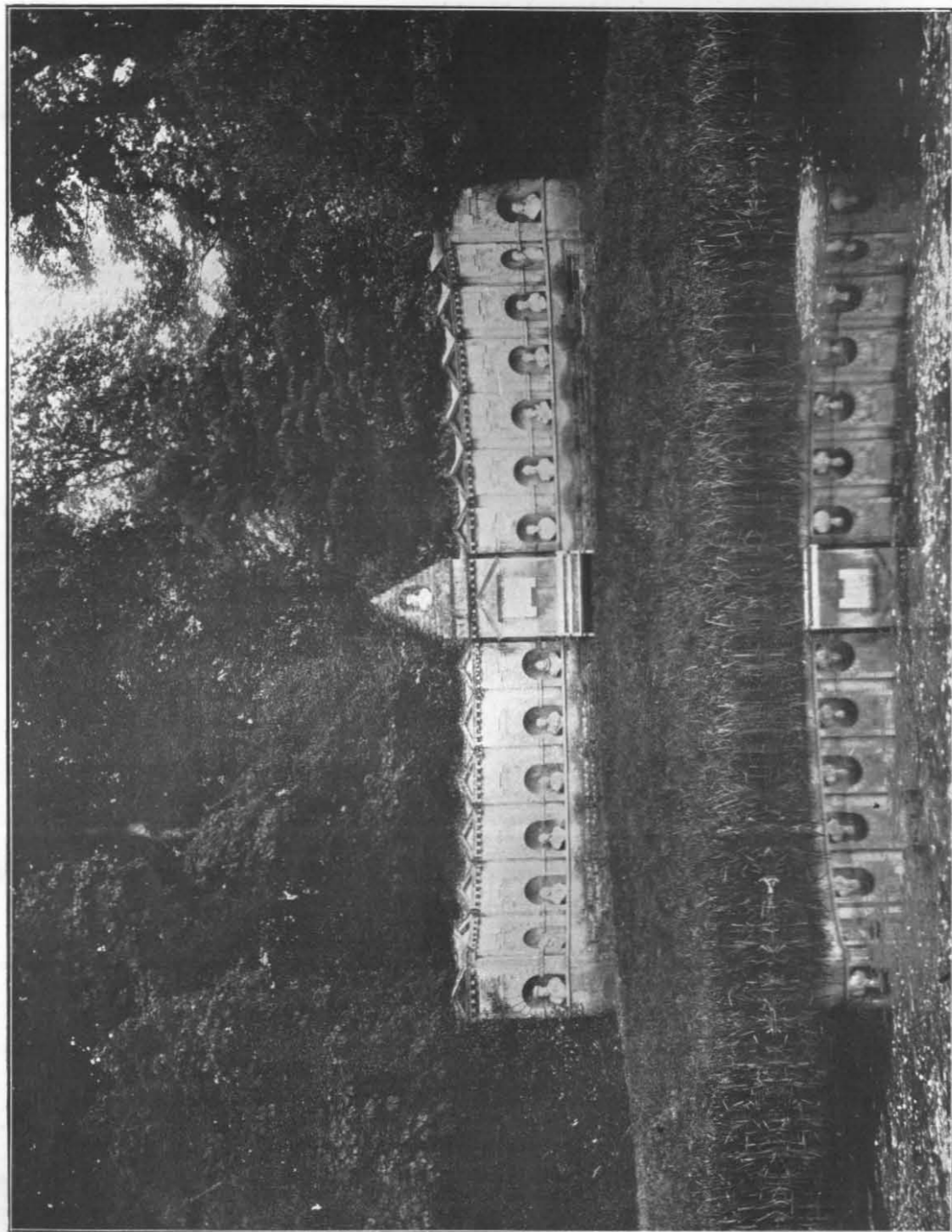


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## ON EPITAPHS

**A** LONG with the arts of making stained glass and building houses of flints, we Englishmen of to-day must regretfully regard another art as lost—that of writing epitaphs. The dates of birth and death, a trite tag from Bible or hymn-book, and there an end, in these forward-looking days. It was not always so. Our forefathers thought more of honouring a man upon his tombstone, or at the least of making the achievements of the departed stand as a challenge or a warning to a later generation. Did a man have five wives? It was straightway entered on his tombstone. Did he for a wagger remain unshaven or unwashed for seven years? At the last it was not forgotten. Did he merely live to four score years? The youngsters in their eighties were spurred to emulation by some such challenge as the following which to-day enlivens the gloom of the churchyard at Brightwell Baldwin.

STEPHEN RUMBOLD,  
Born February, 1582,  
Died March the 4th, 1687.

'He lived an hundred and five, sanguine and strong:  
An hundred to five you do not live so long.'

A trifle under the odds, one fancies, but the thought is good, and has the saving grace of humour.

So practised, the art might well have flourished to to-day, for it was at least sincere. But the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries killed it by overuse, divorcing the epitaph from its tombstone and regarding it merely as giving an opportunity for phrase-making and an excursion into one of the politer forms of fiction.

To chronicle a man's achievements on his tombstone is a wholly estimable practice, but unfortunately the rather florid gentlemen of our Augustan Age went further than that. To-day, if a man wishes to praise famous men—or his father for that matter—he writes a notice for one of the reviews, sends it in, and hopes for the best. The wits of

the eighteenth century ensured publication, and a certain durability, for their opinions, by building a temple or monument and having their epitaphs to the really, or obscurely great, carved thereon.

We know these fanes and temples well at Stowe—their name is legion. There is the Cobham Pillar, the Wolf Obelisk, Captain Grenville's Column. There is the Temple of British Worthies, in which William Shakespeare,

'Whose excellent genius opened to him the whole heart of man . . . and gave him power, beyond all other writers, to move, astonish, and delight mankind.'

and Sir Isaac Newton,

'Whom the God of nature made to comprehend his works,'

keep company with Sir John Barnard,

'Who distinguished himself in Parliament by an active and firm opposition to the pernicious and iniquitous practice of stock-jobbing,'

and Sir Thomas Gresham,

'Who, by the honourable profession of a merchant, having enriched himself and his country, for carrying on the commerce of the world, built the Royal Exchange.'

'Truly, an admirable company,' we murmur as we read, and pass on with a smile.

For such prodigal use the supply of subjects was not, of course, inexhaustible, and it is perhaps justifiable to assume that it was during a period of exhaustion that the walls of the Shepherd's Cove were adorned with the following 'Monumental Inscription,' as the catalogue has it:

To the memory  
of  
SIGNOR FIDO,  
an *Italian* of good extraction;  
who came into *England*,  
not to bite us, like most of his countrymen,  
but to gain an honest livelihood.  
He hunted not after Fame,  
yet acquired it;  
regardless of the praise of his friends,  
but sensible to their love.  
Tho' he liv'd amongst the great,  
he neither learn'd nor flatter'd any vice.  
He was no bigot,  
tho' he doubted of none of the 39 articles:  
And, if to follow nature,  
and to respect the laws of society,  
be philosophy,  
he was a perfect philosopher;

a faithful friend,  
an agreeable companion,  
a loving husband,  
distinguish'd by numerous offspring,  
all which he liv'd to see take good courses.  
In his old age he retir'd  
to the house of a Clergyman in the country,  
where he finished his earthy race,  
And died an honour and an example to the whole species.

READER,  
This stone is guiltless of flattery,  
for he to whom it is inscrib'd  
was not a Man,  
but a  
GREYHOUND.

## THE LIBRARY

WE have had over a hundred and fifty books presented to the Library during the term, and as they are of a very varied character practically all the sections have been enriched.

Mr. E. Hampden Cooke sent us a large number of volumes on a great variety of subjects, including a fine edition of 'British Poets' and 'The New Testament in Modern Speech,' which he himself edited. Mrs. Radice also gave us several works, chiefly on archaeology and philosophy, while Sir Thomas Comyn Platt presented twenty-four books, including such interesting things as Lord Jellicoe's 'The Grand Fleet' and Morris's 'Birds and Their Eggs' (second edition), the latter a most welcome addition to the Natural History Section, as it completes the set of Morris's bird books, the Headmaster having given a first edition of 'British Birds' some time ago.

The Hon. Margaret Chaloner has given two beautiful volumes on 'British Butterflies,' by Frohawk; Mrs. Penraven, Scott's 'Antarctic Adventure'; Mr. Harper, 'Medieval England,' by Trevor Davies, and Grote's 'History of Greece,' with notes, a recent edition.

Another donor has presented 'The Temple Memoirs,' a finely-produced work, which contains a very interesting account of Stowe in its early days, before the Georgian era, the time usually written about.

Amongst the books purchased for the Library are 'The Oxford History of Music,' Froude's 'English Seamen of the Sixteenth Century,' Lord Ernle's book, 'Farming, Past and Present,' Calthorp's 'Horses: Companions and Friends,' and Dr. James's 'Tales of an Antiquary.'

## CRICKET

THE record of nine School matches played, of which six have been lost and three drawn, does not look very good. And, of course, it is not good, but it is by no means as discouraging as it would first appear.

The team has shown that it is capable of making runs—it made 232 against the Chiltern Ramblers, and 220 for 8 against Westminster II; it has shown that it can bowl—early in the season it got two strong batting sides out for just over 150; and with one or two exceptions it has shown that it can field extremely well. Unfortunately it has not managed to do these things in the same match. We came near it against Westminster, but threw the game away by dropping catches.

Dawson, Ling, Pearson and Sword have all made runs during the term. Dawson plays back with great determination, but at present he is weak in dealing with the good length ball outside the off stump. Ling has an amazing way of using his left forearm to hit a full pitch very hard, and when he comes to appreciate the danger of trying to turn balls off the leg stump before he is properly set he will be a difficult man to get out. Sword's strong point is his cutting, but he is at present very uncertain of getting over the ball when he tries to drive it. Most of our other batsmen have looked like getting runs quite often, but they have never quite come off.

Mention must be made of the way in which Griffin has saved the side more than once by his dogged batting.

It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of getting a good start to an innings, and it is possible that we have not yet found the ideal opening pair.

There has been rather a sameness about our regular bowlers. Griffin, Cowell, Harrison and Dawson all bowl a medium-pace ball, and although Pearson has been exploited to the full, it is possible that not enough has been made of Gadney.

In other than 1st XI matches we have done a great deal better. Another half-hour would probably have seen Mill Hill Colts soundly defeated, and our great display against Wellington 'Under 16½' is described elsewhere.

The fact that we have been so often beaten must not worry us at all. We are, in our youth, happily able to be continually playing matches against sides which are stronger than we are. But the experience gained in being thus beaten far outweighs anything else, and should prove an invaluable asset in future years.

## SCHOOL v. MASTERS.

Played at Stowe on Friday and Saturday, May 22nd and 23rd, 1925.

After a somewhat stodgy start Mr. Capel Cure and Mr. Wadlow hit with refreshing vigour and success, so that the score had reached 175 before the Masters' fourth wicket fell. Afterwards, however, Griffin and Cowell dismissed the remaining batsmen cheaply. But the School, with the exception of Pearson and Ling, could do little with Mr. Hart Dyke's bowling, and in spite of many errors in the field were beaten by an innings. A little more determination in the School's batting must have saved the game, since, for some obscure reason, although there were only six hours for play, it was reckoned as a two-day match.

## MASTERS.

I. M. Cross, b Pearson .....	23
P. A. Browne, l-b-w b Dawson .....	29
W. E. Capel Cure, c Riess, b Cowell .....	68
E. F. Habershon, b Dawson .....	9
P. N. Wadlow, c Pearson, b Griffin .....	36
I. A. Clarke, b Griffin .....	1
N. Wragg, b Cowell .....	1
F. T. Arnold, b Cowell .....	0
E. Hart Dyke, st Carr, b Griffin .....	11
G. R. Renwick, b Cowell .....	8
R. R. Timberlake, not out .....	0
Extras .....	29
Total .....	215

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin .....	21	2	70	3
Dawson .....	18	2	47	2
Cowell .....	12.2	1	33	4
Avory .....	3	0	16	0

## SCHOOL.

C. D. Harrison, c & b Wragg .....	7	c Wragg, b Browne ...	30
R. H. G. Carr, b Wragg .....	5	b Habershon .....	0
R. W. D. Sword, c Timberlake, b Hart Dyke	3	b Hart Dyke .....	17
C. J. P. Pearson, c Timberlake, b Hart Dyke	31	not out .....	2
A. J. P. Ling, hit wicket, b Browne .....	30	run out .....	8
A. C. Dawson, c Timberlake, b Renwick ...	1	c sub., b Wragg .....	15
P. M. Falconer, c Cross, b Hart Dyke .....	12	b Hart Dyke .....	1
A. M. Cowell, b Hart Dyke .....	0	hit wicket, b Wragg...	10
J. G. Riess, b Hart Dyke .....	1	c Renwick, b Wadlow	5
E. R. Avory, b Hart Dyke .....	4	b Hart Dyke .....	0
G. A. Griffin, not out .....	1	c sub., b Hart Dyke ...	1
Extras .....	0	Extras .....	0
Total .....	95	Total .....	89

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Habershon ...	11	3	20	0	Hart Dyke ...	13	3	34	4
Wragg .....	19	5	32	2	Habershon ...	4	2	5	1
Hart Dyke ...	12.2	2	16	6	Wragg .....	6	2	5	2
Wadlow .....	4	0	8	0	Browne .....	6	0	26	1
Renwick .....	3	0	7	1	Renwick .....	2	0	5	0
Browne .....	2	0	12	1	Wadlow .....	5	1	14	1

## SCHOOL v. R.A.S.C. (ALDERSHOT).

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 30th, 1925.

The School batted first, and although after half an hour's play only 13 runs had been scored, Harrison and Carr seemed to be playing themselves in well. But when Harrison at this point lost patience and was caught off a skied mis-hit, two more wickets fell quickly. With the score 3 for 14 Ling and Sword were together, and matters improved a little. Ling started confidently, and batted well till he was bowled by Major Arden. Dawson followed him and made a bright 15 before being bowled by a leg break from Major Tudor. Sword, who went in first wicket, was out ninth and batted well.

On the whole the School batting was a melancholy performance; but the fact that they dismissed a strong side for 153 runs says a great deal for their bowling and fielding. Pearson was the most successful bowler, but Griffin and Dawson bore the brunt of the attack. The bowlers were always backed up by excellent fielding, no fewer than seven catches being caught.

## SCHOOL.

C. D. Harrison, c Tudor, b Arden .....	12
R. H. G. Carr, st Carter, b Tudor .....	1
R. W. D. Sword, b Arden .....	13
C. J. P. Pearson, b Tudor .....	0
A. J. P. Ling, b Arden .....	14
A. C. Dawson, b Tudor .....	15
J. G. Riess, b Arden .....	5
A. M. Cowell, b Arden .....	0
P. M. Falconer, c Dynes, b Tudor .....	4
N. A. C. Croft, b Tudor .....	1
G. A. Griffin, not out .....	2
Extras .....	5
Total .....	73

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dynes .....	6	2	7	0
Eyre .....	6	3	4	0
Tudor .....	16	1	35	5
Arden .....	16	7	21	5

## R.A.S.C.

Major C. L. St. J. Tudor, c Falconer, b Dawson .....	79
E. Dynes, c Pearson, b Griffin .....	6
Capt. Eyre, b Cowell .....	5
L. A. Tudor, c Falconer, b Dawson .....	2
Capt. L. A. L. Carter, c Cowell, b Pearson .....	6
Major P. A. Arden, c Riess, b Pearson .....	0
Col. E. Gibb, c Pearson, b Griffin .....	28
Capt. N. F. Pennruddocke, c Riess, b Pearson .....	13
Capt. H. B. B. Butler, b Pearson .....	12
Col. J. C. M. Doran, run out .....	2
Capt. E. Heriot-Hill, not out .....	1
Extras .....	4
Total .....	158

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin .....	14	0	46	2
Dawson .....	13	3	47	2
Cowell .....	5	0	27	1
Pearson .....	5	0	27	4
Riess .....	3	1	7	0

## SCHOOL v. R.H.A.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 6th, 1925.

The R.H.A. won the toss and batted first on a good wicket. Nicholson and Balfour started confidently, but were dismissed as soon as Griffin and Dawson found their length. Very little real resistance was offered to their bowling except by Glover, who batted well for 54. Although the R.H.A. were by no means a weak batting side they were all out for 154 at 3.30. Dawson, Griffin and Pearson all bowled well, and if Dawson had not had 20 runs hit off his first two overs his analysis would have been very good indeed. The School's fielding was good without being brilliant; the only thing worth special mention was the catch with which Harrison dismissed Balfour.

The School started their innings disastrously by losing both Harrison and Dawson with only four runs scored. Carr and Sword mended matters a little, but seven wickets were down for 59 runs, and there was three-quarters of an hour left for play. Griffin joined Ling, and thanks to some good hitting by Ling and some sound defence by Griffin the eighth wicket partnership produced 37 runs. Falconer and Griffin then took the score slowly on to 120, when Falconer was bowled, two minutes before time. Griffin played good cricket for nearly three-quarters of an hour, and was not out at the end of the game.

## R.H.A.

C. G. Nicholson, b Dawson .....	15
P. M. Balfour, c Harrison, b Griffin .....	14
A. L. Cameron, c Pearson, b Dawson .....	16
Lt.-Col. Willan, c Harrison, b Griffin .....	11
H. P. Glover, c Cowell, b Pearson .....	54
Lt.-Col. A. K. G. White, b Dawson .....	6

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Major W. E. Duncan, c Carr, b Dawson .....	11
F. S. Siggers, c & b Dawson .....	4
Lt.-Col. H. W. Wynter, not out .....	7
H. Kennedy, c Griffin, b Pearson .....	4
J. Tyndale-Biscoe, b Griffin .....	2
Extras .....	10
Total .....	154

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin .....	16.5	1	51	3
Dawson .....	17	3	53	5
Cowell .....	6	1	27	0
Pearson .....	5	0	13	2

## SCHOOL.

C. D. Harrison, c Duncan, b Cameron .....	0
A. C. Dawson, b Duncan .....	2
R. H. G. Carr, b Glover .....	12
R. W. D. Sword, l-b-w b Glover .....	7
C. J. P. Pearson, l-b-w b Glover .....	8
B. C. Gadney, c White, b Glover .....	0
A. J. P. Ling, c Duncan, b Glover .....	34
A. M. Cowell, c Cameron, b Duncan .....	4
G. A. Griffin, not out .....	19
P. M. Falconer, c Cameron, b Duncan .....	7
N. A. C. Croft did not bat.	
Extras .....	27
Total (for 9 wickets) .....	120

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cameron .....	12	5	22	1
Duncan .....	11	3	16	3
Glover .....	11	2	27	5

## SCHOOL v. CHILTERN RAMBLERS.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 10th, 1925.

The School suffered defeat, but by no means disgrace, at the hands of a side whose weakness in bowling gave no indication of its run-getting powers. Harrison and Dawson for once gave the side a splendid start, putting on 76 together for the first wicket, and when three men were out for 94 Sword and Pearson added 82 for the fourth wicket. All four batted well, Sword's cutting being at times quite brilliant. Gadney played a good innings, but the remaining batsmen were soon dismissed, trying to force the game.

The Ramblers made none too good a start, but when the fifth wicket had fallen at 123 Mr. Colebrook and Mr. Barrow hit with great power and certainty and added over 100 runs. The School's bowling and fielding were admirable even during this discouraging partnership.

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This was one of those unfortunate games where the winning of the toss is more of an embarrassment than an advantage. Had the Ramblers gone in first, and our earlier batsmen batted as they did, our later batsmen could easily have played out time.

## SCHOOL.

C. D. Harrison, c Trevor, b Simpson .....	31
A. C. Dawson, b Goodbody .....	49
R. H. G. Carr, c Mayhew, b Simpson .....	4
R. W. D. Sword, c Colebrook, b Simpson .....	50
C. J. P. Pearson, c Barrow, b Colebrook .....	33
B. C. Gadney, hit wkt, b Haworth .....	22
A. J. P. Ling, c Pendlebury, b Haworth .....	0
A. M. Cowell, c Haworth, b Simpson .....	0
P. M. Falconer, c Pendlebury, b Goodbody .....	15
N. A. C. Croft, not out .....	11
G. A. Griffin, c Barrow, b Dewar .....	0
Extras .....	17
Total .....	232

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Simpson .....	18	8	36	4
Goodbody .....	10	1	30	2
Colebrook .....	3	0	20	1
Haworth .....	3	0	15	2
Dewar .....	1.2	0	3	1

## CHILTERN RAMBLERS.

P. O. Simpson, c Ling, b Pearson .....	63
C. C. Carus Wilson, c Sword, b Griffin .....	3
C. W. Haworth, c Croft, b Griffin .....	22
H. Dewar, c Croft, b Dawson .....	3
J. R. Pendlebury, b Cowell .....	16
J. C. Colebrook, b Dawson .....	40
P. L. Barrow, not out .....	67
Capt. S. L. Trevor, not out .....	11
J. de P. G. Mayhew, R. R. A. Walker, D. M. Goodbody did not bat.	
Extras .....	24
Total (for 6 wickets) .....	249

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin .....	13	2	75	2
Dawson .....	16	0	88	2
Gadney .....	2	0	15	0
Cowell .....	4	0	25	1
Pearson .....	3	0	22	1

## SCHOOL v. RADLEY II.

Played at Radley on Saturday, June 13th.

The School were made to field first, and their bowling went to pieces when attacked by a determined opening Radley pair, who put on 86 before a good catch by Falconer in the slips dismissed Locke. Our bowlers did not get any advantage from the lunch interval, and Radley were able to declare at 4.0, having made 250 for seven wickets. The School fielding just lacked that finish which enables difficult run outs to be made, but on a strange ground it was quite creditable.

The School started its innings disastrously, losing Harrison, Dawson, Carr and Sword for 30 runs. Matters were slightly improved by Gadney and Ling, but it was Griffin who staved off defeat by a magnificent defensive innings which lasted 63 minutes.

RADLEY II.	
R. R. Few, b Harrison	89
P. J. D. Locke, c Falconer, b Harrison	38
T. H. Oldham, c Cowell, b Dawson	35
H. F. B. Foster, not out	38
A. C. Webb, c Harrison, b Pearson	4
J. W. Reid, run out	3
I. W. F. Fairholme, b Cowell	0
R. M. Johnstone, c Gadney, b Griffin	13
E. S. N. Head, not out	7
D. H. Whiting and R. L. Sich did not bat.	
Extras	23
Total (for 7 dec.)	250

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dawson	15	0	87	1
Griffin	10	1	57	1
Harrison	8	0	28	2
Pearson	8	0	35	1
Cowell	8	1	20	1

SCHOOL.	
C. D. Harrison, c Webb, b Locke	7
A. C. Dawson, l-b-w b Reid	5
R. H. G. Carr, run out	10
R. W. D. Sword, b Locke	5
C. J. P. Pearson, l-b-w b Few	9
B. C. Gadney, b Few	24
G. A. Griffin, not out	8
A. J. P. Ling, st Fairholme, b Sich	19
A. M. Cowell, c & b Head	13
P. M. Falconer, not out	3
G. G. Harrison did not bat.	
Extras	14
Total (for 8 wickets)	117

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Locke	11	3	25	2
Reid	9	3	25	1
Sich	9	3	18	1
Few	6	0	19	2
Head	8	2	16	1

## SCHOOL v. WESTMINSTER II.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 20th, 1925.

After a mediocre start (35 for the loss of Harrison and Carr) Dawson and Sword laid the foundations of a good score by adding 88 for the third wicket. Sword never seemed to get really comfortable, but he made some good shots and one perfect off-drive which, from the top end, sent the ball all along the ground to within a few yards of the west colonnade, deserves special mention. Pearson, Gadney and Ling all batted well, and scored quickly, as the occasion demanded. Dawson, in making the highest innings yet played for the School, did not bat faultlessly. He was a little uncertain with balls on the off side, and he was once let off by the bowler's dropping an easy return. He was very very good indeed on the leg side, his hooking being very clean, and the power he got into some of his forward defensive shots was a joy to see. It was unfortunate that when he had scored 77, and was well set, he should have got a blow on the chin which forced him to retire for a short time. The School's fielding was deplorable.

With fifty minutes left for play four of their wickets were down for 83, and all our bowlers were bowling well. Then an easy catch was missed at cover; immediately afterwards an equally easy one was missed at mid-off, then three in quick succession in the slips, and by this time all chances of forcing a win had gone.

SCHOOL.	
C. D. Harrison, c Lester, b Chapman	3
A. C. Dawson, c Hardy, b Lester	88
R. H. G. Carr, c Lester, b Green	6
R. W. D. Sword, b Lester	35
C. J. P. Pearson, c & b Lester	24
B. C. Gadney, l-b-w b Johnstone	30
A. J. P. Ling, c Hardy, b Green	21
J. G. Riess, c Bull, b Green	0
G. A. Griffin, not out	1
J. U. Body, G. G. Harrison did not bat.	
Extras	12
Total (for 8 dec.)	220

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Green	13	2	50	3
Lester	11	2	53	3
Chapman	9	2	38	1
Cuming	7	2	22	0
Johnstone	11	2	45	1

## WESTMINSTER II.

S. J. P. Rock, c Riess, b Pearson .....	34
A. W. D. Leishman, b Dawson .....	5
G. E. Johnstone, l-b-w b Dawson .....	11
A. Clare, st Carr, b Griffin .....	16
J. G. K. Green, c Harrison, b Griffin .....	6
S. Chapman, not out .....	11
E. C. Lester, not out .....	7
H. F. de C. Pareira, T. G. Hardy, H. A. Cuming, C. F. Bull did not bat.	
Extras .....	20
Total (for 5 wickets) .....	110

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin .....	14	2	36	2
Dawson .....	12	3	28	2
Harrisson .....	5	0	15	0
Pearson .....	6	2	11	1

## SCHOOL v. BRADFIELD II.

Played at Bradfield on Thursday, July 2nd, 1925.

The School lost the toss and fielded first. After a short period of play in very bad light, during which one or two chances were missed, a heavy thunderstorm delayed the game for about half an hour.

We never recovered from our early mistakes, and Bradfield went on to make 221 for six wickets. Pearson fielded very well at cover throughout the innings, and once Cowell did a sensational piece of fielding to throw down Waller's wicket, but with these two exceptions our bowling and fielding was entirely undistinguished.

On being sent in to bat, the School started to try and get the runs at a good speed. Indeed a hundred was on the board in just under half an hour. Dawson, who batted well, and deserved the luck he got, was chiefly responsible for this, and he was well supported by Ling and Sword. After this, however, our batsmen all failed with the exception of Carr and, to a lesser extent, Griffin, and we finally lost the match by 47 runs in the last over.

## BRADFIELD II.

R. W. A. Moore, b Dawson .....	20
T. C. Hadfield, l-b-w b Cowell .....	24
W. R. Waller, run out .....	47
I. C. Stuart, c Sword, b Cowell .....	0
R. G. Benda, not out .....	102
F. M. Webb, c Griffin, b Cowell .....	7
J. B. Wilson, c Cowell, b Dawson .....	7
R. W. E. Groves, not out .....	5
C. F. Paddison, L. E. Hunt, J. N. Stephens did not bat.	
Extras .....	15
Total (for 6 dec.) .....	221

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin .....	7	0	37	0
Harrisson .....	10	2	37	0
Cowell .....	13	2	48	3
Dawson .....	11	3	33	2
Pearson .....	4	0	31	0
Gadney .....	2	0	6	0
Riess .....	2	1	1	0
Ling .....	1	0	13	0

## SCHOOL.

A. C. Dawson, c Moore, b Wilson .....	72
A. J. P. Ling, c Moore, b Wilson .....	19
R. W. D. Sword, c & b Wilson .....	26
C. J. P. Pearson, c Stuart, b Wilson .....	2
B. C. Gadney, c Hadfield, b Stuart .....	3
J. G. Riess, b Wilson .....	9
A. M. Cowell, c & b Stuart .....	2
R. H. G. Carr, b Waller .....	19
G. A. Griffin, b Stephens .....	12
C. D. Harrison, l-b-w b Waller .....	0
G. G. Harrisson, not out .....	0
Extras .....	10
Total .....	174

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson .....	15	3	59	5
Stephens .....	7.1	1	51	1
Groves .....	3	0	22	0
Stuart .....	4	0	21	2
Webb .....	2	0	11	0
Waller .....	2	2	0	2

## SCHOOL v. CAPT. ROBERTS' XI.

Played at Tile House on Saturday, July 4th, 1925.

Captain Roberts' XI batted first, and were saved from a collapse by some stolid batting by Holton and some good hitting by Captain Beache-Hay. Considering the rough state of the outfield the School's fielding was good, and several good catches were held.

The School's early batsmen failed against the fast-medium deliveries of Mr. de Knoop, who made the ball rear up in an awkward way. Ling and Pearson made some effort to stop the rot, the former driving with considerable power; but five wickets were down for 42. Riess and Gadney looked like saving, or perhaps even winning, the game, but an unfortunate misunderstanding put an end to an excellent partnership. Carr batted well, but seemed so overawed by the situation that he made no effort to hit even the very bad balls.



## CAPT. ROBERTS' XI.

W. de Knoop, c Pearson, b Griffin .....	5
P. N. Wadlow, c Harrison, b Griffin .....	5
W. E. Capel Cure, c Griffin, b Dawson .....	3
E. Holton, b Cowell .....	16
Capt. Beache-Hay, c Carr, b Griffin .....	27
Capt. R. Buxton, c Dawson, b Cowell .....	21
Col. Medicott, c Cowell, b Pearson .....	20
Col. Frisby, c Harrison, b Cowell .....	4
T. Stacey, c Ling, b Cowell .....	0
D. Stacey, not out .....	12
Capt. G. Roberts, c Griffin, b Pearson .....	0
Extras .....	9
Total .....	122

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin .....	9	0	30	3
Dawson .....	6	0	29	1
Harrison .....	5	0	18	0
Cowell .....	6	1	17	4
Pearson .....	3.1	0	19	2

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C. D. Harrison, b de Knoop .....	4
A. C. Dawson, b de Knoop .....	0
R. W. D. Sword, b de Knoop .....	5
A. J. P. Ling, l-b-w b Holton .....	16
C. J. P. Pearson, b Holton .....	9
B. C. Gadney, run out .....	19
J. G. Riess, c Buxton, b de Knoop .....	19
R. H. G. Carr, b Wadlow .....	14
A. M. Cowell, b de Knoop .....	0
G. A. Griffin, c & b de Knoop .....	0
G. G. Harrison, not out .....	0
Extras .....	12
Total .....	98

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
de Knoop .....	11	3	19	6
Holton .....	12	2	26	2
T. Stacey .....	5	2	23	0
Wadlow .....	6.5	1	15	1
D. Stacey .....	3	2	3	0

## SCHOOL v. WHITTLEBURY.

Played at Whittlebury on Monday, July 13th, 1925.

On winning the toss the School did very badly on a pitch which was reminiscent of a Lord's wicket in the good old days: they lost C. D. Harrison, bowled by a ball which kept low, and Dawson, easily caught at short leg by a ball which got up quickly, for two runs. Four wickets were down for 10, and eight for 34. It was only a courageous innings by Griffin that gave the score the glimmer of respectability that it had. He watched the ball carefully, came down hard on the shooters and hit the loose ones with capital discretion. G. G. Harrison kept his wicket up at the other end with admirable coolness.

The School did little better in the field: seven chances of a sort were missed off the first twenty balls, and although the first two batsmen were soon dismissed, Captain Beache-Hay and General Stockdale placed the result beyond doubt. The former hit quite recklessly at almost everything, but for a long time successfully avoided the fieldsmen. Pearson always looked to be the most likely bowler to take wickets and might with advantage have been given more opportunities. Ling caught Mr. Brook well off a hard low hit into the deep field.

## SCHOOL.

C. D. Harrison, b Hancock .....	0
A. C. Dawson, c Browne, b Hancock .....	2
R. W. D. Sword, b Hancock .....	4
A. J. P. Ling, b Hancock .....	4
C. J. P. Pearson, c & b Johnson .....	6
B. C. Gadney, l-b-w b Johnson .....	11
J. G. Riess, b Hancock .....	0
R. H. G. Carr, b Stockdale .....	10
A. M. Cowell, c Brook, b Johnson .....	0
G. A. Griffin, b Hancock .....	18
G. G. Harrison, not out .....	1
Extras .....	10
Total .....	66

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hancock .....	15.2	6	26	6
Johnson .....	11	4	11	3
Stockdale .....	5	4	2	1
Lees .....	2	0	4	0
N. Douglas-Pennant .....	4	1	8	0
Stratton .....	3	2	3	0

## WHITTLEBURY.

M. Douglas-Pennant, b Cowell .....	2
N. Douglas-Pennant, c Sword, b Pearson .....	2
Capt. Beache-Hay, b Pearson .....	60
General Stockdale, b Griffin .....	34
Major Hancock, c Dawson, b Griffin .....	0
J. Brook, c Ling, b Pearson .....	17

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C. M. Stratton, c Dawson, b Pearson .....	0
Dr. Johnson, not out .....	5
P. A. Browne, not out .....	2
Extras .....	2
Major Van der Byl, G. Lees did not bat.	

Total (for 7 wickets) 124

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pearson .....	6	1	24	4
Cowell .....	6	0	22	1
Dawson .....	3	0	17	0
Griffin .....	5	0	21	2
Harrison .....	5	1	28	0
Harrison .....	4	1	9	0

AN OLIGOI TEAM v. ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, June 17th, 1925.

Body and Mayhew were the only two School batsmen to make anything of the bowling, but neither of them inspired the spectators with much confidence. With eight wickets down for 79 things were looking very bad, but a splendid stand by Harrison and Tickler, who put on 46, just made the School's score presentable.

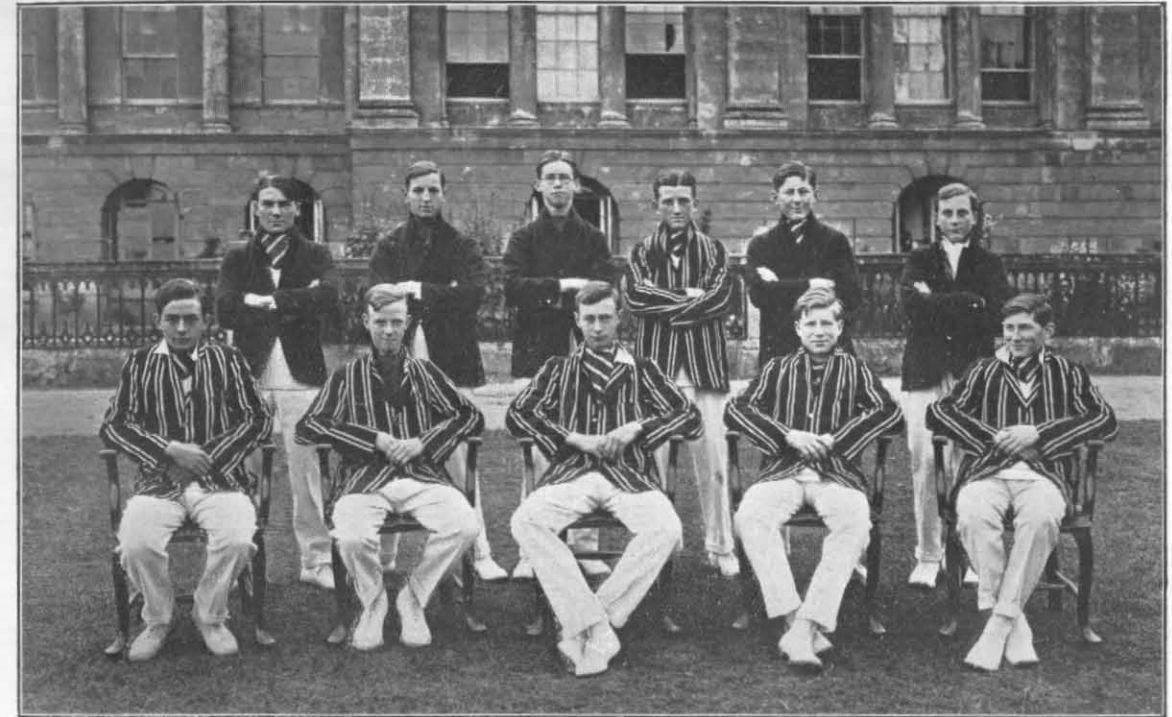
The Latin School opened badly, but for a period after tea Dolman so dominated the situation that it looked as if they might pull the game round. After he was out, however, no one made much of the steady, good length bowling of J. E. Dawson and Harrison.

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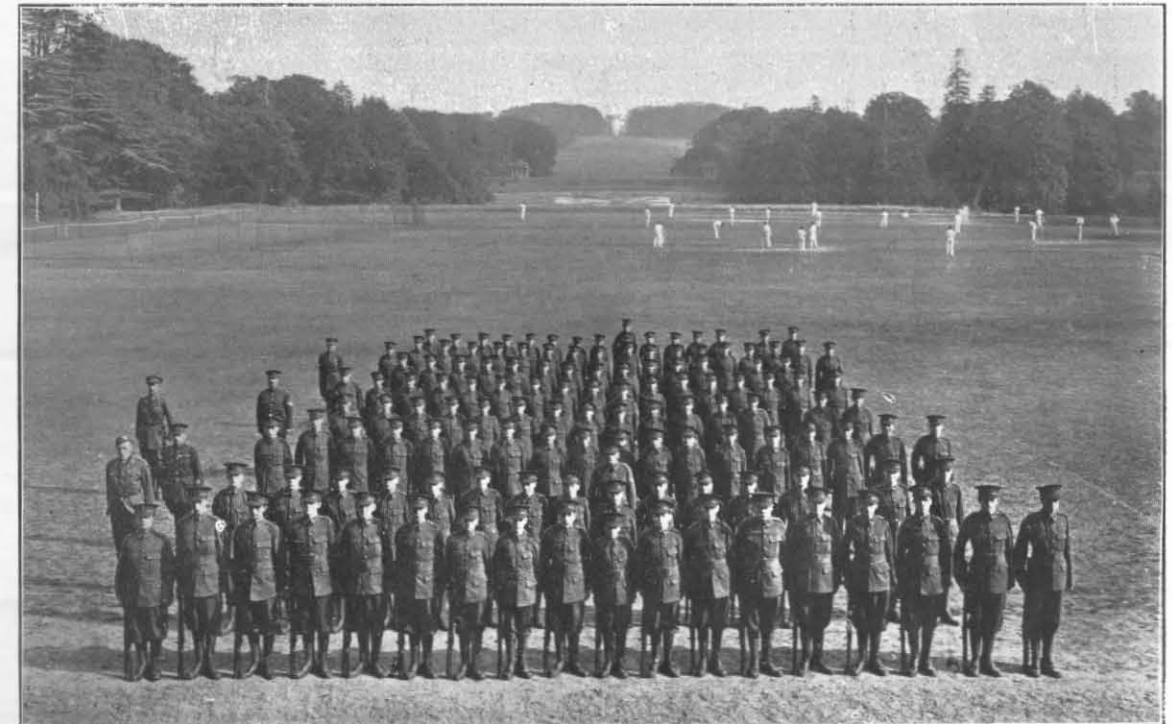
J. U. Body, b Chapman .....	28
C. N. M. Blair, b Hodges .....	2
N. A. C. Croft, b Parker .....	1
W. R. K. Silcock, run out .....	11
J. de P. G. Mayhew, c Morton, b Hodges .....	19
L. Balmford, b Parker .....	1
C. B. Jones, b Parker .....	5
E. R. Cox, b Hodges .....	5
G. G. Harrison, not out .....	24
A. J. Tickler, c Parker, b Dolman .....	25
J. E. Dawson, b Parker .....	1
Extras .....	7
Total .....	127

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hodges .....	11	1	32	3
Parker .....	18.4	1	49	4
Chapman .....	9	0	28	1
Dolman .....	5	1	13	1



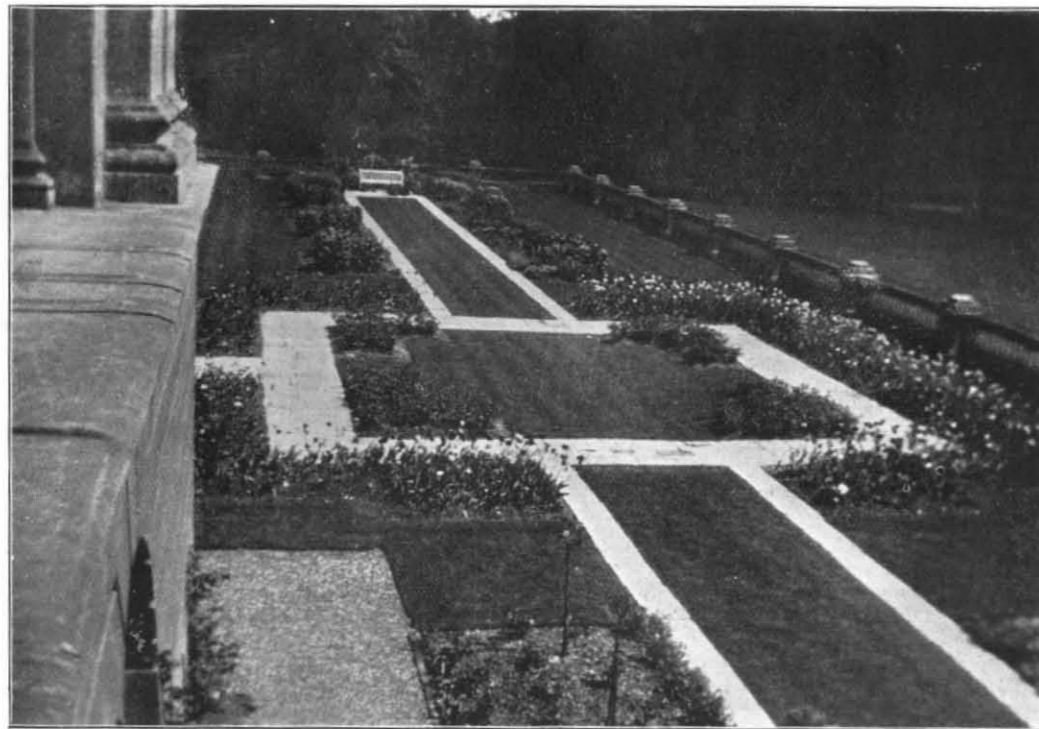
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### ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL.

Parker ma., b Harrison .....	9
Saxby, c Jones, b Dawson .....	0
Pass, b Dawson .....	4
Dolman, b Dawson .....	29
Morton, c Dawson, b Tickler .....	12
Leahy, b Blair .....	3
Hodges, b Harrison .....	8
Busby, b Harrison .....	0
Parker mi., run out .....	14
Kirk, not out .....	2
Chapman, b Harrison .....	1
Extras .....	15
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>97</b>

### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Harrison .....	14.3	3	34	4
Dawson .....	14	4	27	3
Blair .....	4	0	10	1
Tickler .....	3	0	11	1

### STOWE UNDER 16 v. ETON LOWER SIXPENNY.

Played at Eton on Tuesday, June 23rd, 1925.

Good bowling, supported by alert fielding, resulted in the Eton side being dismissed for 93 runs. The only event worth special mention in their innings was Body's catch at cover—a truly magnificent effort.

Possibly a little over confident, the School's batting went to pieces. A ludicrous run out in the first over started the rot, and thereafter no one except Ling showed any signs of being capable of making a run.

### ETON.

Consett, c Carr, b Gadney .....	11
Gibbes, b Harrison .....	0
Monroe-Hinds, b Cowell .....	0
Campbell ma., b Harrison .....	8
Campbell mi., b Harrison .....	0
Field-Marsham, b Gadney .....	10
Rich, b Cowell .....	14
Rickett mi., c Carr, b Harrison .....	10
Buckston, b Keith .....	7
Strafford, not out .....	9
Smiley, c Body, b Keith .....	0
Extras .....	22
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>93</b>

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## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cowell .....	7	1	12	2
Harrisson .....	11	3	16	4
Keith .....	7	2	15	2
Blair .....	3	1	3	0
Tickler .....	2	0	5	0
Gadney .....	3	0	11	2
Ling .....	2	0	7	0
Gill .....	2	1	2	0

## SCHOOL.

J. U. Body, c Rich, b Gibbes .....	7
R. H. G. Carr, run out .....	0
R. W. D. Sword, b Strafford .....	1
B. C. Gadney, b Gibbes .....	6
A. J. P. Ling, b Rich .....	18
A. M. Cowell, b Rich .....	6
C. N. M. Blair, run out .....	0
G. G. Harrisson, b Rich .....	3
A. J. Tickler, not out .....	2
H. W. Gill, b Smiley .....	2
D. A. G. Keith, b Smiley .....	1
Extras .....	21

Total ..... 67

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbes .....	7	3	22	2
Strafford .....	5	1	11	1
Field-Marsham .....	1	0	6	0
Rich .....	3	1	3	3
Smiley .....	2.3	1	4	2

## STOWE UNDER 15½ v. MILL HILL COLTS.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 27th, 1925.

The School lost four wickets before lunch for 33 runs, but afterwards Ling, assisted in turn by Blair, Dashwood and J. R. Watson, played delightful cricket. To Ling belongs the honour of scoring the first Stoic century, and he did it extremely well. He batted with restraint at first, as the occasion demanded, but when he had reached his 50 he hit out with great freedom. In taking his score from 50 to 121 he hit fourteen fours, two threes, one two and seven singles. J. R. Watson's innings, although overshadowed by that of his partner, was also an invaluable one. He started with one or two rather lucky shots, but soon settled down to good steady batting. After Ling got out he showed that he, too, knew how to set about tired bowling. The partnership for the eighth wicket added 120 runs.

The eight people who bowled for the School just failed to press home their advantage. A dogged third wicket stand of 61 saved Mill Hill from defeat, and at the close of play they had lost seven wickets for 151 runs.

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## SCHOOL.

R. H. G. Carr, b Butler .....	3
B. Brind, 1-b-w b Edwards .....	13
W. A. Beare, b Edwards .....	8
G. E. G. Jackson, b Butler .....	1
A. J. P. Ling, c Butler, b Edwards .....	121
C. N. M. Blair, b Wills .....	18
H. F. Jackson, b Wills .....	0
J. A. Dashwood, b Wills .....	12
J. R. Watson, not out .....	56
D. A. G. Keith, b Butler .....	1
G. A. Farthing, c Campbell, b Edwards .....	6
Extras .....	5

Total ..... 244

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Butler .....	19	1	54	3
Carter .....	10	0	40	0
Edwards .....	15	1	59	4
Wills .....	5	1	23	3
Palman .....	1	0	16	0
Priestley .....	2	0	20	0
Auty .....	1	0	17	0

## MILL HILL.

Hilton, c Carr, b Keith .....	13
Campbell, c Watson, b Dashwood .....	47
Jones, b Farthing .....	8
Chappell, c Ling, b Dashwood .....	22
Auty, c Ling, b Blair .....	0
Priestly, c Farthing, b Keith .....	30
Wills, 1-b-w b Farthing .....	5
Palmer, 1-b-w b Farthing .....	12
Butler, not out .....	0
Carter, not out .....	0
Edwards did not bat.	
Extras .....	14

Total (for 8 wickets) 151

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farthing .....	23	7	43	3
Keith .....	9	5	12	2
Beare .....	7	0	29	0
Blair .....	9	3	19	1
Jackson, H. F. ....	3	0	11	0
Dashwood .....	5	2	8	2
Watson .....	3	1	8	0
Ling .....	2	0	7	0

UNDER 16½ v. WELLINGTON UNDER 16½.

Played at Wellington on Saturday, July 11th, 1925.

The age limit excluded C. D. Harrison and A. C. Dawson from the side, so G. G. Harrison and Ling opened our innings. They batted steadily for a time, but did not last very long. Sword and Pearson, who batted soundly but with extreme caution, added 51 for the third wicket. Such a start called for some hitting by the later members of the team, and Blair, Riess and Cowell rose to the occasion. Riess' 14 was composed of two fours and a six; Blair hit a six and four fours, and Cowell two sixes and two fours. We declared, leaving them one hour and fifty minutes. They started well, scoring 40 for the first wicket in just under twenty-five minutes. Perhaps the turning point of the match was when Cowell brilliantly threw down Benn's wicket from square leg. This put the field right on its toes, and throughout the game our fielding was magnificent. However, we were behind hand right up to within measurable distance of time.

No written words could adequately give a description of the last few minutes' play, so with the preface that the match was to stop at 6.45 I will set down a bare statement of facts.

- 6.30. The Umpires declare the match over, not having understood the arrangement, but play is resumed on the request of the Wellington captain. Score: 135 for 7.
- 6.35. Cowell bowls Affleck-Graves with a ball which just hits the top of the middle and leg stumps. 8 for 140.
- 6.37. Moore tries a short run to Griffin at cover and has his wicket thrown down. 9 for 140.
- 6.43. Lefeuvre hits the ball slowly to Pearson at extra cover and calls for a run. Pearson, picking up on the run, throws his wicket down. 140 all out.

A great finish!

SCHOOL.

G. G. Harrison, c Benn, b Lefeuvre .....	9
A. J. P. Ling, 1-b-w b Llewellyn .....	9
R. W. D. Sword, st Corbett, b Mordaunt .....	21
C. J. P. Pearson, st Corbett, b Lefeuvre .....	43
C. N. M. Blair, c Corbett, b P. F. Garthwaite .....	30
B. C. Gadney, 1-b-w b Mordaunt .....	7
J. G. Riess, b P. F. Garthwaite .....	14
A. M. Cowell, b C. C. Garthwaite .....	30
R. H. G. Carr, 1-b-w b Mordaunt .....	1
G. A. Griffin, not out .....	0
P. M. Falconer did not bat.	
Extras .....	25
Total (for 9 dec.) ...	<u>189</u>

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Llewellyn .....	6	1	23	1
Affleck-Graves .....	5	3	9	0
Moore .....	2	2	0	0
Lefeuvre .....	10	1	50	2
P. F. Garthwaite .....	9	2	33	2
Barstow .....	3	0	9	0
C. C. Garthwaite .....	4.5	1	12	1
Mordaunt .....	8	2	25	3

WELLINGTON.

A. A. Benn, run out .....	26
P. F. Garthwaite, c Sword, b Pearson .....	26
C. C. Garthwaite, c Blair, b Pearson .....	7
W. P. Lawson, c Griffin, b Pearson .....	12
H. S. P. Barstow, 1-b-w b Cowell .....	13
R. C. Mordaunt, c Sword, b Griffin .....	15
U. Corbett, c Riess, b Griffin .....	6
D. G. Moore, run out .....	17
D. A. Affleck-Graves, b Cowell .....	12
E. C. Lefeuvre, run out .....	0
T. H. A. Llewellyn, not out .....	0
Extras .....	6
Total .....	<u>140</u>

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin .....	10	1	42	2
Harrison .....	8.3	1	30	0
Pearson .....	7	0	24	3
Cowell .....	7	0	27	2
Blair .....	3	0	11	0

The Masters have played the following 'outside' matches:—

May 20th, v. TRINITY TRIFLERS. Won by 122 runs.  
The Masters: 194 for 5, declared (Cross 66, Capel Cure 69).  
Trinity Triflers: 72 (Habershon 4 for 14).

June 3rd, v. CHRIST CHURCH WARRIGALS. Lost by 7 wickets.  
The Masters: 139 (Hart Dyke 37).  
Warrigals: 268 (Fawcus 137).

June 24th, v. BUCKINGHAM. Lost by 8 wickets.  
The Masters: 73 (Holton 5 for 23).  
Buckingham: 228 for 7 (Van Der Byl 86 not out).

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LEAGUES.

The result of the League Competition is as follows :—

Temple	...	...	...	...	30
Grenville	...	...	...	...	21
Chandos	...	...	...	...	
Cobham	...	...	...	...	15
Bruce	...	...	...	...	6

HOUSE MATCHES.

The draw for the House Matches was, oddly enough, the same as last year.

Temple	}	Temple	}	Chandos	}	Chandos (18 runs)
Cobham		(9 wickets)		(62 runs)		
		Bruce				
		Grenville		(22 runs)		

THE FINAL HOUSE MATCH.

CHANDOS v. GRENVILLE.

Chandos made 147 in their first innings, thanks to steady batting by Stephens, Sword and Croft, and some rather indifferent fielding by Grenville.

Grenville, although allowed many lives, only made 89, of which Harrisson, Farmiloe and Jones contributed 51.

Chandos collapsed badly before some good bowling by Harrisson (5 for 21) and, although at one time 34 for 4, were all out for 54, leaving Grenville 113 to get to win.

Although their position was at times hopeful, they never really looked like winning, as whenever they were on the point of getting on terms another wicket fell. Their innings closed for 94, Chandos thus winning by 18 runs.

SWIMMING NOTES

Swimming, and 'non-swimming,' have gone this term with an enthusiasm tempered only (and that little) by the difficulty of changing the water in the Tank. Lake-bathing for dependable swimmers has been popular, and the raft has had a hard time, but still flourishes, though the notice to say that it was the 'Larder Door' has unfortunately been washed off. Two water-polo balls have put in lately an occasional appearance.

A course of life-saving instruction has been given by Mr. Timberlake, and the candidates were examined by an outside examiner on July 12th, the following being the awards to members of the School :—

*Medallion and Proficiency Certificate.*—Croft, N. A. C., Cowell, A. M., Falconer, Watson, G. D.

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*Proficiency Certificate.*—Murdoch, S. J., Jones, Eddy, Mayhew, Dunsford *ma*, Blockey, Kerr, Howarth, Croker, Thompson. (Croker and Thompson were particularly good in this class.)

*Elementary Certificate.*—Dunsford *mi*, Turton.

One master was made an Honorary Instructor.

A course of instruction in swimming by the Staff-Sergeant has dealt with about 35 learners. It was unfortunately interrupted by illness, but many people have made really good progress. The School's thanks are due to the Staff-Sergeant for this and other considerable help very willingly given throughout the term.

Excluding those not allowed to swim, 77 per cent. of the School passed the swimming test, which is four lengths of the Tank (72 yards) in 1 min. 45 sec.

The Swimming Sports were fixed for July 19th, and the very large number of entries was gradually dealt with in heats whenever cricket allowed. Mr. G. H. Day, late Capt. C.U., A.S.C., again promised to judge. Results were as follows :

*Senior 100 Yards.*—1st, McComb; 2nd, Dunsford *ma*; 3rd, Kerr.

*Senior 50 Yards.*—1st, McComb; 2nd, Dunsford *ma* and Kerr.

*Junior 100 Yards.*—1st, Hawker; 2nd, Dunsford *mi*; 3rd, G. D. Watson.

*Junior 50 Yards.*—1st, Hawker; 2nd, Dunsford *mi*; 3rd, G. D. Watson.

*Diving.*—1st, Blockey; 2nd, Dunsford *mi*; 3rd, McAllin and Pearce.

*Plunging.*—1st, Day; 2nd, Kerr; 3rd, Blockey.

*House Relays.*—*Senior* : 1st, Chandos; 2nd, Bruce; 3rd, Cobham.

*Junior* : 1st, Bruce; 2nd, Chandos; 3rd, Temple.

*Senior Points Cup.*—1st, Chandos, 18½ points; 2nd, Bruce, 14½ points; 3rd, Cobham, 12 points.

*Junior Points Cup.*—1st, Bruce, 28 points; 2nd, Chandos, 6 points; 3rd, Temple, 2 points.

LAWN TENNIS

Both hard and grass courts have been put to very heavy use this term, and the hard courts particularly are beginning to show signs of wear. There are now several quite promising players in the School, and the standard of play in the House Matches promises to be distinctly higher this year than last.

On June 17th a mixed team of boys and masters played a match against a VI brought down by Mr. E. B. Avory, winning by 8 matches to 1.

On June 25th the School played the Masters, who owed and gave fifteen. The School won fairly easily by 6 matches to 2, with one unfinished.

The draw for the House matches was as follows :—

Cobham	}	Cobham	}	}	}
Grenville		Chandos			
		Temple	}		
		Bruce			

## FENCING

On May 6th the team took part in the competition for the Savage Shield. This was, we believe, the first occasion that a school team has taken part in this competition. We were given a walk-over by the R.A.F. in the first round, and in the second were beaten by Bertrand's Academy, the ultimate runners-up, by 9 victories to 3. On May 27th we beat Guy's Hospital, for the second time this year, by 20 victories to 10. On June 20th the team went over to Eton and, after a close match, was beaten by 14 victories to 9.

## RELAY RACES

The Relay Races were run on April 2nd. The Cup was won by Chandos. Results:—

	BRUCE.	TEMPLE.	GRENVILLE.	CHANDOS.	COBHAM.
400 Yards ..	2	4	1	3	—
880 Yards ..	—	2	4	3	1
One Mile ..	—	4	3	2	1
Two Miles ..	3	2	1	4	—
Composite Mile	1	—	3	4	2
<i>Total</i>	6	12	12	16	4
<i>Order</i>	4	2=	2=	1	5

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**T**HERE has been no Choral Society this term: there are, however, four new peacocks.

The four new peacocks—actually there are three peacocks and one peahen—are the gift of Sir Edward Nicholl, whose generosity the *Stoic* has chronicled before. The white peacock is something of a rarity, and is certainly an imposing sight.

The following is an extract from 'Mr. Pope's Return,' an unpublished (and as yet unwritten) poem in the heroic style:

Here in the dawn, ere CHANDOS show'd a leg,  
Slick the loud peacock dodg'd the avenging egg.

During the term a number of Medici prints of Old Masters have been bought and hung in the Upper School classrooms.

There has been much speculation as to who is responsible for the ornament which gives the new Lab. block such a 'Wembley' air. The most generally accepted theory seems to be that Sison provided the urn and Moss the bananas.

The first century at Stowe was made by C. L. D. Fawcus, who scored 137 for the Christ Church Warrigals against the Masters. Later A. J. P. Ling made 121 against the Mill Hill Colts, P. H. de B. Stephens 124 in a Chandos House game, and C. J. P. Pearson 122 in a Bruce House game.

Our newly-laid cricket table has come well up to expectation. In an extremely dry and hot summer it has provided good firm wickets, and next year it will probably be better still.

The School has bought some cricket screens. It is believed that they are more appreciated by the Cricket XI than by the House Masters whose rooms look out on the North Front.

G. A. Griffin, C. J. P. Pearson, R. W. D. Sword, A. C. Dawson and A. J. P. Ling have been awarded their Second XI colours.

Playing for the Masters against Temple House on July 12th, Mr. Arnold accomplished what must surely be a record for first-class French Cricket, by taking certainly five wickets, and perhaps even six, with consecutive deliveries.

According to a Stowe version of the Scholarship General Paper, those Italians who wear black shirts are known as Frascati.

On Friday, June 19th, P. S. Savill and D. V. Steynor played two Schumann 'Etudes en Forme de Canon' at a Public Schools Concert at Dudley House, Park Lane, in aid of Queen's College, London.

The Duke of Marlborough has most kindly presented to the School the racquets with which N. E. Brookes and A. F. Wilding won the All England Lawn Tennis Championship at Wimbledon in 1907 and 1913. This is a gift of great interest, and the veteran racquets have found a home where they will be treated with becoming respect.

From the *Daily Mail* of May 20th, 1925:—

'John Mayhew, a schoolboy aged 16, from Stowe School, Bucks, has been awarded a life saving medal (by the French National Federation of Swimming) for the gallant rescue off Cannes beach last month of Miss May Balfour, niece of General Sir Arthur Paget.'

'Miss Balfour was dragged out to sea by heavy waves and was in great difficulties when Mayhew, who is a strong swimmer, reached her and managed to pilot her back through the waves to the shore.'

'The back flow then carried them out to sea again. Mayhew's mother waded into the water, seized the couple, and held them until spectators completed the rescue.'

*The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of The Lancing College Magazine, The Malburian, The Eagle, The Wrekinian and The Canfordian.*

### SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships have been awarded:—P. Nicholson (Mr. C. H. T. Hayman, Manor House, Brackley); A. E. Bolton (Mr. G. Davison Brown, Cottesmore, Brighton); T. R. Williams (Mr. K. Lawson, Harborne Hall, Birmingham); D. R. English (Mr. H. L. Millner, Southbourne House, Southbourne-on-Sea); G. S. Pick (Mr. G. Davison Brown, Cottesmore, Brighton); G. M. Wolfe (Mr. J. H. Arnold, Lewes Crescent, Brighton); and R. A. Atthill (Mr. A. W. Roberts, Langley Place, St. Leonard's).

### PRIZE RESULTS, 1925

#### *Barber Reading Prizes.*

Senior: W. S. Hyde.

Junior: A. G. Delgado.

#### *Charles Loudon Prize for Greek.*

J. J. Hartland-Swann.

#### *Bertram Prizes for Latin.*

English into Latin: A. F. Kerr.

Latin into English: J. M. Reeves.

#### *Burroughs Essay Prize.*

J. A. Boyd Carpenter.

#### *Peters Bone Prize for English Verse.*

J. M. Reeves.

#### *Peters Bone Prize for English Essay*

Not awarded.

### O. T. C. NOTES

THE following are the results of the firing of the Empire Test on the Miniature Range in May. The House Shooting Cup has been won by Grenville.

House.	1st Class Shots.	2nd Class Shots.	3rd Class Shots.	Average.
Grenville ... ..	2 ... ..	8 ... ..	16 ... ..	57.5
Chandos ... ..	2 ... ..	19 ... ..	22 ... ..	54.8
Cobham ... ..	2 ... ..	3 ... ..	7 ... ..	54.8
Bruce ... ..	1 ... ..	9 ... ..	16 ... ..	50.3
Temple ... ..	— ... ..	4 ... ..	16 ... ..	45.4

The Individual Championship was fired for on 16th May, the competitors being the twelve who obtained the highest aggregate scores in the Empire Test.

RESULT:—	H.P.S. 80.
1st. Cadet W. H. C. Luddington ... ..	71
2nd. L/Cpl. B. Kelley ... ..	68
3rd. Corpl. E. R. Cox ... ..	63

The following Promotions and Appointments have been made, dated 1st June:—

#### To SERGEANT.

Corpl. N. A. C. Croft.  
" C. B. Jones.

L/Cpl. A. M. Cowell.  
" D. H. I. Searle.

#### To CORPORAL.

L/Cpl. D. A. Dunsford.  
" S. J. Murdoch.  
" E. R. Cox.  
" C. D. Harrison.  
" J. W. McCaul-Bell.

L/Cpl. J. G. Riess.  
" W. S. Hyde.  
" J. J. Hartland-Swann.  
" J. C. Sanderson.

#### Appointed LANCE-CORPORAL.

Cadet B. Kelley.  
" A. N. Balfour.  
" A. F. Kerr.

Cadet S. E. Webb.  
" J. K. Edden.

The first Annual Inspection of the contingent took place on the Bourbon Field on 16th June, the Inspecting Officer being Lieut.-Col. W. D. S. Brownrigg, Deputy-Director of Staff Duties, War Office. That the Inspecting Officer was satisfied with what he saw may be gathered from the following extract from his report: 'The contingent



has only been in existence six months. The results achieved in that time reflect the very greatest credit on all concerned.'

Four officers and about 100 other ranks are attending camp at Tidworth Pennings from 28th July to 5th August (inclusive). The camp organization and training will be conducted by officers from the staff of the Royal Military College (Sandhurst), which institution will also provide a demonstration platoon of gentleman cadets.

The postal address will be:—

Stowe Contingent, Officers Training Corps,  
Tidworth Pennings Camp,  
Tidworth, Hants.

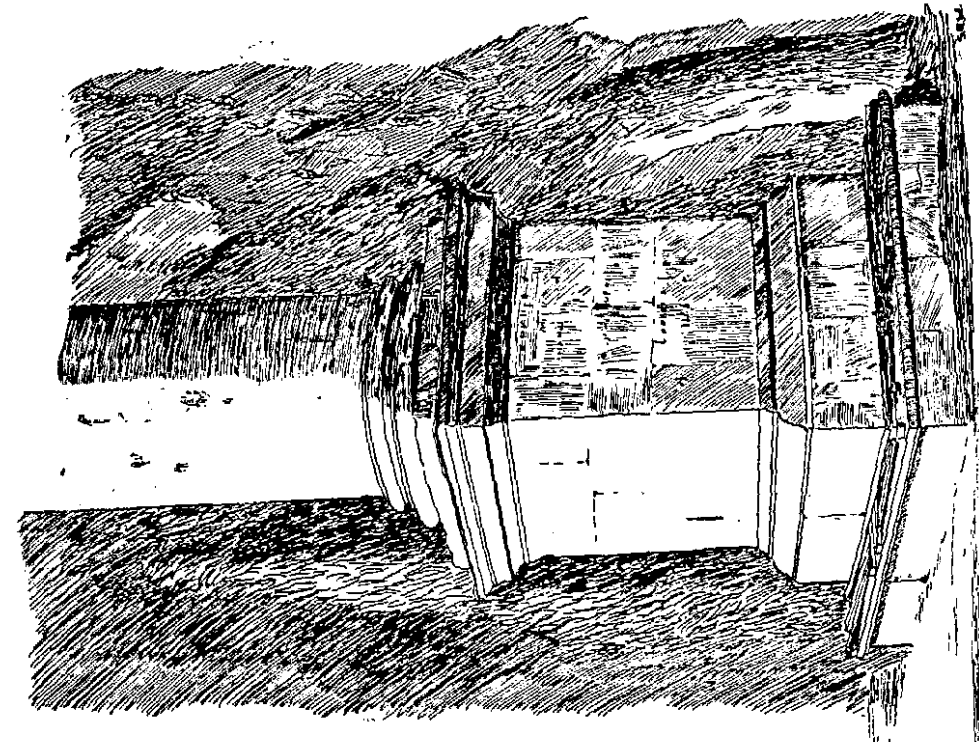
## FOR INFORMATION

A GENEROUS benefactor of Stowe, who has provided by his own munificence for one of our most pressing needs, has suggested that the *Stoic* should make known to the other friends of the School some of the directions in which we still most urgently need help. After a good deal of hesitation, we are at last taking his advice. The School requires:

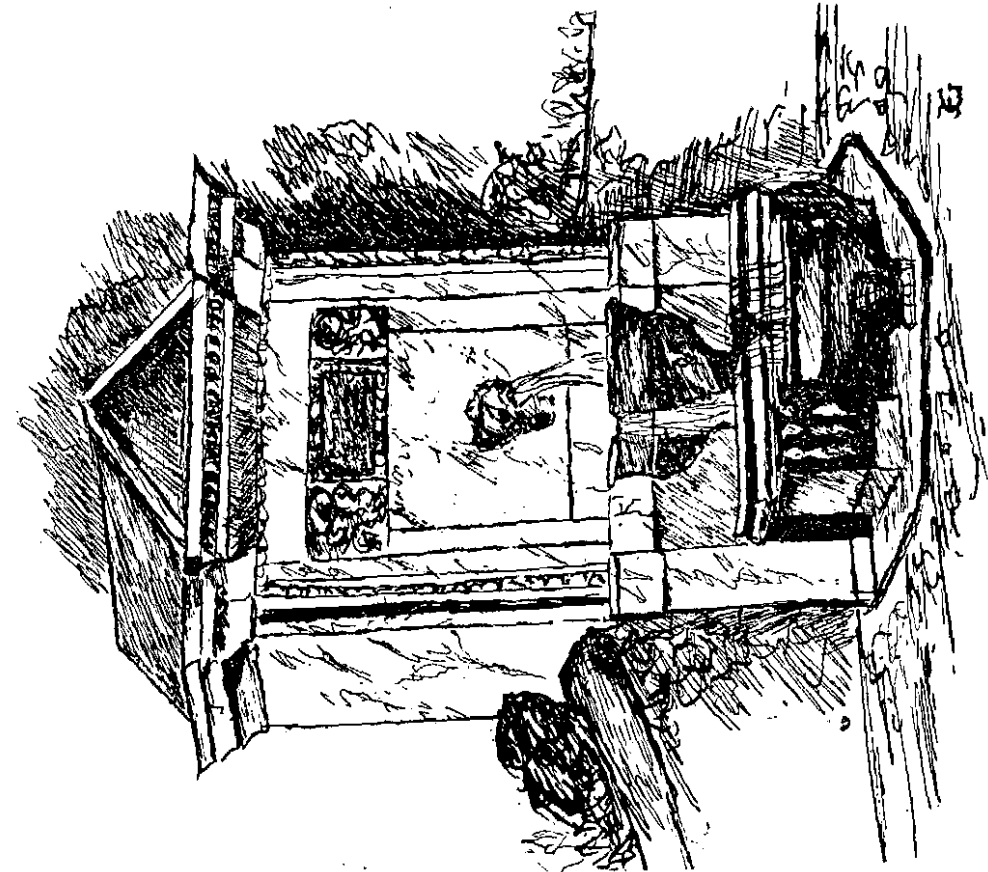
- A Cricket Pavilion.
- A Metal Workshop.
- More Tennis Courts.
- A Covered Swimming Bath.
- A full-sized School Hall.
- A full-sized Chapel.

Two Funds of which friends of the School may care to know, are already in existence: one is the DONATIONS FUND, to which many cheques for small sums have from time to time been given, and from which money has been drawn for the planting of new trees in the Eton Avenue and similar purposes. No Fund could have been more useful than this one. The other is the CHAPEL BUILDING FUND, which was opened by Mr. Peatfield with a generous gift of fifty guineas some months ago, and to which the School on the last Sunday of last term added something short of twenty pounds. Mr. Peatfield has promised a further fifty guineas if a service is held in the new Chapel before a certain date.

The Headmaster will, of course, answer any questions which may be put to him about the School's needs.



CAPTAIN GRENVILLE'S COLUMN.



THE DOG'S NOSE.

## ON THE AUTHORSHIP OF THE SCHOOL SONG

In an age of imitation, to adopt a phrase of Carroll's, when the cry of all the pundits is for 'Scientific Method,' for exactitude in all things and for logical deduction, for the sacrifice of Beauty and its true appreciation on the overburdened altars of Utility and Science, we perhaps may be forgiven for our hardihood in making this jejune and feeble essay in the Higher Criticism. Here, for instance, the ingenious reader might think he could trace the hand of Longfellow the poet, from the evidence of metre; and yet he would be wrong, nor could he hope to prove the essay's origin from Pope, or from the long-dead hand of Horace, who never wrote in the English language.

But however that may be (and the shackles of metre notoriously obscure the meaning of the inexperienced), the Higher Critic of to-day, tired of the old puzzles of textual criticism, or possibly discouraged by the exhaustion of available material, has opened out an illimitable field for his energies by suspecting the authenticity of literary works and foisting them on innocuous politicians and other public figures.

Now no more suitable material for an exercise in this kind of criticism could be suggested to us here than our School Song: it is the only literary work of any permanent merit that is all our own, and it is therefore our clear duty to examine it closely for any evidence that it was not really written by its reputed author. Our principal ally in any such inquiry is, of course, the Cryptogram. For some reason or other, anonymous authors are seldom, if ever, content with pure anonymity, but crowd their work with clues to their identity which cannot, in the long run, escape the notice of a careful student.

In our School Song the first peculiarity which strikes our notice as we read it is the recurrence of a Latin phrase in what is otherwise a vernacular poem. 'STO, PERSTO, PRAESTO' is found at the end of every verse. Surely we have here an indication not to be lightly overlooked. And a moment's consideration brings to light the anagram of this line: 'O. R., POETASTERS, STOP': a very natural statement in the last line of a poem. Now 'O. R. POETASTERS' seems to point to two people, 'O' and 'R' respectively, who are amateurs in poetry and aware of their inexperience. Who, then, are 'O' and 'R'?

It seems possible to answer this query by an examination of the other passage in the song which at first glance catches the eye of the thoughtful reader, namely, the words 'Fair and wide' in the third line of the second verse. 'Fair and wide' is a normal and familiar phrase; the addition of the 'i' is just the kind of alteration which a cunning cryptographer would make to direct the solver's attention to a crucial passage. And, surely enough, if we substitute numbers for letters in the natural way (A=1, B=2, etc.), we find that the word FAIR gives us  $6+1+9+18$  (=34), and, with the suspicious 'i' removed, FAR=34-9 (=25). We immediately turn to the 25th line of the song and find that it begins with the word 'ONE,' a clear indication that we are to examine the next line—that is, No. 26 (incidentally, the number of letters in the alphabet and twice the mystic number 13). The 26th line runs thus: 'TO SERVE OUR GENERATION,' where the hidden meaning thrusts itself forward; 'GRIN NOT AT OUR E.O.—REEVES.' Clearly our 'R' has revealed

himself as Reeves, and our 'O' has been amplified into 'E.O.' Few Stoics will fail to jump at the obvious pair of people who eminently possess all the qualifications and fulfil the required conditions—J. M. Reeves and E. D. O'Brien.

Corroboration comes thick and fast. The difference between Reeves' and O'Brien's school numbers is  $406-367=39$ . The 9th word of the 3rd verse ends in 'CH,' standing clearly for CHANDOS. Further, by substituting numbers for letters as before, Reeves' two initials give us 10 and 13, whose sum is 23; and the 2nd line of the 3rd verse—'TO WHICH TRUE MANHOOD MARCHES'—gives us the admirably pointed if somewhat ungrammatical anagram: 'I'M HE WHO MARCH TRUE TO CHANDOS.' Again, three is the number of initials possessed, not only by both Reeves and O'Brien, but also by the mysterious E.A.B. whose initials are subscribed to the poem; and if we look for a moment at the first three lines,

'STO, PERSTO, PRAESTO! BLAME WHO WILL  
THE ROASTS OF YOUTHFUL DARING;  
'TIS NEVER LATE TO WREST FROM FATE,'

we see that their letters can be easily re-arranged (allowing a simple interchange of i and j) to make the sentence: 'J. M. REEVES, WHO OFT TRANSLATES GRUFF HOMER SO AWFULLY, STARTS A BATTLE WITH E. D. O'BRIEN, TO OPPOSE T. TO L.' It is not perfectly clear what 'T' and 'L' represent; possibly Truth and Lies, but more probably the TRADITIONS and LOVE that are contrasted in verse 4. In any case the general drift is unmistakable: 'start a battle' is clearly a metaphorical expression for beginning a poem which has much of the spirit of a noble war song. Whether the relative clause referring to Homer should be attached to Reeves' name or to O'Brien's is uncertain: doubtless inquiries in the proper quarter would make the allusion plain.

In order that no doubt should remain in the cryptophile's mind, it is just worth while noting that if we employ our previous method of numerical substitution and then multiply the first initial of E.A.B. by the sum of the other two [ $5 \times (2+1)$ ], we obtain the number 15, and the 15th line of the poem—'THE HEIRS OF THEIR ENDEAVOUR'—gives us the startlingly vivid confirmation of our theory: 'HI! REEVES AND OUR OTHER FIT, EH?'

There are two further passages which seem designed to convey some kind of information, though their precise interpretation is obscure. One is indicated by a consideration of the number of letters in both Reeves' and O'Brien's names, with their initials, (8), and the number of their initials (3), which points to an examination of the first 8 words of the poem, less the first 3, that is, 'BLAME WHO WILL THE BOASTS.' Here the most satisfactory anagram appears to be 'WELLS BOWLS THEM AT OBJAH,' which may conceivably refer to the Northamptonshire bowler and have some metaphorical significance. If the mysterious word 'Objah' could be connected in some way with one of our principals the meaning might become plain, but we must leave it at that for the present. It is from the product of the number of letters in Reeves' and O'Brien's names (8), and the difference between that number and the number of their initials ( $8-3=5$ ), that we arrive at the other rather puzzling passage. Line 40 of the poem reads: 'FROM WISDOM'S SOBER BEAUTY,' and it is not difficult to disentangle the anagram 'J.M.R.—S WAS USER OF TOBY (E.D.O'B.),' or, possibly, 'E.D.O'B. WAS USER OF TOBY (J.M.R.—S).' This seems to imply that one of the authors, though it is discreetly inconclusive which, allowed the other to do all the spade work and did not take his fair share in the labour of composition. (Perhaps, indeed, he contributed nothing but the ingenious set of anagrams.) The identification of Toby, which seems to be some kind of nickname in apposition, would doubtless facilitate the elucidation of the message.

One further problem confronts us. If Reeves and O'Brien wrote this School Song, how are we to account for their nom-de-plume? Probably in this way. We have already had occasion to notice the special attraction which the number 8, the number of letters in Reeves' and O'Brien's names, had for the cryptographer. Now the school numbers of the two authors, 406 and 367, contain between them all the digits up to 8 except 1, 2 and 5. What more natural than that in their search for a pseudonym they should light on the three initials represented by these numbers? Then why E.A.B. rather than A.B.E.? Clearly because, while there is no one for whom A.B.E. could naturally be taken to stand, E.A.B. are the initials of one of the School's Governors, the Dean Of Bristol, the initials of whose office would have an overwhelming significance for D.O'B.

## WIRELESS CLUB

The summer term is the close time for wireless. There have only been three matters of interest: the arrival of the railway carriage which is to accommodate as much as possible of the Wireless Society's 'skilled' work next term; Corbett's Anglo-American Six; and Nash's aerial. It is feared that with such an attractive and conspicuous arrival platform at their disposal the waves will ignore all other aeri-als.

## THE ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUBS

The Arts Club has done little real work this term, and the suggested Club Magazine will have to wait till the autumn owing to the lack of contributions. Nevertheless, many members have been very enthusiastic, though their zeal has almost completely melted before hard facts and a sketch-book.

The Photographic Club has doubled its membership, and a few of its members joined the Arts Club in its excursion to Oxford on July 4th. An imposing cavalcade, consisting of a large charabanc, the Headmaster's and Mr. Cross' cars, and Mr. Whitaker's motor-bicycle, started out from the North Front at a quarter to eleven, and arrived at Oxford in time for an early lunch. After lunch the members went their several ways to discover variously 'their golden Oxford afternoon.'

Mr. Neville took some of them to see New College, where Mr. Whitaker succeeded in taking a number of very good photographs; others went over colleges or on the river; while some took Mr. Neville's suggestion that we should look at pictures and visited the Ashmolean. In spite of a few mistaking the President's meaning and attaching to 'pictures' their deeper significance, nevertheless a certain amount of good work was done by the club.

At half-past five the charabanc started back, and the Crossley followed later. For the loan of this, and for permission to miss two hours' work, we have to thank the Headmaster, while Mr. Cross very kindly took some members in his car.

The excursion was a great success, and was thoroughly enjoyed by both clubs. If the Muse of Art had for a while to bow to the subtle sirens in the teashops, and if the call of the river proved too clear to be denied even by the most inveterate artists—well, perhaps we can put it down to the heat!

## STOWE SCHOOL CHAPEL

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Balance, March 15th	...	6	3	3	Highway Club	...	3	3	0
Collection at Early Services up to July 19th	...	24	1	2	Travelling Expenses of Visiting Preachers	...	1	7	0
					Chapel Furniture	...	2	5	8
					Flowers (Easter Term)	...	1	16	3
					Balance in hand	...	21	12	6
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		£30	4	5			£30	4	5

The balance at the Bank (£21 12s. 6d.) is being set aside in order that it may be used in helping to start the Stowe Club for Working Boys in North London. It is hoped that this will materialize during the next twelve months.

E.F.H.

## THE SOUTH DOWNS

**T**O my right lay the channel, to my left the weald of Sussex and of Kent. All around a shimmering haze rose from the sun-baked earth.

The song of the lark came to me faintly from far up in the blue. A gentle breeze stirred the air, bringing with it smells of the sea and open country. A little way away a gorse bush stirred—a hen partridge strutted out, her tail a-fan, 'clucking' to a brood of little 'cheeping' brown chicks. I stood stock still, but she had seen me, and had sent the scrambling brood post-haste back to the friendly cover of the gorse bush. She walked tip-toed, neck outstretched, peering at me with those beady black eyes, full of anxious fear and suspicion. All the while her wings and tail gave spasmodic little twitches. I did not move. Presently all was well, she had called out her chicks and had wandered slowly into a nearby spinney.

I relaxed my strained position, and walked slowly towards the old, disused chalk pit, and peering over the edge I saw a wonder to behold—five fluffy badger cubs were playing on the grassy sward fifty feet below. Their fierce growls and counterfeited rage reminding me of so many hound whelps let out for their morning roll. And then—a metallic glint, a venomous spit of flame and smoke, followed by a sharp, concentrated

bark. Four cubs ran terror-stricken back to the earth. But the fifth lay very still, blood oozing from a little red hole behind his shoulder. I turned my eyes from the scene of woe to the slayer, a tall man clad in a brown tweed coat and plus fours.

'Hi!' I called, 'I wish——'

'Yes,' he said, 'I calculated the chances of a "rico," but, on the whole, I thought you were pretty safe.'

'Oh, I'm sure you're a very good mathematician,' I replied, 'but that's not the point. Why had you to kill that poor little beggar? What harm had he done?'

'I don't really know,' replied the man, 'but, dash it all! I had to test the beastly thing on something.'

With a last look at the stiffening little cub, I turned away in disgust and set off for home.

M. S. MONTAGU SCOTT.

## OUT IN A THUNDERSTORM

IT was fine when I started out, and the droning of insects lent a touch of real summer to the close spring afternoon. There were no definitely menacing clouds in sight, but I knew from previous experience that an afternoon such as that was not to be trusted. I expected thunder. Just as I reached the long avenue of poplars, the thunder came. At first a faint rumbling like the beat of tom-toms across the veldt; then a short, loud clap which made my very ear-drums reverberate. At intervals, preceding the thunder, vivid flashes of lightning shot from one point to another across the lead-coloured sky. Suddenly came the rain, slowly at first and in big round drops, then pelting with a noise like the breaking of some mighty dam in the distance. With the rain came a freshness to the air, the delicate aroma of wet grass and clover. The storm held its sway for some twenty minutes, and then the sun broke out from behind the clouds, a wisp of a rainbow appeared, and the afternoon ripened into evening. The sun set golden in the west, and in the twilight it seemed hardly possible to believe that so violent a storm had raged so lately over the fields and glades of the pine-scented country. But in most of nature's handiwork lies that thread of mystery which awes the human mind.

G. F. NOXON.

## AN EARLY MORNING RIDE

SOME people call me sentimental, and probably I am; but I shall never forget that early morning ride, at six o'clock, from Buckingham to Silverstone. I usually went by the hard road, as it was the only way I knew: but, that day being so beautiful, I thought I would chance it, and go past Stowe School and up that horseman's paradise known as Stowe Ridings.

The sun had just risen when I got to Stowe, and the whole cricket field looked so beautiful that I pulled up. The trees, which stand on the East and West side of me, were radiant in their blossom. There had been a slight storm during the night, and the grass was green and fresh. The railings on the South of the field still dripped from the rain. The glorious house with that statue in front of it made a splendid background. It was a wonderful sight. It awed me.

My horse began to paw the ground, and I awoke with a start from my reverie.

W. B. A. J. KEPPEL.

## THE CASTLE

AS the last glimmer of the sunset died away I was still trudging that long and dusty road in search of food and lodging, until it became so dark that I could no longer see my way. Then, utterly worn out, I lay down upon the grassy roadside and went to sleep. When I awoke it was still dark, and I lay waiting for the dawn that would light me once more upon my way. The first sign of day was a thin broken slit of yellow in the east; gradually the light grew; at first it was wan and ghostly, hardly to be called light, then stronger and more strong, until I saw silhouetted against the brightening sky the spires and turrets of a castle. Here at last was a haven where I could get food, and shoes for my feet; I jumped up in joy and followed the dusty road to where the walls stood clearly outlined against the sky. As I walked the sky grew brighter, but those castle walls remained densely black, and never a welcome early-morning light showed in a window.

It was only when I was within a few hundred yards of the wall that the ever-growing daylight shattered my high hopes and told me that the spires were spiky pines, the domes round-topped oak trees, and I was left to pursue my weary road as before.

A. R. H. WARD.

## ON SIDE-CAR PASSENGERS AND JOY-RIDING

To be a good side-car passenger is a difficult and unusual accomplishment. It needs special qualities of temperament, of mental equipment, and of bodily structure; to be a good passenger, one needs a temperament which accepts misfortune with equanimity, but good fortune with appropriate joy. The human vegetable is intolerable, but the peevish person is more than intolerable.

An appreciation of good food and drink, and of conversation with strangers, is needed; but it must be possible to see the humour of bad food, continuous rain, or a magneto which no longer sparks.

The good passenger must have complete confidence in his driver, and on the whole it is better that he should be quite ignorant of machinery (though this is not quite essential). On no account should he give any kind of good advice about driving or about treatment of the machine.

In short, the good passenger must be quick in mind, healthy in body, keen in appreciation of all good things, and, if possible, of contemplative and philosophical habit of mind. I have, however, known exceptions to this last rule.

I have done much joy-riding in my time, with many companions; but the very best of these was at first sight rather unpromising. He lived with me for three months in the devastated part of France in the spring which followed the Armistice. He had been married for eight years, and in civil life was a churchwarden at Norbury. He was, when I knew him, an infantry lieutenant of the 20th (London) Division.

I discovered his special qualities in rather an interesting way. We had been dining with the officers of a Chinese Labour Company not far from us, and we came home at about midnight on the 4-h.p. Douglas side-car which was issued to me for my work at that time.

This Douglas was a good old friend. I did 10,000 miles on her in six months over French roads. She was only out of action one day in that time, and was the only W.D. side-car Douglas I have ever known on which the drawbolt of the clutch did not shear. She was not, however, infallible. The side-car wheel fell right off twice; the lower shackle of the front forks broke twice—once with warning and once without; all the spokes came, one by one, out of all the wheels (and I stole a new set of wheels from the M.T. dépôt in Douai); the side-car connections often broke; the side-car spring never at any time remained unbroken for more than five consecutive days; the fly-wheel leapt off once; I lost count of the number of times the chain and belt broke. Still, she was a dear, and I loved her. Her little vagaries troubled me not, because I always carried a reasonably complete set of spares; and several times I won bets of not less than five francs by starting her first kick in the middle of the night. Through her indirect agency, also, I discovered a tenor who really could sing the part in Stainer's 'Crucifixion' which begins, 'For He came not into the world to condemn the world . . .' I was finishing off a little job on her engine in the M.T. workshop at Barlin, at about 5.30 p.m. on a sunny summer afternoon, and one mechanic was still there with me in the big shed, the others having knocked off for tea. He was doing something intricate in connection with the big-end bearings of an elderly Ford, and as he did it he expressed his spirit in

divine song, being at home the leader of the choir in a Yorkshire village. [And if you say that Stainer's music is too sugary, you are mistaken, and have my sympathy but not my respect.] But I digress.

As we were coming home with our lights on, my friend (whom I hardly knew as yet) said, 'What a night for a ride!' I, not thinking he meant it, said, 'Right!' He said, 'Let me get my British warm from the hut, and I'm with you.' I made no further comment, but stopped for the coat, and then took him straight on, thinking to test him and find him wanting.

We went through Petit Sains and Sains-en-Gohelle, past Bouvigny (where 'grandma' lived—perhaps she lives there still), up the great steep of Bouvigny Ridge, through Petit Servins and Gouy-Servins, across the Arras-Houdain Ridge, and down the long slope to Aubigny, just before the Arras—St. Pol Road. While we tried to wake up the lady who looks after the level-crossing (and to our joy she was angry when she came), I expected him to say, 'It's — cold; let's go home!' But he was thoroughly happy.

We turned into the Arras—St. Pol Road, that great road down which surely the noble spirits of divisions and columns of lorries must move for ever in stately but profane procession. We thought of these things, and opened right out toward Arras, until the front tyre blew right off the rim and (at about the same time) the carbide was exhausted and the lamps went out. We ate chocolate and smoked as I put on another tyre by the light of the moon, and my companion considered the world in silence. Then we drove on in a leisurely manner (having no more spare tyres) into the tall, silent, and echoing streets of Arras, the walled city of many wars.

We drove about Arras for some time for the pleasure of hearing the joyful noise of our open exhaust rolling about the empty streets, and finally turned off up the Béthune Road. We went past Cabaret Rouge, and came to Souchez, just before the gap between the toe of Vimy Ridge and the heel of the great mound of Notre Dame de Lorette; and, as we passed, the spirits of the hundred thousand unburied dead who haunt that terrible hill thronged round us, grown kindly now to men, but still despairing of them.

We waited

ἀλλὰ πρὶν ἐπὶ ἔθνε' ἀγείρετο μυρία νεκρῶν  
ἤχη θεσπεσίη.

So we drove on, turned to the right in Aix Noulette, and went through Bully Grenay and Maroc to the desolate parts round Fosse 7 and Loos. There we saw faintly the naked and tangled girders of the Loos Tower at the end of its Fosse, and finally blinded down that amazing piece of good pavé which comes so surprisingly between Fosse 7 and Philosophe; and so home at about 5 a.m., sleepy but satisfied.

This ride proved my friend the perfect joy-rider. He knew nothing about engines, but he thought I did. Indeed, I did know something of the Douglas.

For the next two months we had good week-ends, and saw some of the world. He received both good and evil fortune with joy. He was the expert on the food of France, and I on the wine. At Carpentier's at Aire, or the Belle Sauvage at Cassel, or the little place that some know at Savy, he chose the food and I the drink, and we absorbed them with fitting reverence—not investing the temporal dash which tells one to see no good in this world but to think only of that other.

I remember well with what joy we looked, on a summer evening, from the dining-room of the Belle Sauvage at the top of the round hill of Cassel, across the wide and tragic plain of Bailleul and Béthune, to the hill of Lorette in the extreme distance.

Another good joy-rider was an excessively high-church, but nevertheless violently anti-Papist, Padre (now in Java). His only failing was that he was a Royalist, and tended to have fierce arguments with the French (who might have been better employed in cooking) when he told them what would happen when the king came back.

Yet another was a Lance-Corporal whose name I never knew. I was once spending three or four days in the city of Mons with an isolated unit consisting of an officer, a corporal, a lance-corporal, two men, a Ford, and its driver. On Sunday the driver was ill, but we felt inclined to do something. All the officer knew about the Ford was that if one opened the throttle farther it went faster; but that sufficed. He took the corporal and the two men in the Ford, and I took the lance-corporal in the side-car, and so we set off to see the world.

Both the corporal and the lance-corporal were of an admirable type of man which we all know. Each of them was bound in honour to believe that the vehicle he happened to be on (whatever it might be) was the best and fastest on the road. We went first to Locquignol, because it was a solitary village in the very heart of the great Forest of Mormal; from there to Landrécies of glorious memory, and after that to Avesnes on the edge of the wooded hills of the Ardennes.

Up to this point the roads had been so vile that the Ford had obviously had the legs of the Douglas, for the Douglas was inclined to fall to pieces like a house of cards if driven fast on a bad road. As we refreshed ourselves with the air and the spirit of France in the market-place, the corporal had the insolence to say to the lance-corporal that they (the Ford party) would wait for us in the Grande Place at Maubeuge!

We seized the lead at once, and held it for three kilos, but came upon a really bad patch of road three kilos long, during which the Ford gained a whole kilo. As the Ford topped the rise ahead, with the corporal exultant in the back, the good road began again with ten kilos to go, and the Ford one kilo ahead, going all out.

We and the Douglas were Yellow Dog Dingo (much too busy to bark!) for nine kilos; and then we passed them in the main street of a village just outside Maubeuge. The village was full of French troops, and they cheered like mad. I only heard a confused noise above the engine, and saw the blue of their uniforms flash past; but I knew what the noise meant, for all Frenchmen love a race, and no Frenchman in any circumstances ever drives any motor-vehicle at less than full speed.

We led them through the huge and awful gates of that fortress, and won the race to the Estaminet in the Grande Place which we had made our rendezvous; and there victors and vanquished pledged one another. I tell this story partly because it pleases me to contemplate it, and partly because it illustrates the joy-riding temperament, which was possessed by all that party, but particularly by the lance-corporal and the corporal.

Since 1919 I have been trying in England to recapture the fine careless rapture of the French air. I have not done badly, but it is difficult. It is a pity that one should have to pay for one's petrol and repairs, instead of using Army Issue; the habitually careworn air of one who has to earn his own living may be a hindrance; and English cooking (except for tea) has not the thrill and accuracy of the French. If one is to see the beauty of England one must have more time to look than one needs in France, where the glory is always near. Possibly the English spirit is a more subtle one. I am sure I hope it is.

The necessary temperament is usually to be found in those who have not to look too far ahead; their fate is ordered by a power above themselves, and a joy-ride is a gift of heaven without alloy. Soldiers usually have it, and perhaps you can think of other kinds of people who may.

To the rich, who have the power to choose always what they will do, it is completely denied; and that is why they wear that expression on holidays.

I know nothing of riders in motor-cycle trials, unfortunately, but I think they are hopeful. The right spirit cannot be extinct in a man who does the London—Exeter on Boxing Night, even if it be his job.

There is also hope for people who spend their lives pursuing some problem of the mind so abstruse that most of us know nothing of it; for they have no chance to lose the freshness of the delight of physical experience, since the dust of their struggles is stirred up elsewhere.

Girls seem to me useless for joy-riding; they worry about their clothes, and they complain about the things on the floor of my side-car. But elderly ladies of alert mind and well-stored memory may be admirable, if they have kept intact their health, their sense of humour, and the capacity for simple wonder.

This temperament of which I write is no bad equipment for matters of more enduring importance; and I urge all those lucky enough to have side-cars [for cars are vicious and degenerate—though I shall have one myself some day, I fear, when I am the same] to seek this temperament diligently and to cultivate it in their friends.

H-S.

## OLD STOIC SOCIETY

**M**INUTES of a committee meeting held at Stowe on June 1st, 1925, for the purpose of constituting a Society of Old Stoics.

Members of the Committee:—

D. F. WILSON (provisional Chairman).

N. A. C. CROFT (provisional Hon. Secretary).

H. E. ROBINSON.

The Hon. G. C. S. P. BUTLER.

J. F. ROXBURGH (temporary advisory member).

Resolved:—

- (1) That a Society be formed to be called 'The Old Stoic Society.'
- (2) That no person shall become a member of the Society unless and until
  - (a) He shall have been a member of Stowe School for not less than six terms; and
  - (b) Shall have attained the age of seventeen years; and
  - (c) Shall have been duly elected by the Committee of the Society.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything in Rule 2, the Committee may by special resolution elect to membership of the Society any person who has been a member of the School for less than six terms or has attained a less age than seventeen years.

- (4) That the Committee shall be empowered to elect Masters and ex-Masters of the School as hon. members of the Society.
- (5) That the colours of the Society be Royal Blue upon Silver Grey, and that until further notice the correct shades shall be deemed to be those obtainable from the School Shop.
- (6) That a general meeting of the Society shall be held in the year 1927 and every year thereafter.
- (7) That any member of the Society may be deprived of all privileges of membership by a resolution of the Committee at a meeting (of which at least a fortnight's notice shall have been given), provided that any member so deprived shall have the right of appeal to the next annual general meeting held after his deprivation.
- (8) That the foregoing resolutions shall be reviewed, and if it so seem good, revised at a meeting of the Committee to be held during the Summer Term of 1926.
- (9) That all past members of the School who are eligible under Rule 2, Clauses (a) and (b), shall be and hereby are duly elected members of the Old Stoic Society.

### LATE NEWS

The LAURUS CUP has been won by CHANDOS.

