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## RESPICE ET PROSPICE

OUR chief concern here is with the future, but it is permissible to take an occasional look backwards while our beginnings are still within sight. It is already becoming difficult for the oldest inhabitants to remember exactly the stages by which we have grown, and recent recruits know only of recent events. It may therefore be interesting to all of us to see even a bald list of dates, for (like the dates in a text-book) these make up the skeleton of our history.

<i>Term.</i>	<i>Numbers.</i>	<i>Houses, New Buildings and Events.</i>
May 1923	99	<i>Bruce</i> and <i>Temple</i> founded. Presentation of Samurai Sword by Sir Owen Seaman (26th June).
September 1923	208	<i>Grenville</i> and <i>Chandos</i> founded. Planting of "Empire Oaks" (2nd Nov.). Cutting of first sod of Bourbon Field (16th Nov.).
January 1924	224	<i>Cobham</i> founded.
May 1924	270	<i>Cobham</i> enlarged. "Adam" Laboratories and "Soane" Classrooms opened. Presentation of Avenue Title Deeds by H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught on behalf of Eton (17th July).
September 1924	342	All Houses enlarged. Gymnasium and Squash Courts opened. O.T.C. founded (17th October).
January 1925	—	Fives Courts and "Kent" and "Gibbs" Classrooms opened.

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May 1925	—	Sanatorium opened. "Gibbons" Laboratories and Classrooms opened. Old Stoic Society founded (1st June). Field Marshal Lord Methuen Chief Speaker on Speech Day.
September 1925	424	<i>Chatham</i> founded.
January 1926	—	
May 1926	—	Field Marshal The Viscount Allenby Chief Speaker on Speech Day.
September 1926	451	<i>Grafton</i> founded.
January 1927	—	"Vanbrugh" Classrooms opened.
May 1927	—	First Cricket Match between Stowe and the 1st XI. of another School; draw with Radley. Foundation Stone of New Chapel laid by H.M. The Queen (13th June).
September 1927	—	First University Scholarships (2 Oxford, 1 Cambridge). First Football Matches between Stowe and the 1st XV.'s of other Public Schools; victories over St. Paul's and Radley.
January 1928	—	
May 1928	—	Field Marshal Sir William Robertson, Bart., Chief Speaker on Speech Day.

There are now just three hundred Old Stoics (not including the sixty Members of the School who leave this term), and the list of Future Stoics is becoming of formidable length. The composition of the School as it will be throughout the early nineteen-thirties is now pretty well determined; and we already have a satisfactory nucleus for the Stowe of 1941.

## THE CHAPEL

Up to the present (July 20th, 1928) the work done on the Chapel has cost about £32,000.

The amounts of material used are approximately as follows :—

Stone 1,375 tons.  
Bricks 465,000.  
Portland Cement 365 tons.  
Gravel, Sand and Granite Chips, 1,460 tons.  
Timber 29,000 feet (various widths).

Subscriptions received (including the Terminal "Levy") now total :—  
Chapel Fund £15,300; Organ and Furnishing Fund £1,100.

The Organ designed by Messrs. Norman & Beard will cost (exclusive of the Decorative Organ Screen) :—

First Stage £2,910.  
Complete Organ £4,000.

It will be possible to make further additions to the Organ if required.

## TO OLD STOICS

It is hoped that Old Stoics will understand that, although, owing to their great and growing numbers (there are now 300 of them), it is not possible to send invitations to them for Speech Day, the Sports and other functions, they will always be welcome here on such occasions. The dates are usually pretty widely known beforehand, but when there is any doubt, an enquiry can be sent at any time to someone at the School.

## LORD LINCOLNSHIRE

CHARLES ROBERT WYNN-CARRINGTON, K.G., G.C.M.G.,  
MARQUIS OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

16th May, 1843—13th June, 1928.

OF Lord Lincolnshire's long life and distinguished services to England it is not for the Stoic to speak; he was already eighty when Stowe began to exist. But on some more personal matters, and in particular on his goodness to this School, it is impossible for us to be silent.

Lord Lincolnshire's interest in Stowe was first shown when another Old Etonian launched the scheme for the salvation of the Avenue, and he was one of those who supported Prince Arthur and Mr. Hugh Macnaghten on July the 17th, 1924. Many of us, however, made acquaintance with him for the first time at the Speech Day of 1925, on what was, in fact, our second birthday, when he made a characteristic speech containing only one sentence :—

"All I have to say is that Stowe is the best two-year-old in England." Not long afterwards he became connected with the School in a more

intimate way, and from the time when he sent to us the first of what seems likely to be a long succession of grandsons (the youngest is due in 1938) he appeared to feel that he had become almost one of ourselves.

When Her Majesty The Queen came to lay the Foundation Stone of the Chapel, Lord Lincolnshire sent us as a memorial of her visit the portraits of King George II and Queen Caroline which now hang in the State Room, and a further scheme for the presentation to the School of a portrait of Queen Mary herself occupied much of his thoughts during the last months of his life. He had at one time hoped that the presentation might have been made on the first anniversary of the Foundation Stone Ceremony, but circumstances compelled a postponement, and, as it proved, that day was actually the day of his death. Those of us who saw him and spoke to him on the 13th of June, 1927, in the sunshine of that glorious summer afternoon, felt a peculiar sorrow when on the afternoon of the 13th of June, 1928, the news came to us that he was dead.

Lord Lincolnshire belonged to a type which we shall not see again in England. He combined the best qualities of the idealist and the man of action, as he combined the best characteristics of the Nineteenth Century and the present day. He had been a Cavalry Officer, a progressive land-owner on the grand scale, and a vigorous politician. At the same time he was always a thoughtful student of social problems, a passionate lover of liberty and a champion of every just and generous cause. With equal ardour he could horsewhip a journalist for misrepresenting his dead father, devote weeks of effort to fighting in Parliament for the farm labourer's rights, or spend time, money and thought in helping someone whose only claim upon him was his need. One who knew him more intimately than most, writes of him:—

‘ . . . a great and lovable man and friend, essentially a champion and chivalrous. Master of all the arts of society and friendship, he could be depended on for a helping hand, and was, in fact, depended on by all manner of men and women in every kind of circumstance. . . . It seemed quite clearly his aim to do someone some kindness each hour of the day. . . . He had sampled every good experience, his memory forgot nothing, and he was full of jokes and anecdotes from the time of a vanished England till our day. I never knew him anything but gentle (except to rogues or bad fellows), but he could be righteously indignant. The land and the tiller of it was his passion, serving his King a delight. God rest him!’

That prayer we at Stowe can echo from our hearts.

## PRIZES

BURROUGHS ESSAY PRIZE.

D. MORLEY-FLETCHER.

WARRINGTON PRIZE FOR HISTORY.

E. J. OLIVER.

CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK.

G. L. S. GRIFFITH-JONES.

BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN.

(1) *For an Essay on a Classical Subject*: L. E. DE NEUFVILLE.

(2) *For Latin Prose*: A. E. BOLTON.

PETERS BONE PRIZES FOR ENGLISH.

(1) *Essay*: E. J. OLIVER. (2) *Verses*: NO AWARD.

PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS.

P. NICHOLSON.

THE BARBER READING PRIZES.

*Senior*: B. C. GADNEY.

*Junior*: I. R. GRÆME.

HEADMASTER'S ART PRIZES.

(1) A. Carden. (2) B. W. Gibbon.

The Humphrey Foster Prize for Science will be awarded on the results of the Higher Certificate Examination.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The following have been elected to Scholarships at Stowe:—

B. R. MITCHELL. (Rev. E. Whatley Smith, M.C., Hordle House, Milford-on-Sea).

P. T. HAYMAN. (Mr. C. H. T. Hayman, Winchester House, Brackley).

P. G. H. GELL. (Mr. E. F. Johns, Winton House, Winchester).

J. K. TODD. (Mr. C. H. T. Hayman, Winchester House, Brackley).

P. F. BAKER. (Mr. G. Ashton, Abberley Hall, Worcestershire).

J. C. DUNDAS. (Mr. S. H. Day, Heatherdown, Ascot).

J. E. HOARE. (Mr. P. F. Stubbs, Furzie Close, Barton-on-Sea).

## STOICA

E. R. Avory of Magdalene College, Cambridge, has been awarded a Half-Blue for Lawn Tennis. Mr. Avory is the first Stoic who has won University honours of any kind, and the first also who has appeared in the Centre Court at Wimbledon. He will know without our telling him what pleasure his successes have given to Stowe.

The first Stoic wedding is recorded in another place. We warmly wish the adventurers good fortune, and hope that their example will be largely followed—later on.

Of the ninety-nine "founders" who joined the School when it opened five years ago, three now remain—one in Temple, one in Bruce, and one in Chatham. Next term there will still be two. It is known that the value of a fine old vintage increases with its rarity, but this one has intrinsic value too.

Towards the end of last term the woodland area in the grounds was increased—if not largely, at least visibly. Two groups, each of eighty to a hundred trees, were planted in the Chatham field, one being of Scots Pine, the other of Japanese Larch. On the edge of the Octagon Lake near the Waterworks a group of Douglas Fir was planted, and on the brow of the hill near Concord and Victory a very small group of Japanese Larch.

Six beautifully made mahogany cabinets containing a large collection of butterflies (the majority exotic) have been presented to the Biological Laboratory by Mrs. Rochester Pusey, to whom we are already indebted for many of our most valued Museum specimens.

Of the eight "roundels" which have appeared between the windows on the exterior of the Chapel, seven bear the Coats of Arms of the seven Houses. One remains blank. Many people have asked whether an eighth House is projected, when and where it will be built, what it will be called, and what Coat of Arms it will have. The answer to the first of these questions is in the Affirmative; to the others in the Interrogative

The Classroom Blocks have now been named (by means of brass plates and descriptive notices) after great Architects connected with the older buildings. The monosyllabic Architects are to be found in Cobham Court, and the dissyllabic in Chapel Court. In each the order is alphabetical from East to West, and the series runs:—Gibbs, Kent, Soane; Adam, Gibbons, Vanbrugh.

The Classrooms themselves have at last been properly numbered and labelled. The new labels are clear and not unattractive, and it is only the unkind who say that they have been copied from the dust carts of the London County Council.

Those of us who read nautical novels now know to our cost the true meaning of the obscure but ominous phrase "three bells."

A door on the first floor of Gibbons now bears the legend "Stoic Office." The public complain that as it has no letter-box and is always locked, it is of little use to contributors or critics. But there is now at least one editor in Great Britain who knows what privacy means. It is said that attentive listeners can sometimes hear through that permanently "sporting oak" the tinkle of a glass, the tapping of a pipe, or even the scraping of a pen.

The Gibbons Block has always been surmounted by a bronze urn and a gilded flame (which used to be otherwise described). On the first day of the Easter holidays these features were further adorned by half a square yard of calico on a string. When it was thought that this was the result of a perilous climb, the general comment was "foolish but sporting." Now that the string is known to have been thrown up by the aid of a weight, the comment has become merely "foolish."

'Potage à la Beêbee' and 'Filets de Soles à la Jayeff' were among the courses in a dinner given recently by one Cambridge Old Stoic to some others.

From 'The Times' of 1827:—Five letters are deposited in the Archives of the Grenville family at Stow, which establish beyond the possibility of doubt, the real author of *Junius*. This eminent individual was politically connected with Mr. George Grenville, the grandfather of the present Duke of Buckingham, from whom these autograph proofs have descended to the present possessor.

Members of Chatham House will be interested to know that when the School celebrated its fifth birthday it celebrated also the 150th anniversary of Lord Chatham's death. The 'Great Commoner' died on May 11th, 1778, in the House which he had built for himself at Hayes in Kent.

In consideration of the great age which we have now attained, the School was photographed in a single group on Tuesday, May 29th. Of the 450 or more persons present, several kept comparatively still.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—

- May 13. The Rev. H. H. Coryton, Mission to Scamen.  
 May 20. The Rev. L. G. Vining, Bristol.  
 May 27. Dr. Norwood, Headmaster of Harrow.  
 July 1. The Rev. G. Dangerfield, Rector of Finmere.  
 July 8. The Bishop of Ripon.

The amount subscribed by the Houses during the Pineapple week was over £107.

Two members of the School have been invited to attend H.R.H. The Duke of York's Camp at New Romney in August.

Four Stoics and one Old Stoic are going on the Public Schools Tour to Canada which has been organized by Dr. M. J. Randall, late Headmaster of Winchester.

*THE STABILISATION OF THE FRANC.*

Immotum fecit Gallus Poencarius aurum.

Carior urbs fiet quae mihi cara fuit.

A.E.B.

A telephone "call box" has been contrived in the Egyptian Entry. It does not contain a telephone, but this trifling addition can be made later if really required.

*Extract from a letter written by Lady Fermanagh from Finmere on October 1st, 1711 :—*

"My Deare,

Joe mett us in ye coach goeing to Stowc for to see ye fine sett of hangings y<sup>t</sup> Sir Richard Temple brought over, and indeed they are very fine and worth seeing—and he makes great improvements in ye gardens."

The following have been awarded Colts' Caps this term :—J. W. Maude, L. G. Levis, J. D. Firth, H. W. Blyth, R. J. Packe, R. E. Blandford.

The measured drawings of the South Front and the 'Doric Arch' published in this number are the work of A. C. L. Whistler, of Grenville House.

## MARRIAGE

*From the Times of July 18th, 1928.*

MR. J. DE P. GURNEY MAYHEW AND THE HON. ROSEMARY CARY.

The marriage took place yesterday, at St. George's, Hanover-square, of Mr. John de Perigault Gurney Mayhew, eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. John Mayhew, of 14, Cadogan-place, and the Hon. Rosemary Silvyva Cary, eldest daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Falkland, of 56, Sloane-street.

Mr. Mayhew was at Stowe (Bruce House) from May 1923 until July 1926. He is the first Stoic to be married, and he and his lady have the warmest good wishes of every past and present member of the School.

## THE ETON AVENUE

Stat nemus arboribus coniunctis ordine longo,  
 Mixtaque cum fago dirigit ulmus iter.  
 Sic ibi perstabunt semper, rigidaque bipenni  
 Caedere florentes lex bene pacta vetat.  
 Dulce loquens vox non intercidet ipsa' comarum,  
 Et meritas grates silva redempta canet.  
 Hoc decus aeternum nobis, Etona, dedisti—  
 Arboreum munus ; dicere plura licet :  
 Nos, antiqua domus, socio dignaris honore,  
 Gloria quod iuveni maxima semper erit.

## THE STOWE CLUB

Since the last report was written in March, very decided progress has been made. The membership has been increased to about 55, and the activities of the Club have developed. In fact, far more has been accomplished during the first seven months of its existence than was ever believed to be possible.

A flourishing 'Gym.' class has been kept going through the summer months. Patmore and Wertheim have created much enthusiasm for fencing. There have also been dramatic and singing classes. Cricket has been played fairly regularly, though we are at present much handicapped by lack of a ground. Pitches are usually obtained in Regent's Park, but as applications for these have to be sent in during the previous autumn, the Club has had to depend on what can be got at a couple of days' notice.

The Canteen has now become a regular feature under the able control of Mrs. Lilley.

Two parties of 30 visited Stowe on March 30th and July 7th. On the former occasion two soccer matches were played. In the first no goal was scored, but in the second the School proved too strong for the rather small Junior Club members, and won 6-0.

At cricket the senior team easily beat the School, while the junior team was again defeated, though by a smaller margin.

Various changes will shortly take place in the personnel. Mr. Sargent is resigning at the end of this season, as his business will demand a good deal more of his time in the autumn. We are most grateful to him for starting the work for us, and for enduring all the labours and worries of the early months.

Mr. Dixon will take his place as Warden after July 31st.

Many Old Stoics continue to visit the Club and to give their services in various ways. Besides those mentioned above, C. B. Jones is often to be found there. Among other things he runs the Club Bank. Since April P. A. S. D. Butler has been a resident in the building, and his help in various ways has been most valuable.

The builders and decorators have at last left the place. The changing rooms, with three baths, are finished, and have for some weeks been in regular use. If rumours are to be believed, the enthusiasm for cleanliness is such that water is used at a greater rate than the Metropolitan Water Board is able to supply it.

The room to be used as a Chapel, with its unusual form of decoration, is completed; it will meet a need at present felt in the Club. Some of the fittings have been given and will be put in position during the holidays.

The Club will be closed during August. Stoics are specially invited to pay it a visit after September 5th, when the new winter programme starts. It is open each week night from 7.30 to 9.30. The address is 62, Carlisle Street, N.W.8. Telephone, Paddington 3903. Supper is at 7 o'clock and costs 1s. 6d.

Members of the School or Old Stoics can stay for as many nights as they wish, and are specially advised to come and sample the superb beds presented recently by J. A. Fraser, of Cobham.

Although the main equipment is now completed, there are still several needs, and others will arise from time to time. At the moment there is a request for a wireless set.

The Treasurer has explained in his statement exactly how we stand financially, what the demands for the future are likely to be and how it is hoped to meet them.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

A more detailed statement is being printed and circulated to those interested.

### CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT (June 30th).

Total sum received in donations .. .. .	£2063
Total expenditure .. .. .	1269
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Balance at Bank .. .. .	£794

This fund has received generous gifts from the Marylebone Committee of Social Service, the School, and many parents, masters and friends of Stowe.

Against the bank balance there is a loan of £400 outstanding; of this £200 is being repaid forthwith.

The Committee's scheme for a permanent camping hut in the School grounds makes it necessary to have some £350 available, though it is estimated that only part of this sum will be required to put the idea into effect.

The Capital Fund is not yet closed, for the loan remains to be cleared entirely, and experience in other clubs shows that a reserve is essential for carrying out the alterations and additions to the property that become desirable from time to time. Further donations, therefore, will be of considerable value.

### CURRENT EXPENSES ACCOUNT (June 30th).

Total sum received in subscriptions and collections .. .. .	£341
Total expenditure .. .. .	226
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Balance at Bank .. .. .	£115

This balance is estimated to meet our bills till the end of the summer holidays and some £27 expenditure borne temporarily by the Capital Fund.

The Stowe Club Concert in December brought in a handsome profit of £115, and during a "Pineapple Week" in May the Houses raised over £107. From collections in the School Chapel £66 has been allotted to the account.

By ending on June 30th the first financial year of the Club has been a short one. Next year membership will be larger, activities will extend and financial support will have to range over a longer period. For this development our present means are not adequate.

At the moment we lack an assured income from a strong, representative body of annual subscribers, and we have to concentrate on building one up. Might I appeal particularly to Old Stoics for help of this kind? At the Club itself a number of Old Stoics are spending evenings doing extremely useful work; some others organised an amateur-theatrical show in their home locality and sent a valuable ten guineas as the result. There must be still more Old Boys who are interested, and who are willing to support the "Pineapple" by making it an annual subscription.

A. B. Clifford, *Hon. Treas.*

### THE PINEAPPLE HUT.

Next term it is hoped to start building a hut at Stowe for the use of the Pineapple Club. Parties of a dozen will come here to "camp" most week-ends in the summer term. The building has been designed by Mr. Neville and will be erected by voluntary labour. Those who can wield a hammer or pick-axe and would like to undertake definite work on it should report to E.F.H. The Governors have granted a site near the Cobham Monument.

## HOXTON

Hoxton Manor Club again visited us on Whit-Monday. As before, a programme of contests was carried through, and the most interesting results were when Stowe won the swimming for the first time and Hoxton replied with a similar performance in the cricket.

## CRICKET.

Hoxton went in first and, in spite of the bowling of Gadney and Ling—the latter had 11 fours hit off him in as many overs—made 200 for four wickets in a surprisingly short time. Dwyer (52) and Pearce (55 not out) each played a fine innings. After lunch we went in. Ling made 68 and hit four sixes; Gadney made 32. For the rest wickets seemed to fall easily. Dwyer took 5 wickets for 50 and we were all out for 168.

## SWIMMING.

The races were held in the Tank, 1st strings racing individually against 1st strings, and 2nd strings against 2nd strings.

		Time—Seconds.
110 yds. ..	1st Strings—J. D. Eaton (Stowe), beat E. Povey .. ..	78
	2nd Strings—R. Samuels beat M. E. I. Searle (Stowe) .. ..	91 $\frac{2}{3}$
55 yds. ..	1st Strings—A. F. Kerr (Stowe) beat E. Ovens .. ..	34 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2nd Strings—A. Dunsford (Stowe) beat J. Waterman .. ..	37 $\frac{2}{3}$
55 yds. ..	1st Strings—G. Taylor beat H. V. Kemp (Stowe) .. ..	46 $\frac{2}{3}$
(Breast Stroke)	2nd Strings—B. M. Napier (Stowe) beat N. Barrington .. ..	47 $\frac{2}{3}$
220 yds. ..	1st Strings—J. D. Eaton (Stowe) beat G. Taylor .. ..	3 min. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2nd Strings—M. E. I. Searle (Stowe) beat R. Samuels .. ..	3 min. 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Relay Race:	1st Hoxton (Taylor, Povey, Barrington, Ovens).	
	2nd Stowe (Eaton, Kerr, Clarke, Dunsford).	

Stowe won by 6 points to 5.

## OLYMPIA

A party from Stowe went to the Royal Tournament at Olympia on May 25th. As usual, the performance began in the middle, but that did not detract from its excellence. Boys from the Duke of York's Military School, dressed as toy soldiers, performed intricate drill-movements with precision, and died as one man. The displays of riding and driving by various units, though of a certain sameness, were extremely well done. Gymnastic instructors performed perilous feats on the bars and the high horse—men of the R.A.F. did P.T. to music. (We feel that this should be instituted at Stowe, as it would be such excellent practice for the O.T.C. band.)

The drill by Guards recruits made us envious, while everybody at Olympia, except perhaps his sergeant, sympathized with the unfortunate whose bayonet would not fix when he was about to present arms to the Royal Box. In the Historical Display, which was given by the Royal Scots Fusiliers, the episode of the defence of the Barrier at the Battle of Inkerman was introduced. The invulnerability of the Russian troops, who were driven off amid somewhat embarrassed shouts of triumph, made the battle seem a nice friendly affair, but the lack of casualties was compensated for by the number of men who fell into the abyss in the Inter-Port Field-Gun Competition.

J.D.M.

## HENDON

A party from Stowe went at the Headmaster's invitation to the R.A.F. Air Pageant at Hendon on Saturday, June 30th. In spite of a very bad storm which started about half-a-mile before we reached the aerodrome, the weather turned out to be almost perfect for flying. The storm had stopped after half an hour—the time it took us to travel the last half-mile—and we disembarked in sunshine. After another ten minutes or so, we had discovered our enclosure and armed ourselves with programmes; meantime two Avros had been exercising our neck muscles with aerobatics, in preparation for the severe strain later.

The first item was formation flying, which is, after all, the basis of all air fighting, and was carried out by a 'wing' of twenty-seven planes. A transport of five motor-vans was then attacked by fighters, in order to show the effect of machine-gun fire from the air: one of the vans, being crippled by this fire, was blown up by means of bombs. We were then shown how easily all the well-known aerobatic "stunts" can be done by a skilled pilot. These aerobatics, instead of being just the crazy "stunts" they seem, form now a most necessary part of a pilot's training, as they are really manœuvres to get out of the enemy's way and to dive on to his tail or shoot up under his fuselage, each of which performances is calculated to put him right out of the way (always supposing, of course, that his manœuvring is not better than yours).

Next came a competition between three fighter flights of Siskins as to which could first engage an enemy bomber, four miles away, when the alarm was given. They were all up within two and a half minutes, although, when the siren went, the pilots were in their hangars and the engines were not running. Possibly the most interesting event was the fly-past of new and experimental machines. In spite of the fact that the papers said the 'Inflexible' would not go up, this giant all-metal bomber, with a 150 ft. wing-spread and weighing 15 tons, took the air and led the parade. It was only its second flight. Following this came four single-seater fighters, which will probably succeed the present Siskins and Woodcocks. Grebes, one of which came down to Stowe last summer, are apparently already extinct. Among the new machines on view were the Supermarine Napier S.5 that won the Schneider Cup, and a de Havilland 'Tiger' Moth racing monoplane, neither of which went up, the first for obvious reasons, and the Moth because the ground was too bumpy for it to land at its high landing speed. There was also a remarkable tailless machine, which was steered by odd contrivances on the wing-tips, could almost stand still, and could attain, if necessary, a speed of 90 m.p.h.

We were all startled by the noise of a 'bombless' expedition of day-bombing by Fairey Foxes, which roared just over the heads of the spectators at 200 m.p.h. Two intrepid gentlemen of the R.A.F., in Moths, then demonstrated how easy it is to fly and 'stunt' upside down, once you know how to do it. There was an air battle, in which a fighter squadron attacked some bombers and brought down two of them 'in flames,' one of the fighters also being put out of action. Then came the final and most spectacular event of all, in which several Fairey Flycatchers, purporting to have come from a fleet air-craft carrier, attacked an oil-refinery twenty miles from the enemy's coast. The refinery's observation balloon gave warning of their approach but was sent down in flames before it could be hauled down. Unfortunately a piece of the balloon set fire to the refinery before it was supposed to go off. Bombers, however, soon came along to carry on the good work and the mistake was hardly noticeable. The refinery looked most real and it seemed at first that it was some



building belonging to the aerodrome : but when set on fire it burnt a trifle too quickly for metal and bricks. However, it was a most admirable attack.

It may seem that too much stress is laid upon attack, but it has been proved that it is almost impossible for an aeroplane to defend anything. Fighting in the air hardly ever takes place without the mutual consent of both sides, as the bombers, who are generally the attackers, are faster than the fighters, have movable guns as opposed to the latter's fixed ones, and have usually reached their objective before the fighters are in the air. All of which goes to prove that attack is the best form of defence—an axiom which can never be better illustrated than at the R.A.F. display at Hendon.

P.N.

## CRICKET

**T**HE first match was played against the Old Stoics who, batting first, made 211. We passed this total quite easily for the loss of only two wickets. In the next match we accomplished quite a good performance in getting a strong Crusaders' side out for 221. No one who saw Duleepsinhji bat will quickly forget the complete apparent absence of any effort in his shots, and the enormous skill with which all his strokes were placed. His was certainly the most attractive innings that has been played at Stowe. Our batting in this match was quite good—Kemp, Jackson, Ling and Brind all making runs. Still, when the 9th wicket fell at 187 we seemed to have lost the match. But Carr, entirely master of the situation, played with such judgment that he only allowed Low to face the bowling twice, and after about 40 minutes of rather grim cricket, the match was won.

The M.C.C. match was restricted by rain to two hours' playing on an unprepared wicket, and the I.Z. match was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

The only thing noteworthy from our point of view about the Oriel innings was Low's bowling. At one time Hoare and Inge were scoring very freely, but Low bowled with plenty of life for a very long time, and finished up with the good analysis of 7 wickets for 98. There was nothing alarmingly large about their total of 239, and when we had scored 150 for the loss of only 4 wickets it appeared a fairly safe thing. But our later batsmen failed and we were all out for 188.

We were badly beaten by Christ Church. None of our bowlers could do anything; and they made 301 for the loss of seven wickets. Even then, when we made 100 for two, we had a good chance of, if not saving the game, at least making a fight. But a remarkable over by Berens (bowling left handed, rather fast) changed this prospect. With the first ball of the over he clean bowled Brind. The next (a no-ball) clean

bowled Keith, and the third clean bowled Keith again. Then Niven took a single off him, but with the last ball of the over he clean bowled Watson. We were all out for 134. Mr. Capel Cure's scratch XI were easily beaten by six wickets, both Gadney and Ling batting very well. Gadney was unlucky to be run out when well set for his century.

Another rather sensational match followed this. Trinity got our first six wickets for 86 runs before lunch. But Carr came to the rescue, and we managed to reach the just respectable total of 198. With about 20 minutes left for play, they had scored 170 for three, but Keith and Low had an inspired period, and were backed up by excellent fielding. Trinity were all out just before time for 186.

We touched our lowest point against the Authentics who, having declared at 303 for five, just rattled us out for 72.

Then came the Westminster match—our first two-day match. Westminster won the toss and batted first. Before lunch we did quite well. Our bowling was steady and our fielding really good. After lunch, however, although there was nothing definitely wrong, some of the life seemed to have gone out of our side, and too many of their later batsmen were allowed to make runs without any real attack being made on them. But it was quite good, we thought, with our shortness of bowling, to get their strong batting side out for under 300. Then, after tea came the disaster. In half an hour nine of our wickets were down for 28; in another half-hour we were all out for 47 and had lost one wicket in our second innings for nine runs. Tribute must be paid to the courageous batting of Low and Sheppard, both of whom did very well indeed on that dreadful evening. Next morning, things went rather better, but four wickets were down for 40 before lunch, only Howland-Jackson showing anything like true form. Ling batted stubbornly, and deserves great credit for his patience; he was out soon after lunch—5 for 62. Then, with Carr joining Howland-Jackson, some first-class cricket was seen. They both batted with enormous restraint (refusing to be tempted even by lobs bowled at their heads) and added 143 before they were separated. Then Keith played a well-hit innings of 58 and we were all out for 291. Westminster, with three-quarters of an hour to play, made 66 for two in about 25 minutes.

After these thrills, the St. Paul's match seemed a little dull. Our innings was chiefly notable for the welcome return to form of Brind. Our bowling was very lifeless.

The Radley match was a disappointment. With Adams batting really well and making a century, we did tolerably to get nine of them out for 312—it is a very fast scoring ground. Then when we had made 43 for one wicket, rain stopped play.

The Second XI has played 8 matches of which it has won 4 and lost 4. It just lost an exciting match against Charterhouse, beat Eton Middle Club, Radley and St. Paul's quite easily, lost to Rugby, and finished up the season with a good victory over Bradfield. Marshall, Niven, Dashwood and Dillon have all bowled well at times, and the most successful batsmen have been Marshall, Rowlatt and Balfour. Hughes has kept wicket very well throughout the season. The Colts have played 5 School matches of which they have won 2, drawn 1 (very much in their favour), and lost 2. The brunt of the bowling has fallen on Bennett and Maude, and Spurrier, Firth and Packe have all batted well. Levis has improved very much as a wicket-keeper this term, and should one day be very good indeed.

The following have been awarded 1st XI. Colours this term:—G. E. G. Jackson, E. H. D. Low, D. A. G. Keith, A. G. Howland-Jackson, B. Brind.

The following have been awarded 2nd XI. Colours this term:—E. Sheppard, T. R. Williams, A. R. C. Watson, A. N. Balfour, D. F. N. Rowlatt, D. G. Hughes, J. A. Dashwood.

STOWE SCHOOL v. OLD STOICS. Played at Stowe on May 12th, 1928.

OLD STOICS.		SCHOOL.	
C. D. Harrison, c Gadney, b Niven.....	4	B. C. Gadney, st Silcock, b Pearson.....	70
C. J. P. Pearson, st Carr, b Sheppard.....	48	H. V. Kemp, b Dawson.....	39
J. E. Dawson, b Sheppard.....	13	G. E. G. Jackson, not out.....	41
J. G. Reiss, c Gadney, b Sheppard.....	4	A. J. P. Ling, not out.....	54
D. F. Wilson, b Low.....	20	D. F. N. Rowlatt, R. H. G. Carr, B. Brind, D. A. G. Keith, J. D. G. Niven, E. Shep- pard, E. H. D. Low, did not bat.	
W. R. K. Silcock, c Sheppard, b Low....	54		
N. A. C. Croft, run out.....	4		
R. W. D. Sword, c Brind, b Keith.....	15		
G. G. Harrison, not out.....	5		
N. A. McLeod, b Keith.....	0		
A. L.-H. Sinclair, b Kemp.....	23		
Extras.....	21	Extras.....	9
Total.....	211	Total (for 2 wks.)	213

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
E. H. D. Low..	22	8	39	2	G. G. Harrison	12	1	39	0
J. D. G. Niven..	15	0	54	1	C. J. P. Pearson	13	2	55	1
E. Sheppard..	13	2	46	3	J. E. Dawson..	8	0	27	1
H. V. Kemp..	4.3	1	15	1	C. D. Harrison	2	0	16	0
D. A. G. Keith..	8	0	36	2	R. W. D. Sword	8	1	39	0
					D. F. Wilson..	7	0	28	0

STOWE SCHOOL v. CRUSADERS. Played at Stowe on May 15th, 1928.

CRUSADERS.		SCHOOL.	
D. S. Ocroft, b Niven.....	23	B. C. Gadney, b Kemp-Welch.....	5
H. E. H. P. C. Hope, l-b-w, b Low.....	10	H. V. Kemp, b Seabrook.....	22
G. N. Paxton, c & b Niven.....	1	G. E. G. Jackson, b Seabrook.....	22
P. W. Kemp-Welch, b Low.....	8	A. J. P. Ling, b Robins.....	43
K. S. Dulepsinhji, b Sheppard.....	56	B. Brind, b Paxton.....	21
M. R. Formby, c Sheppard, b Niven.....	38	R. H. G. Carr, not out.....	63
W. H. M. Collis-Browne, b Low.....	18	D. F. N. Rowlatt, b Robins.....	2
R. W. V. Robins, st Carr, b Low.....	11	D. A. G. Keith, run out.....	1
F. J. Seabrook, c Rowlatt, b Niven.....	40	J. D. G. Niven, b Robins.....	1
L. D. Cambridge, b Niven.....	6	E. Sheppard, c Kemp-Welch, b Paxton....	5
L. G. Irvine, not out.....	4	E. H. D. Low, not out.....	1
Extras.....	6	Extras.....	38
Total.....	221	Total (for 9 wks.)	224

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
E. H. D. Low..	15	1	83	4	M. R. Formby..	15	1	30	0
J. D. G. Niven	15.5	2	87	5	P. W. Kemp- Welch.....	8	0	35	1
E. Sheppard..	4	0	34	1	L. G. Irvine...	15	4	45	0
H. V. Kemp..	3	0	11	0	F. J. Seabrook..	6	0	22	2
					R. W. V. Robins.	15	5	28	3
					G. N. Paxton..	6	0	14	2
					K. S. Dulepsinhji	5	1	12	0

STOWE SCHOOL v. M.C.C. Played at Stowe on May 19th, 1928.

M.C.C.		SCHOOL.	
C. Clover-Brown, c Ling, b Niven.....	38	B. C. Gadney, not out.....	27
L. Cecil, c Sheppard, b Low.....	29	A. J. P. Ling, c de Zoete, b Norman.....	0
M. H. de Zoete, c Dillon, b Low.....	3	G. E. G. Jackson, not out.....	23
Lt.-Col. C. G. Maude, c Carr, b Sheppard..	7	H. V. Kemp, B. Brind, R. H. G. Carr, D. A. G. Keith, P. P. L. Dillon, A. R. C. Watson, J. D. G. Niven, E. Sheppard and E. H. D. Low, did not bat.	
E. A. Bennett, c Dillon, b Sheppard.....	19		
G. C. Melliush, not out.....	17		
E. H. Tattersall, A. L. P. Weedon, T. G. A. Miles, Capt. D. F. Loftus, J. G. M. Bell and R. E. Norman, did not bat.			
Extras.....	7	Extras.....	2
Total (for 5 wks. dec.)	120	Total (for 1 wkt.)	52

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
J. D. G. Niven	17	0	44	1	R. E. Norman..	7	1	20	1
E. H. D. Low..	18	5	37	2	G. C. Melliush..	8	0	23	0
E. Sheppard..	65	1	21	2	E. A. Bennett..	2	0	7	0
H. V. Kemp..	1	1	0	0					
D. A. G. Keith	4	0	11	0					

STOWE SCHOOL v. ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD. Played at Stowe on May 26th, 1928.

ORIEL COLLEGE.		SCHOOL.	
J. C. N. Donald, c Rowlatt, b Low	2	B. C. Gadney, st Drysdale, b Miller	7
J. R. Robertson, b Low	31	H. V. Kemp, l-b-w, b Miller	15
J. W. G. Hume, b Low	8	G. E. G. Jackson, l-b-w, b Hume	43
R. L. Arrowsmith, b Low	2	A. J. P. Ling, l-b-w, b Hume	37
W. W. Inge, b Low	44	B. Brind, c & b Drysdale	32
Q. V. Hoare, c Ling, b Kemp	95	R. H. G. Carr, b Drysdale	29
P. T. Millar, l-b-w, b Kemp	24	D. F. N. Rowlatt, c & b Drysdale	0
V. B. Singh, st Carr, b Low	1	P. P. L. Dillon, c Millar, b Drysdale	9
J. A. Drysdale, b Low	9	J. D. G. Niven, c Arrowsmith, b Drysdale	5
F. R. Wylie, c Sheppard, b Kemp	6	E. Sheppard, c Inge, b Hoare	6
V. H. Hale, not out	1	E. H. D. Low, not out	1
Extras	16	Extras	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. D. G. Niven	14	2	66	0
E. H. D. Low	21	1	98	7
E. Sheppard	10	4	25	0
H. V. Kemp	9	3	29	3
A. J. P. Ling	1	0	5	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. A. Drysdale	20	6	47	5
P. T. Millar	19	4	58	2
Q. V. Hoare	8.4	0	55	1
J. W. G. Hume	11	3	24	2

STOWE SCHOOL v. CHRISTCHURCH, OXFORD. Played at Stowe on May 30th, 1928.

CHRIST CHURCH.		SCHOOL.	
D. J. Hill-Wood, st Carr, b Sheppard	43	B. C. Gadney, c Loudon, b Berens	31
C. Hill-Wood, c Low, b Niven	6	H. V. Kemp, c Dobson, b C. Hill-Wood	3
P. V. F. Cazalet, c Sheppard, b Low	97	G. E. G. Jackson, b Berens	38
R. C. Dobson, b Keith	2	A. J. P. Ling, l-b-w, b D. Hill-Wood	19
N. J. Mordaunt, b Keith	12	B. Brind, b Berens	4
E. M. Wellings, not out	69	R. H. G. Carr, c Cazalet, b D. Hill-Wood	2
R. E. Neveson, b Sheppard	30	A. R. C. Watson, b Berens	0
F. W. Loudon, c Sheppard, b Keith	5	D. A. G. Keith, b Berens	0
R. Salmon, not out	12	J. D. G. Niven, c Wellings, b D. Hill-Wood	11
H. C. Shaw and H. C. Berens, did not bat.		E. Sheppard, not out	6
Extras	25	E. H. D. Low, b D. Hill-Wood	0
<b>Total (for 7 wks. dec.)</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. D. G. Niven	12	0	76	1
E. H. D. Low	11	0	54	1
D. A. G. Keith	16	0	101	3
E. Sheppard	11	0	45	2

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. Hill-Wood	6	0	21	1
E. M. Wellings	6	3	20	0
D. J. Hill-Wood	10.4	2	23	4
H. C. Berens	13	2	28	5
R. Salmon	3	0	22	0

STOWE SCHOOL v. MR. CAPEL CURE'S XI. Played at Stowe on June 1st and 2nd, 1928.

MR. CAPEL CURE'S XI.		SCHOOL.	
W. E. Capel Cure, c Howland-Jackson, b Gadney	73	B. C. Gadney, run out	79
P. A. Browne, l-b-w, b Keith	3	A. G. Howland-Jackson, b Hankinson	17
C. R. Spencer, b Howland-Jackson	67	G. E. G. Jackson, c Kinvig, b Watson	20
Newman, st Carr, b Howland-Jackson	38	A. J. P. Ling, l-b-w, b Hankinson	68
J. T. Hankinson, c Ling, b Gadney	7	B. Brind, not out	36
P. P. L. Dillon, b Sheppard	8	R. H. G. Carr, not out	0
D. F. N. Rowlatt, c Sheppard, b Gadney	0	H. V. Kemp, T. R. Williams, D. A. G. Keith, E. Sheppard and E. H. D. Low, did not bat.	
J. A. Dashwood, b Low	5		
H. V. G. Kinvig, b Low	12		
D. M. Simmonds, b Howland-Jackson	0		
A. R. C. Watson, not out	5		
Extras	17		
<b>Total</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>Extras</b>	<b>19</b>
		<b>Total (for 4 wks.)</b>	<b>239</b>

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. H. D. Low	14	3	53	2
D. A. G. Keith	9	1	35	1
E. Sheppard	7	1	36	1
H. V. Kemp	5	0	21	0
A. G. Howland-Jackson	9	0	50	3
B. C. Gadney	4	0	23	3

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. A. Dashwood	6	1	36	0
Newman	26.2	6	68	0
J. T. Hankinson	16	3	43	2
H. V. G. Kinvig	10	2	29	0
D. M. Simmonds	2	0	8	0
A. R. C. Watson	5	0	36	1

STOWE SCHOOL v. TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD. Played at Stowe on June 6th, 1928.

SCHOOL.		TRINITY COLLEGE.	
H. V. Kemp, c Rowley, b Kittermaster	7	L. B. Alexander, b Keith	53
B. C. Gadney, c Black, b Kittermaster	40	J. M. Monkhouse, c Carr, b Low	27
G. E. G. Jackson, b Molohan	1	C. M. Melville, c Williams, b Low	17
A. J. P. Ling, l-b-w, b Molohan	13	V. A. Titlestad, c Ling, b Keith	41
B. Brind, st Rowley, b Kittermaster	4	J. V. Rowley, b Keith	24
R. H. G. Carr, c Alexander, b Kittermaster	61	B. H. Black, b Low	5
A. G. Howland-Jackson, b Molohan	6	G. H. Gibson, c Keith, b Low	4
T. R. Williams, c Turner, b Black	27	D. D. Kittermaster, run out	1
C. N. M. Blair, b Titlestad	6	M. T. H. Turner, c Howland-Jackson, b Low	2
D. A. G. Keith, b Kittermaster	6	J. Wingate-Saul, not out	0
E. H. D. Low, not out	0	M. T. B. Molohan, l-b-w, b Keith	0
Extras	27	Extras	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>

	O.	M.	R.	W.
D. D. Kittermaster	25.3	7	71	5
M. T. B. Molohan	25	8	66	3
J. M. Monkhouse	2	0	8	0
B. H. Black	8	3	14	1
V. A. Titlestad	6	2	12	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. H. D. Low	22	3	69	5
D. A. G. Keith	12	4	56	4
H. V. Kemp	3	0	25	0
A. G. Howland-Jackson	4	0	7	0
B. C. Gadney	4	0	17	0

STOWE SCHOOL v. AUTHENTICS. Played at Stowe on June 13th, 1928.

AUTHENTICS.		SCHOOL.	
D. Lomax, b Sheppard.....	34	H. V. Kemp, b Norris.....	6
K. R. M. Carlisle, l-b-w, b Keith.....	10	B. C. Gadney, b Norris.....	0
N. J. Mordaunt, c & b Keith.....	80	G. E. G. Jackson, c Trevor, b Norris.....	10
E. M. Wellings, l-b-w, b Keith.....	97	A. J. P. Ling, c Fawcus, b Norris.....	0
N. A. Doggart, c Sheppard, b Low.....	17	B. Brind, c Spencer, b Holding.....	0
J. G. Fawcus, not out.....	22	R. H. G. Carr, run out.....	12
E. P. King, not out.....	21	A. G. Howland-Jackson, c Fawcus, b Holding.....	26
G. N. Norris, S. L. Trevor, C. R. Spencer and M. Holding, did not bat.		T. R. Williams, st Spencer, b King.....	4
		D. A. G. Keith, c & b King.....	0
		E. Sheppard, run out.....	0
		E. H. D. Low, not out.....	13
Extras.....	22	Extra.....	1
Total (for 5 wkts. dec.)	303	Total.....	72

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. H. D. Low..	20	1	103	1
D. A. G. Keith.	17	2	70	3
E. Sheppard..	7	0	49	1
A. G. Howland-Jackson....	4	0	22	0
H. V. Kemp..	3	0	17	0
B. C. Gadney..	4	0	20	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
M. Holding...	7.4	3	13	2
G. N. Norris..	14	6	18	4
E. M. Wellings.	5	1	11	0
N. A. Doggart.	8	4	14	0
E. P. King....	5	3	15	2

STOWE SCHOOL v. WESTMINSTER. Played at Vincent Square on June 20th and 21st, 1928.

WESTMINSTER (First Innings).		(Second Innings).	
D. A. Bompas, c & b Keith.....	8	l-b-w, b Low.....	10
L. J. D. Wakely, b Keith.....	1	b Keith.....	0
K. J. Gardiner, c Ling, b Sheppard.....	28	not out.....	8
R. G. A. Colt-Williams, c Williams, b Keith.....	22	not out.....	47
J. K. Luard, run out.....	35	Extras.....	1
H. L. Jones, b Keith.....	14	Total (for 2 wkts.)	66
I. W. A. Symington, b Kemp.....	53		
J. A. Evetts, b Sheppard.....	13		
H. B. Graham, c Blair, b Howland-Jackson.....	35		
P. Aitken, not out.....	22		
K. H. L. Cooper, l-b-w, b Keith.....	11		
Extras.....	31		
Total.....	273		

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. H. D. Low..	27	6	64	0
D. A. G. Keith.	30.3	4	72	5
E. Sheppard..	14	2	40	2
H. V. Kemp..	12	1	41	1
A. G. Howland-Jackson....	8	2	25	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. H. D. Low..	4	0	25	1
D. A. G. Keith.	4	0	33	1
E. Sheppard..	0.4	0	7	0

SCHOOL (First Innings).

H. V. Kemp, c Wakely, b Symington.....	7
B. C. Gadney, b Wakely.....	0
A. G. Howland-Jackson, b Gardiner.....	1
A. J. P. Ling, b Wakely.....	4
R. H. G. Carr, b Wakely.....	0
A. N. Balfour, b Wakely.....	4
T. R. Williams, l-b-w, b Wakely.....	2
D. A. G. Keith, b Gardiner.....	0
C. N. M. Blair, b Gardiner.....	1
E. H. D. Low, st Bompas, b Gardiner.....	10
E. Sheppard, not out.....	6
Extras.....	12
Total.....	47

	O.	M.	R.	W.
K. J. Gardiner.	8.2	4	8	4
L. J. D. Wakely	14	6	10	5
I. W. A. Symington	8	2	13	1
H. B. Graham..	2	0	4	0

(Second Innings).

b Jones.....	12
b Wakely.....	3
c and b Gardiner.....	106
c Colt-Williams, b Jones.....	7
b Wakely.....	51
b Wakely.....	9
b Evetts.....	0
b Wakely.....	58
not out.....	0
st Bompas, b Symington.....	8
l-b-w, b Wakely.....	0
Extras.....	37
Total.....	291

	O.	M.	R.	W.
K. J. Gardiner.	26	11	58	1
L. J. D. Wakely	39	18	53	5
I. W. A. Symington	18	9	43	1
H. B. Graham..	3	1	12	0
H. L. Jones...	24	10	57	2
J. A. Evetts...	6	0	19	1
K. H. L. Cooper	3	1	5	0
P. Aitken.....	3	0	7	0

STOWE SCHOOL v. ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL. Played at Stowe on June 23rd, 1928.

SCHOOL.		ST. PAUL'S.	
B. C. Gadney, b Felton.....	7	R. Felton, b Kemp.....	14
H. V. Kemp, c Shneerson, b Felton.....	14	G. Shneerson, run out.....	14
G. E. G. Jackson, c Burt, b Shneerson.....	35	N. C. Burt, b Keith.....	41
A. J. P. Ling, l-b-w, b Joseph.....	0	A. W. Hadingham, st Carr, b Low.....	53
A. G. Howland-Jackson, c Maclean, b Burnaby.....	34	J. G. Richards, not out.....	13
R. H. G. Carr, b Burt.....	51	V. Oundjian, not out.....	15
B. Brind, c Killick, b Burt.....	70	H. S. C. Killick, R. H. Jobson-Scott, J. B. Maclean, J. T. Burnaby and E. A. Joseph, did not bat.	
T. R. Williams, not out.....	4	Extras.....	26
D. A. G. Keith, b Burt.....	28	Total (for 4 wkts.)	176
E. H. D. Low and E. Sheppard, did not bat.			
Extras.....	18		
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	261		

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Felton....	33	18	69	2
J. G. Richards..	7	1	29	0
E. A. Joseph..	9	3	25	1
J. T. Burnaby..	20	6	50	1
R. H. Jobson-Scott	3	0	18	0
N. C. Burt....	13.4	3	39	3
G. Shneerson..	4	1	13	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. H. D. Low..	16	2	42	1
D. A. G. Keith.	15	3	32	1
E. Sheppard..	7	1	21	0
H. V. Kemp..	6	3	20	1
A. G. Howland-Jackson....	6	2	7	0
B. C. Gadney..	5	0	21	0
A. J. P. Ling..	3	0	7	0

STOWE SCHOOL v. RADLEY COLLEGE. Played at Radley on June 29th, 1928.

RADLEY COLLEGE.		SCHOOL.	
H. P. Dinwiddy, c Gadney, b Low	37	H. V. Kemp, not out	13
P. I. Van de Gucht, c Brind, b Low	7	B. C. Gadney, l-b-w, b Jacobs	6
G. C. A. Adams, c Howland-Jackson, b Keith	101	G. E. G. Jackson, not out	18
W. K. Rogers, b Low	6	A. J. P. Ling, A. G. Howland-Jackson, R. H. G. Carr, B. Brind, T. R. Williams, D. A. G. Keith, E. H. D. Low and E. Sheppard, did not bat.	
C. M. Blunt, l-b-w, b Low	28		
D. C. H. C. Borgnis, b Low	36		
G. L. Millar, c Keith, b Kemp	14		
W. H. Vestey, b Low	4		
P. N. Kitching, not out	32		
L. E. Jacobs, st Carr, b Gadney	7		
W. J. R. Cragg, not out	11		
Extras	28	Extras	6
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	311	Total (for 1 wkt.)	43

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
D. A. G. Keith	26	6	82	1	W. J. R. Cragg	5	0	17	0
E. H. D. Low	27	3	120	6	L. E. Jacobs	4	0	9	1
E. Sheppard	5	0	27	0	C. M. Blunt	3	0	7	0
H. V. Kemp	16	2	44	1	H. P. Dinwiddy	2	0	4	0
B. C. Gadney	2	0	10	1					

SCORES OF 2ND XI AND COLTS MATCHES.

May 24th.	2ND XI v. CHARTERHOUSE II. Result: Stowe lost by 1 wicket. Scores: Stowe, 107 (Watson 42, Rowlatt 38 not out); Charterhouse, 118 (Keith 6 for 44).
May 26th.	COLTS v. ST. EDWARD'S COLTS. Result: Lost by 8 runs. Scores: Stowe, 53 (Firth 21); St. Edward's, 61 (Bennett 5 for 18).
June 2nd.	COLTS v. ETON COLTS. Result: Lost by 59 runs. Scores: Eton, 127 (Spurrier 5 for 52); Stowe, 68.
June 7th.	2ND XI v. ETON. Result: Won by 97 runs. Scores: Stowe, 176 for 8, dec. (Balfour 69, Dashwood 30 not out, Marshall 27); Eton, 79 (Niven 5 for 36, Marshall 5 for 13).
June 9th.	2ND XI v. ST. PAUL'S II. Result: Won by 6 wickets. Scores: St. Paul's, 136 (Dillon 4 for 34, Howland-Jackson 4 for 26); Stowe, 137 for 4 (Howland-Jackson 94).
June 16th.	2ND XI v. GREAT BRICKHILL. Result: Lost by 55 runs. Scores: Great Brickhill, 156 (Dillon 4 for 33, Marshall 4 for 31); Stowe, 101 (Dashwood 25, Rowlatt 18).
June 16th.	COLTS v. RADLEY COLTS. Result: Won by 9 wickets. Scores: Radley, 57 and 77 (Bennett 9 for 53, Maude 7 for 28); Stowe 64 and 72 for 1 (Spurrier 43 not out).
June 23rd.	2ND XI v. WELSH GUARDS. Result: Lost by 136 runs. Scores: Welsh Guards, 212 (Dashwood 5 for 76, Niven 5 for 42); Stowe, 76 (Rowlatt 16, Thwaites 13, Hughes 13).

June 27th.	2ND XI v. RADLEY II. Result: Won by 4 wickets. Scores: Radley, 184 (Kemp 7 for 33); Stowe, 189 for 6 (Marshall 57 not out, Kemp 70, Williams 28).
June 27th.	COLTS v. RADLEY COLTS. Result: Won by 8 wickets. Scores: Radley, 123 (Bennett 7 for 78); Stowe, 167 for 5 (Firth 65, Spurrier 35).
June 28th.	2ND XI v. RUGBY II. Result: Lost by 6 wickets. Scores: Stowe, 156 (Williams 19, Marshall 16, Blair 16); Rugby, 137 for 4.
June 30th.	COLTS v. WELLINGTON COLTS. Result: Drawn. Scores: Wellington, 185 (Bennett 8 for 80); Stowe 147 for 3 (Packe 42 not out, Blyth 39).
July 7th.	2ND XI v. BRADFIELD II. Result: Won by 111 runs. Scores: Stowe, 273 for 8, dec. (Rowlatt 85, Marshall 46 not out, Blair 30, Balfour 28, Niven 22 not out, Hughes 21); Bradfield, 162 (Niven 6 for 69).

LEAGUES.

The leagues, again played under a three-hour time limit system, resulted as follows:—

1.	Chatham	...	...	...	...	62
2.	Cobham	...	...	...	...	48
3.	Grenville	...	...	...	...	42
4.	Temple	...	...	...	...	37
5.	Chandos	...	...	...	...	36
6.	Grafton	...	...	...	...	15
7.	Bruce	...	...	...	...	12

CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES.

The draw with results was as follows:—

Bruce	} Cobham	} Temple (3 wickets)	} Chatham (inns. & 126 runs)
Cobham	} (84 runs)		
Temple	} Temple		
Grafton	} (inns. & 98 runs)		
Grenville	} Chatham	} Chatham (inns. & 9 runs)	
Chatham	} (inns. & 74 runs)		
	Chandos		
	(bye)		

In the first round two games were played on the North Front and one on the South.

On the North Front Temple easily beat Grafton by an innings and 98 runs. Temple made 314—at that time a record house match score—of which G. E. G. Jackson made 127 (also a record). Manser made 44, Howland-Jackson 34 and Newton 30 not out. Grafton collapsed in their first innings and were out for 73 (J. F. Marshall 3 for 4). They did better in their second innings and made 143 (Spurrier 40, Blair 34, J. F. Marshall 7 for 35).

Both the two records referred to above were broken next day, when Chatham, playing Grenville, made 355, of which Carr made 136. E. Sheppard made 62 not out and Bate 40. Grenville made 133 in their first innings (de Neufville 34, Kennedy 37), and in their second 148. In their last innings the same two batsmen made most of the runs, Kennedy making 33, and de Neufville carrying his bat through the innings for 64 not out.

The South Front game between Bruce and Cobham was a more equal struggle. Cobham batted first and made 118 (Charters 36, Durlacher 22). Bruce made 25 before the first wicket fell, and were 78 for 5 at the end of the day. The next day they took the score to 86 for 5—and were all out for 87.

Cobham then made 164 of which Bird (35) and Balfour (29) added 62 for the 3rd wicket, and Low (34) and Coplestone (12 not out) 41 for the last wicket.

Bruce, with 196 to make to win, lost their first two wickets for 0, and, in spite of some determined hitting by Ling (30), they never looked like doing it. They were out for 111, Cobham thus winning by 84 runs.

In the second round Chatham beat Chandos by an innings and 9 runs. Chatham made 328 (Kemp 84, Firth 82, Rowlett 33, Sheppard 33), and Chandos made 131 (Stephens 35) and 188. This was rather a dull match except for the last day's play. Chandos started the last day having lost the first 5 wickets in the second innings for 41 runs. Packe (75 not out), Blandford (25) and Maude (34) all deserve very great credit for their batting on that afternoon. Packe withstood all the attack for nearly 3 hours.

The other semi-final (between Cobham and Temple) was probably the best game we have had in House matches here.

Cobham batted first, and were out for 122 (Keith 30, Low 20). This looked good for Temple—a strong batting side. But so well did Keith, Low and Charters bowl that Temple were 111 for 9, and 128 all out.

Cobham stated badly in their second innings and lost 6 wickets for 64 runs, but then Keith (31) and Balfour (45) made a good stand, and took the score to 129 before they were separated. Cobham were out for 157, leaving Temple 152 to win. In the quarter of an hour left for play that day Temple lost one wicket for 0, and finished the day with a score of 6 for 2. The next day produced some exciting cricket. Howland-Jackson got out, and Temple were 60 for 5. Jackson, who was batting steadily, was later joined by Gibbon and the two played out time, taking the score to 122 for 6. Next day the two stayed in for another 15 runs, and then Hotham helped Jackson to win the match by 3 wickets. Jackson's excellent innings amounted to 82 not out.

## LAWN TENNIS

This term we have played our first School match. On June 23rd we defeated Westminster by 8 matches to 0. In addition a team containing one or more Masters has played matches against Oriel, Christ Church, Guy's Hospital, the Centurion Club, E. R. Ivory's VI. and J. K. Whitehead's VI.

The House matches are now being played. The draw is as follows:—

Grenville	}	Grenville	}
Temple	}		
Chatham	}	Chatham	}
Chandos	}		
Grafton	}	Grafton	}
Cobham	}		
		Bruce	

The Semi-final and Final results will be published next Term.

## FENCING

The close of this term marks the close of the season 1928-9. It has been as successful as any which have preceded it. The standard of teams put into the field against us has been higher than ever before. Even the leading London clubs have turned out sides which were not far short of their full strength. We lost five matches this year as against one in 1927-8; but our opponents have been more formidable than they were. Once again we reached the semi-final round of the Savage Shield. H. D. H. Bartlett was fourth in the Public Schools Foil Competition. As he came below Walter and Villiers-Stuart in our own competition, we might have hoped for greater honours if these two had been able to compete.

The higher command has received two important additions this term. Mr. A. B. Clifford has become Vice-President of the Club. His ability is appreciated, and his presence welcomed by all. Professor Fortunato Deki, the senior sabre instructor in England, has paid us half-a-dozen visits, most valuable to our sabre play. Once he brought his gun (Fusile) and his dog (Rodeo)—but that is another story. We must content ourselves with saying how much we regret that Professor Deki has the Olympic sabre team to train and a host of service appointments next term, which may prevent him from coming down again. His 'Bravo' will still echo round our walls.

We wish to offer our sincere thanks both to General Doran for his gift of Soudanese Swords and to F. J. Walter for a handsome Sabre Cup.

The foil and épée competitions were won by F. J. Walter, the sabre competition by H. D. H. Bartlett. Walter has finished his time here with a handsome success which we hope will be repeated by him at Oxford. Both deserved their success, but all of us would have been glad to see one cup go to our captain, M. F. Villiers-Stuart, who was second at both foil and sabre, while he reached the final pool at épée. In his first year as captain he has been hard-working and competent. If these notes are written in a happy tone, it is not least due to him.

THE SCHOOL *v.* THE EPÉE CLUB.

On May 14th the first visit of the Epée Club was celebrated by a Stowe victory, all the more creditable because our team was not at full strength. Indeed, our chances of holding our own against such strong opponents seemed to have vanished entirely, when Mr. Duncombe-Anderson came over from Oxford and persuaded us to make our number up to five as well as we could.

The opening series of fights went for the most part in favour of the School, only Barbour succumbing. However, the Epée Club soon found their form and, after drawing level at 5 all, led with a small margin all the way, until the score stood at 11—10 in their favour. Then Walter beat Craig, Villiers-Stuart found an unguarded reach of arm on Nugent and McCallin brought off a quick stop hit on Wand-Tetley's mask, to give a brilliant victory. These three played the major part for us; but Lloyd fought very steadily and Barbour got one win in his opening performance.

Scores:—

<i>Stowe.</i>		<i>Epée Club.</i>	
	Wins.		Wins.
F. J. Walter	- - - 4	Major E. Wand-Tetley	- 3
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - - 3	A. Duncombe-Anderson	- 3
C. S. McCallin	- - - 3	J. Greenwood	- - 2
M. A. Lloyd	- - - 2	A. Nugent	- - 2
R. McD. Barbour	- - - 1	A. Craig	- - 1
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THE SCHOOL *v.* THE NAVY.

On May 23rd we made a long journey to Portsmouth, fought the R.N. and R.M. team and then were shown over H.M.S. Suffolk. The score was 18—9 against us, which represents a very close struggle at foils and épée and a very bad defeat at sabre. Both at épée and sabre the absence of Houghton was lamentable. He should have repeated for us the épée win which we had here last November, and he might have taken some of the sting out of the sabre defeat.

The foils came first. Walter and Villiers-Stuart both fought well, the former justifying the foil reputation won last time, and the latter showing better form than he has done for six months. Bartlett was disappointing, no doubt largely because he could not find a footing for his 'au fond' attacks on the too slippery floor. At sabre we were completely outmatched by a team which contained possibly the best Navy and the best Marine 'sabreur' of the day. Bartlett did well to beat their third string. He almost brought off a sensational win against Lt.-Commander Harvey. Villiers-Stuart did badly and Walter worse; but they had, of course, to meet very strong opposition.

With the score 13—5 against us, we could scarcely turn the tables at épée. All the same, we might have done better, if fortune had been more kind. Walter did well to beat Mount Haes, a much-improved épéist, in a fight which lasted eleven minutes. However, he went down before Harvey, who proceeded to beat both Villiers-Stuart and McCallin. Each of these won one fight and lost a third—McCallin almost as soon as the word 'play' was given and Villiers-Stuart by a much disputed hit on the arm.

Scores:—

<i>Stowe.</i>		FOILS.		<i>R.N. and R.M.</i>	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
Villiers-Stuart	- - - 2			Lt.-Commander Harvey	- - - 2
Walter	- - - 2			Q.M.S. Peasnell	- - - 2
Bartlett	- - - 0			Lt. Mount Haes	- - - 1
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<i>Stowe.</i>		SABRE.		<i>R.N. and R.M.</i>	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
Bartlett	- - - 1			Lt.-Commander Harvey	- - - 3
Villiers-Stuart	- - - 0			Q.M.S. Peasnell	- - - 3
Walter	- - - 0			Lt. McGregor	- - - 2
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<i>Stowe.</i>		EPÉE		<i>R.N. and R.M.</i>	
	Wins.		Wins.		Wins.
Walter	- - - 2			Lt.-Commander Harvey	- - - 3
Villiers-Stuart	- - - 1			Lt. Mount Haes	- - - 2
McCallin	- - - 1			Lt. McGregor	- - - 0
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## THE SAVAGE SHIELD COMPETITION 1928.

The School did particularly well to reach the semi-final of this premier épée competition for the second year in succession. F. J. Walter captained the side, which included M. F. Villiers-Stuart, B. R. S. Houghton and M. A. Lloyd, with C. S. McCallin and R. MacD. Barbour in reserve.

After a bye in the first round we met the Bordon and Logmoor F.C., a team largely drawn from the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment, who won the inter-unit Service competition this year. They were very quick and energetic in attack. At first, taken as it were by surprise, our defence gave way. Later we recovered our losses, drew level at eight all and so gave Walter the opportunity to land a splendid stop-hit on the opposin captain in the fight-off.

In the third round we met a team of M. Paul, which was made up of the Eton and Westminster captains, another member of the Westminster team and M. Délevoye, son of the champion of Normandy. Here, at the top of our form, we took the lead after the score had reached 3 all and finished easy winners by 11—6.

For the semi-final match against Tassart's, McCallin came into the side instead of Villiers-Stuart. We had hoped that his size might prove of advantage to him, as it had done in the recent match *v.* the Epée Club. However, his experienced opponents, making full use of a superior reach, kept him from gaining a single victory. Houghton fought very well; Walter landed another lovely hit, this time on the mask of the President of the Epée Club; he beat all the opposing captains, even if he occasionally made curious mistakes against the rank and file. We lost this match 9—4.

Generally speaking, the team fought very well throughout the Competition. During the last match, when his side had begun badly, M. Tassart came across to our group of spectators to exclaim, 'Vos gosses sont épatants'; humorous photographers, journalists and critics said much the same.

THE SCHOOL *v.* THE ARMY SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL TRAINING,  
ALDERSHOT.

Fought on June 27th, this match should have been *v.* the Masks; but Colonel Dyer changed the name of his army, as he wished to give a trial to the épée team in training for the Pentathlon event in the coming Olympic Games.

The story of the match was much the same as that against the Navy, a month ago. At Aldershot our opponents fielded an even stronger side than we met at Portsmouth: Lt. James, who was invincible here at foil and sabre, was second string this year.

As at Portsmouth, Villiers-Stuart and Walter gave a capital foil display, while Bartlett was out of form, though this time he had distinctly bad luck not to win a single fight. Too much sabre has damaged his foil play. At épée we should have won; but Lloyd was slow and our first and second strings failed to clinch the victory after a good beginning. At sabre we met the two leading instructors from Aldershot and were not unnaturally outclassed. Bartlett reached 2—2 on James, before succumbing to a very direct attack.

Scores:—

<i>Stowe.</i>		FOIL.		<i>Army School of P.T.</i>	
		Wins.			Wins.
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - -	2	Lt. James	- - -	2
F. J. Walter	- - -	2	C.S.M. I. Parsons	- - -	2
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - -	0	Col. Dyer	- - -	1
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<i>Stowe.</i>		EPÉE.		<i>Army School of P.T.</i>	
		Wins.			Wins.
F. J. Walter	- - -	2	Lt. Eart	- - -	2
B. R. S. Houghton	- - -	2	Lt. Philippo	- - -	2
M. A. Lloyd	- - -	0	Lt. Turner	- - -	1
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<i>Stowe.</i>		SABRE.		<i>Army School of P.T.</i>	
		Wins.			Wins.
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - -	0	Lt. James	- - -	2
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - -	0	C.S.M. I. Parsons	- - -	2
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STOWE 'UNDER 16' *v.* WESTMINSTER 'UNDER 16.'

The season was wound up adequately by a capital win, six victories to three, gained by our Junior team against Westminster. The match was fought in their gymnasium on 30th June.

Fights went to the best of seven hits. McCallin met Paterson, the opposing captain, in the first fight. Paterson had established his reputation a few weeks before by a handsome performance against the Eton team. McCallin led him 3-2, but Paterson exploited his opponent's lack of variety in attack and gained the next two hits by the strokes which he preferred throughout the match, a disengage and a stop-hit, both of them simple, but cleverly delivered.

Cheatle followed with a handsome victory over Edwards, a foilist whose reach seemed dangerously long. Then Mornington made his début with a bloodless victory over Gorer, the Westminster third string.

In the second round Cheatle beat Gorer, McCallin defeated Edwards, and Mornington went down after a plucky fight, 4-5, against Paterson. Eventually, Stowe won the match, 6-3, Paterson being the sole Westminster foilist to score; he won all his fights by the odd hit.

For Stowe, Cheatle showed the best form. His style is excellent but he needs to be aggressive in his actions; at present he can usually score when he means to do so; only he lacks determination. McCallin showed signs of lack of practice. Hard work last winter won him his place in the School team. Fortunately competition is keen enough to make hard work an essential for young foilists who wish to keep at the top of their form. McCallin has a good stop-hit and carries his attacks 'au fond'; but he needs more variety of attack if he is to cope with experienced fencers. Mornington made a capital beginning. Stansfeld found no fourth string to oppose him, but from his unofficial performances after the match seemed to be well up to scratch. With plenty of practice both Mornington and Stansfeld should make good foilists.

<i>Stowe.</i>		SCORE.		<i>Westminster.</i>	
		Wins.			Wins.
C. S. McCallin	- - -	2	D. M. Paterson	- - -	3
G. A. L. Cheatle	- - -	2	T. H. M. Edwards	- - -	0
The Earl of Mornington	- - -	2	R. Gorer	- - -	0
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## SWIMMING

The School had two swimming matches this term, and won both. The results of the match against Hoxton will be found elsewhere. The results of the match against Saint Paul's II were as follows:—

STOWE *v.* ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL II (July 14th).

The races and diving were held in the Lake, and the plunging in the Tank.

100 yds.	1st—J. D. Eaton (Stowe)	Time 73 seconds
	2nd—M. French-Williams.	
	3rd—A. F. Kerr (Stowe).	
	4th—B. Gordon-Staples.	



50 yds. ..	1st—A. F. Kerr (Stowe) .. .. .	Time 32 seconds
	2nd—J. D. Eaton (Stowe).	
	3rd—J. H. R. Haswell.	
	4th—B. Gordon-Staples.	
150 yds. ..	1st—Stowe (Clarke, H. J. Miall, Kerr, Eaton).	
Relay Race.	2nd—St. Paul's II (Baker, Haswell, Gordon-Staples, French-Williams)	
	Won by a yard. Time 1 min. 39½ secs.	
Diving ..	1st—E. R. Allen (Stowe) .. .. .	56½ pts.
	2nd—M. French-Williams .. .. .	55 pts.
	3rd—J. D. Eaton (Stowe) .. .. .	54½ pts.
	4th—J. H. R. Haswell .. .. .	51 pts.
Plunging ..	1st—E. R. Allen .. .. .	43 feet 1 inch
	2nd—J. H. R. Haswell.	
	3rd—J. D. Eaton.	
	4th—M. French-Williams.	

Stowe won by 30 points to 15.

#### THE SWIMMING SPORTS.

The swimming sports (except for the Plunging events) took place on Sunday, July 15th, a perfect day. The results showed that Chandos won the Senior Swimming Cup, and Grenville the Junior Swimming Cup, and that Grenville won the Laurus points for Senior and Junior combined. The results of the Elkington Relay Races will be found in the late news.

The results of the individual races and the diving were as follows :—

Senior 50 .. ..	1st—A. F. Kerr .. .. .	Time 30½ seconds
	2nd—J. D. Eaton.	
	3rd—R. C. R. Clarke.	
Senior 100 .. ..	1st—A. F. Kerr } Dead Heat.	Time 71 seconds
	J. D. Eaton }	
	3rd—R. C. R. Clarke.	
Senior Diving .. ..	1st—J. D. Eaton.	
	2nd—E. R. Allen.	
	3rd—K. D. Miall.	
Senior Breast Stroke 50	1st—G. D. Watson .. .. .	Time 42 seconds
	2nd—J. D. G. Niven.	
Senior Back Stroke 25	1st—J. D. G. Niven. .. .. .	Time 21 seconds
	2nd—J. W. Evans.	
Senior Plunging .. ..	1st—W. M. C. Peatfield. .. .. .	Distance 44 ft. 7 ins.
	2nd—E. R. Allen. .. .. .	„ 41 ft. 2 ins.
Junior 25 .. ..	1st—M. L. Dillon .. .. .	Time 14½ seconds
	2nd—E. R. Allen	
	J. H. Brooker } Dead Heat.	
Junior 50 .. ..	1st—M. L. Dillon .. .. .	Time 34½ seconds
	2nd—J. H. Brooker.	
	3rd—E. R. Allen.	

Junior Breast Stroke 25	1st—N. Forbes .. .. .	Time 18½ seconds
	2nd—J. K. Foy.	
Junior Back Stroke 25	1st—S. D. Williams .. .. .	Time 23 seconds
	2nd—H. W. Norman.	
Junior Diving .. ..	1st—G. V. Rouse.	
	2nd—J. H. Brooker.	
	3rd—M. L. Dillon.	
Junior Plunging .. ..	1st—A. N. McClintock. .. .. .	Distance 39 ft. 6 ins.
	2nd—G. V. Rouse. .. .. .	„ 39 ft. 2 ins.

	POINTS.		
	Points for Junior.	Points for Senior.	Combined Points.
Bruce .. .. .	6	12	18
Temple .. .. .	—	9	9
Grenville .. .. .	51	16½	67½
Chandos .. .. .	3	48	51
Cobham .. .. .	—	4½	4½
Chatham .. .. .	6	—	6
Grafton .. .. .	3	13½	16½

The general level of swimming in the School has improved this year. By the date of writing this report, July 15th, 85 people have passed the Lake Swimming Test this term, making a total of 348 who have passed this test.

#### LIFE SAVING.

The Examination was held on Sunday, July 8th by Mr. J. S. Morgan. The policy this year has been to enter as many candidates as possible for the Bronze Medallion, so as to make it possible to take more complete beginners next year. In consequence there were rather more failures than usual for this award, but this was balanced by the success of all the three candidates for the Award of Merit, which was attempted for the first time this year.

The following awards were made :—

*Award of Merit.*—J. W. Evans, D. Morley-Fletcher, W. M. C. Peatfield.

*Honorary Instructor's Certificate.*—R. H. G. Carr, H. V. Kemp, A. C. C. Macpherson, W. D. McComb, D. Morley-Fletcher.

*Bronze Medallion.*—T. G. W. Ferrier, P. H. Heygate, W. D. McComb, J. H. Muir, P. Nicholson, C. E. Salamon, E. W. Sconce, M. E. I. Searle, P. D. Taylor.

*Bronze Medallion and Proficiency Certificate.*—R. L. Blackstone, J. H. Brooker, J. W. Charters, A. W. R. de Horsey, T. K. Greene, P. E. M. Holmes, M. A. Lloyd, R. W. B. Newton, J. W. Pearce, S. D. Williams.

*Proficiency Certificate.*—A. D. Coplestone, J. F. Cramphorn, R. B. Davis, F. O. S. Dobell, T. J. Firkbank, P. W. Forbes, I. R. Graeme, B. W. Greenc, C. M. Heath, H. E. Josselyn, J. R. C. Kenyon, I. M. Martin, W. E. D. Moore, H. W. Norman.

## EXAMINER'S REPORT.

The Land Drill this year showed a considerable advance on that of previous years. In the water the towing throughout was distinctly good, but there was at times considerable weakness in the release, often due to the poorness of the grip of the patient on the rescuer.

The best pairs I considered to be de Horsey and Holmes, though in both cases their swimming was not convincing, and Kenyon and Forbes. Individually Pearce, although poor in diving for the brick, Brooker, Williams and especially Muir impressed me most.

The three competitors for the Award were good without being exceptional. Evans was the best, although he had a weak breast-stroke and was not equal to the others in the undressing. The second and third ornamental swimming exercises were weak.

Generally I think that the all-round performance was excellent.

J. Sydney Morgan.

In his report on the oral examination for the Bronze Medallion Dr. Pemberton said that the work this year was the best that he has ever had at the School.

## STOWE V. ACHILLES A.C.

As reported in Late News last term, a match with the Achilles Club was held on March 28th. In such a match the arrangement of handicaps is a matter of some difficulty, owing to the varying strength of side which the Achilles Club puts into the field. On this occasion the Club owed more than they could manage in the flat events, all of which were won by the School. The field events were more even, and after close finishes went to the Achilles.

The following were the results :—

100 yards.—(School receives 4 yards.)

1—J. B. Charles; 2—E. J. Oliver. Time, 10 $\frac{2}{3}$  secs.

One Mile.—(Achilles owes 96 yards.)

1—J. N. Feathers; 2—M. F. Young (Achilles). Time, 4 mins. 55 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

Long Jump.—(School receives 1 ft. 6 ins.)

1—W. G. Kalaugher (Achilles); 2—G. G. Harrisson. Distance, 19 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

220 Yards.—(School receives 10 yards.)

1—J. B. Charles; 2—E. J. Oliver. Time, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

High Jump.—(School receives 6 ins.)

1—E. Bradbrooke (Achilles); 2—A. R. C. Watson. Height, 5 ft. 8 ins.

Half Mile.—(Achilles owes 48 yards.)

1—C. N. M. Blair; 2—S. R. Sills. Time, 2 mins. 15 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—(School receives 9 yards and 2 inches.)

1—R. St. G. T. Harper (Achilles); 2—A. R. C. Watson. Time 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

Medley Mile Relay.—(Achilles owes 96 yards.)

1—Stowe (F. J. Walter, J. A. Dashwood, J. D. Murray, R. H. G. Carr).  
Time, 4 mins. 11 $\frac{2}{3}$  secs.

Result :—Stowe, 5 events.  
Achilles 3 events.

## BOXING

The Weights in School Competitions will in future be as follows :—

*Heavy* : Over 11 st. 4 lbs.

*Middle* : 10 st. 7 lbs. to 11 st. 4 lbs.

*Welter* : 9 st. 9 lbs. to 10 st. 7 lbs.

*Light* : 9 st. to 9 st. 9 lbs.

*Feather* : 8st. 6 lbs. to 9 st.

*Bantam* : 8 st. to 8 st. 6 lbs.

*Fly* : 7 st. 6 lbs. to 8 st.

*Junior Fly* : Under 7 st. 6 lbs.

A Novices' Competition will be held next term at these weights. Only those will be allowed to compete who have not before won the Final of a Competition at Stowe. Bronze medals will be awarded to winners.

Fixtures have been arranged next term with Westminster and S. Paul's. T. A. G. Pritchard has been appointed Captain of Boxing.

## O.T.C. NOTES

THE following obtained Certificate 'A' at the examination held in March, 1928 :—

R. A. Anderson.	D. MacFarlane.
D. de S. Barrow.	A. C. C. Macpherson.
A. Carden.	R. de Z. Manser.
R. C. Farwig.	A. B. B. Moore.
A. C. Geddes.	J. D. Murray.
G. F. L. Gilbert.	T. A. G. Pritchard.
H. W. Gill.	D. F. N. Rowlatt.
H. H. C. Ingram.	P. H. de B. Stephens.
H. F. Jackson.	M. A. R. Sutherland.
M. V. Kitchin.	P. D. Taylor.
N. C. Logan.	C. W. Tyrrell.
E. H. D. Low,	S. Ward,

The following promotions have been made :—

May 5th, 1928.

To *Sergeant* :— Corporal D. Morley-Fletcher.  
 „ H. A. L. Montgomery Campbell.  
 „ D. F. Crosthwaite.  
 „ J. D. G. Niven.  
 „ P. H. de B. Stephens.

To *Corporal* :— Lance-Corporal T. A. G. Pritchard.  
 „ P. D. Taylor.  
 „ A. R. T. Coke.  
 „ J. D. Eaton.  
 „ A. R. C. Watson.  
 „ M. A. Lloyd.  
 „ A. Dunsford.  
 „ P. L. Sherwood.  
 „ H. G. Morison.  
 „ C. N. M. Blair.

Appointed *Lance-Corporal* :—

J. D. Murray.  
 E. H. D. Low.  
 D. F. N. Rowlatt.  
 A. C. Geddes.  
 S. Ward.  
 P. Nicholson.  
 A. J. P. Ling.  
 B. M. Napier.  
 R. C. R. Clarke.

In the 'Country Life' Miniature Rifle Competition, which was fired in March, 1928, the School team obtained 24th place out of 84 teams. The team consisted of: R. A. Anderson (leader), T. F. Cooke, R. E. Walrond, A. B. B. Moore, M. A. Lloyd, R. W. B. Newton, M. E. I. Searle, C. A. P. Trippe, G. B. P. Trippe.

The House Shooting Cup for the highest average in the annual Musketry Test has been won for 1928 by Chandos (the holders), the next two in order of merit being Grafton and Cobham.

The winner of the Individual Championship Cup is R. A. Anderson (Temple).

A Field Day was held in the school grounds and their immediate neighbourhood on June 5th, in which the Radley, Rugby and Stowe contingents took part. After the operations our visitors were given tea and shown round the School.

The Annual Inspection of the contingent took place on June 26th, the Inspecting Officer being Lieut.-General Sir R. B. Stephens, K.C.B., C.M.G., Director-General of the Territorial Army. In spite of somewhat showery weather the inspection was successfully carried out. The following is an extract from the Inspecting Officer's Report, under the heading of General Remarks :—'A very good O.T.C. It was a most satisfactory inspection.'

The House Drill Competition for the Coldstream Cup took place on July 10th, the judges being Major J. J. Powell and Lieut. K. Bayley, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. The House squad commanders had put in a lot of hard work in preparing for the competition and succeeded in producing a generally high standard in turn-out and drill.

Result :—

1. Temple (Under Officer J. F. Marshall) (the holders).
2. Chandos (Sergt. A. F. Kerr).
3. Grafton (Sergt. B. C. Gadney).
4. Bruce (Corpl. G. D. Watson).
5. Grenville (Sergt. J. N. Feathers).
6. Cobham (Sergt. A. N. Balfour).
7. Chatham (Corpl. M. A. Lloyd).

The Nulli Secundus Cup, to be held by the House of which the most efficient cadet of the training year is a member, has been awarded for 1927-28 to Temple—Under Officer J. F. Marshall.

The contingent is to go into camp at Tidworth Pennings, Salisbury Plain, from July 31st to August 8th.

## THE FIELD DAY

The field day on June 5th took the form of a house match. We played (at being soldiers) in the grounds, and we gave our visitors tea afterwards, only instead of there being 22 or 30 to feed there were 1,000!

Stowe and a company of Rugby held the line Boycott Pavilions—between the lakes—Corinthian arch. A strong point was made of the Bursar's piggery behind Venus. The battle commenced at 13.00 hours. For half an hour desultory shots were heard,

and then the Cobham platoon were seen retreating from their pigstye. They passed by and ten minutes later some of the enemy could be seen clambering slowly over the wire. We fired at them. Those who had got over fired back. Eventually some fifty yards of stinging nettles separated us. After another wait we were moved back. That, so far as we were concerned, was the end of the first phase.

The second phase was going to be the real thing, however. There was to be a grand finale round about Woody Park. Spectators had been told to go there if they wished to see anything exciting.

In No. 2 Company we sat about the gamekeeper's lodge for an hour and ate lunch. Then we were marched off to our new positions. Some sections were chosen to hold off the enemy while the rest of the company took up its position. Two sections were to watch the path leading from the Gothic Temple to Lamport, and the company commander looked after the posting of these himself. His idea was not to stay for any length of time in the same position, but to retire, after firing a few rounds, from tree to tree until the belt of trees before the gamekeeper's lodge was reached. 'A couple of rounds each and a run to the Bourbon Tower,' were his final words. Unfortunately, just as the sections were moving off a Radley platoon became visible behind the Gothic Temple. There was no time for anything but to line the fence by the belt of trees. The company commander left to see about more important things.

The senior N.C.O., still remembering the words, 'fire a couple of rounds and retreat,' did as he was bid. As he was already in the last position the 'delaying action' delayed the enemy not at all. A platoon sergeant who had lost his platoon saw his men as they doubled across that long expanse between Lamport and the Bourbon Tower. He walked after them.

This 'rout' led to the capture of another section which had been placed further along the fence. Their captors marched off leaving them in charge of three guards. When they reached a safe distance the section, led by their commander, ran for it. The platoon, attracted by the shouts, gave chase. They all ran into an umpire, and the section sought sanctuary with him. The umpire was heard to say, 'Well-um, well-er, I'm afraid, you fellows, I didn't see what happened. You'd better go back.'

Owing to some misunderstanding the people attacking on the left over-stepped their boundary and spread out to Stowe Castle. The platoon on the left flank was in rather a bad position. The platoon commander, however, 'took advantage of natural features' (see 'Infantry Training') and drove a herd of cows into the enemy.

There is a story that a certain company commander kept an umpire—the one we have met before—by his side as much as possible, and when the enemy got too close said, 'Send those people back, umpire.'

Although we were still some distance from Woody Park the 'cease fire' sounded about 3.30, and, as so often happens, we had no grand finale. The lone platoon sergeant found his platoon just in time to march back with them.

After getting rid of our rifles and equipment we collected four visitors each and took them in to tea, and the battle was fought in Assembly and on the South Front, but we all managed to fit in. After that we showed our parties round.

Radley left at 5.0 and Rugby half an hour later. The cheering must have disturbed the non-combatants who were in school.

H. A. L. M. C.

## THE RIFLE CLUB

At the beginning of the term the following were elected members of the Club: W. D. P. Beauchamp, C. J. V. C. Brooke, R. C. R. Clarke, N. P. Crookston, T. G. W. Ferrier, I. R. Græme, J. A. Hotham, A. G. A. A. Mackenzie and H. E. Raphael. M. E. I. Searle took the place of E. D. O'Brien as Treasurer. C. J. V. C. Brooke, A. C. Geddes and M. A. Lloyd received their Club Ties, scoring 90 or over out of a possible 100.

On June 9th M. A. Lloyd, with a handicap of 5, won the "Daily Telegraph" Certificate, scoring 91; on June 16th E. P. W. Stebbing won the "Daily Mail" Certificate, scoring 96; and on July 14th T. F. Cooke won a Nobel Spoon, with a score of 96.

At the end of the term the Rifle Club hopes to enter a team of six to compete for the Bucks County Challenge Cup.

T. F. C.

## THE LIBRARY

THE following books have been bought for the Library:—

'Euripides the Idealist' (R. B. Appleton); 'Plato's Euthyphro, Apology and Crito' (J. Burnet); 'The Mind of Rome' (Edited by Cyril Bailey); 'The Elements of Greek Philosophy' (R. B. Appleton); 'The Days of Alkibiades' (C. E. Robinson); 'Latin Literature' (J. W. Mackail); 'Select Epigrams from the Greek Anthology' (J. W. Mackail); 'The Attic Drama' (A. E. Haigh); 'The Greek Theatre and its Drama' (Roy C. Flickinger); 'The Cambridge Medieval History': Vols. I and IV (Edited by Bury, with maps); 'The Republican Tradition in Europe' (H. A. L. Fisher); 'Histoire de France': 10 Vols. (Ernest-Lavis); 'L'Italie Mystique' (Emile Gebhart); 'Charlemagne' (H. W. Carless Davis); 'Mirabeau' (P. F. Willert); 'Danton' (Louis Madelin); 'L'Avènement de Bonaparte' (A. Vandal); 'The Works of Dante Gabriel Rossetti'; 'Seventeenth Century Lyrics' (Edited by Norman Ault); 'Elizabethan Lyrics' (Edited by Norman Ault); 'Smith's Smaller Classical Dictionary'; 'The Europa Year Book' (Edited by Michael Farbman, Ramsay Muir and Hugh Spender); 'The Land and Face of Bolshevism' (Fülop Miller); 'Memoirs of the Courts and Cabinets of William IV and Queen Victoria' (The Duke of Buckingham and Chandos); 'Algebra': 2 Vols. (G. Chrystal); 'Conic Sections' (G. Salmon); 'Cambridge Mathematical Papers'; 'Molière' (Arthur Tilley); 'From Montaigne to Molière' (Arthur Tilley); 'La France en 1614' (Gabriel Hanotaux); 'Idées et Doctrines Littéraires du XVII<sup>e</sup> Siècle' (F. Vial et L. Denise); 'An Introduction to French Classical Drama' (Eleanor Jourdain).

Major Haworth has presented to the Library the 'Lord Haig F.M.' special number of 'The British Legion.'

The 'History' and 'Sociology' sections of the printed catalogue are now complete, and can be consulted in the Library.

## MUSIC

## THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION.

The House Music Competitions were held on March 28th, 1928, with Dr. Thomas Wood as judge. In the afternoon the individual competitions took place: owing to illness and other causes Bruce and Chandos were not able to enter for this part and Cobham could not be completely represented. The most ambitious ensemble efforts were Temple's presentation of 'Sound the Trumpet' (*Purcell*), arranged for 2-part chorus, violin, horn, drums, and two pianos, and Chatham's rendering of an arrangement of the Camp Minstrel's song in Act I of 'The Girl of the Golden West' (*Puccini*), for violin, clarinet, saxophone, fife and piano. Perhaps the best performances were piano solos by G. J. B. Wright (*Grafton*), J. C. Commings (*Grenville*) and C. M. Heath (*Cobham*), while there was some agreeable and courageous part-singing by Grenville ('The Golden Vanity') and by Temple ('Sumer is icumen in'). Dr. Wood expressed considerable satisfaction with the results achieved, mostly in the face of great difficulties, and there is no doubt that the general standard was higher than that of last year. In the evening the unison song, 'O Good Ale,' was given by each house, and on the combined results Dr. Wood placed Temple first, with Chatham and Grenville equal second.

## CONCERT, MARCH 31ST, 1928.

The Choral Society and Orchestra gave their annual concert on the evening of Saturday, March 31st, 1928. The former gave a spirited, though rather rough, rendering of Stanford's 'Revenge.' The numerical weakness of the altos, the insecurity of several of the basses, and the various diseases which prevented some members from attending many of the rehearsals, all militated against a finished performance: on the whole, however, the general spirit of the work was caught and the climaxes successfully and enthusiastically attacked. Mr. Watson's masterly accompaniment did much to smooth over awkward corners; his skilful support put the crooked straight and made the rough places as plain as they could be in the circumstances. The Orchestra showed a distinct advance on last year, especially in the wind department. Mr. Watson's 'Miniature,' much the hardest of the four pieces, was creditably played and was vociferously encored. The March from Scipio was also encored and provided the biggest noise of the evening, though it could have done with a few trumpets and trombones to add brilliance and heaviness. The part-songs were well sung with admirable unanimity and clearness of diction, and Wright played the Ravel Minuet with true musical understanding. Programme:—PART I. Choral Ballad, "The Revenge," *Stanford*. PART II: 1. (a) "Menuet" *Fauré*. (b) "Miniature," *S. Watson*. (First performance. Conducted by the Composer). The Orchestra. 2. Part Songs (a) "The Turtle Dove," *arr. Vaughan-Williams*. (b) "Down in yon Summer Vale," *C. Wood*. Messrs. I. M. Cross, I. A. Clarke, P. A. Browne, S. Watson, J. M. Tatton. 3. Piano Solo "Minuet" (Le Tombeau de Couperin), *Ravel*. G. J. B. Wright. 4. Part Songs (a) "It was an English Ladye Bright," *C. Wood*. (b) "Hob a Derry Danno," *arr. C. Wood*. Messrs. I. M. Cross, I. A. Clarke, P. A. Browne, S. Watson, J. M. Tatton. 5. (a) "Slumber Song of King Dodon," *Rimsky-Korsakof*. (b) "March from Scipio," *Handel*. The Orchestra. 7. "God save the King."

## THE ARTS CLUB

The annual expedition took place this year on Wednesday, July 4th. This time we visited Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick and Kenilworth. Through the kindness of several members of the staff a few of us went by car; the other, and less fortunate members, went in the Finmere 'bus. We all arrived at Stratford about 11.30 a.m.

We immediately set about seeing the places of interest: Shakespeare's Birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, the New Place Museum, the Library (with its portraits of famous Shakespearean actors like Sir Henry Irving and Sir Arthur Bouchier), and Shakespeare's Tomb, with its famous plea for mercy.

After lunch, which awaited us at the Shakespeare Gallery, we motored on to Warwick to see the famous Castle. In the State Rooms, which we were allowed to visit, were many valuable paintings by Van Dyck, and Holbein's original painting of Henry VIII was particularly admired. Many of us also visited Warwick Church, which contains the beautiful Beauchamp Chapel.

After tea in the town we motored on to Kenilworth Castle. This is a wonderful ruin, and in its prime must have been an impregnable stronghold. Its main features are the huge hall, which is the biggest in any castle, and the rugged old Norman Keep which still stands amidst the ruins.

This visit ended an enjoyable expedition, under perfect weather conditions, to the 'Shakespeare Country.' S. W.

## THE TWELVE CLUB

Two meetings have been held this term, and the following papers have been read:—

May 19th.—'The Barbarians,' by E. J. Oliver.

June 9th.—'Liberalism,' by Mr. I. M. Cross.

At the second meeting a vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Secretary, and R. MacD. Barbour was unanimously elected in his place.

R.H.G.C.

## THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

At a business meeting held on May 20th J. D. Murray was elected Secretary and S. Ward Committee-man. E. H. D. Low and C. J. D. Renny were elected members.

In at least one sense there has been variety in the French reading programme for the term. The Classical Age provided Molière's "Fourberies de Scapin," and the 20th century Tristan Bernard's "Le Petit Café." Mention must be made of M. V. Kitchin's admirable rendering of the waiter's part in this latter play.

Mr. A. H. J. Knight has promised to read a paper on "Post-War Germany" on July 22nd. Considering the counter-claims of examinations and fine weather, the Society has been creditably active.

## THE PHYSICAL SOCIETY

This term the Physical Society has been able to complete its full tale of meetings. There have been three meetings at which papers have been read.

The first paper, by Mr. G. Stead, of Clare College, Cambridge, was on 'Ionization in Gases.' The paper was 'read,' for Mr. Stead used no notes, in the Physics Laboratory lecture room. Mr. Stead first conducted a most convincing experiment which showed the action of radium in ionizing air. He also showed the fluorescence, due to radium, of a willemite screen, which most of the members of the Society saw for the first time. He then described, with the aid of lantern slides, the methods of investigation and their results. He made special reference to the evidence about atomic structure which ionization phenomena provide. After the conclusion of the lecture the Society retired to Mr. Heckstall-Smith's rooms for discussion.

The second paper, on 'Isotopes,' was read by J. A. Brown. The paper was based on the book by F. W. Aston. The lecturer gave a short history of the knowledge of isotopes and why they were so called. He then explained their formation. He concluded with a brief description of the electrical theory in matter and Aston's mass spectrograph.

The third paper was on 'Photo-micrography' and was read by J. V. Durdan. The paper was illustrated by lantern slides, the majority of which were prepared by the author. The lecturer explained the defects of a microscope and how they were obviated. He demonstrated the almost total lack of spherical aberration in a modern microscope by means of a slide, prepared by himself, showing the lines on a diffraction grating magnified four thousand times. As there are fifteen thousand lines to an inch on a diffraction grating, this was a very satisfactory feat.

G. E. Loxton has been President of the Society, and R. A. Gardiner Secretary.  
R.A.G.

## FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1928

The following Fixtures have been arranged for next term:—

### 1ST XV.

Oct.	6—Old Stoics	Home.
"	13—Rosslyn Park, Extra A	Home.
"	20—London Scottish, Extra A	Home.
"	27—Radley College	Home.
Nov.	3—St. Paul's School	Home.
"	10—Trinity College, Oxford	Home.
"	21—Christ Church, Oxford	Home.
"	24—Oriental College, Oxford	Home.
"	28—Middlesex Hospital	Home.
Dec.	1—Richmond, Extra A	Home.

### 2ND XV.

Oct.	6—Old Stoics	Home.
"	13—Blackheath, Extra B	Home.
"	20—Wellington College, 2nd XV.	Home.

"	31—Radley College, 2nd XV.	Away.
Nov.	3—St. Paul's School, 2nd XV.	Away.
"	8—Harrow School; 2nd XV.	Home.
"	17—London Scottish, Extra B	Home.
Dec.	5—Radley College, 2nd XV.	Home.
"	15—Richmond, B	Home.

### COLTS XV.

Oct.	17—Aston Clinton School	Home.
"	24—Radley College, Colts XV.	Home.
Nov.	8—Harrow School, Colts XV.	Home.
"	17—Radley College, Colts XV.	Away.
"	28—Aston Clinton School	Away.

## CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

### COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Chapel Building Fund (last term)	...	...	...
Early Services (May 6th to July 8th)	13	4	3
Missions to Seamen (May 27th)	12	18	0
Chapel Expenses (June 24th)	15	3	2

### EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Wages	6	10	0
Flowers (estimated)	1	5	0
Wine at Early Services (estimated)	1	4	0

At the end of the term all but a balance of £5 will be paid from this account into Stowe Club Current Expenses.

A.B.C., Hon. Treas.

## SOME NOTES ON THE MUSIC IN CHAPEL

### 1923 - 1928

The first Chapel Service was held on Saturday, May 12th, 1923, at 6.30 p.m. The first hymn sung by the School was No. 481, 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow.' This hymn has since been sung 28 times, up to the time of going to press. For those who are interested in statistics a table follows showing the number of times that the most frequently sung hymns have been given:—

No. 44.	'Abide with me'	..	..	..	..	} 31 times
No. 510.	'Praise, my soul'	..	..	..	..	
No. 588.	'Soldiers of Christ, arise'	..	..	..	..	

No. 481.	'Through the night'	.. .. .	29 times
No. 508.	'Love divine'	.. .. .	28 times
No. 631.	'God is working his purpose out'	.. .. .	27 times
No. 128.	'O God our help'	.. .. .	26 times
No. 194.	'Praise the Lord'	.. .. .	} 25 times
No. 202.	'The King of Love'	.. .. .	
No. 373.	'Lead us, Heavenly Father'	.. .. .	
No. 472.	'Fight the good fight'	.. .. .	

Of course, these (in one or two cases rather surprising) figures afford no real indication of popularity, since several of the best hymns have only been current for a comparatively short time. It was from the first recognised that there were many fine hymn-tunes which were, naturally, unknown to members of the School, and it was chiefly with a view to learning new hymn-tunes that the 'Congregational Practice' was established. At first this was held after morning service on Sundays, lasting for nearly half an hour. It was only in the Christmas Term of 1925, when Mr. Watson's duties as organist of the Parish Church prevented his being able to play the piano for the practices at that time, that the present time of the practices (after evening chapel on Wednesdays and Saturdays for approximately a quarter of an hour) was chosen. Although the change was at the time by no means universally popular, there is no doubt that for many reasons the present system is the better; two shorter periods are essentially more valuable than one longer one; the air at the close of morning service, both in the old Music Room and in the Gymnasium, was never conducive to good singing; and parents who wish to carry their sons off to lunch on Sundays no longer have to wait half an hour after chapel before they are available.

At these practices 74 new hymn-tunes have been learned, of which the first was 'The spacious firmament,' while time has also been spent, of course, on various special difficulties in tunes already known (such as, for example, the sixth line of the Austrian National Hymn, or the end of the third line of 'Holy, Holy, Holy'), and on learning chants and a few descants. The mention of descants raises the question of part-singing. Visitors, and even members of the School, often ask why there is no choir. The main answer is that where there is a choir there is a natural tendency for the congregation to listen to it rather than to sing itself, and that a deterioration in the congregational singing would be catastrophic. Reasonably good church choirs are to be found in most of our towns; a good volume of congregational singing is, even to-day, rare in the South of England. Surely it is better to play cricket oneself, however incompetently, though it be on the Bourbon field, than to spend one's afternoons watching Hearne and Hendren, or even Barratt or Constantine, batting. At one time, up to the Summer of 1924, there was a sort of choir, which 'led' the singing and sang the psalms on Sundays; but that was at a time when it was thought that the pointing of the psalms, even with considerable preparation, much more at sight, was beyond the powers of the School as a whole. Since that time the lie has been effectively given to this view, and there is no doubt that the most impressive feature of our Chapel services of to-day is the singing of the psalms.

It is not to be expected that all the new hymns learnt will have been equally successful; those with more stirring tunes have, naturally, had a better chance of popularity. Probably no two people, besides, would make the same list of the 'ten best hymns'; temperament and taste govern any such selection. The energy with which they are sung is, however, some index of their popularity, and certain hymns at various times have been sung with perceptibly greater heartiness than the rest. 'Abide with me,' 'For all the Saints' (to Vaughan-Williams's tune), 'Round the Lord'

(to the tune 'Hyfrydol'), 'Mine Eyes have seen' (to Martin Shaw's tune), Parry's settings of 'Jerusalem' and 'England,' 'Lift up your hearts,' 'Christian, dost thou see them' (to an anonymous tune emanating from the Royal College of Music, one of the earliest new tunes learnt), Bunyan's 'Pilgrim,' 'O Son of Man' (to the London-derry Air), and Holst's setting of 'I vow to thee, my country,' stand out in the memory of one who has attended most of the Chapel services during the past five years as having had claims at various times to consideration as the best 'show piece' among the hymns; among the psalms No. 90, 'Lord thou hast been our refuge,' has always been indisputably pre-eminent. Not that three or four other psalms have not gone very well too, notably No. 23, 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' No. 24, 'The Earth is the Lord's,' and No. 84, 'O how amiable,' the tenth verse of which can always be depended on to produce a curiously sudden and quite overwhelming burst of sound.

The official School hymn book has been the Church Hymnal, but this was supplemented in the Summer Term of 1927 by a collection known as Cantata Stoica, the first of which, No. 7, 'City of God,' was sung on the evening of May 8th, 1927. In the four terms since the provision of this book 26 of its hymns have been sung. The psalms have been pointed from the old 'Cathedral Psalter,' which, with all its patent errors of judgement, is probably the simplest book for a large congregation to use; exceptionally, the pointing of the Nunc Dimittis, which is sung every week-day, has evolved into an approximation to the rhythm of deliberate speech.

During the first term all services were held in the Cedar Chapel and the singing was accompanied on an upright 'Brinsmead' piano in the gallery. From the Christmas Term of 1923 until the end of the Summer Term of 1924, the services were held in the Music Room, which is now Bruce House-room. The 'Brinsmead' piano, which had been loud enough to accompany 99 voices, was unable, in its normal state, to cope with 200 or more; to strengthen its tone it was 'treated' by Messrs. Nelson & Young, with the result that although it sounded like a band of mandolines and combs it was able to produce enough volume to provide the requisite background. On October 12th, 1924, the first Chapel service was held in the Gymnasium, starting with the hymn, 'Praise the Lord.'

From the beginning it has been customary to have a more or less formal voluntary after the Sunday evening service, for which only those stay who wish to do so. The first one, on May 13th, 1923, was Bach's 'St. Anne' Fugue. The pieces played have almost invariably been acknowledged classics of a simple kind, and many have with full intention recurred term after term, in the probably vain hope that old Stoics may in later years, on chancing to hear one of them again, experience that thrill of recognition which is perhaps one half of a layman's appreciation of music. After October 19th, 1924, it was recognised that the performance of music on the 'toned' 'Brinsmead' must give more pain than pleasure to even the most devoted, and the voluntary was discontinued until March 15th, 1925, when the second-hand 'Buhl' grand piano, on which the Chapel services are still accompanied, made its first appearance. Not unnaturally, this instrument could not for long stand the strain of accompanying 460 voices and at the same time retain the qualities of tone and touch required for even second-rate solo work, and since October 23rd, 1927, the voluntary has been played on the 'Bechstein' Concert Grand piano which was procured in that month.

This bare outline of facts and figures takes no account of various special occasions, solo performances, Christmas Carols, and the like; it has been intended as a sober record of the routine services of the past five years which may conceivably in after time be of interest to students of the School's earliest growth or serve to refresh the memories of men who may recall that they took part in them in the days when they in their turn *scientiam vitae dulcedinis carpebant*.

## WITHOUT MOTIVE

*'Property Sticks'—Northern Farmer.*

The broad acres of Simon Long's farm stretched in a sweeping curve across the brow of a low hill and away into the vale beyond. It was early summer—a dry day—and the wind rose and fell fitfully, so that the green of the young corn constantly changed in tone.

Up the hill, between two fields of wheat, a solitary figure toiled; it was Simon Long, sole owner and inheritor of the soil he walked on. As he progressed there was something listless yet determined in his tread. He reached the top of the hill, paused, regained his breath, and surveyed the property. If you had wondered at the intensity of his gaze, the bitterness in the lines of his mouth, you would have found no explanation until you knew that as soon as the week was out the farm was to be his no more. His father had died when Simon was barely thirty; he had taken on the farm and subsequently married the daughter of a corn-dealer in the market-town nearby. The year after his marriage he had lost his entire crop through bad weather; although by careful management he had made good the loss during the following year, his wife had used the disaster as a means of convincing him of the uncertainty of a farmer's life; so now they were to give up the farm and buy a prosperous business in the town of her birth.

To all this Simon had agreed reluctantly. Deep within him was a passionate but inarticulate attachment to the acres he had worked upon all the days of his life; but as he stood surveying these acres he did not realise the depth of his love. He did not know consciously that it existed. He had little dreamed, when last he had guided the ploughshare over the brow of the hill, that he was to do so no more. The farm had belonged to his family for generations; it was his universe; all his hopes, desires and fears were inseparably bound up with it—and now for the last time he looked upon it with the eye of a proprietor.

A sudden cloud darkened the sun. Simon idly picked up a dry clod from the ground and gripped it in his strong hand till it began to crumble through his fingers; you might have perceived something symbolic in the act. As he did so he became aware of another man climbing the hill towards him. It was the gentleman-farmer who had bought Simon's heritage.

'Good-day,' said the newcomer.

Simon was silent.

'It's such a fine afternoon, I thought I'd come up and look at the property.'

The gentleman-farmer gazed for a few minutes in silence at the fields stretching far into the vale. Once more he turned to Simon.

'It's a fine property,' he said; 'you must be sorry to lose it—and I'm sorry for your sake.'

Simon went on crumbling the clod through his fingers. The gentleman-farmer hesitated.

'You don't seem satisfied,' he began. 'You assured me the price was a good one.'

Simon nodded.

'Well then—' The farmer stopped. 'I'll be going.' He turned, and began to make his way down the hill. The last of the crumbled earth fell from Simon's hand, leaving in it a round stone, heavy and white, the kernel of the clod. Simon glanced down at the stone, then suddenly raised his head to look with passionate, unreasoning hatred at the retreating figure of the gentleman-farmer. His eyes swam. The sun came

out from behind the cloud, and Simon lifted his arm, the stone between his fingers. In the sunlight there was a momentary flash of white.

A notice of the affair appearing in one of the daily newspapers concluded by saying:

'What is most puzzling, however, about this foul and brutal murder is that it appears to have been committed entirely without motive. In the sale of the farm the price was fixed by the murderer himself, upon whom no force whatever was brought to bear. Indeed, he appears to have been treated with exceptional courtesy and consideration by his unfortunate victim. If crimes of this sort continue to be perpetrated in our country-side, in cold blood and in broad daylight, then the man in the street may well begin to fear for his safety.'

ROGER OF BUCKINGHAM.

## CORRESPONDENCE

*To the Editor of the Stoic.*

SIR,

The Pineapple flourishes and is now a very lusty infant indeed. Only one thing is lacking, the regular support of Old Stoics. Messrs. Dixon and Sargent have worked wonders, but they cannot be expected nor indeed would they wish to do everything themselves. An O.S. is in charge every evening and it is hoped that other O.S. will make it a practice to attend at the club on one fixed night a week. In this way not only will they help to carry on a work started by their own school but they will, incidentally, meet contemporaries and continue school friendships. There must be many Stoics leaving this term who are going to live in London and who would be willing to lend a hand on one night a week.

It would be a pity if Stowe's interest in the Pineapple were confined to the financial side.

Yours faithfully,

C. B. JONES.

## LATE NEWS

CRICKET.

The Final House Match, played on July 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, resulted in an easy victory for Chatham by an innings and 126 runs. Winning the toss they went in first on a fast, hard wicket and proceeded with relentless patience to compile a score which made victory morally certain. Carr crowned a successful season with a monumental innings of 205, in which he played just the game that his own capacities and the conditions of the match warranted: he took no risks, and consequently let many opportunities for scoring pass, but he never looked like getting out except when he stole an incredible run with his score at 99. He was in for nearly five hours and a half and watched the ball with the utmost care throughout. Except for the one blemish mentioned his judgement in running between the wickets was quite first-class. For sheer endurance and self control his innings must rank as a great feat.



He received useful support from Rowlett (50), Firth (61), who played beautiful cricket, and Walter (57 not out), each of whom helped in a partnership of over 100. The total reached 503. The Temple bowling was not very formidable, but Howland-Jackson bowled nearly 70 overs without ever becoming loose and Marshall came out with the creditable analysis of 5 for 129. The Temple side bore their long spell of fielding well on the whole, and Levis earned high praise for his wicket keeping. If this innings of Chatham's was a considerable argument in favour of altering the condition of House matches and fixing some form of time-limit, it must not be overlooked that the actual rate of scoring (503 in six hours and a half) was well up to that of an average county match.

The Temple batting on a somewhat worn wicket broke down in face of their opponents' large total and they were all out for 107 (Kemp 6 for 50). When they followed on 9 wickets fell for 144 but G. E. G. Jackson (151 not out) found such a capable partner in Levis (8) that the pair of them put on 106 for the last wicket in an hour and a quarter. Jackson played a fine, free innings, driving with great power, while Levis kept up his end with magnificent sang-froid. Kemp was again the most successful bowler, taking 5 wickets for 107. During the match Sheppard brought off several fine catches.

During the three House Matches that each have taken part in, Carr has made 359 runs in 3 innings and Jackson 404 in 5, being twice not out.

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R. H. G. Carr has been selected to play for the Rest v. the Lords Schools at Lords at the beginning of the holidays.

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#### SWIMMING.

The result of the Elkington Cup Swimming Relay Races was as follows:—

1st	Grenville	27 points
2nd	Chandos	22 "
3rd	Temple	14 "
4th	Chatham	12 "
5th	Cobham	11 "
6th	Bruce	10 "
7th	Grafton	8 "

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#### TO OLD STOICS.

Anyone who wishes to play in the Old Stoic Match against the School on October 6th should communicate before the end of August with

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