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## EDITORIAL.

THE BLOXHAMIST is in the hands of a new Editor. Poor thing! " This remark refers to the Magazine not the Editor, although the latter is, as a matter of fact, feeling very sorry for himself.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Colonel H. A. R. May, C.B., who took such a deep interest in the School. A full appreciation of him is to be found in another part of this number.

Founder's Day was held with every success on Friday, June 27th; a full account of this and of the Old Bloxhamists' Cricket Match appears within our pages.

It has been the usual custom to publish two numbers of THE BLOXHAMIST in the Summer Term, but as this term has been so short (eleven weeks) we have only published one.

In this number we publish an account of Gilbert & Sullivan's Comic Opera, " Trial by Jury," which was acted last December by the School, and of which, until now, no account has been printed.

## O.B. NEWS.

VISITORS.—P. V. M. Allen, 1922-25 ; Rev. T. Guest Blofeld, C. 1917-25 ; B. Ryman Hall, M. 1919 ; Rev. S. F. Leadley Brown 1886-93 ; A. R. Holness, 1917-18 ; G. A. Meikle 1918-25 ; E. A. Snow, 1920-28 ; C. T. N. Moore, 1924-29 ; G. C. Lainchbury 1922-28 ; D. D. Zvegintzov, 1923-29 ; R. Stratton, 1923-28 N. F. Hedges, 1927-29 ; G. H. A. Yates, 1925-29 ; P. W. R. Haynes, 1924-26 ; R. V. Hanbury, 1921-29 ; R. M. Raymond 1920-28 ; F. W. Boissier, 1925-29 ; G. R. Hartwell, 1921-27 T. Hyslop, 1923-29 ; H. Maycock, 1926-28 ; G. S. Chittenden 1874-76 ; Lieut. Commander R. H. Cobb, 1910-14, and wife C. W. C. Warner, 1895-1900, and wife ; C. W. Arkell, 1916-21 E. G. Belfield, 1909-12 ; S. J. Montagu Young, 1874-81 ; S. J. Maitland Young, 1900-05 ; W. D. Homfray, 1924-28 ; Capt L. Holbech, D.S.O., M.C., 1902-07 ; Capt. P. S. Corbould, V.I). 1893-98, and wife ; Rev. M. A. O. Mayne, 1902-07, and wife J. L.I. Hunt, 1923-25 ; P. S. Hordern, 1920-28 ; C. S. H. Hawkes 1917-23 ; Canon F. S. Boissier, 1865-67, S.M., 1878-86, H.M. 1886-98 F. W. Gepp, 1868-72, and wife ; F. G. Gepp, 1910-13 ; A. F. Stevens, 1926-29 ; Rev. F. "Churchill, 1861-63, M. '873"75, and

wife • Rev. S. Boulter, 1865-69; C. G. Field, 1861-64; Col. T. B. Beach, C.M.G., C.B.E., 1880-84; T. C. Ovenston, 1886-89, and wife; C. H. Ovenston, 1888-90; T. C. J. Ovenston, 1921-25; J. H. Fawdry, 1924-29; J. W. Page, 1865-68; Capt. A. C. P. Seymour Higgins, 1908-11; H. H. G. Mitchell, O.B.E., 1885-90, and wife; J. E. Anthony, 1922-29; M. E. Beale, 1921-29; C. A. Bernays, 1902-05, and wife; E. J. Brooks, 1873-75; C. J. Wilson, 1860, M. 1866-1917, S.B., 1896-1917; T. R. Tayler, 1903-06; H. J. C. Walker, 1924-29; L. C. Vaughan, 1885-88; and wife; Rev. F. J. Winterton, M. 1895-1902, and wife; E. M. Johnson, 1925-27; P. Johnson, 1926-29; G. L. Kaye, 1926-29; V. Turner, 1892-94, and wife; H. K. Turner, 1923-28; G. H. Holiday, 1900-03; G. Gray, 1916-24; E. Colegrave, 1886-89, and wife; E. J. Laker, 1916-19; H. V. Pitt Kethley, 1916-20; J. Raper, 1922-27; B. G. Raymond, 1920-24; J. B. Hall, 1916-20; J. H. Lawrance, 1926-28; P. H. Lawrance, 1926-28; W. G. N. Aplin, 1907-11.

Surgeon Lt. D. R. F. Bertram, 1916-20, has been transferred to H.M.S. *Codrington*.

THE Rev. H. R. Willimott (C 1904-17 and 25-27) has been offered and has accepted the living of Hambridge, near Langport, Somerset. He will be going into residence about the middle of September.

#### O.B. RUGGER MATCH,

November 1st, 1930.

As All Saints' Day falls on a Saturday this year, the match will take place on that day at 2.30. Those wishing to play are asked to send their names to Mr. Wilson at the School by Tuesday, October 14th, stating position in field and for which nights they will require a bed and also at which meals in hall they will like to be present so that arrangements may be made.

#### OLD BLOXHAMIST SOCIETY.

NEW MEMBERS.—J. L. C. R. Brittan, 1815-21; C. W. C. Warner, 1895-1900 (Life); L. W. O. White, 1917-19; R. F. Worth, 1921-23 (Life); G. Scobell Chittenden, 1874-76; Rev. R. W. Sutcliffe, 1890-97; J. R. Barton, 1922.

DEATH. Arthur Leslie Stephens, 1914-15, died January 14th, 1930, leaving a widow and 3 young children, R.I.P. After leaving School he joined the R.A.F. and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. During the War he had 3 crashes, and in the last one

suffered injury to his lung, which eventually caused his death. After the Armistice he recovered somewhat and in 1919 went out with the Bishop of Nassau as his secretary. It was hoped that the voyage and the climate in the West Indies would aid his recovery. He however returned home later and for the last 18 months was a patient at St. George's Nursing Home at Heme. Full military honours were accorded him at his funeral by a detachment of officers and men with a band from the R.A.F., Manston. In 1915 he obtained his Senior Gym Colours.

#### COLONEL H. A. R. MAY, C.B.

THE death of Henry Allan Roughton May on the 10th of April removes a notable figure from our ranks. Few, if any, of those who have passed through the School have had a more distinguished career, or led a more strenuous life. It is no exaggeration to say that he died in the service of his country, for he was never wholly free from the poisonous germs which he had imbibed during his active service in France early in the War, and for some months before his death he was a great sufferer. The Chairman of the School Committee, one who can claim continuous friendship from his schooldays, writes as follows :—

" Harry May and I entered the School in the same year (1872), but not the same term. He was a delicate boy, rather shy and timid as I remember him—a contrast to his elder brother, who was of fine physique, of athletic mould, and a leader in all sports. The younger brother took little part in games, but was a quiet, studious boy, with a few intimate friends. In his last year at Bloxham he was one of a band of six 'juniors' who distinguished themselves in the Locals of their year, under the tuition of Henry Piatt, himself an O.B., who had returned to the School after his career at Cambridge, and was one of the best coaches and also a very popular master. He left Bloxham in 1879 to take up the headmastership of Wellingborough Grammar School, then in a very poor way, and made it the great School it has since become. May left at the same time, and was articled to a firm of solicitors in London, and after serving his time and becoming qualified, he took the venturesome step, in spite of the advice of all his friends, of setting up for himself in the City. But from the shy, retiring boy there had developed the young man, without the least pretensions, who had 'found himself' and fully realised both his capabilities and his limitations. As things turned out, he was right, and he never had cause to regret the step he took at the outset of his career. Some years later he was invited to become a partner in one of the oldest firms in the City of London. He accepted the offer, eventually becoming, and remaining so until his death, the head of the firm.

" Apart from his legal business, the absorbing interest of his life was soldiering. He joined the Artists' Rifles in 1882, and, like every other recruit of that famous volunteer corps, he enlisted as a private. He threw himself whole-heartedly into the life, and from step to step through a long course of years, he eventually rose to be its Colonel, and played no small part in building up the reputation of the fine Territorial battalion. He always impressed on his men, whether as sergeant or in command of a company or eventually as CO., the seriousness of their work and their duty to be prepared for war, so that they should be efficiently equipped were they ever to be called upon to act.

" In 1914, when the call came, he was in command of the corps, which formed then the 28th Battalion London Regiment, and after being in command of troops at the Tower, he went over to France in October, 1914, just after the disastrous retreat from Mons, when General French's army was denuded of officers. General French called on the Artists to replace the heavy casualties, and this, under Colonel May, was done, and done so well that for the greater part of the war period May was occupied in training officers for the Army. He also had other important duties at G.H.Q. in France, but, at the end of 1915, he was gassed and invalided home. After an enforced rest he resumed work in September, 1916, as commandant of a school of instruction at Tidworth, chiefly of Australians. There he continued to serve until the end of the war. During his period of service he superintended and, to a large extent, personally took part in the training of over nineteen thousand officers. It must have been a stupendous job, but he was a born teacher, and understood men and how to get the best out of them. He was appointed a Military Companion of the Order of the Bath in 1915.

" But his health, broken partly by his service at the front, and again by the great strain of his work at Tidworth, gave way, and at the close of the war and thenceforward he never enjoyed good health. After forty years' service, he surrendered the command of the Artists. The story of his remarkable life as a soldier, in peace and in war, is told in his *magnum opus*, 'Memories of the Artists' Rifles,' which was published as recently as last January, and was noticed in THE BLOXHAMIST shortly after its appearance. It is a fine record, and one is glad to think that Bloxham can claim the writer for one of its sons.

" May never lost his interest in the Old School, and I have the best reasons for saying that he was pleased to be asked to unveil the war memorial in the chapel. He was, too, a fairly regular attendant at the O.B. Dinner. He and I had never lost touch of one another, except in the war period, but in the last

few years of his life it was distressing to witness the painful struggle he was courageously making against the unknown but insidious disease which he had contracted in France. My last sight of him was only a few weeks before his death, and one rejoiced in his release, though saddened by the loss of an old friend.

"The funeral service was at All Saints' Church, East Finchley, and afterwards at the St. Pancras Cemetery. There was a great concourse of old friends and comrades, and Bloxham was not unrepresented. The coffin was covered by the Union Jack, and at the close of the service at the graveside buglers of the Artists' Rifles called 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille.' 'So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.'

" Colonel May married, in 1889, Fanny Rose, daughter of Mr. Thomas Allen of Markshall, near Norwich, and was the third Bloxhamist to marry into the same family. The sympathies of all his old friends at Bloxham and elsewhere will go out to Mrs. May in the loneliness of her widowhood."

F. B. P.

P.S. Colonel May was of great assistance in getting the War Memorial correct, and in the management of the Fund. Finally he had the lists typed and then handsomely bound together with illustrations of the War Area, and with a foreword by himself, including also the Boer War Memorial. This volume he presented to the School, and it is placed in the Chapel near the two Memorials.

C. J. W.

## THE SPORTS.

THE Annual Sports took place on Saturday, April 5th. A rather doubtful looking day softened its heart towards us and a good attendance of spectators witnessed some interesting events.

The Mile was run on Friday, April 4th, on a very wet course, hence the rather slow time.

R. W. Dougan this year beat his own, last year's, record for the 16 lb. Putting the Weight event by 9 inches, his put being 32 ft. 8 inches.

The Steeplechases were run on very wet courses on Monday, March 31st.

Wilberforce House carried off the Sports Cup with 262£ points, Wilson 2nd with 210, and Crake 107\$.

The Cartwright Cup also rests with Wilberforce, Crake being 2nd.

This year two new events were added to the day, which aroused much interest; namely an ""Old Bloxhamists' " Race, 220 yards

handicap, which was won by Zvegintzov, D.D., and a 220 yards handicap race for members of the Male Servant Staff, Mr. Fred Mallett passed the tape an easy first.

Congratulations to Bickersteth on being *Victor Ludorum* and winning both the Mile and Half-Mile.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Crossley for giving away the prizes and presenting the cups.

#### RESULTS. *Sports Cup.*

OPEN STEEPLECHASE.—1, F. T. Stratton ; 2, R. A. Houghton ; 3, P. A. Ettrick.—Time 27 mins. 4½ sees.

JUNIOR STEEPLECHASE.—1, E. A. Colegrave ; 2, M. J. K. Stark ; 3, W. H. G. Fletcher.—Time 16 mins. 22½ sees.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (Open).—1, R. W. Dougan ; 2, D. C. B. Harvey.—Distance 37 ft. 5½ ins.

MILE (Open).—1, J. E. Bickersteth ; 2, D. C. B. Harvey ; 3, H. Hughes.—Time 5 mins. 35 sees.

LONG JUMP (Open).—1, D. R. Arkell ; 2, J. Small ; 3, W. E. Styler.—Distance 16 ft. 9 ins.

LONG JUMP (Junior).—1, M. C. Strange ; 2, M. J. K. Stark ; 3, O. J. Hemmings.—15 ft. 0 ins.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Open).—1, J. O. Schofield ; 2, J. E. Bickersteth.—Distance 72 yards 0 ft.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Junior).—1, E. A. Colegrave ; 2, M. C. Strange.—Distance 70 yards 0 ft. 6 ins.

100 YARDS (Open).—1, W. E. Styler ; 2, S. W. Jones ; 3, J. Small. Time 11½ sees.

100 YARDS (Junior).—1, M. C. Strange ; 2, R. B. Lord ; 3, J. I. Waddell.—Time 11½ sees.

HIGH JUMP (Open).—1, D. C. B. Harvey ; 2, E. T. Wilson ; 3, H. S. Rhodes.—Height 4 ft. 9 ins.

HIGH JUMP (Junior).—1, R. M. Tuke ; 2, E. A. Colegrave ; 3, R. B. Lord and M. E. Hewlett.—4 ft. 2 ins.

HURDLES (Open).—1, J. Small ; 2, R. W. Dougan ; 3, W. E. Styler.—Time 18½ sees.

HALF MILE (Open).—1, J. E. Bickersteth ; 2, D. C. B. Harvey ; 3, C. J. Best.—Time 2 mins. 15 sees.

QUARTER MILE (Junior).—1, M. J. K. Stark ; 2, E. A. Colegrave ; 3, R. B. Lord.—Time 60½ sees.

QUARTER MILE (Open).—1, W. E. Styler ; 2, S. W. Jones ; 3, J. E. Bickersteth.—Time 58g sees.

#### *Cartwright Cup.*

HOUSE RUN.—1, Crake ; 2, Wilberforce ; 3, Wilson.

HOUSE RELAY.—1, Wilberforce ; 2, Wilson ; 3, Crake.

HOUSE TUG OF WAR.—1, Wilberforce ; 2, Crake ; 3, Wilson.

#### *Other Events.*

STEEPLECHASE (under 13).—C. L. Snell.

220 YARDS (under 13).—1, E. A. C. Lee ; 2, S. M. I. F. Nailer ; and H. D. Eastwood. Time 32 sees.

SACK RACE.—1, R. N. Harrison ; 2, G. R. Mitchell.

120 YARDS HANDICAP.—1, M. C. Strange ; 2, E. A. C. Lee.

100 YARDS (under 13).—1, E. A. C. Lee.—Time 13½ sees.

HIGH JUMP (under 13).—1, A. v. Theokntoff ; 2, E. A. C. Lee and D. S. Morgan.—Height 3 ft. 6 ins.

OLD BLOXHAMISTS' RACE.—1, D. D. Zvegintzov ; 2, G. H. A. Yates ; 3, G. C. Lainchbury.

MALE SERVANT STAFF RACE.—1, Mr. Fred Mallet ; 2, Cryil Smith.

SENIOR CONSOLATION PRIZE.—H. Hughes.

#### HOUSE RUN.

<i>Crake.</i>	<i>Wilberforce</i>	<i>Wilson.</i>
3 Houghton, R. A.	1 Stratton, F. T.	6 Bickersteth, J. E.
7 Buckle, L. D. W.	2. Hughes, H.	14 Stark, M. J. K.
8 Wilson, E. T.	4 Ettrich, P. A.	15 Rogers, T. M. F.
9 Harrison, C. H.	5 Harvey, D. C. B.	18 Rogers, J. H.
11 Lock, L. A. M.	10 Harris, R. M.	22 Jones, S. W.
12 Longden, D. G.	19 Small, J.	25 Lawson G. L.
13 Arkell, D. R.	21 Styler, W. E.	27 Coles, W. H.
16 Bucher, J. B.	23 Doidge, S.	28 Bennett, E. O.
17 Webb, A. A.	25 Christiansen, E.	29 Fletcher, W. H. G.
20 Buckle, C. D.	26 Pavne, J. B. M.	30 Best, C. J.
31 Mitchell, G. R.	32 Hunt, P. G.	34 Meikle, G.
36 Scarlett, E. H.	33 Colegrave, A. G.	35 Allen, D. M.

#### SCHOOL NEWS.

VALETE.—S. W. Jones, entered Sept. 1920, VIth Form, Prefect 1927, Captain of School 1929, Captain of Wilson House, Captain of Swimming 1928 and 1929 ; \ Colourman Rugby Football, Certificate "A." Sergeant O.T.C., Bloxham School Sergeant's Promotion Exam.

R. W. Dougan, entered Sept. 1925, (Wilberforce), M.U.V., School Prefect 1929, Captain of Rugby Football 1930, Captain of Boxing 1930, Running Colours 1929, Certificate "A." Sergeant O.T.C., P. T. Instructor, Bloxham School Sergeant's Promotion Exam.

J. Small, entered May 1925 (Wilberforce), House Prefect. L.V.a., Rugby Football Colourman 1930. Certificate "A."

F. T. Stratton, entered May 1923 (Wilberforce), House Prefect, Running Colours 1930, VIth Form. Sergeant O.T.C., Certificate "A." Bloxham School Sergeant's Promotion Exam.

A. W. P. Brown, entered May 1928 (Wilson), L.Vb.

O. J. Hemmings, entered April 1929 (Crake), II Form.

SALVETE.—J. W. A. Ogden (Crake), Shell; J. J. Thompson (Wilson), Shell; J. E. Gorrington-Smith (Wilson), Shell; A. D. Mitchell (Crake Junior), Shell; G. F. G. Hewlett (Crake Junior) I I.

PREFECTS.—J. B. Bucher and P. A. Schofield have been appointed School Prefects this term.

SCHOLARS. The following is a list of scholars now in the School, and the year in which they gained the scholarship.

1926—A. J. Cox, P. A. Schofield, J. B. Bucher, I. D. Zvegintzov.

1927.—N. Horton-Smith, B. J. Newton, P. G. Hunt, R. A. Bucher, P. A. Ettrick, A. J. Beck.

1928.—B. P. Kellett, R. M. Tuke, P. B. Maiden, N. E. Wallbank (Organ Scholar.).

1929—D. M. Allen, M. J. K. Stark.

1930.—B. P. Burbush, M. E. Hewlett, S. F. Florey, B. C. K. Stark.

*Congratulations to :—*

Mr. Knight, who has passed his examination for Major.

Mr. Wheel, who has taken his M.A. degree this term.

P. A. Schofield on being elected Captain of Cricket.

E. Christiansen both for being elected Captain of Swimming.

S.M. F. A. Stevens, M.S.M., for winning the O.T.C. Staff Competition at Bisley with a score of 63.

Fredrica Mallett (age 11), who won the Scholarship for the Banbury County School.

H. N. Spencer (O.B.), who took his commission in the 7th Warwickshires in April.

### B.S.B.I.F.

Since the last account the sum of £20 has been received from Fitzroy Darke, Esq. (O.B.). He suggests that many Old Bloxhamists might care to make, as he does, a small annual donation (preferably by Banker's order) to this fund.

The oak for the Dining Hall floor is on order and the work will, it is hoped, be complete by September.

We shall now start to collect to panel the Dining Hall.

It has been suggested that in commemoration of Mr. C. J. Wilson's 70 years at Bloxham (he entered on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1860), the pavilion should be renovated and improved. A plan has been prepared and the estimated cost is some £1,500. Will any O.B. who is interested in this plan write to the Headmaster?

### FOUNDER'S DAY, 1930.

FOUNDER'S Day, auspicious this year in that the School has entered the eighth decade of its existence, was celebrated on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. The day was an unqualified success and enjoyed, apart from one threatening gesture by a rain cloud mercifully delivered while tea was being taken in the Gymnasium, almost perfect weather.

The Provost celebrated the Holy Communion at eight o'clock and said the office of the Commemoration of the Founder which preceded the Solemn Eucharist at eleven, when the Chaplain was the celebrant, the Provost giving the Absolution and the Blessing. Details of the service appear in the Chapel Notes and here it is sufficient to remark how fitting it was that so much of the beautiful music was the work of our late organist, thus making the service peculiarly intimate to us. The preacher, the Rev. Canon Francis Underhill, M.A., Warden of Liddon House, chose as his subject the relationship between parents and children, the dangers to which it was inevitably subject and the beauty and happiness to which it might attain. His text was from the story of that relationship between Clym Yeobright and his mother in Hardy's great novel, *The Return of the Native*. Before the sermon the Headmaster read the usual Bidding Prayer.

After the company had pursued its divers paths to luncheon—many of them converged upon the elastic portals of the Red Lion which this year had expanded to include for the occasion the British Legion hall—the speeches were delivered and the prizes given away in the inner quadrangle. The Provost presided and at once called upon the Headmaster for his speech.

The Headmaster began by welcoming the Provost, whom they were glad to see amongst them again. His practical sympathy with the problems of the School made him much more than Provost of Lancing; it made him the friend of Bloxham. They were also glad to welcome Mr. Underhill, who had preached such an inspiring Sermon that morning. He was glad to see so many Old Bloxhamists among them. He would specially mention Canon Boissier, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Field, who had come to celebrate Mr. Wilson's 70th anniversary at Bloxham. The Headmaster made reference to the unavoidable absence of Mr. F. B. Palmer, Chairman of the School Committee. Mr. Palmer had done much for Bloxham, and on Founder's Day, 1929, he had promised to defray the expenses of re-roofing the School. This work, they would notice, had been carried out, and once again he was sure that all friends of Bloxham would join him in expressing their gratitude to Mr. Palmer for his continued generosity to his old School.

The Headmaster said that he did not intend this year to give details of the successes which had been obtained during the year, for School and Higher Certificates had become a matter of routine, and he would devote his time this year to speaking more generally of the development of the School. Some years ago, Archdeacon Ward, an ex-headmaster, at the Old Bloxhamist Dinner, had, in the course of his speech, turned to the Headmaster and urged him not to neglect the work of the lowest forms in the School. He had taken this advice to heart, with the result that the School now possessed a really efficient Sixth Form. All boys in this form had passed their School Certificate, and, while specialising in the subjects which most attracted them, they were yet adding to the breadth of their knowledge. Some were specialising in Classics, some in French, some History, some Mathematics, and some Science, but all were taking a course of Economics, French and English, and he hoped shortly to add German as a Sixth Form subject.

The work had improved all round, both in quantity and in quality, and for that he had to thank not only the Masters, but the boys. Speaking of the Masters, the Headmaster wished to congratulate Mr. W. F. Jackson Knight, M.A., the senior classical master. Articles by Mr. Knight, dealing with classical research, were now appearing, and he understood that Mr. Knight was engaged on a work of perhaps first importance in that direction. Mr. C. Donald Beatty, B.A., who had so successfully organised this year's play, was leaving them at the end of the term, to go as Senior History Master to Highgate. Mr. R. T. King, B.A., who had been in charge of the English, and had helped with the Rugby Football, was also leaving, to return to his old School, St. George's, Harpenden. Both these masters were to be married in the near future, and the Headmaster offered them his congratulations.

In spite of the alarmist articles in the Press, the stream of boys to Oxford and Cambridge increased each year, and it was due to this, and also to the high standard of work maintained, that Bloxham had, last October, the high honour of its Headmaster being elected to the Headmasters' Conference. The number of Schools on the Conference was purposely kept small, and it was no easy matter for a small School such as Bloxham to secure election.

The Headmaster went on to speak of the games, and noted that both in cricket and football the School had had a successful season. The O.T.C. continued on its triumphant course. It had gained its usual number of Certificate A, with a percentage higher than most Schools in the kingdom. In camp at Strensall, the bugle band, trained entirely by the boys themselves, had been placed second out of 11 bands, and had defeated the bands of much larger Schools, where a special band instructor was maintained. Colonel Beckwith-Smith, of the Oxford University O.T.C., had inspected the Corps this year, and had given an excellent report. Finally, the Shooting VIII. at Bisley last year had reached the excellent position of sixth. They realised that it would be impossible, were it not for Colonel Grimston's generosity, to send an VIII. to Bisley, and the Headmaster hoped that the VIII. might be as successful this year. While on the subject of O.T.C., the Headmaster said that he would like to suggest that the reason for the unpopularity of this body in some of the larger Schools was possibly because the subject was put to the boys in the wrong way. If they were urged to look on the O.T.C. not as a drill period, but as their chance of doing a little unpaid work for their country, he was sure that this difficulty would not arise, for boys, he said, always respond to a high ideal.

The Play they were to see this afternoon was the most ambitious that they had yet attempted. Half the School was taking part in the play, and everyone had worked extremely hard, in their own time, to ensure success. He was sure that they would wish him to express their gratitude to Mr. Beatty, Mr. Tomblings, and the players, for all that they had done.

Finally, he felt that he ought to explain why he had asked Mr. John Buchan to come and give away the prizes. Some of them might remember that Mr. Buchan had been due to give them away in 1929, but unfortunately illness had prevented him from visiting them that year, but the Headmaster was determined that if it was in any way possible, Mr. Buchan should come to Bloxham. And why? One of the masters, who had some slight interest in classical research, particularly wished to ask Mr. Buchan where he had got his story about the Spartans at Thermopolae; another master claimed Mr. Buchan as a fellow countryman; but neither of these

supplied the reason. The reason that he had been so determined to get Mr. Buchan, was because Mr. Buchan had created Sandy Arbuthnot, Mr. Blenkiron, the Gorbals Diehards, Archie Roy-lance, Dick Hannay, Peter Pienaar: in a word, John Macnab. All these characters of Mr. Buchan's showed the very qualities which Bloxham hoped to teach. They showed an unquestioning honesty, whatever the consequences, a cheerful devotion to duty, and an entire and healthy contempt of safety first. Mr. Buchan knew how to create such men, and, therefore, he was the man to come and show Bloxham how it could do the same.

Mr. John Buchan then proceeded to give away the prizes according to the following list:—

*Divinity*—II., R. W. May ; III., R. M. Coles ; Shell, R. M. Harris ; L.V.b, G. L. Lawson ; L.V.a, M. E. Hewlett ; S.U.V., R. C. Bell Walker ; M.U.V, J. F. Davies ; C.U.V., H. Hyslop ; VT., J. W. Gibson.

*Form*—II., R. W. May ; III., P. F. Raymond ; Shell, W. H. G. Fletcher ; L.V.b., J. H. Rogers ; L.V.a., M. E. Hewlett ; SUV. D. E. D. Morris ; M.U.V., A. A. Webb ; C.U.V., H. S. Rhodes ; VI., A. J. Beck, B. P. Kellett.

*Latin*—Sets f and g, P. F. Raymond ; c and d, W. H. G. Fletcher ; a, B. J. Newton.

*Mathematics*—Sets f and g, P. F. Raymond ; c, d and e, A. G. Colegrave ; a, E. A. Colegrave ; advanced, H. Hughes ; VI., J. B. Bucher.

*French*—Sets e and g, R. W. Booth ; c and d, M. E. Hewlett ; a, S. Doidge ; VI., J. D. Zvegintzov.

*Science*—Sets b and c, E. A. Colegrave ; a, E. St. B. Sydenham.

*Classical*—P. A. Schofield.

*Music*—A. J. Cox.

*Geoffrey Law Essay*—F. T. Stratton.

*Wilson Prizes*—E. Christiansen and J. W. Gibson.

*Grammar Review*—B. P. Kellett and H. Hyslop.

*Laker Prize*—D. E. D. Morris.

Having said a few warmly applauded words in praise of the work of the Headmaster for the School, the Provost called upon the guest of honour for a few hints which might assist his hearers in the emulation of the Stirling qualities of his characters. Claiming to speak as a country neighbour and thereby inserting a much appreciated commendation of the Oxfordshire countryside, Mr. Buchan addressed himself to those of his hearers who were about to leave the backwater of school life and to push out into the main

stream of the world. His advice was not to hug the bank but to ride boldly the centre of the stream. Success was to be aimed at but success must be of the right sort. It need not necessarily consist of wealth and fame and it was his desire to stress that while it meant that the individual must do something in life which was valuable, it was also of the first importance that he should be happy in doing it. He was inclined to think that there was a tendency for the young man of to-day to plan his life according to the principles of safety first. A safe niche in life was not to be preferred to a vacation which was attractive but also contained the element of risk. It was rather the case that everything in life which was worth doing had risks attached to it. A family business was often commendable in that it presented a certain livelihood, but too often that was its only commendation. Openings of any description, however, were limited in this country and the number of applicants for them were great. It was well therefore to consider the great Empire of which this country was only a part. The Indian Civil Service was a great profession but its vacancies were limited. The Colonial Service on the other hand presented a greater number of opportunities, and here Mr. Buchan was speaking as an expert for he has recently been concerned in a review of the colonial services. He therefore earnestly commended the possibility of a career in the I.C.S. and under modern conditions many of the former disadvantages of the profession were removed. Finally it was a great thing to be an aristocrat, and the ideals of the English gentleman were those of the aristocrat. The definitions of the gentlemen were many but perhaps as satisfactory a one as had ever been produced was that " a gentleman is one who gives more to the world than he takes from it."

The proceedings were concluded by the Provost who added in conclusion a special word of praise for Mr. Morrisson whose manifold secretarial activities on behalf of the School now included a most representative selection of livestock.

The production of the Yeomen of the Guard, to which reference had already been made, was then presented on the lawn. A detailed criticism of the performance appears elsewhere and here it is only necessary to describe it as a very great success. There was perhaps amongst the audience a sense of genuine enjoyment apart from the somewhat dutiful admiration which is the more usual meed of productions on such occasions. All praise be to Mr. Beatty and Mr. Tomblings together with their assistants ! From the delightfully Tudor programme we learn that the cast was as follows :—



Syr Richarde Cholmley, Kt.	Maister A. J. Cox
<i>Lieu-tenant in ye Towre.</i>	
Collonel Fairfax	.. Maister J. W. GIBSON
<i>Under paine of dethe.</i>	
Sergente Merryll	.. Maister D. G. LONGDEN
<i>Of ye Yemenne of ye Garde.</i>	
Leonarde Merryll	.. Maister E. H. SCARLETT
<i>His Sonne.</i>	
Jack Point	Maister D. E. D. MORRIS
<i>A Strolling Iestere.</i>	
Wilfrede Shadbolte.	Maister G. MEIKLE
<i>Assistant labour and Nemy-Tormentour</i>	
Mistresse Elsie Maynarde.	Maister T. M. F. ROGERS
<i>A Strollinge Syngere.</i>	
Mistresse Phoebe Merryll	Maister R. H. SWAFFIELD
<i>Ye Sergeante, his dochtere.</i>	
Dame Carruthers	Maister F. H. OSMOND SMITH
<i>Huswife to ye Towre.</i>	
Mistresse Kate	Maister N. YATES SMITH
<i>Hir Neyce.</i>	
Ye Hedesmanne	Maister ED. CHRISTIANSEN
Ye Chapelaine ...	Maister J. O. SCHOFIELD
Ye First Yemanne	Maister H. le H. HUGHES-D'AETH
Ye Seconde Yemanne	Maister C. F. GIBSON
Ye Firste Citizenne ...	Maister I. D. ZVEGINTZOV
Ye Seconde Citizenne ...	Maister P. G. HUNT

Together with a chorus of Yemenne of ye Garde, Souldiers, Citizennes, Gentlemanne and Wommenne, plaied by :—Maisters D. M. Allen, D. R. Arkell, A. H. P. Baines, A. J. Beck, L. D. W. Buckle, J. F. Davies, S. Doidge, R. P. F. Easten A. Eastwood, H. Eastwood, G. Gibson, J. G. Grove, C. H. Harrison, R. N. Harrison, G. F. Hewlett, M. E. Hewlett, H. F. Hoddinott, H. Hughes, G. K. Jenkins, L. A. M. Lock, O. T. Longden, G. R. Mitchell, S. M. Nailer, B. J. Newton, W. V. Parkins, I. E. Rasey, P. F. Raymond, W. E. Styler, A. V. Theokritoff, R. M. Tuke, A. A. Webb, E. T. Wilson.

The costumes came from London, and the Bloxham College of Arms, departing from its strictly heraldic exercises, had produced what was, in its first attempt, an admirably realistic reproduction of Tower Green.

The celebrations were continued according to custom by a successful dance in the evening, and, from the point of view of present Bloxhamists, an even more successful match with the Old Bloxhamists on the following day.

### FOUNDER'S DAY.

THROUGH AN O.B.'S SPECTACLES.

**B**LOXHAM is most gracious in welcoming her returning sons. We used to return to her as to School from home, we now return as sons of the house to our home. For there is that in Bloxham's welcome, which, because it takes us for granted, is as far above other welcomes as our joy in returning is greater, in consequence, than other joys. And so let this review of Founder's Day begin in a

spirit of gratitude : for we are held continually in what we once regarded as unwelcome captivity. " Say, is not one so held a captive still ? "

And if Founder's Day had given us no greater satisfaction, it would, at least, have shown us that the male is not, after all, so " mere." Women have invaded our universities and our professions, and it is refreshing to see men so adequately and so convincingly invade the historic realms of femininity, when Rogers, Osmond-Smith and Swaffield rose both mentally and vocally to the heights usually monopolised by women. But not only the realms of high voices and tantalising manners have received competitors for their ordinarily uncompleted honours, but those of painting, and its particular application of scenic construction have found new candidates for the distinctions they offer. The Bloxham College of Arms, of whom Mr. Beatty and J. D. Zvegintzov may be mentioned as most keen executive members painted a representation of the Tower of London which was both faithful and practical. That a high wind caused its partial collapse during the performance served Mr. Wheel with an opportunity to invade the specialised craft of the steeple-jack by replacing it.

One has every right to expect a good and an appreciative audience for Gilbert & Sullivan : indeed a failure to appreciate any honest attempt to convey that perfect rhythm of melody and humour proves nothing but a lack of appreciative ability in the critic. It is therefore a great joy to record that the effort was not only honest, but in itself successful, and that the audience possessed the sympathetic temper which the delicacy of the balance of the contrasts in " The Yeomen of the Guard " requires of it. We must both laugh and weep with Jack Point, nor may we, though glorying in his folly, " ignore the grain or two of truth among the chaff." Morris played the part without undue emphasis, allowing the audience to use its imagination, already released by the scenery from the difficult task of visualising Tower Green. Morris has no pretensions to a singing voice \*but there he follows the example of Sir Henry Lytton and of Rutland Barrington. Swaffield, on the other hand, used his very delightful voice with great effect as Phoebe. As an actor he is not distinguished, but there is, perhaps, an underlying similarity between the character of Phoebe and that of Swaffield, which helped to supply an effective contrast with the sepulchral Wilfred, whom Meikle made all that he should be, save that once or twice the spirit of Meikle shone through the corpse of Wilfred. Gibson, as Fairfax, gave a distinguished performance. He sang " Is life a boon ? " and " Free from his fetters grim," really splendidly, and overcame the difficulties of the open air triumphantly. Rogers' Elsie was

\* But see Chapel Notes." [Ed.]

admittedly staggering. Not only had he somehow obtained and learned the identical dances so gracefully executed in the D'Oyty Carte Company, but he infused a feeling into his slightly ageing voice which it is the privilege of few sopranos, and within the ability of few trebles to convey. Longden has realised that "constabulary duty has not always to be done" and in consequence his performance as Sergeant Meryll was good, though his voice was disappointing. Osmond-Smith had not only the distinguished type of Bertha Lewis to fulfil, but also the disadvantage of a transparently youthful face, which tended to minimise the incontestably enormous and public-spirited sacrifice of Sergeant Meryll. But the voice of duty which Sullivan makes most fittingly to issue from the mouth of a contralto boomed its undeviating cause with great effect. Neither Scarlett nor Yates-Smith had, unavoidably, sufficient opportunity. Once or twice Yates-Smith's voice seemed to have a rather harsh timbre. But the whole production was most delightful, and, perhaps, where Sullivan has found the lost chord he and Gilbert smiled another of their harmonious smiles.

The Prize-Giving provided a cheering hour for those who love Bloxham. Not only in the triumphant, and rightly triumphant tones of the Headmaster, but in the quickly graceful suggestions of Mr. John Buchan, was there consolation who believe and expect the triumph of all that is decent and fitting, the things for which Bloxham has the honour to stand.

Firstly, and yet finally, the Sung Eucharist found Past and Present, Parents and Visitors at one in the great acknowledgment of the inspiration to which all that Bloxham may hope to do and be, owes its being.

Reluctantly and joyfully one old boy, at least, went to the railway station, refreshed by seeing all that he has "loved long since, and lost awhile."

I have been greatly helped in the preparation of the notes on Founder's Day by the excellent and sympathetic criticism of Mr. Sydney Dewes of Tamworth. I only wish that it had been possible to print Mr. Dewes' note in *toto*. R. T. K.

#### CHAPEL NOTES.

On Saturday Evening at the end of last term a musical service was held in the Chapel. The choir sang Gustave Hoist's "To my Humble Supplication" and Bach's "Jesu joy of man's desiring"

and an Anthem by the organist and choirmaster, Mr. P. Tomblings, "Come my Way, my Truth, my Might." The service concluded with "Praise to the Holiest in the Heights."

A new Missal was dedicated on Sunday, May nth. It was given by the voluntary contributions of the Staff and the Members of the School.

On Sunday, June 1st, the Headmaster of King's School, Warwick, visited the School and preached an inspiring sermon. He took for his text "He saved others, Himself He cannot save," and his conclusion will be long remembered; "Whatever you do, do not float down the river with the dead fish."

A description of the Services on Founder's Day has been included in another place. It is sufficient to say that they were solemnly and reverently rendered. The service at the Sung Eucharist was Missa Sancti Andreae by A. J. Bull. The Creed and Gloria were from the Folk Mass of Martin Shaw. Ave Verum, Mozart, was sung during the communion.

R. M. Tuke, R. A. Bucher and H. le H. Hughes D'Aeth have been admitted as Servers, and D. E. D. Morris has joined the Choir.

It is interesting to notice that the number of Servers together come to a seventh of the School, and also that all the Prefects are Servers.

The list of Servers is as follows:—

E Christiansen (Sacristan)	L. D. W. Buckle.
E. H. Scarlett (Assistant Sacristan)	H. S. Rhodes.
J. W. Gibson	T. M. F. Rogers
J. B. Bucher	E. St. B. Sydenham
A. J. Beck	H. Hyslop.
P. A. Schofield	P. G. Hunt
A. J. Cox	R. M. Tuke
D. C. B. Harvey	R. A. Bucher
D. G. Longden	H. le H. Hughes D'Aeth
B. O. Wheel, Esq.	

#### CROSS BEARERS.

W. V. Parkins. R. M. Tuke. C. H. Harrisson.

The choir spent an enjoyable outing on Wednesday, July 9th; they had the day to themselves from 10.30 to 8.30, assembling for Tea at Swalcliffe.

## MIRTH.

If you come across misfortune  
 Always laugh,  
 If your life is out of tune  
 Always chaff,  
 If bad luck you chance to meet,  
 If you've nothing much to eat,  
 If your shaky on the feet  
 Always laugh.

And if things get worse and worse  
 Laugh again,  
 Always peg along, don't curse  
 But laugh again;  
 For when misfortune flings her stone  
 You simply smile and do not groan  
 And she will leave you well alone  
 So laugh again.

If for exams, you have to sit  
 Simply laugh,  
 You fail, then swat things up a bit  
 And laugh again,  
 For when your days are almost spent  
 And youth pays off your weekly rent  
 You'll go the way your fathers went  
 So laugh—till then !

W. M. V. P.

## THE ANNUAL INSPECTION.

THE Annual Inspection took place on Friday, June 13th. The extracts from Colonel Beckwith-Smith's report are sufficient proof of a very satisfactory day, which was also favoured with fine weather.

The tactical exercises and weapon training were carried out extremely well by the N.C.O.'s and Cadets, and in his talk to the boys in the afternoon, Colonel Beckwith-Smith remarked that he had not believed the training of a School O.T.C. could reach such a high standard.

If anything could have been found fault with during the day it was perhaps the turn out, which was not as good as usual owing no doubt to the fact that the uniforms are nearly five years' old and must naturally become more shabby as the result of frequent wearing.

At the request of the Inspecting Officer, the Headmaster granted an extra half-holiday.

*Extracts from the Report on the Annual Inspection carried out by Lieut.-Colonel M. B. Beckwith-Smith, D.S.O., M.C., Coldstream Guards, on Friday, 13th June, 1930.*

1. DRILL.  
 Satisfactory. The march-past in slow time on grass was a good effort. The handling of arms by the small boys presents a difficulty which is apt to spoil the general effect. The N.C.O.'s know their drill and are not afraid to point out mistakes.
2. WEAPON TRAINING.  
 Good and run on sound lines.
3. MANOEUVRE.  
 Distinctly good. All ranks appear to have a sound knowledge of elementary tactics and the Cadet N.C.O.'s are able to lead and command their Units in the field as well as to instruct on the sand-table. Orders were quickly and promptly carried out without any shouting or eye-wash. I was much impressed by the rapidity with which Platoon Commanders grasped what was required of them.
4. DISCIPLINE.  
 Excellent so far as I could judge. Orders were given with confidence by the older boys and carried out promptly and cheerfully by the younger ones without any fuss.
5. TURN-OUT.  
 Good—especially the Band.
6. SIGNALLING.  
 I did not have the opportunity to see any.
7. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.  
 In good order. The store and Armoury are extremely well organised and kept.
8. GENERAL REMARKS.  
 The thing that impressed me was the confidence with which the Cadet N.C.O.'s, however junior, took command of their Units whether on the Parade Ground or in the Field. This proves that the Contingent is not only run on the right lines but is also efficient and fulfilling its proper function.  
 The Corps appears to be popular with the boys of whom more would enter the Regular Army if they had the means.  
 This very satisfactory state of affairs could not have been reached without the very able and enthusiastic lead which it

receives from its Commander, Captain Knight, who is assisted by two good subaltern officers and supported wholeheartedly in his efforts by the Headmaster.

The whole organisation reflects great credit on the School and is a thoroughly good show.

(Sd.) M. B. BECKWITH-SMITH,  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
Coldstream Guards,  
*June 13th, 1930.*

#### O.T.C. NOTES.

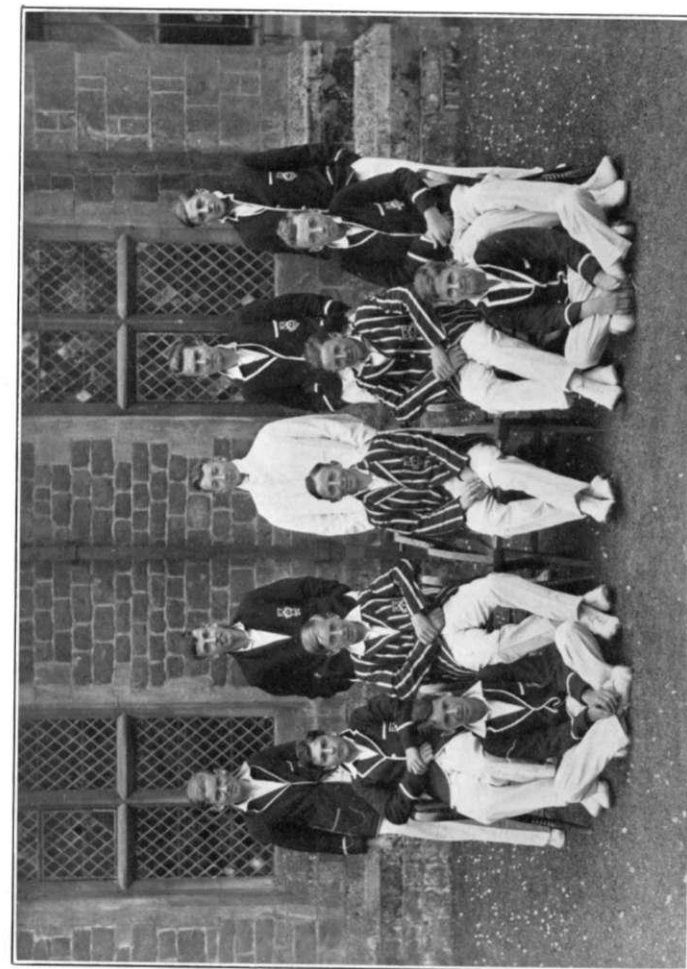
OUR training this term has been carried out with two definite events in view. For the first half of the term the parade ground lay in the shadow of the impending inspection; the latter half has been brightened by the anticipation of camp. We started the term well. Four N.C.O.'s attended the Army School of Physical Training for a ten days' course in the holidays, and in break now, led by Sergeant Bucher and his fellow experts, we do the most extraordinary things without feeling unduly self-conscious.

But an even more important course was that attended by six N.C.O.'s at the London District School of Instruction. (Bloxham was thus represented by six out of a total of fifty N.C.O.'s). Armed with all that the Guards Instructors could teach, they started the term by demonstrating and teaching to their less up-to-date colleagues the latest version of the drill book, as well as the old arms drill, which like the poor, is always with us.

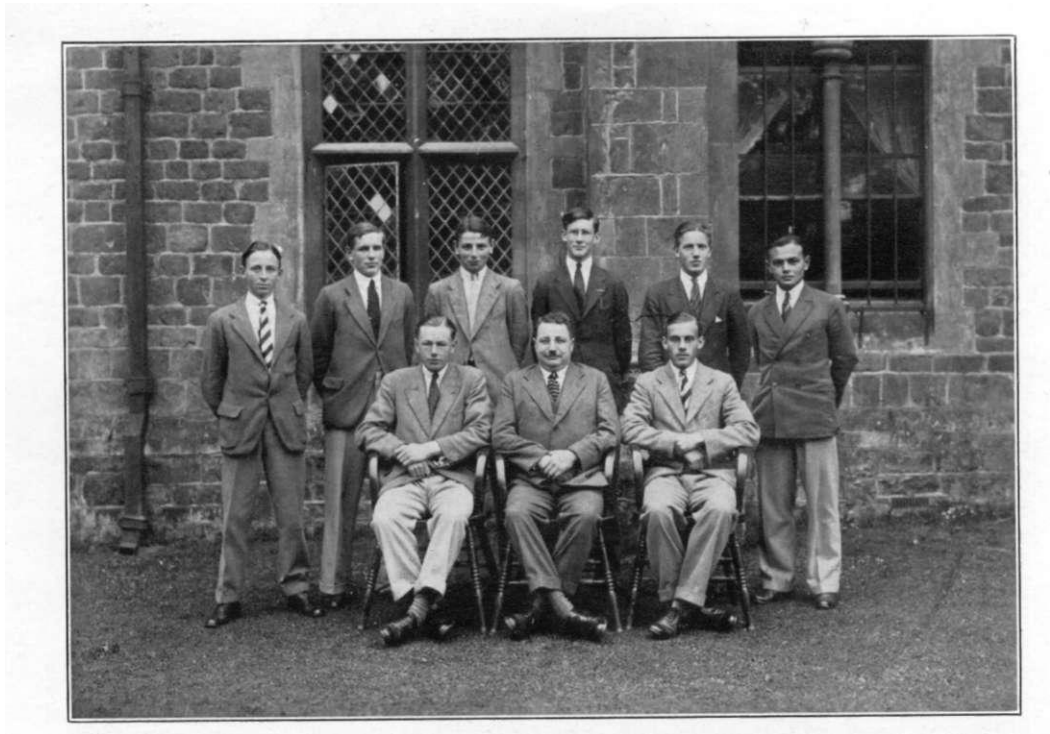
This made a start towards the training for the inspection, and was followed by practice in tactical handling of the company, and by rehearsal of the ceremonial. An account of the inspection will be found elsewhere in this number.

Since the inspection, the company has been re-organised for camp, which will be at Tidworth Pennings this year. Sergeant Harvey commands No. 1 (camp) Platoon and Sergeant Davies No. 2. As, at the moment of writing, the numbers for camp are up to full strength (70 out of our full complement of 98), everything points to a most successful week. The guard looks better than ever, and one cannot imagine the band failing to distinguish itself.

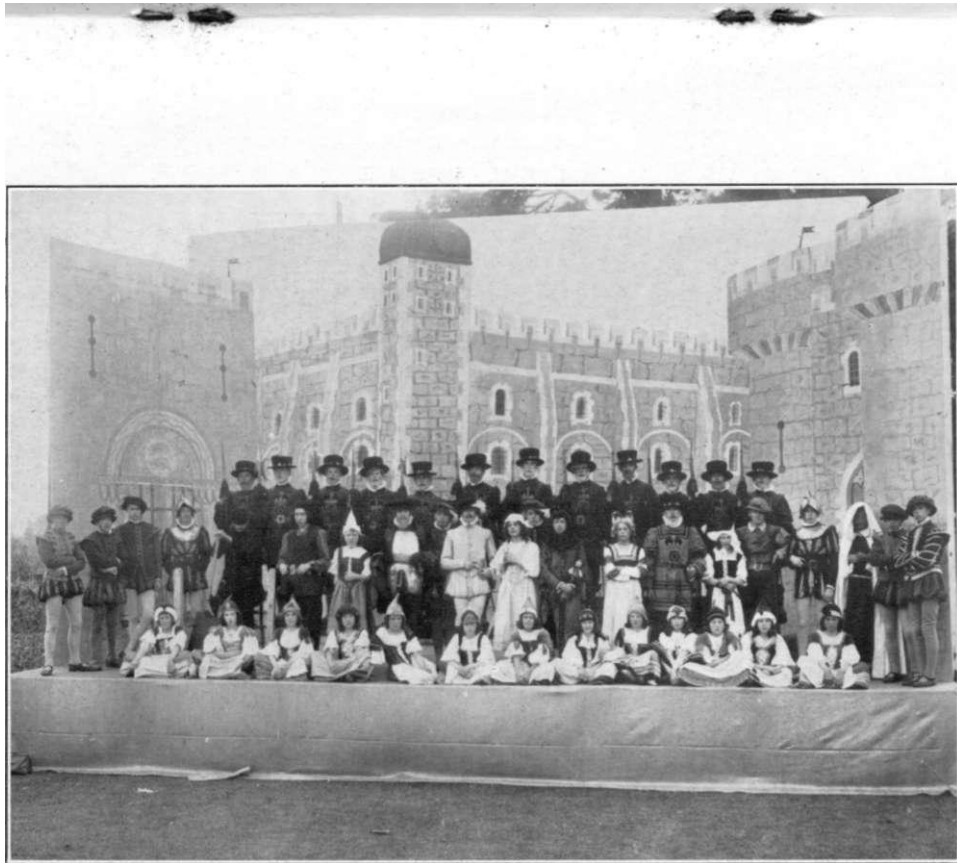
Finally owing to the untiring work of instructors and candidates the Certificate "A" results were again good. Owing to the large number who gained certificates in the last two years only sixteen were eligible, and of these only four failed. The following were successful:—Bucher, R.; Easten; Gibson, C.; Harrisson, C.; Hoddinott, Hunt, Lock, McLaughlin, Rogers, T.; Schofield, J.; Styler and Bell Walker.



THE CRICKET XI., 1930.



THE SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1930.



THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD, 1930.

There is a promising party of candidates for the November examination (entry for this is a new departure), and a younger but larger party for the usual examination in March.

### SHOOTING NOTES.

WE started this season with five of last year's colourmen, two half-colourmen, and rather high hopes, which were made higher when we succeeded in reaching the total of 462 in the first match of the season. We did not reach that total again in matches, but shooting was very steady, the average for the term being over 445, an immense improvement on last year. Altogether we shot fifteen matches, of which we won eight and lost seven.

We went to Bisley on Tuesday, July 8th, and in spite of the train journey, we amassed the extremely creditable total of 471. Cadet Armstrong is to be congratulated on his 62, and Lance-Corporal L. Buckle, on his 33 at 500 yards.

On the following day the score was not quite so high, but nevertheless was very steady. Cadet C. Buckle, made 34 at 500 yards, an extremely creditable performance for a boy less than five feet tall.

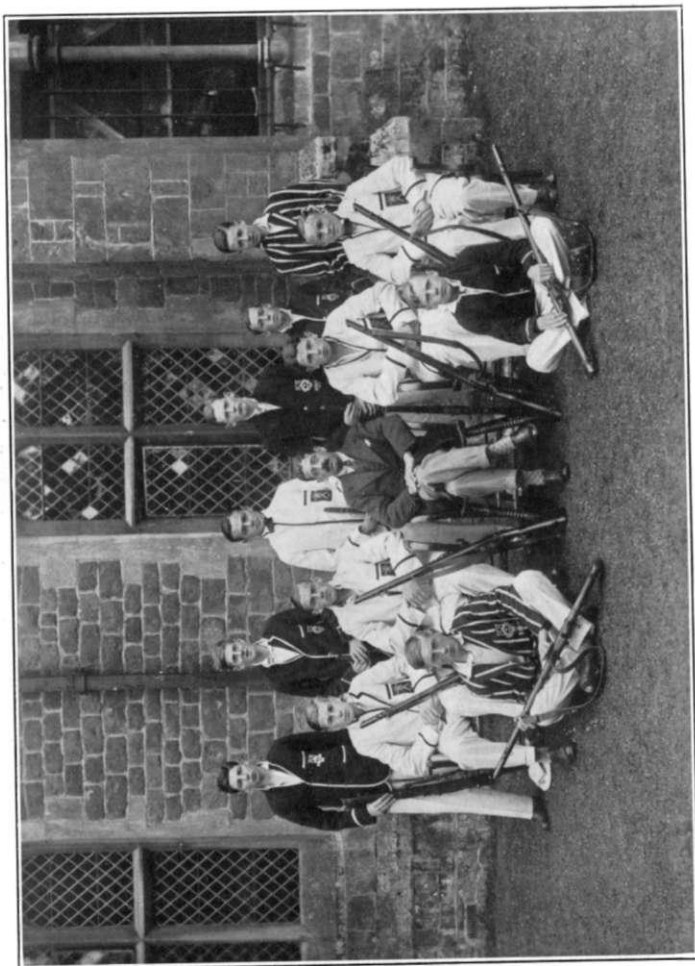
And then came Ashburton Day, and we were the victims of one of those unfortunate and inexplicable crashes which so often occur to shooting VIII.'s when they are rather strung up and the weather is sultry. We might mention in passing that we were by no means the only School to crash in the Ashburton after a good score made lately. There is some satisfaction in the conviction that the VIII. made a stern effort to win the shield—a distant chance, not beyond hope, taken at every risk.

The scores were :—

#### BISLEY, 1930.

##### ASHBURTON.

Name.	S.i	200 yds.						Total.
		2	3	4	5	6	7	
Lance-Cpl. P. G. Hunt ...	5-4	4	5	4	4	4	4	29
Sergt. J. F. Davies	3-5	3	4	5	5	4	4	30
Cdt. R. W. Armstrong	4-4	5	4	4	4	4	5	30
Sergt. D. C. B. Harvey .	3-4	4	4	5	3	5	5	30
Cadet C. D. Buckle	3-4	5	4	4	3	4	4	28
Sergt. J. B. Bucher	5-4	4	3	4	4	4	5	28
Lance-Cpl. L. D. W. Buckle	4-3	4	4	3	5	3	4	26
C.Q.M.S. E. Christiansen .	3-3	3	5	3	2	4	3	23



THE BISLEY TEAM, 1930.

Name.	CADETS.							Total.
	S.1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Lance-Cpl. J. O. Schofield	3-5	5	4	3	4	4	4	29
Cadet W. H. Coles	5-3	4	4	4	4	4	3	26
								55
	500 yds.							
Lance-Cpl. P. G. Hunt ...	4	4	5	4	5	4	3	29
Sergt. J. F. Davies ...	2.4	3	4	5	4	4	3	27
Cadet R. W. Armstrong...	2.3	4	4	4	5	4	2	26
Sergt. D. C. B. Harvey .	3.2	5	5	4	4	4	2	26
Cadet C. D. Buckle ...	2.4	4	4	5	3	4	3	27
Sergt. J. B. Bucher ...	3.4	3	4	4	5	4	2	26
Lance-Cpl. L. D. W. Buckle	4.5	2	4	4	4	4	4	27
C.Q.M.S. E. Christiansen .	5.4	4	4	4	3	4	4	27
								215
	CADETS.							
Lance-Cpl. J. O. Schofield	4.2	4	4	4	4		4	27
Cadet W. H. Coles	5-5	3	2	5	4		5	28
								55

We came out 47th out of 79 Schools.

Our disappointment was relieved by very kind letters of sympathy from Colonel L. A. Grimston, CLE., C.B.E., V.D.

The English Twenty Club Medal was won by Sergeant Harvey with the really excellent average of 59.75. He also won the N.R.A. Medal for the highest score made during the year—64 on May 31st. Lance-Corporal Hunt won the Grimston Cup with the score of 58.

On the Miniature Range the Empire Test has been in progress all the term, and is not yet finished.

The highest score so far is 114 by Sergeant Harvey, while Sergeant Davies and Lance-Corporal Hunt made 113 each.

Happily, there is left to record, not a good, but a first place, and we offer our hearty congratulations to Sergeant-Major Stevens on winning the O.T.C. Staff Competition at Bisley with the score of 63. He made 34 at 500 yards.

The Cadet Pair shot with steadiness and success. We also congratulate Sergeant Morris and Lance-Corporal J. Schofield on their excellent shooting after an experience of less than a week—and are grateful to them for the precedent: for it is now clear that it is possible to play cricket regularly during the season and to shoot well at Bisley too.

P. G. H.

## ODE ON THE REAPPEARANCE OF AN OLD FRIEND.

Abandoned at the last by all his riders,  
His short life done, devoid of usefulness,  
His wanderings past, a prey to dust and spiders,  
Upon the scrap heap cast by his deriders,  
All licenceless;  
So thought we that he lay, disconsolate,  
List'ning for th' military step he loved,  
Remembering that great day when, two hours late,  
With hair fast turning grey the shooting Eight  
Behind him shoved.  
But—lively as a draught of Eno's nectar,  
Re-tyred, re-painted, like Apollo's car  
Before the careless Phaeton rashly wrecked her,  
Our copper-bottomed bargain, twelve pound Hector  
Voyages afar.

We salute thee, Trojan Hector,  
We that never thought to see thee more,  
Again, like snails from beneath thy wheels  
Scamper to safety, and being safe, adore.

J.

## THE ITALIAN ART EXHIBITION.

TOWARDS the end of last term a party, consisting of several members of the VI form, accompanied by Mr. Knight, had the opportunity of seeing the Italian Art at Burlington House. They left Banbury at 8.45. On their arrival at Paddington they made their way to the Houses of Parliament and were kindly shown over by Major Edmondson, M.P. for North Oxfordshire, who later provided the whole party with light refreshments.

The Headmaster had previously written to the B.B.C. asking permission to be shown over the station, but unfortunately this could not be given until May.

The Bloxham party then visited Westminster Abbey before proceeding to Pinoli's for a very good luncheon.

After luncheon all thoughts were turned to the Exhibition, although most of the afternoon was devoted to the Art there was but time to give a rather scanty look round; everyone taking the pictures, which he chose to study, at his own ease. The Tapestry Hangings in the First Room and the Religious pictures seemed to excite most people's interest.

After this, Tea at Lyons' Corner House, very different style of Art but very much appreciated.

The party by employing the services of the Great Western Railway then arrived safely back none the worse, and (we hope) much the better for their expedition.

#### A.S.S.B.O.D.S.

AT the end of the Xmas term, some members of the above society gave a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury," (By special permission of R. D'Oyly Carte, Esq.). The cast included the following :—

The Learned Judge	S. W. Jones
The Plaintiff	T. M. F. Rogers
The Defendant ...	C. F. Gibson
Council for the Plaintiff	G. Meikle
Usher	D. G. Longden
Foreman of the Jury	P. Johnson
Associate . . . . .	E. Christiansen
First Bridesmaid...	N. Y. Smith
Gentlemen of the Jury—A. J. Cox, A. J. Beck, E. T. Wilson, R. P. F. Easte, J. Small, I. D. Zvegintzov, D. E. D. Morris, S. Doidge.	
Bridesmaids—G. K. Jenkins, R. H. Swaffield, A. H. P. Barnes, G. H. N. Gibson, D. M. Allen, R. N. Harrison, M. E. Hewlett, G. R. Mitchell.	

S. W. Jones, swathed in a full-bottomed wig and a scarlet robe cut like a dressing gown, was successful as The Learned Judge, though sometimes inclined to be independent both of time and tune. Perhaps he was less nervous behind the newspaper than when he was in full view of the audience. D. G. Longden was a little stiff and heavy for a "gentle, simple-minded Usher," but apart from that he was excellent. T. M. F. Rogers made a very captivating Plaintiff and sang very well, except for his shrillness on high notes. C. F. Gibson seemed to thoroughly enjoy his part of the Defendant, and G. Meikle, though rather quiet, was good as the Counsel.

The Jury, led by P. Johnson, and the Bridesmaids led by N. Y. Smith showed in their singing the good and hard work done by Mr. Tomblings in training them. Both he and Mr. Beatty, the producer, are to be congratulated on an excellent show.

S.M.

#### SCHOOL CRICKET.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. F. G. L. CRAWSHAY, ESQ.'S XL

Played at Bloxham on May 31st. The School batted first on a soft wicket. The first wicket put on 23 runs and J. O. Schofield hit every loose ball hard. A collapse seemed imminent after that but Doidge and Walker scored 30 for the sixth wicket, the innings closing for 83. The visitors had two wickets down for 13 but the Rev. C. S. Wettenhall and Escritt scored fast. A collapse followed, but when Crawshay and Tabor came together the runs were obtained. Soon after Crawshay was out to a splendid catch by Arkell in the long field.

#### BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

P. A. Schofield, b Hurst	8
R. A. Houghton, c and b Snow	15
J. O. Schofield, c Tabor, b Hurst	13
D. R. Arkell, b Hedges	1
T. M. F. Rogers, b Hurst	0
S. Doidge, b Hedges	17
R. C. Walker, c Bucknall, b Escritt	17
D. W. K. Stark, b Escritt	5
E. A. Colegrave, c and b Hedges	1
A. A. Webb, not out	2
D. E. D. Morris, c R. S. Crawshay, b Hedges	1
Byes 2, Wide 1	3

Total.....83

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
E. A. Snow	.9	3	15	1	15.00
Rev. Wettenhall	5	1	10	0	—
J. L. Hurst	6	1	18	3	6.00
N. F. Hedges	7.1	1	17	4	4.25
F. G. L. Crawshay	2	0	11	0	—
E. Escritt	3	0	9	2	4.50

#### F. G. L. CRAWSHAY'S XI.

R. Carr-White, b Colegrave	4
Rev. C. S. Wettenhall, run out	13
R. S. Crawshay, c Stark, b Colegrave	0
E. Escritt, b J. O. Schofield	28
S. P. B. Dem Bucknall, b J. O. Schofield	2
J. L. Hurst, b Colegrave	1
E. A. Snow, lbw b J. O. Schofield	8
N. F. Hedges, lbw b Morris	5
F. G. L. Crawshay, c Arkell, b Morris	26
C. L. Tabor, not out	19
C. N. Lawrence, not out	3
Byes 4, Leg-bye 1	1

Total (for 9 wkts.).....114



## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
J. O. Schofield	14	6	28	3	9-33
E. A. Colegrave	9	1	32	3	10-66
D. E. D. Morris	7	0	34	2	17-00
R. A. Houghton	2	0	15	0	—

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. HOOK NORTON.

Played at Bloxham on June 4th. The School never recovered from a disastrous start. J. O. Schofield hit all loose balls and Walker made an effort to stop the collapse in a partnership with Stark who made a useful, if lucky, 12. The innings closed for the unnecessarily small total of 56.

Hook Norton did little better. Harris made a useful 24 before being nicely stumped, but of the others only Hearne and Newton reached double figures.

In the second innings the School went in to try and score runs quickly. They failed, however, in their object, until Houghton was partnered by P. A. Schofield; these two put on 35 for the seventh wicket, the innings being declared closed at 75 for 9 wickets.

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

## FIRST INNINGS.

P. A. Schofield, b Randall	0	c Wilks, b Hall	22
R. A. Houghton, b Hiatt	3	c Spatcher, b Holliday	19
J. O. Schofield, c P. Harris, b Randall	13	c Hiatt, b Harris	1
D. R. Arkell, b Randall	4	b Spatcher	3
T. M. F. Rogers, c J. Harris, b Randall	4	b Holliday	0
S. Doidge, b Randall	1	c J. Harris, b Spatcher	0
R. C. Walker, c and b Randall	13	b Spatcher	7
D. W. K. Stark, not out	12	b Harris	3
E. A. Colegrave, c Hiatt, b Holliday	0	not out	2
A. A. Webb, b Holliday	0	not out	0
D. E. D. Morris, lbw b Holliday	1	b Spatcher	6
Bye 1, Leg-byes 4	5	Byes 11, Leg-bye 1	12
Total	56	Total (for 9 wkts.)	75

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
1st Innings:—					
S. J. Randall	12	1	29	6	4-83
T. Hiatt	7	1	15	1	15-00
W. Holliday	4.5	2	7	3	2-33
2nd Innings:—					
N. F. Spatcher	6	0	22	4	5-50
A. J. Harris	7	0	15	2	7-50
W. Holliday	7	1	15	2	7-50
W. Hall	5	0	11	1	11-00

## HOOK NORTON

## FIRST INNINGS.

## SECOND INNINGS.

A. J. Harris, st P. A. Schofield, b Morris	24		
N. F. Spatcher, c Webb, b J. O. Schofield	4	b Morris	7
S. J. Randall, b Colegrave	8	b J. O. Schofield	8
A. P. Harris, b J. O. Schofield	1		
W. Holliday, b Colegrave	0		
P. Hearne, b Morris	18	not out	8
R. Newton, not out	14		
W. Hall, b J. O. Schofield	0		
T. Hiatt, run out	5		
A. Wilks, b Morris	0		
H. Newton, b Morris	0		
Byes 4, Leg-bye 1	5	Byes 5, Wide 1	6
Total	79	Total (for 2 wkts.)	29

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
1st Innings:—					
J. O. Schofield	13	2	28	3	9-33
E. A. Colegrave	9	0	33	2	16-50
D. E. D. Morris	4	1	13	4	3-25
2nd Innings:—					
J. O. Schofield	4	1	8	1	8-00
D. E. D. Morris	3	0	16	1	16-00

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. BANBURY.

Played at Bloxham on June nth. The School started most successfully, P. A. Schofield and Houghton batting well against weak bowling. The first wicket fell at 44 and then J. O. Schofield and Arkell put on 91. Both batted very nicely indeed, though Schofield was much the faster scorer. The remaining batsmen offered little resistance, the innings closing for 200. Neither wicket-keeper let a bye in this match.

When Banbury went in, the School were prepared to have a busy time in the field, for their side included two reputedly good batsmen. However, only Major Wise reached double figures, the remaining batsmen collapsing. Both J. O. Schofield and Morris bowled extremely well.

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

P. A. Schofield, st Claydon, b Wise	23
R. A. Houghton, st Claydon, b Wise	24
D. R. Arkell, b Passmore	55
J. O. Schofield, c T. Si Arkell, b Passmore	56

T. M. F. Rogers, c Passmore, b Bartlett	3
S. Doidge, c and b Passmore	9
D. W. K. Stark, lbw b Passmore	0
R. C. Walker, run out	10
E. H. Scarlett, b Daniels	12
H. Hughes, b Passmore	0
A. A. Webb, c Bartlett, b Daniels	0
D. E. D. Morris, not out	1
Leg-byes 4, Wides 3	7

Total.....200

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
J. Daniels	13	3	44	2	22.00
F. Eldridge	7	1	34	0	—
F. J. Wise	5	0	29	2	14.50
R. Cherry	5	1	15	0	—
E. G. Passmore	10	0	42	5	8.40
T. Clark	2	0	9	0	—
C. L. Bartlett	6	1	20	1	20.00

## BANBURY.

F. J. Wise, b J. O. Schofield	22
C. L. Bartlett, lbw. b Morris	3
T. S. Arkell, lbw b Morris	4
T. Clark, c Webb, b Morris	1
R. Watts, st P. A. Schofield, b Morris	6
F. Eldridge, c Rogers, b Morris	0
R. Cherry, lbw b Morris	0
J. Daniels, c P. A. Schofield, b J. O. Schofield	0
O. Claydon, b J. O. Schofield	5
E. G. Passmore, b Morris	3
F. E. Lord, b J. O. Schofield	0
— Carpenter, not out	3

Total.....47

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
J. O. Schofield	12	1	28	4	7.00
D. E. D. Morris	11	2	19	7	2.71

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. J. C. PALLISTER, ESQ.'S XI.

Played at Bloxham on June 14th. The visitors batted first and were soon out for the small score of 74. The School started off even worse than their opponents ; but J. O. Schofield hit a 6 and two 4's in his 23. However nine wickets were down for 57 ; but then came a great last wicket stand in which Webb and Morris put on 32 before Webb was bowled. The School was thus enabled to win by 15 runs after a most exciting match.

## J. C. PALLISTER'S XI.

A. S. Giles, c Webb, b Morris	5
R. J. Muir, lbw b Morris	9
J. C. Pallister, c J. O. Schofield, b Morris	12
P. S. Hordern, b Morris	0
Captain Bennett, b J. O. Schofield	0
H. G. Morrison, b Morris	10
E. Bostock, b Morris	1
J. Farish, not out	9
E. D. Maguire, b J. O. Schofield	7
J. R. Senior, b J. O. Schofield	0
J. Barwick, b J. O. Schofield	14
Byes 3, Leg-byes 4	7

Total.....74

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
J. O. Schofield	11.3	2	25	4	6.25
D. E. D. Morris	11	2	42	6	7.00

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

P. A. Schofield, st Bostock, b Giles	4
R. A. Houghton, c Bennett, b Pallister	7
D. R. Arkell, c Muir, b Pallister	1
J. O. Schofield, b Muir	23
S. Doidge, b Giles	11
T. M. F. Rogers, b Muir	2
R. C. Walker, lbw b Hordern	1
D. W. K. Stark, b Hordern	0
E. H. Scarlett, c and b Hordern	3
A. A. Webb, b Pallister	17
D. E. D. Morris, not out	9
Byes 10, Leg-bye 1	11

Total.....89

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
J. C. Pallister	12.3	5	19	3	6.33
A. S. Giles	11	2	44	2	22.00
R. J. Muir	4	2	6	2	3.00
P. S. Hordern	5	1	9	3	3.00

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL.

Played at Northampton on June 18th. The School batted first on a fast but easy wicket. P. A. Schofield started confidently, scoring the first seventeen runs before playing a ball hard on to his pad which rolled on to his wicket. An utter collapse followed, though Walker and Scarlett both tried to stop it by showing that poor bowling should be hit and not allowed to take wickets. The innings closed for 78, a total undeservedly flattering to the bowlers.

Northampton went in and started well, Merriman and Walker batting comfortably. Peel and Gray also hit hard, Northampton eventually scoring 98 for six wickets before stumps were drawn.

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

P. A. Schofield, b Gilkes	17
JR. A. Houghton, b Gilkes	4
D. R. Arkell, b A. Walker	3
J. O. Schofield, c Cooch, b Gilkes	2
S. Doidge, b Gilkes	1
T. M. F. Rogers, run out	3
R. C. Walker, b A. Walker	16
D. W. K. Stark, lbw b Gilkes	3
E. H. Scarlett, c Peel, b Gilkes	17
A. A. Webb, c Stanley, b A. Walker	6
D. E. D. Morris, not out	6

Total.....78

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
B. A. Gilkes...	15	2	43	6	7.16
A. R. Walker	11.1	3	21	3	7.00
R. F. Peel	2	1	2	0	—
A. A. T. Dun-					
more	2	0	10	0	—
D. F. Cooch	1	0	2	0	—

## NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL.

R. D. Merriman, b J. O. Schofield	18
A. R. M. Walker, c P. A. Schofield, b J. O. Schofield	12
R. F. E. W. Peel, c J. O. Schofield, b Webb	24
A. G. Gray, b Morris	17
A. A. T. Dunmore, c Morris, b J. O. Schofield	4
B. A. Gilkes, lbw b J. O. Schofield	12
— Stanby, not out	5
C. A. Beeby, not out	4
Byes 2	2

Total (for 6 wkts.).....98

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
J. O. Schofield	12	2	42	4	10.50
D. E. D. Morris	8	1	37	1	37.00
A. A. Webb	3	0	17	1	17.00

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. F. G. L. CRAWSHAY, ESQ.'S XI.

Played at Bloxham on June 21st. The visitors batted first, Rev. C. S. Wettenhall and Crawshay putting on 64 for the second wicket. The former continued batting well after lunch and shared in another partnership with Escritt before he was bowled for a delightful 65. Morris bowled well, incidentally doing the "hat trick." The

School also started well before Houghton left at 38. Then a collapse followed until P. A. Schofield found a partner in Colegrave. The former left at no after batting excellently. Colegrave continued batting freely but could find no one to stay with him, the innings closing for 165.

## F. G. L. CRAWSHAY'S XI.

Rev. C. S. Wettenhall, b Morris	65
P. S. Hordern, c Stark, b J. O. Schofield	11
F. G. L. Crawshay, b Colegrave	41
H. G. Morrison, hit wkt., b Colegrave	8
E. Escritt, c Morris, b Webb	39
S. P. B. Dem Bucknall, b Morris	2
C. L. Tabor, c Stark, b J. O. Schofield	2
J. L. Hurst, b Morris	0
F. A. G. S.-Douglas, hit wkt., b Morris	0
R. Carr-White, not out	3
N. F. Hedges, b Morris	10
Byes 5, Leg-byes 2	7

Total.....188

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver
J. O. Schofield	21	5	65	2	32.50
D. E. D. Morris	14.4	1	54	5	10.30
E. A. Colegrave	9	1	53	2	26.50
A. A. Webb	2	0	8	1	8.00

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

P. A. Schofield, c Crawshay, b Hordern	55
R. A. Houghton, c Morrison, b Crawshay	20
D. R. Arkell, c Escritt, b Hordern	3
J. O. Schofield, c and b Crawshay	6
S. Doidge, b Wettenhall	0
R. C. Walker, lbw b Carr-White	3
D. E. D. Morris, c Crawshay, b Hordern	4
E. A. Colegrave, not out	45
E. H. Scarlett, c and b S.-Douglas	16
D. W. K. Stark, c Escritt, b Crawshay	0
A. A. Webb, c Hordern, b Hedges	2
Byes 9, Leg-bye 1, wide 1	11

Total.....165

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
P. S. Hordern	13	2	40	3	13.33
N. F. Hedges	5	1	17	0	—
F. G. L. Cray-					
shaw	8	2	30	3	10.00
Rev. Wetten-					
hall	3	0	19	1	19.00
R. Carr-White	4	1	18	1	18.00
J. L. Hurst	2	0	10	0	—
F. A. G. S.	m				
Douglas	5	0	20	1	20.00

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL V. OLD BLOXHAMISTS.

Played at Bloxham on June 28th, the School winning by seven wickets in a most exciting finish. The Old Boys batted first and started well, Gray making a useful fifty; he was well supported by Hall and Holiday who hit hard, Morris especially coming in for punishment. J. O. Schofield bowled well, as usual. The School fielding was disappointing, two easy catches being unaccountably missed.

When the School went in to bat, P. A. Schofield started off as if he was set for a century but was clean bowled by Hall after making 14. Colegrave, J. O. Schofield and Doidge all played freely after that, but then a collapse followed. However, another last-wicket stand put on 38, the innings ending for a total of 138.

The Old Boys went in again, but nobody did much against J. O. Schofield and Morris until Holiday came in. He was never uncomfortable and had made 58 before the innings was declared closed.

The School were left just under 80 minutes in which to make 136. Due mainly to a magnificent innings by P. A. Schofield, who made his highest score for the School, and helped by Arkell and J. O. Schofield the School achieved this feat with ten minutes to spare.

## OLD BLOXHAMISTS.

FIRST INNINGS.			SECOND INNINGS.		
E. M. Johnson, lbw b Morris	13	b J. O. Schofield	0		
G. Gray, b Colegrave	52	b Morris			
P. Johnson, b J. O. Schofield	1	not out	3		
J. B. Hall, b J. O. Schofield	34	st. P. A. Schofield, b Morris	12		
T. Rigby Taylor, b J. O. Schofield	0	b Morris	9		
G. H. Holiday, not out	38	not out	58		
A. Worth, b J. O. Schofield	0	b Morris	1		
H. J. C. Walker, lbw. b J. O. Schofield	2	st P. A. Schofield, b Colegrave.	8		
L. C. Vaughan, c P. A. Schofield, b Webb	8	c Houghton, b J. O. Schofield	8		
R. M. Raymond, b Morris	10	b J. O. Schofield	0		
F. W. Boissier, b J. O. Schofield	0	b Morris	4		
Byes 4, Leg-byes 3	7	Byes 3, Leg-bye 1	4		
Total	165	Total (for 9 wkts.)	108		

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1st Innings :—					
	Overs	Mdns.	Rns.	Wkts.	Aver.
J. O. Schofield	19.4	2	59	6	9.83
D. E. D. Morris	17	0	68	2	34.00
E. A. Colegrave	5	0	20	1	20.00
A. A. Webb	3	0	11	1	11.00
2nd Innings :—					
J. O. Schofield	13	1	31	3	10.33
D. E. D. Morris	9	0	49	5	9.80
E. A. Colegrave	4	0	24	1	24.00

## BLOXHAM SCHOOL.

FIRST INNINGS.			FIRST INNINGS.		
P. A. Schofield, b Hall	14	not out			78
R. A. Houghton, b Hall	2	b Hall			6
D. R. Arkell, lbw b Johnson	4	c Taylor, b Gray			28
J. O. Schofield, c and b Hall	12	not out			23
E. A. Colegrave, b Hall	35	b Hall			6
S. Doidge, b Holiday	19				
J. E. Gorrington-Smith, b Hall	1				
D. E. D. Morris, run out	0				
E. H. Scarlett, b Hall	6				
D. W. K. Stark, not out	15				
A. A. Webb, c Walker, b Hall	17				
Byes 8, Leg-bye 1, N-balls 4	13	Bye			1
Total	138	Total (for 3 wkts.)			142

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1st Innings :—					
	Overs	Mdns.	Rns.	Wkts.	Aver.
J. B. Hall	13	0	59	7	8.42
E. M. Johnson	4	0	2	1	21.00
H. J. C. Walker	3	0	21	0	
G. H. Holiday	8	1	14	1	14.00
G. Gray	3	0	10	0	
2nd Innings :—					
J. B. Hall	10	0	50		25.00
E. M. Johnson	6	0	32		
H. J. C. Walker	1	0	7		
G. H. Holiday	3	0	1	0	
G. Gray	1	0	10		10.00
L. C. Vaughan	4	0	21		
A. Worth	5	0	11		

## CRICKET CHARACTERS.

*P. A. Schofield* (Captain). Has worked hard both on and off the field. A sound No. 1 batsman, who would be difficult to get out if he were stronger on the off side. He has played some invaluable innings. As wicket keeper, he gives away few extras but must learn to "stand up" before he is a very effective stumper.

*J. o. Schofield*. Has bowled well, without much luck, throughout the season, and always keeps the batsman playing at him. Is the most dangerous and stylish batsman in the XI, and hits the ball very hard, but he has invariably got himself out before being set. A safe slip field.

*D. E. D. Morris*. Has been a very successful bowler, and has shown great improvement, keeping a much better length

than last season. The flight of his left arm slows can be very-deceptive and he "straightens" them very well. A very useful No. 9 or 10 batsman. Rather slow in the field.

- D. R. Arkell.*—Should make a good bat with more experience. At present his foot work is poor, and he thus loses many chances of scoring. Is inclined to nibble at the good length off ball, but is strong on the off drive. A safe field.
- R. A. Houghton.* A batsman with a good defence, who hits the loose ball well, and is strong on the off side. He should develop into a really good bat next season. Very quick in the field, he picks up the ball cleanly and throws in well.
- E. A. Colegrave.* A slow left arm bowler who is dangerous if he keeps a length. He can "swing" the ball very well and has a natural break from leg, but generally pitches the ball too short and is therefore expensive. Should turn into a good forcing batsman, very keen in the field.
- A. A. Webb.* A useful change bowler who has had little opportunity of proving himself. He has on several occasions batted very well when the side were in difficulties, and has a good defence, with few scoring strokes. Rather slow in the field.
- S. Doidge.* Has been very disappointing as a batsman. With his size and strength he should be able to hit the ball very hard, instead of being satisfied with merely letting the ball hit the bat. A fairly sound close-in fieldsman.
- D. W. K. Stark.* Has failed to fulfil the promise he showed last season as a batsman. His style is far too cramped and he seldom uses his feet, when playing a ball, which results in a cross bat. The best field in the side, he is very quick in picking up and throwing in, and seldom drops a catch.
- E. H. Scarlett.*—As a batsman is purely a hitter, but has often shown that the bowling can be hit, and has several times made runs when these were badly needed. Has fielded quite well at silly mid-off.
- T. M. F. Rogers.* As a batsman is handicapped by his size, but has a very nice style and always plays with a straight bat. Very keen in the field, and is never afraid to get in front of the hardest drive.
- R. C. Walker.* A batsman with little enterprise, who will never make runs until he can learn to swing a bat properly at a loose ball. Rather slow in the field, but throws in very accurately.

### A.S.S.B.P.S.

THE annual expedition of the above society took place on July 2nd last. Some two dozen members met at the School gates at 2 p.m. and were rapidly carried away by one of the latest type of motor-coaches from Oxford (England's Premier Touring Centre) to Edgehill. An all too short half-hour was spent photographing the historic old tower amid its sylvan surroundings. The next stop was at Compton Verney, a fine example of beauties of early Georgian domestic architecture, standing before an expanse of ornamental water. By this time many members were exhausted of films and plates, and so, when tea, in the shape of eggs, cucumber sandwiches and strawberries had been disposed of, the party proceeded to the charming old world town, so beloved by our cousins from across the Atlantic, of Stratford-upon-Avon. After an hour spent in examining the urban amenities of this, the native town of England's Immortal Bard, the society departed for the hamlet of Brailes, where photographs were taken of the church. The society returned to the School soon after 7 p.m., and all were unanimous in declaring the expedition a great success. A richly merited vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Dewey, the President.

S-M.

### MUSINGS.

If I had known Pythagoras  
Two thousand years ago ;  
And had I known his tendencies  
(As their results I know !)  
" Pythagoras " I should have said  
In firm but kindly tone,  
" You stick to Greek philosophy,  
Leave triangles alone !"

If Julius Caesar I had met,  
In some forgotten year,  
His trusty sword held in his hand,  
His pen behind his ear.  
I should have said—" Look here my friend,  
Fight if you must, indeed,  
But don't write books about yourself,  
Which no one wants to read ! "

And if I had been introduced  
In deferential style,  
To Archimedes, Ohm and Boyle,  
To Ovid and Carlyle.

I would have told them one and all.  
 " Don't waste your time and ink  
 In writing down your precious thoughts—  
 Just stop at home and think ! "

### MUSIC NOTES.

WE will take first of all the Subject of Chapel Music. During the last year two new settings of the Mass have been sung. Charles Wood in the Phrygian Mode and Basil Harwood in D. Wood died in 1926, having been for many years Professor of Composition at the Royal College of Music, London, and for the last two years of his life Professor of Music at Cambridge University. Harwood, who is still living, has held two Cathedral organistships, Ely and Christ Church, Oxford.

Though contemporary musicians their settings differ widely in style. Wood has wonderfully caught the spirit of the sixteenth century polyphonic school; to realize this one has only to go and hear a Mass at Westminster Cathedral when they are singing a setting by the sixteenth century Englishman, William Byrd, the Italian Palestrina or the great representative of the Flemish School, Orlando di Lasso. Possibly some people may have wondered what is meant by the Phrygian Mode. It is simply one of the ancient scales, of which there were eight, the semitone intervals coming in different positions in each mode. All music from the very earliest times down to about the middle of the Seventeenth Century, when the modern major and minor scales came into existence, was written in one or other of these modes. The plain sung tones to which we sing the Psalms are examples, there being a tone in each mode. That is why they sound so different from music written in the modern scale, and possibly to some ears, a little dull!

The Harwood Service, which was written nearly thirty years ago, is entirely late nineteenth century in style. It is a good example of English church music of that period, a great deal of which was trivial and commonplace, relying on weak chromatic harmonies and a rather sentimental type of melody, very often almost secular in character, for its effect. Though it should be said here that the fine traditions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries never completely broke down. All through the bad periods there were always two or three composers writing church music of first rate quality, though unfortunately that cannot be said of other branches of musical composition in England.

With regard to the congregational side of the Chapel music, there has been a good deal of excellent hymn singing this term. But some quite well known hymns have been spoilt simply by carelessness with regard to rhythm. There are two reasons why a tune is played over on the organ before the singing begins; firstly, to fix the pitch, secondly to give the time, and it should be sung at exactly the same rate of beat, not, as very often happens, at about half the pace. This, and adding on a beat or so at the end of a line while breath is taken are two great and very common faults which completely take the life out of a hymn. But if attention is paid to the preliminary playing over there should be no need for them to occur.

It is hoped next term to raise a fairly large Choral Society. Last year it consisted of the Choir and two or three others; an additional twenty members will not be too many this year. The programme of the All Saints' concert will, if possible, include one fairly large choral work, songs, part songs and instrumental music.

There is only one thing more to be said about the music of the School and that is for a year there has not been a single violin pupil!

P. B. T.

### THE SCOUT TROOP.

IT is very desirable that the strength of the Corps should be 1 maintained and as a result of a comb-out to achieve this our numbers are down to 25, while our eldest scout is not much more than fourteen years of age. This is only temporary and we shall no doubt shoot up again next term. Efficiency, as measured by the passing of tests, has naturally suffered slightly but as there have been various counterbalancing advantages, it is doubtful whether all round efficiency has fallen or not. Of course efficient scouts are impossible people to measure anyway. Scouting deals in by-products (we are indebted for that epigram to Captain Knight) and good turns and cheery faces do not lend themselves to statistical treatment.

Chicken-pox has caused us one or two disappointments. We had hoped to enter a patrol to compete with patrols from the other troops in the County for the County Flag Competition which takes place annually at a week-end camp at the County Training Centre at Youldbury. We had to abandon this and also a projected visit during the holidays to our brother scouts in Denmark.

We have enjoyed two week-end camps during the term at an excellent site kindly lent to us by Mr. Young of Broughton Grange. We give him our cordial thanks, and we also appreciate very much the fact that the Tieadmaster let us go.

Our Rovers are lacking in quantity but not in anything else. It has been a term rather full of Sunday activities and we have not been able to do a great deal of roving and have been compelled to postpone the tests for the Public School Scout Certificate until next term. But we would not have it otherwise, for the Rover motto is "Service" and it would be an ill service to the School to withdraw our assistance for other roving duties.

On Sunday, July 13th, one section of the inter-patrol competition was held at the camp-site at Broughton Grange. The Beavers (Patrol-Leader Gibson) hold the lead in this section, with the Bull-Dogs (Patrol-Leader Marshall) as runners-up. Thanks once more, this time to the Rovers who prepared tea for 25 hungry and thirsty scouts and three exhausted examiners.

The troop will go into camp at Colwell Bay, Isle of Wight, from the last day of term until August 8th.

### SWIMMING NOTES.

SWIMMING this season has been greatly appreciated by everyone. The weather has been very favourable and there has been no shortage, or interference of any nature, regarding the water supply.

This branch of sport in the School is gaining strides. Every boy is keen, especially as he knows that he has to uphold his House. In the Inter-House Swimming Sports, held at the end of the term, a boy who is unable to swim loses for his House the advantage which otherwise might earn them the Challenge Cup. Sometimes he becomes so conscientious that before he could learn the breast stroke one sees him trying to do the crawl. Actually the crawl is a difficult stroke to master and the breast stroke certainly is the easier one to learn at first.

It had been hoped to arrange swimming fixtures with other Schools which lie within a convenient distance around. But it seemed as though we were the first to bring up the suggestion as the other Schools were not quite ready to meet the invitation; most of them confined their swimming mainly to the Inter-House Sports. We trust that they will expand their scope in the near future.

We were fortunate, nevertheless, to secure one match, in that we swam a Relay Race against the Old Bloxhamists. This was the first time in the School's history; and inasmuch as the Cricket Match against the Old Bloxhamists is so greatly honoured, let the Swimming likewise follow suit.

### THE SWIMMING MATCH.

#### SCHOOL V. THE OLD BLOXHAMISTS.

On Saturday, June 29th, the School swam in a relay race against the Old Bloxhamists. Each side had a team of six, and the race was swum under the same conditions as in the House Relay.

The Old Bloxhamists were represented by D. D. Zvegintzov (Captain,) M. E. Beale, R. M. Raymond, B. G. Raymond, Major V. Turner and J. H. Lawrence. The School team comprised of E. Christiansen, H. Hughes, E. T. Wilson, W. V. Parkins, J. B. Bucher and J. E. Bickersteth.

The Old Bloxhamists swam very well, and at first it looked as though they would win. The position turned towards the end, and the School won by just over a length in 1 minute 40! seconds.

M. E. Beale started for the Old Bloxhamists and J. B. Bucher for the School. Both swam hard and well, but Beale managed to reap in a little advantage for his side. They were followed by D. D. Zvegintzov and E. T. Wilson respectively, and the Old Bloxhamists kept their lead. They were still leading when the fourth pair entered the bath. The fifth pair started equal and it was here that the position changed. J. E. Bickersteth was just too strong for Major Turner and he gained a good lead for the School.

#### Order of starting :—

The Old Bloxhamists.	The School.
1 M. E. Beale	J. B. Bucher
2 D. D. Zvegintzov	E. T. Wilson
3 R. M. Raymond	W. V. Parkins
4 B. G. Raymond	H. Hughes
5 Major V. Turner	J. E. Bickersteth
6 J. H. Lawrence	E. Christiansen

E. C.

### A FRAGMENT.

"A sweet disorder in the dress."  
 A touch of ink, a baggy knee,  
 A Sunday coat, a third best vest,  
 A pair of trousers long gone west,  
 Are dear to me.  
 But since the fiat has gone forth,  
 These known delights I must forswear.  
 A tailor's man has measured me  
 And henceforth -all my clothes must be  
 Foursquare.

Farewell my dirty, long loved coat,  
 Farewell my vests of various hue,  
 And you who oftentimes used to catch  
 It good and hard upon the patch—  
 Trousers, adieu !

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE BLOXHAMIST.

SIR,

I have always been of opinion that strict silence should be kept during examinations. It is a pity that no carpet has been placed down the centre of the gymnasium, or that at least carpet-slippers are not placed at the disposal of the would-be walkers.

Yours sincerely,

" FAILED."

[We shall refer the carpet problem to the Board.—ED.].

*From our Special Correspondent not in India.*

With no apologies at all to the rather ridiculous bilingual reports appearing in the daily press.

Banners, July 20th.

A regrettable *bhiz* occurred here recently when a party *oighufs* flung a *sollers* at a *bheak* who was on a *johli* catching *chikkas*. A difficult situation might have arisen had the intended victim been *phrit*. Fortunately he kept calm and calling to his *skivvi*, "*Hokk-i*, give me my *hogi* ! " he stooped and, lighting a *tab*, flung a *ghrif* at his assailants which dispersed them.

To celebrate his escape a *ghut* was held last evening at the *rheddass* which became a real *roht* before the guests went to *kip*. The leader of the *ghufs* in a long *johr* this morning denounced the whole *bhiz* as a *proppa jeuh*.

### EDITORIAL NOTICES.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of copies of contemporary magazines.

Annual Subscription, payable to Mr. WILSON at the School, is \$s.

The Old Bloxhamist Society are supplied with the Magazine, post free. It is hoped that all Old Bloxhamists, in order to keep up their connection with the School and with one another, will join the Old Bloxhamist Society—One Guinea covers five years' membership, Four Guineas a Life Membership. Subscriptions should be paid to Mr. WILSON, at the School. Members are entitled to wear the Old Bloxhamist Society colours.

Mr. R. Howard Russel, O.B., i, Duke Street, Brighton, has written suggesting the formation of an Old Bloxhamist Masonic Lodge. Mr. Russel most kindly offers to answer any queries on the subject, and were the Lodge founded to shoulder the onerous duty of Secretary.

Will any Old Bloxhamists who are interested please communicate with Mr. Russel ? He will thus be enabled to find out what measure of support there is likely to be, and the matter can be fully discussed at the meeting of the Old Bloxhamist Society which takes place before the Dinner in January.