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EDITORIAL

"Yet few without long discipline are sage,
And our youth only lays up sighs for age."

(Young).

Even if the discriminating viewer prefers "Coronation Street" to "Compact", he can hardly argue with the underlying principle of the recently published Pilkington Report. The report considered that both television companies were responsible not only for the amusement of the public but, to some degree, for their education and even their moral welfare. Such responsibility must therefore be directed and controlled.

A parallel set up exists at school in the question of discipline. Obviously, to aid the smooth-running of any community there must be some basic 'rules of the house'. School discipline goes beyond this in that it is concerned not only with administrative efficiency but also with the establishment and maintenance of certain standards. Yet this discipline, necessary though it is, must never develop into the discipline of the nursery or the old fashioned barracks. 'Do this because I tell you' or 'Do this because we all do it' is scarcely a satisfactory sanction for a public school.

So far there will be general agreement. But do senior boys realise how much they are responsible for seeing that the discipline of the school remains reasonable and intelligent — and therefore acceptable? So much can be done by a public opinion that is alive and concerned. It seems to us that it is fair criticism of our own sixth form to say that there is too much passive acceptance, too few questions being asked. Rebellion for rebellion's sake is undesirable, but intellectual curiosity is not. Surely there are creative outlets and boys capable of filling them? There is surely scope for reform within the School, scope for ideas seeping up from below, whether they are concerned with the punishment system or with the design of new buildings. And in a sixth form the size of ours there must be boys who can start the ball rolling. It is up to the individual to use his opportunities.

And there is another way in which senior boys can help to make the school discipline less rigorous and less all-embracing and that is by supplementing it with self-discipline. It is far more difficult to accept and practice than any other form of discipline, but it does not entail drearily 'sticking to the book' on every occasion, nor does it imply an unhappy, joyless existence. It is simply the ability to approach each problem or situation as it arises, the intelligence to sum it up, and the courage to act according to one's ideals. Toward this end many forms of imposed discipline play their part, but when it comes to the point self-discipline must be self-taught. Furthermore it is the quality which

is worth striving after more than any other, as so much will follow in its train.

The really discriminating viewer will watch neither "Coronation Street" nor "Compact"; he will switch off the set, and read a book.

. . . Self-discipline: or just intellectual snobbery?

OBITUARY

The news that Miss Grundy had been found dead in her bed on the morning of 7th August was of far more than local concern for it must have roused affectionate memories among Old Boys scattered throughout the world. The funeral service took place on Friday, 10th August, at St. Nicolas' Church, where she had worshipped in recent years, and was conducted by the Vicar of Abingdon and the Rev. John Goodwin, Vice-Principal of Ripon Hall. The Headmaster read the Lesson, taken from I Corinthians 15, and the large congregation included, apart from family mourners, a wide cross-section of past and present members of the School. Interment followed in her brother's grave in Abingdon Cemetery.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her sister, Miss Nellie Grundy, and to other members of her family. There follows an appreciation written by the Headmaster for the "North Berks Herald", by whose courtesy it is reprinted.

"Miss Mary Katharine Grundy, who died peacefully in her sleep on the night of 6th/7th August at her home in the Faringdon Road, was the daughter of the Reverend William Grundy, headmaster of Malvern College. Her father died while his family of five children was still very young. Miss Grundy accompanied her mother and her elder brother William to Abingdon in 1913 when he was appointed headmaster of Abingdon School, and apart from a few years' service in Oxford with the V.A.D. during the First World War it was here that she found her life work. Her mother had died during the War and it was left to her to act as the lady of the house for her brother who remained unmarried.

"Her own tastes were artistic — she was a painter of considerable talent — and if the choice had been hers she would probably have taken her art up professionally. There was always plenty of work for her to do at the School House however, and those who knew her can guess how much her brother owed to her help and support — help and support which was always unselfishly given although she was racked with asthma from an early age.

"On her brother's retirement in 1947 she accompanied him to his new house, Heathcot, on the Faringdon Road, where she was able to

give a little more time to her painting. She continued to look after her brother until his death some eighteen months ago.

"May Grundy, as she was known to all her friends, will remain in their memory as a woman of character, courage and integrity, frank and outspoken in her conversation, generous to her own hurt, contemptuous of her bodily weakness, alertly interested in the doings of others.

"Generations of boarders at the School House will remember with affection her impulsive kindness, her genuine concern for their welfare. With her death something very vital has gone out of their lives. It is some comfort to them to know that she died peacefully and that she was spared further suffering.

"If I may end on a personal note I should like to pay tribute to the open hearted friendliness with which she welcomed my wife and myself when we took over the School House from her and her brother fifteen years ago. We very soon learnt to regard her as a real friend. It is as such that I now mourn her loss."

We also record with deep regret the death of three other members of our 'family'.

When Alfred Wiblin retired eighteen months ago after forty years' devoted service to the School as Head Porter we all hoped that he would be spared to enjoy many years of happy and well-deserved retirement with Mrs. Wiblin. It was not to be. He died on 28th June after a long and painful illness, and he was cremated at Headington. The School was well represented at the Service which was conducted by the Vicar of Sunningwell.

An intimate appreciation of Mr. Wiblin was printed in *The Abingdonian* on the occasion of his retirement. Here then we will merely salute the memory of one who served the School loyally and well; and we offer Mrs. Wiblin the deep sympathy of all those who will for long cherish such happy memories of her husband.

The town of Abingdon was shocked to hear of the accident on the Culham Road on the evening of 31st July in which seven people lost their lives when the estate car in which they were travelling was hit by a lorry out of control. Among them was Robert Smallbone, a twelve-year-old dayboy who had that day completed his first year at the School, together with his father and his mother. The Rev. Mark Williams assisted the Vicar of Abingdon at the triple funeral which took place at Headington Crematorium on 5th August. We append a note by the Headmaster.

"I shall always remember how desperately keen the Smallbones were that their only child should come to this School, following in the footsteps of his uncle, Bryan Kibble, who had so recently left for Oxford after a brilliant school career. Only three days before the accident they had enjoyed with Robert his first Founder's Day. Now I have in front of me his school report in which his form-master speaks of the 'encouraging progress' he had made. Some day we shall understand these things. At present we can only think with sympathy of the grandmother who has to bear the main burden of this crushing bereavement."

Mr. Clifford Ellis, F.R.I.C.S., A.M.S.E., who died at his home, 14 Woodlands Avenue, Bothwell, Glasgow, on 22nd June, had a curious connection with the School. As a surveyor in the Ministry of Supply he was intimately concerned with the building of our Science Block in 1950. His frequent visits to Abingdon inspired him with an affection for the School which went far beyond his professional obligations, and in token of this affection he, with Mrs. Ellis, instituted an annual prize for character. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, who had no children of their own, took a deep and lasting interest in the boys chosen to receive this prize, and as a result built up over the years a growing family of 'adopted sons'. It is pleasant to know that in his will Mr. Ellis made provision for the perpetuation of the prize, which will continue to commemorate this very happy relationship. To Mrs. Ellis, a true friend of the School, we offer our grateful condolences.

SCHOOL NOTES

This term we have the pleasant duty of welcoming back a former Governor, Alderman Mrs. Cox, whom the Corporation has nominated to serve in the place of Alderman Stanley, now Deputy Mayor. Mrs. Cox's close family connection with the School is well known. We are fortunate among schools of our type in that we shall now have two Governors who are competent to put forward the mother's point of view.

If Mr. R. E. Eason had looked forward to a life of well-earned ease on retiring in July from his post as Sub-Warden of Radley, he must by now have been completely disillusioned. In June he was elected President of the Old Abingdonian Club, and the following month the Governors co-opted him to their own body in the place of Mr. J. D. Wood. In both capacities the School welcomes him warmly. If we can inveigle one who rowed 4 in the Oxford Boat in 1924 to come and help us on the river, all the better!

Mr. Wood is the last man to look for fulsome thanks: but we cannot allow him to sever his official connection with the Governing Body without thanking him very warmly for all he has done for the School in recent years. Perhaps the Precinct (originally designed by him, we believe, on the back of an envelope) will in the long run prove to be the finest memorial of his work.

Staff changes are so many this term as to call for a separate heading. But here we would gladly record two supernumerary additions to our establishment — Claire Victoria Hillary (born 22nd July) and Jonathan Mark Williams (born 2nd August).

Mr. J. J. Horrex received high praise in the national press for his performance in the leading rôle of the production of Handel's *Floridante* at the Unicorn Theatre in mid-May. Curiously, the most enthusiastic review appeared above Andrew Porter's signature in the *Financial Times*. It included the cryptic sentence: "If I were the White Queen I would advise Mr. Horrex to practice doing six ludicrous things a day — in a way that admitted of no laughter."

This term we have once again had cause to be grateful to parents and to others for many generous and imaginative gifts. We thank very warmly: Mrs. D. L. V. Fraser (for contributions both to Chapel Fund and to Boat Club); Mr. P. L. Howard (O.A.), and Mr. and Mrs. D. G. R. Martin (for further 'state' prayerbooks for the Chapel); Mr. and Mrs. D. R. T. Mole (for some valuable biological apparatus); Mr. & Mrs. S. T. Purnell (for a delightful Dufy which now enlivens the staircase of the Science Block); Rev. J. V. Pixell (for a very useful telescope); and the English-Speaking Union of the U.S. (for a recorded version of "The Constitution of the United States").

Visitors to the School this term have included Mr. Leland D. Case, Editorial Adviser of "Together" (a very glossy American Methodist magazine). One of his primary aims was to trace the early history of John Dickins who founded the (American) Abingdon Press in 1789. There is some indication that he received his early education at this School. Unfortunately our records are incomplete and so far we have been unable to produce any positive evidence.

We have also welcomed Mrs. Hayworth (who interviewed a number of Sixth Form scientists individually on 16th May in the sacred name of research); Miss Jenny Olson, of Oxfam (25th May); Mr. Newby-Robson, of the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau (27th June); Major-General Cox, our Army Liaison Officer (16th July); and (less officially) Mr. A. P. Rollett, H.M.I.; the Headmaster of Keswick Grammar School; and the Headmasters of Hall Grove and of Shirley House Preparatory Schools.

And it was pleasant to see again in the course of the term two of our former Directors of Music, Mr. Royd Barker and Mr. Hugh Sawbridge

(who kindly undertook a busman's holiday by adjudicating the House Music Competition on 8th July).

We were glad to play our part in welcoming the Bishop of Reading to Abingdon on 5th May, in the course of his episcopal cruise down the Thames. Our 1st and 2nd VIII's met his launch at Abingdon Lock and escorted it to the landing stage where the Mayor, supported by the Headmaster and others, was waiting to receive him. Subsequently we received a pleasant letter of thanks from the Bishop.

And as we are blowing trumpets, let us record here that Admiral Sir Charles Hughes-Hallett sent a special message of congratulation to our contingent that paraded before him on Commonwealth Youth Sunday (3rd June), and that Captain F. B. P. Brayne-Nicholls, D.S.C., R.N., who conducted the inspection of the C.C.F. on 22nd June, expressed high praise — tempered with constructive criticism — of what he saw in the course of the afternoon.

We are grateful to three visiting lecturers — Dr. J. G. Landels, of Reading University, who spoke to a large audience of Sixth Formers on 11th May on some aspects of Greek mathematics; Mr. R. D. Williams, also of Reading, who talked to senior Latinists six days later on "Aeneid VI"; and Mr. R. F. Jackson, O.A., of A.E.R.E., who spoke to the fourth forms on "Engineering as a Career" on 25th July.

There have been two Parents' Evenings this term, on 7th June for the Upper Sixth Form, and on 28th June for the Fourth Form.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the Summer Term was 537. This included 345 dayboys and 135 in the Sixth Forms.

School foundation awards have been made as follows —

Scholarship: C. S. Downes (Abingdon School).

Exhibitions: A. J. Barnett (Oakley Hall, Cirencester) (*honorary*):

M. J. Stilwell (Windsor House, Slough).

We congratulate G. C. H. Phillips on the award of the Walter Lock Scholarship at Keble College, Oxford; and J. M. Talbot on the award of a Supplemental State Scholarship.

Congratulations also to P. A. Merriman on securing an R.A.F. Cadetship; to D. J. Scott on his Flying Scholarship; to C. R. Scott and M. P. Westwood on winning their silver awards under the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme; and to T. A. Marsh on securing the Joint Services' Cadet Badge after a five-day course at Frimley.

The addition of the name of Roger Havelock (Emmanuel College, Cambridge) to the list published in our last issue brings the total number of our 1962 'Oxbridge intake' up to 16.

Mr. Hillary again played cricket for Berkshire during the holidays until he was incapacitated with a cut thumb; and we were particularly pleased to hear that John Bunce had been selected to play for the County against Dorset. This is we believe, the first time that one of our people has reached County standard while still (almost) *in stat. pup.*

We had five representatives at the Department of Education's Biology Field Course which was held at Charlbury over the weekend of 27th May. Each of them was in a different discussion group. It is noteworthy that each of them, independently was chosen as leader by his own group.

Apart from our own Voluntary Service Scheme (which continues to flourish quietly but vigorously) and from the help we have given to Oxfam, various members of the School assisted to run the Fête at Dr. Barnardo's Home at Frilford on 2nd June; and to entertain the Friends of Abingdon (from the river) at their Garden Party on 6th July; and to guard the municipal plate during the three evenings that it was on show (17th-19th July).

By which token, we applaud the Mayor of Abingdon's imaginative proposal to construct a new display room for the plate underneath the gallery in the Royse Room; and we hope that his appeal for funds will soon reach its target. In view of the fact that the Corporation made a handsome donation to the cost of building the gallery (as a school library) in 1734, it was appropriate that the School should be among the first to support this appeal. One good turn deserves another — 228 years later.

For the benefit of those who do not know what treasures Abingdon contains we may add that we are supposed to possess the finest collection of plate of any city or town in England apart from London and Norwich; and there are those who allege that it is the House of Commons that holds the *fac simile* of the Abingdon mace and not the other way round.

We welcomed a guest at the end of term in the person of Christian von Zeigner, who spent a part of his stay in England in accompanying his hosts of the Spencer family to school.

Our musicians joined in the Schools' production of the Messiah in St. Helen's Church on 24th May (capably directed and conducted, if we may say so, by Mr. Pratt); and on 14th June the Chapel Choir beano'd its way to Winchester for the R.S.C.M. Festival. More passive entertainment was provided by organ recitals which our people attended in St. Michael's Church on 28th June (Mr. Pratt) and in All Saints' Methodist Church on 8th July (Rev. I. H. Jones, F.R.C.O.).

Mathematicians ventured abroad on 6th June to Farnborough, to visit the computing and the aero-dynamic departments of the Research

Establishment, and on 26th July to Harwell, for a one-day computer programming course kindly arranged by Dr. Howlett.

Apart from the varied programme of Excursion Day, which is covered elsewhere, we have sent parties this term to the Friends of Abingdon lecture on "St. Edmund of Abingdon" (22nd May): to Coventry Cathedral (15th June): and to various of the more erudite foreign films that have been shown in Oxford.

The House P.T. Competition, on 23rd July, was won by Blacknall. We are grateful to Mr. George Dixon, of Culham College, who once again gave up his morning to adjudicate for us.

The Prefects have had their usual round of social life this term. Their own dance was held in the Guildhall on 1st June. Later in the term many of the couples met again at the St. Helen's Leavers' Dance (19th July). The following evening came the Prefects' Party: and on 23rd July they challenged the Common Room to a keenly contested game of cricket which they lost by the narrowest of margins. But they had their reward on the next day when the performance of the "Abingdon School Praefecti" was duly recorded in the columns of the "Telegraph."

You will read all about the achievements of the School Scout Troop, and of the building of the new Scout Hut, elsewhere. Here we should like to congratulate the Troop on its activity, which culminated in its very high grading in the County Camping Competition; and on its initiative in submitting a team which won two third prizes at the National Scout Car Race Meeting at Blackpool in August.

A further stage in the already protracted saga of the Abingdon Railway was reached on 13th July when a public enquiry was held at the Guildhall. In spite of the Town Clerk's firm but dignified protest at the procedure followed by the railway authorities (a quite brilliant tour de force, his speech) we gather that reprieve has been refused. All we can hope is that before the Diesel blows its last mournful whistle somebody right at the top will realise that it is cheaper, ultimately, to keep life on the rails than it is to pile more traffic on the road.

We do not normally record here the doings of Old Abingdonians; but we did raise an eyebrow when we saw a newspaper report that Peter Ford was 'pedalling to Greece on a triplet'.

The boarders enjoyed the usual end-of-the-year supper on the last night of term (30th July). Subsequently School House and Crescent once again joined forces — in the Gymnasium, as the weather was too wet for outdoor activities. The prefects, who on this occasion were acting as hosts, seemed to have the same idea of what constitutes a quiet game as the Headmaster. But no bones were broken.

We congratulate the winners of the following awards which together with the House Cups were distributed at a "Supplementary Prize-giving" at the Final Assembly of the term:—

Cricket —

The Fletcher Cup for the highest batting average in the 1st XI: J. M. Bunce (574 runs: highest score 104 not out: average 47.8).

The Morris Cup (for outstanding performance as a bowler): G. F. Keays.

The Prefects' Common Room Prize for the most promising junior cricketer: P. H. Blackburn.

Tennis —

The Buckley Cup for the winner of the Open Singles: D. Weir (for the second year running).

Shooting —

The Darbishire Cup for the best shot under 16: C. C. Ford.

The Initiative Cup went to R. C. H. Moorshead for his work in support of Oxfam: and the *Fourth Science Times* Cup, for the best piece of written work in Middle School, was awarded to S. J. Denny.

The awards for chess and for the project competitions were made at the same Assembly.

The end of term did not bring seven weeks' complete leisure to all our members. The army contingent of the C.C.F. went off to camp at Aldershot. The next day the Navy left for Dartmouth, the Scouts for the New Forest. Later still the Air Section flew to the Isle of Man (with the Headmaster keeping watch and ward over them up on the flight deck of the Beverley). We again sent a strong contingent to the Welsh Schoolboys' Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt have escorted another party across the Channel to Nevers. Two boys are off on Short Works Courses — C. J. D. Bailey (Taylor Woodrow Construction) and P. J. F. Blair (The Metal Box Company). A. J. C. Leatham is working on the Toc H project at Morden Bog; and R. J. Ellaway is helping with a children's holiday club at Redhill. No less than six of our science masters too are broadening their experience by short attachments to different divisions of A.E.R.E.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following schools (to 31st July): City of Oxford; Fitzharrys; John Mason; Magdalen College; Pocklington; Radley; Reading; Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe; St. Bartholomew's, Newbury; St. Edward's; Southfield; Stamford; Wallingford; and also from Culham College and the R.N.E.C., Keyham.

Among our contemporaries, too, should be recorded ETC, the literary magazine edited by P. J. L. Webb which was on sale on Founder's Day. This revealed a promising wealth of talent even if, as the foreword admitted, there was a certain monotony about the point of view of the contributors. It remains, however, thoroughly admirable that the creative

imagination should find such outlets as this. We are glad to hear that the profit on the sale of the cyclostyled ETC may be enough to justify the printing of a similar magazine next year.

The photographs in this issue are by courtesy of Mr. Milligan, Photographer, Abingdon; Messrs. Ramsey & Muspratt, Photographers, Oxford; and Mr. J. Blagden.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

In a staff which contains so many young men it is right and proper that some of them should spread their wings. But it is with mixed feelings that we say farewell this term to Messrs. P. F. Emms, J. M. Stratford, and B. C. Williams who have been appointed respectively to Rugby, Kimbolton and Marlborough. Each of them has served the School well in his own field. We shall miss them and we wish them good fortune.

Mr. Williams, the doyen of the three, came to us in 1958 from Berkhamsted, where he had been doing his student practice. Apart from being a lively teacher of chemistry, and form master of one of the Lower Sixths, he has acted as house-tutor at Crescent House and as one of the Elder Brethren of the Skye Group. He has also shown his prowess on the games field; those who have seen him coaching or playing rugger find it difficult to believe that he had never touched a ball of that shape before coming to this School.

Mr. Emms, a modern linguist, leaves two main memorials of his three years with us. The one is the Russian department, which he started from scratch and which is now a very lively, though still pretty select, faculty; and the other is the Air Section, now so firmly established. He will also be remembered as a stimulating and dynamic form master of 4.C and teacher of middle-school French.

Mr. Stratford came to us for one year only to fill the gap caused by Mr. Vallance's departure for Harrow. In that time he has carried a heavy time-table of English teaching, he has acted as house-tutor down Conduit Road, and he has helped actively with the games, and especially with the hockey and the cricket. He also acted as sponsor of ETC, a task which must have called for tact and discretion. His marriage took place shortly after the end of the term. To him and to Mrs. Stratford, therefore, go our especial good wishes.

As the Governors had already authorised one additional master, there were therefore four new appointments to make. For three of them we welcome Mr. C. J. W. Owen, B.A., Exhibitioner of New College, Oxford (English); Mr. F. Booth, B.A., of Christ's College, Cambridge (Geography and Economics); and Mr. D. W. Manly, B.A., of Pembroke College, Oxford (Languages). It is noteworthy that each

of them was Head of his School: each secured second-class honours in Tripos or Schools: each of them played for his College 1st (cricket) XI. In addition, Mr. Manly has played hockey for Pembroke, and Mr. Booth, a Cambridge rugger blue, has since played regularly for Lancashire and has appeared for the North Western Counties against the South Africans. He was commissioned into the Cheshire Regiment during his national service, and since he came down from Cambridge he has been teaching at Arnold School, Blackpool.

Mr. Williams will be succeeded, temporarily, by Mr. K. H. Rutherford, M.A., B.Sc., of St. John's College, Oxford, who was for many years Head of Science and a house master at Christ College, Brecon. We hope that his year with us will be an extremely happy one.

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There was nothing mixed about our feelings when we heard of the departure of Miss Cobbald, who has been housekeeper of School House since January 1959. Boarders — and dayboys too to a lesser extent — owe far more than they realise to her. To control such a large and varied staff is not easy. Never has that side of the School run more smoothly than it did under Miss Cobbald. We are indeed sorry that family reasons compel her to take an appointment nearer her home in East Anglia, and we offer her our gratitude for past services and every good wish for the future. In her place we welcome Mrs. Yeulett. We can assure her at any rate, that she is taking over a very happy ship.

J.M.C.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I write these words from a seaside resort in Yorkshire where I am 'unwinding' for a fortnight with the family. Uppermost in my mind at this moment is the service of dedication of the beautiful altar silver presented in memory of my wife. It was moving in its simplicity and I was touched to see how many of my wife's friends took the trouble to come along to it. I am particularly grateful to the Choir who endured the discomfort of a dark corner outside the door so as to leave as much room as possible in the Chapel. I have just been reading too the list of subscribers to the Appeal Fund, shortly to be perpetuated in album form. So many of the names therein bring back happy memories of past friendships — memories which I shall always treasure.

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A fateful year ended, as is recorded elsewhere, with further tragedy and bereavement. Yet looking back over the past twelve months I am conscious that the School as a whole can find in them much to be remembered with satisfaction. Our sixteen places at Oxford and Cam-

bridge and the new standards reached by the First Eleven are particularly pleasing to record. For obvious reasons, I had not been looking forward to Founder's Day this year. In the event, it passed off more smoothly, more happily, than I had dared to expect. So too did the end of term. So many things can go wrong during those last busy four days. None of them did — at least, not seriously. (But I was relieved when the games laid on in the Gymnasium on the last night passed off without mishap. In future we shall have to have an upper age limit for those eligible to take part!)

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The plans for the Memorial Library have now been approved in detail by the Governors, and the contract has been entrusted to Messrs. Symm and Company, of Oxford — a firm which has had much experience of similar work in the colleges and elsewhere. I am hoping that their men will be on the job before term starts. Anyway, the new time-table is being planned on the assumption that Big School will be out of action from now on. Outside the School, we have gradually accustomed ourselves to the gap caused by the removal of the two elms earlier in the year. Unfortunately further expert examination has made it clear that it would be unwise to retain the third and sole survivor of the group, so it too will shortly be felled. No one can view the downfall of such old and beloved friends with equanimity; but quite apart from the safety factor, which was bound to be paramount, it is not all loss that the front of the School should be opened up like this. With a view to smartening us up for 1963 the Governors have also agreed that the main entrance hall of the School shall be completely redecorated during the Christmas holidays. I have often wondered what impression a visitor receives when he first opens — with some difficulty — the main door, and finds himself surrounded by a gloomy congeries of lockers and notice-boards, with an inconsequent series of cup-cases casually concealing some part of the dirty brick walls. This is not at all the image of the School that we want to present next year and action here is very timely. I hope that the tidying-up process will subsequently extend to other parts of the School which we are inclined to take for granted.

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I am glad that in his remarks from the platform on Founder's Day the Chairman paid such a well-deserved tribute to the work of the Staff. The coming year will confront them — and all of us — with a greater and more exciting challenge than ever before. On the one hand we have a record number of new boys joining us in September, all of whom will have to be assimilated into our community. On the other we have the additional commitment which the year of quatercentenary will bring in its train. It has been decided that the celebrations shall take place on Saturday, 15th June. A commemorative programme will

be issued early in the New Year, but all parents, Old Boys, and friends are asked to book the date now. And of course there will be other activities of a commemorative nature throughout the year.

Such celebrations provide plenty of scope for smugness and complacency; they can also be burdensome to those who have to arrange them, dreary for the visitor. These are dangers we must try to avoid. We must remember too that the ordinary life of the School, its work and its play, has to go on, and we must see that it does not suffer from the impact of our junketings. Subject to this overriding consideration it is no bad thing to have a legitimate excuse just once in a way for wearing a feather in our cap; and if we can enjoy ourselves in the process, all the better. So let us resolve to make of 1963 a year that will remind us all of our long history — a history so closely intertwined with that of the town —, that will show the world (so far as it is interested) what kind of a place we are, and that will point the way to further progress in the future.

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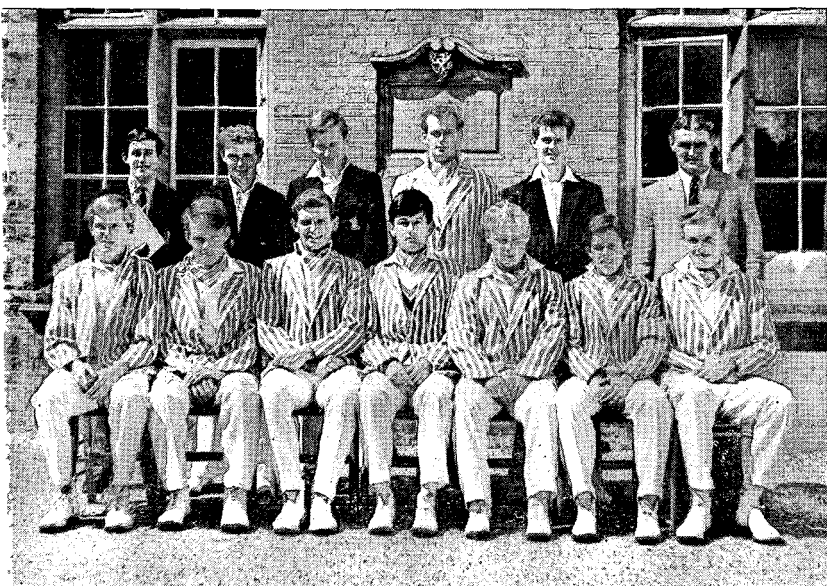
QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

The main item of interest this term was the production of a 'progress report' which was distributed to all subscribers. It recorded the successful completion of School Shop and of Swimming Bath and the preparatory work in connection with the new Library, and explained how the Appeal Committee had deliberately mortgaged their future income in order to ensure that the three primary objectives were complete by 1963. Copies are available from the Appeal Secretary at the School in case anybody has missed one.

The list of subscribers printed below is naturally shorter than usual as this period represents the lull before the renewal of the Appeal. But we hope that very many of our new parents will sign their covenant form now without waiting for 1963. *Bis dat qui cito dat*; and the more money we have 'covered', the easier it is for us to plan for the future.

One very welcome windfall does not appear in this list. Mr. Hooke, the Chairman of the Appeal Committee, had the pleasure of announcing from the platform at the Prize-Giving that Messrs. Whitbread, with whom the Chairman of the Governors is associated, had undertaken to covenant a gross subscription of £100 a year to the Appeal Fund. This most generous gesture gives a healthy and timely fillip to the Appeal and we are indeed grateful. With its help, the amount covered rises to close on £36,000.

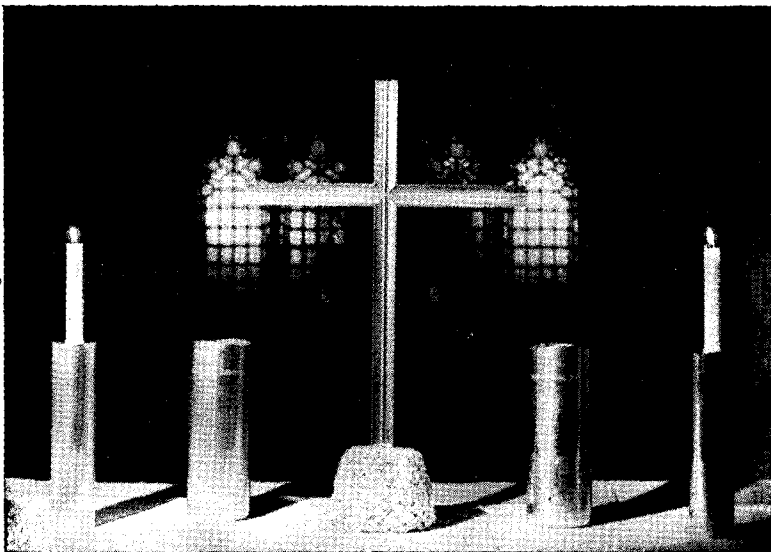
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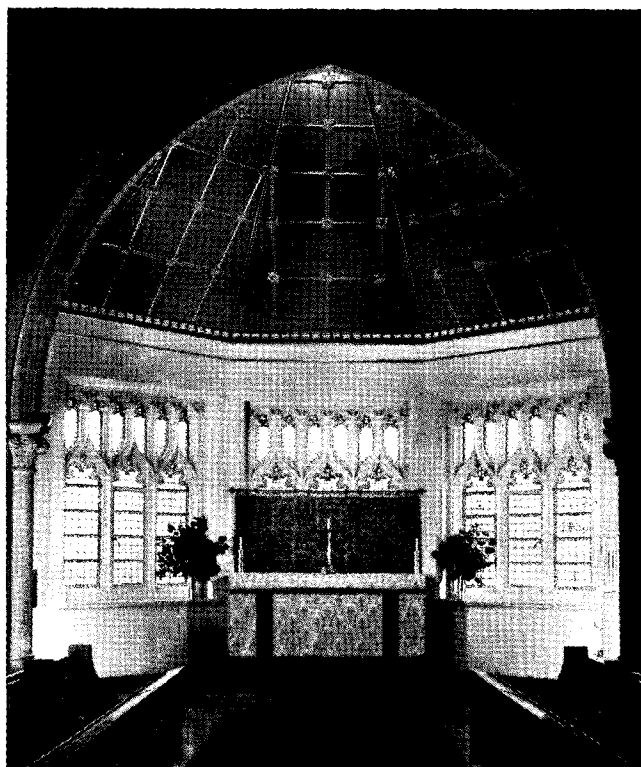
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APPEAL FUND

Thirteenth List of Subscribers, 4th April, 1962 — 31st July, 1962.

(This list does not include contributions from parents 'through the bill').

The Biology Lab.

The Lorna Cobban Memorial Fund.

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R. E. Bradfield.*

E. E. Insley.

W. J. Lynn-Robinson.

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* Covenanted Subscription

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete — left 3rd April, 1962

Upper Sixth Form Arts: R. C. Luker.

Upper Sixth Form Science (B): E. G. Jones; M. R. Mole; C. G. Purnell;
P. Rainey.

Lower Sixth Form Science (M): J. V. Grimes (last attendance 7th Feb.).

Form 4A: W. J. Overton (left 3rd February).

Form 3A: K. R. Overton (left 3rd February).

Salvete — came 1st May, 1962

Form 4C: D. B. Burleigh.

CHAPEL NOTES

On the last Sunday of the term, in a simple Service in Chapel, the new Altar Silver was dedicated to the glory of God and in thankful memory of Lorna Cobban. It has been designed by Atholl Hill, made by Frank Beck of Messrs. Wakely and Wheeler Ltd., and engraved by Theodore Wise. The design is of a severe simplicity and there is a harmonious unity which links the five pieces together. The concave shape of the arms of the Cross is balanced by the similarly shaped lips of the candlesticks and vases. The Cross is set in a solid piece of Cornish granite — an impressive contrast of materials. Here again a link is made with the other pieces — the lower parts of the candlesticks and vases are in hammered silver to harmonise with the roughness of the granite. The inscription on the vases has been beautifully executed. Engraved on one vase is: "Lorna Mary Cobban 25th May 1916 — 1st September 1961"; and on the other: "Coniugi optimaе collegae dissimae matri carissimae haec donarunt amici innumerl."

The total amount subscribed to the Lorna Cobban Memorial Fund was £1319 3s. 4d. The Silver cost £310. Expenses (printing and postage) were £42 19s. 4d. The remaining £966 4s. has been given to the Quatercentenary Appeal Fund and will be used to provide the furniture in the Library which is being constructed out of Big School.

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The event of outstanding interest in the Chapel this term has been the complete redecoration of the apse. This was undertaken by the Chapel Committee early in the term as a venture of faith, which has been justified by the favourable comment that the finished project has received from all sides. We were fortunate in having throughout the benefit of the advice, so freely and generously given, of Mr. J. Sebastian Comper, F.R.I.B.A., who is probably the leading authority in the country on church decoration: and we should like to say how deeply grateful we are to him, and also to Mr. Kenneth Campbell, of the firm of Campbell, Smith and Company, which was responsible for the decoration. The project was completed with a dossal in rich Portuguese tapestry supplied by Messrs. Watts and Company.

Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Grimes expressed the wish to bear the whole cost of the decoration in memory of their son Jeremy. A small brass plate is being set up on the wall of the Chapel near the apse to commemorate this generous gesture. We are very grateful to them, and to the small group of parents who have contributed towards the cost of the dossal in personal memory of Lorna Cobban.

To describe the newly furnished apse in any meaningful way is difficult. The photographs on the opposite page, for which we are indebted to Messrs. Ramsey and Muspratt, can of course give no idea of the blaze of colour which it presents. In plain language, all the boarding of the ceiling has been painted a rich blue, while the ribs and mouldings have been gilded solidly with gold leaf. The cornice has been painted a soft red, with the highlights gilded, the stone windows and the stone and brick walls have been limewashed, and the ironwork of the windows has been painted.

The comparative dinginess of the rest of the Chapel is now more obvious than ever. The Governors have therefore approved that the Chapel Committee should now have the nave decorated on similar though less colourful lines, and we hope that Messrs. Campbell Smith will be able to start work very shortly. Then indeed we shall have a Chapel that is worthy of our centenary year. Traditionalists (and aren't we all?) may like to note that the School architect, Mr. Duncan West, whose grandfather designed the Chapel sixty years ago, is fully in accord with the scheme of redecoration.

It should be emphasized that the cost of the scheme, which will be upwards of £400, must fall entirely on the shoulders of the Committee, whose normal income is limited. Any donations will therefore be gratefully received. A start was made on Founder's Day, when a plate in the Chapel realised no less than £24 9s. 3d. — a most encouraging start.

The oak plaques commemorating the long reigns of Mr. Layng and Mr. Grundy, and the brass in memory of Mr. Ingham, were dedicated by the Chaplain in the course of Morning Service on Old Boys' Sunday, 17th June.

After the Celebration on Ascension Day, 28th May, the Choir sang a hymn and an anthem from the roof of the Science Block.

On 27th June Father Martin, of the Franciscan Community, visited the School to discuss with the Chaplain the Teaching Week which it is proposed to hold at the end of January next year. He was able also to meet some of the senior members of the School. We gather first impressions were favourable — on both sides.

Grateful as we are to all our visiting preachers, we must offer special thanks to Father George Gallos, of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Baltimore, who visited us over the weekend of 8th July. He not only preached for us but at his own suggestion chanted the New Testament lesson — the parable of the Good Samaritan — in Greek; a method of projection which held the attention even of those whose classics were, shall we say, a little rusty.

Collections given to outside charities this term were as follows:

Royal National Lifeboat Institution	...	£8	3	8
S.P.C.K.		7	8	6
Historic Churches Appeal		6	10	9
British Home for Incurables		9	2	6
British Council of Churches		9	8	0
New Guinea Mission		8	10	0

The collection on Founder's Day, which was divided between St. Helen's Church and Dr. Barnardo's Homes, amounted to no less than £52 15s. 7d. (almost ten pounds more than ever before). St. Helen's Church also received the collection of £6 12s. 0d. taken at the terminal service on the first day of the term, while the collection at the Leavers' Service (£10 3s. 1d.) was given to St. Nicolas' Church where the service was held. The contents of the alms box (£2 12s. 7d.) went to Chapel Funds.

The Headmaster will preach at the School Service on 20th September. Visiting preachers we look forward to hearing are as follows —

30th September: C. MacDonald, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of Maidenhead Grammar School.

14th October: Hon. Frank Fisher, M.C., M.A., Warden of St. Edward's School, Oxford.

28th October: Rev. J. D. Bodger, M.A., of the New Guinea Mission.

18th November: G. Talbot Griffith, Esq., M.A., Warden of Missenden Abbey, and former Headmaster of Oakham School.

25th November: Rev. W. B. Littlechild, R.D., Vicar of Sutton Courtenay.

In addition, the Lord Bishop of Oxford will conduct a Service of Confirmation in the School Chapel at 3.0 p.m. on the Second Sunday in Advent, 9th December. Preparation classes are already in full swing.

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Baptised on 8th July, Helen Rachel, daughter of Peter and Caroline Emms.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Quantitatively, our results at 'Advanced' level were good, for the total number of subject-passes, 186, was some forty more than our previous record. But they lacked distinction, in both the special and the general sense of the word. We must go on emphasizing that in these days when the Universities are paying more and more attention to a boy's 'grade' it is not enough to aim for a bare pass.

The 'Ordinary' level results, which have just arrived, provide us with another record number of subject-passes — about 640 of them. Direct comparison with previous years is misleading however, for the total this year is swollen by the increasing number of boys who are taking a couple of subjects a year in advance. The overall picture is patchy. Long and unbroken runs of success in one subject are balanced by a disappointing sequence of failures in another. Again the proportion of successes among our fourth-form candidates is extremely high. From the results alone one would deduce that the earlier a boy takes the paper the better are his chances. Of course it is not as simple as this — but it is disturbing to see how some sixth-formers persistently fail to pick up the off-beat subject. The current reorganisation of our sixth-form time-table, so far as ancillary subjects is concerned, is in part designed to ensure that boys turn their 'minority time' to better account, and clear their outstanding requirements more quickly. It is such a pity if a sixth-former has to go on trying again and again for the odd O-level when he could be spending the same periods enjoying and enriching himself with a new subject.

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

ADVANCED LEVEL PASSES, G.C.E.

Four Subjects: T. H. Day (Ph, Zoo*, Bio, M-with-Stat); R. S. Haynes (G, L, AH, Mus).

Three Subjects: D. J. Aplin (Ph, Ch, Bio); C. J. D. Bailey (M, M, Ph); J. M. Beere (M, Ph, Ch); P. E. Cable (Ph, Ch, Bio); C. J. Dean (G, L, AH); L. A. Edwards (M, Ph, Ch); A. C. L. Fraser (Ph, Ch*, Bio*); T. I. Hall (Ph, Ch, Bio); M. A. Hedges (M, Ph, Ch); D. J. Hoddinott (M, M, Ph); P. P. Hutchinson (Ch, Zoo*, Bio); A. M. Q. King (Ph, Zoo*, M-with-Stat); P. J. Leather (L, F, Ger); T. A. Marsh (Ph, Ch, Bio*); R. H. Meakins (Ch, Zoo, Bio); M. R. Morris (Ph, Ch*, Bio); A. J. Oxley (M, Ph, Ch*); R. G. Parks (Ph, Ch, Bio); T. J. Pegram (E, H*, Geog); D. C. Pollard (M, Ph, Ch*); P. S. McK. Ramsey (M, M, Ph); C. D. Turnbull (M, Ph, Ch); R. C. White (M, Ph, Ch); J. A. R. Willis (Ph, Ch, Bio*); C. R. Winfield (Ph, Ch, Bio).

Two Subjects: G. C. Alabaster (M, Ph); C. H. Bellinger (E, H); S. P. Bowen (M, Ph); R. F. W. Budden (Ph, Ch); B. A. F. Burn (L, AH); I. G. Burns (Ph, Ch); R. H. M. BurrIDGE (E, H); R. N. Carter (E, H); C. M. Davis (L, AH); M. J. I. Day (Ph, Ch); K. W. R. Dixon (L, AH); D. C. Dunn (Ch, Bio); M. A. Faires (Ph, Ch); A. S. Harrison (Ph, Ch); G. F. Keeys (E, H); A. J. Leatham (Ch, Bio); D. Leather (H, Geog); R. G. Lockton (Ph, Zoo); N. P. Loukes (E, Mus); I. A. D. Martin (H, H-with-For-Texts); P. A. Merriman (M, Ch); P. R. Mildenhall (Ph, Ch); G. T. Milford-Scott (H, Geog); R. C. H. Moorshead (Ph, Bio); P. R. Munson (E, H); M. J. Nelson (H, Econ); R. S. Ogg (L, G); S. J. Opie (M, Ph); R. J. Ormerod (M, Ph); A. R. F. Redgrave (L, AH); B. R. Rosevear (Ch, Bio); C. R. Scott (M, Ph); P. G. Sheard (Ph, Ch); N. A. G. Spackman (E, H); D. W. Taylor (M, Ch); S. D. Thornton (Ph, Ch); T. J. Tilby (Ph, Ch); A. J. Varney (H*, H-with-For-Texts*); A. A. Venn (L, G); D. C. S. Venn (Ph, Ch); P. L. J. Webb (AH, E); M. P. Westwood (Ch, Bio).

One Subject: F. A. Bisby (Ph); E. Blaze (Ch); C. Carter (L); R. W. Ellaway (L); D. J. French (H); R. B. Hicks (H); E. G. B. Joseph (M); T. J. King (Ch); R. M. Kirby (Ph); J. J. Mackenzie (F); I. W. D. Matson (Ph); R. J. Parsons (Ph); A. F. Stewart (Ch); R. B. Topham (Ch); J. D. Urwick (H); J. R. Veysey (E); D. Weir (E); R. P. Welch (Ph); A. R. White (E).

FOUNDER'S DAY

The Founder's Day celebrations are not only the highlight of the summer term but unique in their appeal to so many human emotions. Founder's Day 1962 perhaps emphasized this more than usual.

It is nothing new to see all the seating accommodation in St. Helen's Church taken up, but surely never before have boys filled all the porches and stood two deep the length of the back aisle. This in itself was a refreshing experience; and with the traditional prayers and hymns, the choir's anthem and the beautiful lesson from Ecclesiasticus 44, helped

to create a most moving Morning Service. The preacher, the Rev. W. G. Fallows, M.A., Chaplain to the Queen and Principal of Ripon Hall, cleverly judged the family atmosphere in the Church and gave a simple and telling address. For his text he took Luke 6, verse 38, which he interpreted as: "What you give, you get", stressing that it was one of the vitally important spiritual laws. This same law, he said, applied to people and personal relationships and to communities of people, such as our school. As in the material world there is no short cut to success, likewise in the spiritual there is no easy way to God.

The afternoon was sultry but fine, and once again we had the pleasure of not seeing "Operation Torrents" put into action. After the Prize Giving had finished, those who had been so well entertained in the Corn Exchange returned to join in the At Home on Upper Field. This year the arrangements for the collection of tea were greatly improved and as a result the one and a half thousand cups of tea and over four hundred soft drinks were distributed quietly and efficiently. Throughout the afternoon, even above the conversation of two thousand humans and the opposition from the R.A.F. (why do R.A.F. Abingdon have to hold their Open Day on our Founder's Day?), the brass band could be heard bravely playing a selection of light music.

After tea came the sight-seeing and the visits to the exhibitions. The Chapel, with its new Altar silver and its recently decorated Apse, was a major source of interest. The £25 in the collecting plate gives some indication of the number of people who visited the Chapel. As usual the exhibitions catered for a wide variety of tastes, from the polyhedra in the Maths Room — where a budding young mathematician well versed in the principles of Fletcher's Trolley found himself explaining these to a parent who turned out to be the grandson of the original Mr. Fletcher — to the paintings in the Art Room. There was a model railway lay-out, demonstrations of radio-activity, and many experiments in physics, biology and chemistry. For the more artistically inclined there was the Historical Society's exhibition, including some gruesome chains found in the old jail, or a display by the Photographic Society. The adventurer could travel by means of slides and maps to the isle of Skye, while the less energetic could read the results of the end-of-term projects and initiative tests. Then of course the school buildings had to be seen, old and new, the display of cups in the entrance hall and the plans for the Big School conversion.

Eventually the centre of attraction shifted once more to the Corn Exchange and a second performance of the Evening Entertainment. A day which had started with the moving experience of a packed church finished in a packed Corn Exchange with a well-balanced two hours of fun and pleasure.

Sunday is as much a part of Founder's Day as Saturday, though naturally much less hectic. In the morning there was a short informal

service in the School Chapel to dedicate the new Altar silver. Finally, as a fitting end to the celebrations, St. Nicolas' Church was the scene of the evening Leavers' Service. This obviously was an occasion for powerful sentiments, and although it was a family service the headmaster's sermon was addressed to the leavers themselves. Speaking to the Christians he emphasized the danger of becoming too complacent in religious matters. They must not only stick up for their religion, but fight for it. To the others he said that their education at school had been firmly based on Christian principles. It was not a bad thing for teenagers to have doubts about religion, so long as, sooner rather than later, they decided which side of the fence to come down on. The question they had to answer was the one Jesus asked. It was, quite literally, a matter of life or death: "Whom say ye that I am?" Would they reply that He was a great prophet, a good man, a madman, or would they answer with Peter: "Thou art the son of the living God?" As an epilogue to the Service, and to their school careers, the leavers read out an Act of Dedication beginning: "O God, we give Thee thanks for all the blessings we have received at this School . . ."

PRIZE-GIVING

As the headmaster said in his speech, it would be difficult to find the diocese of Maidstone on the ecclesiastical map. For anyone who attended this year's prize-giving it will be much more difficult not to remember the Bishop of Maidstone. We were privileged indeed to have such a lively and inspiring man as the Rt. Rev. S. W. Betts, M.A., to distribute the prizes.

The headmaster, invited by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, to give his report, began by welcoming the Bishop. He then spoke of the school record over the past year, declaring that it had been a most successful one. The school was sending sixteen Freshmen up to Oxford and Cambridge, and many other university places had been secured. He was pleased with the achievements in the sporting field and had noticed many signs of material progress and individual initiative. The future was bright; indeed only recently he had received an application for an entrant in 1975. However in spite of such material success he was concerned about the apparent lack of aim and purpose in the lives of boys at school and of teenagers in general. In this age of greater freedom young people had to be relied on more than ever to use their lives properly. He urged the parents to work together with the School in laying a firm foundation to the life of every boy at Abingdon School.

The report, which was basically of a serious nature, was delivered in an interesting and amusing manner. The headmaster, having mentioned that three members of the staff were leaving, thanked all those who

had helped him over the past year of personal difficulties and looked forward to the quatercentenary year as a time of great celebration as well as of further progress.

Mr. Stow then called upon the Bishop of Maidstone to distribute the prizes. This he did with admirable courage (after all, it is some feat to shake hands seventy-five times in twenty minutes and end up just as energetic and interesting as ever). After the presentation came the bishop's speech.

He, if anything, outdid the headmaster in his humour, telling of his world-wide "diocese" as the Archbishop's personal representative for the three armed forces. In the course of his duty he had met many young people and he too had found the same lack of purpose in life which the headmaster had spoken about. This he took to be a "God-deficiency" or lack of faith. Young people, he continued, should be taught to respect individuals and to be willing to serve. Even in this age of automation, it was, he stressed, people that mattered more than things. Surely there was something wrong with our world if we could read of the wonderful achievements of Telstar in our papers one day, and the next read a leader in *The Times* on the lack of purpose among teenagers?

To restore purpose to their lives we, the Church, the parents, the school, must instil into them the necessity for respect and tolerance and the willingness to serve. "Man and Duty" was the formula they must follow to fill the gaps in their lives. Important as this formula was, there was another much more important one; one that would satisfy the "God-deficiency", direct them through this life and point the way to salvation; for "Man and Duty" substitute "God and Faith."

Mr. John Hooke thanked the bishop on behalf of everyone in the Corn Exchange. In addition, in his capacity as Chairman of the Appeal Fund, he asked parents and Old Boys to support the Appeal and provide the School with the amenities it could use so well. Finally he rounded off the speeches on a high note by revealing that the Chairman of the Governors had persuaded his company (Messrs. Whitbread Ltd.) to donate to the Fund an extra 100 guineas annually for the next seven years.

The National Anthem, played by the band, ended the Prize-Giving, and spectators and speakers alike made their way to School for the rest of the day's amusements.

THE ENDOWED PRIZES

The Morland Prize (presented by Messrs. Morland in memory of W. T. Morland, O.A., and awarded for all-round merit)—J. M. Talbot;

The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—N. P. Loukes; The Smith Chemistry Prizes—M. R. Morris, A. J. Oxley, A. S. Harrison, E. C. C. Crouch; The Ball Science Prize—J. M. Talbot, M. A. Faires; The Biology Prize (presented by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ford)—A. M. Q. King; The Bevan Essay Prize—A. J. C. Leathem; The Bevan Scripture Prizes—A. J. Oxley, D. R. Brown, S. M. Nicholl, B. D. Diffey, P. H. Fletcher, J. A. Carter, V. A. Ramsey; The Henderson Cricket Prizes—B. R. Rosevear, C. M. Davis, C. C. Ford; The Common Room Bat—J. M. Bunce.

THE SCHOOL PRIZES

The Mayor's Prize for Service to the School (presented by Ald. J. S. Candy, J.P.)—D. Weir; The Headmaster's Prizes—I. A. D. Martin, A. J. Lloyd; The Old Boys' Prizes—English Verse: A. R. White, English Essay: D. Weir, History Essay: J. D. Urwick, Geography Essay: D. Leather, Mathematics Essay: P. S. McK. Ramsey; The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, Dean of the American University, Washington, U.S.A.)—T. J. Pegram; The Prize for Character (presented by Mrs. and the late Mr. C. B. Ellis)—D. C. Pollard; The Prizes for General Achievement (presented by H. Cornish, Esq., M.B.E., J.P.)—A. J. Oxley; C.C.F. Prizes—U/O I. A. D. Martin, U/O A. A. Venn; The Junior Reading Prize (presented by C. C. Woodley, Esq., O.A.)—S. J. Denny; The Music Prizes—Senior: R. S. Haynes, Junior (presented by Miss Sheldon Peach): D. D. Allen, Choral (presented by E. H. F. Sawbridge, Esq.)—Senior: N. P. Loukes, Junior: A. W. Willis, Pianoforte—Senior: J. D. Spencer, Intermediate: G. H. Hallett, Organ (presented by the Director of Music): R. S. Haynes, Woodwind: M. D. Fortescue; The Art Prizes—J. G. Millard, J. F. Goldsworthy; The Handicraft Prizes—A. M. Jell, P. A. Foulkes.

THE FORM PRIZES

Sixth Form (Upper)—Classics: C. J. Dean, English: D. Weir, History: T. J. Pegram, Mathematics: P. S. McK. Ramsey, Modern Languages: P. J. Leather, Biology: T. A. Marsh; Sixth Form (Lower)—Classics: D. R. Brown, English: F. C. A. Exon, Modern Languages: J. J. Mackenzie, Mathematics: R. J. Ormerod, Physics—F. A. Bisby, Science and Mathematics: I. G. Burns; Fifth Forms—Classics: A. F. G. Wiggins, English and History: P. G. Henderson, Mathematics: S. M. Nicholl, German: M. D. Fortescue, Physics: J. L. Walton, General Achievement: D. Hayward; Fourth Forms—General Achievement: B. D. Diffey, Languages: S. J. Denny, Science and Mathematics: R. J. Davis; Form 4B—C. M. N. Jamieson; Form 3A—C. S. Downes, P. H. Fletcher; Form 3X—P. J. Sparrow; Form 3Y—J. R. Poole; Form 2X—M. S. A. Davis, A. C. Putman; Form 2Y—G. A. Holloway; Form 1X—J. J. A. King; Form 1Y—R. G. Pickavance.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

We are indebted to Mr. J. F. G. Fletcher for the critique of the entertainment given in the Corn Exchange on the evenings of Friday, 27th July and Founder's Day. The evening's programme and the critique are reproduced below —

1. AN ITALIAN SALAD . . *Genée* The Choral Society
Soloist: Christopher Dean
THE GEOGRAPHICAL FUGUE . . *Toch*
2. MARCH — NEW FRONTIER . . *Richardson* The Brass Band
MINUETTO . . *Haydn*
MARCH — ON THE BALL . . *Siebert*
3. THE PROPOSAL . . *Anton Chekhov*
In a translation specially written for this performance by
P. F. Emms.
Ivan Vasilievich Lomov Christopher Dean
Stepan Stepanovich Chubukov Peter Loukes
Natalia Stepanovna Michael Giddings
4. CELTIC LAMENT . . *Foulds* The Junior Orchestra
TREPAK . . *Morand*
5. FOUR POEMS Members of Fourth Forms
Fidele . . *Wm. Shakespeare*
What if a much of a which of a Wind . . *E. E. Cummings*
The Knight's Leap . . *Charles Kingsley*
Shimbleshanks, The Railway Cat . . *T. S. Eliot*
6. COSMOPOLITAN PASTICHE Third Form Greeks
Fourth Form Germans
Sixth Form Russians
7. SUITE FROM THE WATER MUSIC . . *Handel arr: Stone*
CAPRIOL SUITE . . *Warlock, arr: G. M. Pratt*
The Senior Orchestra

"The appearance of what was evidently an assortment of demobilised Russian and German soldiery on a railway platform tickled the intellect somewhat! If to have included the Third Form Greeks on the same platform would have been anachronistic, what adjective would describe the sociable juxtaposition of the said soldiery?

"The Founder's Day Entertainment, as a token of respect, no doubt, on the passing of Abingdon's passenger service, had railways as its main theme. Travellers waiting on platforms are not always lucky enough to be entertained by such an agreeable Brass Band. When the train came in it carried Signor Dean and his patient choir. The Maestro

was evidently suffering from exhaustion and his remarks were about as apt as those of the housewife who, making up a four at Bridge after a long day with the chores, bid two Brussels Sprouts in reply to her partner's opener of one heart. In fact Signor Dean, who should have been concerned only with the music, interrupted the rehearsal with entreaties concerned with the dangers of leaning out of carriage windows. And the conductor too — poor man, what a dreadful fate! — was heard to reply sotto voce "Nicht hinauslehnen und rauchen Verboten". One could only assume that the spaghetti served in the restaurant car that had been hitched on at Bologna had not agreed with them.

"The train ran well, however, through the marshalling yards of Toch, beating out wheel by wheel its peculiar percussive fugue. The passengers were diverted in the long haul from Mississippi to Yokohama by imagining the antics of Skimbleshanks, The Railway Cat. We suspect, from the frantic efforts of two members of the cast to keep warm, that it was somewhere near the top of the Urals, that Signor Dean, Herr Loukes and Mademoiselle Gidding got up a play for the passengers. The Rolling Players enlivened the halt while the engineers re-fuelled with an enthusiastic and very funny piece of slap-stick built incongruously round the bitter phrase "Get married and Go to Hell!" The passengers were also lucky enough to have an evening to spare, one imagines at a Watering Place in Georgian England, where they listened to a very good orchestra playing Handel.

"On a more objective note, however, the entertainment was the usual pleasant mixture of Music, Speech and Drama and each section deserves its paragraph.

"Chekhov's sketch is not, one felt, so slight that lines need to have their every syllable pounded out with foot and fist. While the players undeniably succeeded in their first aim, which was to make us laugh heartily, — and Christopher Dean and Michael Giddings were very funny — the excellent and more restrained playing by Peter Loukes of the old man gave to the sketch a strength that could not come from slap-stick. As a complete contrast to the hilarity of the Chekhov came a group of English poems well recited. One supposes that this form of entertainment is found nowhere but in schools and as a specialised art form it is most interesting. Its strength comes I think from the willingness of members of the Company to let the words speak for themselves. Obviously an Emyln Williams, alone on the stage, must rely greatly on changes of tone and expression. In such a group as we had on Founder's Day, the variety of tone was there and a special pleasure was added by the steadfast refusal of members to overplay their solo lines. There are few better ways, for the audience, of making new and renewing old acquaintances with English poems.

"There is a triumphant gleam in some of the eyes that watch the conductor as brain and tongue combine to utter foreign syllables. One hardly supposes that either the Third Form Greeks or the Sixth Form

Russians take this item, which is fun largely because of the improbability of the situation, so seriously that they feel their names should be up in lights. Some of them in fact look suspiciously as if they wished the floor would open to swallow them. The item is however deservedly popular because it is so improbable that 'X' should be a Greek and because the audience like seeing their friends floodlit. Given also assorted hams moving at various speeds through the rigours of Cossack dances — well, what more could you want?

"And so to Music. The Brass Band has made great strides since we last heard it and was, by the end of its item very much, "On the Ball." It is interesting to note from the programme that few of the players are members of the orchestras and one hopes that this Band will go on growing not only in strength but in ability. The Corn Exchange is far from perfect as a place in which to seat an orchestra. The String players creep in to the orchestra pit and settle themselves. Then the curtains go up and we see a splendid line of Woodwind and the Brass. This is not fair as the success of any orchestra depends most on its strings. And the orchestra was successful. Both the Handel and the Warlock gave real pleasure to the audience. The general tone, helped by an obviously keen and improving String Section, was bright and clear in the ensembles and some of the individual and collective playing among the Wind instruments was excellent. So greatly did the Senior Orchestra impress that one cannot help looking at the numbers in the Junior Orchestra to see if there are adequate reinforcements and replacements. What we saw and heard of the latter was by no means depressing, as it was most successful, especially in the Morand whose quicker tempo seemed to suit the players better than the Foulds.

"The Stage Management of the whole Entertainment seemed to be faultless and one suspects that under a cloak of anonymity there was a very hard-working group of carpenters, electricians, property men, etc., who deserved full praise. Finally a very sincere tribute must be paid to Messrs. Griffin, Pratt and Keating for combining to produce a lively entertainment of great variety. Their reward lay in the obvious enjoyment of performers and audience alike."

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

With six of last year's side still with us it was likely that this would be a good season, although it looked as if the bowling might be suspect. We had no reason to expect that Davis and Keeys would burst from the Second XI on to the First XI scene in quite such meteoric brightness, and the 'discovery' of an opening bowler and a slow left armer, was a vital factor. As the averages correctly record they dominated the attack

and turned a useful side into a good one. Davis achieved the remarkable feat of twice getting hat-tricks, and twice more taking two wickets in consecutive balls, while Keeyes' most important match-winning performance was his 7 for 90 against the Berkshire Gentlemen. Rosevear and Ford, MS, off and leg spin respectively, also contributed materially to success but, without Keeyes' accuracy and persistent attack on the stumps, were less effective than they should have been. Keeyes and Ford remain to provide a useful slow bowling nucleus next year, while Barrett has shown signs of fulfilling his earlier promise as an opener.

In the field we have been almost uniformly convincing, and there have been some splendid catches and feats of fielding. Bunce has led the way, as a captain should, and particular improvement by Ford deserves recognition. Nelson at cover has always been safe, but a little too slow with his return to catch many batsmen napping. Evans, RJM has kept wicket extremely well and had he been staying, as we had hoped, might well have become an outstanding keeper in the next two years. As it is we are faced with the prospect of blooding an inexperienced player behind the stumps next season.

Those who read their *Daily Telegraph* will already know that Bunce began the season with a flurry of runs. By the end of May, when he had completed his second century in six innings, he had been out only thrice, and had scored 412 runs. Alas, these golden days did not last, as they so seldom do, and though he played several more very useful innings he did not again reach his best. Had he done so we should probably have recorded more than our eight victories this season. However, I cannot remember a season in which so many batsmen have achieved such respectable averages. Of those remaining Ford, MS, undoubtedly is the most complete player, while the younger Ford, Barrett and Bent will provide very valuable support. Evans' batting, like his wicket-keeping, improved much, and we regret his leaving in this sphere as well.

Probably the most important aspect this season has been the pleasant spirit prevailing. Keeness and willingness to learn have been very apparent. The guidance of experienced players like Bunce and Rosevear has been most helpful in this respect, and our gratitude is due to them. If this attitude continues, as I am sure it will, they can have left no finer legacy. Thanks, also, to Mr. Smithson, who unobtrusively does so much to inculcate a proper regard for style and aggression, and whose job with wickets was more difficult than usual at the beginning of this season. In retrospect — a happy season — and we look forward confidently to next year.

A.A.H.

The regular members of the Eleven were: J. M. Bunce (capt.); B. R. Rosevear; M. S. Ford; R. S. Ogg; M. J. Nelson; R. J. M. Evans; G. F. Keeyes; C. M. Davis; A. T. Barrett; C. C. Ford; D. A. M. Bent.

The following also played: J. R. Veysey; P. B. Godfrey.

Full Colours were awarded during the season to: R. S. Ogg; M. J. Nelson; R. J. M. Evans; G. F. Keeys; C. M. Davis.

Half Colours were awarded to: C. M. Davis; G. F. Keeys; A. T. Barrett; C. C. Ford; D. A. M. Bent.

The Fletcher Cup was won by J. M. Bunce with an average of 47.8, and he also won the Common Room Bat.

The Morris Cup, awarded this year for outstanding bowling performances, was won by G. F. Keeys.

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In the Senior House Matches, Bennett beat Reeves in the final.

In the Junior House Matches, Blacknall beat Tesdale in the final.

Reeves won the Senior House League Cup; Blacknall and Tesdale shared the Junior House League Cup.

v. The Common Room XI (h). 9th May.

Result: Won by 10 runs.

Abingdon School		Common Room XI	
J. M. Bunce, not out	74	L. C. J. Griffin, c Rosevear, b Ogg	4
D. A. M. Bent, st Powell, b Williams	33	R. G. Mortimer, c Godfrey, b Ogg	10
R. S. Ogg, c Holloway, b Mortimer	43	B. C. Williams, b Ogg	2
M. S. Ford, not out	20	J. M. Stratford, c Godfrey, b Ogg	0
		G. A. Smithson, run out	58
		A. A. Hillary, c Ogg, b Barrett	25
		G. F. Powell, c M. Ford, b Barrett	20
		K. M. D. Holloway, b Barrett	0
		R. H. Baker, not out	18
		I. C. Murray, c Nelson, b Ogg	19
		T. G. K. Fairhead, run out	0
Extras (l.b. 1)	1	Extras (b. 5)	5
Total (for 7 wks. dec.)	171	Total	161

Rosevear, C. C. Ford, Godfrey, Evans, Barrett, Nelson & Keeys did not bat.

Bowling: G. A. Smithson 0-21; A. A. Hillary 0-6; B. C. Williams 1-30; L. C. J. Griffin 0-25; R. G. Mortimer 1-55; T. G. K. Fairhead 0-24; J. M. Stratford 0-9.

Bowling: Rosevear 0-30; Ogg 5-52; Barrett 3-45; M. S. Ford 0-29.

v. Newbury Grammar School (a). 12th May.

Result: Draw.

Abingdon School

J. M. Bunce, not out	104
D. A. M. Bent, run out	3
R. S. Ogg, not out	99

Extras (b. 5, l.b. 2) 7

Total (for 1 wkt. dec.) 213

Newbury G.S.

Wilson, b Ogg	6
Davies, run out	26
Miller, b Rosevear	26
Summerfield, b Rosevear	0
Chapman, b Keeys	27
Bailey, c C. Ford, b M. Ford	0
Evans, not out	60
Browns not out	1
Extras (b. 3, l.b. 2)	5

Total (for 6 wkts.) 151

M. S. Ford, Rosevear, C. C. Ford, Evans, Barrett, Nelson, Keeys and Godfrey did not bat.
Bowling: Summerfield 0-47; Anderson 0-38; Miller 0-43; Evans 0-27; Peel 0-21; Bailey 0-29.

Anderson and Peel did not bat.
Bowling: Barrett 0-25; Ogg 1-26; Rosevear 2-42; M. S. Ford 1-27; Keeys 1-17; Bent 0-9.

v. Royal Masonic School, Bushey (h). 19th May.

Result: Lost by 4 wickets.

Abingdon School

J. M. Bunce, hit wkt, b Fawkes	75
D. A. M. Bent, lbw b Fawkes	47
R. S. Ogg, c Higgs, b Fawkes	15
M. S. Ford, not out	10
B. R. Rosevear, not out	7

Extras (b. 3, l.b. 1, n.b. 2) 6

Total (for 3 wkts. dec.) 160

R.M.S., Bushey

G. B. Calder, c Evans, b Davis	7
D. L. Astill, b Davis	0
N. C. Lomas, b Ford	23
R. J. E. D. Higgs, c & b Ford	41
R. I. Keates, st Evans, b Ford	10
R. B. Skillicorn, not out	66
J. M. Elmont, c Davis, b Ford	1
P. F. Woodford, not out	3
Extras (b. 6, l.b. 4)	10

Total (for 6 wkts.) 161

C. C. Ford, Evans, Barrett, Nelson, Keeys and C. M. Davis did not bat.
Bowling: Lomas 0-51; Fawkes 3-45; Skillicorn 0-30; Higgs 0-12; Nesbitt 0-16.

Fawkes, Nesbitt, and Rowlands did not bat.
Bowling: Ogg 0-19; Davis 2-15; M. S. Ford 4-59; Rosevear 0-18; Bent 0-16; Keeys 0-23.

v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a). 23rd May.

Result: Won by 9 wickets.

<i>Pangbourne N.C.</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
Wilson, c Evans, b Davis	4	J. M. Bunce, not out	29
Dick, c Keeys, b Ogg	0	D. A. M. Bent, lbw b Miller	8
Allenby, c Bent, b Davis	8	R. S. Ogg, not out	17
Byrne, b Davis	10		
Shanks, b Davis	1		
Edwards, c Evans, b Barrett	3		
Brown, c Bunce, b Keeys	14		
Neale, b Davis	3		
Miller, c & b Davis	7		
Lane-Nott, not out	2		
Laurie, b Davis	0		
Extras (l.b. 1, w. 2)	3	Extras (b. 3)	3
Total	55	Total (for 1 wkt.)	57

Bowling: Davis 7-21; Ogg 1-21; M. S. Ford. Rosevear, C. C. Ford.
Barrett 1-8; Keeys 1-2. Evans, Barrett, Nelson, Keeys,
and Davis did not bat.

Bowling: Miller 1-10; Laurie 0-24;
Edwards 0-18.

v. Bloxham School (a). 26th May.

Result: Won by 83 runs.

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Bloxham School</i>	
J. M. Bunce, c Long, b Lilwall	26	R. W. Lilwall, st Evans, b Keeys	2
D. A. M. Bent, run out	12	I. M. Johnson, c Evans, b Davis	9
R. S. Ogg, b Gibbs	27	C. R. Isaac, b Keeys	7
M. S. Ford, c Harvey, b Free	16	N. H. Gibbs, c Barrett, b Keeys	19
B. R. Rosevear, c Johnson, b Free	2	S. H. Liddington, run out	0
A. T. Barrett, c Harvey, b Free	29	P. J. Harvey, b Ford	14
C. C. Ford, st Long, b Free	7	D. J. Cattv, b Ford	13
M. J. Nelson, b Free	19	B. H. C. Butler, not out	1
R. J. M. Evans, b Liddington	2	N. R. G. Shaw, b Ford	0
G. F. Keeys, c Johnson, b Free	4	R. M. Free, b Ford	0
C. M. Davis, not out	0	D. R. Long, c & b Rosevear	4
Extras (l.b. 11, w. 1)	12	Extras (l.b. 2, w. 2)	4
Total	156	Total	73

Bowling: Liddington 1-22; Lilwall
1-31; Gibbs 1-28; Free 6-60.

Bowling: Davis 1-15; Keeys 3-24;
M. S. Ford 4-20; Rosevear 1-10.

v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h). 30th May.

Result: Won by 6 wickets.

Berkshire Gentlemen

A. J. Davis, c M. Ford, b Keays	31
G. Evans, c Bunce, b Davis	5
D. B. Dunthorne, c Bunce,	
b Ford	22
Dr. R. B. Morbey, b Keays	4
A. A. Hillary, c Davis, b Keays	28
M. Smith, c Bunce, b Keays	67
J. Lake, c M. Ford, b Keays	10
M. Vallance, b Davis	0
C. E. W. Brooks, c Davis,	
b Keays	4
R. G. Mortimer, st Evans,	
b Keays	11
F. W. Neate, not out	8
Extras	0
Total	190

Abingdon School

J. M. Bunce, run out	104
D. A. M. Bent, st Vallance,	
b Mortimer	28
R. S. Ogg, c Smith, b Mortimer	0
M. S. Ford, not out	43
B. R. Rosevear, run out	9
A. T. Barrett, not out	4
Extras (b. 7)	7
Total (for 4 wks.)	195

Bowling: Davis 2-48; Barrett 0-9;
Keays 7-90; M. S. Ford 1-44.

C. C. Ford, Nelson, Evans, Keays,
Davis did not bat.
Bowling: Neate 0-28; Smith 0-28;
Brooks 0-24; Morbey 0-56;
Mortimer 2-47.

v. Abingdon Cricket Club (a). 2nd June.

Result: Won by 78 runs.

Abingdon School

J. M. Bunce, lbw b Fitzsimons	16
D. A. M. Bent, lbw b Fitzsimons	0
R. S. Ogg, lbw b Smith	22
M. S. Ford, not out	50
B. R. Rosevear, b Whiting	33
A. T. Barrett, not out	27
Extras (b. 1)	1
Total (for 4 wks. dec.)	149

Abingdon C.C.

G. Evans, b Ford	18
D. Smith, lbw b Davis	0
A. Ambrose, lbw b Keays	1
D. Harries, c Bunce, b Keays	5
B. Williams, c Bunce, b Davis	2
F. Nelson, b Davis	23
M. Miller, c Keays, b Ford	13
P. Fitzsimons, b Davis	3
J. Pepperall, not out	2
R. Whiting, c Ogg, b Ford	0
L. Gardiner, lbw b Davis	1
Extras (b. 2, l.b. 1)	3
Total	71

Nelson, C. C. Ford, Evans, Keays,
Davis did not bat.

Bowling: Fitzsimons 2-39; Smith
1-40; Whiting 1-49; Harries 0-4;
Pepperall 0-23.

Bowling: Davis 5-22; Keays 2-10;
M. S. Ford 3-36.

v. Pembroke College (h). 13th June.

Result: Draw.

<i>Pembroke College</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
D. Manley, c Barrett, b Keays	9	J. M. Bunce, c Lofthouse, b Roberts	32
F. E. B. Witts, b Davis	8	D. A. M. Bent, run out	20
D. Roberts, c Keays, b Rosevear	76	R. S. Ogg, c Roberts, b Witts	4
K. Lofthouse, b Davis	8	M. S. Ford, b Roberts	15
D. B. Moody, c Barrett, b Keays	49	B. R. Rosevear, c Edmonds, b Roberts	19
J. R. Ellis, c Evans, b Keays	4	A. T. Barrett, lbw b Witts	3
V. Ellis, not out	41	C. C. Ford, not out	36
P. J. Jakobson, not out	4	M. J. Nelson, b Roberts	0
		R. J. M. Evans, not out	26
Extras (b. 3, l.b. 4)	7	Extras (b. 12, l.b. 1, w. 2)	15
Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	206	Total (for 7 wks.)	170

Silber, Glastonbury and Edmonds did not bat.

Bowling: Davis 2-43; Barrett 0-10; Keays 3-73; M. S. Ford 0-39; Rosevear 1-32.

Keays and Davis did not bat.

Bowling: Moody 0-31; Witts 2-60; Roberts 4-34; Edmonds 0-0; Glastonbury 0-18; Lofthouse 0-10.

v. Old Abingdonians (h). 16th June.

Result: Won by 4 runs.

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Old Abingdonians</i>	
J. M. Bunce, c Whitton, b Fitzsimons	0	D. Goodwin, b Davis	0
D. A. M. Bent, c Penney, b Whitton	8	R. Clewley, b Keays	9
R. S. Ogg, lbw b Whitton	9	B. Budden, c Bent, b Davis	0
M. S. Ford, b Treneman	5	D. Morris, c Evans, b Davis	0
B. R. Rosevear, c Millard, b Whitton	37	B. Whiteford, b Davis	0
A. T. Barrett, c Morris, b Whitton	33	R. J. Trenaman, c M. Ford, b Keays	33
C. C. Ford, lbw b Whitton	4	R. Wooldridge, b Davis	34
M. J. Nelson, st Millard, b Goodwin	34	P. Penney, c Nelson, b Ford	29
R. J. M. Evans, b Goodwin	15	P. Whitton, not out	51
G. F. Keays, c Millard, b Whitton	0	P. Fitzsimons, lbw b Keays	6
C. M. Davis, not out	12	P. Millard, b Davis	0
Extras (b. 10, l.b. 1)	11	Extras (l.b. 1, w. 1)	2
Total	168	Total	164

Bowling: Fitzsimons 1-46; Whitton 6-63; Trenaman 1-41; Goodwin 2-17.

Bowling: Davis 6-44; M. S. Ford 1-42; Keays 3-65.

v. Leighton Park (h). 20th June.

Result: Won by 51 runs.

Abingdon School		Leighton Park	
J. M. Bunce, lbw b Braithwaite	0	J. Morris, c Bunce, b Davis	4
D. A. M. Bent, c R. Braithwaite,		D. Pollard, b Davis	0
b Dhawan	38	A. Barker, c Keeys, b Rosevear	17
R. S. Ogg, b Winters	40	R. Braithwaite, c M. Ford,	
M. S. Ford, not out	43	b Davis	0
B. R. Rosevear lbw b Braithwaite	5	P. Curtis, b Davis	0
R. J. M. Evans, not out	20	N. Braithwaite, b Davis	0
		J. Fitter, lbw b Rosevear	27
		M. Winters, c Keeys,	
		b Rosevear	26
		D. Hope, b Rosevear	4
		L. Sharples, c Ogg, b Rosevear	26
		V. Dhawan, not out	0
		Extras (l.b. 1)	1
Extras (b. 1, l.b. 9)	10		
Total (for 4 wks. dec.)	156	Total	105

Barrett, C. C. Ford, Nelson, Keeys and Davis did not bat

Bowling: Winters 1-56; Braithwaite 2-43; Dhawan 1-38; Hope 0-9.

Bowling: Davis 5-61; Keeys 0-13; Rosevear 5-30.

v. Incogniti Cricket Club (h). 23rd June.

Result: Lost by 6 wickets.

Abingdon School		Incogniti C.C.	
J. M. Bunce, b Millar	20	O. P. F. Sutton, lbw b Barrett	9
D. A. M. Bent, b Millar	8	C. R. A. Welch, b Davis	14
R. S. Ogg, b McPartlin	2	A. A. Hillary lbw b Keeys	60
M. S. Ford, c Hinkley-Smith,		G. V. H. Cameron, c Bent,	
b Cameron	21	b Barrett	1
B. R. Rosevear, c Vallance,		K. Hinkley-Smith, not out	67
b Millar	59	P. Frost, not out	20
A. T. Barrett, c Vallance,			
b Millar	11		
C. C. Ford, run out	6		
R. J. M. Evans, c Hinkley-Smith,			
b Millar	2		
M. J. Nelson, b Cameron	15		
G. F. Keeys, b Hillary	3		
C. M. Davis, not out	6		
Extras (b. 7, l.b. 2, w. 6,			
n.b. 5)	20	Extras (b. 6)	6
Total	173	Total (for 4 wks.)	177

Bowling: McPartlin 1-33; Millar 5-61; Cameron 2-28; Hillary 1-25.

M. W. Vallance, M. P. Dawes, J. Harvey-Samuel, J. McPartlin, & I. Millar did not bat.

Bowling: Davis 1-72; Barrett 2-26; Keeys 1-48; Rosevear 0-20.

v. Solihull School (h). 30th June.

Result: Lost by 14 runs.

<i>Solihull School</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
Callaghan, lbw b Barrett	5	J. M. Bunce, c Creed,	8
Jones, b Davis	8	b Thomas	1
Levenger, lbw b Davis	0	D. A. M. Bent, b Gold	1
Allen, b Keeys	20	R. S. Ogg, c & b Thomas	6
Burton, b Keeys	32	M. S. Ford, c Creed, b Gold	2
Smith, c Barrett, b Davis	24	B. R. Rosevear, c Callaghan,	
Waters, b Davis	12	b Allen	17
Creed, c Evans, b Davis	5	A. T. Barrett, c Creed, b Gold	15
Gold, b Rosevear	11	C. C. Ford, b Allen	2
Jay, not out	0	R. J. M. Evans, not out	19
Thomas, c Barrett, b Rosevear	0	M. J. Nelson, b Gold	1
		G. F. Keeys, b Allen	1
		C. M. Davis, b Thomas	32
Extras (b. 3, l.b. 1)	4	Extras (b. 2, l.b. 1)	3
Total	121	Total	107
Bowling: Davis 5-36; Barrett 1-17; Ford 0-26; Keeys 2-22; Rosevear 2-16.		Bowling: Gold 4-29; Thomas 3-33; Allen 3-31; Levenger 0-3; Jay 0-8.	

v. Magdalen College School (a). 4th July.

Result: Draw.

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Magdalen College School</i>	
J. M. Bunce, c Day, b Weaver	23	W. Morris, b Keeys	15
M. S. Ford, c Baxter, b Weaver	47	S. Day, c Evans, b Rosevear	30
B. R. Rosevear, c Jennings,		H. Naish, not out	32
b Smith	2	P. Smith, lbw b Keeys	8
R. J. M. Evans, c Manners,		S. Baxter, b Keeys	17
b Jennings	42		
R. S. Ogg, c Naish, b Jennings	1		
C. C. Ford, not out	14		
A. T. Barrett, not out	13		
Extras (b. 1, l.b. 6, w. 1)	8	Extras (b. 2)	2
Total (for 5 wks. dec.)	149	Total (for 4 wks.)	104
Bent, Nelson, Keeys, and Davis did not bat.		Manners, Weaver, Hancock and Jennings did not bat.	
Bowling: Weaver 2-46, Smith 1-56; Hancock 0-13; Jennings 2-22.		Bowling: Davis 0-20; Keeys 3-32; Rosevear 1-50.	

v. Oratory School (h). 7th July.

Result: Lost by 5 wickets.

<i>Abingdon School</i>	
J. M. Bunce, c Cordess, b Northey	32
M. S. Ford, c R. Boos, b Boos	0
J. R. Veysey, c Hawkes, b Boos	0
R. J. M. Evans, c Cordess, b Northey	28
B. R. Rosevear, b Northey	2
C. C. Ford, lbw b Lysons	18
A. T. Barrett, b Lysons	11
D. A. M. Bent, run out	5
M. J. Nelson, b Northey	0
G. F. Keeys, b Northey	0
C. M. Davis, not out	0
Extras (b. 6, l.b. 4, n.b. 2)	12
Total	108

Bowling: Northey 5-57; Boos 2-20;
Lysons 2-19.

<i>Oratory School</i>	
C. Cordess, lbw b Keeys	5
C. Baker, c Nelson, b Keeys	15
B. Bettesworth, c & b Keeys	33
T. Peirce, lbw b Keeys	29
P. Boos, c M. Ford, b Keeys	12
D. Lysons, not out	9
S. Fraser, not out	9

Extras	0
Total (for 5 wks.)	112

Hawkes, Eley, Boos, and Northey
did not bat.

Bowling: Davis 0-35; Keeys 5-44;
Ford 0-12; Barrett 0-20.

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). 14th July.

Result: Won by 131 runs.

<i>Abingdon School</i>	
J. M. Bunce, c Barlow, b Jones	31
D. A. M. Bent, b Mcloughlin	47
C. C. Ford, c Harris, b Mcloughlin	60
M. S. Ford, c Fewtrell, b Mcloughlin	20
B. R. Rosevear, st Harris, b Mcloughlin	0
R. J. M. Evans, c Harris, b Mcloughlin	12
J. R. Veysey, run out	0
A. T. Barrett, c Barlow, b Mcloughlin	8
M. J. Nelson, b Mcloughlin	8
C. M. Davis, not out	0
G. F. Keeys, c Bowler, b Mcloughlin	0
Extras (l.b. 1, w.1, n.b. 3)	5
Total	192

Bowling: Barlow 0-22; Jones 1-36;
Coleman 0-82; Mcloughlin 8-45;
Davies 0-2.

<i>R.G.S., High Wycombe</i>	
R. A. Fewtrell, c M Ford, b Rosevear	12
P. M. Rutter, c Veysey, b Keeys	0
J. M. Davies, c Veysey, b Keeys	8
J. Hayter, b Keeys	1
M. Bowler, c & b Keeys	11
T. Coleman, run out	7
B. Matthews, run out	0
J. Barlow, c Veysey, b Rosevear	0
M. Harris, c & b Rosevear	8
J. Mcloughlin, run out	9
R. Jones, not out	3

Extras (b. 2)	2
Total	61

Bowling: Keeys 4-26; Rosevear
3-33; Ford 0-0.

1st XI BATTING AVERAGES

	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average
Bunce	15	3	574	104*	47.8
Ford, MS	13	5	292	50*	36.5
Evans	9	3	166	42	27.7
Ogg	13	2	285	99*	25.9
Ford, CC	8	2	147	60	24.5
Barrett	10	3	154	33	22.0
Bent	14	0	258	47	18.4
Rosevear	12	1	192	59	17.5
Nelson	7	0	77	34	11.0
Keys	6	0	8	4	1.3

Also batted: Davis 6 . 5 . 50 . 32 . 50; Veysey: 2 . 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

1st XI BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Davis	125.3	26	433	36	12.0
Keys	186	56	450	35	12.9
Rosevear	80.2	20	281	15	18.7
Barrett	60	10	159	7	22.7
Ford, MS	98.2	24	334	14	23.9

Also bowled: Ogg 29 . 2 . 118 . 7 . 16.9; Bent 5 . 0 . 32 . 0 . -

CATCHES

Evans—8; Ford, MS—8; Bunce—7; Keys—7; Barrett—5;
Davis—4; Veysey—3; Bent—3; Ogg—3; Nelson—3;
Rosevear—3; Godfrey—2; Ford, CC—1.

STUMPINGS Evans—3.

SECOND ELEVEN

The 2nd XI recorded a curiously uneven season. Only four members played in all matches, illness, injury and examination commitments forcing selection from among no fewer than twenty names. Hampered by illness himself the task of captaincy for Veysey was therefore more than usually difficult; but it was with pleasurable reluctance that the team lost him to the 1st XI for their last matches as they earlier had done C. M. Davis after his one devastating appearance against Newbury.

Largely owing to its shifting population the team lacked the spirit of former years. Nowhere was this more apparent than in the field where there was too often a lack of the cohesion and aggressive intent which

comes only when eleven individuals are "thinking cricket" all the time and yet there is but one, the team, on the attack.

After a promising start to the season it was felt that Harrison might become the spearhead of attack, following the promotion of Davis. But he never again quite struck form, lacking control of direction, and the side largely depended upon the steady accuracy of Stiff and the liveliness of Dickenson, the latter shewing exceptional promise by the end of the season. The batting was even less secure; while Veysey eventually found his true form and Morris and Bailey showed promise, a dependable opening pair never came to light and this made the task of the middle-order batsmen extremely difficult.

After early success a very strong Abingdon C.C. team was barely robbed of victory — not a little of their success coming from our former captain, Bampton, obviously enjoying his cricket as much as ever! The O.A.'s presented a formidable task on paper but time is all too short for this match to be well-fought. Only in one fixture, against Solihull, did the batting collapse. This was no unlucky loss of form: it was a sound thrashing delivered by a team which, after an eventful and courageous time on a tricky wicket, wrested the initiative from the School by great spirit and reduced the team to a feeble-hearted procession. Only Veysey and an out-of-touch Fairlie, playing in his first game after a long and costly absence due to injury, made some attempt to get to grips with things.

The lesson was painful but well learned and a thrilling battle with M.C.S. re-awakened a measure of determination and courage hitherto so sadly lacking. Rain, a broken bail, injury and even a lost ball all contrived to thwart the attempt of making the required 164 in 100 minutes. To the surprise of some spectators the idea of "an honourable draw" was far from the team's mind, as Morris and Taylor demonstrated as they helped their captain to a splendid victory in the last over of time. It was in the same spirit that the rest of season was met, and with it two more good victories. Special mention must be made of our first-ever encounter with Shiplate Court, a fixture we look forward to becoming a permanency.

C.D.B.M.

Summary of Matches

(Played 9, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 2)

12th May v. Newbury Grammar School (h). Won by 7 wks.
Newbury 75 (Davis 9 for 27); Abingdon 81 for 3 (Fairlie 42 n.o.).

26th May v. Bloxham (h). Won by 6 wks.
Bloxham 70 (Harrison 7 for 28); Abingdon 71 for 4.

2nd June v. Abingdon C.C. (h). Drawn.
 Abingdon C.C. 177 for 6 dec. (Carslaw 65, Bampton 64 n.o.);
 Abingdon 133 for 9 (Veysey 43).

16th June v. Old Abingdonians (h). Drawn.
 Abingdon 145 for 6 dec. (Morris 57 n.o.); O.A.'s 113 for 9.

30th June v. Solihull (h). Lost by 67 runs.
 Solihull 138 (Varley 50 n.o.); Abingdon 71 (Littleford 6 for 39).

4th July v. Magdalen College School (h). Won by 7 wks.
 M.C.S. 163 for 5 dec. (Hickman 89); Abingdon 164 for 3 (Veysey 85).

7th July v. Shiplake Court 1st XI (a). [An 'A' XI]. Won by 3 wks.
 Shiplake Court 126 (Fawkes 62); Abingdon 127 for 7.

11th July v. King Alfred's G.S., Wantage 1st XI (a). Lost by 14 runs.
 Wantage 144 (Dickenson 9 for 60); Abingdon 130 (Jennings 41).

14th July v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Won by 3 wks.
 High Wycombe 73 (Dickenson 5 for 21, Stiff 5 for 26); Abingdon 74 for 7.

Teams were drawn from the following: J. R. Veysey (Captain and wkt.), 5 matches; G. J. Bailey, 7 matches; J. W. Dickinson, T. R. Morris, F. J. Stiff, D. W. Taylor, 8 matches; A. S. Harrison, I. W. D. Matson, 6 matches; J. Fairlie, P. R. Munson, S. R. Wilson, 5 matches; J. D. Urwick, P. G. Henderson, 4 matches; R. S. Ogg, A. M. Forsyth, 2 matches; C. C. Ford, J. R. Jennings, R. A. Jackson, T. B. Moore, C. J. Westell and C. M. Davis, 1 match.

COLTS' ELEVEN

After a poor start, when batting failures against Radley and Bloxham caused us to lose by substantial margins, the team settled down and began to live up to their paper strength and the best matches of the season were undoubtedly the last two — against St. Edward's and a return fixture with Radley.

On the whole, however, the batting was disappointing. There were several potentially good batsmen in the side, who, for one reason or another, did not do themselves justice. The only really consistent batsman was Jennings, who only twice failed to reach twenty. Godfrey made some useful scores, but often seemed to get out just when he appeared to be getting set. Partridge also played some good innings, but is vulnerable against quick bowling. Johnson is also a promising batsman, as is Moore, but both lack confidence.

The bowling was steady, the most successful bowler being Moore, with a total of 27 wickets for 242, followed by Penney with 12 for 122.

In a season of hard wickets it is scarcely surprising that the spinners were not so successful, and neither Davis, PH nor Partridge had much luck, though both bowled well on occasions.

The fielding varied. Trinder was generally a competent wicket-keeper, and took some good catches. There were other good catches, but several went down, including one that might have made all the difference in the last match. The ground fielding was sometimes very good, sometimes slack; sometimes throwing in was more keen than accurate, and overthrows resulted or chances of a run out were missed.

Jennings was a calm and keen captain, who always set a good example himself. Occasionally he could have used his bowling with more imagination, but otherwise he did very well.

Results

12th May v. Radley (a). Lost. Abingdon 50; Radley 51 for 0.

26th May v. Bloxham (a). Lost. Bloxham 134; Abingdon 67.

23rd June v. Cokethorpe Park (h). Won. Cokethorpe 26; Abingdon 27 for 1 (Moore 5-8, Penney 5-15).

27th June v. Douai (h). Won. Douai 120 for 8 dec.; Abingdon 124 for 2 (Moore 6-39, Jennings 41, Shellard 65 n.o.).

4th July v. Magdalen College School (a). Won. Abingdon 145; M.C.S. 77 (Moore 7-35).

21st July v. St. Edward's School (a). Won. St. Edward's 100; Abingdon 101 for 8 (Moore 22 n.o.).

25th July v. Radley (h). Lost. Abingdon 187 for 5 dec.; Radley 188 for 8 (Shellard 39, Ford, CC 38, Partridge 60 n.o., Penney 4-57).

The full team was: J. R. Jennings (Capt.), C. C. Ford, P. N. Shellard, P. B. Godfrey, D. S. Partridge, T. B. Moore, C. P. Trinder, A. E. Johnson, D. W. Penney, P. H. Davis, R. B. Davis.

The following also played: A. G. Rowson (4 times), D. E. Joyce (3 times), R. A. Jackson (twice) and J. W. B. Dunthorne and D. J. Munson (once each).

L.C.J.G.

JUNIOR COLTS XI

The results achieved this season were very satisfactory considering that this year's team was not as mature or well-balanced a side as those of recent years. The batting hopes centred around Evans, Davis and Morgan, who between them scored well over half the runs. Each, in

his own style, made useful contributions on many occasions. Evans batted responsibly, as befits a captain, whilst Davis, with more flair, has the ability to change the course of a game but must bring greater concentration to his play if he is to do so. Morgan has improved considerably this year and, with more confidence, should make a lot of runs.

The bowling was steady rather than penetrating although better close catching would have given Penney the greater number of wickets which would have been a fair reward. Jackson bowled with excellent control and variation of flight but does not turn the ball enough to trouble the better batsmen. It could be that he would benefit from bowling a little slower.

The fielding was not of a very high standard and, although one or two brilliant catches were held, many easier ones were dropped. Had all the reasonable chances been taken, more than one game might well have had a different result.

Results

(Played 6, Won 3, Drawn 2, Lost 1)

12th May v. St. Bartholomew's, Newbury (h). Won by 27 runs.
Abingdon 105; Newbury 78 (Jackson 4-8).

13th June v. Salesian College (a). Drawn Salesian 143 for 3 dec.;
Abingdon 59 for 6.

20th June v. Leighton Park (h). Won by 8 wickets.
Leighton Park 71; Abingdon 73 for 2 (Davis 37 n.o.).

27th June v. Oratory (a). Won by 8 wickets.
Oratory 78; Abingdon 79 for 2 (Evans 30 n.o.).

14th July v. R.G.S., High Wycombe. Lost by 8 wickets.
Abingdon 49; R.G.S., High Wycombe 51 for 2.

21st July v. St. Edward's. Drawn.
St. Edward's 143; Abingdon 116 for 8.

Team: P. J. Evans (Capt.), R. B. Davis, J. B. Morgan, D. W. Penney, R. A. Jackson, A. R. Coffee, R. F. Gillespie, T. R. Giddings, N. G. Burns, R. A. Chaplin, N. C. Ware.

Also played: P. H. Blackburn, P. H. Painton, N. D. Brice, and J. C. Mellor.

B.C.W.

JUNIOR ELEVEN

This was a most satisfactory and promising season. Of eleven matches played by the full and the 'A' sides nine were won, the only failure being at the hands of a more determined and confident Radley side.

The highlight of the year was the confident and reliable batting. In each match where our innings had to go the full length well over 100 runs (on one occasion over 200 runs) were scored.

The attack was variable, Hassett and Gibbs were most effective on their day, but length rather than speed will have to be their target; the bulk of the wickets fell to spin, where Dobbs already shows promise as a steady leg-break bowler and Harper, who captained a successful side throughout, took 28 wickets inexpensively with intelligent off-breaks. Despite an absence of close finishes the fielding was keen and good, especially towards the end.

One of the most notable features of the year was the keenness and ability of the 'A' side which won all 5 matches easily. Never have so many 1st formers been in evidence or so many played at some time in the full side. It would be invidious to mention only a few names, but their spirit and willingness patiently to learn technique at the expense, initially, of easy runs promises well for next year.

Results — Junior XI

- 12th May v. St. Bartholomew's, Newbury (a). Won by 9 wkts.
- 16th May v. Bloxham (h). Won by 6 wkts.
- 23rd June v. Cokethorpe Park (a). Drawn (Heading 31, Harper 5 for 12).
- 1st July v. Magdalene College School (h). Won by 81 runs. (Painton 43, Halstead 31, Harper 5 for 14, Dobbs 4 for 18).
- 14th July v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). Won by 6 wkts. (Dobbs 4 for 12).
- 15th July v. Radley (a). Lost by 2 wkts.

Results — 'A' XI

- 1st June v. New College School (h). Won by 63 runs (Blackburn 72 n.o., Harper 5 for 23).
- 17th June v. Milbrook House (a). Won by 55 runs (Hassett 6 for 2).
- 1st July v. Christchurch School (a). Won by 23 runs (Gibbs 53).

18th July v. Struan House (h). Won by 199 runs (Vowles 51, Simmons 50).

21st July v. John Mason School (h). Won by 76 runs (Vowles 92).

Team: J. N. Harper (Capt.), N. D. Brice, P. H. Blackburn, R. Coomber, D. G. Halstead, P. H. Painton, M. J. Heading, J. W. Hassett, P. E. Gibbs, R. G. Coulbeck, M. J. Vowles, F. J. Dobbs.

Also played: J. W. W. Sagar, B. H. Ford, D. N. Hunt, M. W. Parry.

Also played in the 'A' Eleven: E. A. C. Crouch, D. S. Jackson, P. K. Booker, E. P. Caton, N. V. Moore, A. Rose, T. K. Simmons.

I.C.M.

ROWING

It cannot be claimed that this has been a highly successful season for the Boat Club, but it has been one of consolidation. The successes we had hoped for in view of the promising material available were not forthcoming principally because the crews were bedevilled by injury and at one stage it seemed that no crew ever went afloat in the same order on consecutive outings. In this connection it was particularly unfortunate that W. M. Jamieson, bow in the 1st VIII, and B. G. Mackay from the 2nd VIII, were both smitten with appendicitis, and S. J. Baker also from the 2nd VIII strained his back; all three were out of action until the end of term. The 2nd VIII was perhaps hardest hit of all the crews by these misfortunes and despite their early promise they did not have time to regain their form before their season ended.

The 1st VIII began well by winning the Junior Eights convincingly at Thames Ditton, but luck was not on their side in the draw for their other regattas, the culmination of this being to draw the finalists, Nautical College, Pangbourne, in the Princess Elizabeth. The crew performed in a satisfactory manner in Senior and Junior-Senior events, particularly as they were a very young crew — six of them could have rowed as Colts. There can be little doubt that they were the youngest crew to row at Henley, and they were by no means the slowest. Indeed in their race against Nautical College they put up a time as fast as last year's crew, and a closer race would probably have helped them to do even better.

As will be seen from the lists of crews which follow we ran five eights this season, as well as a large number of fours and a big group of beginners. Shortage of boats and particularly of boat house accommodation may well mean that we shall have to cut down on this next year, which seems a pity. We have the boys and the enthusiasm, and even more important the site, but so far the additional boat house has not materialised. This is a big problem because not only are we unable to increase the fleet, but the existing boats are suffering considerable

lamage in their cramped quarters, and some indeed have had to be left outside to be ravaged by the attacks of sunshine and hooligans.

Many past members of the club will remember the *Kingston*. Built in 1910 and acquired by us in the 'thirties she has endeared herself to all who have learnt to row in her. Well, she is still performing, but her successor, a tub four, has now been delivered having been on order for no less than twenty-seven months. Those who wish to pay their last respects to the *Kingston* should call early next season!

An innovation at this year's regatta was the introduction of two divisions of bumping races for House 1st and 2nd IVs, to replace the old system of knock-out competition. Perhaps 'bumps' is a misnomer since the system is used in which a crew has to row past the one in front and all crews row the full course. This provided great excitement and it was generally agreed by crews and spectators to be great fun. It will be continued.

Finally, thanks are due to P. A. Merriman and J. A. R. Willis, Captain and Secretary of Boats respectively, for doing a fine job this year and providing in their different ways examples of sheer determination and courage beyond even the high standard we have come to expect as normal in the club. We would also thank all those parents and Old Boys who support us so faithfully at regattas, and thus make a very real contribution to our efforts. Let us hope that 1963 will see the realisation of some of those dreams which yet remain to be fulfilled.

R.G.M.

CREWS

1st VIII

Bow	D. J. B. Hewison
2	J. Bowthorpe
3	M. J. I. Day
4	M. J. Evans
5	D. C. Pollard
6	E. D. J. Hunter
7	P. A. Merriman
Stroke	J. J. Mackenzie
Cox	B. E. Goldsworthy

2nd VIII

Bow	E. N. Broadway
2	N. P. Loukes
3	C. W. F. M. Cox
4	R. C. Leathem
5	E. C. C. Crouch
6	B. A. F. Burn
7	J. A. R. Willis
Stroke	R. C. Platt
Cox	J. F. Hann

(W. M. Jamieson and J. A. R. Willis rowed at Bow and 3 until Wallingford)

(D. J. B. Hewison, M. J. I. Day and S. J. Baker rowed at 7, 5 and Bow respectively until Wallingford)

3rd VIII

Bow	E. J. Roblin
2	P. G. D. Matthews
3	N. P. Coe
4	P. V. Bosley
5	I. R. Flint
6	N. A. H. Bosley
7	J. A. Simms
Stroke	P. N. Atkins
Cox	D. G. Dowling

(E. N. Broadway and C. W. F.
M. Cox rowed at Bow and 7 at
Reading)

Senior Clinker VIII

Bow	A. R. L. Hewison
2	N. D. S. Kortright
3	M. F. Kitto
4	D. C. Dunn
5	R. G. Parks
6	D. Bobin
7	J. M. Beere
Stroke	R. W. Ellaway
Cox	S. A. G. Janisch

Junior Colts VIII

Bow—C. M. N. Jamieson; 2—D. J. Jessett; 3—E. J. Roblin;
4—I. R. Hewes; 5—N. D. W. Coe; 6—R. J. Ormerod; 7—M. A.
Bisby; Stroke—S. P. Sewry; Cox—F. A. Light.

Maiden IV

Bow	D. J. B. Hewison
2	B. A. F. Burn
3	M. J. I. Day
Stroke	N. P. Loukes
Cox	F. A. Light

Schoolboys' IV

Bow	S. J. Baker
2	R. C. Leathem
3	E. C. C. Crouch
Stroke	R. C. Platt
Cox	W. M. Marshall

Results**FIRST EIGHT**

May 19th, Thames Ditton Regatta. Junior Eights.

1st round: Beat Thames R.C., 3 lengths.

2nd round: Beat Anglican B.C., $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

3rd round: Beat St. George's College B.C., 1 length.

Final: Beat Molsey B.C., 1 length.

May 23rd, Bedford Modern School. Home.

Beat: B.M.S. 2nd, 2 lengths.

Lost to B.M.S. 1st, $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

June 9th, Wallingford Regatta. Senior Eights.

Lost to Thames Tradesman, 3 lengths.

June 11th, Willesden Regatta. Junior-Senior Eights.

Drew with Lensbury R.C., lost to Gladstone Warwick $\frac{3}{4}$ length and
Molsey B.C., 1 length.

June 16th, Reading Amateur Regatta. Junior-Senior Eights.

Lost to University College School, $\frac{3}{4}$ length, and Keble College, 1
length.

July 4th, Henley Royal Regatta. Princess Elizabeth Cup.

Lost to Pangbourne Nautical College $3\frac{3}{4}$ lengths.

SECOND EIGHT

May 23rd, Bedford Modern School. Home.

Lost to B.M.S. 1st, 3 lengths.

Lost to B.M.S. 2nd, $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

June 2nd, Reading Clinker Regatta. Junior Eights.

Lost to Reading University B.C.

June 16th, Reading Amateur Regatta. Public School Eights.

Lost to Eton College.

June 23rd, Marlow Regatta. Public School Eights.

Lost to Cheltenham College and Bedford School.

THIRD EIGHT

May 23rd, Bedford Modern School. Home.

Lost to B.M.S. 3rd, $\frac{1}{4}$ length.

June 2nd, Reading Clinker Regatta. Junior Eights.

Lost to City of London School.

June 9th, Wallingford Regatta. Junior Eights.

Lost to Maidenhead R.C.

June 21st, Pangbourne Colts' Regatta.

Beat Canford School. Lost to St. Edward's School.

SENIOR CLINKER EIGHT

June 2nd, Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Eights.

Lost to Imperial College.

JUNIOR COLTS EIGHT

June 2nd, Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Eights.

Lost to Thames R.C.

MAIDEN FOUR

June 9th, Wallingford Regatta. Maiden Fours.

1st round: Beat St. Peter's College, $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

2nd round: Beat Nautical College, Pangbourne, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Semi-final: Lost to Old Foresters, 3 lengths.

SCHOOLBOYS' FOUR

June 9th, Wallingford Regatta. Schoolboys' Fours.

Lost to Sutton School.

In addition, the Senior Clinker Eight raced against a Radley College Eight, winning by a canvas at home and losing the return race on their water. A Radley College Four beat two of our Fours in a second informal fixture.

A.S.B.C. REGATTA

The Regatta was held on Wilsham Reach on 21st July. The Senior rowing was run on the "bumping" system.

Results

Bennett Cup for Senior House Fours—Bennett.

Order of finishing of Senior "Bumps": 1—Bennett, 2—Tesdale, 3—Reeves, 4—Blacknall.

2nd Division "Bumps": Winners—Bennett.

Order of finishing of 2nd division "Bumps": 1—Bennett, 2—Reeves, 3—Blacknall, 4—Tesdale.

Pixell Cup for Intermediate House Fours—Blacknall beat Bennett.

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

Gig Pairs—Blacknall beat Reeves.

Pierpoint Cup—Boarders beat Dayboys.

Haarhoff Cup and Mayor's Waterman Trophy—A. A. Venn beat E. N. Broadway.

We are grateful to Miss Cobbald for presenting the Prizes.

TENNIS

This season the standard of play has risen throughout the club and, what is more important, everyone has been enthusiastic about their tennis. It has also been encouraging to see many non-members, young and old, playing tennis. Let us hope that this augurs well for the future.

The 1st VI has enjoyed a successful season and Leather, PJ and Weir (as 1st pair) have played consistently during the whole season. Weir has at last developed a strong service and this, combined with his excellent ground strokes and intelligent placing of shots, has made him a formidable opponent. He has been a tower of strength during the last two years and we regret his departure.

Various combinations have been tried for the 2nd pair, the most successful being Newbold and Finney. Newbold possesses a strong forehand drive, but his backhand needs practice. Finney is potentially a complete player but he suffers, unfortunately, from lapses of confidence. The 3rd pair, King, TJ and Leach, have played well on several occasions but they both must learn that attack is the best form of defence. Nevertheless they have been our strongest 3rd pair for several years and both will be with us next year.

From the beginning of the competition for the Buckley Cup, it seemed that Weir, the holder, stood a good chance of winning again; and in the final he beat Leather 6—0, 7—5, showing the dominating qualities which characterized his play in earlier rounds.

Our junior players have benefited much from the coaching of Mr. Lay and for this we thank him most warmly. We also congratulate I. J. Newbold on the award of his Colours.

First VI Matches

(1st Pair: P. J. Leather and D. Weir; 2nd Pair: I. J. Newbold and N. H. Finney or K. W. R. Dixon; 3rd Pair: T. J. King and N. R. Leach); also played D. Leather and A. E. W. Willey).

May 5th v. The Common Room (h).	Drawn 4½—4½
May 12th v. Radley College (a).	Lost ½—8½
May 23rd v. Magdalen College School (a).	Lost 1½—7½
May 26th v. Bloxham School (h).	Won 8½—½
May 30th v. Culham College (h).	Lost 1—8
June 2nd v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h).	Won 5½—3½
June 13th v. Reading School (a).	Drawn 4½—4½
June 16th v. Old Abingdonians (h).	Won 7½—1½
June 30th v. Berkhamsted School (h).	Won 6½—2½
July 21st v. Abingdon L.T.C. (h).	Won 5—4

The matches against Leighton Park School and R.G.S., High Wycombe were rained off.

Second VI Matches

(1st Pair: I. A. D. Martin and N. H. Finney; 2nd Pair: D. Leather and J. J. F. Burn; 3rd Pair: A. E. W. Willey and P. E. Dixon; also played: D. N. Laybourne and A. C. Hoddinott).

May 12th v. Wallingford G.S. (h).	Won 5½—3½
May 23rd v. Magdalen College School (h).	Lost 4—5
May 30th v. Culham College (a).	Lost (unfinished) ½—6½
June 13th v. Staff and Ladies (h).	Won 6—3
June 23rd v. City of Oxford 1st VI (h).	Drawn 4½—4½
July 7th v. Oratory School (h).	Won 5—4

The match against Salesian College was cancelled.

Junior VI Matches

(1st Pair: N. H. Finney and J. J. F. Burn; 2nd Pair: D. N. Laybourne and A. C. Hoddinott; 3rd Pair: R. P. Jessett and M. J. H. Liversidge; also played: R. A. Hayward and G. A. Macdonald).

May 26th v. Bloxham School (a).	Won 6—3
June 6th v. Dragon School (a).	Drawn 4½—4½
June 20th v. Douai School (a).	Drawn 4½—4½
July 11th v. Salesian College (h).	Won 6½—2½

P.J.L.

(I should like to add a word of tribute to Peter Leather and David Weir, who as Captain and Secretary have done so much to raise the standard of tennis and to create an atmosphere of keenness and enthusiasm. We are very pleased that Peter Leather will be with us for a second year as Captain, but we shall sadly miss David Weir, who has been such a tower of strength throughout the season. H.M.G.).

ATHLETICS

A small group of "full-time" athletes have enjoyed a fairly full programme of matches and championships, and although we have met with several disappointments we have not been without success.

In the Berkshire County Championships at Reading on 26th May, V. A. Marsh (Youth's quarter mile in 25.9 secs.) and P. J. F. Blair (Youth's furlong in 23.5 secs.) are both new record holders and J. M.

Talbot (Junior Shot) became our third County Champion. We also took five second places.

On 3rd June we travelled North to Pocklington for the annual triangular match with Stamford. We were most royally entertained but it was perhaps not quite so entertaining to see our hosts win all but one event. It was unfortunate that our captain, Talbot, on whom so much depended, had an off-day and that Blair sustained a muscle injury, but V. A. Marsh ran a well-judged quarter mile, M. J. Nelson jumped 5 feet 7½ inches, N. A. H. Bosley put the Shot a most promising 43 feet and D. J. Aplin nearly brought off a surprise in the Mile. Although our relay team was beaten into 3rd place, the time of 46.6 secs. was ½ sec. better than the old record. Pocklington won deservedly. Both Stamford and ourselves could learn a lot from the dedication and rigorous training of their athletes.

In the North Berkshire Schools' Championships we gained 12 first places, 9 second and 6 third, and all but two of our competitors were selected to represent the district in the County Championships. The most notable performance was a 20 feet 2½ inches Long Jump by Blair — the first time he had ever cleared 20 feet.

A fortnight later, in a friendly match against Westminster Training College, aided by a slightly downhill run up and keen competition, Blair had three jumps over 20 feet, his best being 21 feet 1 inch. He also won the 100 yards in 10.5 secs., but apart from Talbot and T. A. Marsh in the throwing events our other competitors were rather out-classed and we lost by 48-71.

We had an enjoyable fixture against Cokethorpe which we won fairly easily but it was a great blow that V. A. Marsh injured his ankle and was unable to compete in the rest of the season. But this would almost certainly have been selected for the County team.

At the Berkshire Schools' Championships, Blair again jumped over 20 feet, Talbot won the discus, and S. A. Marsh won the Under 15 quarter mile surprisingly easily in 56.7 secs. R. K. Gregson (2nd in Under 17 half mile), T. A. Marsh, C. R. Winfield, N. J. P. Bell, D. J. Aplin, R. M. Kirby, P. W. Liversidge, A. E. Johnson, P. E. Gibbs and C. J. Corps were all placed in their events, and no less than seven members of the School helped North Berks to gain two first places and one second place in the three relays.

Blair and S. A. Marsh were later invited to represent Berkshire at the All England Schools' Championships at Hull. Blair was placed sixth in the final of the Under 17 Long Jump with a leap of 20 feet 11½ inches which is 1 foot 2½ inches further than National Standard. S. A. Marsh finished 3rd in his heat of the Under 15 Quarter Mile and so was eliminated, but his time of 54.9 secs. was 0.1 secs. inside National Standard. It is rather ironical that the two boys who beat him in his heat later gained 1st and 2nd places in the Final.

The Club would like to place on record their sincere thanks to Larkmead and Fitzharry's Schools who have allowed us to use all their athletics facilities throughout the term. We are also indebted to Radley College and Culham Training College for very valuable afternoon spent by some of our members on their tracks.

*4th June, 1962. Match v. Pocklington and Stamford Schools
(at Pocklington).*

- 100 yards: 1—Ewan (P), 10.5; 2—Thompson (S); 5—Blair; 6—Talbot.
- 220 yards: 1—Ewan (P), 23.3; 2—Thompson (S); 4—Talbot; 6—Blair.
- 440 yards: 1—V. Marsh, 53.2; 2—Haynes (P); 3—Kirby & Simpson (P).
- 880 yards: 1—Cross (P), 2:1.5; 2—Smith (S); 3—Gregson; 4—Day (P).
- Mile: 1—Cross (P), 4:48.4; 2—Aplin; 3—Day (P); 5—Gregson
- High Jump: 1—Masser (P), 5:10½; 2—Buckton (P); 3—Nelson; 4—Johnson.
- Long Jump: 1—Ewan (P), 20:1; 2—Hughes (P); 3—Hall; 4—Pugh (S).
- Shot: 1—Kirby (P), 45:8½; 2—Madderson (P); 3—Bosley; 4—Talbot.
- Discus: 1—Kirby (P), 135:11; 2—T. Marsh; 3—Madderson; 5—Talbot.
- Javelin: 1—Garside (P), 153:0½; 2—Glover (S); 3—T. Marsh
6—Kirby.
- Relay: 1—Pocklington, 45.5; 2—Stamford; 3—Abingdon.
- Match Result: 1—Pocklington 112½; 2—Abingdon 44½; 3—Stamford 41.

R.H.B

SWIMMING

The season began with a bout of cold weather so that swimming did not start in earnest until after two weeks of term had gone by. From the beginning, however, we concentrated upon a scheme to teach every non-swimmer in the School to swim and largely owing to Mr. Coleman's efforts a high degree of success was obtained. Moreover the Life Saving

exams, held on the last Thursday of term, were one hundred per cent successful in spite of atrocious weather. The following awards were gained:

Silver Awards: R. H. M. BurrIDGE; A. W. Foster.

Bronze Cross Award: J. M. Beare; P. S. McK. Ramsey; P. G. Sheard; R. C. White.

Instructor's Award: R. C. H. Moorshead; R. C. White.

Bronze Medallion: D. J. Aplin; E. N. Broadway; J. J. F. Burn; J. C. R. Burbank; P. E. Cable; D. G. Clubley; A. J. Elliott; T. I. Hall; M. C. G. Holloway; R. B. Hicks; D. J. Jessett; C. D. Le Voi; P. W. Liversidge; W. R. Lynn-Robinson; R. H. Meakins, T. R. Morris; R. J. Ormerod; T. D. Paige; T. J. Rawlins; R. D. Schuck; N. A. G. Spackman; A. F. Stewart; D. H. Willis; S. R. Wilson; and Intermediate Certificates to R. A. Egelstaff; J. S. Elks and J. D. Urwick.

The Swimming Sports were held on the afternoon of Wednesday, 5th July, the Certificates and Prizes being presented by Miss Margaret Hobbold. Although the Seniors were not very well represented the performance of the Juniors was most promising. This bodes well for the future.

Results

Open Free Style, 2 lengths:

1—B. R. Rosevear, 28.5 (Record); 2—P. W. Liversidge; 3—G. T. Milford-Scott.

Junior Diving:

1—T. J. Rawlins; 2—G. Walkinshaw; 3—R. D. B. Schuck.

Under 16 Breast Stroke, 4 lengths:

1—M. C. G. Holloway, 1:36.6; 2—G. Walkinshaw; 3—J. B. Morgan.

Open Free Style, 4 lengths:

1—B. R. Rosevear, 1:14.9 (equals record); 2—P. W. Liversidge; 3—T. R. Morris.

Under 14 Back Stroke, 2 lengths:

1—C. M. B. Wharton, 36.0 (record); 2—A. N. R. Wharton; 3—R. Crothers.

Open Breast Stroke, 4 lengths:

1—T. R. Morris, 1:31.0; 2—G. T. Milford-Scott; 3—R. B. Hicks.

Under 16 Free Style, 4 lengths:

1—R. D. B. Schuck, 1:18.5 (record); 2—J. J. F. Burn; 3—D. J. Brown.

Senior Diving:

1—T. J. Rawlins; 2—P. G. Sheard; 3—G. Walkinshaw.

Open Back Stroke, 4 lengths:

1—G. T. Milford-Scott; 2—E. D. J. Hunter; 3—R. C. White.

Under 14 Breast Stroke, 2 lengths:

1—C. M. B. Wharton, 40.0 (record); 2—A. N. R. Wharton; 3—T. J. Rawlins.

Open Free Style, 10 lengths:

1 B. R. Rosevear, 3:56.2; 2—E. D. J. Hunter; 3—R. H. M. BurrIDGE

Under 16 Back Stroke, 2 lengths:

1—C. M. B. Wharton, 36.6 (record); 2—A. N. R. Wharton; 3—R. D. B. Schuck.

Under 14 Free Style, 2 lengths:

1—J. J. F. Burn, 33.0 (record); 2—C. M. B. Wharton; 3—R. D. B. Schuck.

Open Breast Stroke, 10 lengths:

1—T. R. Morris, 4:24.8; 2—P. W. Liversidge; 3—R. N. Carter.

Junior Relay, 4 x 1 length:

1—Tesdale, 1: 8.3; 2—Reeves; 3—Blacknall.

Senior Medley Relay, 4 x 1 length:

—Bennett, 1:7.6; 2—Tesdale; 3—Blacknall.

Green Cup—Bennett House; Elliot Cup—C. M. B. Wharton; Becke Cup (10 lengths Free Style)—B. R. Rosevear.

R.F.W.E

COMBINED CADET FORCE

ARMY SECTION

This year for the first time there was no question of using the Summer Field Day as a final practice for the Army Proficiency exam; what was done instead was to attempt to put right some of the deficiencies in field training which had come to light during the Basic test exam, held at the end of the Lent term. That this practice was much needed was shown by the complete ignorance revealed by many recruits at the start of the day of the principle of fire and movement! While these elementary exercises were being carried out by B Coy., the Specialist Section of A Coy. spent the day training with O.U.O.T.C. or on the Civil Defence training range.

The Annual Inspection on 22nd July was carried out by Capt. F. B. F. Brayne Nicholls, D.S.C., R.N., Director of Naval Training at the

Admiralty. The standard achieved in the ceremonial parade and on training compared favourably with that of recent years; we can perhaps quote more suitably from the official report: "Bearing and turn out was of a high standard. Arms drill and marching both good and the parade as a whole was well above the average C.C.F. standard . . . Cadet N.C.O.'s appear to be keen and capable of carrying out basic instruction."

In three respects, the term's work was disappointing: a couple of visits which had been planned were abandoned for lack of support; our range allocation was again insufficient to provide reasonable opportunities for practice; while at the end of term, when a re-test examination had been arranged for those cadets who had failed the Army Proficiency in March, five candidates absented themselves from the examination with only the poorest of reasons in explanation. The last week of term is a rushed time, we know, and we cannot in a future year repeat this experiment. Exam. candidates please note! Get it in the bag first time.

Annual Camp: Mons O.C.S., Aldershot

Quantitatively, a new low in terms of numbers attending — 6 officers and a mere 35 cadets. Qualitatively, not a new high perhaps, but certainly a camp most enjoyable in every respect except for the final fury of the elements. This and the hard fact of Bank Holiday again put paid to our hopes of range work. We had been allotted the range on two successive days, the Monday and the Tuesday. The first of these was lost because the range staff needed a holiday; the second was ruined by the weather. A pity that we should have had to finish up so tamely!

For the rest, training was carried out according to plan and indeed more comprehensively than planned. A 72 hour arduous exercise, limited by our equipment to 16 boys, was heavily over-subscribed. The volunteers included all the Junior cadets in the Contingent; it was therefore arranged to hold an additional 24 hour exercise covering part of the ground used in the main one to give some satisfaction to the young blood and to give them the feel of this kind of experience. Both parties had a spell of heavy rain during their time out, not enough to lower their morale but sufficient to make them appreciate the comforts of their plush barrack-rooms and substantial meals at family tables. Not that feeding in the field had been very arduous since we were lucky enough to get 24 hour packs devised for parachutists and ideal for individual feeding. When not engaged in an arduous exercise, cadets were able to get in a fair bit of practice at Section and Platoon attacks — arts which we get so little opportunity to practise in term-time.

A good camp, a pleasant set of boys in the Contingent and largely self disciplined — in the words of one Patrol leader reporting on his experiences during the 72 hour exercise, "they all worked well and without complaint, and took orders without question."

It is worth recording that the small number of Cadets who preferred to attend the R.A. C.C.F. Camp at Larkhill, which coincided with our main camp, not only enjoyed themselves, but did well. The Headmaster received a letter from Southern Command to this effect, in which special commendation was given to Bdr. M. R. Morris who "did very well and reached a high technical standard."

S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

Much of the summer term was given up to preparations for our Annual Inspection, involving refurbishing of Headquarters and Boats, the construction of an Obstacle Course in the dell, and practice for the Ceremonial Parade. After the inspection, G.C.E. commitments prevented any very serious work being done for Naval examinations, and we have left these until the Michaelmas term. The Inspection, carried out this time by a Naval Officer, Captain F. B. P. Brayne-Nicholls, D.S.C., R.N., went off quite well.

Once again Lieutenant-Commander Lees arranged our Field Day for us, and those of us who were able to make the journey to Portsmouth very much enjoyed a day at sea in an M.F.V., where we learned some navigation and helmsmanship. When Lieutenant-Commander Lees leaves H.M.S. Sultan, as now seems imminent, we shall miss him very much indeed. He has done a very great deal for the Section, and we are very grateful indeed to him.

For our annual training this year six cadets and one officer went down to Dartmouth to spend a week in the Royal Naval College. It was an excellent week's training. There were many other Schools there, and everybody was mixed in together. The cadets' time was fully occupied, from P.T. at 6.30 a.m. until about half-past seven in the evening. There was a variety of lectures, and films, and practical work; there was plenty of boatwork, though the weather interfered with the programme in this respect, as it did with the days at sea in H.M.S. Brearley, so that some boys had to miss their full share of these activities, but this was unavoidable. Rain also caused the banyan arranged for Bank Holiday to be cancelled and a treasure hunt substituted, in connection with which it is unwise to mention the word 'ramps' to certain of the cadets. Other evening activities included a race round the Assault Course, a swimming gala, and a night Practical Leadership Exercise, involving a twelve mile walk. There was also a sailing and pulling regatta. In addition to the C.C.F. cadets, there were a large number of Naval Scholars, among whom it was pleasant to meet again S. A. J. Richardson (O.A.).

Altogether a valuable experience for all, and we are very grateful to all those who were responsible for organising and running it.

L.C.J.G.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

This has been a varied term. In the first few weeks, Proficiency Examinations and the Annual Inspection preparations were in strong competition for pride of place. Results in both were satisfactory, and in the Examinations we maintained our record of 100% success rate with a valuable crop of distinctions.

We had a good term of out-of-door activities. Field Day took the form of a reconnaissance and initiative test and yielded some excellent results. We also paid the first of our scheduled visits to R.A.F. Abingdon, and were grateful to the same source for providing a course in dinghy-drill. However, the greatest plum of the year was when R.A.F. Abingdon flew us to and from an excellent camp in the Isle of Man.

We have already had a number of ins and outs, and in the latter connection our thanks are due to the two sergeants who are leaving, L. A. Edwards and P. G. Sheard, who have done so much to put the Section on a sound basis.

P.F.E.

SCOUTS

(34th North Berks)

This term has been probably the busiest in the history of the Troop. Some six weekend camps were held at Frilford enabling all those who wished to have at least two nights under canvas. The main theme was cooking and the general organisation of one night camping. The standard of menu rose so much that it was almost unrecognisable from that of a year previous, and a roast joint for Sunday lunch was the order of the day. As a contrast Field Day at Cothill was one of relaxation from training and one or two extensive wide games were played.

Six of the patrol leaders and seconds attended the District course for patrol leaders, and when the time for the District Camp Competition held at Youldbury camp, two patrols were entered. Panthers under Schuck were awarded the District Flag and Beavers under Bradfield came equal second one point behind. Panthers then went forward to represent North Berks in the County Competition at Ascot. Here they put in another good effort and were awarded second place. This was most praiseworthy achievement. The Panther patrol was R. D. Schuck, A. D. T. Carr, I. L. M. Carr, V. A. Ramsey, B. H. Ford and W. K. Ainter.

Meanwhile behind the scenes the purchase of a hut and the permission to erect it were being achieved, and it is to be hoped that it will be in a weather-proof working condition by next term. Its site on Lower Field should give the Troop a focus and the privacy that it needs.

The summer camp was held near Burley in the New Forest during the first ten days of August. Owing to the purchase of a new pioneer tent four patrols were able to camp, plus four Seniors, making this the largest of summer camps to date. The camp site was an ideal one, on a wide strip of grassland which stretched for most of a mile. It was bounded on one side by the forest, which provided unlimited firewood for cooking and camp fires; on the other side was a small stream, which was damned to make quite a good swimming place. The rough open country was ideal for map and compass work and for practice in stalking. There were two wide games and two camp-fires, to which were invited other Scout troops camping nearby.

That the camp was so successful was largely due to the helpfulness of the Seniors: the Quartermaster did his job especially well too. The Troop owes a vote of thanks to Mr. B. Witt of Mill Lawn, who helped in so many ways.

This report must end on a note of grateful appreciation. Over the last two or three years Richard Welch has rendered inestimable service as Quatermaster and the Troop wishes him all good fortune for the future.

J.B./M.N.W.

MUSIC NOTES

Paradoxically, there is less to report after the busiest term of the year than after the Michaelmas and Lent terms. Most of the practical music in the School is directed towards the Founder's Day entertainment, a report of which appears elsewhere, and Subscription Concerts and Recitals give way to more appropriate activities on summer evenings.

The C.C.F. inspection was the first and perhaps the most successful occasion calling for music — most successful because the band hardly existed a month before the event. Thanks to the hard work of our bandmaster and to the enthusiasm of our bandsmen, the performance was more than adequate. It was most encouraging to see so many young players, a situation which bodes well for the future.

The House Music Competition brought Mr. Sawbridge back to the School for a day. His adjudication was eminently fair and his remarks very helpful. Eighty performers appeared in the first round, of whom forty remained for the final round. Reeves won all the sections and came out as the overall winners for the year, though Bennett ran them a close second. One name, that of N. P. Loukes, deserves particular mention — his arrangement of the set pieces for Reeves' orchestra was quite first-rate.

Several members of the School have listened, sung and played outside the School. The Chapel Choir made their annual visit to Winchester Cathedral to take part in the R.S.C.M. Festival Evensong there; a party

ent to the final rehearsal of Handel's "Floridante" in the Unicorn theatre; there were expeditions to the Abingdon Musical Society concert and to one of the London "Proms"; and four boys took part in a chamber music course in Drayton during the first few days of the summer holiday.

The following Associated Board Examination results were gained during the term:—

Piano: Ruck, G. (I), Cockcroft, G. M. (II), Hubbard, A. (II), Macdonald, G. (II), Hallett, I. (III, with merit), Jessett, R. (IV), Bennett, R. (V), Howlett, F. (V), Spencer, J. D. (VIII, with distinction).

Violin: Halling, L. (I), Poole, K. (I), Gillespie, R. (II), Jessett, R. (II), Hampton, M. (II, with merit), Denny, C. (III), Walkinshaw, G. (III), Jamieson, C. (III, with merit), Halstead, D. (III), Thornton, J. (V).

Viola: Cox, C. (II).

Clarinet: Llewellyn, L. (IV with merit).

NEVERS

If a school expedition returns with fewer members than it had on departure, it may well be considered a failure. By this criterion, the school exchange with the Lycée Jules Renard in Nevers, France, was a unqualified success as we left with nineteen and returned with twenty — one person missed the coach at Abingdon.

We left at 6 a.m. on the 7th of August and arrived at Victoria in good time for the train. Until we left Folkestone, the journey was uneventful for all but our missing member, who just failed to catch up in London after a frantic journey by taxi and tube. The crossing was very rough indeed (gale force 9 as we boasted afterwards), and two of the party (nameless of course), changed colour considerably before reaching Boulogne. Crossing Paris, by Metro, was easy at 5 p.m. and we arrived safely, though very tired, in Nevers at 9.45 p.m., our missing member arriving the following evening after making the journey alone.

As the party split up to stay with various families during the three weeks in France, it is difficult to report on our activities there. To judge from the sad farewells and the babel of conversation when we met again to return, everyone was entertained very generously indeed. Some of the party even had a holiday within a holiday with a week or more on the Atlantic coast.

Although we numbered forty on the return journey, it too was not difficult, and the Channel was a good deal flatter! We arrived home

an hour late, at 11 p.m., after some difficulty over finding the coaches at Victoria.

The French party are in Abingdon at the time of writing, and we wish them as pleasant a stay as they were kind enough to give us.

It would be ungracious not to add that the welcome simplicity of the journeys was due almost entirely to the exceptionally good and co-operative behaviour of the party who did all they could to keep together and invariably kept our rendezvous after being unleashed for a while whenever we had some time to wait.

Long may our Entente très Cordiale continue.

G.M.F

HIGH AND LOW

Whatever your taste, there was something for you on Tuesday, 24th July. While the Fifth formers continued to work on their projects, the rest of the School dispersed into numerous excursions. Altogether fifteen coaches left the gravel for all points of the compass. Many of the excursions were Society outings and accounts of their doings will be found elsewhere. General middle and lower school groups included visits to the Planetarium, Madame Tussauds and the Palace of Westminster, where our Member kindly acted as guide. Other places of interest visited included Woburn Abbey, Berkeley Castle and the Wild Fowl Trust at Slimbridge; while some very active people went for a twenty mile hike in the Cotswolds. Traditionally most of the First formers went for the Ridgeway walk along the Downs.

Projects this year maintained their very high quality although there appeared to be a little dropping off in the quantity of written reports. Subjects were as varied as usual, but more consideration might have been given to what is topical and original. Prizes were awarded as follows:-

Written Projects: An Act of Faith — Coventry Cathedral by M. J. Giddings, T. R. Giddings and T. J. Havelock.

Work about the Grounds: Erection of the Scout Hut by R. P. Welch.

Work in the Laboratory: Reflection of Heat and Sound by D. F. K. Smith.

On the night of Saturday, 21st July, a number of very senior boys were dropped south of the Downs after a blind-folded car journey. Five hours later saw most of them within hailing distance of School and only A. J. C. Leatham, who preferred fossicking to breakfast, took more than nine hours.

M.N.W.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are extremely grateful to Mr. Rudd and R. E. Eason, O.A., for the gift of a considerable number of books, those of the former including a number of very interesting old maps. Mrs. Raymont has kindly sent some letters written by her son, Major (then Lt.) O. T. M. Raymont, on his voyage to West Africa in 1935. We shall treasure them among the archives. Our sincere thanks also to Rev. D. H. Wheaton, O.A., for the recently published *Dictionary of the Bible* to which he contributed several articles; to Capt. Hugh Leach, O.A., for *Arabian Sands*; to John Mason High School for *The Concise Dictionary of National Geography*; and for Leaving Books from Miss Cobbald (*Lore and Language of Children*), David Weir (a very fine copy of *Godwyn's Romanes*), C. G. Purnell (*Molecules and Crystals*), Bryan Winkett (*Comparative Grammar of Greek and Latin, Bucolici Graeci*, and *venal the Satirist*) and N. H. Finney (*The Oxford Book of Quotations*).

G.F.D.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

The Summer term began with a paper by A. J. Oxley entitled "The Problem of South Africa." It was a predominantly factual essay, which gave a geographical and historical account of South Africa since its colonization by the Dutch up to the present day, focussing attention on the relations between black and white populations. The subsequent discussion exposed the illogicalities of apartheid. The policy of the National Party, although more humane, was found impracticable since it failed to safeguard the interests of the white population. Events have indeed to have reached an impasse in South Africa.

The subject of the second paper was man's extravagance in wasting the earth's mineral and food resources and the population explosion. The paper was entitled "Controlled exploitation — a problem of population." The author, J. M. Talbot, pointed to the unequal distribution of wealth between the nations of the world, and showed that we were quickly exhausting the supplies of raw materials in the earth's crust. He next turned his attention to the problem of maintaining an adequate food supply for the world's population. Eugenic policy dominated the interesting discussion that followed in which Russia, China and the Scandinavian countries figured prominently.

For the final meeting of the year the Headmaster invited the Society to accompany him to a performance of the "Mikado" by the Sadlers Wells Opera Company, at the New Theatre, Oxford. Afterwards the prefects of School House entertained us to an excellent dinner.

We have been pleased to welcome David Weir to the Society this year. The success of the past year has been due very largely to the generosity of the Headmaster and his household, and to them we offer our sincere thanks.

A.M.Q.K.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Following the normal practice of the Summer term, only two meetings were held. The first of these, early in June, gave senior members of the Society an opportunity to learn at first hand about the kind of life experienced by those fortunate enough to take part in the Voluntary Service Overseas Scheme. For this we have to thank Mr. David Marti of Brasenose College, Oxford, who, assisted by a colleague, told us of the trials and joys of living in the E. African bush — an amusing and instructive afternoon.

The second meeting was on 20th July when Dr. Henri Tajfel, University lecturer in psychology, spoke on "Prejudice." As was to be expected, his subject was concerned in the main with the question of race relations. It was interesting to be shown the steps by which prejudice is built up, and Dr. Tajfel's personal anecdotes were especially appreciated. The number of good questions put to the speaker at the end of the meeting was indicative of the success of his talk.

B.R.I.

LITERARY SOCIETY

At the first meeting of a term which has been full of activity, P. J. Webb defended Georgian Poetry briefly but quite effectively. Later in the term the Chairman, D. Weir, read an extremely instructive paper on "The Novel." We would extend our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Varne for entertaining the Society for this meeting. The last meeting of the term was held at Mr. and Mrs. Fairlie's house for which we also warmly thank them. J. J. Mackenzie read a very interesting paper entitled "The Romantic Imagination", basing his conclusions upon Byron, Shelley, Wordsworth and Keats.

The term was concluded with a visit to Arnold Wesker's "Chips with Everything." Understandably opinions were mixed, the main criticism being that the ideas were not original but had merely been renovated in a new setting. This was not entirely valid, however, and a realist and slick production made up for any deficiencies in theme or plot.

During the term the Society has fostered the publication of "Etcetera" P. J. Webb, as editor, was almost entirely responsible for assembling the material, but G. T. Milford-Scott and R. Rowson worked extremely hard to produce an attractive and presentable magazine.

This term we reluctantly say goodbye to the Chairman and the Sponsor. We all thank Mr. Stratford for his advice and practical assistance as both Sponsor of the Society and advisory editor of "Etcetera" and wish him every success at Kimbolton.

R.K.M.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

Quite unintentionally it appears that the theme of the Society meetings in the Summer term has been reconstruction.

At the first meeting, on 11th May, we were privileged to have Mr. R. M. Reece, whom we knew as a student master from the Lent term, to address us. He gave an illustrated lecture entitled "Iona". Mr. Reece, who has acted as a guide on the island, divided his lecture into three sections — past, present and future. Under the first heading he outlined the history of religious settlement on the island. He went on to describe the activities of the Iona Community, especially the rebuilding of the monastery and finally their plans for the years to come.

On 15th June the Society visited Coventry. After viewing the exterior of the old and new Cathedrals, the party was fortunate to be given an introductory talk by Canon Patey. This was followed by a quick look round the Cathedral, which was impeded by the vast crowds, but was nevertheless enjoyable. At mid-day there was an organ recital in the Cathedral, by Francis Jackson of York Minster. This was attended by the party, as was a production of "The Mysteries" in the old Cathedral ruins later in the day. After this, the Society returned much impressed by their visit.

In conclusion we must congratulate J. Bowthorpe on his election to Secretary of the Society for next year.

A.J.O.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the term, Dr. J. Landels, M.A., of Reading University, spoke on "How to read sand by Archimedes", to the whole of the Sixth Form. Intended to show the work of Archimedes, the talk was illustrated with his ideas on how to calculate the size of the Universe; how to measure the distance between the sun and the earth; and even how to calculate the number of grains of sand needed to fill the universe; in all, providing us with a thoroughly enjoyable lecture.

C. D. Turnbull, at the second meeting on 1st June, read a paper on "Alchemy." The meeting was a great success due to the authoritative account given by the speaker, relating to us the discoveries and work of the alchemists, including their search for the philosopher's stone.

On the 29th July, at the last meeting, the films "Principles of the Transistor" and "The Spectrograph" were shown.

A.C.L.F.

DEBATING SOCIETY

At the first meeting M. S. Ford, seconded by W. H. Finney, proposed that "The Day of the Aristocracy is past." The opposer and his seconder, K. W. R. Dixon and N. A. Edwards, were able to convince the House of the value of this section of society and the motion was narrowly defeated.

The last meeting of term saw four members of the Lower Sixth, three of them maiden speakers, speak on the motion "That this House believes television is for the masses." The motion was successfully carried by F. C. A. Exon and his seconder R. A. Stewart, in spite of the eloquence of J. D. Spencer who opposed the motion and M. S. Ford who seconded the opposition.

C.R.W.

THE CRITICS

Since so many of our members had heavy examination commitment this term, we have had no regular meetings. However, we finished our yearly activities by travelling to London on Tuesday, 24th July to see "Photo Finish" by Peter Ustinov at the Saville Theatre. Undoubtedly one of the geniuses of our age, Peter Ustinov combines a rare ability for writing, acting and producing; and when an opportunity arises of witnessing a combination of these talents, as in "Photo Finish", it is not to be missed.

A word of thanks to Mr. Alston who accompanied us in the absence of our Sponsor, Mr. Holloway.

C.J.D.

THE SYMPOSIUM

A. J. C. Leatham read a paper entitled "Juvenile Delinquency" at the first meeting of term. In this he outlined the psychology of the delinquent and the problems imposed on society by them. At the second meeting of term P. G. Sheard read a fascinating and searching paper entitled "The psychology and cure of Alcoholism." The Symposium welcomed a number of guests including T. G. K. Fairhead, Esq., who spoke at some length on the subject of "Design." There was unfortunately little time for discussion on a subject of universal importance.

On 24th July, the Symposium were able to see Sheridan's "School for Scandal" at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket. The brilliant production of this play satisfactorily terminated the year's activities.

C.R.W.

THE FORUM

Only one meeting was held this term and at this we were very pleased to welcome Mr. Willis, our sponsor, who joined in our discussion. The Pilkington Report was the obvious starting point. In general the Forum agreed with the report's findings, emphasising the responsibility on the shoulders of both the I.T.A. and the B.B.C., and deploring much of the advertising on the commercial channel which either acts as an aphrodisiac or appeals to man's baser emotions.

There was great disagreement on the subject of the D.Litt. awarded at Oxford to Charlie Chaplain. After a violent debate, a vote was taken and by the narrowest of margins it was decided that the award was justified. Nurses' pay and Dr. Beeching were further topics, and we finished off the meeting by voicing our opinions on the School's decision to let all 'A' level candidates have a free week before the exams. We all, naturally, thought this an admirable idea, but hoped that in future years boys would not be brought back for one or two periods a day. This destroyed the whole idea of the system, wasting both time in travelling and preparation and disrupting any form of revision timetable.

D.W.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the Summer term Mr. M. E. Shoenberg of the Olympia Business Machines Company Limited came to show members how to get more out of the School's machine. He brought with him 6 small calculating machines with which was had a very interesting afternoon.

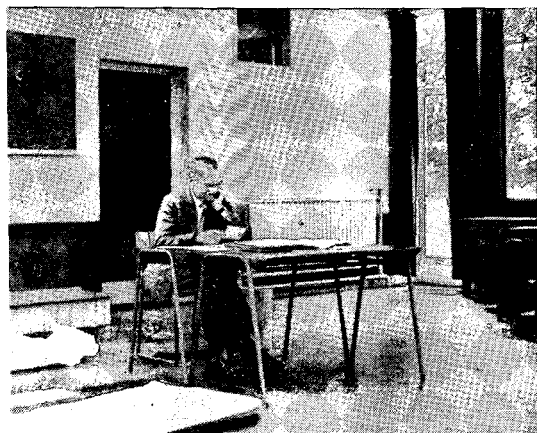
Apart from one business meeting, the rest of the Society's activities were concentrated on Excursion Day and Founder's Day.

Twelve members of the Society spent a very enjoyable afternoon at the Hydraulics Research Station at Wallingford. The visit opened with a film of the Station's activities, after which we inspected various research projects including harbour models and wave-making machines.

On Founder's Day the Society offered many mathematical diversions to those interested, including fallacies, teaching machines, a monorail, Fletcher's trolley (in illustrating Newton's 2nd law of motion it had an unexpected connexion with the morning's sermon), a double pendulum for drawing Lissajon's figures, and three types of calculating machines.

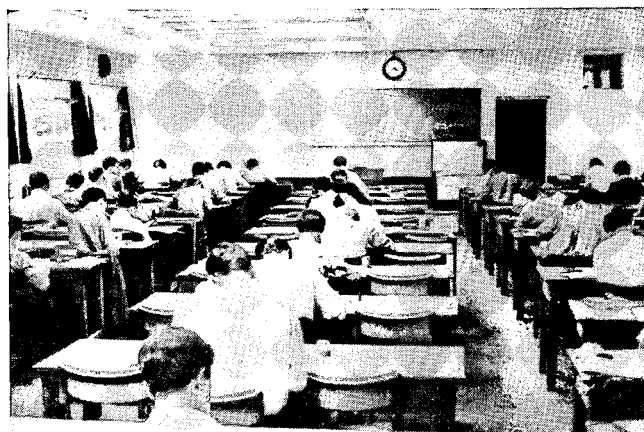
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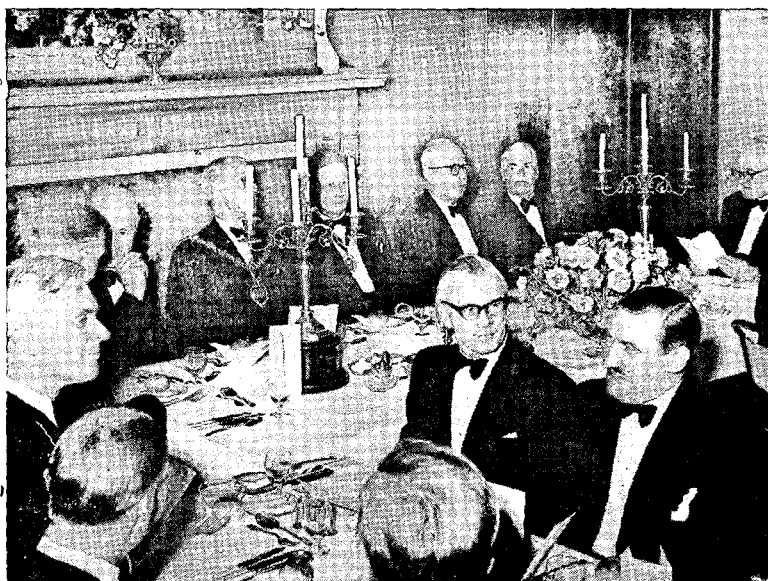
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8.15 p.m. JUNE 16th



9.30 a.m. JULY

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CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

During this term the ringers of Culham College and members of the own band have been invited to join us, and indeed they have made our ringing sessions more enjoyable. In connexion with these fortnightly practices, we are very grateful indeed to Mrs. Dixon for giving up valuable time to help us and keep a watchful eye over us. We thank as well the Rev. J. H. S. Dixon for the use of his bells, without which we could not get very far, and Miss Cross of Radley for drilling us into shape for our Founder's Day ringing. In accordance with our custom, the bells of St. Nicolas were rung also for the School Leavers' Service held there.

C.C.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

We have tried this term to gear our meetings to the 'A' level syllabus. This meant that we spent two meetings early on in the term reading and discussing Corneille's "Polyeucte." At a third and subsidiary meeting, to which all 'A' level French candidates were invited, we discussed "Père Goriot" and "Athalie" — a play which at least two members thought nearer to an epic than a classical tragedy (an idea which incidentally came up as an essay question in the 'A' level paper!).

Our final meeting was held after the examinations. P. J. Leather had a paper about the lives and works of selected authors. He dealt briefly and factually with several of the leading lights in both French and German literature.

It is our pleasant duty to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip most warmly for their excellent support and most generous entertainment. May I so, as retiring secretary, welcome R. W. Ellaway who will fill this position next year, and wish him every success.

D.W.

FILM SOCIETY

Apparent cessation of activities does not mean that the Society is gone to ground. The Michaelmas term's programme has already been arranged. This shows something of international flavour, including cartoons from France, Canada and Poland. Not all of the five programmes will include features. We shall be showing one programme comprising two documentaries "This is the B.B.C." and a French film, "Volcano."

We hope that by planning the Michaelmas term's meetings early, members will be able to arrange their leaves accordingly and so not miss any of the meetings.

M.J.E.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Founder's Day Photographic Exhibition this year was generally considered to be the best within memory. Mr. H. D. Tait, ex-Chairman of the Didcot Camera Club judged the exhibits on Friday, 27th July. Prizes were awarded for the winning enlargements and colour slides.

Mr. Tait kindly visited us on two occasions earlier in the term: on 18th May he showed us some exhibition prints of a high standard; on 20th July he discussed with us, and criticised, members' colour slides. As these meetings were valuable and instructive, and gave an insight into the type of entry likely to win competitions.

D.C.S.V.

SAILING CLUB

This has been the Sailing Club's third season, and the first without a generation of enthusiastic founder members. However, the younger members of the Club have come forward and proved themselves both keen and very valuable helmsmen. About half the Club have passed the coxwain's test and are competent to handle the boats by themselves. We have sailed two matches this term; in the first against Radley College on the Tuckwell pits we were badly defeated, a number of our boats falling before the onslaughts of a very heavy wind and then of a storm of protests. Although still not successful we did much better against the junior team of the Abbey Club, with whom we had our first experience of river sailing. A third match against Bloxham School had to be cancelled because of chicken pox. We hope to continue sailing during the holidays and into next term.

A.J.V

ARTS CIRCLE

This term several meetings were held, and although the attendance was only moderate the Society appears to have become permanent. During the term a specially prepared note on the paintings and drawing in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, was distributed.

The highlight of the term's activities was the excursion held on Tuesday, 24th July, to Birmingham. A party was shown round the Barber Institute, the department dealing with Fine Arts Research in Birmingham University, by Professor E. K. Waterhouse, C.B.E., the Society's patron. This was especially interesting since we were shown the administrative and other departments of the Institute, as well as the galleries. The party then passed on to the City Museum and Art Gallery.

M.J.H.F

JAZZ CLUB

The first meeting of the term was held on the 1st of June in the Young Room at 4.15 p.m. Unfortunately there were not many people present for W. M. Jamieson's talk on Bix Beiderbecke's music, aptly illustrated with some recordings.

Because the attendance at this meeting seemed very poor we decided to enlarge our membership from twenty to thirty. It was therefore pleasing at our second meeting which we held on Lacies Court lawn on 6th of July to have some twenty members present. Using a battery gramophone we had a very successful and enjoyable meeting, in the fine weather. We played some Gillespie recordings and an interesting discussion ensued. On the 20th of July we held an informal meeting but not many members could come because of examinations and other Society commitments. However, the meeting was well enjoyed by those present and was a suitable end to a profitable term.

A.W.

CHESS CLUB

This term has seen the introduction of the Junior and Senior Chess Leagues, for the keener members of the Club. It was felt that this arrangement was superior to the normal knockout system.

The only fixture was a simultaneous display given by Adrian Hollis, Captain of Oxford University Chess Club, and a member of the English Team. Although his opposition included Mr. Tyson and three members

of the 1st VI, he succeeded in winning all 12 games. It is hoped that this will be the first of many similar visits.

The results of Championship competitions during the past year are as follows:—

Michaelmas term: Senior—T. J. King; Junior—P. H. Blackburn.

Lent term: Senior—J. B. Goodman; Junior—P. H. Goodman.

Summer term: Senior—J. B. Goodman; Junior—J. Burton.

J.B.G.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

This term we held two important meetings. The first was a talk on test piloting by Mr. Duncan Simpson, a production test pilot at Hawker Aircraft Ltd. His talk was illustrated with a film of the Hunter T.7.

The second was the outing on Excursion Day to the Army Air Corps Centre at Middle Wallop. Twelve members were privileged in being taken for a tour of the Middle Wallop locality at heights between twenty and one hundred feet in Auster A.O.P.9s. The remainder of the party learnt some of the aspects of the Army Air Corps.

A.J.L.

THE HOLIDAY CLUB

In addition to the normal fixtures for the Easter Holidays we played an Abingdon Hockey XI on the 25th April. A fast moving and exciting game ended appropriately in a draw 0—0.

The football match against Abingdon Minors which was to have been played on the 25th April, unfortunately had to be cancelled. On the 17th, however, a fast and attacking rugby game was played against an Abingdon R.F.C. XV and it was good to see the Holiday Club each getting much of their own way against bigger and far more experienced players. The Town won 19—10 and the game was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

M.S.F.

THE TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

At the inaugural meeting members were given an opportunity to put forward suggestions and to decide on the aims and functions of the Society, also a list was made of the tape recorders belonging to members. This was followed by a film loaned by B.A.S.F. Chemicals, entitled "The Magic Tape", which dealt with the uses of tape in an interesting way.

As the Society came into existence half way through the term it was not possible to have one meeting. However, this deficiency was well remedied by an interesting and amusing talk by the Society's sponsor, Mr. J. J. Horrex, on tape recording in general. The talk was illustrated with a specially prepared tape.

On Founder's Day a demonstration of equipment belonging to the members aroused interest.

We owe our thanks to Mr. Horrex for his active encouragement and support in our first term.

M.C.J.

JUNIOR KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

This term the Society has held a project competition. The prize-winning essay was written by M. A. Cockerill of 2X on "Numismatics."

There were two indoor meetings when members gave short talks and the project essays were read.

The term finished with a trip to London to visit the Science and Aviation Museums.

L.P.H

JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the beginning of the term members of the Society attended an interesting lecture on "St. Edmund of Abingdon" in the Unicorn Theatre. After the lecture the Rev. J. Moore showed slides and talked about the conversion of a tythe-barn into a very attractive church at Northcourt.

There have been three meetings this term. We were very grateful to the Chaplain for attending the last meeting, when the Secretary (A. P. Fawcett) talked on "Coventry Cathedral, Rebuilt."

On Tuesday, 24th July we had a very successful Summer excursion to the Tower of London, and during our 3 hour visit we found the Armouries in the White Tower the main attraction.

For the second time we held an Exhibition in the Summers Room on Founder's Day, which was very well attended.

A.P.I

MODEL BOAT CLUB

The climax of the term's activities, of which there have not been many, was the Founder's Day display. This was reasonably successful. This year it was held in the Layng Room and was less cramped. The high-lights of the show were two good sized launches owned by Mr. Spencer and A. Rogers. One of these was in full working order. There was also a collection box for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

M.G.J

CAMPING CLUB

At the first meeting Hardwick and Barrett spoke on a tour made, on bicycles, in the West Country, and P. Henderson gave a most amusing account of a hike through the Highlands.

On the Friday after Half-term, M. Bisby lectured on a 24-hour hike which he had made over the holiday, around the three Peaks in the Pennines.

Most of the Society's members are camping during the Summer holidays, and will return to give an account of their wanderings next term.

M.A.B./P.J.H

PLAY READING SOCIETY

From Marlowe to Anhouilh — a long jump made this term in our reading, and a highly satisfactory jump. Our contrasting programme was typified in the first meeting on 6th May when we read 'Salome' by Oscar Wilde and 'The Proposal' by Tchekhov, both of which were thoroughly appreciated. Marlowe's "Tamburlaine" came next on 27th May, being read with energy and enthusiasm by all.

Enthusiasm was the key-note of the One-Act Play Reading Competition which was deservedly won by A. G. Fairlie's production of "The Oak Settle." We are grateful to Mr. J. A. Pole for his adjudication.

On 24th June we read Anouilh's treatment of Joan of Arc in "The Ark", the part of the Saint being read with great sensitivity by T. R. Iddings.

The last meeting was a delightful romp through "Arsenic and Old Lace" in which those members who could attend enjoyed themselves, did those who went on Excursion Day to see Peter Ustinov in "Photo Finish."

Once again we are duly grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Griffin who have provided hospitality for the Society and have kept it alive all this year.
N.P.L.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG. On 8th July, 1962, to Pamela, wife of H. Clayton Armstrong (1952), a son, Simon Jeremy Clayton.

DELSTEN. On 19th March, 1962, to Jean, wife of John Edelsten (1952), a son, Nicholas David.

GREENAWAY. On 6th August, 1962, to Joan, wife of John Ewart Greenaway (1952), twin sons, Andrew Simon and Christopher Paul.

JORDAN. On 8th August, 1962, to Betty, wife of T. W. J. Jordan (1948), a daughter, Nicola Ann.

LIGHT. On 7th July, 1962, to Joan, wife of Peter Light (1954), a daughter, Bridget Anne.

RALLINGS. On 3rd February, 1962, to the wife of Michael Rallings (1956), a son, Peter John.

RAYSON. On 12th May, 1962, to Pamela, wife of John Rayson (1942), a son, William.

STOPPS. On 12th July, 1962, to Dorothy, wife of Colin E. Stopps (1951), a daughter, Julie Maria.

TARRAN-JONES. On 8th May, 1962, to the wife of Capt. Hugh Tarran-Jones (1938), a daughter.

WILLIAMS. On 30th May, 1962, at Toronto, to Edith, wife of J. R. Barry Williams (1946), a daughter, Lisa Anne.

MARRIAGES

CLEWLEY-SHERRITT. On 23rd June, 1962, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Rodney P. Clewley (1954), to Eleanor Audrey Sherritt.

CROW-WALMSLEY. On 17th April, 1962, at St. Thomas' Church, Colnbrook, Graham M. Crow (1959), to Barbara Walmsley.

PACKER-FROST. On 18th August, 1962, at Holy Trinity Church Takeley, Essex, Rev. Roger E. Packer (1955), to Miss Jill Frost.

PEMBERTON-LENKENHOFF. On 19th May, 1962, at Essen, Peter N. Pemberton (1957), to Margot Lenkenhoff.

PRATT-MILES. On 7th July, 1962, at B.A.O.R. Garrison Church Bielefeld, Capt. John R. Pratt (1955) to Annette Miles.

SMITH-SMITH. On 12th May, 1962, at St. Edmund's R.C. Church Abingdon, Michael J. Smith (1960) to Mabel Smith.

WASTIE-BAILEY. On 1st September, 1962, at St. Helen's Church Abingdon, Granville Forbes Wastie (1957), to Diana Joan Bailey.

WINTLE-MAJOR. On 15th September, 1962, at St. John's Church Stanmore, Peter Wintle (1959), to Penelope Major.

DEATH

WILLEY. On 7th August, 1962, suddenly, Edward Stanley Willey (1929-34), aged 44.

The sudden death of Stanley Willey came as a great shock to his many friends who saw him on Founder's Day as cheerful and robust as ever. At School he played for the 1st XV as a bustling forward, and in the Cricket 2nd XI. When he left he was for some time in the Abingdon Public Library but on the outbreak of war he joined the R.A.F. as navigator and reached the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He then transferred to B.O.A.C. and remained with the Corporation first as navigator and latterly as Flight Services Superintendent. To his mother and twin sons, who are still at the School, we offer our deep sympathies.

We congratulate R. F. Jackson (1939) on his appointment as Deputy Director of A.E.R.E. Harwell, and Capt. Hugh Leach (1953), R. Tank Regt., on the M.B.E. (Military Divn.) awarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, no doubt for his services in Arabia.

A. L. Fleet (1934), at present Deputy Secretary of the Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth, has been appointed Deputy Registrar of Oxford University and will take up the post next January.

Leonard Crossland (1918) is with the Milk Marketing Board and lives at Cambridge. We were sorry to hear that his brother Francis (1911-17) died some years ago.

We were very pleased to receive visits from Geoffrey Eason (1921) and Frank Bartlett (1952) accompanied by their wives. Eason is with

London County Properties of Rhodesia at Salisbury, while Bartlett is with a firm of Land Development contractors in New Zealand.

Dudley Richardson (1942) has returned to this country after completing his 4 years term as Lecturer at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, during which time he saw the inauguration of the University College of West Indies.

Barry Williams (1946), who has been domiciled in Canada since he left School, has for the last five years been Air Traffic Control Officer at Toronto International Airport. He is now married with an infant daughter.

We congratulate Brian Winkett (1958) of Pembroke, who with a 2nd Class in Greats was also successful in the Examination for the Executive Division of the Civil Service and has been assigned to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Ian Kirby (1959) also of Pembroke, gained a 2nd Class in Mathematics and is bound for a post-graduate course.

We also congratulate David Banfield (1953) who has now returned A.E.R.E. Harwell with 1st Class Honours in the Diploma of Technology in Chemical Engineering.

George Brown (1956) gained 2nd Class Hons. in Classics at Reading University and has secured a post as Systems Analyst with English Electric Co. at Kidgrove, Staffs; while George Nichol (1957), with a similar degree at the same University, has taken a teaching post.

Derek Cook (1959) has been awarded a Nuffield Scholarship to Southampton University for a Degree Course in Engineering.

Michael Humby (1953) is now with Nuffield Exports at the Piccadilly Office while Colin Calvert Fisher's post on the Service side takes him on extensive tours of the Mediterranean and Near East.

Another traveller is Nicholas Mackenzie (1959) who has recently worked his way on a nine-month's trip from Stockholm across Europe to Greece, Turkey, Palestine and home again.

Barry Gibbs (1960) with Metal Box Co., has come south again as Assistant to the Commercial Manager at the Merton factory. As well as pursuing a three year course for the Diploma of Marketing he has had a successful season with Thames R.C. being a member of the VIII which reached the Final of the Thames Cup at Henley and also won the Sprint Championship on the Serpentine.

H. E. Midwinter (1954), who is Accountant Secretary of Longworth Instrument Co., Abingdon, passed the Final Exam of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in May.

Michael Wade (1960), a trainee with Pergamon Press, Oxford, has made such a favourable impression that he is already on trial as Assistant Director for the Publicity Dept., overseeing designs for leaflets, labels and letter-headings.

Graham Griffiss (1960), late of Imperial College, is a Machine Operator with De la Rue Bull Machines Ltd. He intends to sit Part of the Statistics Finals again.

Stephen Turner (1958) is also reading Statistics at University College, London.

The Services

John Milne (1960) has been granted a Permanent Commission in the R.N. and is Sub.Lt. in H.M.S. Anzio, stationed in the Persian Gulf till the end of the year.

Paul Cross (1960) Midshipman, Britannia R.N.C. has been on term's cruise to Hong Kong.

Capt. Hugh Leach (1953), R.T.R., has returned from Arabia to his unit at Catterick.

F/O John Nichols (1955), who got his 'Wings' last May is with the Beverleys of Transport Command at Singapore. He won the singles at the Far East A.F. Tennis Championships and also the doubles with F/O Farquahson.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

Old Boys' Day, on Saturday, 16th June, was again favoured by fine summer weather. The School 1st XI won a very exciting match by 7½ runs while the 2nd XI was held to a draw. In the Tennis match the School succeeded in winning by the unexpected margin of 7½ to 1½.

The Annual General Meeting, held in the Pembroke Room is reported below, and was followed by the Annual Dinner in the Council Chamber. The President was in the Chair supported by the Mayor of Abingdon, the Deputy Mayor, the Vice-Chairman of the Governors and several other Governors and guests. John Talbot, Tony Martin and John Bunc, Captain of Cricket, represented the Present Boys. We must say here that while it was a most enjoyable and well-organised function the number of Old Boys attending was rather disappointing. Next year's Dinner will be a very special occasion, but serious thought is being given to the organisation of future dinners.

After the Loyal Toast and the toast of John Roysse the President proposed the health of the School coupled with the name of the Headmaster. Mr. Cobban replied with a brief summary of the achievements of the School in work and games during the past year, mentioning

particular the number of places gained at Oxford and Cambridge and a successful season of the Cricket XI. R. E. Eason, the President-elect, responding to his toast of the Club expressed his pleasure at renewing his official connexion with the School not only as President of the Club but also as a Governor, and pledged the full support of the Club in the Quartercentenary celebrations. To his toast of the tests, John Talbot replied in a most amusing and accomplished manner. The formal proceedings ended with the installation of the new President.

There was a large attendance of Old Boys at Morning Chapel on Monday when memorial tablets to Mr. Layng, Mr. Grundy and J. Y. Ingham were dedicated. A final gathering for coffee followed in the headmaster's garden and we offer our most appreciative thanks to the headmaster and Mary Cobban for their hospitality.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1962

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Pembroke Room at 5.45 p.m. on Saturday, 16th June, 1962. The President, Mr. A. H. Bosley, was in the Chair and 38 members were present.

Before the commencement of business the President and members stood in remembrance of Lorna Cobban and J. Y. Ingham.

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed. Members had a summary of these minutes before them and questions arose.

2. The Secretary reported a normal year marred by the loss of Lorna Cobban and J. Y. Ingham. Seventy new members were elected to the Club during the year. The Social functions were well attended and enjoyed. The Committee had two lengthy meetings covering Club interests and proposed starting a News Letter to members some time next year.

3. The Sports' Secretary's Report was not as sad as in some past years and with just a little more effort the Secretary said we might well enter the School teams in the near future.

4. The Treasurer's Report was adopted with due thanks to the auditors and all concerned. No questions on the accounts were asked. The statement of accounts and balance sheet is appended in the minute book. Main points were as follows:-

Income for the year ...	...	£266 17s. 4d.
Excess of income over expenditure	...	£15 5s. 4d.
Total assets ...	...	£877 19s. 8d.

5. Mr. A. A. Hillary reported briefly on the Quartercentenary Appeal saying that the overall position had not altered greatly since last year.

It was hoped, however, that next year being 1963 a great effort would be made to forge ahead again.

6. The President explained to members the problems involved in codifying the Club rules and hoped that by next year the task would be completed.

7. The following Officers were elected for 1962/63:-

President: R. E. Eason.

Vice-President: J. M. Cobban.

President-Elect: Sir George Sinclair.

Treasurer: D. B. West.

Secretary: N. J. Holmes.

Secretary for School: G. F. Duxbury.

Assistant Secretary: J. H. Hooke.

Sports Secretary: J. T. Cullen.

Assistant Sports Secretary: P. J. Millard.

London Secretary: S. A. Paige.

R. D. Gibaud and W. A. Rudd were re-elected to the Committee and R. J. C. Bampton was elected. All to retire in 1966.

8. Under Any other business, Mr. Cobban said that the plaques in memory of the two late Headmasters were not quite finished as proposed and they had only just been fitted, but would be finished after the Dedication.

The Sports' Secretary was asked if his address could be published in "The Abingdonian" in order that prospective players could get in touch more easily. Mr. Duxbury noted this.

Mr. Hooke on behalf of all O.A.s expressed appreciation to the President and Officers of the Club for all their work and asked that this be here recorded.

There being no other business the President thanked the Officers and members for their support during his term of office and declared the meeting closed at 6.17 p.m.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Rugger Match and Dance: Saturday, 1st December, 1962.

London Dinner: Friday, 8th March, 1963.

Old Boys' Day and Quatercentenary Celebrations: Friday and Saturday, 14th and 15th June, 1963.

Tickets for the Dance (price 15/- single) will be obtainable from Norman Holmes, 100 Ock Street, Abingdon.

The addresses of the Sports Secretaries are:

T. Cullen (Rugger, Athletics, Tennis), Greystones, Frilford, Abingdon.
J. Millard (Cricket, Hockey), Bramley Corner, Bramley, Basingstoke,
Hants.

OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND

A summary of the Accounts for the last financial year is appended, with many thanks to R. W. Snell for arranging the audit. Many thanks also to D. E. Jarvis for renewing his Covenant. During the year the sum of £2,350 was received from the Executors of John Ingham's estate and pending the decision of the Trustees as to its employment £1,200 is advanced to the Appeal Fund to relieve it of any charges on an overdraft.

Cash Account for year ended 31st March, 1962.

Receipts

Balances in hand, 1st April, 1961	...	311	7	0
Subscriptions and Donations	...	246	18	6
Instalment of Bequest, J. Y. Ingham	...	1200	0	0
Refund of Income Tax on Covenants, 1959/60	...	108	11	9
Trustee Savings Bank Interest	...	5	17	6
		£1872	14	9

Payments

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SUMMARY OF RUGGER FIXTURES — FIRST FIFTEEN

September

Wed. 26 v. D. O. Willis' XV (h).

October

Wed. 3 v. Reading School (a).

Sat. 6 v. Newbury Grammar School (h).

Sat. 20 v. Solihull School (h).

Wed. 24 v. Leighton Park School (a).

Sat. 27 v. Pembroke College, Oxford (h).

Wed. 31 v. Magdalen College School (a).

November

Wed. 7	v.	Nautical College, Pangbourne (h).
Sat. 10	v.	Radley College 2nd XV (h).
Wed. 14	v.	Oratory School (h).
Sat. 17	v.	R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).
Wed. 21	v.	Southfield School (a).
Sat. 24	v.	Bloxham School (a).

December

Sat. 1	v.	Old Abingdonians (h).
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SUMMARY OF CROSS-COUNTRY FIXTURES**October**

Sat. 6	v.	Westminster College (h).
Sat. 20	v.	Newbury Grammar School (a).
Wed. 24	v.	Culham College (a).
Sat. 27	v.	R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).

November

Wed. 21	v.	Exeter College, Oxford (a).
Sat. 24	v.	Westminster College (a).
Wed. 28	v.	The Queen's College, Oxford (h).

December

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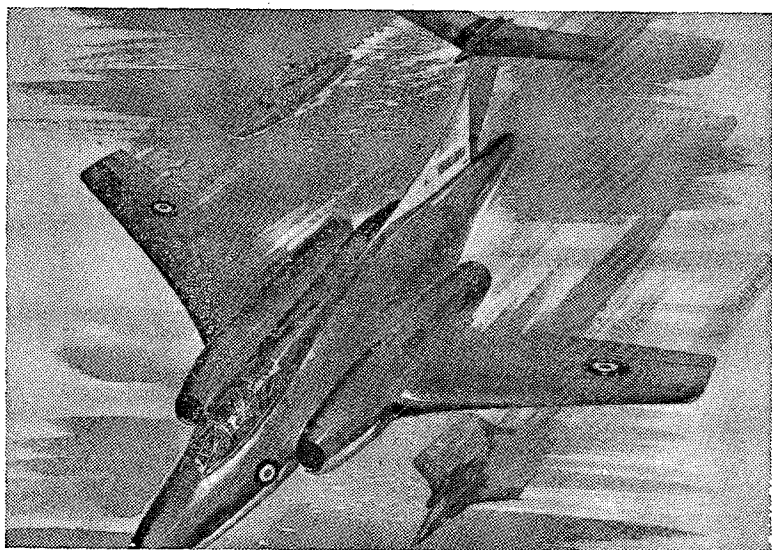
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