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EDITORIAL

Anyone who attempts to add to the volume of words and observations made by Boswell on the already loquacious Dr. Johnson is open to the charge of either insolence or insanity. It is nevertheless with no sense of shame or delirium that we mention him. For that great man, as most will know, was for some time resident at Pembroke College, although few may be aware that he was also a good friend of Abingdon School. During Johnson's stay at Pembroke he naturally became acquainted with many Old Abingdonians, and it appears that a certain Philip Jones and John Fludyer were among his intimate friends, and were the companions of his lighter moments. For on one occasion when he was visiting Oxford he remarked "Here I used to play at draughts with Phil Jones and Fludyer. Jones loved beer and did not get far forward in the Church. Fludyer turned out a scoundrel, a Whig, and said he was ashamed of having been at Oxford." These pleasant Abingdonian friendships led Johnson to take an active interest in the School, and the opinions he gained from its Old Boys were obviously favourable, for he recommended that the son of one of his greatest friends, a Mr. Strahan, who had previously published his famous dictionary, should be sent to the school. He even went so far as to beg the then headmaster, Henry Bright, to admit another pupil, writing "I would gladly be informed if you are willing to take another pupil in the same manner as Mr. Strahan was taken. You will I think have more trouble with him, and therefore ought to have a higher price."

Even from these incidental examples it is not hard to see how much the Old Boys of a school determine its reputation. But Jones and Fludyer are remembered only as friends of a more distinguished person, who was not an Old Abingdonian; and more important, surely, are those Old Boys of this school who have earned distinction in their own right. With Founder's Day still fresh in our minds, we think immediately of George Sinclair, who has been the Deputy Governor of Cyprus for the past five years. We can safely say that his patient work has helped a great deal towards the peaceful settlement in that country, and the fact that he is an Old Abingdonian cannot but have added to the reputation of the School. There are younger Old Boys too who are making their mark in the world, as is instanced by the fact that the name of Abingdon occurs four times in the current First Class Honours Lists of British Universities, and that an Old Abingdonian has been elected Captain of Tennis at Cambridge.

Now that our increased intake is being fully reflected at the top of the School, we are producing each year a fresh crop of seventy-five or more Old Abingdonians. We hope they can look back with pleasure on their school-days and forward with confidence to the future. We hope too that they can feel proud of the name of Abingdon. But that by itself is not enough. Each generation cannot live on the capital of its

predecessors. It has to make its own contribution, and if we cannot all become George Sinclairs, we can at any rate determine that in whatever sphere we move we shall maintain and enhance the reputation of the School.

SCHOOL NOTES

The whole of North Berkshire was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Lord Glyn of Farnborough, which occurred on Sunday, May 1st—so very soon after the death of Mr. Thomas, his predecessor as Vice-Chairman of the Governors. As Member for the Division from 1924 to 1953, the then Sir Ralph Glyn was an ex-officio member of the Governing Body. He temporarily severed his official connection with the School on being raised to the peerage in the Coronation Honours List, but he rejoined the Governing Body as a co-opted member in 1954. He was elected Vice-Chairman in 1947, but two years later was reluctantly compelled to resign on the orders of his doctor. To the end, however, he retained his keen interest in the School: and here it may be fitting to quote the final sentences of an appreciation which appeared in *The Times* of May 7th—

"The development of the School was a source of great satisfaction to him. Himself the most humble—because the least self-regarding—of men he would never have acknowledged how much of that development was due to his own initiative and help. But it is as well that it should be put on record as we say farewell to a great English gentleman, a good man of simple faith who served his fellows well."

The Headmaster and the Bursar attended Lord Glyn's funeral in the little churchyard of his beloved Farnborough on May 4th. At a formal memorial service held in St. Mary's Church, Reading, on May 14th, Professor J. M. R. Cormack represented the Chairman and the Governors. Others present included the President of the Old Abingdonian Club, the Bursar, Mr. D. O. Willis, and the Chaplain. Four School Prefects acted as ushers. The lesson was read by General Sir Bernard Paget and the Headmaster gave the address.

To Lord Glyn's sisters, the Hon. Lady Meade-Fetherstonhaugh and Mrs. Wynne Finch, we extend our deep sympathy. We are very grateful to them for entrusting to the care of the School a full-size portrait of Lord Glyn, painted when he was a subaltern in the Rifle Brigade some fifty years ago, together with all his orders and decorations: and also for presenting to the School a large portion of Lord Glyn's library.

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Towards the end of the term we heard with regret of the death of another former Governor, Mr. H. W. Lake, M.C., which occurred on July 9th after an illness which had gradually incapacitated him. Mr. Lake was a member of the Governing Body from 1943 to 1957, and throughout that time he was unswerving in the support he gave to the

School. In spite of his very wide business interests, he was always regular in attendance at Governors' meetings, where his wise counsel carried much weight. As Chairman of Messrs. Morlands, he was largely instrumental in the inauguration of the Morland Prize in 1951; and for many years he showed his interest in the School Cricket by the personal award of the Lake Bat.

The Chairman of the Governors represented the School at the Memorial Service which was held on July 19th in the Guards' Chapel at Wellington Barracks, where he regularly worshipped.

Our sincere and grateful sympathy goes out to Mrs. Lake in her bereavement.

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Later came news of the death on August 14th of Alderman Percy Holmes, who as Mayor of Abingdon was a Governor of the School in 1953-54, and who had for so long been our loyal friend. He was a man of warm and generous personality, with an outstanding record of public service, and we join with the town in mourning his loss. The School was represented by Mr. Sewry at his funeral in St. Helen's Church on August 17th; and we offer our warm sympathy to his wife and to his son Norman, the Secretary of the Old Abingdonian Club.

The School enjoyed a whole holiday on Friday, May 6th, to commemorate the marriage of Princess Margaret and Mr. Anthony Armstrong-Jones.

The election of Councillor Mrs. Constance Cox as Mayor of Abingdon gives us unusual pleasure as it enables us to welcome to the Governing Body, by virtue of her office, one who is both the mother and (improbable though this may appear) the grandmother of Abingdonians. We note with interest that her younger son, Mr. J. A. D. Cox (O.A.), is acting as her official Escort. It need scarcely be said that both of them have already shown an interest in the School which is far more than formal.

We were glad to welcome back Mrs. Cobban after her prolonged illness, although doctor's orders forbade her to engage fully in the manifold activities of the School. We sincerely hope to see her completely recovered by next term.

We must bid au revoir for a year to Mary Cobban, who leaves us early in September to spend a year at a school in the U.S.A. We understand that plans are on foot for one of the young Van Wagenens to come to Abingdon for a year in return. If these materialise we shall welcome one whose name is already so familiar to us through the Prize List.

The Headmaster and Mary Cobban had the honour of being invited to the Royal Garden Party on July 14th. Mrs. Cobban was unfortunately unable to attend.

A posse of grateful mathematicians accompanied the Headmaster to the wedding of Miss Pettit and Mr. David Swinfern, which took place in the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford, on 2nd July.

Two more staff marriages were celebrated during the holidays. On August 17th Mr. Peter Emms married Miss Carola Wayne at St. Giles', Oxford, the School Chaplain officiating; and on August 20th Mr. Iain Murray was married to Miss Susan Wedderburn at Cramond Kirk, Edinburgh. To all concerned, our warm good wishes.

Staff changes are so numerous this term as to call for a special article. Here we may note merely that they will involve also a change round in house-tutors. Mr. Pratt will go into residence at Trampletts and will take Mr. Montague's place as second tutor of School House; and Mr. Tyson will replace Mr. Stevens at 12 Conduit Road.

In addition, of course, Mr. Willis will be taking over at Larkhill from Mr. Hillary. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Hillary for their 'holding action' during the last two terms, and we offer our good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Willis as they take the helm of what is now a fully-fledged, though small, senior house. Mr. Blagden will continue to assist them as house-tutor.

The completion of the four new staff houses will add further to the comings and goings. Indeed, it is alleged that during the first ten days of September at least eleven members of the Staff will be moving house. We have visions of the Gym. being used as a Transit Camp; but we hope that everything will sort itself out by the beginning of term.

The tenants of the four new houses (reading from East to West) will be Messrs. Hillary, Holloway, Hasnip and Baker. The Chaplain is moving into the Upper Flat in Lacies Court, and Mr. and Mrs. Potter will take over both the Holloway's flat and the 'house' responsibilities that go with it. The School owes a very deep debt of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Holloway for the way in which they have looked after their little enclave of School House during the past ten years and we wish them well in their 'retirement'.

It may be of interest to note that the four new houses are being named after 'fiefs' that have been connected with the School. Again reading from East to West, they are — Ludwell and Glympton (two manors inhabited successively by Thomas Tesdale after he left Abingdon — he is in fact buried at Glympton): Blunsdon (a village in Wiltshire where is situated the land which William Bennett left for the purpose of establishing six scholarships at the School): and Upton (a village in Warwickshire the tithes and glebe-land of which were left by Thomas Tesdale for the perpetual maintenance of an usher at the School).

We welcome Miss Bright, S.R.N., who comes to us from Gordonstoun as Sister-in-Charge at the Lodge. Thank-you, Mrs. Potter, for filling in the gap so willingly and so efficiently!

Our good wishes go with Miss Peachell, Assistant Housekeeper at School House, who leaves to take up a similar appointment at Girton.

We are very grateful to Mr. F. H. Potter, formerly Head of the Art Department at Whitgift School, who came down to look after our Art during the first two months of the term, until Mr. Fairhead could take over. It is alleged that at an earlier stage in his career, when he was teaching up in the Danelaw, Mr. Potter had the Headmaster among his youthful pupils: but he was very discreet about this.

During the holidays we were glad to see at the School Mr. R. D. Baynes, former Lower Sixth Form Master, who seems to be carrying his responsibilities as H.M. of Richmond Grammar School very well.

Their many friends will join in wishing well to two former temporary masters who have recently been ordained deacon — Mr. Alan Taylor (at Blackpool on June 12th) and Mr. David Prosser (at Llandaff on June 11th). Our own Mr. M. N. Williams will be ordained priest in Christ Church, Oxford, on September 18th.

We welcome Mr. J. W. Artley and Mr. J. V. Martin, both of Oxford University and Westminster College, who will be spending the month of October at the School on teaching practice.

Once again the School stretched its hands across the sea and offered a welcome during the month of July to several friends from the Continent who were staying in Abingdon — Alan Mazeline, Vincent Meissonier and Jean-Pierre Seurat from France: Fritz-Helmut Gabriel and Christian von Tsienger from Germany: and Meinhard Blassnig from Austria. We hope that they enjoyed their brief stay with us and that they have taken back to their own countries a favourable impression of life at an English public school.

And during the holidays we were glad to welcome Jean-Marie Lot, with his father and mother, on a flying visit.

We are grateful to Mr. A. C. Hyde-Parker for an entertaining album of photographs of the 'nineties, formerly the property of A. E. Morland (O.A.): to Rev. J. V. Pixell for a further collection of valuable athletic trophies, some of them of considerable antiquity: to Mr. Oliver Saxby for two chemical balances and a quantity of useful glass-ware: and to an anonymous donor for a holograph letter of Sir Winston Churchill which will be displayed in the Library.

Our thanks go to Mr. A. K. Boyd who visited us on 27th and 28th April to give some of our senior members practice in 'interview technique'.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the Summer Term was 522, of whom 193 were boarders.

Entrance Scholarships this year were awarded to P. N. Shellard (Grove Park School) and S. M. Nicholl (Holme Grange School). The work of M. J. Giddings and P. B. Godfrey, both of Holme Grange, was commended.

We congratulate the following who have been granted Berkshire County Major Awards (in some cases provisionally) since our last issue: G. R. B. Farrington; E. W. Firth; W. C. Hamilton; A. P. Haynes; C. T. Johnson; G. W. Jones; R. W. J. Parsons; R. G. Simmonds and

R. C. Watts; also R. W. Harvey (Hampshire, I.O.W.); P. W. Kemp (Nottingham) and J. A. Sheard (Hertfordshire). This makes a total of 27 such awards for the year.

Congratulations also to M. P. Cross and C. J. Pickup on securing entrance respectively to R.N.C. Dartmouth and R.M.A. Sandhurst; to P. Rainey on the award of a Flying Scholarship; and to P. W. P. Briten on winning the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, which he will shortly be going up to Buckingham Palace to receive.

Two Parents' Evenings were held during the term, for Sixth Forms on 19th May, and for Fourth Forms on 16th June.

On 2nd May we welcomed Squadron Leader C. P. Francis, who talked to the Fifth Forms on careers in the R.A.F., and on 31st May the Navy showed the flag in the person of Lt. Commander J. M. L. Dook, an Instructor at Dartmouth, and, incidentally, the Headmaster's nephew, who spoke to a cross-section of the School on the Royal Navy, illustrating his talk with a film.

Later, on 13th June, Mr. Alistair Horne gave a talk to Fifth and Sixth Form geographers on a recent visit he had paid to Canada. He supported his talk with slides on the development of Canadian industries.

Other visitors to the School this term have included Mr. Helgi Eliasson, the Director of Education for Iceland (25th May) and Mr. Newby-Robson, of P.S.A.B. (20th/21st July).

A party from the School visited the Royal School of Church Music at Addington Palace on 5th May; and on 16th May a rather larger contingent was shown round the Cowley Works of the Pressed Steel Company.

Outside entertainments at which the School has been represented this term include Christopher Fry's 'The Firstborn' at Wadham College (2nd June); 'Tamberlaine the Great' in the garden of St. John's College (20th June); a French film 'Les Enfants du Paradis' at the Scala (15th June); a Russian film 'The Cranes are Flying' at the same cinema (15th July); and a lecture given by the Vicar of Abingdon on 'Refugee Camps in the Middle East' (24th June).

We also sent representatives to the Field Course at Charlbury, organised by the O.U. Department of Education over the weekend of 11th/12th June, and to the 'Open Day' of the School of Military Survey on 24th June.

The Prefects' Dance was held this year on 21st May in the Council Chamber (and surely no School can have a more lovely room available for such a function). We are grateful to the Mayor of Abingdon for the loan of the Great Punchbowl from the Borough Plate — which proved to be none too big for the demands made upon it by the thirsty dancers.

There was an excellent turn-out of the C.C.F. on Commonwealth Youth Sunday (29th May). The band in particular merit a special word of praise. Visitors to Abingdon on the afternoon of Sunday, 19th June, may also have heard strains of their music rising from the River

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Meadow, where they united with the Orchestra to entertain the townsfolk.

Two of our members, C. J. Pickup and a mysterious Roger Entwistle (so described in the Press, but later identified as R. L. Antrobus) addressed the Abingdon Rotary Club on 10th June on their experiences at Outward Bound Schools.

And on the following day several boys showed their public spirit rather less spectacularly by helping at the Fête organised in aid of Dr. Barnardo's at Oakley House.

The Annual Inspection of the C.C.F. was held on 17th June, and we understand that the Inspecting Officer, Admiral Sir Edward Parry, K.C.B. (who, besides being Mr. Blagden's uncle, commanded 'Achilles' at the Battle of the River Plate, and was later first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy) was very favourably impressed with everything he saw. Impartial observers opined that the 'march past' was the best since the war.

Owing to Mrs. Cobban's illness, the Headmaster was unable to entertain the School Prefects at home for the customary Prefects' Party, which therefore took the form of a very enjoyable night out in Oxford on 15th July, only marred by the fact that Mrs. Cobban was unable to be with us. Our thanks are due to the Headmaster for a very pleasant evening, and to Mrs. Ford, who so kindly stepped into the breach and entertained the party afterwards, to what was ostensibly called coffee — a relative clause which, we hasten to add, must not be misinterpreted.

The colours of the Third Militia Battalion, The Royal Berkshire Regiment, were ceremonially laid up in St. Helen's Church on 16th July. Major Parker officially represented the School at the service. It was of special personal interest to us in that an Old Boy of the School, Lieut. D. J. Heavens, had the privilege of carrying the Regimental Colours. In addition C.S.M. Watts and P/O. Long represented the C.C.F. at the centenary massed parade of the Cadet Forces held at Buckingham Palace on 22nd July.

While we had no formal 'Excursion Day' this year, we did combine several outings into Monday, 18th July. Cricketers went to Lord's, artists to the Picasso Exhibition at the Tate Gallery, classicists to Silchester (under the auspices of the Oxford Classical Association); while the Colts VIII under Mr. Montague ventured as far as Godstow on a whole-day river picnic.

Two days later several volunteers from the School were able to strengthen the Entente Cordiale when they shepherded a group of French schoolboys round Oxford. In return, they found themselves invited to visit the French Lycée in Kensington, where their French friends were staying, on the last day of term, 26th July.

The Inter-House P.T. Competition was held on 25th July, the Challenge Cup being retained by Blacknall. We are very grateful to F/Lt. Hearn, of R.A.F. Abingdon, who so kindly came over to adjudicate.

After the customary Boarders' Suppers on the last night of term, 25th July, while Larkhill and Waste Court united to watch a film, School House and Crescent met on the Waste Court Field for an evening of boisterous games organised by the respective Heads of House. Honesty compels us to admit that where the two houses were matched against each other Crescent seemed to have the edge. We were glad to welcome as our guests on this occasion the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, and many other members of the Staff and their ladies. And this year we did have the satisfaction of pulling H.M.'s team over the line in the tug-of-war.

We congratulate the winners of the following awards, which were distributed at a 'supplementary prize-giving' at the Final Assembly of term:—

Cricket—

The Fletcher Cup, for the highest batting average in the 1st XI —

M. D. Nurton (whose average of 46 was the highest since the cup was presented in 1936).

The Morris Cup, for the best all-rounder — P. G. D. Whitton.

The Common Room Bat — M. D. Nurton.

Tennis—

The Buckley Cup, for the winner of the Open Singles — R. K. Paige.

Shooting—

The West Cup, for the best senior shot — P. J. Ford.

The Darbeshire Cup, for the best shot under 16 — R. K. Gregson.

The Crow Cup, for the highest scorer at Bisley — P. J. Ford (who achieved the fine distinction of finishing 4th out of 824 competitors for the 'Schools Hundred', with a score of 69 out of a possible 70).

The Older Initiative Cup was this year awarded to P. P. Hutchinson and G. M. McPherson whose performance was adjudged to be the best in the two initiative tests held during the school year; and the Fourth Science Times Cup for the best written work produced during the year in Middle School was awarded to A. S. Harrison.

We hope it is not irreverent to express our own feeling that a special award for initiative might well have been given to Mr. Murray, who appeared at Sunday Chapel — and subsequently on Founder's Day — in his national dress. Presumably a sheath-knife becomes legal if it is called a *skean dhu* . . .

We are most grateful to Captain Welham-Jones (now a Councillor for Oxford City — congratulations!) who has this year offered two valuable vouchers for free driving lessons to deserving candidates. The choice, from many suitable applicants, was not easy; but it fell eventually on E. C. R. Evans and A. A. Venn.

Our bell-ringers continue to flourish. Let us give honour where honour is due, and name the team which rang the bells of St. Helen's before and after the School Service on 26th April: Treble—C. Carter; 2—L. A. Edwards; 3—P. A. H. Dawson; 4—C. D. Turnbull; 5—C. G. Purnell; 6—R. H. Wiggins; 7—G. D. Louth; Tenor—R. P. Thompson.

Full marks for sangfroid to the blackbird who successfully hatched her young in a nest balanced precariously on the rungs of a ladder behind the Woodwork Shop. And if, as we rather think, it is the same bird that is now (in August) trying to repeat the success in the angle of an adjoining drainpipe, then it deserves extra commendation for its perseverance.

Apart from the ordinary Corps and Scout Camps reported elsewhere, many junior members of the School attended the S.C.M. Schoolboys' Camp in Wales in early August: a small party of seniors accompanied Messrs. Griffin, Blagden and B. C. Williams to Greece later in the month: and six boys have been attending Outward Bound Courses — D. J. Brice and D. R. Gerring (Moray Sea School 101); I. A. D. Martin and A. G. D. Matson (Aberdovey Sea School 202); and D. M. Goodwin and C. D. Turnbull (Moray Sea School 102).

— And we who are holding the fort at Abingdon are hoping that the Editor of this magazine, with his two comrades from Crescent House and Waste Court, will return safely from their attempt to hitch-hike to Cyprus and back. The same good wishes accompany the two Very New Old Boys who are undertaking a similar expedition to Istanbul. How different from the family holidays at Bournemouth of our grand-fathers!

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following schools (to July 26th)): Aldenham; City of Oxford School; Forest School, Reading; Henley Grammar; Kimbolton; Magdalen College; Reading; Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe; St. Bartholomew's, Newbury; St. Edward's; Southfield; Stamford, Lincs; Windsor County; and also from Britannia R.N. College, Dartmouth, and the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon. Nor must we forget to thank the editors of the 2X Times for sending us copies of their publication. Their special Founder's Day edition reached an uncommonly high standard.

And a special word of thanks for the Centenary Number of the Annual of Our Lady's Convent, Abingdon.

The photographs in this issue are by courtesy of Mr. Milligan, Photographer and T. J. Barrett, R. T. Hook and D. W. G. Riddick.

CHANGES OF STAFF

At the end of the term we had the sad duty of saying good-bye to three members of the staff. Mr. Stevens, who has stood in temporarily during the past year until we could secure a permanent replacement for Mr. Pole, has served the School very loyally throughout that time, and we wish him all good fortune. Mr. Fowler's official connection with the School started some ten years ago when he first began taking some of our surplus pianoforte pupils. Since then his clientele has steadily increased until we have come to regard him almost as a full-time member of the Staff. The affection in which he is held by all of those who have come into contact with him was convincingly shown at one of the last assemblies of the term, when we were able to present him with a cheque for something over £200, made up of the contributions of a wide circle of parents, boys and friends. To speak of retirement in connection with a man like Mr. Fowler is misleading; but we hope at any rate that he will be able to enjoy the rather more leisured life that lies ahead of him, and we thank him for his selfless and devoted service to the School.

Our last farewell was to Mr. Sawbridge, who has been Director of Music since Mr. Barker's translation in 1954. A school is fortunate where to Amurath an Amurath succeeds; and the combined span of the Barker-Sawbridge régime has seen a vast development in the musical life of the School. Expansion in the scope of our activities has been accompanied by a corresponding improvement in quality. Nor has Mr. Sawbridge's dynamic energy been applied only to the Music, for he has helped assiduously in so many departments of school life — not least on the river and on the rugby field. A succession of presentations provided some evidence of the gratitude the School feels towards him; and it is with very mixed feelings that we wish him well as he returns to Haileybury, his own old school.

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A permanent replacement for Mr. Cooper and a further addition to the establishment have brought the total number of new appointments to five. Of these, some are already known to us: for Mr. Fairhead took over the helm of the Art Department in June, Mr. Murray came down to help invigilate G.C.E., and Mr. Pratt has paid extended visits to see how things worked. However, a formal introduction may be useful; and the School therefore offers a warm welcome to the following five gentlemen—

Mr. T. G. K. Fairhead, B.A., of Whitgift School, Downing College, Cambridge (Law Tripos) and the Chelsea College of Art, formerly Lieutenant in the Gunners — to take charge of Art.

Mr. G. M. Keating, B.A., of Acklam Hall Grammar School and The Queen's College, Oxford (Final Schools of Music), Captain of Queen's College 1st XV, and a member of Middlesbrough R.U.F.C. 1st XV — to be assistant master in Music.

Mr. I. C. Murray, M.A., Dip.Ed., of Edinburgh Academy, Stirling Academy, St. Andrew's University (Harkness Open Scholar and Spence Bursar) and Lincoln College, Oxford, a member of St. Andrew's 1st VI (Cross-country) and Lincoln College 1st XV, recently a student master at Merchant Taylors' — to be assistant master in Classics.

Mr. G. M. Pratt, B.A., of Birkenhead School and St. Peter's Hall, Oxford (Organ Scholar) (with first-class honours in the Final Schools of Music) — to be Director of Music.

Mr. J. V. Tyson, B.A., Dip.Ed., of Keswick Grammar School and Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge (Mathematical Tripos), who has played chess for Cambridgeshire, recently a student master at Wellington (Somerset) — to be assistant master in Mathematics.

It need scarcely be added that the fact that four of the five new masters are (more or less) from the north country is purely fortuitous. But they are certainly none the worse for that. People up there know how to work!

J.M.C.

There follows a letter from Mr. Fowler which we are happy to publish in the magazine at his request—

Dear Parents and Old Boys,

I feel I must write a letter of grateful thanks to those of you who so generously contributed to my splendid parting gift, which was presented to me on July 19th on my retirement. For ten happy years I taught at the School (1950-1960) and have had many boys through my hands. To think you have not forgotten me is for me something to cherish very dearly, and this magazine is the only way I can let you know how much I appreciate what you have done for me. It has helped tremendously to soften the blow of giving up the work I loved.

Yours sincerely and gratefully,

Hugh Fowler.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL

(A note by the Headmaster)

With three major building projects approaching completion, it will be easily understood that the School grounds have rarely seen such a spate of activity during the summer holidays. These words are written on the very day (August 31st) when the first of the residents moved into one of the four new staff houses on the Faringdon Road. We hope that his neighbours will follow him very shortly. Nearer home, we are assured that the new classrooms will be ready for use on September 16th. Indeed, the new time-table has been planned on that assumption. It may be of interest to record that the first room is being called (for obvious reasons) the Mathematical Room, the name of the second room (Glyn) will perpetuate the memory of a much-loved Vice-Chairman of

the Governors, and the combined third and fourth rooms will be known as the Court Room — to remind us that the block stands on the old Tennis Court of Lacies Court. The School Shop is coming along one lap behind the Teaching Block: it will probably not be open to the public until half-term, so we can only hope that the old hut will stand more or less four-square until then.

Inside the main buildings the School House Changing Rooms have been completely redecorated — and this time, we hope, with paint which stands up to the condensation which is inevitable in such surroundings. The dungeon-like vaults of Kitchen Corridor have been repainted a bright and kindly blue; so too has the door at the top of Tower Steps. It gave me great joy to have the heavy bolts removed from it this morning, for I felt there was something symbolic about them — and we rather pride ourselves on being an 'open prison'. Outside a large area of the gravel has been properly re-laid and bound with tar. This looks very much better and should make for less dust and dirt within. Upstairs in the organ loft we are still awaiting that major reconstruction of the organ which a munificent and anonymous benefactor brought within the range of practical politics. Over at Larkhill the small extension will be completed in time to provide adequate (though by no means luxurious) accommodation for the new house-master, Mr. Willis, and his family. Then of course there are any number of minor jobs going on which would come under the heading of routine maintenance.

Looking to the future, we have been giving long and careful thought to the siting of the swimming bath which we hope to build within the next eighteen months; and the consultant architect has the conversion of Big School into a Library — the major objective of the Quatercentenary Appeal — very much in mind. So life will continue to be very exciting for us!

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As far as the School is concerned, the past term has run very smoothly and uneventfully. We are expecting shortly our first 'O' level results from the Joint Board (I shall be able to comment on them elsewhere). Our first, and by no means discreditable, appearance at Henley marks another milestone in our progress. The resurgence of the 1st XI was equally pleasing. And George Sinclair's speech at the Prize-Giving was the high-light of a very happy Founder's Day. But my lasting memory will be provided, I think, by the Leavers' Service in St. Nicolas' Church. I am so glad that it was so well-supported; clearly it is an innovation that is here to stay.

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While we have, I hope, achieved stability as far as the main outlines of our time-table are concerned, certain minor changes are being made this year which should make for smoother and more efficient working. A rather more clear line is being drawn between Senior School (Forms 4, 5 and 6) and Junior School (Forms 1, 2 and 3). The former will have games on Mondays and Thursdays, Corps on Tuesdays and Society

meetings after school on Fridays, the latter will have games on Tuesdays and Fridays, while Mondays and Thursdays will be available for meetings of Scouts and junior societies. Wednesdays will continue to be devoted to house games and matches. To fit in with this scheme of things the normal age of recruitment to the Corps will be raised to fourteen. It will not, I think, do any harm to telescope the training programme in this way. The Corps, if run with imagination and common-sense, still has a very valuable function to perform, and while recruitment to it will remain voluntary I earnestly hope that all boys will join it on entering the fourth form unless there is some very good and positive reason why they should not do so: the fact that under the new system there is less risk of their getting 'brownd off' should remove what may well have been a deterrent to some. The athletic house system too will be amended so that the line between Seniors and Juniors corresponds with the line between Senior and Junior School.

It may be noted too that Russian has now secured a place as a regular 'option' subject in the Sixth Form; and that this last term we have for the first time within memory laid on tuition in Hebrew to meet special requirements.

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Domestically, we have been less fortunate this term. My wife and I were very deeply touched by the good wishes — some of them translated into practical form — which we received from so many quarters during her recent illness. I am afraid that her convalescence suffered a setback during the holidays and our hopes that she would be quite fit by the beginning of the term will not be fulfilled. We can only be as patient as possible (and that is a quality which comes easily to neither of us): and we remain very grateful indeed to all our kind friends, whose sympathy and help we so much appreciated.

J.M.C.

QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

We have now reached the half-way mark of the Appeal in two senses. We have 'covered' about £26,000 — a little more than half of our target figure: and we are just entering the third of the five years between the launching of the Appeal and the celebration of our Quatercentenary in 1963. Now therefore may be the moment for a little stock-taking. By and large the response has been extremely satisfactory. It is quite clear that some of our supporters are contributing on a scale which must involve a very real sacrifice on their part. But there are still many Old Boys and Parents who have not contributed, and it is to them that these words are addressed. The School Shop, the first of our objectives, will shortly be ready for use. The Swimming Bath and the Library are already in the planning stage. It is only if we can give the Appeal its 'second wind', and lift the total to £50,000, that we shall be able to look beyond these objectives and consider the other amenities, such as an assembly hall, which the School so urgently needs.

In this connection I would again emphasise the importance of the Covenant System. If 450 more friends would covenant to pay £5 a year for the next seven years then we should have reached our target. I hope it is not wildly optimistic to think that among those who have not yet contributed there may be that number who could at a pinch afford to contribute on such a scale.

Meanwhile the ploy with the sticker-stamps on the bills continues to work successfully. I am grateful to parents for putting up with it so patiently. Every little helps!

J.M.C.

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VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete — left 29th March, 1960

Upper Sixth Form Science: J. M. Milne (left 5th March).

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CHAPEL NOTES

It is by no means inappropriate in these notes to add our own farewell to Mr. Sawbridge, and to thank him for all that he has done, both musically and spiritually, for the School Chapel. We wish him all good fortune when he takes up his new appointment in September, and we are sure that he will be as moving a force in the ecclesiastical life at Haileybury as he has been in our own Chapel. We shall miss him much.

By the time that these notes are read, it is hoped that the organ will be completely renovated. It is impossible to express in words how deeply grateful we are to the anonymous donor who has presented the Chapel

with a cheque for £500 to be spent on its reconstruction. We could not have hoped for so generous a gift and it is with joy and gratitude that we reflect that the Chapel should have friends who are willing to show their affection in so live and tangible a form. We must thank also the Governors for following up this gift with a grant of £400, for without their unfailing support the whole scheme would have been impossible. The Chapel Committee is faced only with the task of raising £100 to complete the cost. The alterations and additions to the organ will include a complete rebuilding of the console so that the organist faces south, the front of the organ being moved eastwards; the re-facing of the pedal-board; and the installation of three thumb-pistons to each manual, and a Swell to the Great coupler. A trumpet stop, incorporating 73 pipes, is also to be included.

We are most grateful too to the anonymous donor of a cheque for £25 which has enabled us to purchase a further altar frontal (this time a purple one); and to the Rev. M. V. Crawford for the gift of a beautiful little prie-dieu.

The Lord Bishop of Oxford will hold a Service of Confirmation in the School Chapel at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 4th December. Confirmation classes have already started in earnest.

We should like to thank all those who have preached in Chapel this term. We were specially fortunate to have the privilege of welcoming two American preachers, the Rev. Richard Busch, M.A., of Memphis, Tennessee, on loan to us, so to speak, from Ripon Hall, on 22nd May; and the Rev. Dr. D. W. Niceley of Colorado on 10th July. It was appropriate that on the latter date our collections should be devoted to the British Council of Churches, to whom we are very grateful for arranging our annual American preacher. Some of us were lucky enough to meet Dr. Niceley in the Headmaster's Dining Room on Sunday evening, where we learnt much of the American social and political scene.

The Headmaster will preach at the School Service in St. Helen's Church on the first day of the Michaelmas term, 16th September.

Visiting preachers whom we look forward to hearing this term will be as follows:

September 18th—Rev. H. T. Hughes, M.A., Principal of Westminster College, Oxford.

October 9th—T. R. Leathem, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of Caterham School.

October 23rd—A. Chenevix-Trench, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of Bradfield College.

November 6th—Rev. W. B. Littlechild, R.D., Vicar of Sutton Courtenay.

November 20th—F. I. Venables, Esq., M.A., Principal of Culham College.

During the term, the Choir sang the anthems: 'Let us now praise famous men' by Vaughan Williams; 'O pray for the peace of Jerusalem' by Goss; 'Let thy merciful ears' by Weelkes; 'Tell it out among the heathen' by Travers; and Statham's 'Praise thou the Lord, O my soul' at the Founder's Day Service. In addition, they carolled merrily from the roof of the Science Block after the early celebration on Ascension Day; and many of them came to reinforce the singing at a Choral celebration held on the morning of 10th July.

We mentioned in the last issue that we proposed to experiment in the Summer term by asking School Societies and bodies to provide the Chapel flowers some weeks, instead of an unbroken succession of forms by rota. We are glad to say that this plan has proved most successful, and we plan to continue it. We are indebted to all those who have so far volunteered.

Another experiment this term has been to take the readings in Morning Chapel from a modern translation of the Bible by J. B. Phillips. We were able to test 'consumer reaction' at a lively meeting of the Chapel Council held in Lacies Court on 20th June. It appears that Junior Chapel welcomed the change rather more readily than their seniors. The experiment was worth while, if only to bring home to us the incomparable beauty and splendour of the Authorised Version, which we tend to take so much for granted. It may be too that the freshness of the diction may have given the lesson more impact. Curiously, experience showed that Phillips was much more difficult to read well than the A.V. We shall probably return to A.V. this coming term, but we shall be prepared to make further experiments later on.

At Morning Service on Old Boys' Sunday (19th June) the Chaplain dedicated the plaque presented by the Old Boys in memory of E. J. P. Ross-Barker ('R.B.'). It adjoins, and is similar to, the plaque erected last year in memory of 'Bill' Bevir.

Thanks to the continued efforts of Mr. Mortimer, the Chapel is now fully equipped with new red kneelers. They are standing up very well to hard use, and we trust that we have at last arrived at a solution to what has for so long been a perennial problem.

The collection at the Founder's Day Service amounting to £42 17s. 3d. (yet another record figure) was divided between Dr. Barnardo's Children's Home at Oakley House, and the funds of St. Helen's Church. The latter also received the collection taken at the terminal service on the first day of the term (£6 19s. 9d.). The collection of £7 11s. 9d. taken at the Leavers' Service on the Sunday evening after Founder's Day was given to the funds of St. Nicolas' Church. In addition the contents of the alms box, £13 — a quite remarkable figure — were devoted to the School's Appeal for World Refugee Year, which is dealt with more fully elsewhere.

Collections allotted to outside charities have been as follows:—

Easter II—Royal National Lifeboat Institution	£9 0 0
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Easter IV—Assistant Curate's Society	...	£7 13 3
Ascen. I—Northcourt Church Extension Fund		£6 8 4
Trinity II—Toc H		£7 18 5
Trinity IV—British Council of Churches	...	£7 3 0
Trinity V—S.P.C.K.		£8 14 9

We note with pleasure the remarkable success of the Christian Giving Campaign organised by the Churches of the united parishes of St. Helen and St. Nicolas. The School Chapel has not itself taken part in the Scheme; but the Chapel Committee has considered how best we can be associated with it is some way. One of the main objectives of the Appeal is the adaptation of the old Tithe Barn at Northcourt as a new Church to serve the needs of what is virtually a new town. This barn, once the property of the Abbey, is situated in an outlying portion of the parish of St. Nicolas, with which the School has been connected for over 800 years. It has therefore been decided that the School should present the new Church with some specific article of furniture to record our association with the Mother Church; and the Chapel Committee has pledged itself to raise £100 for this purpose. So we shall have a big job of work in front of us during the coming year.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. A. E. Lock on the death of her husband. It was very largely due to Mr. Lock's enthusiasm and help that the art of bell-ringing was established in the School. Many of our ringers attended his funeral which was held on 9th July and joined in the peal that was rung in thanksgiving for his life. He was a very good man and he will be greatly missed in Abingdon.

It is pleasant to note that a former Secretary of the Chapel Committee, Roger Packer, will begin his training for the Ministry at Cuddesdon in October.

Lastly, may we thank all those who have put so much voluntary service into the Chapel this term, and especially R. G. Parks for his willing and dutiful assistance as Sacristan.

T.A.L.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The examinations provided their usual crop of surprises — of both kinds. In most subjects we seem to have surmounted the transition to the Joint Board with reasonable success. The total number of subject-passes at 'Advanced' Level was 102 — almost exactly the same as our record figure of 1958, and a considerable improvement on last year: though the number of distinctions was less than we had hoped. Congratulations to the two candidates, Peter Bretscher and Graham Howlett, who were awarded State Scholarships. At 'Ordinary' level the subject-passes amounted to some 485, a very satisfactory total.

To mention individual subjects may be invidious, but it was pleasant to see an unbroken run of success in the 'Chemistry' column at Advanced Level; the twenty-five names included five youngsters from the Lower

Sixth Form. At 'Ordinary' Level the percentage of passes was just on 90% both in English Language (in a very wide field) and in Biology (a rather more restricted group); and every member of the large fourth form set which took French a year in advance was successful.

'Advanced' Level results are appended. Distinctions are marked with an asterisk.

Three Subjects: R. W. J. Bampton (Ph, Ch, B); A. C. Bowker (M, Ph, Ch); P. A. Bretscher (M*, Ph*, Ch*); G. R. B. Farrington (E, H, J); R. W. Harvey (L, G, AH); R. G. Havelock (M, Ph, Ch); T. P. Henson (M, Ph, Ch); R. J. Hewison (Ph, Ch, B); G. S. Howlett (M*, HM*, Ph*); R. G. Johnston (M, Ph, Ch); T. A. Libby (L, G, AH); R. C. Luker (L, G, AH); D. F. Perkins (M, Ph, Ch); C. T. Pollard (M, Ph, Ch); R. G. Simmonds (M, Ph, Ch*); P. J. V. Willis (Ph, Ch, B); C. H. Woodham (M, Ph, Ch).

Two Subjects R. J. C. Bampton (E, H); J. P. G. Butt (Ch, B); E. W. Firth (M, Ph); D. J. Griffiths (AH, A*); A. P. Haynes (L, G); G. W. Jones (M, Ph); J. S. Kelly (E, H); G. D. Louth (Ch, B); I. A. D. Martin (E, H); M. O. Mogeys (Ch, B); R. T. Moll (E, F); R. A. Newberry (M, Ph); R. W. J. Parsons (M, Ph); P. E. Perry (Ph, Ch); C. R. Wright (Ph, Ch).

One Subject: R. L. Antrobus (M); G. A. Brown (Ch); R. F. Burton (M); J. V. Comfort (Ch); M. P. Cross (H); D. T. L. Eke (J); B. D. Gibbs (E); W. C. Hamilton (Ch); D. P. Heather-Hayes (Ph); P. L. Hedges (Ch); A. L. Howell (Ch); C. T. Johnson (J); A. G. D. Matson (AH); A. F. Pritchard (H); C. G. Purnell (Ch); D. W. G. Riddick (AH); A. H. Smith (Ph); D. M. Spragg (Ch); D. M. Taylor (M); C. D. Turnbull (Ch); R. C. Watts (M).

FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day this year was approached with a certain amount of trepidation. The summer until then had been very much akin to that described by Titania in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. (Indeed a fitting epithet for the lack of cars in Lower Field might have been: "The fold stands empty in the drowned field."). The grey skies over Abingdon on 23rd July did little to alleviate this impression. Nevertheless the powers that be looked down upon us even through a thick pall of cloud and were apparently moved with pity, for we experienced only one very short shower.

As usual the day proper began with the Service at St. Helen's Church which was even more crowded than last year. One imagines that if the numbers of those attending Church go on increasing, we shall have to take over St. Nicolas' Church also for this occasion. The Archdeacon of Oxford, the Ven. C. Witton Davies, preached to us, and after briefly describing the difficulties of composing a sermon to fit the present circumstances, went on to his text, which was: "He that knoweth not love, knoweth not God; for God is love," taken from the First Epistle General of St. John, Chapter IV, verse 8. The Archdeacon soon differentiated between the various forms which Love takes, and stressed the preeminence of Divine Love, which he described as the keynote of all successful personal relationships. He suggested that although this was familiar to us, yet it was not practised on a wide enough scale (as recent international upsets have shown). The preacher then explained how the Love of God could result in greater happiness on the international, domestic and personal plane.

A special word of commendation and thanks is due to our own team of bell-ringers, who made the leaden welkin ring before the Service.

In the afternoon, the Corn Exchange saw yet another Prize-Giving, and this was bedecked as beautifully as ever with flowers. Our thanks must again go to Mrs. Willis and her band of helpers who have consistently worked miracles in this particular department. Afterwards tea, again provided by outside caterers, was taken to the accompaniment of the Brass Band, this year housed in the Pavilion, and thus close enough to be heard by those who wanted to hear, and far enough away for those less kindly disposed.

Beside the many exhibitions, this year also saw the School Jazz Group playing to a packed Gymnasium, and those dedicated journalists of the second form had commandeered a room all to themselves and their brain child. The day ended with 'An Evening Entertainment' which was a little different in content this year, and of which a critique appears below.

The main change in the programme this year came on the Sunday evening when the traditional service in S. Nicolas' Church was deliberately confined to staff, to boys leaving the School, and to their parents. The response was extremely satisfactory and it is clear that in making this a 'Leavers' Service' we have found the right epilogue for our Founder's Day Celebrations. There was a simple informality about the service which combined with the properties of the Church to produce a real family atmosphere; and we hope that this service will be one of the memories of their school life which Old-Boys will long carry with them.

In his sermon the Headmaster dealt with the question what sort of world the boys leaving the comparative calm and protection of school would find, and secondly, and more importantly, what their individual response would be. They would be entering what was materially an affluent society, but one that was poverty-stricken in soul.

and had largely lost its social consciousness: but to paint a gloomy picture of it was not so much untrue as one-sided, for there existed also sure grounds for hope. The young man's reaction to these circumstances varied from that of the materialist to that of the dedicated Christian. He could appeal only to those who had ideals of some kind. Those who had in the freedom of youth rejected Christianity he urged to reconsider their position with an open mind, the Christian he adjured to 'be strong and of good courage'.

PRIZE GIVING

There was more of the community spirit at this year's Prize-Giving, for of course an Old Boy, George Sinclair, distributed the prizes, and another Old Boy, Mr. J. D. Wood, thanked him.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, opened the proceedings. After thanking the Mayor for finding time to attend he recalled with regret the deaths in the past year of three Governors, Mr. Thomas, Lord Glyn, and Mr. Lake, all of whom had served the School so well. He then called upon the Headmaster to give his report.

When the Headmaster had thanked Mr. Stow, and welcomed George Sinclair, who in the interregnum between gentleman and knight could best be described, he thought, as "every other inch a gentleman", he went on to review the progress of the year, which he described as successful but not spectacular. For the first time, boys had experienced Joint Board G.C.E. Examinations, and their results were awaited eagerly, if albeit a little apprehensively. The increase in 'O' Level passes last year boded well for the future. As far as sport went, the cricketers had done very well indeed, and he considered this year's side to be the best since the war, and quite possibly the best ever. Although the First VIII had been beaten in the preliminary heats at Henley, they had earned a very favourable comment in "The Times", and had the luck of the draw been different would probably have acquitted themselves well in the later stages. The Headmaster ended his report by reaffirming his confidence in the Old Boys, and maintained that he would be quite willing to allow the School to be judged on the men that it produced.

Mr. Stow then welcomed George Sinclair, Kt., C.M.G., O.B.E., (O.A.), the Deputy Governor of Cyprus, who had flown back to England for the occasion two days previously, and asked him to distribute the prizes. After he had performed this office, he said that the headmaster had asked him to say a few words about Cyprus, and that although he was afraid of losing his audience he knew better than to disobey the Headmaster. In fact we were treated to a concise, yet coherent, account of the troubles that had afflicted that island in the past five years. If only future historians can attain the same degree of lucidity in their interpretation of that complex situation, schoolboys will be saved many headaches. Once he had done as he had been bidden, the speaker went on to talk along his own lines which, he

maintained, were infinitely better. These lines led him to recall the days when he attended the School which he had enjoyed so much that he had been loath to leave. He then asked the question what a school like Abingdon ought to do for a boy, and attempted to answer it from three different viewpoints. The Headmaster, he felt sure, was concerned with helping boys to cope in a highly technical age, yet still fostering in them sensitivity so that they might be instrumental in bringing about a better understanding between peoples. Parents, he said, endowed their children with a legacy of ideas and principles. It was, however, the school's function to set a certain standard, and trouble often began when the personal legacy conflicted with this. Founder's Day was therefore an important function, as it gave the parents a chance to see what went on inside the school. Parents, moreover, ought to adopt a sensible attitude towards careers, and not through selfishness push their sons into unsuitable occupations.

Finally, he dealt with the School's value to the boys. It ought to give them a well trained and efficient mind cultivating in them the desire for discovery. A strong constitution and physical endurance were also necessary requirements in the modern world, but above all when they leave boys ought to have personality and individuality.

Mr. J. D. Wood then thanked George Sinclair, whom he remembered at school as a 'very pleasant little boy' and spoke of the pride the Old Boys' felt in George's achievements. The proceedings then ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

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)—P. J. Ford; The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—J. S. Kelly; The Smith Chemistry Prizes—P. A. Bretscher, C. T. Pollard, C. G. Purnell, D. C. Pollard; The Ball Science Prize—P. J. Ford, R. A. Lucas; The Biology Prize (presented by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ford)—P. J. Ford; The Bevan Essay Prize—T. A. Libby; The Bevan Scripture Prizes—M. P. Cross, R. S. Ogg, A. J. Oxley, D. R. Brown, N. P. W. Coe, S. H. Broughton, C. S. Downes; The Henderson Cricket Prizes—D. M. Goodwin, M. S. Ford.

THE SCHOOL PRIZES. The Mayor's Prize for Service to the School (presented by Councillor Mrs. C. M. Cox, J.P.)—G. W. Jones; The Headmaster's Prizes—P. E. Perry, D. T. L. Eke; The Old Boys' Prizes: English Verse—A. P. Haynes, English Essay—R. E. Moore, History Essay—G. R. B. Farrington; The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, Dean of the American University, Washington, U.S.A.)—R. Allison; The Prize for Character (presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ellis)—G. S. Howlett; The Prizes for General Achievement (presented by H. Cornish, Esq., M.B.E. J.P.)—K. N. Haarhoff, R. W. Harvey; C.C.F. Prize—U/O. P. J. Ford; Seamanship

Prize (presented by Lt.Cdr. K. W. Cobley, D.S.C., R.N.)—P/O. S. R. Long; The Junior Reading Prize (presented by C. C. Woodley, Esq., O.A.)—N. H. Finney; The Music Prizes: Senior—A. P. Haynes, G. S. Howlett, Junior (presented by Miss Sheldon Peach)—N. H. Finney, Choral (presented by the Director of Music)—J. A. R. Willis, A. G. Fairlie, Pianoforte (presented by H. H. Fowler, Esq., A.R.C.O.)—R. M. Johns, R. Dowson, B. C. Orland, Brass and Organ—A. P. Haynes; The Art Prize—D. J. Griffiths; The Handicraft Prizes—D. J. Scott, D. H. Willis.

THE FORM PRIZES. Sixth Form (Upper): Classics—T. A. Libby, English and History—J. S. Kelly, Mathematics—R. W. J. Parsons; Sixth Form (Lower): Classics—J. M. Bunce, English and History—G. W. Oxley, French—D. Weir, Mathematics—E. G. Jones, Physics—C. G. Purnell, Biology—M. R. Mole; Fifth Forms: Classics—C. J. Dean, English—R. H. M. Burridge, Modern Languages—J. D. Urwick, Biology—T. A. Marsh, Mathematics—G. C. Alabaster, Physics—L. A. Edwards; Form 4A: Languages—D. R. Brown, Sciences and Maths—R. M. Kirby, General Achievement—A. J. Elliott, A. S. Harrison; Form 4B—R. J. Crumly; Form 4C—I. J. Newbold; Form 3A—P. G. Henderson, J. L. Walton; Form 3X—D. Hayward; Form 3Y—S. J. Baker; Form 2X—R. J. Davis, B. D. Diffey; Form 2Y—M. F. Wells; Form 1X—C. S. Downes; Form 1Y—R. W. Schnellmann.

AN EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

As the Headmaster had said, this was Mr. Sawbridge's swan-song, so he had given him his head in the matter of the programme. As a result we were treated to a delightful romp, stiffened by some excellent serious music. Performances were given to crowded houses both on the Friday and on the Saturday evenings. We are grateful not only to Mr. Sawbridge but also to Mr. Griffin, the chief producer, and to the many ladies of the staff who helped either by training (and playing in) the orchestra or behind the scenes. Our warm thanks too to Mrs. Liversidge, who has kindly provided us with the following critique—

"This year has seen a change from the usual programme, and one might very well call this a 'Variety Entertainment.' The last half of the Summer term is bound to be a period of concentration on examinations and we know that this must be endured before all else, but even so we cannot help looking back to the past with nostalgic wishes for a taste of Gilbert and Sullivan; and it is with mixed feelings I try to write a critique of this varied and interesting programme.

The Egmont Overture was a serious bit of work and although rather cold-blooded at the start, the woodwind gave a good account of their important part at the out-set, as indeed did the brass; and, as the tempo quickened, the strings gave a lively and spirited exhibition of

what they can do, although the 'cellos were a little wayward. On the whole it was a creditable performance. One cannot help wondering why the rest of Beethoven's incidental music, which was written for a revival of Goethe's play 'Egmont' in 1810, is never heard. Of course the Overture is known as one of his great works.

'The Two Gentlemen of Soho' was just what one would expect from A. P. Herbert — caustic and very amusing. The whole cast made good use of their opportunities for getting in some Shakespearian style but they were not equally clear in their diction. Laetitia spoke well and had assurance. Her Elephantine Mother did not appear as vast as anticipated, but she and her perspiring partner gave a good impression when they came on. Plum's flirtation with the Duchess was masterly, and the choice of background music was made with a rich sense of humour especially during the death of 'Waiter'. All the actors died very gracefully and the ladies, who evidently appreciated the fun of the thing, portrayed their feminine attire cleverly; and Plum's valedictory speeches, made between futile efforts at stabbing himself, were a long-drawn-out pleasure for the audience.

'Fledermaus' is always fun, especially in Vienna on New Year's Eve — an annual event. This pleasant selection gave us several insistent tunes to carry away, but the Choir looked much too serious and solid when they should have been singing that frivolous music with sparkling spirit.

'1066 and All That'. The music was well chosen and 'rendered' pleasantly by orchestra and piano. 'The Romans' made a very good impression and were admirably dressed, singing and marching with good tone and rhythm. 'The Three Saints' was the most outstanding of the scenes. They looked such convincing Saints in every detail of their costume and behaved with such decorum that we should have liked to see an encore. They sang well and the leader of the orchestra played the obligato for them with real skill. The game of musical chairs played by Henry VIII and all his wives to the tune of 'Little Brown Jug' was duly popular. Never again shall we forget the order in which the Queens were disposed of. It was a good object lesson and the monk who preferred to be a bachelor was a wise man. 'The Beards' were not very convincing but quite decorative. 'The Puritan and the Cavalier' made a very nice duet and we noticed that the versatile R. T. Moll appears to be a good actor, cum singer, cum timpanist. Of the Four Georges, George I was the most impressive. All were well dressed and appeared to be enjoying themselves in their Teutonic way. The whole set of scenes from 1066 gave a number of people an opportunity of making their contribution to the Evening's Entertainment, and it had a charade-like flavour.

The Toy Symphony was certainly the crowning event of the evening and one which will be remembered for the very good playing of the orchestra and the sphinx-like faces of the 'soloists'. They were quite

impeccable in their performance and H.M. was without doubt the star — cuckoos and nightingales and quails could come and go but the drum never relaxed — and the trumpet and triangle made adequate noises as directed. Hadyn would have rejoiced, for I am sure it was played exactly as he meant it to be done.

The grand chorus from 'Aida' gave an insight into the work which has been done by chorus, orchestra, and trumpets. There was good tone but not enough light and shade. It is a pleasure to see the whole orchestra consisting of boys with only very few exceptions and I should like to mention the marked improvement in the Brass. All this musical activity is increasing year by year and how fortunate is the School where so many have the chance to sing, and to play upon instruments, and to learn to appreciate music in all its forms. All this leads to real musicianship and should give a lifelong interest.

We have to thank Mr. Sawbridge for all the hard work and energy that he has put in during his six years at Abingdon School. Teaching, conducting, and organizing the music in a school of this size is no light task and he has accomplished a great deal. So with real gratitude we wish him farewell, happiness, and success for the future."

U.L.

The programme was as follows—

THE QUEEN

1. "EGMONT" OVERTURE Beethoven (1770-1827)
(Orchestra)
2. "TWO GENTLEMEN OF SOHO" a farce by A. P. Herbert

Topsy	M. D. Fortescue	Sneak	N. P. Loukes
Plum	R. T. Moll	Waiter	M. J. Bett
Withers	P. A. H. Dawson	Laetitia	M. H. Tarran-Jones
Hubert	J. S. Kelly	Duchess	A. J. C. Leathem
3. SELECTION FROM "DIE FLEDERMAUS" Johann Strauss
(1825-1899)
(Choral Society and Orchestra)
Arranged for Chorus of Mixed Voices by John Bateson
and Alfred Kalisch.
4. SCENES FROM "1066 AND ALL THAT" Reginald Arkell and
Alfred Reynolds
Based on the book of the same name by W. C. Sellar
and R. J. Yeatman
(i) Overture
(ii) Chorus of Roman Soldiers
C. M. Davis, J. B. Goodman, A. Henbest, P. D. Hossett
E. G. B. Joseph, M. D. T. Nash, I. W. D. Matson, C. J. Dean.

(iii) *The Three Saints*

St. Patrick	J. A. R. Willis	St. Pancras	R. A. Lucas
St. Ives	N. P. Loukes	Common Man	R. S. Capstick

(iv) *Henry VIII Scene*

Henry VIII	B.J.M.
Katharine of Aragon	A. G. Fairlie
Anne Boleyn	A. W. Willis
Jane Seymour	P. A. C. Roblin
Anne of Cleves	J.J.H.
Katharine Howard	A. M. Forsyth
Katharine Parr	C. W. Denny
Monk	C. J. Dean

(v) *Beards*

Drake	A. G. D. Matson	Raleigh	A. J. C. Lansdown
Essex	A. P. H. Wood	1st Barber	R. C. Platt
2nd Barber	A. J. Elliott	3rd Barber	A. C. L. Fraser

(vi) *The Puritan and The Cavalier*

The Puritan	R. F. Gillespie
The Cavalier	R. T. Moll

(vii) *The Four Georges*

George I	K. N. Haarhoff	George II	R. L. Antrobus
George III	D. P. Heather-Hayes	George IV	A. H. Smith

(viii) *Finale — Full cast*

5. THE TOY SYMPHONY Haydn (1732–1809)

arranged by Aubrey Winter

Allegro - Minuet and Trio - Allegro

(Orchestra and Toy Instruments)

Drum	H.M.	Trumpet	R.H.B.
Cuckoo	J.B.E.A. & J.J.H.	Nightingale	F.J.S.
Triangle	L.C.J.G.	Quail	J.J.H.
	Castanets	M.W.V.	

6. GRAND CHORUS (Finale Act II) FROM "AIDA" Verdi
(1813–1901)

(Choral Society, Trumpets and Orchestra)

Arranged for Concert version by Arthur Thornley

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

By contrast with last season, 1960 saw us with eight of the previous XI still available, and plenty of possibles to fill the remaining gaps. It is not suprising, therefore, that we had probably the best side since the war, possibly the best in the School's history. The only element that was lacking was a left-arm bowler of quality — something we have not been without for a long time. We had to rely largely upon our quartet of seam bowlers, of whom Ford, Long and Robey performed very creditably upon occasion, and Whitton with great regularity. They were ably supported by Goodwin and a most promising newcomer, Rosevear, both of whom bowled off-spinners, though with rather different styles. Next year we hope that M. Ford, who has been invaluable in the nets with his leg-spinners, will provide that essential destroyer of batsmen — the ball that goes away to the slips. We may even see Keeyes in action if he learns to combine spin and length, and thus resume our long tradition of left-arm bowling.

Another tradition that was broken this year — and I hope that it is the last we shall see of this one! — was that of uncertain and unreliable batting. You may read the details further on, but what did emerge clearly was that we had eleven cricketers on the field, and that each was going to sell his wicket as dearly as possibly. The only occasion on which we really collapsed was against Lancaster Grammar School, on tour in this area, and then nos. 9, 10 and 11 put on 77, all but winning us the match. The outstanding batsman was Nurton, whose average of 46 was the highest since the Fletcher Cup was presented. Apart from minor failings he is difficult to fault and, once he has speeded his rate of scoring, will be a fine player. Bunce and Goodwin have developed as an opening pair, and the climax came at the end of the season with partnerships of 132 and 79 against Leighton Park and High Wycombe. Their running together has been delightful and we hope to see more long partnerships next year. Perry disappointed until the end of the season, but a variety of others, notably Robey, Whitton and Ogg have made good scores on occasion. It is interesting to note that in more than half the matches only five of our wickets fell, so the later batting was very often not given a chance to show its paces. Neilan, promoted late from the 2nd XI, showed good form, and caused much heart-searching as to whether he should not have been promoted earlier. Rosevear showed promise, on several occasions, of developing into a forceful and useful player.

The main disappointment has been the outfielding, and this is particularly surprising in a side of experienced players. Slow movement in pursuit of the ball and inaccurate throwing have given the opposing batsmen too much rope, and on several occasions the chance of a wicket in the deep has been missed through bad positioning. However,

some good catches have been taken, and the close fielding has been sound and at times brilliant. Long, in particular, at backward short leg, Whitton, Rosevear and Goodwin have all shown ability, but Nurton, relieved of his duties as wicket keeper, has developed into a lively and hostile fielder. Burton, promoted from the 2nd XI as wicket-keeper, has done an excellent job. He has kept soundly, and taken most of the chances offered, and his alert and cheerful personality will be much missed next year.

As Captain, Perry has gained steadily in confidence, and by the end of the season was rarely at fault in his field-placing or in his handling of the bowling. I think that he was just beginning to enjoy this exacting but absorbing position, after a difficult apprenticeship, when the season ended. There is much to be said for a second year of Captaincy in which to enjoy the fruits of the first season's labours. He always controlled his side well, both on and off the field, and the impression of a happy, relaxed and enthusiastic team will long remain. Perry's successor, J. M. Bunce, will indeed have a splendid legacy, for again seven others of this year's side will be here to support him, and among them are the principal run-getters and wicket-takers of this year.

This season's fixture list was strengthened by the inclusion of the Royal Masonic School, Bushey; the Royal Grammar School, Lancaster; and Pembroke College, Oxford; while next year we are playing the Incongnti Cricket Club, a fixture which must rank as our strongest. By increasing our number of one-day fixtures to five a great step forward was taken, and everybody, but particularly the batsmen, benefitted by the extra elbow-room thus allowed. We all hope next year to see a century or two, as there are several players well equipped to achieve this accolade of true batsmanship. The square, like the players, under the firm but sympathetic eye of Mr. Smithson, will also help them to their goal.

The final team in order of batting was: J. M. Bunce; D.M. Goodwin; M. D. Nurton; R. S. Ogg; P. E. Perry; P. G. D. Whitton; D. A. Robey; P. J. Ford; B. R. Rosevear; R. F. Burton; S. R. Long.

W. C. Hamilton played six times; M. J. Neilan three times; J. R. Hurd three times; M. S. Ford twice; A. P. H. Wood once.

Full Colours were awarded to J. M. Bunce; D. M. Goodwin; M. D. Nurton; P. G. D. Whitton.

Half Colours were awarded to: Robey; Rosevear; Burton; Ogg; Neilan; Bampton, RJC; Matson; Hossett.

Scorer: A. Henbest.

The Fletcher Cup went to M. D. Nurton, averaged 46.4.

The Morris Cup went to P. G. D. Whitton, batting average 17; bowling 45 wickets at 9 runs each.

The Common Room Bat was awarded to M. D. Nurton.

A.A.H.

1st XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	innings	not out	highest score	total	average
Nurton	13	4	75 n.o.	418	46.4
Burton	5	4	29	43	43
Bunce	14	2	65 n.o.	349	29
Goodwin	14	—	67	365	26
Whitton	10	1	38 n.o.	151	16.7
Ogg	6	1	34	80	16
Perry	13	2	27	150	13.6
Rosevear	7	2	17	64	12.8
Robey	9	1	48	102	12.7
Long	6	3	28	36	12
Ford, PJ	8	2	12	35	5.8

Also batted: Neilan 3 2 33 n.o. 51 51; Wood, A. P. H. 1 0 9 9 9;
Hamilton 4 0 16 33 8; Ford, M. 1 0 4 4 4; Hurd 1 0 0 0 0.

BOWLING

	overs	maidens	runs	wickets	average
Whitton	273.5	53	399	45	9
Robey	60	18	130	13	10
Rosevear	87	19	260	18	14.4
Goodwin	77.3	22	246	14	17.6
Ford, PJ	83	24	211	12	17.6
Long	107.2	15	337	14	24

Also bowled: Hurd 12 1 58 2 29; Ford, M. 3 2 1 0 —; Matson
5 2 9 0 —.

A.H.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES

v. Newbury Grammar School (a). Sat., 14th May. Won.

The School made a good start making 56 runs in 50 minutes, until the first wicket fell when Bunce was amazingly caught at square leg off a forceful hook. Two more quick wickets fell bringing Robey to the wicket. He made the score mount rapidly with forceful shots off the back foot until he was caught 'fishing' for 48. With the possible exception of Whitton none of the other School batsmen seemed able to get settled and the innings was declared closed at tea.

Newbury started cautiously and the score was in the forties before the first wicket fell. Whitton was the most successful of the School bowlers and he claimed his sixth victim with the first ball of the last over of the day. It is interesting to note that Hurd and Rosevear each took a wicket with their first ball in 1st XI Cricket and that Robey took one with his second.

Abingdon: 154—8 dec. (Robey 48; Goodwin 25; Nunn 4—16).

Newbury: 126 (Thomas 26; Whitton 6—34).

v. Royal Masonic School, Bushey (h). Wed., 25th May. Won.

In spite of losing Bunce on the first ball of the match, and Perry with the score at 6, the School batsmen settled down and the score began to mount. Nurton was especially savage on the fast bowlers, driving and cutting fiercely, and with the help of Goodwin, Robey and Whitton, he made the School score seem more respectable. The School declared at tea with Nurton undefeated with 75.

Royal Masonic School started similarly and were 9 for 2, Ford taking both the wickets, but then Read came in and with some hefty blows made the score rise fairly quickly. He found a good partner in Shephard but these two fell on successive balls. Fortunes swayed towards the end and it looked as if the School might be beaten but Perry handled his bowlers well and Whitton took the last wicket with Masonic School 10 runs short of the School's total and with only two minutes of play remaining. The School made heavy weather of it owing to dropped catches but a bright note was the bowling of Rosevear who finished with 4 for 40.

Abingdon: 165—5 dec. (Nurton 75 not out; Goodwin 25).

Masonic School: 155 (Read 59; Rosevear 4—40).

v. Bloxham School (a). Sat., 28th May. Lost.

The School fielded first and Ford claimed two quick wickets. Then Franks came in and dominated the play with some fine stroke play. Scott was a useful sticker at the other end and at lunch the score was 127 for 4. Scott was bowled soon afterwards and Franks was brilliantly caught by Ford going for a big hit just 11 short of his century. Bloxham were all out for 200 at 3 o'clock.

Despite losing Goodwin, Perry and Robey in a short space of time after tea, the School and Nurton in particular kept up the scoring rate. Whitton stayed with Nurton after Bunce had been disastrously run out just when he was getting going, but his stay was all too brief. Hamilton stayed for some time while Nurton piled up the runs but the former was out lbw. The situation grew worse, Long returning to the pavilion soon afterwards. The end came when Hurd was bowled first ball with the School still 14 runs short of their target.

Bloxham: 200 (Franks 89; Ford 4—21).

Abingdon: 186 (Nurton 67 not out; Bunce 38; Scott 5—59).

v. Common Room XI (h). Wed., 1st June. Drawn.

Ford claimed two quick wickets for the School but Mr. Griffin and Mr. Smithson settled down to the habit of run making. These two were replaced by Mr. Hillary and Mr. Stevens who did the same. The declaration came soon after tea with the score at 180—8.

The School started slowly but Bunce and Nurton came to the rescue with some steady batting. The match became very exciting as 7 runs were wanted from the last over but only 4 runs came so the School had to be content with the better side of the draw.

Common Room XI: 180—8 dec. (A. A. Hillary retired hurt 46; G. A. Smithson 37; L. C. J. Griffin 37; M. R. Stevens 36).

Abingdon: 178—5 (J. M. Bunce 55; Whitton 38 not out; Nurton 37; G. A. Smithson 4—25).

v. R.G.S., Lancaster (h). Sat., 4th June. Lost.

Lancaster opened slowly until the first wicket was claimed by Ford after some 40 minutes of play. Goodwin replaced Ford and the batsmen seemed to catch some sort of phobia and play back to every ball. This was their undoing and apart from Kelly they never looked happy. Goodwin took 5—50 to finish the innings at 3.15 p.m.

The School made a slow but sure start until Kelly, a left armer, came on. The School batsmen caught the disease and by tea the innings was in ruins at 41 for 8. Kelly at this stage had 6 for 9. Fortunately Burton, Rosevear and Long took command and added 77 for the last two wickets — and in fact nearly won the match. Kelly finished with 8—50.

R.G.S. Lancaster: 128 (Aveyard 30; Goodwin 5—50; Whitton 4—33).
Abingdon: 118 (Burton 29 not out; Long 28; Kelly 8—50).

v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h). Wed. 8th June. Drawn.

On a dreary day the Gentlemen batted first and lost their first wicket at 37 to Long. The School bowlers bowled well and at lunch the score stood at 63 for 4. After lunch Waghorn and Hillary collared the bowling and doubled the score before Hillary was out for 55. Waghorn carried on well and enabled the B.G.'s to declare with the score 203. Long took four wickets.

The School did not start too well and lost Bunce at 24 before tea. Perry, Nurton, Whitton and Ford fell cheaply and things looked black for the School with the score at 114—6. Ogg however boosted the score with a brisk 34 and Goodwin was unfortunately run out ten short of his fifty. Burton and Long held out long enough to earn a draw for the School.

Berkshire Gents: 203—6 dec. (Waghorn 56 not out; Hillary 55; Long 4—74).

Abingdon: 159—9 (Goodwin 40; Mortimer 3—36; Hillary 3—26).

v. Solihull School (h). Sat., 11th June. Lost.

On a rather fiery, drying wicket, Solihull batted first but lost a wicket in the first over. Scoring was very slow and wickets soon began to fall. Forsyth was Solihull's best batsman but he was felled on three occasions by rising balls. Solihull were eventually all out for 101 owing to some accurate bowling by Whitton who finished with 7 for 34.

The School started badly and soon lost Goodwin and shortly afterwards Perry. Bunce and Nurton were just getting going when Bunce had to retire after being hit on the head by a full toss. With the score in the fifties Hamilton came in and with the help of first Ogg and then Rosevear it looked as if the School might reach their target but the match ended with the School just 8 runs short of the Solihull total.

Solihull: 101 (Forsyth 33; Whitton 7—34).

Abingdon: 93 (Nurton 22).

v. Pembroke College (h). Wed., 15th June. Drawn.

The School won the toss and batted first but soon lost Bunce. However Nurton and Goodwin batted well and 48 runs were on the board before another wicket fell. Perry and Robey were dismissed cheaply but Ogg and Whitton put up some resistance and the declaration was made after tea with the total a modest 137.

Pembroke started slowly but never really looked like winning. Runs were slow in coming owing to some good, sensible bowling by Whitton. At the close Pembroke were still 35 runs behind and only had two wickets in hand.

Abingdon: 137—8 dec. (Nurton 41; Goodwin 24; Keen 5—39).

Pembroke College: 102—8 (Whitton 3—29).

v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 18th June. Won.

The O.A.'s won the toss and Whiteford and Hiscock opened their innings. Long took the first wicket when he had Hiscock caught behind for 5. Morris was out to the next ball and the other batsmen never got down to making any runs and the innings closed at 87. Whitton continued his bowling success by taking three more wickets.

The School innings started slowly and Bunce and Goodwin were soon back in the pavilion, but first Robey and then Perry and Ogg made scores of 20 and this was enough to pass the O.A.'s score with only four wickets down.

O.A.'s: 87 (Whiteford 36; Whitton 3—19).

Abingdon: 90—4.

v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI (h). Sat., 25th June. Drawn.

The School batted first and the score gradually mounted owing mainly to Goodwin until with the scoreboard showing 41 Bunce unfortunately hit his wicket. Nurton and Ogg made but brief appearances but Perry getting accustomed to batting at number 5 started hitting the ball hard and was out for 27 after a fine catch by Hart. The tail folded up and only Robey got double figures and so the School ended with a very modest total of 127.

St. Edward's opened safely but as time went on the game became more even and it was a great relief when Nash who had scored 60 was dismissed by Whitton. The hundred was passed and with the score 117—5 the last over the day was started by Whitton. The first three ball produced 5 runs and the last three gave Whitton a hat-trick.

Abingdon: 127 (Goodwin 47; Mortimore 6—39).

St. Edward's: 122—8 (Nash 60; Whitton 5—29).

v. Abingdon Cricket Club (a). Sat., 2nd July. Won.

Playing for the first time on Hales Meadow the School fielded first and runs came easily to Mr. Hillary and G. Evans, the Club's opening pair. With the score at 53 the first wicket fell to Rosevear who soon afterwards bowled Mr. Smithson. The score then slumped drastically to 87—7 but the tail wagged and Messrs. Houghton and Ferrier added 43 for the eighth wicket. Eventually the Cricket Club were all out for a modest 143. Rosevear and Whitton were the most successful of the School bowlers.

The School soon lost Goodwin but Nurton and Bunce made a stand and the second wicket fell at 84. Ogg and Perry both made short appearances but Whitton helped Nurton and the School passed the required total with only five wickets down.

Abingdon C.C.: 143 (Hillary 29; Rosevear 4—38; Whitton 3—40).

Abingdon: 146—5 (Nurton 66 not out; Bunce 33; Payne 3—53).

v. Leighton Park School (h). Wed., 6th July. Won.

The School won the toss and batted first. The score mounted rapidly and soon both Goodwin and Bunce got their half centuries. Eventually Marsh had Goodwin caught with the score at 132. This is the best opening stand by School batsmen for many a year. The innings was closed at 158.

Leighton Park lost three wickets in Whitton's first three overs and apart from Busby, who reached 50, only Wigram got double figures. The later batsmen also yielded to the fast bowling of Robey and Whitton who both finished with five wickets.

Abingdon: 158—1 dec. (Bunce 65 not out; Goodwin 67).

Leighton Park: 88 (Busby 50; Whitton 5—23; Robey 5—19).

v. Oratory School (h). Wed., 13th July. Drawn.

The School batted first and Bunce was out soon after a stoppage for rain. However Nurton and Goodwin carried the score along quickly until with the score at 91 Goodwin was bowled. Neilan too was soon bowled but Perry and Nurton made a declaration possible with the score at 147.

Oratory began badly and soon lost their opening batsmen to Whitton. The next three batsmen fell to the tempting spin bowling of Goodwin and were caught in the deep. Oratory crashed to 38—6 but Daverin and Langam got their heads down and played out an uninteresting draw. Whitton was again the most successful bowler taking 4 wickets.

Abingdon 147—3 dec. (Nurton 62 not out; Goodwin 53).

Oratory 59—7 (Whitton 4—17; Goodwin 3—15).

v. R.G.S. High Wycombe (a). Sat., 16th July. Drawn.

The School again batted first and Bunce and Goodwin hit the Wycombe bowlers all over the field before Goodwin was caught going for a big hit. Nurton soon followed but Neilan and Bunce continued to hit the ball hard. Eventually Bunce was out and was replaced by Perry who made his highest score of the season before trying to hit the last ball before tea out of the ground. At tea with the score 173 the School declared.

Wycombe started slowly and Long took the first wicket at 24. Wickets began to fall but Waller stayed to trouble the School bowlers. Eventually Waller and Holdship held out for a draw which was definitely in the School's favour. Rosevear, Long and Goodwin each took two wickets.

Abingdon: 173—4 dec. (Bunce 64; Goodwin 38; Neilan 33 not out).

R.G.S. High Wycombe: 93—6.

W.C.H.

HOUSE MATCHES

The Knock-out Competitions:

Senior—Reeves, without losing a single wicket.

Junior—Reeves.

The House-League Competitions:

Senior—Blacknall.

Junior—shared, again, between Reeves and Tesdale.

SECOND ELEVEN

It is encouraging for the cricket of the School to note that, even with the loss of some key-members of the 2nd XI to the 1st XI, including the wicket-keeper/opening bat and both opening bowlers, competition for selection was keener than usual. The spirit in which the games were played made for enjoyable cricket whatever the result. As Captain, R. J. C. Bampton never found his form with the bat but his quiet leadership more than offset this loss.

While in terms of results this has been the best season for the 2nd XI for years and much credit is due to individual performers, especially Neilan, Matson, AGD and Wood, APH. The fielding generally fell below the standard expected. The reason was not hard to find in that, when on form, Matson's bowling provided so thrilling a performance that there was a strong temptation for fielders to become over-generous spectators. His final figures of 34 wickets at an average of 6.2 runs in 105 overs of which 36 were maidens speak for themselves, while Neilan's batting average of 49.8 shows what ability is there, given concentration and determination.

Results

(Played 8, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 1).

14th May v. Newbury G.S. (h). Won by 31 runs.
Abingdon 82; Newbury 51 (Matson 4 for 12).

28th May v. Bloxham School (a). Lost by 1 wicket.
Abingdon 175; Bloxham 177 for 9.

11th June v. Solihull School (h). Match drawn.
Abingdon 157; Solihull 98 for 9.

18th June v. Old Abingdonians (h). Won by 4 wickets.
O.A.'s 105 (Glenny 50; Matson 8 for 34); Abingdon 106 for 6.

22nd June v. Wallingford G.S. 1st XI (h). Won by 99 runs.
Abingdon 140 for 5 dec. (Neilan 77 n.o.); Wallingford 41 (Matson 7 for 19).

25th June v. Wantage G.S. 1st XI (a). Match drawn.
Abingdon 105; Wantage 83 for 3.

2nd July v. Abingdon C.C. (h). Won by 61 runs.
Abingdon 168 for 7 dec. Neilan 94; Abingdon C.C. 107.

16th July v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). Won by 5 wickets.
High Wycombe 78 (Matson 6 for 22); Abingdon 80 for 5.

C.D.B.M.

COLTS' ELEVEN

This has been in some ways a disappointing season, with the team not fully realising its potential. In the first match Bloxham shattered the best of our batting with some very fast bowling. We almost had our revenge in the next match against Reading, but could not quite get

them out. A partial batting failure against bowling that was never more than steady meant that St. Edward's had only a moderate total to get, when a reasonable total might easily have proved too much for them. Against Douai, after some good bowling, our batting at last began to look as good as it was on paper, and we had little difficulty in passing their total. Alas, at Radley we were well on the way to another failure when rain stopped play, and although we won our last game against Cokethorpe Park, it was largely due to good bowling and to good innings by Ford, MS and Evans.

It was the batting, then, which let us down, and there were three main faults: a lack of concentration, failure to play down the line of the ball, and an inability to hit the loose ball. Only Matson really punished the bad ball, and he was sometimes in too much of a hurry. Ford, M. S., was the outstanding performer both with bat and ball, though several others played useful innings, and Keeyes, Barrett and Redgrave all bowled steadily. The fielding was only moderate, several catches being dropped, while bad running between the wickets made things easier for our opponents on several occasions. As Captain, Keeyes handled his bowling well, but should learn more about setting his field, and about the role of the captain off the field when his side is in a tight corner.

Results

- 28th May v. Bloxham. Lost. Bloxham 125 for 8 dec.; Abingdon 33.
11th June v. Reading. Drawn. Abingdon 100 for 1 dec.; Reading 67 for 8.
25th June v. St. Edward's. Lost. Abingdon 74; St. Edward's 79 for 5.
2nd July v. Douai. Won. Douai 85; Abingdon 87 for 5.
9th July v. Radley. Drawn. Abingdon 52 for 7; rain stopped play.
18th July v. Cokethorpe Park. Won. Abingdon 105; Cokethorpe 65.

The final arrangement of the team was: G. F. Keeyes (Capt.); M. S. Ford; C. C. Ford; T. R. Morris; A. R. F. Redgrave; J. C. M. Watts; R. J. M. Evans; G. F. Bailey; A. T. Barrett; I. W. D. Matson; S. R. Wilson.

Also played: J. Fairlie (3 times); D. A. Bent, P. G. Henderson and A. W. Foster (twice each).

L.C.J.G.

JUNIOR COLTS ELEVEN

This year's team was very strong in batting, and fielded well, but lacked a good slow bowler. Bailey, captaining the side, made the most of his resources in the field, where Bennett and Dickinson backed him up well, but his own form was disappointing. Evans was a good lively wicketkeeper, but he missed one or two chances through overconfidence.

Results would have been better and the cricket more attractive, if the early batsmen had been able to score more quickly. This they could have done either by playing more attacking shots or by taking all the runs they had made. As it was, running between the wickets was slow, and later batsmen had to take too many risks in order to build up a good score quickly.

If the weaknesses can be remedied this has the makings of a very good side, and what is more they enjoy their cricket.

The team was from: G. J. Bailey (Capt.); A. T. Barrett; I. W. D. Matson; T. R. Morris; R. J. M. Evans; J. W. Dickinson; J. D. Urwick; D. A. Bent; I. R. Flint; I. J. Newbold; P. G. Henderson and C. C. Ford.

Results

11th May v. Oratory (a). Won.

Abingdon: 104—2 dec. (Ford 54 n.o.; Morris 37 n.o.);

Oratory: 24 (Dickinson 6—12; Barrett 3—2).

14th May v. Newbury G.S. (h). Won.

Abingdon: 110—7 dec. (Matson 43); Newbury: 72 (Barrett 5—7).

25th June v. St. Edward's School (a). Lost.

Abingdon: 111 (Matson 32); St. Edward's: 115—2.

6th July v. Leighton Park (h). Won.

Abingdon: 107—3 dec. (Morris 44; Evans 42 n.o.);

Leighton Park: 37 (Barrett 4—5; Dickinson 3—13).

B.C.W.

JUNIOR ELEVEN

Partly because of the weather and partly because of the weakness of the opposition this has been a disappointing season. We had a strong side, Jennings, a good captain and opening bat, and Ford — a mature batsman for his age — being too good for most of our opponents. Johnson, Evans, Partridge and Moore also know how to play complete innings, while Trinder shows promise as a wicket-keeper-batsman.

The bowling was strong: Partridge and Rowson were outstandingly successful and Moore, Davis, PH and Davis, RB all bowled well on occasions. There were several good fielders in the side (Davies, PH being outstanding and Evans holding two memorable catches) but the standard was not always high.

The 'A' XI had two more even matches and these revealed weakness in our reserve strength.

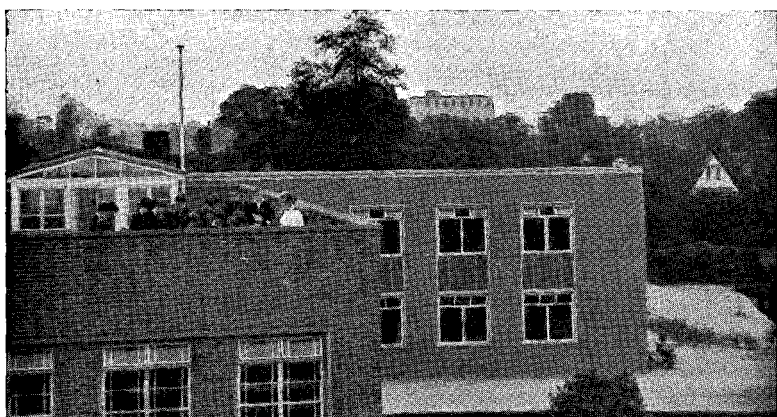
The team was: J. R. Jennings (Capt.); C. C. Ford; D. J. Partridge; P. H. Davis; T. B. Moore; A. E. Johnson; A. G. Rowson; C. P. Trinder; P. J. Evans; R. B. Davis and either D. E. Joyce or J. W. B. Dunthorne.



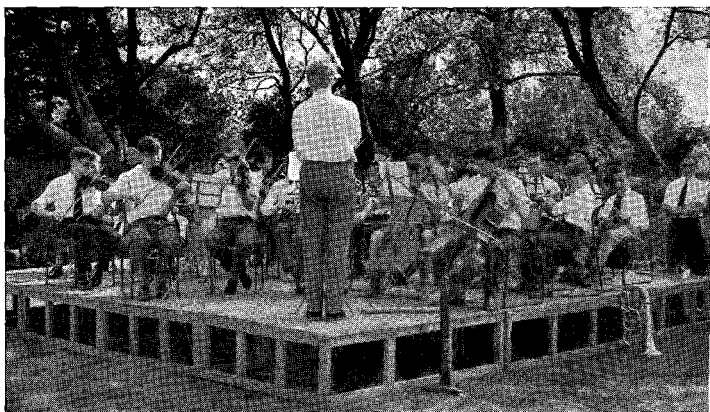
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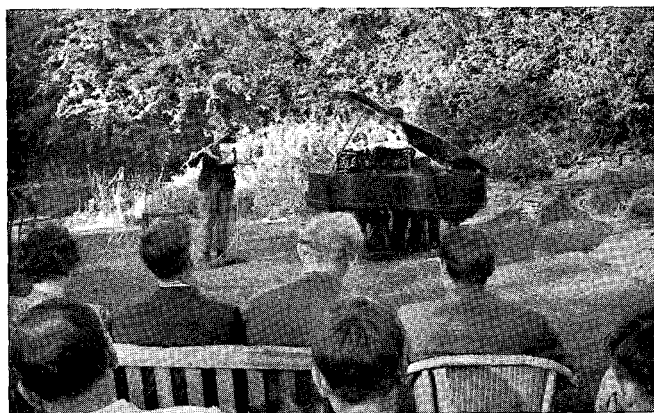
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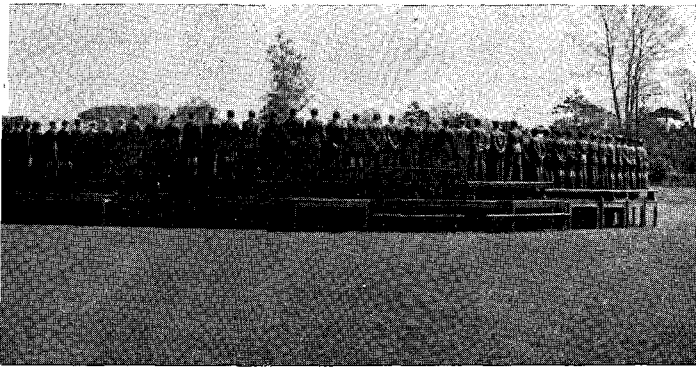
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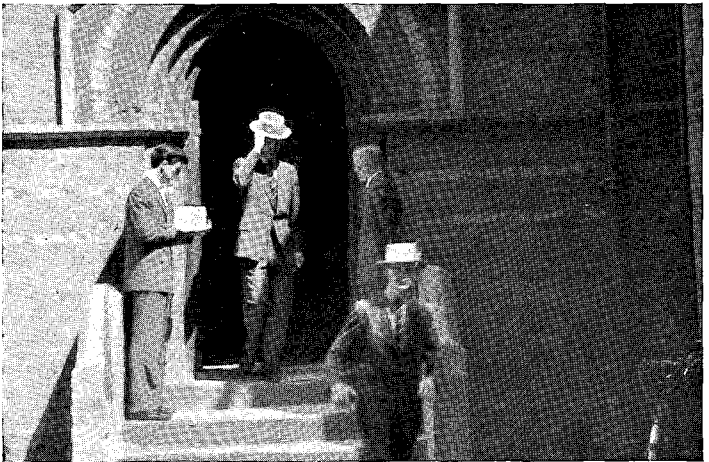
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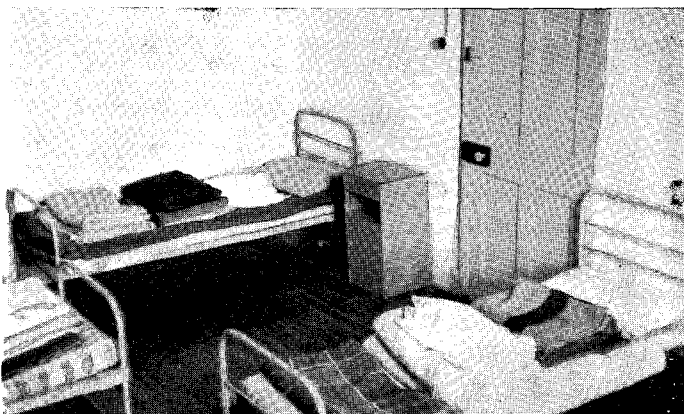
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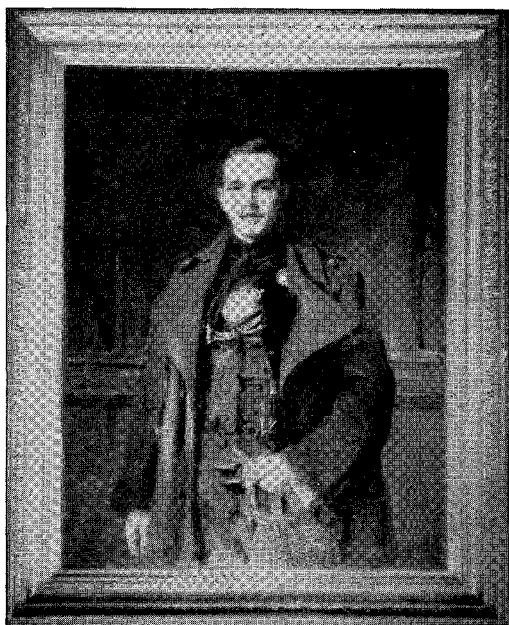
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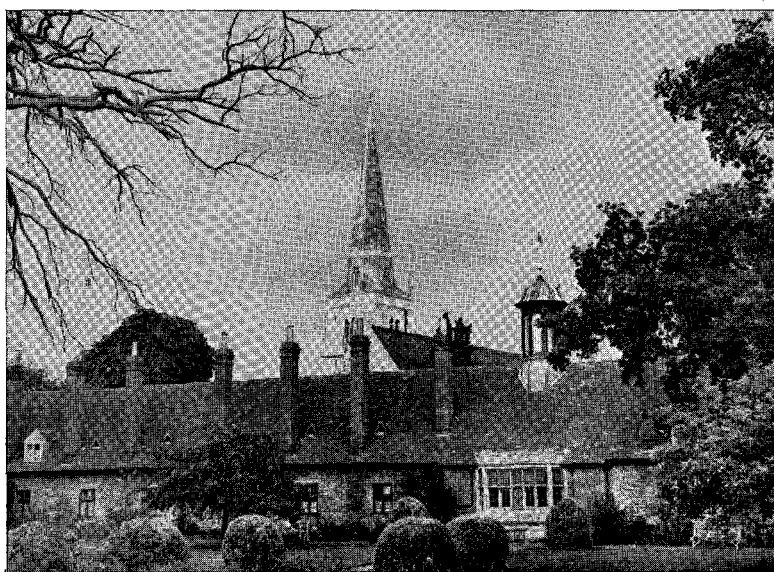
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*The Rt. Hon. the Lord Glyn of Farnborough, M.C.
(see page 575)*



*The Long Alley Almshouses
(This photograph was one of the many exhibited on Founder's Day)*

Match Results

Junior XI (Played 5, Won 4, Drawn 1):

14th May v. Newbury (a). Won.

Newbury: 45 (Davis, R. B. 4—5; Rowson 3—17);

Abingdon: 46—1 (Jennings 21 n.o.).

28th May v. Bloxham (h). Won.

Bloxham: 73 (Partridge 4—8);

Abingdon: 74—1 (Jennings 30 n.o.; Ford 38 n.o.).

11th June v. Reading (a). Won.

Reading: 62 (Rowson 7—10);

Abingdon: 63—2 (Ford 35 n.o.).

6th July v. Oratory School (a). Won.

Abingdon: 108 for 7 dec. (Johnson 28; Partridge 24; Evans 19 n.o.).

Oratory: 27 (Partridge 7—4).

9th July v. Radley (a).

Radley: 90 (Moore 4—11; Partridge 4—19); Abingdon—Rain.

Junior 'A' XI (Played 2, Won 1, Lost 1):

22nd June v. New College School (h).

Won by 1 wicket.

25th June v. Col. Bryceson's School (h).

Lost by 4 wickets.

M.W.V.

ROWING

The Boat Club has had its ups and downs this season. In terms of winning races we were rather disappointed, yet it will be seen from the report on the races that the class of the opposition was as high, indeed higher, than last year, and we held our own. All our eights were faster than ever before, and we can be well satisfied with their performances.

Our training programme for the 1st VIII was based on the assumption that we should go to Henley. This fact, and various interruptions due to illness, meant that we could not undertake as many regattas or private fixtures as usual. Hard luck in the draw at our regattas further curtailed the amount of racing for the Eight, and in retrospect it seems that it did not have enough racing experience behind it when we went to Henley. It is good to record however that we did feel strong enough this year at long last to enter for the Princess Elizabeth Cup, and that the performance of the crew was good enough even in defeat in the Eliminating Round to receive a sympathetic commendation in *The Times*. It is good, too, to feel that this was no 'flash in the pan' and that we shall be able to send worthy crews in the foreseeable future.

The 2nd VIII this season was the fastest we have had so far and did very well. The 3rd VIII rowed with great dash and enthusiasm. The Colt's VIII — our first — although it won no races was extremely promising and rowed gallantly against much older and heavier opponents. The fact that most of them would be eligible, technically speaking, for the appellation Colts' for at least two more years sufficiently indicates their extraordinarily good standard.

The Boat Club regatta at the end of term was of a high standard and showed that there are many promising juniors for the years to come. Congratulations to Blacknall House who 'scooped the pool' in the House events.

Finally a word on expansion. We have been fortunate enough to be able to rent a further sixty feet of river frontage, and this extension to our site also paves the way for much needed additional Boat House accommodation. Only those who have seen the congestion at the Boat House on a rowing afternoon can appreciate how much this is needed, both to save damage to the boats and to provide adequate facilities for our present membership of over a hundred.

Our sincere thanks to all of those who have given us support and help this season, and particularly to Mr. R. E. Eason, O.A., and the members of the Radley College Boat Club.

CREWS

1st VIII

Bow	A. L. Howell	11- 3
2	D. R. Gerring	11- 7
3	G. S. Howlett	11-12
4	K. N. Haarhoff	13- 5
5	P. A. Merriman	12- 9
6	B. D. Gibbs	13- 2
7	A. J. Mackenzie	12- 5
Stroke	R. L. Antrobus	12- 0
Cox	D. F. K. Smith	8- 4
(T. A. Sewry also rowed)		

2nd VIII

Bow	D. J. Griffiths	9- 9
2	C. H. Woodham	9-10
3	R. A. Bickers	13- 0
4	M. D. T. Nash	11- 2
5	D. C. Pollard	11-10
6	G. D. Louth	12-12
7	R. G. M. Johnston	10-12
Stroke	T. A. Sewry	11- 4
Cox	J. F. Hann	5-12
(Woodham stroked up to Marlow Regatta, until when Lucas also rowed).		

3rd VIII

Bow	R. S. B. Shepard
2	P. F. Booth
3	J. S. Kelly
4	P. J. V. Willis
5	C. R. Wright
6	D. M. Goodman
7	D. P. Heather-Hayes
Stroke	M. O. Mogey
Cox	C. J. Pickup

Colts' VIII

Bow	W. M. Jamieson
2	N. P. Loukes
3	J. A. R. Willis
4	M. J. Evans
5	D. J. Aplin
6	A. A. Venn
7	I. W. Moss
Stroke	J. J. Mackenzie
Cox	E. N. Broadway

1st IV

2nd IV

Bow J. D. Spencer
 2 C. R. Llewellyn
 3 L. J. W. Ewing
 Stroke R. S. Capstick
 Cox J. P. G. Butt

Bow D. J. Aplin
 2 P. J. L. Webb
 3 D. J. B. Hewison
 Stroke B. A. F. Burn
 Cox R. P. Welch

Crews are listed above as they were composed at the end of their respective seasons.

Results

FIRST VIII

June 1st v. Magdalen College School. Away.

Won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. Rowed over the Oxford Bumping Course.

June 4th. Wallingford Regatta. Senior Eights.

1st Round v. Isis B.C. Lost by 3 lengths.

This was probably the best race of the season. The School held Isis off the start, and at the half distance gained some two lengths of lost ground in a good spurt. The final verdict was respectable, at least, and the Eight kept their form very well.

June 10th. Reading Amateur Regatta. Junior-Senior Eights.

1st Round. Lost to R.M.A. Sandhurst by 2 lengths.

Beat The Queen's College, Oxford, by 1 length.

Sandhurst were a very fast crew and beat us comfortably in the fastest time of the evening for the event.

June 15th v. Bedford Modern School. Away.

Lost by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. A poor row.

June 25th. Henley Royal Regatta.

Princess Elizabeth Cup — Eliminating Heats:

Lost to Nautical College Pangbourne by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Barrier 2.01. Fawley 3.26. Finish 7.18.

SECOND VIII

June 1st v. Magdalen College School II. Away.

Won easily.

June 4th. Oxford Royal Regatta. Junior Eights.

1st Round. Beat Lincoln College II by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

2nd Round. Lost to Magdalen College School I by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

June 11th. Reading Amateur Regatta. Junior Eights.

1st Round. R.O. Keble College II scratched.

2nd Round. Lost to Jesus College, Oxford, I and Marlow R.C.

*June 15th v. Bedford Modern School. Away.*Won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.*June 11th. Marlow Amateur Regatta. Public School Eights.*1st Round. Lost to St. Paul's School II by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.Beat St. Edward's School II by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

THIRD VIII

May 28th. Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Eights.

1st Round. Lost to Southampton University 'A'.

June 4th. Oxford Royal Regatta. Maiden Eights.

1st Round. Lost to Radley College Colts.

*June 15th v. Bedford Modern School. Away.*Won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

COLTS' VIII

*May 28th. Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Eights.*2nd Round bye. Lost to Beaumont College by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.*June 4th. Wallingford Regatta. Junior Eights.*

1st Round. Lost to Radley College IV by 2 lengths.

*June 15th v. Bedford Modern School. Away.*Lost by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. (Crabs!)

FIRST IV

May 28th. Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Fours.

Lost to Culham College.

June 4th. Wallingford Regatta. Maiden Fours.

Lost to Berkhamsted School.

SECOND IV

June 4th. Wallingford Regatta. Schoolboy Fours.

1st Round: Beat Wallingford R.C. easily.

2nd Round: Lost to Sutton School.

BOAT CLUB REGATTA

The Regatta was held on Culham Reach on 16th July.

Results

Bennett Cup for Senior House Fours — Blacknall beat Tesdale by 2 feet in 3 mins. 28 secs.

Pixell Cup for Intermediate House Fours — Blacknall 'B' beat Reeves 'B' by a canvas in 3 mins. 27 secs.

Morrell Cup for Junior House Fours — Blacknall 'B' beat Blacknall 'A' easily.

Pierpoint Cup — Boarders beat Dayboys by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 3 mins. 17 secs.

Haarhoff Cup and Mayor's Waterman Trophy for Sculling — R. L. Antrobus beat T. A. Sewry by 2 lengths.

Eights. Leavers v. 'The Rest' — Leavers won by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 2 mins. 53 secs.

We are grateful to Miss Claire Ashcroft for presenting the prizes.

(Note: 'Umbrage', our coaching launch bought from O.U.B.C., was used for umpiring the Regatta).

R.G.M.

TENNIS

The 1st VI this year was a very weak side and as expected won very few matches. Also the bad weather resulted in three matches being cancelled and much practice being lost.

The first pair, Paige and Bampton, were good on their day, but were far too inconsistent and this resulted in many games being lost which should have been won. For example, they beat the Radley first pair and lost to the second and third.

The second pair never looked the part: both Hart and Mitchell were far too erratic. But the third pair showed great promise although much remains to be remedied. They played extremely well in the O.A. match and beat all three O.A. pairs. Leather is one of the most promising players in the club but he needs more power behind his strokes. Dixon has the power but not the accuracy. It is one consolation that they will be with us for two years — we hope more.

This year the Buckley Cup attracted 63 entries, and in the final, between Paige and Perry, the former won 6—0, 6—3. Although the score does not suggest it, it was a very good match, full of long rallies.

Once again, we thank Mr. Lay for his most helpful coaching lessons; we congratulate, too, R. W. J. Bampton on the award of his colours.

FIRST VI MATCHES

(1st pair: R. K. Paige and R. W. J. Bampton; 2nd pair: M. P. M. Hart and P. A. Mitchell; 3rd pair: P. J. Leather and K. W. R. Dixon).

May 4	v.	Common Room VI (h)	Drew	4½—4½
May 11	v.	Radley College (a)	Lost	1—8
May 28	v.	Bloxham School (h)	Won	6—3
June 11	v.	Reading School (a)	Lost	2—7
June 18	v.	Old Abingdonians (h)	Won	5—4
June 29	v.	Pangbourne N.C. (h)	Lost	3—6
July 2	v.	Berkhamsted School (h)	Lost	0—9
July 16	v.	R.G.S., High Wycombe (a)	Lost	0—9

Matches v. Culham College; M.C.S., Oxford and Abingdon L.T.C. were rained off.

SECOND VI MATCHES

(1st pair: R. B. B. Houghton [Capt.] and P. L. Hedges; 2nd pair: A. H. Lawson and L. A. D. Martin; 3rd pair: C. T. Gresswell and T. J. King. Also played: A. E. W. Willey and B. Hounslow).

May 28	v.	Bloxham School (a)	Won	8—0
June 1	v.	City of Oxford School 1st VI (h)	Lost	3—6
June 15	v.	Salesian College (h)	Lost	4—5
June 29	v.	Culham College (a)	Lost	1—8

JUNIOR (U/16) VI MATCHES

(1st pair: P. J. Leather and K. W. R. Dixon; 2nd pair: C. T. Gresswell and T. J. King; 3rd pair: J. J. F. Burn and N. H. Finney; also played: A. D. Gardner).

May 25	v.	Douai School (a)	Lost	1—7
June 1	v.	Salesian College (a)	Lost	1½—6½

At the end of the season, R. W. J. Bampton was elected to be next season's Captain of Tennis and P. J. Leather the Secretary.

R.K.P.

ATHLETICS

Although examinations and other commitments affected the activities and performances of our Senior Athletes in the second half of term, a profitable season has nevertheless been spent. The star attraction was the Pocklington-Stamford match at half-term on the Iffley Road Track at Oxford: in this we had to acknowledge again the overall superiority of the Pocklington team but we only just surrendered second place to Stamford.

Apart from this match, our athletes competed on numerous occasions for the School or outside Clubs and a great deal of valuable experience was gained. Bett took second place in the U/19 Steeplechase in the Reading A.C. Championships and Harvey was just under 4 mins. 30 secs. in his heat in the Southern Counties Junior Championships. Cross ran very well for most of the season whilst Talbot and Hall, G. A., are both fulfilling their early promise.

This term's athletes have included the following: R. W. Harvey (Capt.), M. P. Cross (Sec.), M. J. Bett, G. A. Hall, C. F. Johnson, T. A. Marsh, A. G. Matson, M. J. Nelson, M. J. Neilan, A. G. Stuart-Lyon, J. M. Talbot.

RESULTS

Berkshire A.A.A. Championships

Although not as successful as last year, our small team gained several places. Cross ran extremely well in the U/19 half mile to give us our only 1st place, and Neilan, released from a sick bed only a few days before, did very well to gain 2nd place in the U/19 220 yards sprint. Harvey improved considerably on his last year's time in the Senior 3 miles and was a popular second in that event. Performances were indeed of quite a high standard. Details are as follows:—

U/17 Long Jump: Hall — 3rd place: 18ft. 8ins.

U/17 Shot: Talbot — 3rd place: 43ft. 7½ins.

U/17 Discus: Talbot — 3rd place: 149ft.

U/19 220 yards: Neilan — 2nd place: 24.2 secs.

U/19 880 yards: Cross — 1st place: 2 min. 3.6 secs.

U/19 Steeplechase: Bett — 2nd place.

Johnson — 3rd place.

Senior 3 Miles: Harvey — 2nd place: 15 mins. 7.2 secs.

v. Culham College and King Alfred's College, Winchester.

Wed., 1st June at Culham.

As preparation for the Pocklington-Stamford match, a depleted team competed in this triangular match. Although few events came our way, performances were good. Cross clocked times in both the 220 yards and 440 yards races which were better than the School records. Harvey and Talbot won two events each. Results so far as they concerned us were:

100 yards: Marsh — 5th: 10.8 secs.

220 yards: Cross — 5th: 23.7 secs.

440 yards: Cross — 4th: 52.5 secs.; Harvey — 5th: 53.5 secs.

Mile: Harvey — 1st: 4 min. 38 secs.

2 Miles: Harvey — 1st: 10 min. 16.6 secs.;

Johnson — 6th: 10 min. 39 secs.

Shot (16 lbs.): Talbot — 1st: 34ft. 11ins.

Discus: Talbot — 1st: 103ft.

High Jump: Nelson — 4th: 5ft. 3ins.

*v. Pocklington School and Stamford School: Tuesday, 7th June
(at Oxford).*

This match was held in fine weather on the fast Iffley Road track and it was no surprise to see nearly every record established last year being bettered. Performances encouraging for the future came from Talbot with 43ft. 6ins. in the Shot and 129ft. 6½ins. in the Discus and from Bett who reduced his Mile time to 4 min. 44 secs. Detailed results:

100 yards: Ewan (P), 11 secs.; Swatton (S); Neilan (A).

220 yards: Capper (P), 23.1 secs.; Ewan (P); Swatton (S) (record).

440 yards: Capper (P), 53 secs; Sullivan (S); Harvey (A) (record).

880 yards: Harvey (A), 2 mins. 4 secs.; Sullivan (S); Cross (A) (record).

Mile: Harvey (A), 4 mins. 41 secs.; Hance (S); Bett (A) (record).

High Jump: Hewitt (P), 5ft. 6ins.; Foster (P); Tewesbury (S) (record).

Long Jump: Nickerson (S), 20ft. 8ins.; Ewan (P); Tewesbury (S) (record).

Shot: Burgin (P), 51ft. 4ins.; Talbot (A); Woolley (P) (record).

Discus: Burgin (P), 142ft. 3ins.; Talbot (A); Cooke (S) (record).

Javelin: Foster (P), 153ft. 1in.; Barnard (S); Marsh (A) (record).

Relay: Pocklington, 47.4 secs.; Abingdon; Stamford.

Match Result: Pocklington—81 pts.; Stamford—45 pts.; Abingdon—43 pts.

North Berkshire Schools' Championships

Our outstanding competitor in these Championships was Talbot who won three events and set up a new record in the U/17 Shot. Results (first places only) were:

U/17 100 yards: Talbot.

U/17 220 yards: Stuart-Lyon.

U/17 Long Jump: Hall.

U/17 Shot: Talbot.

U/17 Discus: Talbot.

U/19 220 yards: Neilan.

U/19 Mile: Bett and Harvey (equal).

In addition, the School teams won both the U/17 and U/19 relays.

Berkshire Schools' Championships

Several members of the School travelled to Thatcham to represent North Berks. in the County Schools' A.A. Championships and subsequently Cross, Harvey and Talbot were selected to compete for Berkshire in the All England Schools' Inter County Championships at Shrewsbury on 23rd July. In these, the two track athletes were eliminated in their heats but Talbot was placed ninth in the U/17

Discus with 151ft. 10ins. Places gained in the Berks. Schools' Sports were:

U/17 Shot: Talbot — 1st: 46ft. 8ins.

U/19 880 yards: Cross — 1st: 2 mins. 2.9 secs. (record).

U/19 Mile: Harvey — 1st: 4 mins. 42.7 secs.

Bett — 2nd: 4 mins. 50 secs.

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During the term, Half Colours were awarded to M. J. Neilan and J. M. Talbot.

R.W.H.

SWIMMING

During the term, there has been much activity from both non-swimmers and Life-savers although not so great a call has been placed upon Mr. Coleman as there were fewer non-swimmers to teach than usual, of whom all made successful progress. Eighteen boys took the Life-saving examinations at the end of term and all were successful: A. G. Dillabough — the Instructor's Certificate; R. W. Budden — the Bronze Cross; G. C. Alabaster, A. C. Bowker, R. N. Carter, P. A. H. Dawson, R. W. Ellaway, E. C. R. Evans, R. L. Hewison, G. T. Milford Scott, P. S. McK. Ramsay, C. R. Scott, P. G. Sheard, R. C. White and C. R. Wright — Bronze Medallions; R. D. Schuck and G. Walkinshaw — Intermediate Certificates; T. J. Rawlins — the Elementary Certificate. Several more boys intend to take exams at the beginning of next term and many others have learnt the principles and techniques of Life-saving.

The Swimming Sports on Wednesday, 20th July were run with an air of uncertainty whether Reeves House would retain the House Cup or whether Tesdale would reclaim it from them. In actual fact it was Blacknall who came second to the victorious Reeves. The Senior Victor Ludorum was shared between Dillabough and Rosevear and this and the rest of the prizes were presented by Miss Mary Cobban shortly before the lowering mass of cloud drenched those who were not fortunate enough to find shelter.

Results

Open Sprint: 2 lengths (Record: 34 secs.):

1—Griffiths; 2—Talbot; 3—Davis, CM. 35.4 secs.

Junior Diving: 1— Blackburn; 2—Morris, TR; 3—Schuck.

U/16 Breast Stroke: 4 lengths (Record 1 min. 34 secs.):

1—Morris, TR; 2—Burridge, RHM; 3—Ramsey. 1 min. 43.1 secs.

Open Free Style: 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 17 secs.):

1—Rosevear; 2—Budden & Davis, CM (equal). 1 min. 26.3 secs.

U/14 Back Stroke: 2 lengths (Record: 48.6 secs.):

1—Schuck; 2—Davis, RB; 3—Blackburn. 45.6 secs. (record).

Open Breast Stroke: 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 32.6 secs).

1—Moss, IW; 2—Dillabough; 3—Wright, CR. 1 min. 38.3 secs.

U/16 Free Style: 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 24.2 secs.):

1—Blackburn; 2—Morris, TR; 3—Schuck. 1 min. 34.1 secs.

Senior Diving: 1—Dillabough; 2—Rosevear; 3—Moss, IW.

Open Back Stroke: 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 39.6 secs.):

1—Griffiths; 2—Davis, CM; 3—Bowker. 1 min. 43.6 secs.

U/14 Breast Stroke: 2 lengths (Record 51.4 secs.):

1—Walkinshaw; 2—Blackburn; 3—Willis, DH. 52.3 secs.

Open Free Style: 10 lengths (Record: 3 min. 51 secs.):

1—Rosevear; 2—Davis, CM; 3—Capstick. 4 min. 23.1 secs.

U/16 Back Stroke: 2 lengths (Record: 46 secs.):

1—Davis, RB; 2—Schuck; 3—Blackburn. 45.7 secs. (record).

Open Breast Stroke: 10 lengths (Record: 4 min. 10.9 secs.):

1—Dillabough; 2—Moss, IW; 3—Wright, CR. 4 min. 29.5 secs.

U/14 Free Style: 2 lengths (Record: 38.3 secs.):

1—Blackburn; 2—Schuck; 3—Clargo. 40.8 secs.

Junior Relay (4 x 1 length):

1—Blacknall; 2—Bennett; 3—Tesdale. 2 min. 1.6 secs.

Senior Relay (Medley: 4 x 1 length):

1—Tesdale; 2—Bennett; 3—Blacknall. 1 min 29.4 secs.

Green Cup — Reeves House; Eliot Cup — Dillabough and Rosevear.

Becker Cup (10 lengths Free Style) — Rosevear.

A.G.D.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

The term has been noteworthy for two things: the birth of a Civil Defence Section and the fact the Inspection took place, for the first time since 1947, in mid-June. This was made necessary by the change over from Oxford Local to Joint Board exams, which run so much later.

The inspection was carried out on what proved to be almost the last day of summer by Admiral Sir Edward Parry, K.B.E., who expressed himself well-satisfied with what he had seen. Indeed, the March Past after the ceremonial parade reached a higher standard than for a number of years; the work of the Band, who played continuously under Mr. Jaunet, the new Bandmaster, helped appreciably towards this. Renewed congratulations to all on a good parade.

The Civil Defence Section grew during term with the help of two outside instructors into a lusty infant with classes in First Aid and Light Rescue. As from September, it is planned to arrange a full course which will cover a year's work and include practical experience of rescue work in damaged 'areas'. Unfortunately it has been necessary to close down the R.E. Section as the School of Military Survey have too many commitments to be able to provide an instructor.

Certificate 'A' results were again satisfactory with only four failures among 37 candidates, while the R.A. Section scored 100% successes in the Classification Tests, L/Bdr. Spackman obtaining full marks.

At Bisley, we improved by two points on last year's score of 480. Our placing (88th out of 103 schools competing) was again low but Under-Officer P. J. Ford registered a personal triumph with a possible at 200 yards and 34 at 500 yards. His total of 69 was the 4th highest score of the day out of 824 cadets competing. Heartiest congratulations!

During the term, the following promotions were made:

To be U/O: C.S.M. P. J. Ford.

To be C.S.M.: B.Q.M.S. A. F. Pritchard; C.Q.M.S. I. A. D. Martin; R. T. Moll; R. C. Watts.

Annual Camp: Houndstone, Yeovil

A contingent of 6 officers, 2 P.S.I.'s and 55 O.R.'s attended Camp from 26th July to 3rd August with 6 Training Bn., R.A.S.C., at Houndstone Camp, Yeovil. This was scarcely the number hoped for but an improvement on the figures for 1959. We should like to think that "camp spirit" is reviving again after the depression that spread over Catterick in August 1958. One officer and 10 cadets carried out an Arduous Training Scheme in Derbyshire over the same period. Of this more elsewhere.

Houndstone was not the perfect venue for an Infantry camp. Driver-training is the function of this R.A.S.C. unit — their concern is with roads. Reasonably enough for this purpose the camp is sited far away from all W.D. territory in farming country where troop movements are 'taboo'. Because of this, we had in practice to travel long distances to reach a training area as, for instance, 40 miles each way to Woodbury Common, a place we had visited before in 1957 when in camp near Exeter. No great amount of time was left in such circumstances for normal training.

The longest of all the 'joy-rides' came on the first day, when the whole camp (4 schools at a total strength of 250 cadets) were driven in convoy by trainee drivers more than 80 miles each way to watch a demonstration by the Amphibious School, R.A.S.C. The convoy set off 45 minutes late and was so hopelessly overdue at its desination that there was nothing for it but to turn about after a hot meal eaten in the rain and drive home again. A poor start — but at any rate one military lesson the cadets taught themselves that day, that of cheerfulness under adverse conditions. By the week-end, a second lesson at least had been added: how to travel in Army transport without being truck-sick.

The programme laid on for us petered out, through no fault of the sponsor unit, by the Saturday; and we were able thereafter, thanks mainly to the efforts of Capt. Holloway, to put in a little more soldiering.

On the Monday morning, we tackled the Assault Course — successfully, except in the case of the too brave Capt. Willis, who bruised a heel badly on jumping down from one of the obstacles. We all felt much sympathy for him, as he was virtually 'chairborne' for the rest of Camp. After lunch began a long-range patrol exercise; starting from the coast at Abbotsbury, this involved pitching camp after a march of 6—8 miles, and then 'homing' through the night, in small groups. Unfortunately, because of the prohibition on the use of farming land, this latter phase had to be limited to tracks and roads. As a make-weight the rain, which had been torrential at times during the day, ceased suddenly and blessedly at 2100 hours, to allow the patrols a clear run through. The final day, after an interval for sleep, was spent quietly in Camp, on the 25 yards range, where we were able to fire the new self-loading rifle.

Food in camp was good; entertainment too, when the cinema was open, while most of the Contingent enjoyed a long half-day in Weymouth on the Saturday. The Orderly Sgts. are all to be congratulated on getting the Contingent up and doing in a Camp where no arrangements existed for rousing anybody. So too is Capt. Moore, that early bird among the officers, who alone was able to cope, unassisted, with the problem of getting up in time for the cadets' breakfast.

Training snags apart, it was all in all a pleasant if somewhat loose-knit camp, enjoyed we hope by all who attended. It ended characteristically enough with the failure of the 'haverbag' ration on the last morning for the journey home. Perhaps, though, the ration money, issued in lieu, was an acceptable alternative!

S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The summer term has been chiefly notable for the occupation and decoration of the new Headquarters, which are already proving of great value to the section, and should prove an enormous asset when they are in full use as we hope they will be next term. Meanwhile, thanks are due to those many people who gave up a fair amount of their own time to the work that has been done in the Headquarters this term.

This 'project' has necessarily interrupted the normal work of the Section, but we hope to make a fresh start next term, and to secure a higher standard in all the exams. It is a healthy sign that of thirty-two boys who wanted to join the section in May, we were able to accept only half.

We were very pleased to welcome Admiral Sir Edward Parry, K.B.E., who commanded H.M.S. Achilles in the battle of the River Plate, to inspect us in June, and it was perhaps appropriate that the marching of the section in the march past was some of the best of recent years.

Field Day was spent at Gosport, where rather more than half the section enjoyed some sailing, even if one boat did run aground on a cable. Several cadets spent the day decorating H.Q., while those in the band also had a private Field Day. We are very grateful to Lt.Cdr. A. Browne, R.N., for arranging our day in Gosport for us, and perhaps this is the occasion to record that he is shortly leaving H.M.S. Sultan, and to place on record our sincere gratitude to him for the very great help he has given us during his tenure of office. We wish him luck in his next appointment.

We are losing a number of cadets this term; we wish them all luck, especially M. P. Cross and J. A. Roberts who are, if all goes well, destined for Dartmouth.

During the term we had a visit from three instructors from H.M.S. Sultan, a visit which was much appreciated by everybody, and one we hope may be repeated regularly next term and in the future.

The R.N. Section camp was held between 30th July and 6th August when 11 cadets and 2 officers joined H.M.S. *Battleaxe* at Portsmouth. Despite the fact that the only time spent actually at sea was on the last day when we sailed along the Solent in an M.F.V. — an extremely pleasant and instructive day, in glorious sunshine, when all the cadets took the helm and did some practical navigation, several of them for the first time — it was a very good and useful week. *Battleaxe* had arranged a varied and comprehensive programme, including practical gun drill which was greatly enjoyed, visits to dockyard workshops, which were interesting if tiring, and quite a lot of sailing and boat pulling. For the first two days the cadets were able to visit the Navy Day displays, or act as guides for some of the several thousand visitors to *Battleaxe* itself. There is no doubt at all that there is more value to be gained from living on board ship than in a shore station, and we are grateful to the Captain and ship's company for the trouble they took to make our stay such a happy and profitable one.

L.C.J.G.

ARDUOUS TRAINING

The party consisted of four 'Welsh' veterans — Barrett, TJ; Bampton, RWJ and Shepard — and six newcomers, Whitton, Allison, Thompson, McPherson, Marsh, TA and Pollard, DC. Also new this year was the 3 ton lorry driven by B.J.M. This meant that we could take more comprehensive equipment and also that the course would be mainly cross-country. Last year each man carried a weight of over 50lbs. every day and we were limited to marching on roads.

The area chosen this year was the Peak District of Derbyshire and we set off on Tuesday, 26th July. Our first destination was Millers Dale, a small village beside the River Wye, which was reached at 5 p.m. On the next day, training began on the pattern which was

followed throughout — two-man patrols were given various tasks to perform and each day the composition of the patrols was changed. As a warming-up exercise, we began with a 17 mile map-reading scheme in which the winning combination proved to be Barrett, Pollard and B.J.M.

On 28th July, we moved camp to a derelict hut beside the Ladybower Reservoir. The move, involving a 14 miles walk, was completed in heavy rain but high spirits by lunch time. The afternoon was spent in a glorified game of 'cops and robbers'.

Up as usual at 6 a.m. on Friday, we set off on what proved to be the toughest assignment. It was to visit the four Trig points on Edale Moor and involved a climb of 1300 feet followed by rough going up to the Peak itself (2088ft.). Good compass reading was essential and in the event only Bampton, RWJ and B.J.M. completed the scheme.

Saturday saw a patrol exercise of some 20 miles. Sunday was more or less a day of rest while Monday we were taken in the lorry and put out at intervals to find our way back to camp, 23 miles away. All patrols completed this exercise. On Tuesday, 2nd August, another but more difficult map reading scheme was undertaken. The Bampton brothers were first home followed closely by Shepard, B.J.M. and Whitton.

We were up before 5 a.m. on the final day and home in Abingdon at 11.30 a.m. Everyone had walked over 100 miles and some as much as 120 during the course: nonetheless, on arrival home, someone, who shall be nameless, immediately volunteered for next year's course. We shall have to see what terrors the Lake District holds in store for us.

R.W.J.B./B.J.M.

ALARUMS AND EXCURSIONS

The time available this year between the end of G.C.E. and Founder's Day was a little over a week but during that period a miscellany of of activities took place.

During the night of 16th July — a wet and windy night it was — a dozen pairs of senior boys attempted to cycle through the alphabet starting from Abingdon and visiting in order as many places in fifteen hours and bringing back as many proofs of a visit as they could. Much preliminary planning with maps was necessary. B. D. Gibbs and M. J. Neilan displayed much initiative in both the planning and execution of their trip and failed to find only X and Z. A second prize was awarded to R. K. Paige and A. H. Lawson. They started badly by having one of their cycles stolen from under their noses (happily it was recovered the next day) and by returning to knock at the Headmaster's window after midnight; but once they had made a fresh start they embarked on a tour which was almost as successful as that of the first prize-winners. Commended also were R. M. Campbell and G. D. Louth, who demon-

strated the difficulties with a tandem, and P. F. Booth and C. F. Johnson.

On Monday, 18th July a number of School Societies, organised specialised outings in lieu of a general excursion day.

Meanwhile those G.C.E. boys not preparing for Founder's Day were working on 'projects' and the overall standard was again very high. T. I. Hall and J. A. Roberts were awarded first prizes for their survey of Bathers' Island. Highly commended was the work of C. J. D. Bailey and A. J. Cook on a well illustrated account of the Radley to Abingdon branch line; R. Allison and A. R. Chapman for a detailed description of the Churches of Abingdon; and M. A. Wade and K. A. R. Vines for a plan of pre-20th century Abingdon. The assembled project-reports, complete with 'exhibits', made one of the most attractive displays on Founder's Day.

M.N.W.

SCOUTS

(34th North Berks)

Seventeen members of the troop took part in the annual summer camp held in Northwick Park, by kind permission of the owner, Capt. E. G. Spencer-Churchill. They were joined by a French scout so that there was something of an international flavour about the camp. The site is probably the best yet to be used by the troop, a shortage of wood being the only snag. Even so, three camp fires were held. Training and play were of a high standard and a bathe most days for those who wanted it completed a very happy and worthwhile ten days. It was very pleasant to be visited in camp by the Headmaster and his family and by Mr. Alston.

Many other members of the troop had at least one night's camping during the term either at the District competition camp at Besselsleigh or by the Lagoon at Dorchester.

The number of young scouts with their second class bodes well for the future, and the troop can look forward next year to a possible expansion to six patrols.

M.N.W.

SCHOOL MUSIC

All branches of music in the School have been active this Term. On 5th/6th May a group of 12 visited the Royal School of Church Music at Addington Palace. It was a memorable occasion, and the hospitality and kindness will long be remembered. Mr. D. W. M. Paine of Radley College adjudicated the House Music on 22nd May. His remarks were both encouraging and humorous and it was felt that the

adjudication was the best for many terms — helpful criticism rather than "abstract platitudes". Results were as follows:

Guitar: 1—R. J. Knight (T); 2—A. L. Howell (T).

House Choirs: 1—Reeves; 2—Bennett and Tesdale (equal).

House Orchestras: 1—Reeves; 2—Bennett; 3—Tesdale.

As a result, the House Music Shield was won by Reeves (793 points) with Bennett (727) next and third Tesdale (543). Blacknall gained 512 points.

Several members of the School participated in the Abingdon Music Society's Concert on 24th May, when the main work was Mozart's Requiem Mass. For the first time the Communion Service was sung — on 26th May, and it was followed by the singing of the Ascension Day hymn on the Science Block roof (Magdalen has one over us in that their singers can be seen!) The Band played at the Commonwealth Parade on 29th May, and the precision and playing were deemed to be the best for many a year.

Millicent Silver (Harpsichord) and John Francis (Flute) gave a superb recital in Chapel on 12th June. This was a Subscription Concert and it was good to see many visitors in the congregation. Acoustically the performance was very good, since the Apse acted as an excellent sounding-board. The playing was without blemish — the Handel Sonata and Bach's Italian Concerto were outstanding. (The harpsichord was a two-manual Goble instrument with eight foot pedals — and it took 7 people to carry it).

On 19th June the Senior Orchestra and the Band gave a Concert in the River Meadow. In spite of the heat there were many people enjoying their Sunday afternoon stroll — and, one gathers, the music: for the audience tended to increase rather than to decrease.

On 26th June there was a Members' Evening in Lacies Court Garden as the last Subscription Concert of the Season. The setting and weather were ideal, and some 140 enjoyed the informal concert. It has been suggested that this be an annual event; and what better way is there to round off the Season than this? Apropos Subscription Concerts, those for next year have been arranged — Dr. Bernard Rose (Organ); the Amici String Quartet; Frederick Grinke (Violin); and Joan and Hester Dickson (Cello and Piano).

A report on the Founders Day Concert appears elsewhere, as does a notice on the Chapel Music. Farewells are bound to be sad, but the opportunity must be taken to thank some of those who have done so much for House and School music during their time here. A. P. Haynes has proved himself a most able instrumentalist and deserves success at Pembroke College, Oxford, whither he hies to read Music. A. J. C. Lansdown has done much to continue the work of J. H. Thewlis in Blacknall, and is one of the 'founders' of the Junior Orchestra — now in its fourth year. R. T. Moll, both as Timpanist and Bass, will be heard to advantage on many tapes at school concerts for years to come.

A. L. Howell and A. Henbest have each contributed much — one as violinist (and outstanding guitarist) and one as Maître d'Hôtel in the Music Library. G. S. Howlett has been responsible for Reeves' success in the House Music and a special god-speed goes to R. M. and K. W. Johns as they return to Canada. The former's Flute and Piano playing is superb while the latter is a very promising Clarinettist. Their friendliness and happy musicianship will be sorely missed. To all these our thanks and good wishes.

Finally a personal note. It is impossible to say in words how grateful I am to have had six years at Abingdon. No one could hope for a more co-operative school in music, and if it had not been for the help, advice and encouragement from everyone, it would have been impossible to have had any music at all.

I wish Mr. G. M. Pratt, my successor, all good fortune, and he will find that the Music Staff is probably unequalled anywhere else in England — their musicianship and permanent co-operation have meant more than I can say. Possibly no-one realises how much they do for the school "out of school". (In anticipation we welcome Mr. Pafford (Strings) and Miss Cooke (Oboe) who are joining them next Term). I can honestly say that my stay at Abingdon has proved to be the 'happiest days of my life' — my thanks to you all: mille fois.

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The following have passed Associated Board examinations since the last issue of the magazine:

Grade VI (Violin) — E. C. R. Evans; Grade V (theory) — R. E. Moore and J. D. Spencer; Grade V (Flute) — A. G. Fairlie and N. H. Finney; both with Merit; Grade V (Cello) — J. Fairlie with Merit; Grade V (Piano) — R. J. Thornton; Grade IV (Flute) — C. C. Ford; Grade IV (Cello) — F. R. Howlett and A. M. Q. King; Grade III (Violin) — N. P. W. Coe with Merit; Grade III (Piano) — C. C. Ford, F. R. Howlett and B. C. Orland; Grade III (Oboe) — M. C. Johnston; Grade II (Violin) — J. A. Rozier with Merit; Grade I (Cello) — S. A. Hall with Distinction; Grade I (Piano) — R. H. Becker and P. G. D. Matthews.

E.H.F.S.

WORLD REFUGEE YEAR

Altogether the School raised £211 9s. 9d. for World Refugee Year. This term's total included over £60 from "Holiday Earnings". The two first forms did especially well, earning about 7/- a head.

Towards the end of May we found ourselves with about five hundred unsold sticker stamps, and so some volunteers brought pins and organised a school flag day. This brought in over £5. On 1st June representatives of both staff and school attended a service of thanksgiving in the Congregational Church, Abingdon, to mark the close of

the World Refugee Year. In his address, the Rector of Witney reminded us that the end of the World Refugee Year was not the end of the refugee problem. The recent earthquake disaster in Chile reminds us that however much has been done, there will always be famine and human suffering somewhere in the world.

I hope that we will all continue to support these organisations which give practical help where it is most needed. One such organisation is the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief whose gift shop at 16 Broad Street, Oxford, is also a collection centre for Refugee Clothing.

A pleasing epilogue to our efforts came when the Alms Box in Chapel was opened at the end of term (to be precise at 3 a.m. on 26th July) and the total of £13 found therein included a couple of £5 notes.

During the holidays, a number of boys have helped the Refugees in a different way by assisting in the decoration of the Abbey at Sutton Courtenay, which Mr. Astor has kindly placed at the disposal of the Ockenden Venture. I hope that I am not slighting others by commending particularly the work of Alan Pritchard and Andrew Williams. Once the work of decoration has been completed there will be a need for help of a different kind; and I hope members of the School, individually and collectively, will do all they can to make the strangers welcome in our midst.

R.H.B.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are greatly indebted to the executors of Lord Glyn for their kindness in giving several hundred books from his library to the School Library. They cover a wide range of subjects, and they will be valued not only for their intrinsic worth but as a part of Lord Glyn's life. Our thanks too go to Mr. J. Lloyd for his book on *Veteran and Vintage Cars*, to A. J. C. Lansdown for his 'leaving book', or rather six volumes of *Life and Times of King Edward VII*; and to Dr. Howlett for so kindly presenting us with a long-term subscription to the 'Scientific American' to mark the end of Graham's school career.

We say goodbye with many thanks and regrets to Graham Howlett and Richard Harvey, and hope that their successors on the Library Staff will be as helpful and efficient.

G.F.D.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

A well-constructed paper read by G. L. Griffiss set the meetings of the Society this time off to an auspicious start. Under the enigmatic title "Fossils — alive and dead" he gave a fascinating account of life on this planet millions of years ago as learnt from the study of fossils — living, the celebrated coelacanth; dead, the amazingly preserved mammoths of frigid Siberia — and he concluded with a plea to respect and preserve all wild life still surviving on the earth. In the somewhat austere and matter of fact atmosphere of a Royssé Society meeting, the reader contrived to strike an unusual note of poignancy and pathos in his description of the death of a species. Discussion took us from the particular details to the general problems of killing wild animals, and whether they should be preserved at the expense of starving peoples.

This led on to the question of rising populations, with the subject of religion and philosophy rearing its King Charles' head, and this, establishing itself from a chance remark, monopolised the remainder of the evening with characteristic irrelevance. (Three newcomers joined us at this meeting — G. W. Jones, R. L. Antrobus and C. H. Woodham).

For the second meeting of the term, the Headmaster invited members to the New Theatre, Oxford, to see "The Yeomen of The Guard", and a very pleasant evening was concluded by supper in The School House kitchen prepared by the inmates. We much regretted the absence of Mrs. Cobban on this occasion, but our thanks to her and the Headmaster are no less diminished on that account.

Religious problems were more directly concerned with the final paper, when P. A. Bretscher spoke on "An agnostic's point of view"; he put forward a milder point of view that was generally expected, chiefly because he refused to be dogmatic — in his own words "Belief that we have knowledge where we have not is dangerous whatever one's creed." Concentrating on the fundamentals of religious belief, he found the problems of Pain, Evil and the Universe inexplicable from the Christian point of view, and saw some difficulties in the historical record of Christianity. This generalised view of religious belief was continued in the discussion, in which members put forward various points of view on the basis of the moral code; is it based on the social contract, and therefore self-interest, or is the moral sense absolute and inborn?

Once again our sincere thanks are due to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban, who we are glad to know is recovering from her recent illness, for their unfailing and generous hospitality throughout this last year.

A.P.H.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Unfortunately, owing to a last minute re-arrangement of a Turnor Society meeting and the lateness of G.C.E. this year, the Society was only able to hold one meeting. However, the calibre of this meeting made up for the lack of other meetings. R. S. B. Shepard, seconded by E. C. R. Evans, proposed that "In the opinion of this house, art has lost art". The motion was opposed by Mr. Fairhead, who was seconded by I. A. D. Martin, with such authority and skill that it was overwhelmingly defeated.

B.D.G.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

Three more meetings of a varying kind have again been held this term. At the first we entertained the Rev. Maurice Jelbert from the Methodist Church in Abingdon, who came to open a series of talks on the beliefs and practices of other denominations of the Christian religion. He outlined briefly the origin and subsequent history of his branch of the Church, and expounded its doctrines, pointing out the main points of difference from the Creed of the Church of England.

The second meeting was a double-billed evening, consisting of the showing of the film "Singapore Story" which has been the cause of much controversy in this country, and an "Any Questions" with a panel of two boys and two masters. The film portrayed the sufferings of the Bishop of Birmingham in the hands of the Japanese during the war, and showed how he was able to resist the temptations placed before him by his captors, being aided by his faith in God. The "Any Questions" which followed drew some intelligent and topical questions, and much benefit and amusement was derived from them.

We experimented with the idea of spending an evening out for our final meeting, and this proved to be a great success. A fair-sized group

cycled to Dorchester for a visit to the Abbey and the newly-opened Museum, and Compline was said in one of the Lady Chapels. We then adjourned to the meadow behind the Abbey, where a picnic supper was eaten, before the party commenced the cycle ride back. The weather stayed fair, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

R.W.H.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

It has been an unusually 'empty' term for the Society owing mainly to the premature exodus from office of our secretary, Randell Moll. Two meetings, however were held.

The first, a very entertaining one, took place in conjunction with members of St. Helen's School on the evening of 29th May, when we read Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" (which Mr. Griffin hopes to produce as the Michaelmas end-of-term play). The principal roles were taken by P. Dawson and Miss Elisabeth Johns (whom many will remember as "Anne Frank"). Attendance at the meeting was pleasing.

The second meeting was held on Sunday, 10th July, when the comedy, "Arms and the Man" by G. B. Shaw provided an amusing evening. Attendance at the meeting was, however disappointing which is unfortunate, since the Society is open to all in the fourth forms and above, whether they come as readers or as audience. But perhaps the examinations had something to do with this.

We should like to thank the School Kitchen Staff, especially Miss Cobbald and Miss Peachell, for providing the refreshments for our meetings. May we also thank Mr. and Mrs. Griffin for their untiring interest in the Society throughout the term.

I.M.C.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

The Society has held three meetings this term. The first took the form of a gramophone recital of Austrian and German songs and other choral works, presented by the Secretary.

For the second meeting of the term, the Society was swollen somewhat for a visit to the film "Les Enfants Du Paradis" at the Scala Cinema, Oxford. The general opinion of those who saw the film was that it was an excellent production, and that the acting in particular was superb. The very setting of the film — the middle of the nineteenth century — made it an admirable one to be seen by anyone taking French at 'A' or 'O' Level, as it gave an insight into Parisian life at the time, and more particularly into the mid-nineteenth century theatre. Incidentally, this was the last showing of the film, as it has been scrapped in favour of a brand new American version.

At the third meeting an informal discussion took place between members and the four visiting French boys and friends. R. T. Moll came out of retirement to lead the discussion, the aim of which was "to discover the essential difference between the English and the French". The topics ranged from sport to military service.

C.H.L.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

This term we dispensed with the film meeting, and instead we have had three talks by members of the School, and one by an Old Boy. The term's meetings began with a talk by P. A. Bretscher, entitled "Water as a Fuel". In this he explained the two processes that are now termed nuclear — those of fusion and of fission. He went on to explain the different methods used to effect nuclear fusion.

A fortnight later, A. F. Pritchard talked to the Society about "Drugs", and explained the effects of different radicals on the general use of a drug, and described the effects of several well-known drugs. P. J. Ford, on the 10th June, told us of "The Origin of Life". He enumerated four theories of how life began, and then explained, and gave his reasons for believing in, Darwin's Theory.

The term's meetings were completed by B. P. Kibble, O.A., on 24th June, in a talk entitled "Fundamental Particles". The speaker outlined the difference between everyday and atomic physics and described the fundamental particles which we know in a humorously entertaining and instructive way.

In conclusion we should like to record our gratitude to Peter Bretscher for deputising so ably for the Hon. Sec. in his unfortunately frequent absence.

K.N.H.

MUSIC SOCIETY

In spite of all the other activities this term, the Friday afternoon gramophone recitals have been fairly well attended, although there have been only four meetings.

A. L. Howell opened the term by introducing an old favourite — Beethoven's Violin Concerto. Other popular pieces were introduced at a later meeting by M. P. M. Hart in a programme of "Music from the Ballet" which included excerpts from "Coppelia", "Les Sylphides" and "Swan Lake". At another meeting, the Secretary put on recordings of Brahms' Academic Festival Overture and Kodaly's "Hary Janus" Suite — new for most people and which found general acceptance.

The highlight of the term's recitals, however, was the programme of excerpts from Sir Thomas Beecham's recent recording of Handel's "Messiah". We were lucky to secure a copy of this soon after its release.

A.P.H.

LITERARY SOCIETY

Drama has been the key note of this term's activities. We began the summer proceedings by reading Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure". This is one of the bard's lesser known works, and is rarely produced on the commercial stage. Unfortunately the play was not written to Literary Society limitations and some of the last act had to be cut. Nevertheless the reading was of a high standard, and every member had at least one part. This play, which is definitely not for the squeamish, is an example of the dramatist's work as he moved towards maturity.

At the next meeting the Society descended by various means upon the unsuspecting city of Oxford. The purpose of the invasion was to see the Wadham College presentation of "The Firstborn" by Christopher Fry. In this is told the story of Moses' return from exile, and the havoc that he caused in Egypt. The performance was set in the Dons' Garden during the fleeting glimpses of summer we saw in early June. On the whole the production was rather disappointing, and one felt that the conflict of loyalties experienced by Moses (on which the main tragedy of the play depends) was not emphasised to its full effect.

The proximity of the exams depleted the number of members at the third meeting which took the form of a 'hotch potch'. This, as always, was most successful and gave rise to a very interesting discussion on D. H. Lawrence.

The excursion this year fitted the general pattern of the term, for it was a visit to the Duchess Theatre to see "The Caretaker" by Harold Pinter.

R.T.M.

This term we are losing several members including R. T. Moll, a committee member, and P. J. Ford, who has served the Society both on the committee and as Chairman. Moll has been a leading member for the last two years and Ford has been a good Chairman, particularly helping new members to feel at home and restraining hot-headedness and irrelevance.

M.W.V.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Seldom has the society experienced a summer term so prolific. Four very varied meetings were held and the quality of the talks was high.

We started very pleasantly when Dr. Johns, the father of two of our boys, spoke to us about his travels in Pakistan and illustrated his talk with slides. These slides included not only the shots of the people and towns, but also showed some very impressive pictures of the wild terrain from the air, and pictures taken from the minaret of a mosque. Dr. Johns emphasised the startling juxtaposition of the old and the new to be found everywhere in that country and some of the unusual and humorous problems which resulted from it. The return of the Johns family to Canada in September will deprive us of a speaker whom we would very much like to hear again.

Mrs. Beryl Northcott made a second appearance before the Society a little later in the term. She had first visited us a year earlier when she spoke on Berlin, but on this occasion she chose as her subject NATO. Coming as it did not long after the U2 affair her talk gained greater significance and as might be expected the speaker was bombarded with questions. These she tackled confidently and more than adequately, showing a deep knowledge of her subject.

From the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation we moved to the Geography of Oil at the next meeting, when Mr. C. R. Young, B.Sc., spoke upon this subject. Mr. Young brought with him an impressive array of maps, charts and slides, all of which he used to illustrate his talk. Needless to say, oil is vitally important in the modern world and as the speaker pointed out, the big oil companies are continually exploring likely and unlikely areas. To the unscientific among us, it came as a shock to discover that the liquid is found not in a vast underground lake, but in porous rock.

The final meeting definitely had a Chinese air about it, for Major G. P. M. Clift spoke on Hong Kong and illustrated his talk with slides. He gave us a panoramic view of the colony including the bright lights of the shopping centres but also balanced this westernised facet with some fine examples of native work.

The term has been a busy one for the Society, and it is hoped that the gradual increase in attendance will continue.

J.S.K.

SKYE GROUP

The beginning of this term was spent in cleaning and sorting out the equipment we had used in Skye. Most of our specimens were identified and we took the doubtful ones to Oxford for Dr. Brown to comment on. Without Dr. Brown's continuous assistance, the scientific side of the group would find it hard to survive, and we are very grateful to him for all his encouragement.

We arranged an exhibit for Founder's Day of mountaineering equipment and geological specimens from Skye and the Abingdon neighbourhood. Slides were shown with a running commentary.

This term the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Quartermaster are leaving. Our thanks are due to them, but especially to Gerald Farrington, the Quartermaster, who has done much for the group. With only

two members staying on, we shall have to rely, in the future, even more, on Mr. Blagden who has helped the group very much during the last term. We hope to do some local geology after building the group up again with Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth members next term.

P.A.B.

SAILING CLUB

Our match against Radley College at the beginning of term marked our advent to inter-school sailing. In this we were beaten, but not disgraced, by $46\frac{1}{2}$ — $81\frac{1}{2}$. After the second race which we won, Radley were only three points ahead; but in the third there was a melee at the start, in which our Number 1 boat became caught in some trees, and thus lost some valuable time. Our best helmsmen in this match were Varney (captain) who came first in the first race, but was disqualified for touching a buoy, and second in the second race; and Richardson, who came second in the first and last races.

The Club purchased a Graduate dinghy at the beginning of the term, and this has been extensively used by members, mainly on Sundays. Six members have been awarded "Charge Certificates". We are grateful to Mr. Spencer of the Sea Scouts for his help in the teaching of sailing and for the loan of boats before we had our own.

Next term we have to get down to the task of overhauling the Graduate, and to complete the repairs to the Merlin Rocket presented by Dr. Ridehalgh. To look further ahead, several more matches have been arranged for next summer, and we are considering entering for the all-night regatta on the Welsh Harp at Hendon.

A.R.T.

CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

We, the bell ringers of the School, who have for a long time wanted to form a society, have now achieved this aim with the help of the Headmaster and Mr. Milton.

Many of the ringers have been ringing in the local towers of Abingdon and we are all especially grateful to the late Mr. A. E. Lock for the time that he gave up to teach the art of bell ringing to many of us.

The inaugural meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, 19th July, after which a practice ring was held in St. Helen's Church.

Founder's Day was the first official time that we had rung as a Society, and we are more than grateful to Miss M. R. Cross who recently helped us to perfect our ringing, and who enabled us to join the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

May we also take this opportunity of thanking those who strengthened the team while ringing at the Founder's Day Service. The team comprised Miss M. R. Cross, Mr. J. F. Carter, C. Carter, R. P. Thompson, R. G. Simmonds, C. G. Purnell, L. A. Edwards, W. I. M. Webb, M. H. Tarran-Jones, and M. D. Fortescue.

C.C.

JOINT CLUB

This term, the Club has enjoyed three very successful meetings, one being the very popular tennis and swimming party at St. Helen's and the other two taking the form of Socials in Lacies Court. At the first Social, thanks to the weather, we were able to dance on Lacies Court lawn in the cool of the evening. This was the first meeting of the term. The next was the tennis party and this, too, was concluded in a very pleasant way with a little dancing and some admirable refreshments.

Unfortunately, uncertain weather made it impossible to hold our annual barbecue on Cumnor Hurst — hence the second social.

Thanks are due to both Miss Glass and Mr. Sewry for all the help they have given us during the year.

P.E.P.

JAZZ CLUB

It is virtually impossible to infuse the spirit of Jazz into an audience if there is no visual approach to supplement the music itself and this is where our own club inevitably fails. Thus, as usual, for our first four meetings this term the audience listened attentively and undoubtedly learned more about Jazz, but failed to really get involved.

The first meeting was in the form of an "Officer's Choice", in which A. F. Pritchard and M. P. H. Hart introduced and discussed records of their own choice. The second meeting was a talk in the modern vein by the Secretary on Dave Brubeck, a partly successful attempt to introduce modernism into the Club.

The next meeting was unusual in its content. A. F. Pritchard spoke on Gospel Singers, and illustrated his talk with a live recording of an African Religious Meeting. A. P. Haynes in the fourth meeting discussed the recent trend of Humphrey Lyttelton and illustrated this interesting talk with some of Humphrey's more interesting records.

In the last meeting the group led by R. M. Johns played "live". This meeting, in support of my previous theory, went down well, and we hope that the visitors to Founder's Day also enjoyed the group's music.

In conclusion, I should like to express, on behalf of the Jazz Club, my appreciation for the hard work which A. F. Pritchard has expended in the interests of Jazz. We wish him all good fortune in the future.

M.P.M.H.

FOUR MENDICANT TRAVELLERS

(There are two points of view about hitch-hiking. But the following brief record of a holiday hike across Europe, made by three of our seniors in company with a friend, is certainly of general interest).

Our spirits were high as we set off in our respective pairs, from Dunkirk. Our route lay through Brussels and Aix, and along the autobahn on the first leg of our journey to Salzburg, where we had arranged to meet. In fact both pairs spent the first night encamped by the autobahn at Cologne within a mile of each other without knowing it.

On the third day out from Dover we arrived at Salzburg where we spent two very pleasant days before leaving on the next stage of our journey through Yugoslavia to Thessalonica. We found Yugoslavia a desperately poor country but nowhere on our journey were we made so welcome. Unfortunately one of our pairs was held up in Austria and was forced to take a train to Belgrade in order to keep the rendezvous at Thessalonica. They spent thirteen hours on the train wedged on top of their rucksacks at the end of the corridor, existing on the remains of a vast loaf of bread. Incidentally this was the only time we were compelled to fall back on public transport.

At Thessalonica we stayed at a Youth Hostel and explored the old Byzantine Town leaving again after two days for Delphi and Athens. We camped on the sea shore in Virgil's cool vale of Tempe, crossed

the pass at Thermopyloe and met again at Delphi the religious centre of Ancient Greece. We had been told that we should be a little disappointed with Greece but at Delphi our fullest hopes were realized. We pitched camp within throwing distance of the Temple of Apollo, wandered through the vast expanse of ruins and sacreligiously washed our feet in the sacred stream.

At Athens, we were royally entertained for four days at the home of Admiral K. Nikiatidis, R.H.N., during which time we duly made pilgrimage to the Acropolis which when floodlit and viewed from the Pnyx must surely be the most splendid and imposing monument of the Glory that was Greece. Our stay in Athens was all too short and Monday, 15th August found us at Piraeus boarding the ship (some ship!) bound for the fair isle of Aphrodite. We met many ex-EOKA men on the ship going to Cyprus for the forthcoming independence celebrations. In fact they were doomed to disappointment since the Captain insisted on taking the ship to Haifa in Israel, before landing us one day late at Limassol.

The journey, a total distance of 2,500 miles, took us exactly three weeks, only two of which we spent in travelling, at a total cost of £14 including channel and steamship fares.

Throughout our journey we were impressed with the hospitality of the people we met. More than once we had meals and drinks pressed upon us. We wish we could thank all those who showed us such kindness, from the tramp who shared his bottle of beer with one of our party at Cologne to the Admiral who did us so handsomely in Athens.

Within four hours of writing this account we shall be boarding the ship for the return journey to England via Brindisi, Florence, and Paris which we hope to complete in ten days.

T.A.L.

Mount Troodos, 1st September, 1960.

ANOTHER VISIT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN

(from *Our Man in Aegina*)

It was a pleasantly leisurely journey that took us through Belgium, Switzerland and Italy to Athens. A few hours in Milan enabled us to see the Cathedral; we had time for a swim in Brindisi, and there were two or three hours in Corfu.

There was nothing leisurely, however, about the next five days. After spending a quiet afternoon browsing among the sights of Athens on the first day, we were taken in rapid succession round Athens, to the monasteries at Kaisariani, Daphni, Hosios, Loukas, the temple or Sunium, the dam at Marathon, and Delphi. All of these were lovely and interesting places, but next to the Acropolis itself, it was Delphi that won our hearts. The peace of this lovely place, set high on the slopes of Parnassus amid olive groves and pine woods, is beyond description. One can well understand the hold it had on the ancient Greeks.

Our way there translated a number of names into places — Dryoscephelae, where the Persians annihilated a Greek supply column at the battle of Plataea — Cithaeron, where Oedipus was exposed as a baby, and on the slopes of which the battle of Plataea was fought — Helicon where the Muses had their shrine — the cross roads were Sophocles set the tragic meeting between Oedipus and his father, — Parnassus — gleaming silver above the brown slopes below.

After a morning in the National Museum, among all the splendid objects found by Schliemann and others at Mycenae, and the magnificent collection of vases and sculptures, we left Athens in the afternoon and came to Aegina. A little reluctant to leave Athens, we became reconciled when we saw this beautiful island. The little town has a harbour full of gaily coloured caiques, a tiny white church on the end of the quay, a waterfront where the whole town throngs in the evenings to patronise the many cafes, and narrow streets full of donkeys, mules, carts and picturesque people. Several islands and the mountains of the Peloponnese close the view to seaward, and to see this view at different times of day, and in different lights is enchanting.

Aegina has a temple too — dedicated to Aphraea — and a fine one it is. Standing on an artificial terrace commanding a fine view of the sea on two sides, and set amid sweet-smelling pine woods, it is a delightful place to spend an hour or two reconstructing in the mind the temple and its surrounding buildings. Interesting too to see traces of the method used in hauling up the large blocks of stone used in its construction.

Our stay here has been quieter than in Athens, and much of our time has been spent swimming — some of us seem to spend a great deal of time submerged — sailing, visiting nearby islands, walking, watching the people, or just lying in the sun (it has been almost unbroken since we crossed the Alps more than a fortnight ago). We did, however, have one day in the Peloponnese — by boat to Epidaurus, then at breakneck speed in a ramshackle bus to the theatre, Nauplia, Mycenae, Argos and Tiryns.

Now our visit is drawing to its end, and we can begin to form some idea of Greece and its people. It appears, at the end of summer, as a brown land, with only a few patches of green (in spring it must be much greener and more colourful), and the people match its brownness. They have the greatest heritage of any people in the world, and they are proud of it. They are a friendly, happy and dignified people. In the country districts the peasants live a life which cannot have changed much in two thousand years — donkeys and mules are still their normal means of transport, they still draw their water from wells, still herd sheep and goats on the mountains or make their livelihood from grapes and figs and olives. Their homes are more up to date, they have portable wirelesses, they can catch a bus, they have to skip out of the way quickly when a noisy American taxi sweeps round the corner, but

when the dust has settled their life resumes the quiet unhurried course it has taken for many hundreds of years, and, despite poverty, they are content.

We shall carry back with us many memories — sunset behind the mountains of the Peloponnese, the gold cups from Vaphio, the view of the Argolis from Tiryns in the clear, warm light of evening, the crowds on the quay at Ithaca when our boat called there, the smell of the pines, the tomatoes, which crops up at every meal, and chief of them all, rising above the city as it always has, crowned with the most beautiful of all Greek temples, the Acropolis of Athens — symbolising the ancient glory of Greece, a country whose people seemed to one visitor at least, to be worthy of that incomparable heritage.

Aegina, 3rd September, 1960.

J.C.L.G.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

BEASLEY. On August 4th, 1960, to Una, wife of John W. H. Beasley (1949), a son, Alistair Francis.

CLAY. On May 18th, 1960, at the British Military Hospital, Singapore, to Jennifer, wife of Capt. R. A. Clay, R.A. (1948), a daughter, Louise Mary.

GIBAUD. On May 10th, 1960, to Janet, wife of Roy Gibaud (1942), a daughter, Alison Mary, sister for Hugh and Christopher.

JUGGINS. On August 3rd, 1960, at the Nuffield Maternity Home, to Joan (Furby), wife of Ivor Juggins (1950), a daughter.

LEWINGTON. On February 18th, 1960, to the wife of John M. Lewington (1945), a son, Peter John.

MARRIAGES

BRANCH-NEWPORT. On July 19th, 1960, at Iffley Parish Church, R. F. S. Branch (1958) to Joyce F. P. Newport.

GERRING-TAYLOR. On June 6th, 1960, at Totland Bay Methodist Church, Brian V. Gerring (1952) to Daphne P. Taylor.

JONES-LISTER. On July 20th, 1960, at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham Common, David Arthur Jones (1955) Duke of Edinburgh's Regt. to Nerissa Ann Lister.

PACKER-POWELL. On July 31st, 1960, at Harwell Parish Church, Trevor W. Packer (1950) to Miss C. V. M. Powell.

SPRING-PEACHAM. On August 6th, 1960, at St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, Richard C. Spring (1955) to Irene B. Peacham.

DEATH

d'ALMAINE. On June 3rd, 1960, at Kloof, Natal, S.A., Hermann Arthur Abingdon d'Almaine (1881-86), aged 90.

H. A. d'Almaine, who was probably the oldest member of the O.A. Club at the time of his death, was a member of a prominent Abingdon family and the second of three brothers who were at the School. On leaving he started his career in banking and in 1896 he emigrated to South Africa to join the Standard Bank of Durban, with whom he remained till his retirement some 25 years ago. He served in the Boer War in the Natal Artillery and in World War I in the S.A. Artillery reaching the rank of Major.

His elder brother Harry George (1871-76) qualified as a solicitor in London and returned to Abingdon to practice in 1887. He was Town Clerk of Abingdon 1918-23, Master of Christ's Hospital and President of the O.A. Club in 1913. He died in 1933.

We offer our sincere condolences to Norman Holmes in the recent death of his father who was a frequent and welcome visitor at many Old Boys functions.

G. R. Kirkby (1916) was ordained Priest on 12th June by the Bishop of Rochester. He is Curate at St. Edmund's Church, Dartford and Assistant Chaplain to the Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford.

We congratulate Stephen Woodley (1957) both on his Tennis Blue for Cambridge — the first in our history — and his election to the Captaincy of the C.U.L.T.C. for next year.

Hugh Lunghi (1939) has recently moved from London to Fleet, Hants, but his BBC work continues. The latest language to translate some of his articles is Japanese, and he has contributed the section on Russian Cinema for a handbook on Russia which Dents will shortly be publishing.

We have quite a batch of academic successes to record and offer hearty congratulations. Mark Bretscher (1948) and Peter Gray (1958) at Cambridge had their Scholarships raised to Major status on their performance in Part I of Science Tripos. Christopher Hiles (1956) at Southampton gained 1st Class Honours in his Electrical Engineering Finals and Frank Jeal (1956) St. Cath's., Oxford, gained a 1st Class in Science Hon. Mods. Among the 2nd Classes in Part II at Cambridge were Stephen Woodley (English) and Martin Scott-Taggart (Philosophy) while at Oxford Bryan Winkett (Pembroke) secured a 2nd in Classical Honour Mods., Bryan Kibble (Jesus) a 2nd in Physics Finals, and Michael Enser (Pembroke) a 2nd in Bio-chemistry, Part II.

David Lanham (1956) was awarded the Hughes Prize on the result of his 1st year examinations in Law at Leeds University.

Forbes Wastie (1957) gained 2nd Class Hons. in his Finals at King's College, London, and is going up to Pembroke, Oxford, for his Teaching Diploma Course.

Christopher Marchbanks (1957) has gained his B.Sc. (Brewing) at Birmingham — and can now start brewing.

Martin Broadway (1958) who is at Clare, Cambridge (to be joined shortly by Nick Antrobus [1957] from Sandhurst) has been doing a 3 months' vacation job with the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, at Toronto. He has had a most interesting stay, seeing the country and mixing with Canadian Students.

We were very pleased to see David Brown (1935) home on leave from Rhodesia and Dudley Richardson (1942) from Trinidad.

Col. A. J. Watson (1925) late Queen's Royal Regt., has retired from the Army, where he ended his career as 2nd i/c to General Glubb in the Arab Legion. In his younger days he was a prodigious weight-putter, Army Champion in 1932 and record-holder in 1936 with a 47 foot putt. He also represented Sandhurst and the Army at rugby. He is now a Preparatory School master at Salisbury.

We were pleased to see a very good photograph of Geoffrey Langford (1928) in *The Times* recently seated with his fellow directors of the British American Tobacco Co.

It is gratifying to know that, largely through the efforts of Mrs. Josephine Phillips of Drayton, Oswald Couldrey's manuscript work "The Idols of the Deccan Caves", copiously illustrated by himself, has been accepted for publication by the National Book Trust of India. His old College at Rajahmundry has also bought six of his pictures.

Christopher Cullen (1947) has given up his partnership at Leamington and is now practising as a Veterinary Surgeon on his own at Minehead, Somerset.

Michael Aplin (1948) wrote recently from Malaya where he was with the International Sugar Co. at Kuala Lumpur. He may be returning to England permanently before long.

Brian Jakeman (1945) in R.A.P.C. at Aldershot, as a sideline to regimental cricket and hockey is an official Football League linesman and Southern League referee. Last season he refereed the French Army v. Belgian Army match in Paris.

Peter Simmonds (1955), a Sub-Lt. in H.M.S. Ark Royal, and Christopher Cobley (1957), also a Sub-Lt., are at present in the Mediterranean.

James Milne (1960) is a Midshipman F.A.A. in H.M.S. Falcon, the Naval Observers' School at Malta.

Ben Lifson (1957) after two years at Oberlin College, Ohio, hopes to come over to London University to study literary rather than scientific subjects.

Martin Chambers (1958) in B.P. Tankers is still sweltering on the Persian Gulf run.

Graham Morse (1959) is with Thomson Newspapers Ltd. in London as a trainee in the space advertising dept.

His namesake Richard Morse (1957) is with the BBC as trainee Assistant Film Editor.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

Old Boys' Day on Saturday, 18th June was again favoured with very fine weather. Two cricket matches and a tennis match were played, and the School succeeded in winning all three.

The Annual General Meeting, reported later in these notes, was held in the Pembroke Room and the Annual Dinner in the Council Chamber followed in the evening. Though numbers did not reach the high level of the last year or two the age-groups were well represented and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

The President, R. F. Jackson, was in the Chair, supported by the Mayor of Abingdon, Mrs. C. M. Cox (the second lady to grace the occasion), Mr. C. G. Stow, Chairman of the Governors and other members of the Governing Body. The Headmaster and a good number of the Staff represented the School and the link between present and past boys was provided by P. J. Ford, Head of the School and P. E. Perry, Head of Crescent House.

After the Loyal Toast and the toast of John Roysse had been drunk the President proposed the health of the School to which the Headmaster replied with his customary review of the events of the past year, referring particularly to the loss the School had suffered by the death of Lord Glyn and Mr. H. J. Thomas. The President-Elect, H. B. Healy, replied to his toast of the Club, and Sir Basil Blackwell responded for the Guests with his usual wit and felicity. P. J. Ford rounded off the speeches with some well chosen words.

We are greatly indebted to Duncan West for all the work he does in organising the Dinner and to Mrs. Bevir for the beautiful floral decorations.

Morning Chapel on the following day was well attended. Before the Service a memorial tablet to E. J. P. Ross-Barker on the north wall of the Chapel was dedicated, and after the Service the customary coffee party was held in School House garden. We were very glad to see Mrs. Cobban in our midst again, though not yet recovered from her illness and we offer our sincere wishes for complete recovery before next term.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1960

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Pembroke Room at 5.45 p.m. on 18th June, 1960. The President, Mr. R. F. Jackson, was in the chair and 55 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed with nothing arising.

The Secretary reported another successful year with the Social functions being well supported but warned members of the possibility of increased prices in the future.

The Sports Secretary reported rather a sorry tale of fixtures against the School and appealed for the sportsmen of the Club to rally round and turn out for the various sports in which they excel.

The Treasurer's report gave a statement of accounts as at 31st March, 1960, as follows: at Westminster Bank—£98 17s. 0d.; Trustee Savings Bank £2 16s. 2d.; Abbey National Building Society—£600; Sundry debtors—£5 8s. 0d.; Balance of cash—£4 1s. 6d.; Total assets—£711 2s. 8d. With thanks to the Treasurer and the Auditors the report was adopted.

Mr. A. A. Hillary gave a brief report on the Quatercentenary Appeal, stating that the total stands at about £26,000 out of which some 200 O.A.'s have subscribed or promised £5,600. The general flow of income had somewhat slowed down and in view of the fact that about 75% of traceable members of the Club had not yet taken the plunge, another effort to get new subscribers might be made in the near future.

The following Officers were elected for 1960-61:

President—H. B. Healy.

Vice-President—J. M. Cobban.

President-Elect—G. A. H. Bosley.

Hon. Treasurer—D. B. West.

Hon. Secretary—N. J. Holmes.

Hon. Secretary for School—G. F. Duxbury.

Asst. Secretary—J. H. Hooke.

Sports Secretary—J. T. Cullen.

Asst. Sports Secretary—P. J. Millard.

The following members were elected to the Committee—to retire in 1961: S. D. Plummer; to retire in 1964: J. B. E. Alston, R. E. Eason, J. A. T. Saywell.

The President informed the meeting that the Committee through necessity intended to codify the existing rules of the Club and might alter the rule stating that each member should possess a copy of the Rules.

Mr. Cobban told the meeting that the Memorial Tablet to Mr. Ross-Barker would be dedicated before Morning Service on the following day. At the same time he thanked the Officers of the Club for all their work and particularly Mr. S. A. Paige and Mr. D. B. West for their difficult tasks of running the Dinners.

There being no other business the President thanked the members and especially the Headmaster for their support during the past year and declared the meeting closed a 6.30 p.m.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Members are asked to note the following dates:

Old Boys' Rugger Match and Dance: Saturday, 26th Nov., 1960.

London Dinner: Friday, 10th March, 1961.

Old Boys' Day 1961: Saturday, 17th June.

Details will be posted later, but early application for tickets for the Dance (12/6 single) to N. J. Holmes, 100 Ock Street, Abingdon, is very advisable.

OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND

At this time last year we stated that the outstanding balance for the War Memorial Pavilion had been cleared but it transpired later that there was still a sum due to the contractor. This final account has now been paid, and subscribers to the fund will probably be interested in the following figures. The cost of the pre-fabricated building was £1,302, and cost of erection, fittings and furnishing £1,111 13s. 3d. making a total of £2,413 13s. 3d. Towards this cost the War Memorial Fund contributed £740 11s. 2d. and the O.A. Trust Fund £1,673 2s. 1d. In addition the Fund paid for the scoreboard £39 10s. 2d. and the balance of cost of the clock £47, making a total contribution of £1,759 12s. 3d. The finished result may not be as imposing as some, but it contains all the amenities of the best and the School can justly be proud of it. Without the generous support given to the Fund its provision would have been impossible.

During the past year the Fund also contributed £150 towards the cost of the new fives court which has helped materially to put fives very much on the map.

We acknowledge with many thanks new Covenants from R. E. Bowman and N. D. B. Corby, increased Covenant from N. J. Holmes and Banker's Order from P. R. Little. The inevitable wastage due to death or other causes has been rather heavier than usual this year and the clemency of the Chancellor will also mean reduced income in recovery of Income Tax. If you are not already subscribing will YOU help to fill the gap?

Finally our thanks to R. W. Snell for arranging the audit of the accounts summarised below.

Cash Account for the year ended 31st March, 1960.

Receipts

			£	s.	d.
Balances in hand, 1st April, 1959	...	...	154	1	10
Subscriptions and Donations	...	...	236	9	6
Inland Rev. Refund of Income Tax on Covenants	...	...	129	8	5
Trustee Savings Bank Interest	...	...		13	6
			£520	13	3

Payments

			£	s.	d.
School Magazine Expenses	...	...	38	10	0
War Memorial Pavilion	...	...	86	0	0
Contribution to Fives Court	...	...	150	0	0
Stamps and Stationery	...	...		1	18
Balances in hand 31st March, 1960:					
Cash at Bank	...	...	£66	10	2
Cash at Trustee Savings Bank	...	...	£177	15	1
			244	5	3
			£520	13	3

G. F. Duxbury,
Hon. Treasurer.

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STOP PRESS

As we go to press, we read with interest in *The Times* that it is Lieutenant C. P. B. Blake (1956), of the Ghana Regiment, who is second-in-command of the United Nations Guard which is protecting President Kasavubu of the Congo; we note that M. B. Culley (1956) has just completed his course for an external London B.Sc. at the Portsmouth College of Technology, and is starting work with the Marine Research Unit at Portsmouth with the aim of acquiring his M.Sc.; and we thank our good friend the Town Clerk of Abingdon very warmly for sending us a couple of off-prints of the current *Humphreys* which contains an article by himself of the town of Abingdon that is a model of compression and balance.

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In our next issue we hope, as usual, to publish lists of all Old Boys *in statu pupillari* at universities and medical schools. We should also like to say what has happened to the boys who left school this July. Will you please help us to make this record as complete as possible by letting us know what you are doing?

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