackeray, Dostoevsky, William Blake and Dylan Thomas were all admirably dealt with. The most notable remark was Ford's description of Dylan Thomas as looking like 'an unmade bed'.

The second meeting was a play reading—Henrik Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People". The question of whether an individual ought to sublimate his personal convictions to those of the majority was brilliantly presented. Special commendation goes to R. S. Green and R. Dickenson on their reading.

A visit to London to see "As You Like It" at the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre comprised the third meeting. We were glad to welcome other senior boys to this trip, which was well worth the expense.

The last meeting of the year was a paper by C. M. Dunman on "Progressive Thought in 19th Century Literature". Provocative as usual, the speaker set off a vehement argument which could have continued 'ad infinitum'. It had to be cut short to bid farewell to Mr. Helliwell, which we did with sad regret. Mr. Helliwell was our sponsor when we refounded the Society, and we are very sorry to lose him.

R.B.S.-T.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term on 30th May was a talk by M. S. Bretscher on "The Atom as a source of energy". The speaker gave an erudite account of the mechanism of atom fission and chain reactions. He also produced specimens of the radioactive ash collected after the first experimental atomic explosion in America.

This talk served as an introduction to our next meeting on 6th June when the Society was given a first hand account of some of the latest developments in the field of atomic energy by Mr. D. W. Fry, who as well as being the Deputy Director of A.E.R.E. and one of the leaders of the now well known Zeta team, is also a parent three times over—in our sense of the word.

Mr. Fry's talk entitled "Energy from the light elements" was illustrated with slides of Zeta and other reactors at Harwell. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Fry for finding time to come to speak to us.

The last meeting of the term on 11th July was a theoretical and practical account of "How a television receiver works" by P. M. D. Gray. This was the final lecture in a series of three on radio and television and the Society is indebted to Peter Gray for the effort and time he has put into the series.

I.A.O.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Gramophone programmes this term have included some interesting works: Prokofiev's Ballet Suite "Romeo and Juliet", Elgar's 'Cello Concerto and parts of his "Dream of Gerontius", Delius' "Song of the High Hills" and Brahms's String Sextet in B flat major as well as several works of Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Bach.

Two Sunday evening meetings were held to hear recitals. On 18th May, Dr. John Varley (piano) played a concert of Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin and Liszt and on 8th June the Oxford University Musical Club gave us an attractive programme which included a string quartet by Mozart, some Duos for Two Violins by Bartok and Liebslieder of Brahms.

M.Q.K.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

It is indeed heartening to think that the Society is so flourishing, judging that is by the number of films shown by the Society on Founder's Day. We must, however, realise that quantity is not everything and we hope for a great advance in quality in our future productions. On Founder's Day, we offered our visitors a larger programme than ever before. The films shown covered a wide range of subjects

from the Skye Group Expedition to Wasdale and the School trip to Sicily to a feature film—"Into the Dark". Also on show was "This is Your Town", the Civic Trust film made by John Becker, which received a very favourable critique in *The Times Educational Supplement*.

Our sound recording technique has improved still further this year after modifications made to the cooling system of the School projector.

C.T.D.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

The Society has had a very successful term; we have read "The Admirable Crichton", "Macbeth", and "The Entertainer", with J. A. Longworth, D. G. Darroch, and Mr. Helliwell reading the respective leading parts. On 15th June, a One-Act Play Reading Competition was held: the standard of reading was high, and R. Moll won the competition with his excellent rendering of "The Monkey's Paw".

We are very sorry to lose Mr. Helliwell who has done a great deal for the Society; but Mr. Griffin is a worthy successor, and we feel sure that the Society will continue to flourish under his management.

J.A.S.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Two meetings were held during the term. At the first, members read "L'Ecole des Femmes" by Molière, a classical French comedy. This was interestingly contrasted with the play read at the second meeting—Jean Anouilh's "Antigone" which is a modern work written in the style of the Greek tragedies.

Especial thanks are due to Mr. Hasnip, the sponsor, and Mr. Parker, the President of the Society, for their help in reading the longer and more difficult parts.

Membership of the Society is open to all Sixth Formers who have passed French or German at 'O' level.

J.J.D.

THE FORUM

Three meetings have been held this term. At the first the Secretary took the chair and the four-term school year, games, Mr. Kruschev and television were the subjects discussed.

A. H. Smith led the discussion at the second meeting when defence cuts, technical education, the French situation and the Lambeth Conference were discussed.

At the final meeting which, owing to examinations, was confined to junior members R. T. Moll introduced topics ranging from the Lebanon to London buses, all of which produced lively discussion.

It is particularly pleasing to see the increased confidence of our junior members, and we hope they will carry their ability to wider fields.

R.D.

JOINT CLUB

The first meeting of the term was at Lacies Court and was held outside. We were fortunate in the weather: it was a wonderful summer evening, although it did get cold later. We found it was possible to dance on the lawn, and the Lacies Court grounds gave opportunity for more varied games than usual.

The second meeting took the form of tennis and swimming at St. Helen's. Some of us were unavoidably late, as the Boat Club was at a Regatta on that day, but the weather was again favourable, and the evening was considered a success. After those who were athletically inclined had worn themselves out, we had refreshments and some dancing.

The last meeting was a sausage party on Cumnor Hurst, when we took sausages and cooked them over an open fire. Opinion was divided as to whether we should go as it had been raining for three days previously, but in fact it turned out to be a fine evening and was, for some of us, a very pleasant last meeting.

M.S.R.B.

HOLIDAY CLUB

The Easter Holidays provided the Club with an opportunity to avenge their defeat of the Christmas Holidays at the hands of Abingdon R.F.C. The Club did well to beat a strong Town side by 8 points to six, despite being down 0—6 at the interval. At Soccer we again drew with Abingdon Minors. As the 6—6 score suggests, the strength of the Club in attack was somewhat offset by defensive errors. However a draw was perhaps the fairest result.

During the Summer Holidays the Club will be active on the cricket field and the tennis court. Finally we wish every success to next year's Secretary and Treasurer, D. H. Bragg and R. J. Bailey respectively.

I.R.P.

SKYE GROUP

The first few weeks of term were inevitably spent cleaning the equipment we had used for last Easter's expedition to the Lake District, and settling the accounts. Thereafter we sorted out the scientific specimens, and the geological side was later checked by Dr. Brown of Oxford University. We were most surprised by the number of specimens

we had identified correctly. One interesting, but as then unidentified mineral, turned out to be mispickel, arsenic sulphide!

On 20th June the expedition's Kodachrome slides were shown. Mr. Talbot gave a short introduction after which Dunman gave a commentary on the slides. This was repeated a week later for the Field Club.

We were fortunate enough to have the Wantage Lab. at our disposal on Founder's Day. Scientific specimens with their origin shown on a relief map, the "Lakes, 1958" report, slides, and some genuine camp stew (which was tasted by a few parents) were all on view.

On 28th July we had one final meeting. Since the posts of Chairman and Secretary fell vacant at the end of Term, elections were held. P. J. Ford and S. M. Womar were elected to fill them respectively. D. P. Kirk was elected Quartermaster for the next camp—a difficult and important job. During the term the following joined the Group: P. A. Bretscher, P. J. Ford, K. N. Haarhoff, G. W. Jones, C. J. Redknapp, R. G. Simmonds, and J. Thewlis.

M.S.B.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The departure of Mr. Helliwell will be a great loss to the Library, for during his term as Assistant Librarian he has done a tremendous amount of work in the routine running and termly checks, for all of which we are most grateful. During the past term we have received two handsome and interesting gifts—from Admiral Clifton Brown a number of leather-bound prizes which he won at Cheam School in the 80's and from Lord Glyn a number of standard works and biographies in equally handsome bindings. Mr. Rudd has given us two interesting old atlases and also a collection of Cambridge Mathematical Scholarship papers, and H. B. Healey, O.A., has sent us the remaining volumes of Churchill's "History of the English Speaking Nations". Leaving books have already been received from P. M. D. Gray and R. M. Kennedy. To all these we say 'thank you very much', not forgetting the library staff, whose daily chores, though unspectacular and often unnoticed, are so essential to the running of the Library.

G.F.D.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

ALDISS. On 10th August, 1958, at Balgowlah, N.S.W., to the wife of Captain James B. H. J. Aldiss (1946), twin sons, Matthew and Crispin.

WALTERS. On 14th April, 1957, to Jean, wife of A. J. Walters (1946), a second daughter, Christine Mary.

WOOD. On 3rd August at St. Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, to Cynthia, wife of Peter R. Wood (1935), a daughter, Tessa Mary, sister for Michael and Nicholas.

MARRIAGES

DRAISEY-DAVIS. On 26th July, 1958, at St. Mary's Church, Osterley, John S. Draisey (1950) to Thelma T. Davis.

HEAVENS-BURNISTON. On 14th June, 1958, at St. Michael's Church, Abingdon, Jeffrey F. Heavens (1954) to Isobel Burniston.

PETTY-FALLA. On 3rd July, 1958, at St. John's Church, Jersey, John C. Petty (1941) to Margaret M. Falla.

STOPPS-COCKSHEAD. On 21st June, 1958, at St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, Colin E. Stopps (1951) to Dorothy Cockshead.

STOTT-STEINER. On 3rd May, 1958, at St. John's Church, Palmer's Green, London, F. Campbell Stott (1946) to Beverley Jean Steiner.

WALKER-WRIGHT. On 7th December, 1957, in Clifton Parish Church, York, Kenneth G. Walker (1942) to Margaret Wright, of Glasgow.

DEATHS

CLARK. On 7th May, 1958, suddenly at his home at Boundstone, Farnham, Surrey, Edwin Fowler Clark (1897-1904), B.Sc.Lond., B.A.Cantab., aged 70.

COULDREY. On 24th July, 1958, at St. Michael's Avenue, Abingdon, Oswald Jennings Couldrey (1892-1901), aged 75.

E. F. Clark was a School Prefect and rowed in the School Four. He entered London University with a Draper's Exhibition in 1905 and gained 1st class Honours in Engineering for his B.Sc. degree. He then proceeded to Trinity College, Cambridge and after taking a research degree he joined Rolls Royce. He spent the next 20 years with the firm as electrical engineer and mathematician, largely concerned with balancing aircraft engines. He later founded the electrical laboratory at Derby which produced electrical components for Rolls Royce cars. He retired in the 30's to work as a mathematician with consulting engineers in London and during the last war was at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, engaged in research work.

By the death of Oswald Couldrey the School has lost one of its most gifted alumni and Abingdon will miss a long-familiar character. He was a School prefect, rowed in the 1st IV and was editor-in-chief and illustrator of the Dayboy Comet, which ran to three issues in 1900. He won the Abingdon Scholarship to Pembroke College in 1901 and rowed for two years in the College Torpid and Eight. After reading

Greats he took his Teaching Diploma in 1908 and was appointed to the Education Department of the Indian Civil Service. He soon won the affection and respect of staff and pupils alike by his insight and understanding of Indian life and culture. Unfortunately partial deafness, soon to become total, compelled him to resign his post and return to England. Thereafter despite his disability life remained full of interest and activity and like the Scholar Gipsy he divided his time between outdoor exercise and his reading, writing and painting. Among his published works were "The Mistaken Fury" (1914), "Thames and Godavery" (1920), "South Indian Hours" (1924), "Triolets" (1952) and illustrated articles in "The Geographical Magazine" (1937 and 1950), "The Phantom Waterfall" (1949), "Sonnets of East and West" (1951).

We are indebted to Willoughby Weaving, O.A., for the following personal appreciation.

"Oswald Couldrey was at Abingdon School with me for a few terms. I followed him to Oxford when he was in his fifth year there, reading for the examination which was to take him into Indian Education, learning to ride a horse and working for the necessary teaching diploma. Already he was a good draughtsman, a promising painter and a writer of fine imaginative prose and witty, sensuous verse. As I was interested in these arts his gifts brought us closer together.

His work in India was original and rewarding. His aim was not to turn the young men of the country into Englishmen, but to draw out and direct their native powers, and to use Western culture only as a means thereto. The gratitude, admiration and affection of his pupils, and their achievements remain to show how well he succeeded. Increasing deafness compelled him to retire too soon, and robbed India of a devoted and sagacious servant.

Soon after his return to England he became wholly deaf. But though this disaster closed for him one channel of receipt he gained more from life and gave to it more than most men with senses unimpaired.

He lived for many years alone writing his famous triolets and other notable works in verse and prose, and continuing to paint fine pictures, among them memorable scenes of Abingdon. But he was no recluse. So great a lover of nature and art he was no less a lover of human company, and was himself a most lovable man".

H. E. Gibbs (1913), of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, was awarded the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List.

Bennett Aldiss (1946), whom we congratulate on the birth of twins, is now living in Balgowlah, N.S.W. and is Captain of S.S. Shansi in the New Guinea—Australia Line.

R. B. H. Morland (1920) has returned to this country from Camerouns, on retirement from Barclay's Bank D.C. & O.

Malcolm Lawrence (1945) has also returned, after seven years in Nigeria.

S. R. Hunt (1928) who entered the Inland Revenue Department of the Civil Service in 1931 after graduating at Cambridge, has been at the West End Office for the last few years, after holding posts in Kent, South Wales and Manchester.

We have heard recently from G. C. B. Myall (1942) now living in Oakville. After serving in the Middle East he joined Anglo Iranian Oil Co. and was at Abadan during the crisis. After that he emigrated to Canada and is working in research laboratories of the rapidly growing Canadian oil industry.

Kenneth Walker (1942), married last December, is now Deputy Secretary of the West Cumberland Hospital Management Committee, whose 'empire' includes Maryport, Workington and Whitehaven, where an entirely new hospital is being built. Kenneth himself lives near Workington.

Campbell Stott (1946) earns double congratulations, on marriage and qualifying as A.M.I.C.E. He is working with the vast Taylor Woodrow concern, at present in Fiji.

Peter Chamberlin (1948) took his B.Sc.Agr. at Newcastle recently and has been appointed Lecturer at the Hertfordshire Institute of Agriculture.

Richard Taylor (1951) has joined B.O.A.C. on the flying side and is training at London Airport, while Anthony Pearman (1954) is doing likewise at Hamble.

James Penning (1949), of the Anglo Saxon Petroleum fleet, will be taking his last exam at Southampton next summer, after which we presume he will be a fully-fledged officer.

David Banfield (1953), of U.K.A.E.A., has qualified for a 4 years 'sandwich' course at Battersea College of Technology.

David Free (1952) has been appointed Classics master at Silcoates School, Wakefield.

Michael Bateman (1951) is now an assistant editor of the *Shields Gazette*, and lives at South Shields.

We congratulate Bryan Kibble (1957) on his 1st Class in Science Mods. at Oxford, Michael Rallings (1956) on winning the Harris Anatomy Prize at Guy's and Paul Older (1956), also of Guy's, on passing 2nd M.B.

J. P. Amies (1937) is manager of Lloyd's Bank, Eton. O. M. Jones, who left us in 1954 for Windsor County School, is in Barclay's Bank, Windsor.

Michael Brackley (1954) has been elected Vice-Captain of Rugged at Culham College

A. J. Betterton (1945), whom we felicitate on the birth of a daughter, is with I.C.I. at Middlesbrough.

David Andrews (1952) is in the legal department of Pirelli General at Southampton.

Trevor Walker (1955), having finished his service in R. Berks, is a trainee with Brook Bonds; and John Pridham (1955) returned from Canada is also going to join a tea plantation in Assam.

Neville Horwood (1944) is head of one of the Beecham's laboratories at Betchworth, Surrey. He has two boys and one daughter and lives at Horley.

Brian R. Smith (1956) is training as a building surveyor with Trollope & Colls Ltd. in London. He lives at Tadworth, Surrey.

Capt. P. R. Lucas (1950), Lancs. Fus., is doing a tour of attachment to the Nigeria Regt. His brother Christopher (1953) is serving in Royal Engineers in Cyprus.

Capt. D. W. Olliffe (1942), R.A.S.C., has been posted to an M.T. Coy. in Germany after 2 years in Belgium at a petroleum depot.

2nd/Lt. M. G. Nichol (1957), R. Berks att. 6th K.A.R., is at Dar-es-Salaam.

We were very sorry to hear that 2nd/Lt. George Brown (1956) had returned from Cyprus for a protracted spell in hospital. We wish him a rapid and complete recovery and hope his entry to Reading University will not be unduly delayed.

R. D. Gammack (1955) is training at Thorney Island for his Regular Commission as navigator.

N. A. J. Antrobus (1957) and John Mobbs (1958) have passed R.C.B. for Sandhurst, and I. T. S. Ashworth (1955) has negotiated W.O.S.B.

In the next issue we shall be publishing a list of O.A.'s at Universities and teaching hospitals and the present occupations of those who left last July. Up-to-date news, particularly from the latter, will be welcomed by Mr. Duxbury.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

Old Boys' Day was celebrated on Saturday, 14th June, 1958 in beautiful summer weather. Two cricket matches were played this year, the 1st XI's on the War Memorial Field and the 2nd XI's on Upper Field. Both were won by the School, but in the Tennis match a strong O.A. team secured an easy victory.

The Annual General Meeting, reported elsewhere, at which the thorny problem of the siting of the cricket match was settled to general satisfaction, was followed by the Dinner in the Council Chamber at which the record number of 115 members and guests was present. The President, J. O. Bury, was supported by the Mayor of Abingdon, Ald. C. E. Gostling, Admiral Clifton Brown and other members of the Governing Body, the Headmaster and Mr. Grundy. The guest of honour was Brigadier E. C. R. Stileman, C.B.E., Assistant Secretary of the Industrial Fund, and among other guests were M. S. R. Broadway (Head of the School), I. A. Oliver (Head of Crescent House) and W. J. Phipps (Captain of Cricket).

After the Loyal Toast and the toast of John Roysse had been honoured, the President proposed the health of the School, coupled with the name of the Headmaster. In reply Mr. Cobban gave a brief summary of the achievements of the School in work and games during the past year, and referred with particular regret to the impending retirement of the Chairman, Admiral Clifton Brown, who had been a member of the Governing Body since 1929, and Chairman for the last eleven years. He then asked for the full support of the Old Boys for the Appeal to be launched shortly, to celebrate the Quatercentenary of the re-foundation of the School, and after thanking the Old Boys for what they had done and were doing for the School, he proposed the toast of the O.A. Club.

In response, Mr. Plummer produced some interesting and extremely apposite details of the history of the School since its re-foundation, and pointed out how appropriate it was that we should be celebrating in the early years of the reign of the second Elizabeth an event which took place during the reign of her great predecessor. He, like the Headmaster, expressed the deep gratitude of the School for the generous help which the Industrial Fund had given towards the building of the new Science extension which was opened last year; and it was for this reason that he had especial pleasure in proposing the final toast, of the visitors, with which he associated the name of Brigadier Stileman. Brigadier Stileman in responding to the toast not only gave a most interesting account of the history of the Industrial Fund, but also revealed some part of the negotiations which preceded the grant made to Abingdon School. It must have been a difficult task for any young man to follow in the wake of Brigadier Stileman, but Martin Broadway

rose to the occasion and made an admirable speech of thanks on behalf of himself and his fellow prefects. The installation of the new President completed the formal part of the proceedings.

There was general agreement that this was the most successful dinner that the Old Abingdonian Club has held since the war. It was particularly pleasing to see so many younger Old Boys present. Much of the credit for its success is again to be given to the Dinner Secretary, Mr. Duncan West. Especial thanks are due too to Mrs. Bevir who decorated the dinner tables so beautifully.

On the following morning a large number of Old Boys attended Service in the School Chapel at which the lessons were read by two Old Boys, Tony Gardner and Peter Millard, and the address was given by the School Chaplain. Subsequently, the visitors were entertained for coffee by Mrs. Cobban on the lawn of School House.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1958

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Pembroke Room at 5.45 p.m. on the 14th June, 1958. The President, Mr. J. O. Bury was in the Chair and fifty-eight members were present. Apologies for absence were received from E. H. Aldworth, Neil Corby, R. D. Gibaud, H. M. Insley-Fox, J. Westall and T. A. Wiggins, all of whom sent their best wishes for a successful Old Boys' Day.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Secretary and the Sports Secretary reported a successful year in their respective capacities. Membership had increased by fifty-seven bringing the total membership of the Club to 935.

Mr. D. B. West presented the Treasurer's report for Mr. Bevir who regretted that his state of health prevented him from doing justice to both the Annual Dinner and his own report. The report showed balances on the 14th June, 1958, as follows:

At Trustee Savings Bank	...	£2	14s.	2d.
At Westminster Bank	...	£99	3s.	5d.
In hands of Treasurer	...	£2	1s.	5d.

With due thanks to the Treasurer, to Mr. Snell for auditing the accounts and to Mr. West, the report was adopted.

Mr. Cobban gave a brief history of the work done to date regarding the 1963 appeal saying that the target would be £50,000, the appeal would be issued in July and the ultimate decision on the spending of the money would rest with the Governors. The Governors however, had intimated that if possible the O.A.'s contribution might be earmarked for some special purpose.

The following officers were elected for 1958-59:

President—S. D. Plummer.

President-Elect—R. F. Jackson.

Vice-President—J. M. Cobban.

Hon. Treasurer—W. Bevir.

Hon. Secretary—N. J. Holmes.

Assistant Secretaries—J. H. Hooke and D. B. West.

Sports Secretaries—J. T. Cullen and J. Westall.

London Secretary—S. A. Paige.

Messrs. J. D. Wood, W. A. Rudd and R. D. Gibaud were re-elected to the Committee. P. J. Millard was elected to fill the vacancy caused by R. F. Jackson's election as President-Elect.

The Committee's recommendation regarding the O.A. cricket match was carried unanimously with the wish that two elevens might play each year as they have this year. This appeared to be a happy and successful arrangement for cricketers, spectators, and all in general.

There being no other business the President, Mr. J. O. Bury, expressed his gratitude to all the officers and members of the Club for the way in which the Club continues to flourish. The meeting closed at 6.40 p.m.

ANNUAL DANCE

Members should note that the Annual Dance will be held on Saturday, 29th November, the evening of the O.A. Rugger Match. Full details will be posted to them later with the customary fixture list, but early application for tickets (10/- single) to N. J. Holmes, 100 Ock Street, Abingdon, is advisable.

ADDRESSES

It is proposed to issue a new list of addresses in November, and again we plead that changes of address should be notified promptly to the Secretary or to G. F. Duxbury at the School.

OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND

The accounts for the last financial year, printed below, show that very satisfactory progress has been made in paying off the balance outstanding on the War Memorial Pavilion and next year the task should be completed. The Trustees have further undertaken to cover the remaining cost of the new fives-court to which the Governors have already allocated £100.

Several subscribers have already taken advantage of the method of supporting the Quatercentenary Appeal by increasing their covenanted subscriptions. These are acknowledged in the Appeal report, but we should like to assure all those who think of adopting this method that a separate account will be kept of all income so received.

Since our last report a new covenant has been received from Col. A. T. Hatfield, increased covenant from S. A. Fabes and renewals from S. Cullen, R. D. Gibaud, R. W. Snell and T. D. Thomas. We are most grateful to them all and also to R. W. Snell for auditing and printing the annual accounts.

Cash Account for the year ended 31st March, 1958.

<i>Receipts</i>				
Balances in hand, 1st April, 1957	...	92	12	2
Subscriptions and Donations	... ..	227	10	0
Inland Rev. Refund of I.T. on Covenants	...	126	14	8
Trustee Savings Bank Interest	... ..	2	5	4
		£449	2	2
School Magazine Expenses	... ..	34	8	8
Ross-Barker Pavilion Balance	... ..	29	10	0
War Memorial Pavilion payments	...	250	0	0
Stamps on Covenants	... ..		8	10
Postages and Stationery	... ..	1	10	6
Balances in hand, 31st March, 1958:				
Cash at Bank	101	1	5
" " Trustee S.B.	26	8	7
" in hand	5	14	2
		133	4	2
		£449	2	2

G. F. Duxbury,
Hon. Treasurer.

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The Life Membership Subscription to the Old Abingdonian Club which covers all the privileges of the Club but does not include receipt of the Magazine is Three Guineas.

All subscriptions to the club or enquiries relating to it should be sent to the Treasurer, W. Bevir, Esq., 36 Park Road, Abingdon, Berks.

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All subscriptions to the O.A. Trust Fund and "The Abingdonian", or questions relating to them should be sent to G. F. Duxbury, Abingdon School, Berks. He will also be glad to receive news from and concerning O.A.'s for inclusion in the magazine, and particularly prompt notice of all changes of address.

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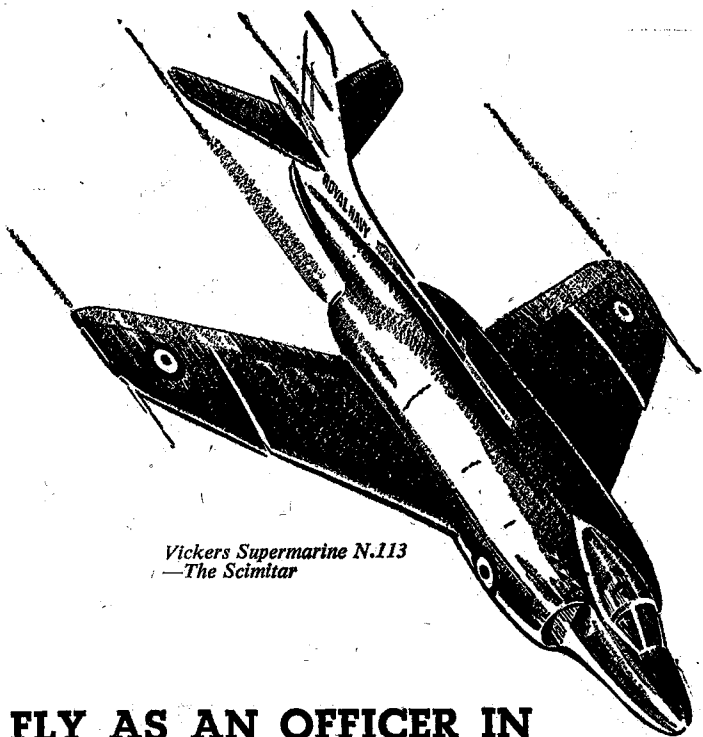
The elegant art of writing Latin Verse is not as common as it used to be; but we hope there will still be some among our readers who can appreciate the following versions, dated 14th April, 1905, which were found among the papers of the late Mr. Ross-Barker.

"Hey Diddle, Diddle, The Cat and the Fiddle"

Heus didicisse juvabit et haec: bene sanus in agro
 Cum cithara felem et cum cyatho pateram
 Vidi ego bacchantem, risu titubante catello,
 Lunae dum pernix bos super ora salit.

"Humpty-Dumpty"

Ecce brevis, teres hic sed homunculus atque rotundus.
 Nescis sane ovum dixeris ane virum.
 Arduus in muro sedet. Excidit. Advolat omnis,
 Nec mora, vis hominum regia, regis equi,
 Succursum. Quidenim? Frustra succurritur. Ovum est.
 Viscera rupta ovi quis reparare queat?



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