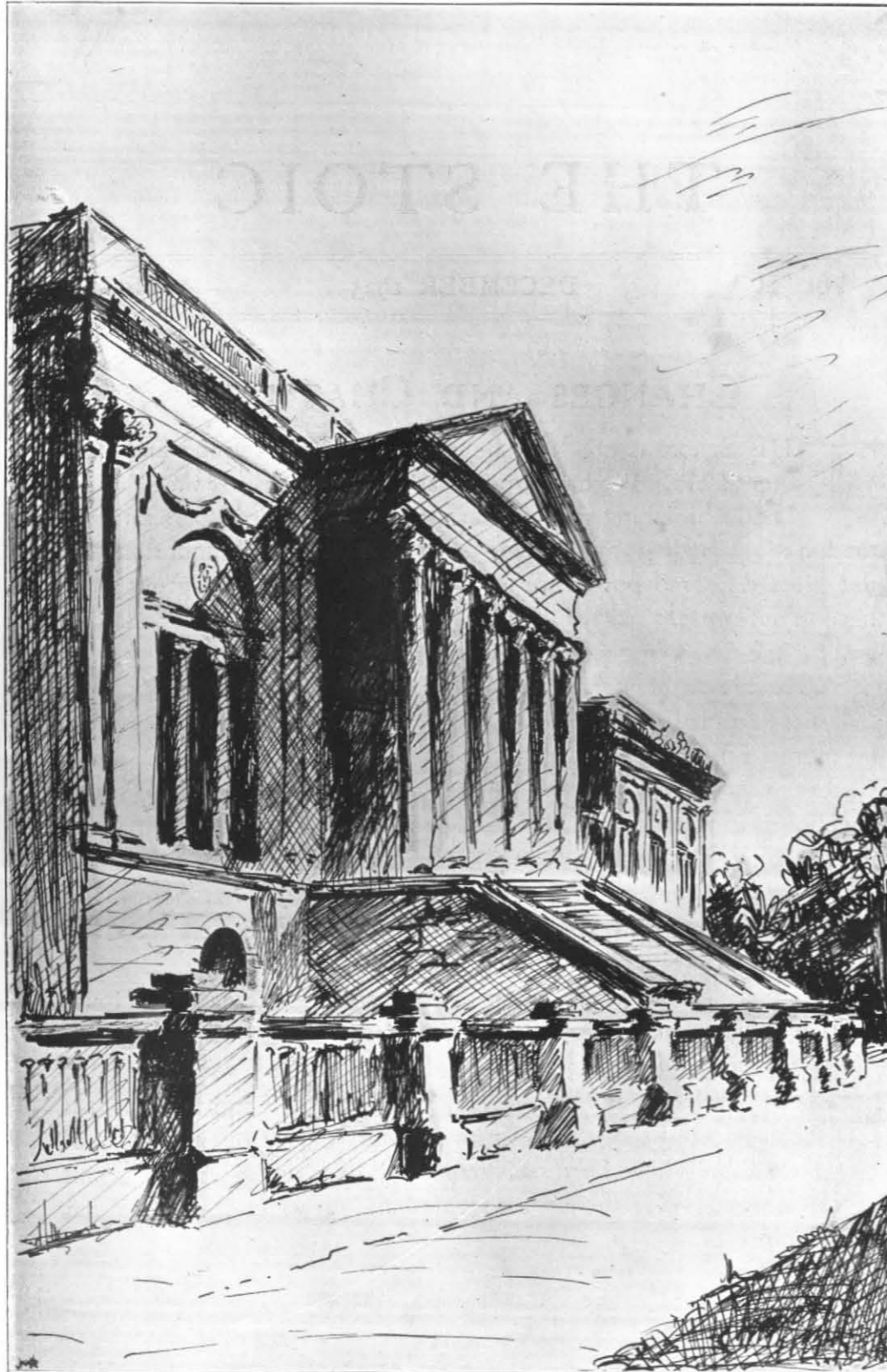


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CHANGES AND CHATHAMS

THE School is now four hundred and twenty strong and eight terms old. We have grown fast of late, and it is time that we had a breathing space. Each increase in our numbers hitherto, though it has made us more stable and presumably more important, has not greatly altered our habits or our character. But to grow much beyond our present size would be to become different as well as larger, and for the time being we shall stand where we are.

With six new Masters and eighty new boys the School took a little time to 'find itself' this term, but after three or four weeks there were no more strangers among us and we felt a community again. Even Chatham has ceased to seem a novelty as an institution, though as a building it is worse than new—it is unfinished. The spell of frost at the beginning of December enabled some enterprising people to see what it looked like from the middle of the ice on Eleven Acre. The verdict appears to have been favourable, but there was a cry for either more urns or fewer urns on the top of it.

What Chatham the man would have thought of Chatham the House will never be known, though his comments might have been interesting. He would certainly have admired the portico, but he would probably have been puzzled by the baths. But in any case it is right and proper that the greatest of those names whose history is part of the history of this place, should have been commemorated, as it has now been, in this new enterprise and in the largest single building which the School has yet put up.

HUMPHREY ALAN FOSTER

HUMPHREY Alan Foster was born on December 28th, 1909, and came to Stowe in September, 1923, from St. Wilfrid's School, Bexhill. He died of blood poisoning on July 30th, 1925, at the age of fifteen years and seven months. He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Foster, of Gorselands, Crowborough.

Humphrey Foster's life was too short for achievement, but long enough for ambition and for promise. Those who saw most of him at Stowe know that it was also long enough for friendship. These things are finished with now, but memory remains, and we here will not soon forget a character so lovable and so unstained. His humour, his generosity and his quiet friendliness are perhaps the things which we shall think of first when we speak of Humphrey Foster, but some of us know that there is much more than that to remember. Meanwhile—he is the only member of this School whose career is closed.

'He shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.'

THE FIRST SPEECH DAY

WE publish the following account of the First Speech Day from *The Morning Post* :—

The first Speech Day in the history of Stowe School took place on Saturday, July 25th, when Field-Marshal Lord Methuen distributed the prizes and addressed a large gathering of boys and visitors.

The Headmaster (Mr. J. F. Roxburgh), in introducing Lord Methuen, said that the School opened its doors for the first time exactly two years, two months and two weeks ago that day. It began with ninety-nine boys, but there were now three-hundred and fifty, and after the opening of the new House (Chatham) in September the numbers would be well over the four-hundred mark—actually four-hundred and twenty. There, for the present, it was proposed to stop. The policy of the School would now be one of consolidation, and henceforward quality, not quantity, would be its aim. It was sometimes asked whether a School as new as Stowe could rightly be called a Public School, but a Public School was not a School of any particular age. It was one which aimed at producing a particular type of Englishman—the type known as the Public School type—and at teaching the best traditions of that type. Three fundamental qualities were characteristic of the finest Public School man—simplicity, strenuousness and straightness—and if to them could be added a more generous understanding of people different from himself, his value would be unequalled as a citizen of the world. The Headmaster

ended by saying that Stowe had as yet no Chapel, but that a Chapel Fund was now in existence to which friends of the School might send donations. The subscription list had recently been opened with a gift of fifty guineas, to which the boys in the School had added a good contribution.

Field-Marshal Lord Methuen said that, difficult as it was to pass into one's Public School in these days, it was even more difficult to pass out of it into a useful and honourable occupation. He urged boys to consider the opportunities which life in the British Dominions offered to the best kind of Englishman. He himself knew South Africa intimately, and he could tell them that if the right sort of man went out there he would find not only a kindly welcome, and pleasant friends, but a chance of earning his livelihood by hard work under delightful conditions. The type of man who was wanted there, and in all British Colonies, was the type of which a great German professor was thinking when he said to him personally that in Germany you could get teaching, but in England you could get education and, what was greatest, character. 'If I were not a German,' said the professor, 'I would choose to be an Englishman.' Lord Methuen laid down three principles which should guide men in the conduct of their affairs in life—'Trust your subordinates,' 'Pass the ball and don't play for your own hand,' 'Never give anyone away.' Enlarging upon the first, he emphasised the value of decentralisation, and said that the best General was the one who, having thought out his battle plans and given his commanders their tasks, could then compel himself to lie on the sofa and read a novel. Amid great applause, the Field-Marshal concluded his inspiring speech: 'It is not what you have said, not what you have done, but what you are, when you come to the end of life, that really counts.'

Lord Gisborough, Chairman of the Governors, spoke of the hard work and anxiety which the foundation of the School had cost, and thanked everyone concerned, Governors, Masters and Boys, for all that they had done. He spoke of his old family and personal connection with Lord Methuen, and expressed the gratitude of the gathering to him for his eloquent and inspiring address.

Lord Strathspey then called for three cheers for the Field-Marshal, which were given with great enthusiasm.

Lord Lincolnshire then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and told the audience that he thought Stowe was 'The best two-year-old in England.'

Sir Charles King-Harman, K.C.M.G., LL.D., seconded, and Lord Gisborough, in replying, paid a warm tribute to the work which the Rev. P. E. Warrington (Vicar of Monkton Combe, Bath) had done for the School, and said that without his vision, skill, enterprise and indomitable courage, little could have been achieved.

After the gathering, several gifts and promises were made to the Chapel Fund, the Rev. P. E. Warrington heading the list with a promise of a personal donation of £500. The Headmaster announced that a very handsome gift had been received from an anonymous donor, to be devoted towards the cost of School buildings.

MOLIERE AT STOWE

LAST term a great man entertained us. He spoke to us twice for nearly an hour; and though his years were three hundred and three, 'his eye was not dimmed, nor his natural force abated.' Molière's *Précieuses Ridicules* was played in our gymnasium, once before the School, and once, on Speech Day, before our visitors.

The scene is laid in the house of Gorgibus, a provincial 'bon bourgeois,' who visits Paris with his aesthetic niece and daughter. These 'précieuses,' or 'affected ladies,' scorn their homely suitors, who meditate revenge. Accordingly they disguise their lackeys as court exquisites, who lay siege to the précieuses with feathered hats, perfumes and madrigals. At the height of their triumph, the rejected lovers strip them of their plumes, and the curtain falls on the shame of the précieuses.

French mothers and French private schools gave us many of our cast, who all played with skill and gusto. Gorgibus was a shrewd 'John Citizen,' cunning, bewildered, weak and violent by turns; Houghton was a choice and delicate Miss Highbrow, and the lackeys, Creed and De Amodio, revelled with the audience in their parts.

The more palpable jokes were Creed's, who on the first occasion got them all 'across the footlights,' through Form Three and full into the kitchen staff, who remembered their French and rocked with rapture.

Molière's first audiences were perhaps as hearty. In 1659 he played the *précieuses* to all Paris at the Petit-Bourbon, and next year, at Vincennes, to the court. The silly courtiers and their sillier apes clapped their hands as they looked into the mirror. Doubtless many recognised their faces, and, to save them, laughed the more. Their powder and pomade are laughed away, and the maker of the jest laughs on.

His lusty ghost was raised by Mr. G. C. Bateman, who came to teach us for a term. He was a very power station of live wires. During the last rehearsals a colleague said to Mr. Bateman, 'Have you two minutes?' 'It sounds absurd, but I haven't,' said the man of flame. He was about to set off in his car, scouring the cottage gardens for hollyhocks to deck the stage.

Mr. Bateman conjured with things old and new, and his close familiar was 'La Phonétique.' His wand and mantle are departed, but his book of mystic numbers rules us still. A.F.

CRICKET

A STOWE XI v. AN ETON XI.

Played at Stowe on July 25th, 1925.

Eton batted first, but did not fare very well against some steady bowling. Thanks to one or two mistakes in the field their eighth wicket put on 36, but they were all out for 95. Stowe started its innings badly and lost five wickets for 49. Gadney and Mr. Capel Cure then added 44 before they were separated, and the match was won by three wickets.

STOICA

VOL I of *The Stoic* is now a finished, but not, it is hoped, a closed book. Future Stoics will have the opportunity of surveying the deeds and misdeeds of their predecessors in the handsome volume which, at the time of writing, is being bound for the Library.

At Oxford, on December 17th, 1925, the Degree of Doctor of Music was conferred on Mr. P. A. Browne, senior Music Master at Stowe.

The School has heard two lectures this term. The first was given on October 31st by the Rev. C. E. Tyndale-Biscoe, who has been for about thirty-five years the Principal of the Mission School in Shrinagar, Kashmir.

The second lecture was given on November 24th, when Mr. G. D. Macnair spoke on Mesopotamia.

Extract from a French periodical which has *not yet* appeared in the Library:—

'Un match—fleuret et épée—a mis aux prises à l'Ecole Stowe, des élèves de cet établissement, où enseigne le professeur Gravé, et des membres de la Salle Gravé. De part et d'autre, il y eut beaucoup d'enthousiasme et l'on applaudit quelques jolies rencontres.'

(L'ESCRIME ET LE TIR.)

The following note has reached us from the Zoo authorities:—

'This term there has been no very great activity in the Zoo. Racks have been built, on which the rabbit hutches stand. The Headmaster kindly presented us last term with two new huts, which have been built into the old bear-house, making three cages on each side. The work is practically finished except for a concrete floor, which we hope to build next term. The 'Chatham Deer' arrived during the term, and was accommodated in the hut for a week before we turned it loose again. However, it returns to the Zoo whenever it is cold. Three very fine Chinchillas have arrived this term, and we are hoping for more. Rats have plagued us again, but we hope to overcome them before the end of the term.'

J.M. (for the Zoo Committee).

The Welkin Club has been invited by Mr. Earle to hold a meeting in Chatham House. It is only fair to add that they had previously threatened to sing carols outside his window.

In the early days of December we had four days of tolerable skating on the Octagon. Eleven Acre itself was bearing for two days out of the four.

Our photographs show only the Octagon, but the view from the Sailing Club's moorings to the Waterfall would have been well worth recording.

Mr. Renwick will know, without being told, how much his departure will be regretted here. But we cannot grudge him to Charterhouse, which is his own old School.

Dr. Pemberton's absence during the last few weeks of the term has been a personal as well as a professional loss to everyone here. He is, happily, expected back in January.

It showed commendable enterprise on the part of the German Measle germ to penetrate to the Biological Laboratory. We admire, while we regret, the size of its victory there.

Though Cups have been presented in large numbers by generous friends, we are still without a Cup for Inter-House Squash Racquets.

By ukase of the Head of the School the Ancient and Honourable Institution of the Pocular Progress (or Cup Run) has been abolished. Silence and solemnity will now mark the transfer of a trophy from House to House.

Medici prints have been added to those purchased last term. It is hoped that each class-room may eventually have a set of these prints, and secure the nucleus of such a collection in the less distant future. Among newcomers we welcome Lady Surrey, a 'Lord Privy Seale with One Eye' and a Diana in Modern Dress. Beatrice d'Este has gone to Upper Five and another of Dr. Bateman's acquisitions to Mr. Hunter's class-room.

The admirable work of Mr. Wadlow on the roads has been continued by his successor, Mr. Beebee, whose energetic conduct of the estate has already made its mark.

Mr. Zed informs us that somehow and sometime this term (he remembers only that it was after dinner), he found himself in the courtyard of a Turkish mosque. A circle of infants, the boys wearing the

new regulation bowler, squatted round the implacable imám. They were learning English, practising the vowel 'e,' and in their chant Mr. Zed heard our bursar's name. Observing his astonishment, the imám beckoned to a tearful little girl, who plucked off Mr. Zed's shoe, and wrote on it these words:—

THE BUSY BEE AND THE TRANQUIL BURSAR.
 'Study the bee,' said the bee to Beebee,
 'That whatever the bee be, Beebee be.'
 'Let Beebee be,' said Beebee to the bee,
 'And, whatever the bee be, be Beebee.'

As the song grew faster, the circle melted away in tears, and at last, when the imám lifted his wand, crying 'ACCELERANDISSIMO,' he stood alone.

And changed abruptly into Mr. Doubleyou. OUTIS.

Everyone admires the classic grace of the new coal shelters, which have all the stately simplicity of the true Nissen type.

The new inhabitant of the Power House is a 130 k.w., 200 h.p. Semi-Deisel Engine by W. H. Allen, Sons and Co., Ltd., of Bedford.

Rumour says that the Power House will shortly collapse owing to the increased vibration—a result which would be, perhaps, not wholly unwelcome to the dwellers in the neighbouring Master's Block.

We understand that the subscriptions to the Chapel Fund so far received in cash amount to just over £400, and that a committee is being formed with the approval of the Governors to consider the best means of raising further funds.

Sermons have been preached during the term by the Rev. C. E. Tyndale-Biscoe and also by the Bishop of London, whose visit to Stowe gave us particular pleasure.

Second XI Cricket Colours were awarded last term to B. C. Gadney.

The Deer, which is now a familiar figure in the neighbourhood of Chatham House, is the gift of Sir Hereward Wake of Courteenhall.

The School has received from Mrs. Dawson-Smith, of Nash Rectory, Stony Stratford, a quantity of very valuable bird-skins, eggs and

other specimens, collected in Northern Jubaland by Lieut. Frank Dawson-Smith, of the 5th K.A.R., who was killed on the Abyssinian Frontier in 1920.

We should like to record the fact that J. de P. G. Mayhew, who has been awarded the 'Bronze Medal' by the Royal Humane Society for an act of gallantry described in the last number of *The Stoic*, is the youngest recorded recipient since the institution of the Society in 1774.

Grenville beat Chandos in the Fencing Cup Final (6—5).

THE SWISS CAMP.

Last winter over a dozen Stoics went to one of the two Swiss 'Camps' run by the Student Movement. This year about the same number expect to go, but our forces will be divided, five or six going to Savognin and the rest to Lenzerheide.

There is little to choose between the two places: Lenzerheide is higher and more picturesque; but the village is crowded, which means that all slopes are cut up very soon. At Savognin the hotel is more roomy and suited to our purpose; and as there will be practically no other visitors in the place, campers will have the slopes to themselves. Here, moreover, there are two long ski-runs, much better than anything that Lenzerheide can boast of. If rumours and prophets are to be trusted, we may expect a second record season for deep snow and low temperatures.

The Editor of *The Stoic* knows that he is doing what the School would wish in offering its sincere sympathy to Mr. Beebee in his recent bereavement.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of *The Stonyhurst Magazine*, *The Bracklean*, *The Lancing College Magazine*, *The Wrekinian*, *The Canfordian*, *The Ousel* (2).

THE ROMAN ROAD.

Along this road have Roman legions toiled,
—Of men that died and left their swords to rust
In English fields,—men English earth has soiled
That Caesar's urn might hold a conqueror's dust.

Two further annual Prizes have been founded by the personal generosity of Governors of the School and will be offered for the first time in 1926. Mr. Warrington's Prize will be awarded for History, and Mr. Pearman Smith's for Mathematics.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

AS a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's Examination in July, 1925, the following were awarded 'School Certificates':—

Avory, E. R.	Jones, C. B.
Barbour, R. MacD.	Kent, E. R. R.
Boyd-Carpenter, J. A.	Lord, M. E. C.
Carr, R. H. G.	Lucas, P. H.
Cox, E. J.	Morley-Fletcher, D.
Crookston, G. M.	O'Brien, E. D.
Dreicer, J. H.	Oliver, E. J.
Ellis, D. C.	Reid, P.
Farwig, R. C.	Scott, R. H.
Harrison, C. D.	Sinclair, A. L. H.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL this term was seriously curtailed, first by the frost and then by the exodus; it may be said virtually to have ended with the Radley match on November 25th. Luckily, however, all the First XV matches except one had been played by that date. Of the eight matches played, four were won, three lost and one drawn. The only matches which give any guide to our progress are the school matches. The teams sent down by the London clubs were on the whole weak ones, and with the exception of the H.A.C. match, which was even throughout and ended in a draw, we won with something to spare in each case. Next year we shall have very much stronger sides from the clubs to contend with.

The results of the matches against Bedford 2nd and Radley 2nd are not discouraging. True, we lost to Bedford, but only by the two points added by a place-kick, and Bedford is a strong rugger school and has certainly one of the best school XV's in the country, and one assumes their Second to be correspondingly strong. Radley we beat quite decisively, and we might, I think, take on their First XV next year, if a fixture can be arranged.

The forwards continue to improve, and next season we should have a strong pack in spite of a number of people leaving. The backs, too, were much more effective, but progress here is slower. The tackling has been on the whole good, but there have been lapses, and some of the team are still inclined to 'scrag' a man's ears rather than to bring him down at once with a low tackle.

The game in the rest of the School, as indicated by the Leagues, is not so healthy. The play in these matches has been generally of a very scrappy nature, with little combination and deplorable attempts at tackling. This is to some extent to be expected, as some of the 'B' teams contain very inexperienced players; but there is certainly great scope for improvement. The complete programme of matches was not played owing to the reasons stated above. There are still to be played one 'A' and three 'B' matches. As the points now stand, Chandos are strong favourites for winners, although there is still a possibility that Cobham may tie with them. The outstanding matches will be played next term.

A table is appended showing the position up to date, 'A' and 'B' points for each House having been added:

CHANDOS	...	...	40 points.
COBHAM	...	...	30 "
TEMPLE	...	...	30 "
GRENVILLE	...	...	16 "
CHATHAM	...	...	16 "
BRUCE	...	...	0 "

The matches to be played are:

- A. Bruce *v.* Cobham.
- B. Temple *v.* Chatham.
- Bruce *v.* Chandos.
- Cobham *v.* Grenville.

I.A.C.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ROSSLYN PARK 'B.'

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 3rd. Rossllyn Park brought down quite a strong side, and the School did very well to win this, their first match, by one placed goal and four tries (17 points) to one placed goal and two tries (11 points).

Rossllyn Park kicked off with the sun in their eyes. For the first quarter of an hour the School backs were rather shaky and failed to make anything of the chances given them by the forwards, who were playing very well indeed. Then the Park scored, after some minutes' pressure, the kick at goal failing. Within five minutes the School had taken the lead. Jones intercepted just inside his own half

and got clean away, to score a spectacular try, which was converted by Cowell. The School soon went further ahead, Dunsford cutting through well and passing to Sanderson, who scored an unconverted try. Just before half-time the Park scored their second try. Soon after the kick-off the same fumbling among the backs let the Park in to score, the try being converted. This was their last score. The School pressed almost continuously for the rest of the game, scoring three tries. First Sanderson scored, after some good work by Cowell and Jones. Then Gadney went over from a scrum on the line, and a few minutes from time Jones scored his second try, after a determined run. Cowell was unlucky with his kicks at goal, one going just wide and another hitting a goal-post.

The whole team played very well, the three-quarter line in particular showing form far in advance of anything seen last season.

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THE SCHOOL *v.* RICHMOND TRIAL XV.

Played at Stowe on 17th October, the School winning by two goals and four tries (22 points) to nil.

The Richmond side was not really a strong one, but the School did well to win so decisively. At forward the sides were fairly equally matched in the tight, and there was much hard tackling between the two packs. In fact the School tackling all round reached a high standard. In the loose the School forwards were faster and better together than Richmond and had better control of the ball.

Behind the scrum the School continued to show improvement. Sword at fly-half played with much more confidence and dash, but was, if anything, inclined at times to hold on a little too long. However, he never failed to draw at least one man. The right wing was more in evidence than the left, and there were some good bouts of passing between Dunsford and Jones which made a lot of ground. Sanderson at left-centre is not such a straight runner as Dunsford, and Woods was consequently apt to be crowded into the touch line. Hyde had rather an off day, and was not very sure in his fielding. Among the forwards Cowell played a tremendously hard game and did many good things, but he is apt still to kick too hard. However, his quick following up is excellent, and he often recovers possession in this way. The rest of the forwards were all very good in the loose, but some of the heeling in the tight was slow.

In the first half, which was mostly in Richmond territory, tries were scored by Murdoch, Jones, Cox and Cowell; of these, Farmiloe converted one. In the second half Richmond had more of the game, and just failed to score once or twice. For the School, Sword got over after a determined dash, and then, towards the end, the forwards took the ball in a magnificent loose rush three-quarters of the way down the field; there was a check, a quick heel and the ball was slung out to Dunsford, who raced straight in from the '25' line—a most excellent try. Farmiloe converted. Cowell just previously had had hard luck with a very good drop kick from a penalty, the ball going just wide, and no-side came soon afterwards with the School pressing hard.

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THE SCHOOL v. CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on 24th October, Christ Church winning by three goals, three tries and a penalty goal (27 points) to a penalty goal (3 points).

Christ Church brought over quite a powerful side for this match, and while the School more than held its own among the forwards, the quick and accurate passing of our opponents' three-quarters, combined with straight running, was a source of danger throughout the game. The School's tackling on the whole was less effective than usual, chiefly owing to the fact that they were outpaced and could not get their hands on to their opponents properly. At the same time there was a certain amount of ineffective high tackling. The three-quarters, who were generally standing still when they got the ball, did not run with any resolution and never looked dangerous. Our forwards played extremely well in the loose, some of their rushes, generally headed by Cowell, being really brilliant.

At half-time Christ Church led by 16 points to nil, their score being made up of three tries (two converted) and a penalty goal. For the first quarter of an hour in the second half the School played up very well, and deserved the penalty goal which Cowell dropped. Then our opponents' three-quarters took all the opportunities given to them by their excellent stand-off half and quickly scored three tries, one of which was converted.

Although the School was opposed to a side which was considerably stronger and faster, they did not seem to play up so hard as usual, especially in the first half. The impression given at first was that they knew that their opponents were faster and would catch them and haul them down, and that therefore it was useless to attack with determination. This wore off somewhat in the second half, but the whole side must learn that the best method of defence is attack, whatever the strength of the opposition.

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THE SCHOOL v. LONDON SCOTTISH 'EXTRA B.'

Played at Stowe on 31st October, the School winning by three goals and three tries (24 points) to nil.

The Scottish side was a weak one, although it included A. G. Bowdie, one of the School Fifteen of last year. They came two short, and J. D. Farmiloe and J. F. Marshall filled the vacancies and by no means let their side down.

The School were constantly on the attack from the beginning and should have scored several times more in the first half. The running on the left wing was not very determined, and a number of passes among the backs in general went astray. The only try came from Jones. Dunsford made a good opening and Jones ran through three or four of his opponents and scored in the corner. Cox just failed to convert with a fine kick.

In the second half the running was much straighter and more determined, Dunsford being in particularly good form. Gadney was throwing his passes from the scrum well in front of Sword, who consequently was getting quickly on the move and was giving his passes well after drawing his man. The three-quarters got going often, but the right wing was always much more in evidence than the left. The forwards, too, came up well and took a hand in the passing, and there were some very good combined movements. After continuous pressure Dunsford scored far out on the right, and Cowell converted with a very good kick. A little

later Dunsford broke clean through again in the centre and, evading the full-back's tackle, scored beneath the posts, for Murdoch to convert. The ball again went out to the right wing and travelled quickly back from Jones through three or four players' hands to Edden, who, though partially held, flung himself over the line, while a few minutes later Jones scored another try in the right corner. Cox had hard luck with both these kicks, as from long range they just missed. Finally a loose rush by the forwards resulted in Murdoch touching down beneath the posts—a try which he also converted.

Although the backs took the larger part in the scoring, their success was primarily due to the fine work of the forwards, who outplayed the opposing pack both in the tight and the loose. Hyde played a sound game at full-back, kicking a good length and tackling well.

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THE SCHOOL v. TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on 7th November, Trinity College winning by two goals and five tries (25 points) to nil.

Trinity did not bring anything like a full side, but the team they did bring was quite able to test the School severely. There had been much rain previously, and the ground and the ball were both wet and uncertain. In the circumstances the handling of the Trinity backs was good, Williams, their captain, at stand-off half, being especially skilful in gathering passes of all descriptions, and consequently in setting his three-quarters going.

At forward the School for the most part held their own. There has been, however, a curious lack of dash and seeming disinclination to go in to the ball among the pack during the first ten minutes of all the matches. Later, however, they have warmed to their work. So it was in this game. This slow starting is a very bad habit. The team as a whole must learn to go off 'with a bang' from the beginning. The result of not doing so allows the other side to seize the offensive, which is the very last thing a side should allow its opponents to do.

As the game progressed the School forwards showed they were quite the equal of the Trinity pack in the loose. In the tight, however, Trinity got the ball three times out of four. Some of the School's loose rushes were very good; Cowell usually led the way, and Middleton was often in attendance.

The halves played a sound game, but the threes were ineffective. Sanderson was especially weak and neither ran with resolution nor passed well. All the backs seem to become paralysed when opposed to faster players. But this is surely not a reason for running more slowly than usual—as they do, counting, presumably, on being caught in any case. Rather should they run all the harder and straighter. The School never really looked like scoring, but some fair chances were thrown away by feeble running and poor passing.

Trinity scored all but one of their tries by their backs. One, indeed, was scored by the full-back, who came up outside the right-wing three and got over in the corner. At half-time the score was 11—0, and Trinity finally won as stated.

Team: W. S. Hyde; C. B. Jones, D. A. Dunsford, J. C. Sanderson, T. V. Woods; R. W. D. Sword, B. C. Gadney; E. R. Cox, S. J. Murdoch, A. M. Cowell, J. E. McComb, P. M. Falconer, J. N. Feathers, J. K. Edden, S. D. A. S. Aylmer and J. H. Middleton.

THE SCHOOL v. AN H.A.C. SIDE.

This match was played on the South Front at Stowe on November 14th, and ended in a drawn game, each side scoring one placed goal and two tries (11 points). The ground was rather tricky after frost, which accounted for the scrappiness of some of the play.

The School had all the best of the first half. They were the first to settle down, and the backs brought off some good passing movements, the best of which gave them their first try, after fifteen minutes' play. Jones got the ball from a loose scrum near the right touch line and, finding his way down the line blocked, went inwards round the scrum. The ball went right down the line, for Woods to score in the left-hand corner. Cowell failed with a difficult kick. The School kept up the pressure, and ten minutes later Middleton went over, having gathered the ball well from a wild fly-kick by one of the Company backs. Half-time came with the School leading by six points to nil.

The H.A.C. went off with a rush in the second half, and the School play fell off a little. A good combined movement by the H.A.C. sent in Lloyd, one of their centres, for their first try, and a few minutes later a kick ahead and quick following up gave them their second, which was converted. The School were now two points down and played up well. The forwards brought off one magnificent rush, which took the ball half the length of the field. There followed some minutes of rather scrappy play, with the School pressing the whole time, and then Murdoch took an inside pass from Jones and went through to score an excellent try, which Cowell converted with a fine kick.

For the next ten minutes the play was very even, and then a long kick by the H.A.C. full-back found touch rather luckily near the School line, and from the line-out the ball was taken over far out. The kick at goal just failed, and immediately afterwards the whistle went for no-side.

Team : B. S. Harriss ; C. B. Jones, D. A. Dunsford, H. W. Gill, T. V. Woods ; R. W. D. Sword, B. C. Gadney ; E. R. Cox, S. J. Murdoch, A. M. Cowell, P. M. Falconer, J. N. Feathers, J. K. Edden, S. D. A. S. Aylmer and J. H. Middleton.

THE SCHOOL v. BEDFORD SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on 21st November, Bedford winning by one goal and one try (8 points) to two tries (6 points).

This was a good match, and the School did well to run their opponents so close, as the Bedford side loosed considerably the better. Their forwards were heavier and heeled better, and their halves and centres were cleverer and more experienced than ours.

The School were the first to score, a good pass from Gill sending Woods off on the left. Woods had a good forty yards to cover, but, running very strongly, he just made the line at the corner flag and touched down, although heavily tackled as he went over. The Bedford pack then dominated the game and gave many chances to their threes. Two tries, one on each wing, were scored during this period, and only some good tackling saved further scoring. On two occasions Hyde brought down the left-wing in fine style. One of these tries was converted, and Bedford kept this lead of five points till half-time.

In the second half the School forwards played with great determination, and held their own with their heavier opponents. There were some fine rushes on both sides, and the Bedford backs, getting still a good share of the ball, often looked

dangerous. They were not able to score, however, and the School had quite as much of the game as their opponents. The ball eventually came out to the right, and Dunsford made ground and then gave Jones a good pass well outside the '25' line. Jones ran with great determination and, although partially stopped ten yards or so from the line, he forced his way on and scored as he was again tackled. The try was not converted. For the rest of the match the play was very even, with the School having, on the whole, rather the better of it. There was no more scoring, however.

The School's two tries were the outcome of resolute running on the wings. This method will produce tries much more frequently than the less direct methods of, for example, cross-kicking, reverse passing, dodging and cutting in ; and although all these have a useful place, hard going for the line should be the rule for the wing men, provided they have reasonable space to move in.

Hyde played well at back, but is sometimes slow in getting across. The centres were good, but Gill was outpaced and seldom got his man down. His kicking, however, was excellent. Sword, not very fit, had an off day, and was usually in two minds about what to do. His slowness held up the attack considerably. Gadney was quite sound, but was a little slow in smothering his opposite number. The forwards, amongst whom were four substitutes, played very well, Cox, Cowell, Middleton and Freeman being the most prominent.

Team : W. S. Hyde ; C. B. Jones, D. A. Dunsford, H. W. Gill, T. V. Woods ; R. W. D. Sword, B. C. Gadney ; E. R. Cox, S. J. Murdoch, A. M. Cowell, J. N. Feathers, J. H. Middleton, D. S. Bramley, A. F. Kerr and S. Freeman.

THE SCHOOL v. RADLEY SECOND XV.

Played at Radley on 25th November, the School winning by a goal and four tries (17 points) to a goal and a try (8 points).

After allowing themselves to be taken for a trip round Oxfordshire, the School side arrived at Radley just before sundown of a bitter day, with a wind which cut through any number of greatcoats.

The game at length started, and though a great deal of fumbling was inevitable on such a day it was played at a fast pace throughout. The Radley side was big and heavy compared with ours, and their forwards played a robust game. It should be mentioned that the School had seven substitutes playing, five of whom were in the pack.

In the first half Radley had the better of matters in the tight scrums, but our pack broke quickly and, playing well in the loose, gave their backs a reasonable number of chances. Dunsford made the opening for the first try, cutting through well and giving a good pass to Jones, who ran strongly and scored in the corner. Radley retaliated by scoring a scrambling try, and, the kick being successful, we were two points behind at half-time.

In the second half the School forwards played splendidly. They went for their heavier opponents with a will and, while quite holding their own in the tight, were much the better in the loose, although the Radley pack brought off some fine loose rushes. Special mention must be made of Cowell's following up. He ran at top speed for practically the whole of the second half. He was well backed up in the loose by Middleton and Bramley.

The first try in this half came from Jones, who kicked ahead and followed up hard : he just got the touch down before the ball went into touch-in-goal. Cowell then took a pass about midfield, shook off an opponent or two and went all out for the line, which he reached with nothing to spare. The game swung back and

Radley scored again, so that our lead was reduced to one point (9-8). The School side played very hard, however, and kept the game for the most part about their opponents' '25' line. By quick following up again Cowell scored another try, which also he converted; and finally Dunsford ma. made one of his most determined runs and got over single-handed.

Of the forwards mention has been made. At scrum-half Dunsford mi. was making his first appearance, in place of Gadney, on the sick list, and did very well. He went down splendidly to the opposing forward rushes and served Sword quite efficiently. Sword cut through well, but often delayed in giving his pass and was held up much too often. Among the three-quarters Dunsford ma. was in good form and always looked dangerous. Harriss (in place of Hyde, disabled) was rather uncertain at full-back, but it was hardly a day to be playing full-back.

Team: B. S. Harriss; C. B. Jones, D. A. Dunsford, H. W. Gill, T. V. Woods; R. W. D. Sword, A. Dunsford; S. J. Murdoch, A. M. Cowell, J. N. Feathers, J. H. Middleton, D. S. Bramley, S. Freeman, J. D. Farmiloe and H. D. Turrall.

SECOND XV v. BEDFORD COLTS.

Played at Bedford on 10th October. The result was a win for Bedford by 46 points to 5.

This was the first match played by the Second XV, and was not a very successful performance. The team lacked experience and confidence, but all the same they should have done much better. Although it was perhaps natural that they should not always make the best use of their chances, there is no doubt that the chief factor in their heavy defeat was their dismally poor tackling, Harriss being a notable exception. One could see during the whole game fierce attacks being made at the topmost locks of the heads of the opposing side—attacks which often resulted in the most perfect 'air-shots' imaginable being executed.

The forwards had plenty of weight in the scrum but were not well together in the loose. They gave their backs quite a fair number of chances, but little use was made of them. Whenever, on the other hand, the Bedford backs got going they were dangerous, and towards the end the match became a procession. The score at half-time was 12-5, Reiss having scored for us with quite a good run and Farmiloe having converted with a good kick. In the second half Bedford did much as they liked and won as stated.

Team: B. S. Harriss; C. J. P. Pearson, A. J. P. Ling, H. W. Gill, J. de P. G. Mayhew; J. G. Reiss, D. C. Ellis; J. F. Marshall, J. D. Farmiloe, J. H. Middleton, J. W. McCaul-Bell, S. Freeman, T. P. Ward ma., D. S. Bramley and G. A. Rowse.

THE LIBRARY

SIR Edward Nicholl has given a large number of books to the Library this term. These are, for the greater part, bound volumes of the Cornhill Magazine and Blackwood's, and Scrivener's 'All the Year Round' and 'Household Words.'

Lady Verney has presented 'Memoirs of the Verney Family' in two volumes, a very interesting record of a well-known local family, and the Rev. P. E. Warrington has given Ruskin's 'Modern Painters.'

The following books have been bought for the Library:—'Twenty-Five Years' (Lord Grey), 'Landscape in Art from Giotto to Turner' (Lewis Hind), 'The Everlasting Man' (G. K. Chesterton), 'The Elizabethan Stage' (E. K. Chambers), and 'Historic Costume, 1490-1790' (F. M. Kelly and R. Schwabe).

We hope to buy many more books next term dealing chiefly with History, Zoology and Classics.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

FOUR debates have already been held, and a fifth is due before the end of term. The Society has received a constitution, whose chief effect, at present, appears to be the restriction of read speeches. A few members can now speak quite creditably, but we have still some way to go. The officers are making an innovation by restricting debates to members, in the hope that freedom of speech may become more evident with the disappearance of certain portly and vociferous guests.

The President of the Society is Mr. M. C. MacLaughlin, the Vice-President Mr. I. M. Cross, the Secretary J. M. Reeves and the Committee-man C. D. Harrison.

The 10th meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, September 26th, the motion for debate being 'That in the opinion of this House the present system of government in England is inadequate to the country's needs.'

E. R. R. KENT proposed this motion. It has always been worth while to listen to him, and never less than at present, for his merits as a debater are greater than they were. He explained ably the faults of the party system.

M. T. D. PATMORE seemed to think that the evils of our government were sufficient to our own evil days. He opposed the motion.

O. H. J. BERTRAM overwhelmed the House with a mass of statistics.

S. J. MURDOCH took us out of the dumps and into his confidence. Such a panacea was variously received.

There also spoke: *For the motion*, C. M. Barlow, C. B. Jones, the Hon. P. A. S. D. Butler, J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, J. J. Hartland-Swann (ex-Secretary), and E. J. Oliver. *Against the motion*, J. F. J. F. J. M. F. de Amodio, the Vice-President and the President.

The motion was carried by 40 votes to 23.

The 11th meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, October 10th, at 8.15 p.m. Before proceeding to public business, the Society listened to its twenty-three rules drawn up and passed by the committee. The motion for debate was 'That the holidays are of greater educational value than the term time.'

In proposing this motion, J. DE P. G. MAYHEW defined education as 'seeing life and learning how to live.' He went on to say that he accomplished these tasks best in the holidays.

C. B. JONES stated eloquently the case for the term.

L. G. STRAUSS made a long speech in a low voice; a pity, because he said much which was worth hearing. He has at any rate 'plied his book diligently,' and his pleasing references to Stevenson were given in the honeyed tones expected from one of the lions of Salle Q. 'I go to school with hope,' were the speaker's last words.

E. D. O'BRIEN was not at his best, but he managed to make clear that educational value, and not pleasure, was the standard by which the holidays were being judged.

There also spoke: *For the motion*, E. J. Oliver, R. W. Bate, H. B. J. Phillips, R. H. G. Carr, P. H. Davie, S. J. Murdoch, M. E. J. Croker and E. R. Avory. *Against the motion*, D. S. Montagu-Scott, M. S. Montagu-Scott, R. H. Scott, J. de Amodio and P. H. Lucas.

The motion was lost by five votes; there voted for the motion 40, and against 45.

At the 12th meeting, held on Saturday, October 31st, there were three 'impromptu' debates. The first of these, 'That it is better to be black than white,' was carried by one vote. The second motion was 'That Chatham is the most admirable of the school buildings'; and the third 'That if a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing badly.' The former of these motions was lost by one vote; the latter carried by three votes.

Though the speeches at this meeting were not of a high order, they were numerous, and apparently unexhausted at the hour when the debate had to be adjourned.

The 13th meeting of the Society was held on November 21st, the motion being 'That in the opinion of this House the Great War has retarded the Progress of Civilisation.' This debate was notable for a very large attendance and a paucity of speakers. Actually, twelve members made speeches besides those who were down on the paper; but the majority made very brief and obviously unprepared speeches.

S. J. MURDOCH proposed the motion in the absence of J. de Amodio, who left behind him a florid appeal and the ingredients of an appetising oratorical ragout. This was admirably served up by S. J. Murdoch.

E. J. OLIVER made the best speech of the evening, and incidentally his own most successful effort in debate. If his subtle argument was not always followed, it was always appreciated by the House.

M. S. MONTAGU-SCOTT was once again original in his treatment of a favourite subject.

J. M. REEVES (Secretary) spoke fourth.

There also spoke: *For the motion*, The President, J. P. Franck, O. H. J. Bertram, M. T. D. Patmore, C. B. Jones, E. R. R. Kent, E. R. Avory and L. G. Strauss. *Against the motion*, J. J. Hartland-Swann (ex-Secretary), H. A. W. Stormont, D. Morley-Fletcher and M. E. J. Croker.

The motion was carried by 68 votes to 24.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY

The Society has been reinforced by a very welcome influx of trebles and altos; the balance is consequently much better, and we have been able to tackle much more advanced work.

We have been practising Coleridge-Taylor's 'Hiawatha's Wedding Feast' with a view to a performance at the end of next term.

THE ARTS CLUB

It is satisfactory to be able to report considerable activity in the Club this term, as the last two accounts were of a pessimistic nature. We hope, therefore, that those who glance through the pages of the *Stoic* in future will be able to read, instead of 'very little real work has been done' and 'there is very little to record,' 'a great deal has been done' and 'there is much to record.' This term some really hard work *has* been done.

We have at last come into possession of a room for the Club Headquarters, and it has been transformed, by the efforts of the members, from a warren of wireless dens into a really comfortable and artistic Clubroom.

Anyone who has seen the old wireless rooms in the neighbourhood of the stone-yard will realise how hard those members must have worked; they removed the partitions, scrubbed the whole room, colour-washed the walls, stained the beams and whitewashed the ceiling. It was touching to see them picking bits of plaster out of each other's hair after a spell of work.

Membership cards have been obtained, records kept, and a general meeting of the Club was held to inaugurate the Clubroom and to introduce new members.

Thanks to many generous donations the Clubroom fund has realised over £18, and a great deal of furniture and pictures has been given or lent, including two very fine drawings by Augustus John and Simeon Solomon.

House decoration has by no means been the only occupation of the Club, and it is to be hoped that the Club section of the forthcoming Art Exhibition will prove really interesting.

Our membership has increased enormously, and in future the Committee will have to consider carefully the applications of those whose claim to election as members is founded on a longing to acquire the art of making toast, or a passion for basking in a punt on the waters of the Cher!

THE GILBERT AND SULLIVAN SOCIETY

The Society's personnel has been strengthened by the admission of Mr. Playford, and the general standard of reading has perceptibly improved.

We have had three meetings this term, when 'Iolanthe,' 'Ruddigore,' 'H.M.S. Pinafore' and 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern' have been read.

WIRELESS CLUB

An edict having gone forth that all wireless rooms in the house will cease to exist as such next term, activity in the Wireless Club has been divided between waiting with more or less concealed impatience for the completion of the Headmaster's 14-compartment railway carriage and hunting for the remaining tools of the Club's first outfit, which seems to have gone the way of all flesh and its works.

Next term the Club will start again with new wireless rooms and a new outfit of tools, and it hopes to have something interesting to report, if only the efficient working of fourteen independent wireless receiving sets at very close quarters!

H.-S.

THE TWELVE CLUB

During October the Twelve Club, a society formed for the purpose of reading papers primarily on political and historical subjects, came into being, with Mr. MacLaughlin as President, Mr. Cross and Mr. Simmonds as Vice-Presidents, and J. A. Boyd-Carpenter as Secretary.

The first meeting of the Club was held in Mr. Cross' room on Saturday, October 17th, when Mr. Cross read a paper entitled 'Hamlet in Modern Clothes.'

The second meeting took place in the President's room on November 7th, when Mr. MacLaughlin read 'A Prologue to the World War.'

At a third meeting, on November 28th, in Mr. Simmonds' room, C. D. Harrison read a paper on 'Benjamin Disraeli, First Earl of Beaconsfield.'

The Club, whose membership is strictly limited, will have one or two vacancies next term.

J.A.B.-C.

GEOLOGICAL CLUB

The Club was founded on November 1st, 1925, when the inaugural meeting was held. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. J. H. Churchill; Vice-President, Mr. T. W. G. Acland; Secretary, R. D. G. Mussett; Librarian and Treasurer, R. P. Wattie. It was decided that the subscription should be annual, and the amount was fixed temporarily at 3/-.

The district round Stowe not being geologically fruitful, arrangements will be made to provide those members of the Club who wish to come with the chance of spending a few days during the summer holidays in a more productive part of the country. Work and pleasure will, it is hoped, combine, and, *inter alia*, specimens will be collected to form food for study through the ensuing winter.

The Club is much indebted to R. P. Wattie for the loan of his rock-sectioning machine.

Membership is at present limited to ten, but it is hoped that the number of members will be increased next term.

FENCING

On the whole the term has been good. Our numbers are as high again as they were in the spring, and the quality of the sword-play is better than before. The chief hindrance comes from a 'parvenu' cinematograph, which has deprived us of much of our already scanty accommodation in the gymnasium.

Of our matches, two—against the O.U.F.C. and a strong London side—have been lost by small margins, and one—*v.* Westminster—has been won. The Eton match has been postponed until next term on account of illness.

Colours for fencing, in the form of a 'brassard,' have been awarded to de Amodio and Howarth. A cup for an individual foil competition to be held next term has been generously presented by our captain, J. de Amodio.

THE SCHOOL *v.* SALLE GRAVE.

This two-weapon match took place at Stowe on October 10th. The visiting team was a strong one, so that the School did well to draw the Foils and all but draw the *Épée* event. Sword-play throughout the match reached a satisfactory level, though the Stowe team was noticeably negligent of 'ripostes' in the latter phases of the *épée* fights. The Salle Gravé won by 16 victories to 14. Details:—

FOILS.

Salle Gravé: Read, 3 wins; Stroud and Thomson, 2 wins each; Speyer, 1 win.
Total, 8.

Stowe: de Amodio, Howarth, Creed and Brooke, 2 wins each. Total, 8.

ÉPÉE.

Salle Gravé: Stroud, 3 wins; Read and Thompson, 2 wins each; Speyer, 1 win.
Total, 8.

Stowe: de Amodio, Howarth and Montagu-Scott, 2 wins each; Graves, 0 win.
Total, 6.

THE SCHOOL *v.* WESTMINSTER.

At Westminster, on November 14th, Stowe defeated Westminster School by 21 victories to 9. The foil play reached a high standard and was good throughout. In this even Howarth did extremely well, winning all his fights, while the whole side dealt successfully with their opponents, Holmes alone causing difficulty. The *épée* fights were closer than those with the foils had been: Westminster were stronger here, while de Amodio and Howarth both began to show signs of weariness. However, Riess, who fights only with the *épée*, showed excellent form, so that this event went also to Stowe. Details:—

FOILS.

Stowe: Howarth, 4 wins; de Amodio and Brooke, 3 wins each; Creed, 2 wins.
Total, 12.

Westminster: Holmes, 3 wins; Petitpierre, 1 win; Cole and Lloyd, 0 wins.
Total, 4.

ÉPÉE.

Stowe: Riess, 4 wins; de Amodio and Montagu-Scott, 2 wins each; Howarth, 1 win. Total, 9.

Westminster: Holmes and Charles, 2 wins each; Gibbs-Smith, 1 win; Lloyd, 0 win. Total, 5.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

The O.U.F.C. sent down on November 18th a team which was the Varsity side minus its Captain and Secretary. To this team we lost the *épée* 6—9, but drew the foils 8—8, though Toyne defeated a somewhat weary de Amodio by the odd hit in nine after a deciding bout. The foil play of the School team was satisfactory; but the *épée*istes were outmatched by their older and more experienced opponents. Details:—

FOILS.

Oxford University: G. Toyne and M. Bull, 3 wins each; T. E. Jones, 2 wins; M. J. R. Holmes, 0 win. Total, 8.

Stowe: J. de Amodio and T. H. Howarth, 3 wins each; B. P. Brooke and C. S. Creed, 1 win each. Total, 8.

EPÉE.

Oxford University: H.R.H. Prince Olav, 3 wins; G. Toyne, T. E. Jacobs and R. McBain, 2 wins each. Total, 9.

Stowe: J. de Amodio and M. S. Montagu-Scott, 2 wins each; T. H. Howarth and J. H. Riess, 1 win each. Total, 6.

Final score: *Oxford University*, 17; *Stowe*, 14.

SQUASH

A great deal of Squash has been played this term all through the School, and though the standard of play is still low, it is improving.

In the House Competition, each House was represented by a team of three, each string playing one match. Though at one time it looked as if illness would make it impossible to play the competition this term, or rob it of much of its value if played, in the end all the houses managed to collect reasonable teams, and Chatham—undoubtedly the strongest house normally and in 'measle' conditions—won the cup. The draw was as follows:—

Chatham	}	Chatham 2—1	}	Chatham 3—0	}	Chatham 3—0.
Temple		Grenville				
		Bruce	}	Chandos 2—1		
Chandos	Cobham	Chandos 2—1				

FIVES

Stowe possesses two Eton Fives Courts, and these came into use for the first time this term. A fair number of boys have learnt to play the game, and those who have done so enjoy it thoroughly, even if they are not yet very expert. It has, however, been a little disappointing that rather more interest has not been shown, especially since there will almost certainly be an inter-house competition next term. The reason may possibly be that the game, at least as played by beginners, is rather dull to watch; but those who have tried it do not find it dull to play.

PAPERCHASES

Paperchases this term have met with very fair support, and have been held, on an average, once a week. Good runners and bad runners alike have turned out, and there have been some very regular supporters both from among the masters and the boys.

The chief innovations have been, first the starting of most runs at a little distance from the school buildings, which has opened up a rather larger tract of country; and, secondly, the use of paper purchased ready cut up from a Buckingham printing works, which has much simplified the task of the organisers.

The runs have usually been fairly short—not more than about five miles—but every possible bit of country immediately round the school has been covered. One attempt at a compulsory run for the whole of First and Second Clubs, during the hard frost, was not a great success. Fifty runners cannot get through a narrow gap in a hedge without the last comers being left alarmingly far behind; whereas it is essential for the proper enjoyment of a paperchase that the hounds should keep together and hunt as a pack.

STOWE SCHOOL CHAPEL

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from last term	21	12	6
Offeratories at early services from July 26 to Nov. 30	17	17	10
	<u>£39</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>
Expenditure			Nil.

As previously stated, this balance is being kept to help in starting the Stowe Club for Working Boys in the near future. E.F.H.

STOWE SCHOOL GAMES CLUB

CASH ACCOUNT.

For the period 23rd May, 1924—29th May, 1925.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in Bank May 23rd, 1924	11 18 0	By Wages and Salaries	562 11 7
„ Subscriptions	973 0 0	„ Repairs, Fencing, Matting, Tents, Sheds, etc., and Implements	338 6 3
„ Half-share of Profits on Shop Account	183 4 6	„ Cups, Medals, Engraving, etc.	62 3 8
„ Loans by Headmaster	110 0 0	„ Flags	1 0 3
„ Contributions towards Charabancs	8 5 0	„ Insurance	4 12 3
„ 330 Sports Subscriptions	24 15 0	„ Mowing	7 6 0
„ Golf Club	3 8 0	„ Printing, etc.	10 8 6
		„ Loans repaid	110 0 0
		„ Travelling Expenses	25 6 6
		„ Horse Expenses	3 10 9
		„ Games Requisites	56 0 0
		„ Subscriptions	1 16 6
		„ Photographs	5 0 0
		BALANCE IN BANK	126 8 3
	<u>£1,314 10 9</u>		<u>£1,314 10 6</u>

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We have examined the foregoing Accounts with the books and vouchers and certify them to be correct, as shown thereby.

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STOWE SCHOOL SHOP

CASH ACCOUNT.

From 23rd May, 1924—29th May, 1925.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance 23rd May, 1924	...	...	By Purchase of Goods	3,669	8 0
Loan from Headmaster	405	5 4	" Printing and Stationery	32	6 0
Received on Account of Sales, including Sale of <i>Stoic</i>	4,028	0 7	" Postages	3	15 0
			" Games Club (share of Profits)	183	4 6
			" Wages	104	0 0
			" Bank Stamps and Charges	1	13 2
			" Cost of Printing <i>Stoic</i>	125	8 2
			" Safe	5	15 0
			" Cost of Heating Shop	124	10 0
			" Headmaster—Repayment of Loan	60	0 0
			" Commission (Thomas)	19	5 9
			" Audit Fee	5	5 0
			" BALANCE	158	15 4
	<u>£4,493</u>	<u>5 11</u>		<u>£4,493</u>	<u>5 11</u>

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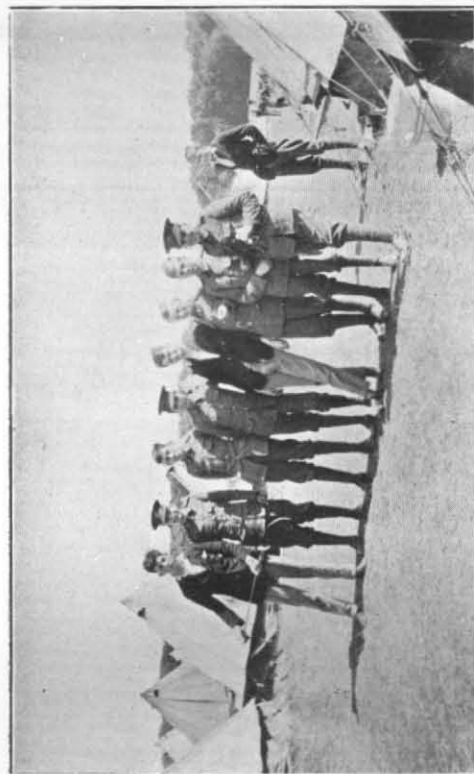
O. T. C. NOTES

THE strength of the contingent this term is as follows:—

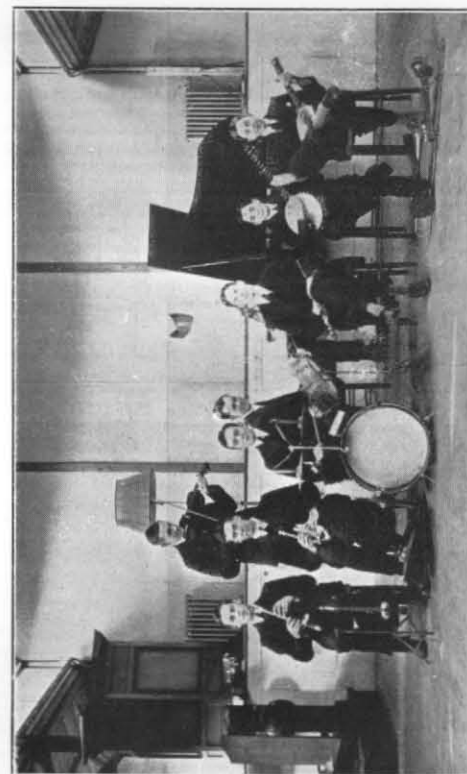
Bruce	23
Temple	34
Grenville	...	...	...	33
Chandos	...	...	...	48
Cobham	...	...	...	40
Chatham	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	<u>183</u>

Of this total 46 have joined this term.

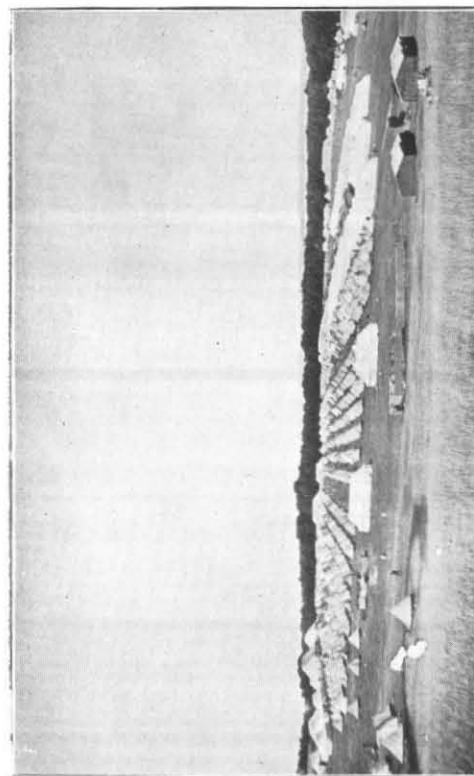
Work has been begun on the Certificate 'A' syllabus, and it is hoped that some of those now studying will be sufficiently far advanced by February next to justify their taking the next examination, which is held towards the end of that month.



CAMP, 1925.



THE JAZZ BAND.



TIDWORTH, 1925.



THE CASTE—LES PRÉCIEUSES RIDICULES.

Four officers, two permanent staff and ninety-nine cadets attended the Training Camp at Tidworth Pennings from July 28th to August 5th.

FIELD DAY.

The contingent took part in a Field Day on the Chiltern Hills between Wendover and Princes Risborough on October 28th, travelling the whole way by road in four motor coaches.

The scheme for the day required that one force (Harrow and Stowe) should hold a certain position against an attacking force (Eton, Radley and Roysse's School, Abingdon) for a certain time before withdrawing to a second position. On the whole the scheme worked out quite well. There were the usual impossible situations, but these are unavoidable on such occasions unless there is an umpire to practically every section!

On the 'cease fire' sounding the contingent closed on the top of Combe Hill and marched down to Wendover, where, after a meal of cocoa and buns, they 'embussed' and arrived back at Stowe at about 6.30 p.m.

THE FIELD DAY (AN IMPRESSION).

The O.T.C. took part in its first Field Day on Wednesday, October 28th, and a very enjoyable one it proved. We paraded on the North Front at 9 o'clock to draw rations, which for some reason—not yet discovered—failed to contain the usual 'Stowe Bun.' The Contingent was embarked with a certain amount of difficulty—two of the officers had to be pulled in through the windows—in charabancs, some of which proved to be a good deal faster than others.

After an hour's travelling, we were told to stop at a village called X and to proceed on foot to a spot called Y. It was just about this time that the loss of No. 2 Platoon was discovered, and indeed deeply lamented. They had had the misfortune to have been allotted one of the slower 'buses, and consequently took things rather easily for the rest of the day.

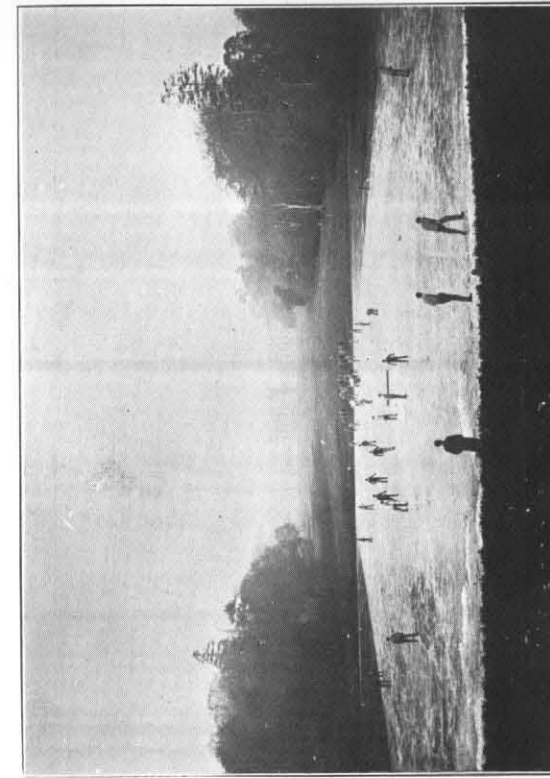
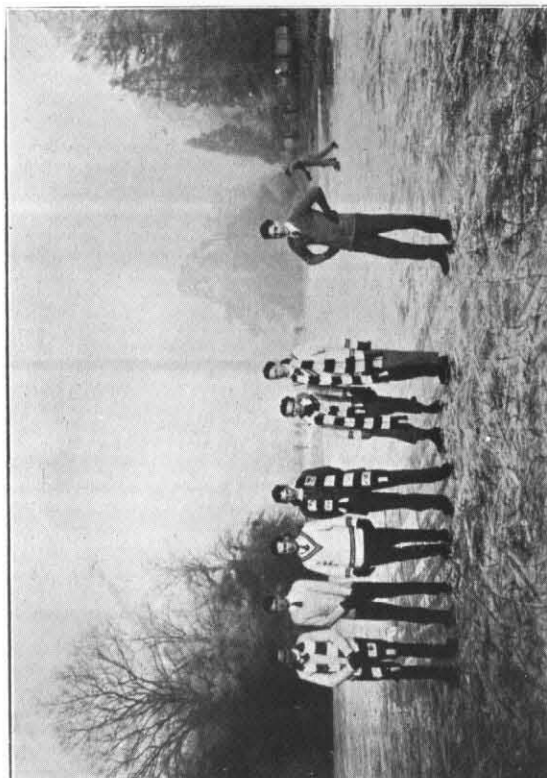
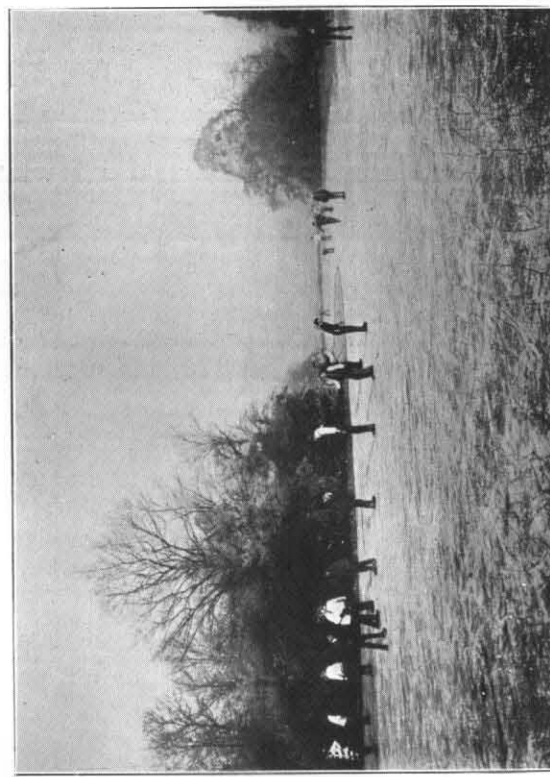
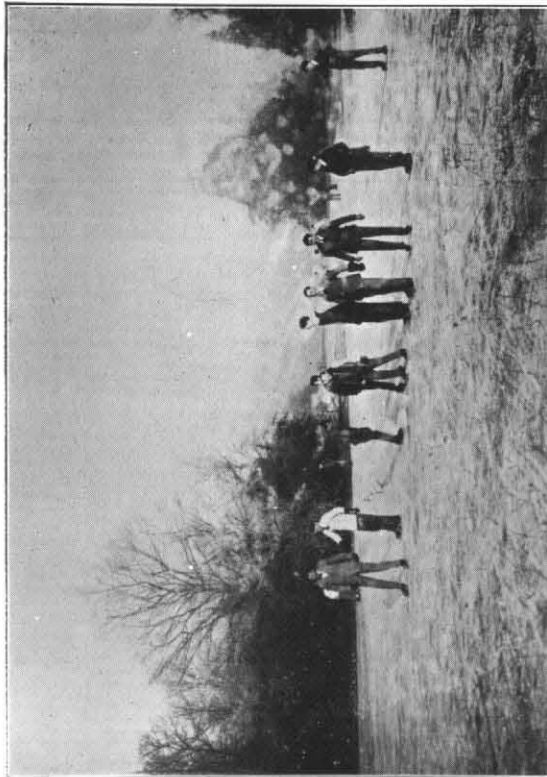
At noon the Company, or rather what remained of it, took up its position on the right of Harrow. Almost immediately Eton opened hostilities, and stormed and captured with great vigour a hill that Stowe was about to hold. (We heard later that they had very kindly given it back to us.) The whole line was soon engaged and the battle had started. The enemy greatly out-numbered us, and very soon our ammunition was exhausted.

Several people were seen to be lying under very scanty cover, their rifles lying idly by their side, their 'blanks' finished, enjoying their bully-beef sandwiches, while less than fifty yards away the enemy were firing at them with great gusto.

By three o'clock all was finished, and after marching back to Wendover, where we were provided with cocoa and buns, we started the return journey. This journey was not uneventful, No. 3 Platoon showing once again, after a desperate struggle, that they had the fastest 'bus.

So ended one of the most enjoyable days that the Corps has so far experienced.

A PARTICIPANT.



WINTER SPORTS AT STOWE.

A CAMP DIARY, 1925

TUESDAY, 28TH JULY.

Not too early a start, nor any rain. Two blessings for which we were profoundly thankful. Seven hours in the train! But we saw a lot of England! On arrival at Tidworth we were played up to camp by the drums and fifes of the 1st Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers, our first march to music since the contingent was formed. On arrival in camp we found practically everything drawn and arranged for, thanks to some very hard work on the part of the advance party.

To bed in good time, but not to sleep! The strangeness of a palliasse and the conversation of neighbouring contingents, which they conducted well into the night, made sleep impossible for some considerable time.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH JULY.

In the morning a demonstration with Tracer bullets by the 2nd Bn. Loyal Regiment. A very interesting show; but rain set in soon after the start and got heavier and heavier until it drove us back into camp, before the demonstration was finished.

The weather cleared up after lunch, and we were able to march out about a mile and a half to see a demonstration by a platoon of Gentlemen Cadets from Sandhurst, and were much impressed by their keenness and efficiency.

THURSDAY, 30TH JULY.

A showery morning; but we managed to get through the programme of work which had been arranged for us. Another demonstration in the afternoon by the Sandhurst platoon, in perfect weather.

Always something to see and listen to after tea—bands from the regiments at Tidworth, drums and fifes of the Coldstream Guards, pipers of the Scots Guards and buglers of the 60th Rifles.

FRIDAY, 31ST JULY.

Rain began to fall soon after we got to our training area, and continued all morning. We returned to camp early, without being able to get much done in the way of work.

Another excellent demonstration by the Sandhurst platoon in the afternoon, the weather having cleared up—Outpost Duties (the right way and the wrong way). The wrong way was really very funny and contained some very excellent fooling.

SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST.

A dry morning at last! After a splendid drill demonstration by the Sandhurst platoon, we marched out to our training area for some work at outposts. That night we had Night Operations, during which one member of the contingent was lost for a while and one distinguished member went to sleep and was walked on!

SUNDAY, 2ND AUGUST.

Church Parade in the morning, followed by an open air service.

Inspection of the lines by the Commandant just before lunch. We put up quite a satisfactory show for our first effort in this form of art. Sports in the afternoon. Some of the 'rag' events were very amusing.

MONDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

A battalion attack in the morning against a skeleton enemy of Sandhurst cadets. In the afternoon a tank demonstration followed by joy (?) rides.

TUESDAY, 4TH AUGUST.

The Grand Finale! A great battle. Three battalions attacking one in position on and to the North of Sidbury Hill. Our battalion was detailed to capture the hill, which had to be taken before the other two battalions could move out on either flank of the hill and attack the enemy further north. Our contingent, which was on the right of the front line, swept through the woods on the slope of the hill in a most dashing manner, and was largely responsible for the capture of the hill itself. Thereafter we had an excellent panorama of the rest of the battle on the plain below.

Back in camp by 3.30 p.m., and on at once to packing up. A final sing-song in the evening, followed by a short and not altogether peaceful night; yet more peaceful than it would have been had not the Sergeant-Major and Staff-Sergeant nobly taken it in turn to patrol our lines to keep off would-be raiding parties.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST.

The majority of the contingent paraded at 3.30 a.m. to travel by the first special train. Practically everyone had left by 9 a.m., including the School lorry, with the rifles and heavy luggage.

So ended our first camp. It had been a novel experience for everyone, and to a great many a not altogether unpleasant one.

CAMP : AN IMPRESSION

My first impression of Tidworth was little more than of a long, wide railway platform, beyond which there did not seem to be much of interest.

We fell in just outside the station, where we were joined by the drums of Major Haworth's old regiment, the Lancashire Fusiliers (1st Battalion).

On our arrival at camp we were allotted our respective tents, and went to explore the mysteries of our first tea.

Next came the business of filling our palliasses and making our quarters as comfortable as possible.

Meanwhile a band played until the sing-song at 8 o'clock, after which we had supper and went to bed.

'Lights out' was soon after 10 o'clock.

That night was quite the most uncomfortable I have ever spent, and welcome was the clarion voice of the Staff-Sergeant next morning at half-past six. There were five more minutes before breakfast. ('Five minutes,' as I afterwards learnt, could on these occasions be taken as meaning quite an hour!)

Breakfast was at a quarter to eight.

We had to tidy the tents and arrange for our belongings outside, and the first parade was held about 9 o'clock.

After prayers we marched off to do our morning's work until lunch.

Lunch was at 1 p.m., followed by an afternoon parade. In the afternoons there used to be demonstrations by Sandhurst cadets.

On Saturday there were night manoeuvres, when we had to march to a certain spot, lie down for a short time and then, at a given signal, charge. Unfortunately for some of us, we were told that it would be quite safe to sleep for half-an-hour, with the result that a few were blissfully slumbering when the signal was given five minutes later!

On Monday night there was a Searchlight Tattoo at Tidworth Manor, about four miles away. It started at 9.45 and ended at midnight.

Tuesday was Brigade Day, and we got to bed at 10 p.m.

The four short hours of sleep were enlivened by the Staff-Sergeant's voice, and we paraded next morning at about half-past two.

Then the march to the station, the train journey, and home. Hot water is good!

The meals at camp had, on the whole, been good, and washing in the sun is certainly refreshing, even though the apparatus was crude.

If there was at the time a tendency to grumble, I shall at any rate look back on the first School O.T.C. camp with pleasure.

W.B.A.J.K.

VISITORS TO STOWE

I. LOUIS XVIII.

In the good old days of long ago, the days of perruques and ruffles, or gorgeous coats and flowered satin waistcoats, when a shapely leg encased in stockings and tights of silk was a thing to be admired, Stowe knew her happiest times.

Statesmen, soldiers, wits and poets fill her walks, while the bluest blood of the land is to be seen ascending her stately steps. And in all this brilliant throng, here and there we catch glimpses of royalty itself, somewhat blurred and indistinct by reason of the passing of time, but clear enough if we look hard; and among these royal visitors Louis XVIII is, perhaps, not the least interesting.

When the storm of the French Revolution was approaching its height, Louis XVI and his wife and children attempted to reach the frontier, but were captured at Varennes and brought back to Paris, discredited in the eyes of their people. At the same time, and with better fortune, Louis, Comte de Provence, the king's brother, set out for Brussels.

Two years later, in 1793, Louis XVI was executed, and shortly afterwards the Dauphin died in prison as the result of the terrible privations and horrible cruelties which he had suffered. The Comte de Provence then became Louis XVIII, a king without a throne. From Brussels he went to Austria, but in time the Government of that country found that an exiled king was a nuisance, if not a danger, and Louis had to move on, only to receive the same treatment wherever he went. He bore his sufferings and misfortunes with fortitude, and at last, after many travels, landed at Yarmouth in 1807.

The Marquess of Buckingham made efforts to find for him a home, and at last, as Comte de Lille, he rented Hartwell House, the Buckinghamshire home of the Lee family, for £500 a year. Although George III and his ministers could not, for diplomatic reasons, appear to welcome Louis officially, yet he received much private help from all classes, and in particular from the Marquess of Buckingham. It was by the representation of this nobleman, too, that the Government was at last induced to grant Louis an annuity of £14,000, and one of £6,000 to his nephew, the Duc d'Angoulême.

After this Louis retired to Hartwell to occupy himself with Horace and social functions. At Hartwell, which had become a sanctuary for refugees, and which was filled from roof to basement with them, the exiles managed to bear their misfortune very well, and kept up their spirits with music and dancing, and the lingering hope of restoration to their own country. They turned the house upside down and were generally destructive. The roofs housed vegetable and flower gardens, while the balustrades on the roof were torn down in many places to make room for chicken runs and dove cotes.

In January of 1805 the Marquess of Buckingham, who had never ceased to do kindness to the exiles since their arrival in England, invited Louis and his suite to pay a visit to Stowe, to last from Tuesday, January 11th till Saturday, January 15th. Sir Henry Williams Wynne, a nephew of the Marquess, was invited to welcome the royal guest, and it is from his letters that details of the visit may be gathered. Sir Henry, who arrived by chaise just before three o'clock on January 11th, was nearly late for the reception.

'They,' he writes, referring to the Marquess, his relations and the gentlemen of the county, 'were all drawn up to receive him on the steps, when I, by dint of vociferation, prevailed upon the post-boy to drive in the back way.' Directly *His Most Christian Majesty* entered the house, the band of the Bucks Yeomanry, of which the Marquess of Buckingham was Colonel, struck up, and he was conducted by his noble host to the State Apartments, where a formal reception was held.

Writing of his first impressions of Louis, Sir Henry says: 'The King himself seems a good-natured, good kind of man, but there is not certainly either in his appearance or manner anything very "*attendrisant*.'" The number of guests at the dinner, which lasted till '½ past 6,' was forty-four, and Sir Henry gives a list of the more important, among whom were Admiral Harvey, the Duke and Duchess de Coigny and Lady Temple.

Then follows an amusing account of the dinner itself. 'The dinner, *entre nous* (although there are four French cooks in the house), was the worst I ever saw upon a table, and worse served than anything I ever saw before. Lord Buckingham took care of the King, and all the rest of the Blood were obliged to take care of themselves, without a servant *literally* to take away their plates or a glass of wine within their reach.' The food, although abundant, was so cold as to be uneatable, the only exception being a 'pye' which was intended to be cold, but which was heated by being near an immense fire on one of the big fireplaces in the dining room.

Dinner over, the Marquess of Buckingham, rising to propose a toast, said: 'The King allows me to give for a toast the Royal and Illustrious House of Bourbon, and God bless them.' The King rose in his turn—perhaps we may imagine his having a hurried consultation with the Marquess first, because his English was not very good—and gave the toast 'God bless the King and Old England for ever.' Then the Marquess, to round it off, said: 'The King allows me to add "The true Peace of Europe founded on a strict alliance between the two sovereigns."'

Referring to the toasting and festivities, Sir Henry goes on: 'I fear we shall all be noted down in Bonaparte's Black Book and we shall all pay for it if ever we go to France. When the first toast was given the band played *O Richard, ô mon Roi*, after which the Master of the Band came up to Temple and asked him whether the Marseillais Hymn would not be a proper "air" to play.' History is silent about the reply. The company amused itself with cards and dancing till close on twelve o'clock, when it broke up and wended its weary way to bed.

On Thursday, the 13th, the King and the Princes went to the site of what is now the Bourbon Tower, where each of them planted one of a ring of oak trees. There is, in the 'Stowe Catalogue,' a list of these distinguished planters, besides His Most Christian Majesty Louis XVIII, King of France and Navarre. After the planting of the trees came the toast, 'And may their posterity last longer than the latest acorn of the latest tree they have this day planted.'

Louis and the Princes of the Blood were delighted by the kindness and attention which they received at the hands of the Marquess of Buckingham, who, indeed, spared no expense in their amusement, and did everything in his power—except perhaps in the arrangement of his dinners—to entertain with the royalty that befitted a man of his wealth and position. The hunting and shooting around Stowe does not seem to have been very good at this time. For, hunting with the Harriers on the second day of their visit, the guests had but a poor run, we are told; and on the same day as the planting 'the whole set,' in the words of Sir Henry, went out a-shooting, but whether it was that the hares had been driven away, or that there were none, '*La chasse était très mauvaise.*'

Sir Henry writes that none of the Royal guests were extraordinarily attractive or prepossessing. 'Old Condé,' he says, 'is by far the best, and the Duc d'Angoulême seems a gentlemanlike man, but then one cannot easily forget how manfully he ran away from the Condé army.' Of the King we can judge little, except that his 'historical knowledge' was not as good as it might have been, for Louis had asked him if he understood Welsh, as he wanted to know what the Prince of Wales' motto meant!

When the party broke up on the Saturday, everybody was sorry that the visit was over. According to Sir Henry, the King had acted throughout exactly as one could have wished, tempering blandness and condescension with as much dignity as his 'porpoise-like figure' would allow. And, after all, the gestures of Versailles may not have been quite out of place at Stowe.

E. D. O'BRIEN.

OLD KING COLE

(LOCARNO VERSION.)

Kaiser Knut war ein lustiges Blut,
So ein lustiges Blut er war,
Bestellt' sein Glas und bestellt' sein Fasz,
Und bestellt' seiner Geiger Schar.
Nun jeder Geiger nahm seine Geig'
Und geigt' in des Kaisers Ohr:
"Dideldum, dideldum, dei" ging'n d' Geigen,
Lustig nach wie vor,
Denn es lebt kein Mann der sich messen kann
Mit des Kaisers Geigerchor.

A.F.

THE STONE BREAKER

HE sat by the road-side watching a cloud of dust that swirled along in the wake of a car. Judging from what he muttered to himself, he did not care about cars; for the dust they created covered his clothes and filled his eyes.

Under the lee of a pile of stones lay a red cotton handkerchief, containing his lunch; hard-by was a large black bottle.

He took out a watch from his coat which was lying on the stone-heap. Looking hard at the watch for a minute, he returned it to his pocket and put on his coat. Unwrapping the pocket handkerchief, he took out a huge piece of bread and cheese and began to eat. Presently he drew out a black clay pipe from his pocket, lit it, and smoked in silence.

An hour later he took up his hammer again and proceeded to crack stones in a methodical way, taking up one, giving it two sharp knocks and then throwing it on to another pile.

The beauty of the scene failed to make him raise his eyes from his work. The moors stretched away on either hand in billowy mounds of heather, gorse and rock.

So he continued, almost heedless of the scanty traffic and few pedestrians that passed along the lonely road. No one seemed attracted to the silent figure.

At half-past four, as darkness began to fall, he put on his coat again, mounted a rusty old bicycle, and went off down the hill in the direction of the village where he lived.

Such had been his daily occupation almost from boyhood. He was an old man now—too old to change his way of life, even if he had had any inclination or ambition to do so.

M. G. SILLS.

POLONIUS,

OR AS YOU WERE: A SCENE

HAMLET, PRINCE OF DENMARK, Act II, Scene ii:—

Polonius 'If he love her not
And be not from his reason fall'n thereon,
Let me no assistant for a state,
But keep a farm and carters.'

(In an older version of the story Polonius is not killed, but escapes Hamlet's rapier. The king, however, insisting on his keeping his vow, as quoted above, he is now master of a farm.)

Scene: A Farmyard.

Enter a GENTLEMAN, and a CLOWN, with bucket.

Gentleman. Hast heard aught of thy master, fool?

Clown. They say he hath tir'd o' talking to th' farm wenches o' late, and gives windy precepts to all's animals. The other day he stray'd i' th' fields and being met by a bull, lays his hand on 'ts head and addresses him in profound and weighty sentence. Whereat, thou shalt hear, th' bull, mad as th' sea and wind, charges the obscene good old man.

Gent. Methinks thou 'rt too windy thyself. Hast heard him say that brevity is the soul of wit?

Clown. Ay, marry, then if brevity be th' soul o' wit, and an thy gaskins be brief, thou 'rt thyself a very jester: argal, an the tailor botch thy gaskins, why is a mouse when it spinneth?

Gent. [*Gives money*] My answer's for thy leman. But I tell thee, fool, thy question's ambiguous.

Clown. Ay, marry, is't; then hath it two answers, master.

Gent. [*Gives money*] Nay, here's the second, then. But come, fool, a song.

Clown [*Sings*] Thus saith a fool and a fool of yore,
With a hey nonny, hey nonny no,
The rain it raineth never more,
With a hey, &c.

Enter POLONIUS.

Gent. Soft, master clown, to thy work.

Polonius. Go to, go to; yet here! What is thy work? [*Exit.*

Clown. Mass, my lord, I go to milk th' cows. I must i' haste.

Pol. Yea, fare thee well.

[*Laying his hand on Clown's head.*

But ere thou go a word:
These few conjunctions, rather say, injunctions,
For being conjoined, that is to say, injoined,
They come injunctions, the which thou mayest join
Unto thy memory with hoops of steel—
But where was I?

Clown. At 'these conjunctions,' master.

Pol. Ay;

These few conjunctions brand upon my mind:
Be not o'er wordy; give thy thoughts no tongue;
Speak when thou 'rt spoken to, then and then only,
And it must follow as the night the day
Thou wilt not speak to any man until
That man hath spoke to thee.

Clown. My lord, the cows!

Pol. Always a borrower, ne'er a lender be,
For an thou borrow, then the chances are

That he from whom thou borrow may forget.
Be thou familiar. Sing no vulgar songs,
As negro players do; for 'tis a custom
More honoured on the beach than in the farmyard.

Enter a PLOWBOY, running.

But to thy cows, and fare thee well. Nay, stop!
There's yet another point—

[*Exit Clown.*

[*To Plowboy*] What is the matter that you pant and sweat
In windy suspirations, rather say—?

Plowboy [*Going*] My lord, the hens be all loosed i' th' cabbages—there'll not be
a leaf left—

Pol. But stay.

[*Laying his hand on Plowboy's head.*

Thou shalt approach them from behind,

Or rather should I say, reproach—and then,
By cunning course and swift encompassment,
Observe their inclination.

Plowboy [*Tearing himself away*] My lord, I must begone.

[*Exit.*

Pol. He's gone, far gone; and pity 'tis, 'tis true,
The farm's the thing that pleases but the few!

[*Exit.*

IF SILVIUS ITALICUS HAD BEEN AT STOWE ON ALMOST ANY SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN WINTER

ILLIS illustrissimis, quorum nomina praetermissa haud facile red-
denda sint Latine, apologiam humillimam offert auctor.

En subito e foribus Borealis desilit aulae
Folligerens Stoviae primaevae flore iuventus
In viridemque gradu vegeto procurrat arenam.
Scoticus hic rubris manet arbiter ille cothurnis,
Instructa atque acies manet adversaria: necnon
Spectatrix puerum conclamatura caterva,
Cernere qui parat eventum certaminis ardent.
Nonne prius crebro proceres videre celebres,
Vestibus auratis semicaeruleisque superbos,
Anticos validos, qui saepe per agmina follem
Adversa urserunt manibus pedibusque vicissim,
Et Galli Plumaeque atque Accipitrator et omnes,
Auribus ad turbam tectis, tectisque capillis?
Et meminisse decet dodrantum dimidiumque
Quartari et Gladii Silvarumque atque Iohannis
Principis, et Tergi tam digne pone locati,
Quot quotiensque pila assumpta conatibus acres
Sint celeri cursu mirandaque arte potiti;

Et Scriba in tabulis nomen numerumque notarit.
Pugna sed orditur : iam sibilat arbiter : altus
It clamor caelo.

NOTES.

- L 2. *Folligerens*.—'Ball-bearing.' Possibly a reference to the small steel spheres used in certain mechanical contrivances; but the significance of the epithet is obscure.
- L 4. *Cothurnis*.—A tragic actor's 'buskins'; a kind of boot which is almost a stocking.
- L 9. *Semicaeruleis*.—An unusual compound word implying that the garments were partly blue in colour.
- L 11. *Manibus, etc.*—A marginal note in a later hand has: 'What about a knock-on?'
- L 12. *Galli, etc.*—The capital letter appears to indicate a proper name. The word seems to be allied to Gallus (= 'a cock') rather than to the word denoting an inhabitant of France. (*cf.* the American 'sox' as the plural of 'sock.')
- Accipitrator*.—A word otherwise unknown in Latin Literature. Perhaps 'One who looks after Accipitres ("Falcons").'
- L 15. *Quartari*.—From Quatarius = $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Sextarius; a 'quartern' or 'gill.'
- L 16. *Tergi*.—Rather obscure. Possibly a reference to the hyde of an animal.
- L 19. *Scriba*.—Presumably the clerk who kept an account of the score.
- L 20. *Sibilat*.—Perhaps the contests were started by the referee's making a hissing sound?

LATE NEWS

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION.

THE first House Music Competition will take place towards the end of next term.

The Competition will be in two parts:—

A. VOCAL.

1. Unison Song.

'Since first I saw your face' (*Ford*)
(Oxford Song Book, No. 102),
to be sung by not less than thirty-five voices.

2. Two-part Song.

'The Jovial Beggar' (*A. J. Silver*),
copies of which can be borrowed from Mr. Browne.

NOTE.—Marks will be awarded for unanimity, attack, enunciation, accuracy of notes and rhythm, quality and balance of tone, phrasing and general effect. Mere loudness will avail nothing.

B. INSTRUMENTAL.

Each House entering will be expected to provide a programme of three items, not more than two of which may be pianoforte solos, and in which not less than three members of the House must take part.

NOTE.—Marks will be awarded for the quality both of the actual performance and of the music selected.

Mr. Browne and Mr. Watson have undertaken to give any help in preparation for the Competition that they are asked for; at the Competition itself, however, all conducting must be done by boys, but an official accompanist will be provided for the vocal competitions.

