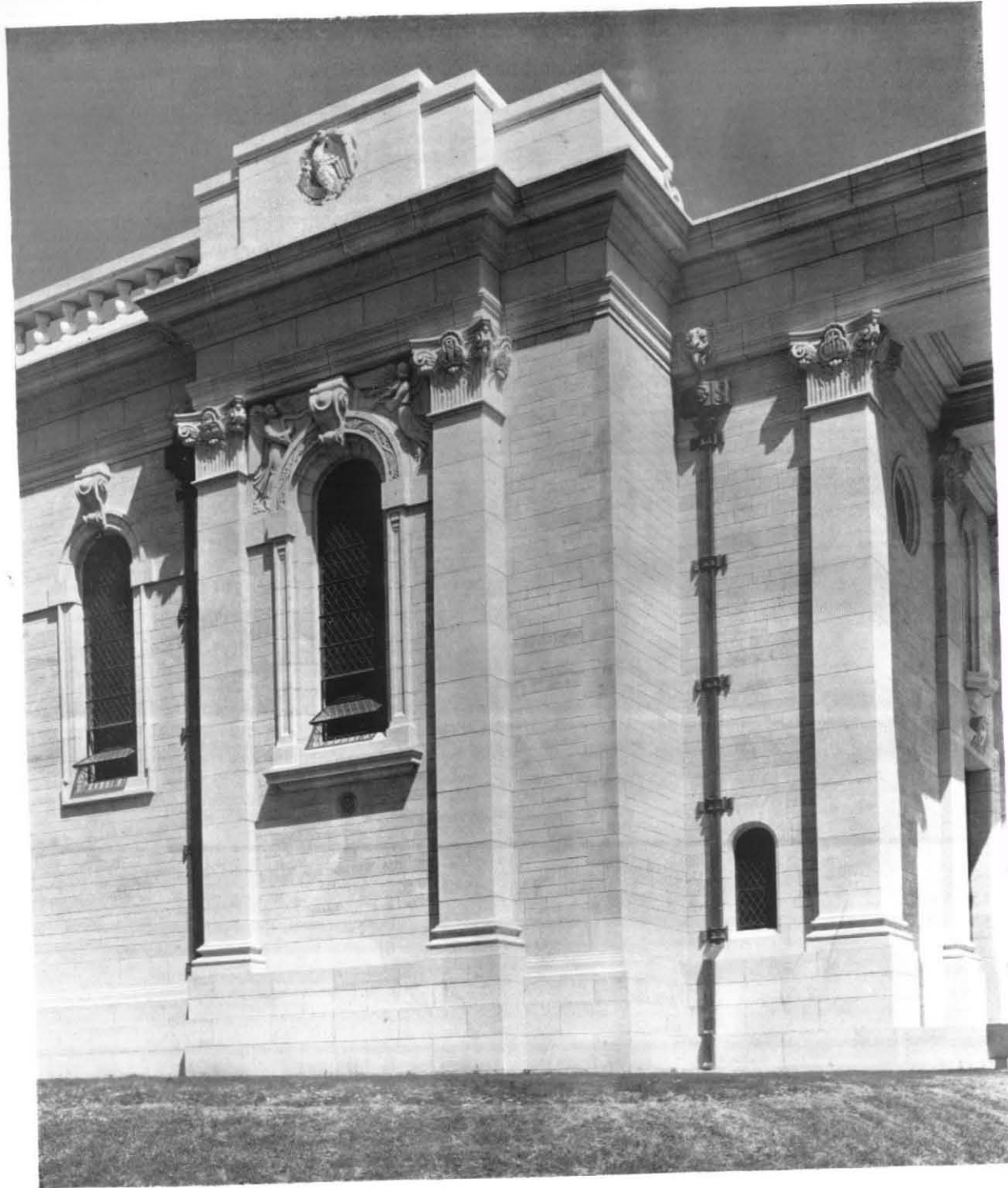


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SPEECH DAY 1930

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Field-Marshal Lord Plumer was the chief speaker at the seventh Speech Day at Stowe School, held on Saturday, July 26th.

Addressing the boys, he dwelt on an obligation which all men had who received a public school education, and that was to render service. Using the Great War as an illustration, he said that if there was one thing that war emphasized more than another it was the complete vindication of our public school system. A French General had said to him, "If it was a question of competitive examinations, perhaps our boys might beat yours, but we have nothing like your public school training." Allies and enemies alike were astonished at the way in which our young men, without military training, came forward and took up tasks and duties of great responsibility. Their forebears, brought up on the same principles, had established our Empire, and those who knew them knew that they would in the same way defend that Empire.

What was the duty of the rising generation towards the Empire? In long-protracted trench warfare men knew that it was not much use capturing a line of posts unless they could make good and ensure it against counter-attacks. The word was "consolidation," and that was now our task. Public school boys could do it if they would qualify for leadership, and that could only be done through service in the most comprehensive sense. He urged boys carefully to consider the claims of the public services before deciding upon their careers, but voluntary service also gave great opportunities for power, influence, and responsibility.

The HEADMASTER (Mr. J. F. Roxburgh) said that the seventh birthday of the school, which had occurred at the beginning of that term, might also be called the Festival of the Thousand. In May they numbered 550 Old Stoics and 450 present Stoics, which meant that just one thousand boys had been, or were, members of the school, and that the centre of gravity was now shifting from the boys who happened to be passing through the school at any given moment to the boys whom it had already launched upon the world. There were now Old Stoics in Argentina, Australia, Canada, Ceylon, China, Columbia, France, Germany, India, Kenya, South Africa, and Spain. Five Old Stoics now held regular commissions in the Army, two in the Navy, and five in the Air Force. Nine were at Sandhurst, or just leaving, and three at Woolwich. Sixty were at Cambridge and 15 at Oxford. This year two had gained First Classes in their Triposes at Cambridge; two had been given special Exhibitions by their Colleges for

good work in their first year ; one was captain of Cambridge lawn tennis ; one flew an aeroplane in the King's Cup Air Race ; one had just been elected president of the Oxford Union ; and one had been awarded the Sword of Honour at Sandhurst.

After referring to scholarships won and to various other successes, Mr. Roxburgh said there were those who thought that the public school idea was doomed. Personally he believed in that school (how could he do otherwise ?), but he believed even more in the idea of which it was an expression, that in such a community, as in no other, it was possible to combine liberty with discipline, independence with loyalty, competition with service, and diversity with unity. He had no doubt, personally, what it was their duty as a new public school to do ; it was to produce men who were workers, who were unselfish, who did not dislike people with ideas of their own or despise people with an unfamiliar pronunciation. They had to learn not only how to give a liberal education—to make the best of all that was in a man—but to give him the knowledge he must have in order to do service in the modern world. Culture was not enough ; efficiency was much less than enough. They had never yet been satisfactorily combined, and it was the business of a new school to see how each might be achieved as a by-product of the other.

A vote of thanks to Lord Plumer was proposed by MAJOR GENERAL SIR FREDERICK ROBB.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, CAPTAIN G. S. C. SWINTON paid a tribute to the memory of Sir Robert Lorimer, whom he described as a great architect but an even greater artist, and congratulated the School on having a Lorimer building for its Chapel.

THE DISCONTENT OF A RUSTIC LIFE

(BEING A CONTRADICTION OF ALEXANDER POPE'S 'SOLITUDE')

The man that slips away from care To a seclusion free from strife Is shirking that which others share— A crowded life.	He, sacrificing mind and brains, Is like a bird too slack to sing : Given the chance of work, remains A useless thing.
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He should not rest in Eden's shade When others labour in the heat ; He thinks that man was only made To live and eat.	In idleness and self-conceit, He grows up vain, illiterate, The boundary of his wild retreat, His garden gate.
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A perfect life he seeks to lead
Where sin and imperfections are.
If earth *was* pure, t'would be indeed
Utopia.

J. R. LAMBTON.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

As a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's Examination in July, 1930, the following were awarded School Certificates :—

C. K. Adamson. B. T. Aikman. D. M. Baker. J. A. F. W. Bampfylde. H. D. Barbour. Q. C. F. Bertram. J. McK. Binney. P. B. Bishop. R. E. Blandford. J. G. V. Bolton. I. M. C. Brady. P. L. C. Brodie. E. Cadogan. K. Cameron. D. Campkin. B. J. A. Cecil. J. L. W. Cheyne. R. H. S. Clouston. R. J. Cornford. N. P. Crookston. D. P. Croom-Johnson. O. P. Croom-Johnson. W. J. Davis. A. A. Dawson. A. S. M. Dickins. O. A. W. Dilke. J. D. B. Doran. D. B. Egerton. H. M. Evans. N. Fisher. A. D. Fisk. E. P. Fletcher. H. Forbes. D. E. Frean. M. L. Gilbert. J. W. Gooddy. F. C. Grant. J. M. Greenwood. H. S. Griffiths. R. N. Hall. J. M. Hamilton. A. J. A. Hanhart,	G. B. Holt. A. R. Hooker. E. V. Hope. J. A. Hotham. J. A. Hunter. D. G. Hutchison. N. C. Irvine. E. V. J. H. Jackson. R. H. Jagger. E. P. R. Jourdain. N. Leadley Brown. H. P. Lee-Warner. L. G. Levis. J. G. Lilley. J. W. T. Lilley. J. E. Linnell. E. Luxmoore. C. S. McCallin. K. O. Mackenzie. M. J. Macoun. C. J. Macpherson. J. McTurk. A. G. Marr. J. W. Maude. D. L. Morgan. H. D. Nelson Smith. G. R. C. Peatfield. G. W. Philpott. P. J. K. Pike. Hon. T. C. F. Prittie. D. C. Riley. K. W. L. Roberts. C. A. Rodewald. A. R. I. Searle. S. J. H. Sherrard. G. B. Smith. J. D. F. Stow. M. J. Taylor. G. S. C. Trench. Hon. G. C. A. Vanneck. R. C. Wertheim. S. S. Williams.
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The Fourth Annual Old Stoic Dinner was held at the Trocadero on December 6th. There were 106 Old Stoics present, and speeches were made by the Headmaster, Major Haworth and Mr. C. D. Harrison.

Grafton beat Bruce in the final of the Tennis House Matches last Term and thus won the cup for the third year in succession.

On October 18th, 1930, in Trinidad, a daughter (Betty Jean) was born to the wife of H. E. Robinson (Temple House 1923-1925).

The Rev. L. W. Grensted, B.D., Professor of Exegesis, Oriel College, Oxford, will deliver a course of Devotional Addresses in Chapel next Term on February 1st, 10th, 17th, 24th. Mr. Grensted was Bampton Lecturer at Oxford last year.

D. N. Deakin and G. F. L. Gilbert passed into Woolwich and T. G. Barrington into Sandhurst at the July Examination.

Mr. Neville is to be congratulated on his picture "Eggerdon Down," which has been hung in the Paris Salon of 1930.

Two Prayer Books, one copy of the Communion Service and one Psalter have been presented to the Chapel by Mrs. Radice. They are the best Oxford Editions printed in the old "Fell" type on hand-made paper. The binding is vellum stained to a blue-green colour, not unlike the marble of the Chancel steps. The School Arms are stamped in gold on the face of each book, but there is no other tooling. The books are a delight to handle as well as to look at.

The South African Association of Public Schools of Great Britain has now formed a Club which will be prepared to welcome, and if necessary advise, Public School men who go to South Africa to take up work there. The address of the Hon. Secretary is H. Mill-Coleman, Esq., P.O. Box 2002, Durban.

Rumour has it that an Old Stoic has a hand in the publication of "Revolt," an "idiotic but innocuous" Oxford weekly, whose first number appeared this term.

Digging on the Bourbon Field was temporarily discontinued soon after half term owing to the bad condition of the Decauville track.

The first two lectures of a series of four on the History of America, which have been provided by the Brooks-Bright foundation, were delivered by Professor R. McElroy (Harold Vyvyan Professor of American History at Oxford) on Friday, October 31st, and Saturday, November 1st.

A lecture on the recent discoveries at Ur was delivered by C. L. Woolley Esq., Litt.D., director of the "joint" expedition to Mesopotamia.

A stone font of Portland stone upon a fumed-oak stand of the same colour as the stalls has been presented in the name of Michael and Martin Neville. It was dedicated by the Rev. R. F. Bale, M.A., R.D., on Saturday, November 15th.

David Gange Wragg was baptized in the Chapel on Sunday, November 16th.

HABERSHON:—On November 22nd, 1930, to Norah (née Dobbs) and Edward Habershon, of Stowe School—a daughter. *From the "Times."*

Four of the new Classrooms which have been built to complete the Vanbrugh block were taken into use at the beginning of December. Plastering work is still going on, however, on the exterior.

The sale of Poppies on November 11th realised £23.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term:—

Oct. 12th.	The Rev. Ernest Scott, Leighton Buzzard.
Oct. 19th.	The Rev. A. J. Tait, Canon of Peterborough.
Nov. 2nd.	The Rev. L. G. Vining, St. Albans, Bristol.
Nov. 23rd.	The Rev. C. S. Morton, Holy Trinity, Cambridge.
Nov. 30th.	Canon Foster Pegg, late Vicar of Battersea.
Dec. 7th.	The Rev. H. H. Coryton, Missions to Seamen.

The following football colours have been awarded during the term :—

Colts.—P. B. Lucas, A. A. Hawker, M. J. Macoun, C. A. LaT. Leatham, R. H. Farmer, P. H. G. Smith, R. I. Mackenzie, K. W. L. Roberts, J. M. N. Pike.

2nd XV.—J. A. Hotham, H. M. Barclay, R. E. Blandford, A. R. P. Ellis, K. Cameron, P. M. Beech, I. R. Græme, A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer, C. T. Crowe, M. L. Gilbert, J. E. L. Corbyn, J. R. Kayll, E. W. Sconce, C. J. Macpherson, H. D. H. Bartlett, L. E. de Neufville, G. J. B. Wright, P. G. Agnew, R. P. Townley.

1st XV.—P. F. Hornsby, H. V. Kemp, R. E. Blandford, W. H. H. Wilberforce, H. M. Barclay, A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer.

THE J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Percy Riess, an annual prize has been founded in memory of J. G. Riess of Grenville House, who was killed in an aeroplane accident on August 31st, 1928. The prize will be called "The J. G. Riess Prize for Modern Languages," and will be awarded each year at the same time as the other Foundation Prizes.

J. G. Riess was the second Old Stoic to join the Royal Air Force, and he is the first Old Stoic who has lost his life in the service of his Country.

OLIM ALUMNI

MR. B. W. DAY, B.A., of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, has been awarded the Bhaonagar Medal.

MR. R. D. KITCHIN was awarded the 2nd Prize in the Summer Sketching Competition at the Slade School.

MR. H. P. CROOM-JOHNSON was awarded "distinction" in both French and German at the Oral Examinations for the Modern Language Tripos at Cambridge.

MR. C. N. M. BLAIR who was gazetted to The Black Watch on August 28th, has been awarded a Scholarship under the scheme for half-yearly awards introduced by the Army Council in 1924.

MR. R. A. GARDINER has been awarded a Cadet Scholarship at the R.M.A., Woolwich.

MR. T. A. G. PRITCHARD has been awarded a Cadet Scholarship at the R.M.C., Sandhurst. He has also been awarded a Rugger Blue.

MR. P. M. ROUSE has been awarded the 1st Prize for Engineering in H.M.S. Erebus.

On August 28th the following Old Stoics were gazetted :—

from Sandhurst,

F. R. ROTHWELL to the 10th Hussars ;

A. D. HENDERSON to the Royal Yorkshire Regt. ;

D. F. CROSTHWAITE to the Durham Light Infantry.

from the Supplementray Reserve,

W. H. C. LUDDINGTON to the East Lincolnshire Regt.

THE WALPOLE LECTURE

On Friday, December 5th, Professor de Selincourt gave the first of the Walpole Lectures. It is intended that a Walpole Lecture shall be delivered once a year on a poet whose works shall have been the subject of study by the Upper School during the Christmas Term. The subject of the Walpole Lecture this year was the poetry of Robert Browning.

Professor de Selincourt selected Browning's views on art and artists as the aspect of his subject that he would deal with. He showed that Browning was a profound critic of painting and music, and that he was a lively interpreter of the works of particular painters. He traced in Browning the peculiar mingling of idealism with realism that permitted him to sympathize alike with the paintings of Fra Lippo Lippi and of Raphael, with the tastes of the sophisticated prior and the untutored monks. The lecture was enriched by the reading of extracts from "Andrea del Sarto," "Saul," "Master Hugues of Saxe-Gotha," and several other poems.

ENTERTAINMENTS

THE CINEMA.

The Cinema has presented a varied programme this term, and it would be difficult to find anyone who did not enjoy one of the films shown. A year ago it was suggested that the films we saw here were too frequently past successes in the public cinemas, and as such could have been seen in the holidays by anyone wishing to see them; and as a future policy it was proposed that more films should be shown of the modern and more thoughtful type, such as satires by H. G. Wells, which are not usually seen in "movie palaces." Since then some steps have been made in the right direction, but we have not progressed far enough. The frankly educational films are, as a rule, intolerably dull and should be replaced by something more interesting.

This term we have seen the following films:—

The Iron Mask. When told one is going to see Douglas Fairbanks as D'Artagnan, one possibly expects to see something so spirited and dashing, that it is easy to be disappointed; and we were disappointed with this film. The plot was a very free adaptation from Dumas, and was fairly sound. But the film seemed to have too few of those moments when "Doug" does the wildly improbable with such ease and grace that, for one magnificent second, one almost believes it could have happened. There was too much "padding" of love-making, court-scenes and so on, so as to make one impatient for the next thrill, and to allow the interest to slacken in the spaces between the "high-spots."

Tembi. Any animal film produced by Mr. Kearton is likely to contain good photography of difficult subjects. Much hard work must have been done to obtain the pictures of shy and elusive creatures that we saw in this film, in addition to the danger encountered while filming the more boisterous members of the jungle; but nevertheless the film was dull. No picture of a rabbit can be as exciting as a real live rabbit, and the apparent tameness of cinema lions leads to boredom in a shorter time than might be expected by those who deal only with the genuine article.

The Cabinet of Dr Caligari, "a tale told by one idiot to another in the asylum garden," as it was announced at the beginning. Indeed we can think of no better description for this fantastic German film, with its rather morbid plot, its crazy, symbolic scenery, and its extraordinarily made-up actors. The whole effect was very weird, and it was difficult to say whether the story was a tragedy or a mock-tragedy. The audience seemed to have chosen the latter and showed their appreciation of the satire with roars of laughter. This film was just about the right length, and the interest was very well maintained right up to the final denouement.

White Shadows of the South Seas, probably the best film we have had this term. The action falls entirely in the islands of the South Pacific, and the superb natural scenery of its setting was well used. The plot is far more interesting than in most films, the acting is good and the photography excellent, the scene on the schooner during the storm being particularly noteworthy. This film had a salutary effect in throwing an unusual light on the activities of white men in uncivilised parts, and in reversing the assumption made in most films on similar subjects, that we are the salt of the earth. It is good for our conceit to be shown the point of view of those whom we oppress, and we only wish that more films would take a similar standpoint.

Bluebottles, a short satire by H. G. Wells on the police-force. Elsa Lanchester was supremely funny in the part of a very bewildered female who assists, all unwittingly, in

the capture of a gang of the most villainous looking crooks and is rewarded for her labours with an extraordinarily dilapidated umbrella from the lost property office. Perhaps the most pleasing incident was that which showed the consequences of blowing a whistle, the last of which were tanks and the Atlantic fleet at full speed to the rescue.

Turksib. This was a Russian film, part educational, part propagandist, showing how the Soviet is spreading civilization to Siberia and Turkestan, and attempting to be impressive with the progress that is being made under the new régime. The photography was very good in parts, but the film as a whole was boring. The continual repetitions of certain pictures, in particular pictures of the mechanical excavators and of the lines of waiting railway trucks, became very tedious.

FRENCH LEAVE.

On Saturday, November 29th, the Cobham Dramatic Society presented "French Leave," by Reginald Berkeley. This was its third annual production and proved a worthy successor to "Tons of Money" and "Bird in Hand." The stage in the gymnasium has been much improved this year, both through the generosity of Major Haworth in presenting the curtains, and by the new lighting arrangements, designed and partly executed by J. Drummond, the stage manager. The complete effect, with adequate scenery made for this particular play, is a great improvement on the amateurish improvisations of former years.

We have grown accustomed to expect good acting from Cobham, and, as usual, were not disappointed. Perhaps the two best members of the cast were the veterans, D. M. Lea and G. A. L. Cheatle. The former played the part of Brigadier-General Archibald Root, C.B., D.S.O., with such skill that it might have been written especially for him, and was, as ever, the foundation of the success of the play. The latter's performance as the Brigade Major and distracted husband was so convincing that we were almost persuaded that he had had practical experience as both!

T. W. Legg, as the heroine, besides looking charming, was exceedingly good in a very difficult part. Between the rest it would be invidious to distinguish since they were all so good, but mention must be made of the performance of N. A. Marjoribanks as M. Jules Marnier, the Brigade Interpreter, which was really excellent. His saluting, if unorthodox, was most impressive, and his tact in Act I all that could have been desired!

The producer, Mr. Channon, certainly deserved the hearty applause he received for providing the school with such a really excellent entertainment. We commiserate with him and with the whole company on their short-lived success, after the immense amount of labour and trouble which they must have spent to turn out such a first-class production.

THE DOVER ROAD.

On Monday, July 28th, Mr. Spencer and a cast composed of masters and matrons presented "The Dover Road," by A. A. Milne, in the Gymnasium. The play was very much enjoyed by the school, and we hope that they will find time to repeat their success in the future.

VARIETY.

On Saturday, November 15th, the Bursar arranged a variety entertainment in aid of the Stowe (village) Church Lighting Fund. Ronald Frankau and three other professionals came from London and, with the assistance of a local amateur tenor, succeeded in giving the school a most enjoyable entertainment, besides enabling the Fund to pay for the lighting installation.

F.O.S.D.

THE CINEMA FUND.

Several improvements have been made this term to the equipment of the cinema and the stage. More up-to-date foot-lights, or 'floats,' are now in position. Although the expenses of these have been met from the Cinema fund the work is almost entirely that of J. Drummond, whose powers as stage electrician are already well known. In addition to this the stage front has been improved and a large chest provided for storing the fine new stage hangings.

The cinema box has been extended to provide space for a second projector and for a separate slide lantern. A new projection lens giving a larger and clearer picture on the screen and a mirror arc giving better light and steadier burning have also been added.

The question of Sound apparatus has been gone into carefully and three firms, two of them British, are preparing specifications and making estimates.

The wireless installation in the Sanatorium is also paid for by the cinema fund and this term a new three-valve 'Ekco' all-mains set has been put in and the wiring in the building overhauled and repaired.

R.H.H.

MORE TENNIS COURTS

AN APPEAL.

THE School has far too few hard Tennis Courts. Good players often cannot get courts at times when they are free to play. Indifferent players often cannot get courts at all—and therefore cannot become good.

The Governors have granted an excellent site (to the North of the Temple of Friendship), the En Tout Cas Company has prepared a plan and an estimate, and work could begin at once if we had the money.

To level the site, put down ten courts, provide "surrounds," nets, a small pavilion and watering apparatus, will cost about £2,200. Towards this we have a promise of £100. The Games Fund will do what it can, but it cannot do much.

Any friend of the School who feels that he would like to help us to carry out this scheme and secure what would be a really fine set of hard courts, should communicate direct with the Headmaster or with Mr. B. T. Wace.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

UP to the time of writing the season has been a fairly successful one. The First XV started with a good nucleus of old colours, especially in the pack, and have proved themselves probably a bit above the average of the school sides of the year. The pack has been definitely good and, in spite of two semi-permanent casualties among the colours, it has fully held its own in all the matches. The part played by the two very capable substitutes should not be overlooked: they have been unlucky not to get their colours this season. The half-back problem settled itself quite suddenly after a few matches. Kemp and Blandford found their form about the same time and, if they cannot be called a great pair, they have at least been a very sound and reliable one.

The three-quarters have been patchy; the wings have run well, but the centres have occasionally failed, particularly in their passing. Cooper, however, has at times done very well and proved himself a match-winning player. Dillon, at full-back, has captained the side very well and has had all his wits about him on the field. His play has, perhaps, been a little more brilliant and a little less sound than it was last year.

The record of matches to date is six won, four lost and one drawn. Of the Schools we beat Harrow, Radley and St. Paul's, and lost to Oundle—a very good side—and Bedford. The matches with the Oxford and the Club sides ended with honours easy, but, curiously enough, we have never yet managed to beat Oriol.

The Seconds have done quite well. They beat Wellington, Harrow, and St. Paul's, but lost to Radley. Unfortunately illness prevented the return match against Radley, at Stowe.

The Colts have had two wins, a loss and a draw. There is some good material coming on there, while there are, too, some very promising players in the more junior clubs.

The outlook for next season is rather uncertain. Practically all the first fifteen and many of the second will have left. There will, therefore, be many vacancies in First Club. The House matches next term will give an opportunity to many comparatively undistinguished people to play themselves into prominence.

The Leagues were won by Bruce, who got a flying start and made themselves safe before the last round. Chandos started badly but finished strongly, beating Bruce in their last match and pulling themselves up to within three points of the winners. Bruce in their 'A' matches scored 107 points to 39 and in their 'B' matches 94 points to 40. The attached table shows the full results. An 'A' win counts six points, a 'B' win four.

	Matches.				Points.		Total.
	Won.		Drawn.		'A'	'B'	
	'A'	'B'	'A'	'B'			
Bruce	4	4	1	0	27	16	43
Chandos.....	4	4	0	0	24	16	40
Grafton	5	1	0	0	30	4	34
Cobham	3	3	0	0	18	12	30
Temple	3	1	1	0	21	4	25
Chatham	1	3	0	1	6	14	20
Grenville	0	4	0	1	0	18	18

THE SCHOOL v. OLD STOICS.

Played at Stowe on October 4th, the School winning by one goal and three tries (14 points) to one goal and two tries (11 points).

The Old Stoics had a heavy pack, and outside the scrum they combined well for a scratch side. Their forwards dominated the game in the first half and the backs were constantly on the move. The School play in this period was ragged forward and hesitating behind. In addition the tackling failed at times. Wolfe, Dillon (late in) and G. D. Watson got over and, with the last-named converting his own try, the Old Stoics led 11-0 at half-time.

In the second half the School side went much harder and began to keep the game down at the Old Stoics' end of the field. The forwards were now getting more of the ball and a steady pressure was kept up. The first two tries were scored by Clouston in forward rushes and then Crowe got over from a scrum close in. The School were still two points behind, when, five minutes from no-side, Kemp broke clean through and running right up to Sutherland at full-back gave Allen, who was up, a perfect scoring pass. Allen converted his own try and then in the last three or four minutes the Old Stoics led by Dashwood made desperate efforts to get over. The School line was cleared, Dillon punting far down field; Sutherland however, fielded the kick and set up another attack. Sherwood made a dash on the left wing, but was well tackled, and soon the whistle went for no-side.

Teams:—*The School*: P. P. L. Dillon; W. H. H. Wilberforce, J. A. Hotham, J. S. P. C. Cooper, C. E. Salamon; H. V. Kemp, C. T. Crowe; E. R. Allen, I. W. Macpherson, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. S. Clouston, P. F. Hornsby, H. M. Barclay, P. M. Beech, A. R. P. Ellis.

Old Stoics: M. A. R. Sutherland; J. C. Charters, M. L. Dillon, F. W. B. Charles, P. L. Sherwood; B. Kelley, G. M. Wolfe; J. A. Dashwood, S. Freeman, G. D. Watson, J. R. Watson, G. W. Hart, D. S. Bramley, J. A. Fraser, G. S. L. Burroughes.

THE SCHOOL v. ROSSLYN PARK A.

Played at Stowe on October 11th, the School winning by four goals, one penalty goal and one try (26 points) to two goals and two tries (16 points).

The School showed rather better form in this match. The packing and the shoving of the forwards were good, but the heeling was dreadfully slow at times. As a result, Crowe had a difficult job getting the ball away. He played hard, but he was rather

slow with his passing out from the scrum. Kemp, too, was slow, both in getting up on his man and in starting an attack, but he did cut through once at least very well indeed and gave Allen a scoring pass. Dillon had shortly before dropped a beautiful penalty goal from near midfield and the conversion of Allen's try by Macpherson made the scores level at 8 points all. Before half-time Hotham and Cooper both scored for Macpherson to convert and at the interval we led 18-8.

Play was very slack at the beginning of the second half, the centres being chiefly to blame, and the passing was muddled and hesitating. Rosslyn Park scored twice, one of the tries being converted, and the lead was reduced to two points. The School then played up better and Wilberforce ran well to get over far out on the right. Five minutes from the end Hotham cut through and scored beneath the posts for Kemp to convert. That made the game safe and the School had no difficulty in keeping their ten point lead to the end.

Team:—P. P. L. Dillon; W. H. H. Wilberforce, J. A. Hotham, J. S. P. C. Cooper, C. E. Salamon; H. V. Kemp, C. T. Crowe; E. R. Allen, I. W. Macpherson, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. S. Clouston, P. F. Hornsby, H. M. Barclay, A. R. P. Ellis, A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer.

THE SCHOOL v. LONDON SCOTTISH A.

Played at Stowe on October 18th, London Scottish winning by one goal, one penalty goal and two tries (14 points) to one penalty goal and one try (6 points).

The School were without Lorimer and Cooper, and Macpherson went to centre three-quarter.

Poor tackling and marking allowed the Scottish to develop a number of dangerous attacks in the first half and their outsides ran well. The School forwards were good in the tight, but generally did not go hard enough in the loose. Good dribbling by their opponents often gained much ground. The School halves and three-quarters were slow and ineffective and never looked at all dangerous.

At the end of the first half the score was 11-3 against the School, our score being a good penalty goal kicked by Macpherson from long range just before the interval. In the second half the play was much keener and the School side all went harder. For the last fifteen minutes the game was almost all in Scottish territory. One try was scored by each side in this half, Salamon getting over for the School far out on the left. Dillon, at full-back, played a fine game, his kicking being long and for the most part accurate.

Team:—P. P. L. Dillon; W. H. H. Wilberforce, J. A. Hotham, I. W. Macpherson, C. E. Salmon; H. V. Kemp, C. T. Crowe; E. R. Allen, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. S. Clouston, P. F. Hornsby, H. M. Barclay, A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer, P. M. Beech, R. P. Townley.

THE SCHOOL v. ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on October 22nd, Oriel winning by two goals and two tries (16 points) to one goal and one try (8 points).

The School were four short of their full side for this match and did perhaps well enough, but it did not seem to be beyond their powers to win, and so the result was just a little disappointing.

The pack did quite well and got a good share of the ball, although towards the end Oriel were heeling pretty regularly from the loose scrums. The half-back play was markedly better, but the three-quarters were ineffective. The centres were slow in

starting and either failed to pass out or ran their wings too near to the touchline. Dillon kicked beautifully at full-back.

Oriel scored first and then we got ahead. Kemp cut through very well and ran nearly to the line. The ball went loose and Clouston picked up and went over for Macpherson to convert. Oriel scored again and led 6-5 at half-time.

In the second half Oriel had the better of matters and constantly looked dangerous. Our attacks on the other hand were rather spasmodic. From a kick-ahead by Kemp, Barclay dribbled on and in the race for the ball got the touch-down. Macpherson's kick was a poor one. Oriel in this half scored two tries, both of which were converted, and ran out fairly comfortable winners.

Team :—P. P. L. Dillon ; W. H. H. Wilberforce, J. A. Hotham, H. D. H. Bartlett, C. E. Salamon ; H. V. Kemp, R. E. Blandford ; E. R. Allen, I. W. Macpherson, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. S. Clouston, H. M. Barclay, P. M. Beech, J. E. L. Corbyn, K. Cameron.

THE SCHOOL *v.* TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on October 25th, the result being a draw with a score of one goal and two tries (11 points) all.

The School were six short of the regular team and did very well to draw with a reasonably good College side. The game was very fast and full of interest, first one side and then the other keeping up a period of sustained attack. There was comparatively little of the nondescript midfield play, which is so common and so wearisome to the spectator.

The School went off with a rush, and several good dribbling movements by the pack resulted in two well earned tries, Allen and Beech being the scorers. Trinity then attacked and scored twice in the left corner, once after a passing movement and once from a pick up in the loose by a forward. At half-time the score was 6-6.

In the second half play was again very keen. A rash drop-out on the open side from our twenty-five sent the ball straight to the Trinity right wing, who ran strongly and gave a scoring pass to a forward who was backing up well. This try was converted. Five minutes from time Salamon, seeing the ball go loose among the Trinity backs, moved across the field and picking up smartly ran clean away from the defence on the right wing and touched down behind the posts. Macpherson kept his eye on the ball and made the scores level. Just before no-side, Gilbert might possibly have scored, if he had held a pass, but a draw was probably the fairest result of a very good match.

Team :—W. H. H. Wilberforce ; M. L. Gilbert, J. A. Hotham, I. R. Græme, C. E. Salamon ; E. W. Sconce, R. E. Blandford ; E. R. Allen, I. W. Macpherson, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. S. Clouston, H. M. Barclay, A. R. P. Ellis, P. M. Beech, K. Cameron.

THE SCHOOL *v.* HARROW SCHOOL.

Played at Harrow on November 1st, the School winning by one goal and three tries (14 points) to one try (3 points).

The School started well and took the offensive at once. Several strong attacks were set up and during one of these Græme broke through and passed to Wilberforce. The latter ran for the line and just got over in the corner. A little later good play on the left wing sent Salamon away and he ran well round before touching down. Macpherson converted. Harrow woke up somewhat after this and got a fair share of the ball. Weak tackling let them through and their right wing scored a try, which was not

converted. Stowe attacked again and a good round of passing sent Wilberforce off again. He ran very well and outstripped the defence to score far out on the right. And so we led 11-3 at the interval.

In the second half Harrow had the misfortune to lose two men, who were rather badly injured, but their six forwards played splendidly and fully held their own with the Stowe eight. Harrow had the better of this half but our three-quarters often looked dangerous, and from one attack Salamon scored after a passing movement with Kemp. Harrow nearly scored from a penalty, the ball hitting the post, and although they pressed us considerably towards the end, they were unable to get over.

The honours of the day lay with the halves and the wings. The centres ran well and also cut through effectively, but Cooper was inclined to hold on too long. Dillon had rather an off-day at full-back. The forwards were less effective than usual, probably because they played just as well as their opponents allowed them to. The Harrow forwards dribbled and rushed splendidly, but their backs were distinctly inferior to ours.

Team :—P. P. L. Dillon ; W. H. H. Wilberforce, I. R. Græme, J. S. P. C. Cooper, C. E. Salamon ; H. V. Kemp, R. E. Blandford ; E. R. Allen, I. W. Macpherson, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. S. Clouston, H. M. Barclay, A. R. P. Ellis, A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer, K. Cameron.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on November 8th, the School winning by three goals and three tries (24 points) to three goals and one penalty goal (18 points).

The School started well and were quickly eight points up. The first try came from a kick ahead and good follow-up by Barclay. The ball bounced badly for the defence and Barclay got the touch-down. Macpherson converted. Salamon then picked up smartly on the left and went over far out. St. Paul's then took up the attack and before half-time put on thirteen points—two converted tries and a penalty goal.

In the second half the School forwards woke up and went really hard. Their rushing was excellent and they gave their opponents some anxious moments. St. Paul's were a little unlucky over the next try scored against them, as there was some doubt of the ball's being in the scrummage, but Salamon, who dashed over, must at least be given the credit of being wide enough awake to "play to the whistle." A rash kick off on the open side after this try gave Wilberforce a chance. He might well have picked up, but he did in fact manage to kick clear ahead up the right wing. He kept the ball going with his feet and Græme, backing up well, got the touch-down. That put us a point ahead and soon afterwards Salamon got away on the left. He was brought down, but gave a good pass to Cooper as he fell and the latter had a clear run in ; Macpherson converted. St. Paul's now fought back well and their fly-half slipped over from a scrum near the line for a try, which was again converted. With one point only between the teams the play became very fast and exciting and the spectators were worked up to an unwonted enthusiasm. Only a few minutes were left and the School wisely continued to attack as hard as possible. Play went to the St. Paul's end and Blandford slipped over for the final try, which Macpherson converted.

The game was always fast and interesting. The forwards were splendid, especially in the second half. Of the backs, Dillon gave a sound display and Kemp played his best game of the term. There was a weakness at times in the centre, but the wings ran

strongly. Altogether it was one of the best matches seen on the Stowe ground.

Team :—P. P. L. Dillon ; W. H. H. Wilberforce, I. R. Græme, J. S. P. C. Cooper, C. E. Salamon ; H. V. Kemp, R. E. Blandford ; E. R. Allen, I. W. Macpherson, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. S. Clouston, H. M. Barclay, A. R. P. Ellis, A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer, K. Cameron.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RADLEY COLLEGE.

Played at Stowe on November 15th, the School winning by one goal and nine tries (32 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

The match rather lacked excitement, as the School soon established a definite superiority over their opponents. Radley were an inexperienced side, but even allowing for that, it must be admitted that the School played rather well. The forwards were going great guns in the loose and some of their rushes were very difficult to stop. The Radley falling was, however, excellent. The backs, who got plenty of chances, handled the very wet ball astonishingly well. Cooper ran very strongly, but he has still a weakness, in that he is apt to slow up before giving a pass.

Cooper scored the first try and soon after Radley equalized by means of a good penalty goal. The School then went ahead with tries by Salamon, Cooper, Wilberforce and Hotham, and we led 17-3 at half-time.

Blandford opened the scoring in the second half and then came further tries by Cooper, Barclay, Hotham and finally Blandford. Most of the place-kicks were from far out and the wet ball almost completely defeated the kickers. Kemp successfully converted the third try of the match from a position right in front of goal. Just before no-side Radley had a chance to score again from a penalty in front of the posts and close in, but the ball hit the cross-bar.

Mr. B. S. Cumberlege refereed the match excellently.

Team :—P. P. L. Dillon ; W. H. H. Wilberforce, J. A. Hotham, J. S. P. C. Cooper, C. E. Salamon ; H. V. Kemp, R. E. Blandford ; E. R. Allen, I. W. Macpherson, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. S. Clouston, H. M. Barclay, A. R. P. Ellis, A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer, K. Cameron.

THE SCHOOL *v.* MR. S. DOUGLAS'S XV.

Played at Stowe on November 22nd, the School winning by two goals and three tries (19 points) to one try (3 points).

Mr. Douglas, of the Dragon School, Oxford, kindly brought over a side to play the School, as the Christ Church fixture had fallen through.

Playing with the wind and sun the scratch side scored in the first few minutes of the game and for the remainder of the first half held the School well. During this period Salamon scored an unconverted try for the School.

In the second half the School were definitely superior to their opponents and tries were scored by Cooper (three), who again ran strongly, and by Cameron. Kemp converted two of the tries. Dillon at full-back kicked splendidly, his touch-finding against the wind with a heavy ball being especially good.

Team :—P. P. L. Dillon ; M. L. Gilbert, J. A. Hotham, J. S. P. C. Cooper, C. E. Salamon ; H. V. Kemp, R. E. Blandford ; M. Lorimer, E. R. Allen, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. S. Clouston, H. M. Barclay, A. R. P. Ellis, A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer, K. Cameron.

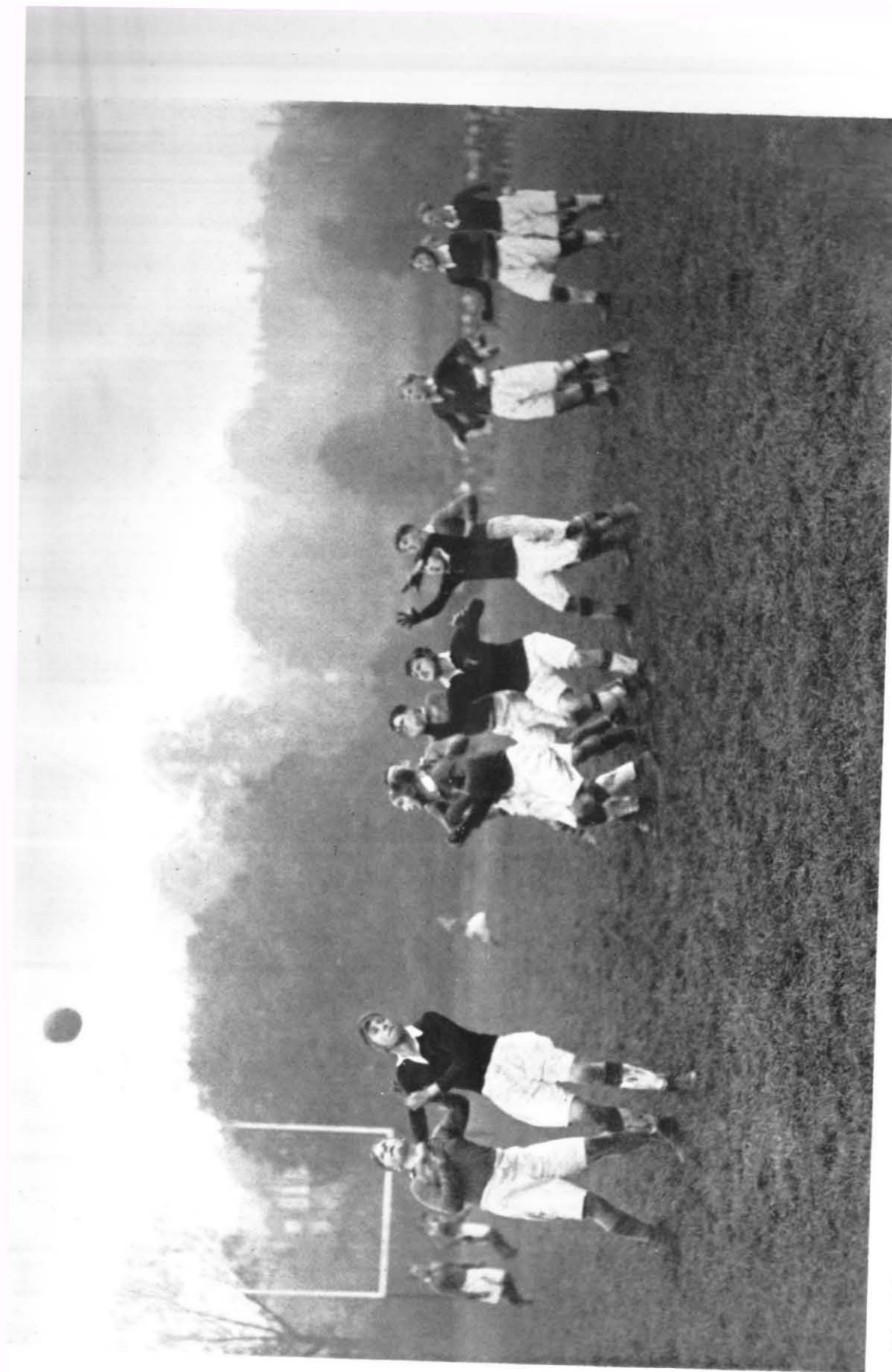


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STOWE *v.* HARROW

[Hills & Saunders.



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STOWE V. ROSSLYN PARK A

[P. D. Ward.



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STOWE V. LONDON SCOTTISH A

[P. D. Ward.

THE SCHOOL v. OUNDLE SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on December 3rd, Oundle winning by one goal and four tries (17 points) to one try (3 points).

It may reasonably be said that the score does not truly represent the run of the play, and, with no attempt to explain away a defeat, that with a little luck and with a little better play on our side we might even have saved the game. There was, however, no element of luck about any of the Oundle tries and they certainly deserved to win, chiefly in virtue of the magnificent running of Fyfe, their left wing three-quarter back.

The course of the game went thus: two early tries to Oundle scored by Fyfe, in the making of which he completely beat our defence by his pace and swerve; then a long period of fast and even play, in which first one side and then the other attacked. During this period Salamon scored for us after an intercept and quick break through by Cooper. The score stood at 6-3 at half-time and continued to do so till ten minutes from no-side. Up to this point we should certainly have scored once more and possibly twice, while Oundle missed no very obvious chances. Then came the decisive try of the match, when the Oundle left centre cut through beautifully and scored far out on the right. Oundle were now, practically speaking, safe and for the remaining minutes of the match, during which Fyfe scored two brilliant tries, they played with great confidence. Little blame can be attached to the Stowe side for not stopping these, for they were very fine tries indeed, but the addition of eleven points in the last ten minutes made a vast difference to the look of the score sheet.

The School forwards fully held their own in the tight and were superior in the loose rushes. Of the backs Kemp and Dillon played best. The game was played at a great pace throughout and the extra speed and cleverness of the Oundle backs as a whole, and of Fyfe in particular, just turned the scale.

Team:—P. P. L. Dillon; W. H. H. Wilberforce, J. A. Hotham, J. S. P. C. Cooper, C. E. Salamon; H. V. Kemp, R. E. Blandford; M. Lorimer, E. R. Allen, I. W. Macpherson, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. S. Clouston, H. M. Barclay, A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer, K. Cameron.

THE SECOND XV v. BLACKHEATH B.

Played at Stowe on October 11th, Blackheath winning by two goals and six tries (28 points) to one penalty goal and two tries (9 points).

Blackheath were exceptionally fast outside the scrum for a B side and outpaced the School backs rather easily. The School forwards were good in the loose, but in the line-out they were poor and seldom got the ball back cleanly.

At half-time the score was 17-3, Beech having scored a try for the School. The second half was more even. Josselyn scored a try and Macpherson kicked a penalty goal.

Team:—I. A. H. Stewart; M. L. Gilbert, I. R. Græme, H. E. Josselyn, G. J. B. Wright; R. L. Blackstone, W. E. D. Moore; C. J. Macpherson, P. M. Beech, J. E. L. Corbyn, K. Cameron, A. R. I. Searle, J. R. Kayll, R. P. Townley, P. G. Agnew.

THE SECOND XV v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on October 18th, the Second XV winning by one goal and two tries (11 points) to one goal (5 points).

Wellington scored first, but before half-time the School scored an unconverted try. In the second half Durlacher scored two tries, the first of which was converted by Macpherson.

Our forwards, of whom Corbyn was the best, got the ball well in the tight and heeled repeatedly, but the running of the three-quarters was not very effective. The Wellington tackling was good and kept our backs well in check. Sconce played a good game at fly-half.

Team :—I. A. H. Stewart ; M. L. Gilbert, I. R. Græme, H. E. Josselyn, G. J. B. Wright ; E. W. Sconce, W. E. D. Moore ; C. J. Macpherson, L. E. de Neufville, J. S. Durlacher, K. Cameron, A. R. I. Searle, J. R. Kayll, P. G. Agnew, J. E. L. Corbyn.

THE SECOND XV v. RADLEY COLLEGE SECOND XV.

Played at Radley on October 25th, Radley winning by one goal and six tries (23 points) to one try (3 points).

The conditions for this match were very poor, the ground and the ball being greasy and a stormy cross-wind making good football difficult. The Radley pack got the ball away better from the scrums and their three-quarters attacked frequently. At half-time the score was 9-0 against Stowe and in spite of good tackling by Stewart, Crowe and Bartlett, Radley scored four more tries in the second half. The solitary try for the School was scored by Wright.

Team :—I. A. H. Stewart ; N. Forbes, H. E. Josselyn, H. D. H. Bartlett, G. J. B. Wright ; C. T. Crowe, W. E. D. Moore ; C. J. Macpherson, L. E. de Neufville, J. S. Durlacher, P. G. Agnew, G. W. Philpott, J. R. Kayll, R. P. Townley, J. E. L. Corbyn.

THE SECOND XV v. HARROW SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on November 1st, the Second XV winning by three tries (9 points) to one goal (5 points).

Stowe were the better side and had more of the game. The forwards, among whom de Neufville was prominent, heeled well and gave the backs plenty of chances. The three-quarters were slow, however, in getting under way and the first half finished with no scoring.

In the second half Hotham, who played well throughout, cut through and kicking ahead got the touch-down. Crowe scored after a scramble and Gilbert, getting a chance, went hard for the corner and got over. Harrow scored just before no-side.

Stewart played a very sound game at full-back.

Team :—I. A. H. Stewart ; M. L. Gilbert, J. A. Hotham, H. E. Josselyn, G. J. B. Wright ; E. W. Sconce, C. T. Crowe ; C. J. Macpherson, P. M. Beech, L. E. de Neufville, A. R. I. Searle, P. G. Agnew, J. R. Kayll, R. P. Townley, J. E. L. Corbyn.

THE SECOND XV. v. ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL SECOND XV.

Played at St. Paul's on November 8th, the Second XV winning by two goals and one try (13 points) to one penalty goal and one try (6 points).

The Second XV showed very good form in this match, their handling of a wet ball being of a high standard. Crowe, who played a very good game throughout, scored the first try, which Macpherson converted. Bartlett, who ran better in this match than previously, scored the second, and with St. Paul's getting an unconverted try, we led 8-3 at half-time. In the second half we kept the upper hand and Sconce scored for Macpherson to convert, while St. Paul's kicked a penalty goal. Kayll and Beech were the best of the forwards.

Team :—I. A. H. Stewart ; M. L. Gilbert, J. A. Hotham, H. D. H. Bartlett, H. E. Josselyn ; E. W. Sconce, C. T. Crowe ; C. J. Macpherson, P. M. Beech, L. E. de Neufville, A. R. I. Searle, P. G. Agnew, J. R. Kayll, R. P. Townley, J. E. L. Corbyn.

THE SECOND XV. v. LONDON SCOTTISH B.

Played at Stowe on November 15th, the result being a draw with a score of one try (3 points) all.

The day was very wet and the game was almost entirely a forward one. The School forwards, of whom Macpherson and Searle were the best, held the heavier Scottish pack very well.

The London Scottish scored first from a forward rush and soon afterwards Stowe equalised, Forbes scoring far out after a good three-quarter movement. In the second half there was no scoring. Josselyn was the most effective of the School backs in attack.

Team :—I. A. H. Stewart ; M. L. Gilbert, H. D. H. Bartlett, H. E. Josselyn, N. Forbes ; E. W. Sconce, C. T. Crowe ; C. J. Macpherson, P. M. Beech, L. E. de Neufville, A. R. I. Searle, P. G. Agnew, J. E. L. Corbyn, R. P. Townley, J. R. Kayll.

THE COLTS v. HARROW SCHOOL COLTS.

Played at Stowe on November 1st, our Colts winning by three tries (9 points) to nil.

Tries were scored in the first half by Mackenzie and in the second half by Mallett and Lucas. Hawker tackled very well at full back and Lucas showed good form in handling the ball.

Team :—A. A. Hawker ; A. H. Salamon, A. E. de la T. Mallett, P. H. G. Smith, A. W. Genth ; P. B. Lucas, R. I. Mackenzie ; R. H. Farmer, J. M. N. Pike, K. E. Godbold, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, K. W. L. Roberts, M. J. Macoun, P. E. C. Hayman, D. M. Watson.

THE COLTS v. RADLEY COLTS.

Played at Stowe on November 12th, the result being a draw with a score of two tries (6 points) all.

Stowe scored in the first half through Salamon and Barrington and led 6-3 at the interval. In the second half Radley pressed and scored an equalizing try.

Team :—A. A. Hawker ; A. H. Salamon, A. E. de la T. Mallett, P. H. G. Smith, G. F. Barrington ; P. B. Lucas, R. I. Mackenzie ; R. H. Farmer, J. M. N. Pike, C. A. La T. Leatham, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, K. W. L. Roberts, M. J. Macoun, P. E. C. Hayman, D. M. Watson.

THE COLTS v. ST. EDWARD'S COLTS.

Played at Stowe on November 22nd, the Colts winning by two tries (6 points) to one try (3 points).

The score at half-time was one try all, Smith having scored for Stowe. In the second half Smith ran over again for the winning try.

Team :—A. A. Hawker ; A. H. Salamon, G. E. T. Brown, P. H. G. Smith, A. T. Bardwell ; P. B. Lucas, R. I. Mackenzie ; R. H. Farmer, J. M. N. Pike, C. A. La T. Leatham, G. W. Emrys-Roberts, K. W. L. Roberts, M. J. Macoun, P. E. C. Hayman, D. M. Watson.

O.T.C. NOTES

THE strength of the contingent, including 107 recruits enrolled this term, is as follows:—
Bruce, 37; Temple, 52; Grenville, 50; Chandos, 61; Cobham, 39; Chatham, 38; Grafton, 40. Total, 317.

The following promotions have been made:—

To *Sergeant*: Corporals E. R. Allen, I. A. H. Stewart, D. G. Hughes, I. R. Græme, H. E. Hope, T. H. Clarke, C. E. Salamon, H. V. Kemp.

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals W. J. Davis, P. M. Beech, Hon. H. D. G. Prittie, J. D. B. Doran, A. R. I. Searle, F. O. S. Dobell, M. F. Parker, C. T. Crowe, J. E. D. im Thurn, D. M. Lea, D. C. Powell, N. P. Crookston, W. E. D. Moore, A. G. H. Marr, P. A. J. G. Graham.

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: P. D. Ward, N. H. Bennett, L. G. Levis, H. E. Josselyn, B. T. Aikman, G. V. Rouse, R. T. Basset, J. M. Dennis, P. G. Agnew, A. R. F. B. Brett, J. S. Durlacher, N. A. Majoribanks, J. L. Ashton, H. D. Nelson Smith, H. P. Lee-Warner.

41 Candidates were examined in Part I (Practical) of Certificate 'A' on October 24th. 37 passed.

The Contingent, less recruits, took part in a Field Day on November 18th on the high ground between Wendover and Princes Risborough. The scheme consisted of a delaying action by Stowe against an attacking force (Eton).

The Contingent travelled by road and transport troubles were the cause of the operations not proceeding entirely according to plan. However, everyone had arrived and been pushed into the fight before the 'Cease Fire' sounded.

CAMP 1930.

Five Officers and one hundred and twenty-three cadets attended camp at Tidworth Pennings from July 29th to August 6th. The rainfall during this period was distinctly above the average but we were fortunate in that it almost always fell when we were in the lines and therefore we avoided getting soaked when out on the training areas.

The programme of training was on normal lines and there were several useful demonstrations.

The Drill Demonstration, by a squad of Sandhurst cadets, was of particular interest as the squad was drilled by Senior Under Officer C. N. M. Blair (O.S.).

CAMP RECOLLECTIONS.

The camp this year was back at Tidworth Pennings again, and we arrived there in pouring rain to face the tasks of allotting tents, drawing blankets, filling palliasses, and so on. The rain continued intermittently for the rest of the week, and, by the time we left, the main avenues had become nearly ankle deep in mud. As the camp is set on a

hillside it was not easy to progress up one of these avenues, and it was difficult to stop coming down, especially if one was in rather a hurry and had got up speed.

All the same camp is always very amusing, and the rain did us one good turn in forcing the kits to be put inside the tents, instead of outside, for the inspection by the Brigadier on Sunday, and thus saved a good deal of cleaning, since dirty brass inside a tent is scarcely visible to a not-very-interested and in-a-hurry-for-lunch Camp Commandant.

On Sunday we entered for the Sports, sending in a team for the mile relay, consisting of H. E. Hope, C. E. Salamon, P. L. Sherwood and R. T. Basset; we were second to Cheltenham in our heat.

On the night before the end of camp most of us went to the Tidworth Tattoo, and occupied front row seats that did not belong us. By a miracle it was not raining, though it made up for the deficiency as soon as the tattoo was over, and the whole show went off very well. Massed bands, which are always rather fine, and the ever-popular motor-cyclists were there once more, which made the march there and back well worth while, in spite of the fact that we only got to sleep at about 2 a.m. and had to "rouse up" at 5 a.m. (in pouring rain) to clear up the camp before our departure.

F.O.S.D.

THE STOWE CLUB

(From our Pineapple Correspondents.)

Dear Sir,

The Summer Camp was, as usual, a great success. Several Stoics and Old Stoics gave valuable assistance to the Warden and Mr. Thompson in helping to look after the boys. Incidentally, the car of the former and the socks of the latter provided the theme for a popular parody of "Over the Garden Wall." It is an interesting sidelight on the mind of the London boy that the whole party walked the six miles to Buckingham and back to visit the Cinema on Saturday night, and walking is usually not a popular pastime.

At the end of October, business ties compelled Mr. Pitt to relinquish his duties as Warden; he had been with us for over a year and we were all very sorry to see him go. His place has, however, been admirably filled by Capt. C. R. Lucas, the former manager of St. Andrew's, one of the biggest boys' clubs in Westminster. We must add a word of thanks to Mr. Thompson, who has acted as Vice-Warden for the past four months. He gave unsparingly of both time and energy to the boys, and, when business called him away from London, he delayed his departure for three weeks simply to help the Club over the difficult transition period caused by the change of Wardens.

The six teams into which the Club is divided are now called after the Houses at Stowe. There is at present in progress a Club Tournament in draughts, billiards and ping-pong. A watch and two medals as individual prizes have been presented and the team which scores the most points is to receive a cup. It is gratifying to see the improvement in the standard of ping-pong, and both tables are nowadays in constant demand.

This winter, thanks to the energy of Captain Lucas, the Club is running two football teams and they have so far met with considerable success. Running, too, is becoming very popular and this we owe largely to our visitors from Stowe on Wednesday nights. In a recent match against St. Andrews, one of our boys ran last year's winner of the Federation Cup to a very close finish.

Boxing under Mr. Gray and his son on Tuesdays and "Mr. Mac's" gym classes on Thursdays continue as usual, and boxing is now steadily increasing in popularity.

The visit to Stowe on November 15th was thoroughly enjoyed. Our first team drew with the School, while the second won 5-2. Tea and the Cinema served to complete what one member of the Club aptly described as the best four shillings' worth in the United Kingdom.

Once again we should like to express our thanks to Mrs. Lilley for her continual kindness to the Club. It does not end with the Canteen on Friday evenings; she is never tired of helping us and, at Christmas, is taking all the boys to the theatre. Miss Lilley's services, too, have been greatly appreciated and our congratulations to her on her marriage are mixed with regret that she will no longer be in London.

Two of the most regular Old Stoic helpers at the Club, Jones and Cook, have gone abroad. As a result, during most of the summer, only three Old Stoics have been coming every week. In the past month, however, several more have appeared and we feel sure that they have not been disappointed by the condition in which they found the Club. Incidentally, should anyone feel inclined to follow their example, we may mention that there is free garage accommodation attached to the Club, and that Mrs. Knight's dinners are as good a one-and-sixpence worth as can be found anywhere in London.

Yours faithfully,

G. S. PICK.

S. J. L. TAYLOR.

SUMMER CAMP 1930.

Some fifteen Club boys together with a number of camp officers spent eight days under canvas in the early part of August.

The Warden, Mr. Clifford, B. C. Gadney, G. D. Watson, J. W. T. Lilley, and H. P. Lee-Warner were present for the whole period. The Vice-Warden, Mr. McManus, H. G. T. Heale and C. M. Langley came for a week-end. Our visitors included the Headmaster, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lilley, Mr. Timberlake and Mr. Wragg. The Bursar and Steward of the school earned our best thanks for their valuable co-operation.

The camp was an unqualified success. Such rain as fell came at convenient times and to our satisfaction ensured a ready supply of water for general purposes. In the brighter weather sun-bathing was delightful. Food was good, varied and plentiful, and cooking arrangements worked admirably.

Keeping the site clean, fetching wood and water, scrubbing and sweeping and "fatiguing" in the kitchen would occupy us for most of the morning. Then lunch and a short siesta followed. In the afternoon there was vociferous cricket of the "tip and run" variety and lake-bathing. And who does not remember that ideal dip on the last Saturday? Adventurous or temporarily affluent spirits would make expeditions to Dadford or Buckingham, returning with all manner of private purchases. Without any definite programme to work on, the evenings somehow spent themselves. Lilley's wireless, especially when variety shows and sports results were broadcast, never failed to attract a crowd.

We liaised with the 6th Bermondsey troop of scouts camping near the Temple of Venus. They were a jolly crowd and happily possessed a piano, a kitchen-range and a canteen. In return for our tour of their camp we took them over the school, to their delight. Volunteers joined in their Sunday evening service, and in mid-week, though Watkins bowled and batted well, we lost a keen game of cricket to them.

Thursday saw us bustling early to prepare a picnic lunch for a mild expedition to Banbury. Enough cars were available for everybody just to squeeze into place. The weather held good, it was market-day and we had plenty to see and attractive shops to visit, particularly for those presents which must be taken home.

The Saturday brought promise of an "exciting" evening at the Buckingham cinema, for your London boy is scornful of everything provincial. But some hopes were not realised. A stern and powerful attendant made it his business to sit by our worthies throughout the performance.

The camp produced its own crop of stories. Among them we seem to remember something about a bottle of beer, gravy that failed to come right in the cooking, eggs that obviously resented being hurled into the frying-pan and the extreme readiness of a certain individual to make toast in and out of season.

THE QM.

AN APPEAL.

A working boys' club attached to a school must, in the long run, be strongly supported by the Old Boys of that school, if it is to thrive as it should. This is borne out by the example of the Hoxton Manor, which owes its success largely to the co-operation of Old Etonians.

The Pineapple has run now for three years. Thanks to generous donations from Stoics and friends of Stowe and much loyal service from its official and unofficial helpers it has established itself.

What must be seriously considered is its satisfactory maintenance and progress. There are some 60 members, it is an active section of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs and its relations with Stowe are cordial and mutually advantageous.

We have a new Warden, Capt. C. R. Lucas, D.S.O., whose reputation for enthusiasm and efficiency at his old club promise well for our future. He has in mind increasing the membership and carrying the development of club activities still further. But he has not at hand all the material, man-power and general support necessary for his purpose.

This is where Old Stoics could do so much. They might make the Pineapple a regular annual subscription. A guinea or half a guinea would be a most useful sum. Failing that, a few shillings each from a large number of people would produce a considerable supplement to our income. The fact is that, at the moment, there is only one annual subscriber among the Old Stoics, and we do need the financial help of many more.

Again, if they live in London or are there in the holidays, they might do something regularly at the Club once a week or even once a fortnight. There are always opportunities for billiards, ping-pong, running and boxing. They might also bring scratch sides to play cricket or soccer.

At very least we might have considerably more Old Stoics visiting the Club, particularly in the evenings. Supper, at a nominal charge, can easily be arranged for. The Warden and Mrs. Knight, the housekeeper, are delighted to see visitors, and so are the boys themselves, who take much pride and interest in their connection with Stowe.

And that is not all. Once a term the Club comes to Stowe for the day. At Whitsun it spends the week-end here. In the summer it has its camp. On each of these occasions some Old Stoics might be able to come too, and, even if they did not materially help in the organisation, see the Pineapple in action.

We do want encouragement of a practical kind; with Old Stoics it is in the nature of a duty. It may mean some sacrifice in pocket or leisure, but then that is the idea—a sacrifice in the spirit of social service.

A. B. CLIFFORD, *Honorary Treasurer.*

BALANCE SHEET, 30TH JUNE, 1930.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Outstanding Accounts for June for Rent, Electricity, Gas, Telephone, etc. ..			49	17	8				
Donations Account. As at 30th June, 1929	2166	9	6			Lease of 62, Carlisle St., London, N.W.8. Amount at 30th June, 1929	1280	8	8
Add Receipts for year to 30th June 1930	41	5	0			Less amount written off for effluxion of Lease	102	8	8
			2207	14	6	Furniture and Equipment at 30th June, 1929	109	8	9
Income and Expenditure Account :— As at 30th June, 1929	75	3	1			Additions during year	17	1	0
Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for the 12 months to 30th June, 1930	5	18	8			Less Depreciation at 10%	126	9	9
			69	4	5	Camp Hut and Equip- ment at 30th June, 1929	205	4	3
						Additions during year	92	1	10
							297	6	1
						Less Depreciation at 10%	29	14	7
						Cash at Bank and in hand	767	8	1
							267	11	6
							767	8	1
							£2326	16	7
							£2326	16	7

These Accounts are now in the process of being audited.

A. B. CLIFFORD, *Honorary Treasurer.*

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE 12 MONTHS
ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1930.

Dr.				Cr.				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Sundry Club Expenses and Equipment	67	17	11	By Subscriptions for Kit and Bil- liards	47	7	7	
„ Hostel Upkeep, Provisions, etc.	186	17	5	„ Receipts for Meals and Board	78	11	6	
„ Wages	140	15	9	„ Sundry Receipts	15	4	9	
„ Lighting, Heating and Telephone	77	14	2	„ Annual Subscriptions	60	3	6	
„ Rates and Insurance	20	2	2	„ Offertory Account and Chapel Collections	120	6	5	
„ Rent	60	0	0	„ Pineapple Week Collections	106	12	7	
„ Repairs	21	8	0	„ Profit on Stowe Dance and Stowe Show and Concert	297	7	1	
„ Camp Expenditure	23	7	4	„ Bank Interest, less charges	11	6	8	
„ Surplus Carried Forward	138	17	4					
			£737	0	1			
„ Amount written off Lease	102	8	8	„ Surplus Brought Down	138	17	4	
„ Depreciation at 10% :— Furniture and Equipment	12	12	9	„ Balance being Excess of Expendi- ture over Income	5	18	8	
Camp Hut and Equipment	29	14	7					
			£144	16	0			

STOWE ROVERS AND SCOUTS

As well as the usual Troop activities two complete courses have been running this term, one on 2nd Class work and the other on First Aid. Some deft bandaging has resulted from the latter.

There was a visit to Gilwell Park in November and we spent a week-end there in company with Rovers and Scouts from St. Paul's and Wellington. This was the first Public Schools week-end 'camp' to be held at Gilwell and it is understood that it is now to become a regular thing.

Towards the end of the term our Rovers visited Swanbourne House School, near Stowe, where there is a recently re-organized Troop that is doing very well.

After long negotiations we have managed to get a Troop going in Buckingham and this will be the third Troop to be assisted from Stowe.

R.H.H.

FENCING

WITH Bartlett and Cheatle still at the head of the team, and the younger generation improving, we have been at least as good as last term. The three school matches were won very easily. Cambridge beat us by one point, the strongest of Masks sides by a decent margin, and Oxford, our veteran side nowadays, by too much.

The younger generation has advanced. There is still a gap, but it becomes always less marked. Stansfeld is on the fringe of the first class: he needs only more reach and a little more patience. Lilley, if unfinished, is vastly improved. Storey, Cheyne, Wertheim and Egleston make commendable progress. Of the newest recruits, Wright mi, Crabbe, McClintock and Thorne show exceptional promise.

F. J. Walter is captain of the Oxford team this year. The Marquess de Amodio has fought in it at foil and épée, R. MacD. Barbour at sabre and B. R. S. Houghton with all three weapons. M. A. Lloyd and G. F. L. Gilbert have represented the Royal Military College.

Mr. Hanbury Tracy has become Vice-President of the Club in succession to Mr. Clifford who has had to give up owing to a very real pressure of business.

A. R. W. Stansfeld has been awarded his team and representative colours.

In the first round of house matches, Grafton beat Bruce 9—2, Cobham beat Chandos 11—6 and Grenville beat Chatham 9—2. In the semi-final, Grafton beat Cobham (who were handicapped by the absence of Cheatle) 9—3 and Grenville beat Temple 9—2. Grafton won the cup by defeating Grenville 10—7.

THE SCHOOL *v.* WELLINGTON.

This first fixture of the term, also the first meeting of the two Schools, took place at Wellington on October 9th. Stowe won a good match by 17 wins to 10.

The foil was eminently satisfactory; Bartlett 'hors concours,' Cheatle as pretty a swordsman and more decisive than before, and Stansfeld greatly improved. At épée, we disappointed, for the opposition, except Buzzard, was hardly strong; Storey in particular, showed lack of headwork and the enterprising Buzzard got two well deserved victories. At sabre, Wellington were the heavier and a good school side. Bartlett

won two fights, but Cheyne was too light to score and Lilley, fighting in his first School match, did quite well to annex one win out of three: he is quick, still clumsy, and promising. With this weapon, Stapleton was Wellington's most successful and Tolstoy-Mihailovsky their most correct representative.

Score:—

FOILS.

Stowe.—H. D. H. Bartlett and G. A. L. Cheatle, 3 wins each; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2. Total 8.

Wellington.—J. H. Buzzard, 1 win; B. A. C. Wood and J. H. T. Stapleton 0 each. Total 1.

EPÉE.

Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle, 3; H. D. H. Bartlett, 2; R. F. Storey, 1. Total 6.

Wellington.—J. H. Buzzard, 2; Count H. O. M. Tolstoy-Mihailovsky, 2; C. D. Stapleton, 0. Total 3.

SABRE.

Wellington.—C. D. Stapleton, 3; Count Tolstoy Mihailovsky, 1; B. A. C. Wood, 1. Total 6.

Stowe.—H. D. H. Bartlett, 2; J. G. Lilley, 1; J. L. W. Cheyne, 0. Total 3.

Result:—Stowe, 17 wins; Wellington, 10.

THE SCHOOL *v.* WESTMINSTER.

(Previous record:—Won 10. Lost 0).

So far as three-aside school matches go, this fixture provided us with a record win, the score being 21-6. It might have been even more favourable but for the collapse at épée of Bartlett, who fought better than ever at foil and sabre: he was touched in neither event. Our play throughout was on top, Stansfeld's épée and Lilley's sabre tactics showing a marked improvement. For Westminster, Turquet shaped particularly well. Williams did well at épée but was lucky to get a win at foil. Young has a pleasant style but has not enough speed to be dangerous.

Score:—

FOIL.

Stowe.—H. D. H. Bartlett and G. A. L. Cheatle, 3 wins each; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2 wins. Total 8.

Westminster.—P. B. Williamson, 1 win; P. W. Young and J. B. Emmot, 0 wins. Total 1.

EPÉE.

Westminster.—P. B. Williamson and P. M. J. Turquet, 2 wins each; P. W. Young, 1. Total 5.

Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle and A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2 wins each; H. D. H. Bartlett, 0. Total 4.

SABRE.

Stowe.—H. D. H. Bartlett, G. A. L. Cheatle and J. G. Lilley, 3 wins each. Total 9.

Westminster.—P. W. Young, G. P. Maguire and P. M. J. Turquet, 0 each. Total 0.

Result:—Stowe, 21 wins; Westminster, 6.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ETON.

(Previous Record:—Won 5. Lost 1.)

The win against Eton, in their gymnasium on October 18th, was the third in a school match during ten days. Again, the foilists were excellent: Stansfeld showed how near he has got to our two aces, one of whom lost a fight to the wild but speedy Bampfylde. It was Bartlett. He did best in épée where we did none too well against a side which included Bampfylde and a promising youngster, Meredith-Hardy, who keeps a very straight point. At sabre, we gained a surprising victory; for both Balmain and Bampfylde won well-merited places in the final pool of the last Public Schools Competition. Lilley's performance showed a marked advance. We lost only one fight and that by the odd hit.

Score:—

FOILS.

Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle and A. R. W. Stansfeld, 3 wins; H. D. H. Bartlett, 2. Total 8.

Eton.—Hon. C. J. W. Bampfylde, 1 win; M. S. Balmain and R. A. Mason, 0. Total 1.

EPÉE.

Stowe.—H. D. H. Bartlett, 2 wins, 1 double hit; G. A. L. Cheatle and A. R. W. Stansfeld, 1 win each. Total 4.

Eton.—M. S. Balmain, 2 wins; T. Meredith-Hardy, 1 win, 1 double hit; Hon. C. J. W. Bampfylde, 1 win. Total 4.

SABRE.

Stowe.—H. D. H. Bartlett, G. A. L. Cheatle and J. G. Lilley, 2 wins each. Total 6.

Eton.—Hon. C. J. W. Bampfylde, 2 wins; M. S. Balmain, 1; R. A. Orr-Ewing, 0. Total 3.

Result:—Stowe, 18 wins; Eton, 8.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

The most satisfactory point in this match, fought in Oxford on November 5th, was the fact that there were three Old Stoics in the Varsity side. Their capable display was primarily responsible for our defeat. A fourth tried his hand at refereeing.

The Oxford foil team had in Wood and its captain, Walter (O.S.), two left-handers. Bartlett did well to beat both of them but went down before Houghton, who showed that he had not forgotten the strong and weak sides of a team which he helped to build. Cheatle beat Wood but just failed before Walter; he reached 2 all and twice just failed to land the winning hit before he succumbed to that omnipotent riposte by a cut-over. Stansfeld fought pluckily but was outclassed.

The épée and sabre were not up to the standard of the foil fights. At the former, though we fought poorly, we had distinctly bad luck. Somehow, the judges seemed very young: either they neglected to see what happened or they worked through the phrases with more elaboration of terms than attention to accuracy. In seven of the nine fights, both swordsmen were hit: Stowe won on one of these occasions.

At sabre, Barbour (O.S.) looked the best of some crude or tired combatants. Lilley was the only member of our team to beat him. Cheatle won two fights and Bartlett lost two by the odd hit.

Score :—

FOILS.

O.U.F.C.—B. R. S. Houghton, 3 wins; F. J. Walter, 2; R. Wood, 1. Total 6.
 Stowe.—H. D. H. Bartlett, 2 wins; G. A. L. Cheatle, 1; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 0.
 Total 3.

EPÉE.

O.U.F.C.—F. J. Walter, 3 wins; D. Scott-Fox, 2; A. Fell, 2. Total 7.
 Stowe.—H. D. H. Bartlett, 1 win; R. F. Storey, 1; G. A. L. Cheatle, 0. Total 2.

SABRE.

O.U.F.C.—R. MacD Barbour 2 wins; R. Wood, 2; D. Scott-Fox, 1. Total 5.
 Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle, 2 wins; H. D. H. Bartlett, 1; J. G. Lilley, 1. Total 4.
 Result.—O.U.F.C., 18 wins; Stowe, 9.

THE SCHOOL v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

The last match of the term was the most exciting. In the two previous years we had defeated strong Cambridge 'A' sides and, on this occasion, were paid the compliment of a visit from the full Varsity team. After a ding-dong struggle, the victory went to them by one point. The match was so close and the sides so equal in talent that few tears need be shed. At sabre Cambridge, at épée Stowe, were distinctly superior.

No one realised at the time how decisive that odd foil win was going to be. Stansfeld did well, if a trifle luckily, in beating the Scottish international, Abercrombie, who fought with delightful freedom and style. But he might have defeated the pugnacious Walston. Bartlett nearly won against Morse and Abercrombie, both of whom he beat last term. In his match with the former, he held a lead of 2-1 and was then apparently hit twice. Yet neither fighter thought that this was the case. The visitors had the benefit of the doubt, a deciding point in a very pretty match. Cambridge are not, like Oxford, almost an Old Stoic side: none the less, they are a delightful team to fight.

Score :—

FOILS.

C.U.F.C.—D. V. Morse and N. Abercrombie, 2 wins each; H. D. Walston, 1
 Total 5.

Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle, 2 wins; H. D. H. Bartlett and A. R. W. Stansfeld, 1
 each. Total 4.

EPÉE.

Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle, 3 wins; H. D. H. Bartlett, 2; R. F. Storey, 0 (2 double
 hits). Total 5.

C.U.F.C.—D. V. Morse, 2 wins; N. Abercrombie and R. J. Stewart 0 win and
 1 double hit each. Total 2.

SABRE.

C.U.F.C.—R. J. Stewart, 3 wins; H. R. A. Higgins, 2; G. F. Wright, 1. Total 6.
 Stowe.—H. D. H. Bartlett, 2 wins; G. A. L. Cheatle, 1; J. G. Lilley, 0. Total 3.

Result.—C.U.F.C., 13 wins; Stowe, 12.

BOXING

This term a new scheme has been introduced with considerable success. A subscription fee of 5/- has enabled members of the school to use the gymnasium for boxing and training and this has given us a far larger number of boxers from which to pick a team. Boxing practices have taken place on four days a week, and have been well attended throughout the term.

During the term Representative Colours for Boxing were awarded to R. H. S. Clouston, I. W. Macpherson, and R. I. Mackenzie.

School Boxing Colours were awarded to:—I. W. Macpherson, R. I. Mackenzie, P. P. L. Dillon, G. V. Rouse, J. M. Hamilton, J. G. Wright, W. E. D. Moore, and H. D. Nelson Smith.

STOWE v. RADLEY.

We have had two school matches this term. On September 29th we boxed Radley, and won a thrilling match by seven fights to six. We began well in the lighter weights, where Stowe showed themselves better boxers and stylists, and by clever ducking and slipping avoided many of their opponents' swinging blows. Wright boxed well, although he failed to make sufficient use of his left, and won a close fight after an extra round. Hamilton and Mackenzie deserve special comment: the one for his coolness and the other for constant two-handed attacking. Nelson Smith, though he lost the verdict, boxed extremely well, and had his full share of the exchanges. Sherrard and Cargill, who suffered knockout defeats, were unlucky to meet older and more powerful boxers. After Doran had fought stubbornly against a far stronger man, we were left with the score at six fights to three, and only four to be decided. Our last four boxers did what was required of them. Dillon, throwing defence to the wind, attacked continually with a rain of powerful blows, scoring a sensational knockout in the third round. Rouse and Macpherson won decisively in the first and second rounds. The heavy-weight was stopped in favour of Clouston after Callendar, who had put up a remarkably plucky fight, had been severely punished.

STOWE v. WELLINGTON.

On November 6th we boxed Wellington and lost by five bouts to seven after an excellent afternoon's boxing. A feature of the match was the closeness of every fight. Our whole team boxed well, and the lighter weights in particular showed remarkable improvement since the Radley match. Wright again won his fight in good style, decisively defeating a larger man. Hamilton, who was at a disadvantage in height and reach, put in some good work at close quarters and gained a clever win. In the next weight Legg lost narrowly on points, and only his failure to follow up prevented him from scoring a knockout. Mackenzie was extremely unlucky to lose the verdict on the referee's casting vote. The bantam weight produced an excellent fight, which Nelson Smith won with little to spare. In the featherweight Moore won after three rounds incessant attacking. He was rather wild at times, and was inclined to neglect his left hand, but he was an obvious winner in the end. The next three fights all went to Wellington, although Barclay and Doran had a fair share of the fighting. One of the best fights of the afternoon was seen between Rouse and Robertson. Rouse, who

has improved out of all recognition during the term, took all the punishment his opponent could deal out, and still continued to attack with great pluck. He did better in the last two rounds, and the margin in favour of Robertson must have been narrow. Macpherson boxed pluckily against a more experienced if lighter man, and although he made a slow start, finished up with some good two-handed attacking. In Dix, the Wellington captain, he was meeting a boxer of power and resource. The last fight was won quite comfortably by Clouston, although Laing, who was conceding a lot of weight, fought back stubbornly, and avoided all attempts to land a finishing punch.

This was a very creditable performance against a well-known boxing school and the whole team is to be congratulated on their fine showing.

THE NOVICES COMPETITION.

A record entry, some spirited and interesting bouts, and an excellent attendance combined to make the Novices Competition a fitting end to an extremely successful term's boxing. There was a remarkable keenness in every fight; the large number of contests which failed to go the distance was ample evidence of this.

In the lighter weights there were some promising boxers, of whom Heygate and Bosanquet were perhaps the best. Prittie boxed well, hitting extremely hard with both hands, and was too strong and experienced for Croft. Both Moore and Josselyn fought powerfully in the featherweight class, and it was unfortunate that Josselyn had to scratch in the final owing to a damaged hand. The lightweight produced some gallant boxers, even if the winners were rather crude. Excellent fights were seen between Basset and Pike ma, and Steavenson and Pike ma.

In the welterweights Pike mi proved altogether too strong for Napier, scoring a knockout in the first round, and going on to outpoint Doran easily in the final, although the latter put up a remarkably plucky resistance.

Although temporarily upset by the fierceness of his opponent's rushes, during one of which he almost succumbed, Macpherson soon settled into his usual style, and clearly outpointed Llewellyn Palmer in one of the best bouts of the afternoon.

Our thanks are due to Mr. P. Turner, the Newport Pagnell Boxing Club middle-weight, for an excellent six rounds exhibition, during which we were enabled to learn some of the finer points of the game, and to Mr. J. W. Clouston and Mr. R. C. Platten for refereeing.

It is hoped that the school will continue to take an interest in this hitherto somewhat neglected branch of athletic activity, and help to make it the success it promises to be. We are extremely grateful to all those who have taken an interest in the school boxing, and not least to Sergeant Elliott for his unselfish and ungrudging services.

The results were as follows:—

Under 6st. 7lbs.

J. G. Wright mi. was unopposed.

Under 7st.

G. T. B. France beat P. E. Hughesden on points.

Under 7st. 7lbs.

P. Bosanquet beat J. H. Nelson Smith mi. on points.

Under 8st.

C. J. Heygate beat G. C. F. Brooke on points.

Under 8st. 6lbs.

H. D. G. Prittie ma. beat J. A. Croft in the first round.

Under 9st.

Semi-final. W. E. D. Moore beat P. E. Dawson in the first round.

H. E. Josselyn beat B. Maude-Roxby on points.

Final.—Moore w.o. Josselyn scratched.

Under 9st. 9lbs. First Series.

A. J. Crump ma. beat N. Leadley Brown on points.

R. S. Steavenson beat S. Kilpatrick in the second round.

P. J. K. Pike ma. beat R. T. Basset ma. on points.

Semi-final.—Crump, bye.

Pike ma. beat Steavenson on points.

Final.—Pike ma. beat Crump on points.

Under 10st. 7lbs.

Semi-final.—J. D. B. Doran beat F. O. S. Dobell on points.

J. M. N. Pike mi. beat J. M. Napier in the first round.

Final.—Pike mi. beat Doran on points.

Under 11st. 6lbs.

P. P. L. Dillon was unopposed.

Open.

I. W. Macpherson beat A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer on points.

SQUASH RACKETS

Two squash matches have been played this term. The first, against the Jesters, we won by three matches to two.

Mr. W. E. Capel Cure	lost	3—1.
Mr. J. T. Hankinson	lost	3—1.
P. C. Conran	won	3—2.
J. D. Firth	won	3—1.
J. R. C. Kenyon	won	3—0.

The second, against the Magdalen Lizards, we lost by one match to four.

Mr. W. E. Capel Cure	lost	3—0.
H. V. Kemp	lost	3—0.
P. C. Conran	lost	3—0.
J. D. Firth	won	3—1.
N. H. Bennett	lost	3—1.

THE STOIC

SQUASH HOUSE MATCHES.

The draw for the Squash House Matches was as follows :—

Temple	}	Chandos	}	} The Final Result will be published next term.
Chandos		(2-1)		
Chatham	}	Chatham	}	
Grenville		(3-0)			(3-0)
Cobham	}	Bruce	}	
Bruce		(3-0)		
		Grafton	(2-1)	

THE LIBRARY

WE desire to acknowledge the following presentations to the Library :—

From Mr. R. H. F. Stuart :

'The Heart of the Antarctic' (E. H. Shackleton), 2 vols.

From Mr. P. L. Sherwood :

'The Life and Memoirs of Count Molé,' 2 vols.

From Dorothy Una Ratcliffe :

'A Complete Course of Practical Flying' (Lt.-Col. G. L. P. Henderson).

From The Regimental History Committee the Royal Berkshire Regiment (per Major A. P. Hibbert, commd. Depot R.B.R.) :

'The Royal Berkshire Regiment' (F. Loraine Petre, O.B.E.,) 2 vols.

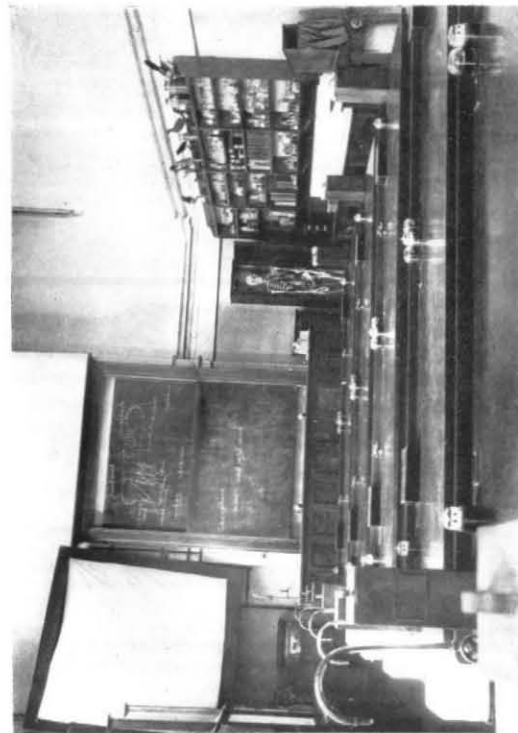
From Sir Richard Temple, C.B., C.I.E. :

'The Tragedy of the "Worcester"' (by the Donor).

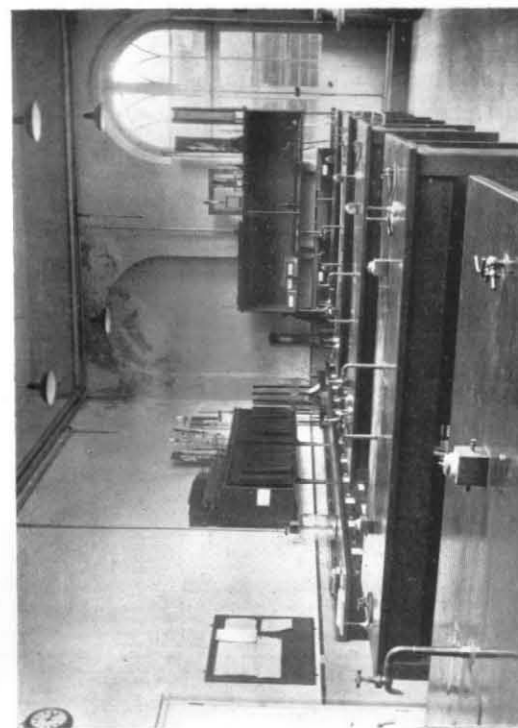
The following books have been bought :—

'British Mammals' (A. Thorburn, F.Z.S.) 2 vols. ; 'Blenheim' (G. M. Trevelyan) ; 'Joseph Fouché' (S. Zweig) ; 'England in the Age of the American Revolution' (L. B. Namier) ; 'Ireland' (R. H. Murray and Hugh Law) ; 'Bulgaria and Roumania' (J. Buchan) ; 'Southern Spain and Portugal' (Macmillan's 'Blue Guides') ; 'The Students Handbook to the University and Colleges of Cambridge' ; 'A Comprehensive Treatise on Inorganic Theoretical Chemistry' (J. W. Mellor) ; 'Italian Sculptors' (W. G. Waters) ; 'Die Akropolis' (Walter Heger and Gerherst Rodenwaldt) ; 'Imperial Air Routes' (Major A. E. W. Salt) ; 'Athletics of the Ancient World' (E. N. Gardiner).

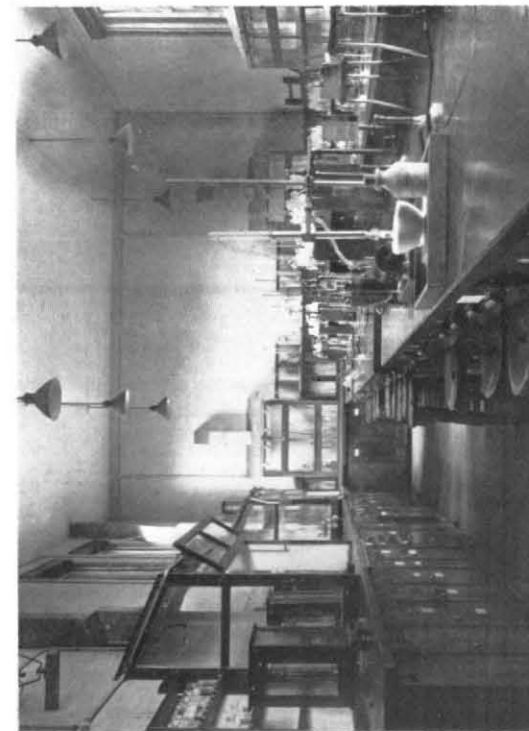
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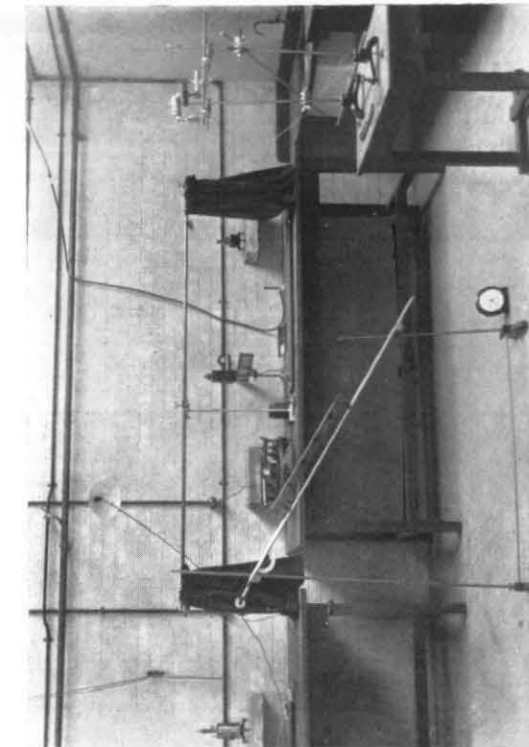
THE BIOLOGICAL.



THE ADAM PHYSICS.



THE GIBBON CHEMISTRY.



THE ADVANCED PHYSICS.

SWIMMING

THE SWIMMING SPORTS.

The swimming sports (except for the Plunging events) took place on July 27th, an exceptionally cold day. The results showed that Grenville won the Senior Swimming Cup, and Chandos the Junior Swimming Cup, and that Grenville won the Laurus points for Senior and Junior combined.

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

Senior Plunging.—1st., E. R. Allen (*Gren.*), 47 ft. 4 ins.; 2nd, G.V. Rouse (*Gren.*), 40 ft. 2 ins.

Senior Diving.—1st., E. R. Allen (*Gren.*); 2nd, J. H. Brooker (*Gren.*); 3rd., G. V. Rouse (*Gren.*).

Senior 50.—1st., H. K. D. Shepherd (*Tem.*), 31½ secs.; 2nd., G.V. Rouse (*Gren.*); 3rd., E. R. Allen (*Gren.*).

Senior 100.—1st., H. K. D. Shepherd (*Tem.*), 75¾ secs.; 2nd., G.V. Rouse (*Gren.*); 3rd., J. H. Brooker (*Gren.*).

Senior Back Stroke 25.—1st., E. R. Allen (*Gren.*), 19¼ secs.; 2nd., G. R. C. Peatfield (*Tem.*).

Senior Breast Stroke 50.—1st., J. H. Brooker (*Gren.*), 39½ secs.; 2nd., I. R. Græme (*Tem.*).

Junior Plunging.—1st., D. K. W. Blair (*Chan.*), 40 ft. 2 ins.; 2nd., W. A. Smith (*Tem.*), 38 ft. 0 ins.

Junior Diving.—1st., D. P. Croom-Johnson (*Tem.*) and A. C. Godfrey (*Gren.*); 3rd., D. K. W. Blair (*Chan.*) and L. A. McAfee (*Bru.*).

Junior 25.—1st., D. B. Egerton (*Chan.*), 14¾ secs.; 2nd., D. K. W. Blair (*Chan.*); 3rd., E. D. Campbell (*Chan.*).

Junior 50.—1st., D. K. W. Blair (*Chan.*), 37 secs.; 2nd., R. H. Farmer (*Gren.*); 3rd., J. N. Eddy (*Gren.*).

Junior Back Stroke 25.—1st., J. J. Barclay (*Chan.*), 24 secs.; 2nd., D. B. Egerton (*Chan.*).

Junior Breast Stroke 25.—1st., J. A. Croft (*Chan.*), 19¾ secs.; 2nd., P. J. K. Pike (*Chat.*).

POINTS.

	<i>Points for Junior.</i>	<i>Points for Senior.</i>	<i>Combined Points.</i>
Bruce	1½	—	1
Temple	13	32	40 ² / ₃
Grenville	18	67	79
Chandos	62½	—	42
Cobham	—	—	—
Chatham	4	—	2 ² / ₃
Grafton	—	—	—

The Combined Points are the Senior points plus ²/₃ Junior points, and the House winning on these gets 4 points towards the Laurus Cup.

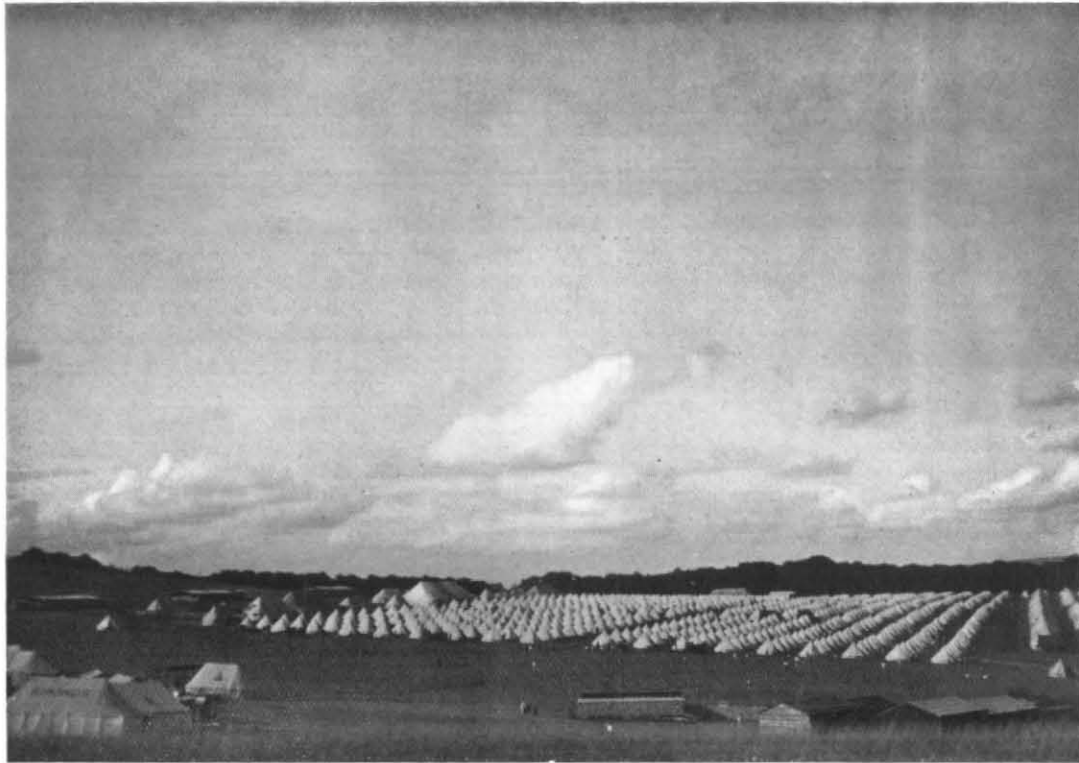


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TIDWORTH PENNING'S CAMP, 1930

[P. D. Ward.



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THE NEW CLASSROOMS.

[E.F.H.

ELKINGTON CUP.

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

1st	Chatham	...	...	...	23 points.
2nd	Grenville	...	...	...	18 "
	Cobham	...	...	...
4th	Temple	...	...	...	17 "
5th	Chandos	...	...	...	15 "
6th	Bruce	...	...	...	10 "
7th	Grafton	...	...	...	4 "

WATER POLO.

The water polo final had to be postponed several times owing to cold. It was eventually played on the last possible day and resulted in Grenville beating Temple 4-3. Dr. G. H. Day, who presented the cup, refereed. The difference made to the game by having it refereed by an ex-captain of Cambridge was remarkable. The game was most exciting and the sides so evenly matched that an extra minute had to be played to get a decision.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

ONE of our ex-secretaries has been President, another, Librarian, of the Oxford Union Society this term: it is probably a record for any, certainly for this school. We should like to take this opportunity to congratulate J. A. Boyd-Carpenter and E. D. O'Brien on their achievements.

In the Society, there have been as many, perhaps more, speakers than ever. Most of them are young and it has at times appeared difficult to bridge the gulf which separates us from last year. But our efforts have been successful. The most improved speaker of the year, C. J. Morny, has done well here and at Rugby, where A. R. W. Stansfeld also put up a creditable performance. J. C. Dundas is the best of the younger generation. But there is plenty of talent which ought to make good if time and its own intelligence allow.

Besides the President, the Officers of the Society are :- Vice President, Mr. C. R. Spencer; Secretary, C. T. Crowe; Committee-man, A. R. W. Stansfeld.

A handsome dispatch-box has been presented by A. C. Brodie, and another has been promised by J. A. Boyd-Carpenter (ex-Secretary S.S.D.S., President Oxford Union Society).

Five senior members of the Society were the guests of the Oxford Union this term when Lord David Cecil and Mr. Philip Guedalla closed the Debate.

The 56th Meeting of the Society was held on October 4th when the motion for debate was "That this House deplores the Lack of Intelligence in the Business World."

N. C. IRVINE has that pleasant voice and charm of manner which has endeared the Scots to so many 'Southrons.' As yet he has not very much to say. When he has it will be still more enjoyable to hear him than it is at present.

D. B. EGERTON spent some time in persuading the House that it was typically English, and so was the business-man. This all took a long while and met with a mixed reception.

P. M. BEECH had a less usual delivery than the other speakers. Pressure of work had probably kept him from spending so long over the preparation of his speech as he should have done. This Hon. Member has ideas which are worth hearing and ought to be worth more, when they have had a brush-up.

J. H. BROOKER spoke like one of the minor prophets—can it be the result of his sojourn in Buckingham? He spoke of himself (or was it Hatty?) as "seated on a golden throne." Later he exclaimed, "I have paid, but I still have my intelligence." That was very comforting.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, the Vice-President, C. J. Morny, G. C. Wyndham, A. A. H. Radice, P. L. C. Brodie, J. B. Aimers and the Secretary.

Against the Motion F. O. S. Dobell, Lord Westbury, M. R. Chance, J. C. Dundas, J. E. D. im Thurn, A. Dickens, and J. O. N. Vickers.

On a division being taken, there voted:

For the Motion	-	15
Against	-	39

The Motion was therefore lost by 24 votes.

The 57th Meeting of the Society was held on October 15th, when the Motion for Debate was "That this House thinks that the Future of the British Empire will be most safely assured by means of Imperial Preference."

J. C. DUNDAS who moved the motion is one of our most promising young speakers. His remark that posterity's verdict on the Government would be "that they were afraid where no fear was" seemed very neat.

C. J. MORNY made a monumental speech which lasted nearly half an hour. His style and stuffing have improved out of all knowledge since last year, but he must really not read his speech.

The SECRETARY did not make the most of what he had to say. A halting manner spoilt the effect of what might have been a weighty peroration.

F. O. S. DOBELL is another speaker who has come on well. Evidently, he reads his newspapers and what he gets out of them seems to voice the opinions of several more silent and thoughtful members of the House. We enjoyed this speech.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, F. A. H. Ling, W. A. Napier, P. V. Kemmis, T. H. Clarke and T. F. S. Hetherington.

Against the Motion, G. B. Smith, P. L. C. Brodie, and the President.

On a division being taken there voted :

<i>Upper House.</i>			<i>Lower House.</i>		
Ayes	-	15	Ayes	-	10
Noes	-	10	Noes	-	19
Majority for	-	5	Majority against	-	9

VISIT OF THE OXFORD UNION SOCIETY.

The 58th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Saturday, November 8th, at 8.15 p.m., the Motion for Debate being "That this House would rather have written Grey's Elegy than taken Quebec."

MR. DEREK WALKER SMITH (Christ Church), Secretary O.U.S., said a little in a grand and often amusing way. One questions the accuracy of his surmise that only Grey could have written the Elegy but anyone could have taken Quebec. But the recitation of Newbolt's 'Vital Lampida' was worthy of the author of 'Out of Step.'

MR. JOHN FOOT (Balliol), ex-Librarian O.U.S., opposed the motion in fluent if not particularly audible tones. It was a pity that he could not be more easily heard because he has a great deal worth while to say. The Hon. Opposer found the Elegy more banal than Quebec. 'The great facts of history are its spectacularities' was his novel summary of a home truth.

MR. E. D. O'BRIEN (Exeter), ex-secretary S.S.D.S., Librarian O.U.S., is never, unfortunately, at his best in what we still like to think is his home ground. He defended the position of the amateur, without damaging that of the professional.

MR. J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER (Balliol), ex-secretary S.S.D.S., President O.U.S., gave us the goods at last. He was one of our first officers, is our first President of the Union and ought to be our first Cabinet Minister. While regaling us with snatches from all sorts of wits, he never wandered from the motion, and his picture of the President looting Quebec with a 'corps d'élite' was only equalled by his devastating attack on a mass production of the Elegy. Quite rightly, he won the day.

On a division being taken, there voted :

For the Motion	-	14
Against	-	63

The Motion was therefore lost by 49 votes.

THE RUGBY DEBATE.

The second debate of this series was held at Rugby on November 22nd, in New Big School.

The Motion for debate was that "In the opinion of this House the influence of the Press is mainly mischievous."

C. J. MORNAY (S.S.D.S.) made a fluent speech as proposer of the Motion. He pointed out the aim of newspaper proprietors was to make money and to turn Downing Street into an annex of Fleet Street. During a stern tirade against the divorce pages of the Sunday papers, he rose from the parsonic to the episcopal. Only he was inclined to drop his voice at the close of his sentences.

R. P. HEPPEL (Secretary, R.S.D.S.) opposed the Motion. He has wise ideas. As yet, he does not express them as convincingly as possible. When he does, he will be a very good speaker indeed. His point that it is illogical to complain of the sensational columns of newspapers while praising sensational plays like "Macbeth" was well worth making.

R. B. TIPPETTS (R.S.D.S.) seconded the Motion. He was good and clear. It was the Press which had thrust the ruinous policy of "Poincaréism" on the Allied Governments after the war. The speaker echoed the Hon. Proposer's slogan "The Press is substituting Press for Parliamentary Government."

A. R. W. STANSFELD (S.S.D.S.) began well. He made it clear that Northcliffe had done much good for England, Poincaré for France, and Bismarck for Germany. Many of their opponents could not claim as much. Later, he became involved in difficulties when trying to divide the classes without appearing snobbish. At present, he knows more than he can express. This was, like the speech of the Hon. Opposer, one that will be first class in a year or two's time.

The debate was then thrown open to the House.

On a division being taken, there voted :—

For the Motion	-	44
Against	-	32

The Motion was therefore carried by 12 votes.

MUSIC

THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Choral Society have been practising a large number of Choruses out of Handel's "Messiah" and the Hallelujah Chorus from Beethoven's "Mount of Olives." The average attendance at the meetings has been 140. The large number of members has been an advantage for such work as the "Messiah," which calls for big climaxes.

A combined performance of the "Messiah" and the Beethoven Hallelujah Chorus was given in Buckingham on December 4th, with the Buckingham Musical Society. The Chorus numbered 200 and was accompanied by the Orchestra, augmented for the occasion by some String players living in the neighbourhood.

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

The Society has met once a week throughout the term, and has been rehearsing some carols.

A performance of these was given in Assembly on Sunday, November 30th, without accompaniment. The admirable acoustics of the building added considerably to the effectiveness of the singing.

Miss Mercy Collisson assisted with three groups of unaccompanied carols; it was a great pleasure to listen to her singing, which was clear and unaffected in style.

THE ORCHESTRA.

At the end of last term all our Trumpet-players left. This left us very short of players in the Brass department, and for the greater part of the term we have had no Bandmaster to train new players.

Mr. Geoghegan, however, arrived about the middle of November, and his time has been fully occupied teaching new players for the Orchestra and the O.T.C. band. Fortunately, the Wood-wind and String players are the same as last term, so that the Orchestra has been able to tackle such works as the last movement of Dvorak's New World Symphony, and the accompaniments to the "Messiah."

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

The Society held its first meeting on Thursday, November 6th, in the Library, when the Ensemble Trio, with Kathleen Long at the piano, Marjorie Hayward, violin, and Ivor James, 'cello, gave us a very enjoyable programme. They began with the Mozart Trio in E major; the technique and agility of the pianist were the chief features in this performance. John Ireland's Fantasie Trio came next. This style of music obviously suited the players best, and they gave us a first-rate performance of it.

We were all interested to hear their interpretation of Schubert's B flat Trio. The H.M.V. recording of the work by Thibaud, Cortot, and Casals is so fine that we did not expect to hear a similar performance. In the first two movements, some of us felt that the players were conscious that much was expected of them, and the music sounded a little restrained and forced: they also took the first movement rather slowly, and one felt conscious of its length. But in the last movements, the playing was very fine, and several effects which do not come out on the gramophone were heard to advantage.

The second meeting took place in the Aurelian room on Friday, November 21st. There was only room for a small audience, but the room proved admirable for chamber music. The Entente String Quartet, who played to us last winter, played a mixed programme. They began with a Hadyn Quartet, Op. 77, in F. The slow movement was particularly fine and very well played. Rather a dull Terzetto by Dvorak was played next. As a great relief came the first movement of the Ravel Quartet, which was exquisitely played. A Canzonetta by Mendelssohn concluded the programme.

CONCERT, JULY 30th, 1930.

This Concert was notable in that a new departure was made from previous Concerts. The whole of the second half of the programme was devoted to Ballet. A series of very original steps were arranged by Mr. Saunders for the Prince Igor Dances by Borodin. Twelve dancers were trained by him throughout the term, and only those who witnessed these practices know how much time and trouble were spent by him in perfecting the dances.

The Choral Society and Orchestra had meanwhile been rehearsing the music and G. J. B. Wright was engaged in designing some very effective dresses and some rather startling scenery, of which a full account appears elsewhere.

The combined effect of Music, Scenery, Dresses and Dancing was a revelation. A small chorus dressed in black and white costumes with black masked headdresses stood grouped round Khan Khantshak, an amazing figure in yellow. The dancers were dressed in red with round pill-box hats and red shoes, their legs being bare. In their hands they carried small round shields and short spears.

The effect of the colours of the dresses, mostly black, white and red, made the yellow creation of Khan Khantshak even more conspicuous. The remainder of the Chorus were grouped round the Orchestra below the stage. The Music was well performed, and the Orchestra especially distinguished themselves. A large portion of the music had to be repeated, and this proved a great strain on dancers and singers, but they rose to the occasion admirably.

The first part of the programme consisted of a Suite "Capriol" by Peter Warlock, based on 16th Century tunes, for Orchestra, and four Choruses from Purcell's King Arthur, which were effectively sung.

RECITAL BY THE BUCKS TOURING CONCERT PARTY.

On October 4th, the Choral Society listened to a performance by the above-named artists. Unfortunately, their programme was more suited for a Cinema audience. We heard the kind of music one usually hears at Cafés, such as Brahms' Hungarian Dance in G minor, Beethoven's Minuet in G, and the Caprice Viennois by Kreisler.

SONG RECITAL BY MISS EMMY HEIM.

Miss Heim, a well-known Austrian singer, is little known in England, and we were extremely fortunate to hear her on Sunday, November 30th. She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Hall. Miss Heim sang Lieder by Schumann, Beethoven, Schubert and Wolf. Her interpretation was a revelation. She sang in German, Italian, French and English, and seemed equally at home in all these languages. Her very striking personality, the beauty of her voice, and her original style of singing, all contrived to make this one of the most enjoyable song-recitals we have ever heard. Miss Heim broadcast the same programme the night before she came to us.

"PRINCE IGOR" AT STOWE.

From "The Times" of July 30th.

A new departure in school plays was made possible this end-of-term at Stowe by the presence of three collaborators of a quality unusual in schools: Dr. L. P. Huggins, Director of Music; Mr. J. C. Saunders, a member of the Folk Dance Society, who has made a hobby of choreography; and a member of the Sixth Form, G. J. B. Wright, who was given a free hand in designing the costumes and setting. The production, which consisted of a series of dances and choruses from Borodin's *Prince Igor*, would have been audacious anywhere, and on a school stage was startling.

Wright's scenery (in the manner of Komisarjevsky) was intended to give, in a flat grey, a general suggestion of Tartar tents. The dresses were well harmonized, the singing chorus being black and white, and a vertical zigzag stripe and enormous head-dresses coming down over the face gave an effect of the macabre; the more so as the chorus remained motionless, a series of ominous figures grouped on each side of the Khan Kantsah. The Khan struck a clear note, sitting cross-legged in a yellow robe with a curious headdress of golden wire and transparent celluloid discs. The smoke from this impassive figure's pipe (should this not have been a hookah?), rising up continuously, gave ethereality to the movements of the dancers in scarlet.

Wright took liberties with the story, and chose to give the suggestion that the dances were staged by the Khan to frighten the captive Igor, not to honour him. To emphasize this idea Prince Igor stood, raised up, behind, motionless in glittering chains, with the lines of his black garments picked out in silver, and an immensely tall hat that gave him grotesque height.

The *ballet* will be given again at the annual Stowe Show in London in December, when a larger stage will no doubt give the producers more scope.

THE ARTS CLUB

At a committee meeting held on October 5th, P. J. Coke was appointed Secretary and R. D. Lea and P. F. Baker were elected members of the committee.

The standard of work this term has been well maintained and there has been plenty of variety in the subjects chosen. The work of some of the new members, too, shows great promise, which augurs well for the future.

The committee has decided to redecorate the Arts Club Room and this is now being done by the members themselves. The colour scheme chosen is distinctly modern and should be most attractive; the walls will be distempered in cream and the settings painted in red lacquer.

P.J.C.



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ONE OF THE VANBRUGH ARCHES

[J. H. Nelson Smith

THE TWELVE CLUB

At a business meeting held this term J. E. M. Hoare, J. L. Ashton, L. E. de Neufville and J. N. Woodbridge were elected members of the Society. The following papers have been read:—

October 10th.— “Diplomacy,” by C. T. Crowe.

November 4th.— “Transport,” by J. E. D. im Thurn and R. A. Atthill.

December 1st.— “Castles,” by A. R. W. Stansfeld.

There is to be one more meeting of the Society this term at which Mr. Timberlake will read a paper on “Taxation.” P.M.B.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

It was decided this term that anyone in the Upper School Classical specialists sets should become *ipso facto* a member of the Society. Three papers have been read this term:—

October 19th.— “De armis et arte militari,” by B. R. Mitchell.

November 9th.— “De nummis antiquis” (with slides), by J. N. Woodbridge.

December 7th.— “De Theophrasto,” by P. F. Hornsby.

P.M.B.

THE MODERN PLAYREADING SOCIETY

The following have been elected members of the Society this term: Mr. Spencer, D. M. Lea, P. F. Hornsby, J. E. D. im Thurn.

There have been two meetings this term, at which the following plays were read:—

October 24th.— “Badger’s Green,” by R. C. Sherriff.

November 14th.— “Arms and the Man,” by G. B. Shaw.

P.M.B.

THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

At a business meeting on September 21st, A. R. W. Stansfeld was elected Secretary, J. P. L. Henderson committee-man, and P. L. C. Brodie and T. H. Clarke new members.

The Society subsequently met for reading on most Sunday evenings. Labiche’s “La Grammaire,” being of convenient length and providing fun enough at a bourgeois foible and domestic incompetence, promised well as the piece to be produced next term. “La poudre aux yeux,” again by Labiche, elaborated much the same type of theme. To these, Rostand’s “L’Aiglon,” with its six acts, verse medium, spectacular crowd-scenes, its pathos and whimsical humour, formed a complete contrast.

There is the possibility that, when the French play is performed in March, a German “curtain-raiser” will be added as an innovation.

THE NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

D. Russell-Davis has been President for the term, and Mr. Miles, Mr. Prain, J. W. Collins-Lewis, P. C. Conran, N. C. Irvine, E. J. Jackson and C. G. A. Vanneck have been elected members. Mr. Ireland has been elected an honorary member.

At a Committee meeting it was decided that the Science Exhibition should be held on Sports Day. A visit to the Underground Railways was arranged to take place towards the end of the term.

The following papers have been read:—

“The Application of Scientific Method to rapid transit systems,” by J. B. Sopper.

“Infra-red Rays,” by P. D. Ward.

“Wireless Telegraphy,” by J. K. Todd.

“Pioneers in the discovery of Microbes,” by C. E. Woodbridge.

P.D.W.

THE VITRUVIANS

An expedition of the Society took place on Wednesday, October 22nd. The Society first visited Compton Wynyates in Warwickshire, with the kind permission of the Marquess of Northampton. The house is a Tudor mansion of the first class. It is built round a court, and is of red brick, which is unusual in a district where stone is abundant. The brick was brought from Fulbrook Castle, near Warwick, a building granted by Henry VIII to Sir William Compton, the builder of Compton Wynyates. The fine twisted chimneys were brought from Fulbrook intact, as was also the timber roof of the hall. The irregularity of the design, with its gables and chimneys, the colour of the brick, and the position of the house in a green valley surrounded by woods, make it one of the most picturesque houses in England.

The church is interesting in that it contains the original box-pews of the 17th Century. The Society then visited Brailes Church, a fine building of the 14th and 15th centuries, and Wroxton Abbey, a 17th century house.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

Two meetings have been held during the term.

On October 8th. Mr. R. H. Mottram read a paper entitled “A Volunteer for Literature.”

On November 26th. Mr. Harold Raymond read a paper on “The Publishing of Books.”

Two more meetings will be held this term.

On December 13th. J. Drummond will read a paper on “Proust,” and on December 15th. the Society will read “The Nightingale,” its own dramatized version of Hans Andersen’s fairy-tale of the same name.

THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 20th, the Rev. C. H. E. Smyth, M.A., Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, delivered a lecture on “Relations between Church and State.” He gave some amusing quotations from old manuscripts and his argument was admirably clear. Summing up, he maintained that the King should be the head of both Church and State. The lecture was followed by a brief discussion.

B.T.W.

THE WORKSHOP

The winter terms are always the most flourishing for the Workshop, but never before has the shop been so popular as it has been this term. This is partly due to the fact that some of the machinery is working. It has been found necessary to book times for the lathe so that everybody who wants to use it can get a chance of doing so. The power drive will soon be extended to work another lathe head and other apparatus.

The following are among the things that have been made this Term:—oak chair-table, G. S. C. Trench; wireless-gramophone cabinet, A. J. A. Hanhart; oak writing desk, D. L. Reeves; model motor-boat, R. C. Wertheim; oak bookcase and stool, J. M. Hamilton; oak table and mahogany lamp standard, P. P. L. E. Welch; oak tea waggon, A. D. Coleridge; teak bookcase, B. N. I. Maude-Roxby; mahogany wireless cabinet, J. M. Reay-Smith; French walnut fire screen, R. I. Mackenzie.

R.H.H.

CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Buckingham Hospital (July 27th)	15	14	4
Stowe Club (September 30th)	14	18	1
Chapel Expenses (November 2nd)	10	19	6
Early Services (July 13th to November 30th)	17	1	2

EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Wine at Early Services	1	4	0
Preachers’ travelling expenses... ..	15	0	0
Vases	12	6	0
Sundries	6	0	0

At the end of term the balance of this account is paid into Stowe Club Expenses.

A. B. CLIFFORD, *Hon. Treasurer.*

WHEN THE WHITE ROSE FELL

(CONTINUED)

*A horse, a horse!
My kingdom for a horse!*

“Dyk” to his “Catte.”

The Duke of Norfolk, whose faithful allegiance to Richard thus ended with his death on Bosworth Field, may be called a “self-made” man, for he began life as John Howard, the Norfolk squire, and ended in a blaze of glory and magnificence as the hereditary Earl-marshal of England (through whom all grants of Arms are made), Admiral of the Fleet and Commander-in-chief at Bosworth. And such a lengthy line of peers was to draw descent from him that the present youthful holder of the title is now our premier Duke. He recently celebrated his twenty-first birthday amid scenes of rejoicing at Arundel Castle, and made his first appearance as Earl-marshal a few days ago, when he marched in the Judges’ procession to the House of Lords at the opening of the law-courts for the present term. Norfolk’s up-turned shield lies beside his headless corpse and cannot be viewed from below, but the Arms of his only son, the Earl of Surrey, above him on the right, are readily distinguished and are shown in my drawing. Surrey was captured at Bosworth and languished for three years and more a prisoner in the Tower, receiving “the liberal allowance of £2 a week for his board.” He was attainted and deprived of his estates, but he remained faithful to the new King, refusing to join in the plots and rebellions against him, and in 1489 was released and restored to his earldom. Marching upon York he subdued the insurgents who had slain the Earl of Northumberland (the second figure from him towards the left). He quickly became Henry’s Commander-in-chief, and brought a brilliant career to a close in his seventieth year, when in 1513 he won a magnificent victory over James IV. of Scotland at Flodden Field. The successful issue of this fight was due as much to the old general’s energy in raising troops and in organizing his army as to the strategic skill which he showed in his dispositions for the fray. The King rewarded him by restoring the Dukedom, and granted him a notable augmentation of honour to his Arms, whereby the crescent, which you will see upon Surrey’s shield, has been replaced by a demi-lion of Scotland pierced in the mouth with an arrow, to be a remembrance for ever of the great blow which was on that day inflicted on the Scottish King. The Duke’s declining years were embittered by his hatred of the upstart Wolsey, against whom he cherished the fiercest resentment. He retired from court to his Castle of Framlingham, in Suffolk, and died there in 1524. His coat-armour in heraldry would be described *Gules, a bend between six crosslets Argent, a crescent of the field for difference.*

Close to Surrey, and just above him in our carving, ride two knights who were nearly concerned in the death of the little princes in the Tower, and as they are the last of the champions of the White Rose that are figured in this tableau of stone, it will be convenient to tell of them here. Sir Robert Brackenbury was Constable of the Tower of London and had the little princes in his charge. His shield is plain to see and is blazoned *Argent, on a chevron Gules, between three hurts Azure, as many fleurs-de-lys of the first.* Above him the shield of Sir James Tyrell is almost hidden, but a corner of it discloses enough to tell of his identity. The story is well known: how that Richard III sent John Green, “a creature of his,” to Brackenbury “with a letter desiring him one how or other to make away with the two children whom he had in his keeping.” This foul deed the high-souled Brackenbury refused with scorn, and almost kicked

“the creature” through the Tower-portcullis. Whereupon the King gnawed his fingers in anxious uncertainty, until a page hit upon Tyrell as the man for the dirty job. Tyrell was chafing because he had been suppressed and kept in the background by the Ratte and the Catte, and was likely to stick at nothing that would win him money and a place. He was sent with a letter to Brackenbury, commanding him to give up the keys for a night, and the little lads were smothered by Miles Forest, one of their keepers, “a felowe fleshed in murder before time,” and John Dighton, Tyrell’s horse-keeper, “a big, brode, square, strong knaue.” Tyrell gave orders for the bodies to be buried at the stair foot, and rode gaily back to Richard, “who gave hym gret thanks, and as som say, there made him knight.”

Tyrell’s reward for this dirty bit of work was a poor one, but the wages of sin came to him in due course. He survived Bosworth, and was even taken into favour by Henry VII; but, dabbling in treason with the Duke of Suffolk, he was thrown into that same Tower where his black misdeed was accomplished, and beheaded on Tower Hill. As he lay in the dungeon, waiting for the punishment that was so aptly to “fit the crime,” his troubled mind must often have dwelt upon those poor little bodies lying so close to his cell. He made full confession of his guilt, and so did his accomplice John Dighton.

In addition to his office of Constable, at £100 a year, Brackenbury was the director of London’s earliest Zoo, holding the official appointment of “Keeper of the lions in the Tower,” where a few scraggy beasts were on view as emblems of England’s majesty and might. For this duty he received the princely salary of 12d. a day, but I think that Sir James with his twelve good coppers would have been able to buy well-nigh as much as we can with our watered-down paper sovereign. In spite of his prowess as a lion-tamer, he seems to have been an incompetent officer, for at Bosworth he “was slain in flight without having struck a blow.” His support to Richard was a luke-warm affair (perhaps his kind heart never forgot those little princes lying there), and the King, when at Nottingham, had to summon him “by often messengers and letters” to join him, and to bring with him “as felows in warr,” but really as prisoners, Sir Thomas Bourchier, Sir Walter Hungerford, and other suspects. Brackenbury obeyed, but his prisoners escaped at Stony Stratford and joined Richmond, and I do not think he tried very hard to catch them, or they would have been butchered too.

Now turn we to the champions of the Red Rose and (if we read from left to right of the picture) near the left-hand corner at the foot we come on those two crafty and mysterious brothers named Stanley, who changed their coats, or rather their button-holes, during the fray (entering with a white rose and coming out of it in pink), and by their entry “at half-time” decided at once the changing fortunes of the day. This was not the first time that the brothers had executed this skilful manœuvre, in fact they seem to have made a regular habit of “sitting on the fence,” until it was evident which



EARL of SURREY.



SIR J. BRACKENBURY.



“ON, STANLEY, ON?”

army was likely to prevail, and then dashing in on the winning side at the last moment and scoring a triumphant success. And as they owned most of Lancashire and Cheshire (including Liverpool and Manchester) they could put enough hardy northerners in the field to strike a shattering blow upon troops already tired. The artist, apparently through shortness of space, has hit upon the peculiar expedient of carving one horseman with two shields of the Stanley Arms, as though the two brothers rode side by side into the lists, but this does not accord with the facts as related in Rapin's *History of England*, from which I may now give a short extract. But first I will give you the blazon of their shield, which is *Argent, on a bend Azure, three stags' heads caboshed Or*. I have found much comfort in that blessed word "caboshed," but it only means that the stag should face you and should have no neck. And for the rest you will see for yourself that the heads are golden, the field is silver, and the bend (the transverse band) is of blue.

"Richard gave the command of the vanguard to the Duke of Norfolk, and led the main body himself, with his crown on his head, either to be better known, or to put his troops in mind that they were fighting for their King. Richmond drew up his army likewise in two lines, of which the Earl of Oxford commanded the first, and himself the second. Sir Gilbert Talbot commanded the right wing. Lord Stanley posted himself with his troops over against the space between the two armies, and his brother, Sir William Stanley, took his station on the other side; opposite to him. . . . Richmond, quitting his second line, advanced to the front. Richard, perceiving him, instantly rode to attack him. He slew Sir William Brandon, the Earl's giant standard-bearer, who had interposed in his way. Sir John Cheney, a man of great strength, having taken Brandon's place to oppose the King's furious efforts, was thrown to the ground. Lord Stanley and Sir W. Stanley then openly declared against the King, and by their attack caused the flight of the main body. The Earl of Northumberland ordered his troops to lay down their arms, to show that they were now on the Earl's side. Richard, perceiving the day was lost, rushed into the midst of his enemies, where he soon met with death. The Duke of Norfolk lost his life; his son, the Earl of Surrey, was taken prisoner. Richard's battered crown was picked up by a common soldier, who secreted it in a bush. (This is why a hawthorn bush is displayed upon Henry's tomb in his chapel at Westminster). Being discovered by Sir Reginald Bray, the crown was brought to Lord Stanley, who found Henry upon an adjoining hill in hot pursuit of the enemy. The huzzas of the soldiers, as it was placed upon the victor's head, were heard and taken up across the valley by those Lancastrians who remained upon Bosworth field, where the rout of Richard's army was complete."

(To be continued.)

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REVIEWS (No. 2)

"ANGEL PAVEMENT" By J. B. Priestley. (Heinemann 10/6.)

Beachcomber, of the *Daily Express*, has lately been attacking the modern reviewer in the form of Mr. Gerald Gould. Beachcomber says that it is absurd that a publisher should always be able to find, for every book he publishes, at least one review which says that it is a masterpiece. All these books, he says, which are hailed as classics are really only ephemeral. We are not in a literary age: it is absurd to expect so many of our books to endure. Mr. Gerald Gould confines himself to the reply, several hundred words of it, that all the books he says are masterpieces, will, in his opinion, endure. What a heritage for posterity!

So we must be chary of our masterpieces. Mr. Priestley, whose earlier work had recommended him to the discerning, has sprung into fame by reason of his two latest books. He has been compared favourably with most of the classic novelists, and likened to Dickens. The popular press and the popular mind think that the present has for once foreseen what the future will admire. For this very reason, among others, posterity will not admire Mr. Priestley. For sons consider the views of their fathers out of date. A genius must be discovered to be fashionable, and not inherited. We admire Robert Browning, but not Mrs. Hemans.

What will Mr. Priestley have to show posterity? A great gift of characterization. A great capacity for wordiness. A style, as yet unnamed, but of his own. One day some journalist will give it a name, with which ever afterwards we will associate Mr. Priestley—like "whimsy" and Barrie. His power lies in his individuality of style and in his power of descriptive writing. All great writers must be individual writers with a way of writing of their own. Mr. Priestley's writing is individual and you feel, when you have read his books, that you would recognize his style wherever you saw it. It is perhaps this quality more than any other which has won him such praise. So few modern authors are distinguishable in print one from another; in this mass-producing, half-educated age, individuality of style is usually obtained by a disregard for grammar. But Mr. Priestley is individual and grammatical.

Mr. Priestley has a way of creating people who seem real and who have amusing characteristics and a habit of saying easily quotable things. It is a fine sight to see admirers of Mr. Priestley gathering together and quoting at each other the sayings of their favourite characters for hours upon end. Who, after reading "Angel Pavement," could forget Mr. Pelumpton and his "Yersh," T. Benenden, without his tie (and the iconoclast Mr. Golspie pointing it out to him, actually laughing at him), or poor Mr. Smeeth? These are my favourites; yours will be different according to your experience and your ability to recognize types you have seen. All his characters are delightfully named, which adds to their charm, and all are beautifully drawn—with two exceptions. Mr. Priestley is too ingenuous to portray a cosmopolitan swindler and his daughter convincingly. Mr. Golspie and his daughter are both curiously unconvincing, and to Mr. Golspie, on whom the story depends, my reactions were entirely wrong. I felt the deepest pity for Mr. Dersingham, Mr. Smeeth, Turgis and the others he had ruined, especially Mr. Smeeth, but I did not feel at all embittered towards Mr. Golspie, who was, after all, the villain, and not intended to be a sympathetic character. His daughter, Lena, was a flirtatious minx who couldn't behave. What a pity Mr. Priestley doesn't know how girls who don't behave do behave!

Mr. Priestley is just as good at describing London as he is at describing London characters, (he could probably no more describe a slum than he could Mr. Golspie; but he describes the City admirably). He is so good at this form of description that it is not until late in the book, perhaps not until the Epilogue, that one realizes that there is too much of it.

What "Angel Pavement" lacks is a coherent thread of story to bind the whole together. Its weakness in plot is confessed by the necessity of a Prologue and an Epilogue to introduce and dismiss Mr. Golspie. In my opinion, a long book, however good, must have plot to retain the reader's interest, especially when the action moves slowly, as in "Angel Pavement." But this very slowness is restful in a bustling age and will be enough to commend the book to any patient reader not wholly under the influence of the Machine. For the rest, the book is pleasant enough and enjoyable enough (in spite of a sad ending) but—don't bother to secure a first edition.

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UMBRELLAS

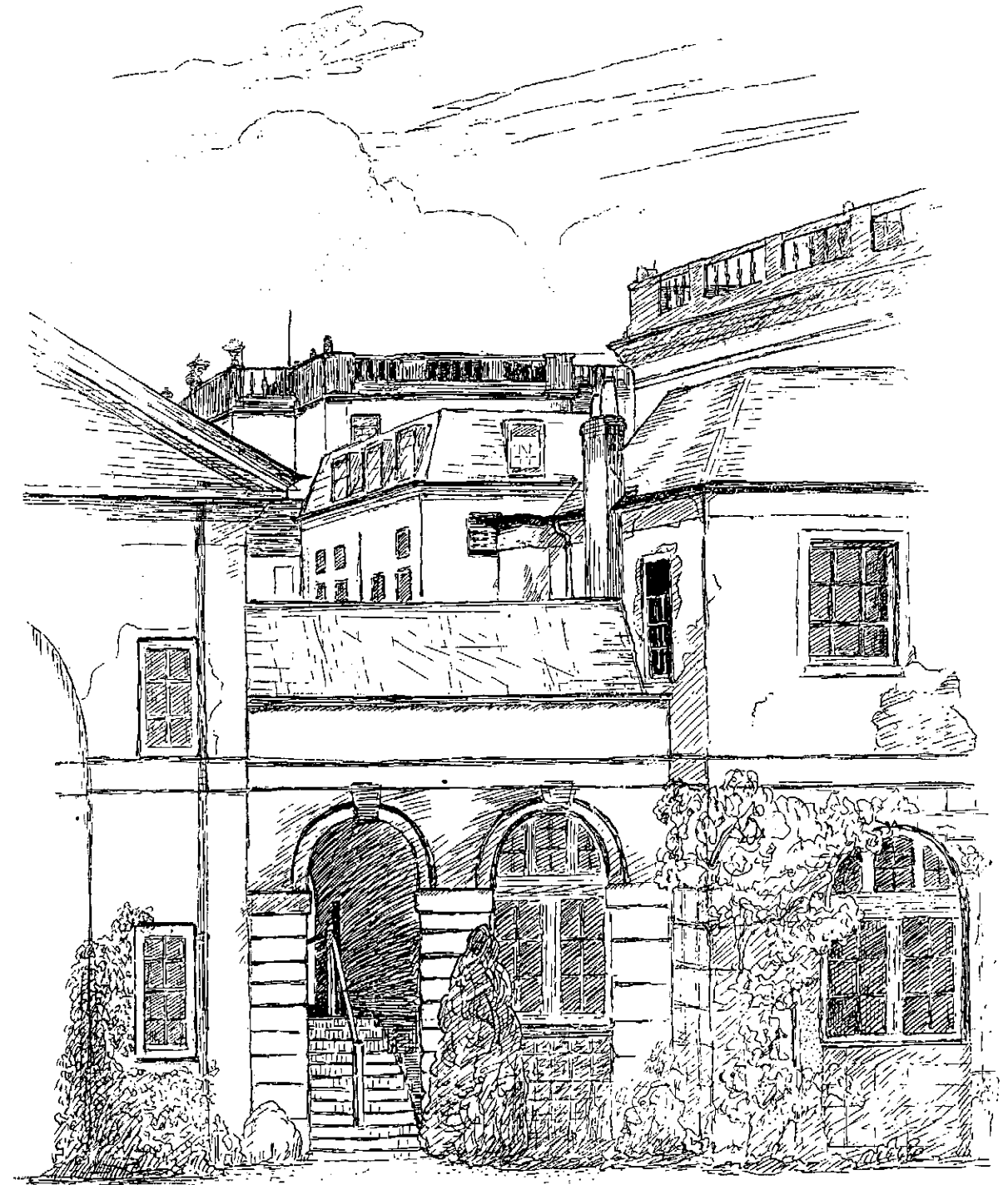
As to the origin of umbrellas, we are not told that they were in use at the time of the Flood: but then Noah's was a special case. In post-diluvian days they were to be found in China (who has not heard of a Chinese umbrella?), in ancient Nineveh and at Babylon; we presume Nebuchadnezzar did not carry one when 'he was driven from men and did eat grass as oxen and his body was wet with the dew of Heaven.' In Egypt they were in use under the Pharaohs—no doubt as a protection from the sun, for they could have afforded no defence against the inundations of the Nile. In Burma the white umbrella was confined to the king and the white elephant. In India they are still regarded as insignia of royalty: in fact among the Mahratta princes it was no small honour to be styled 'Lord of the Umbrella.'

To come nearer home and to modern times—there are different kinds of 'little shades.' First there is the umbrella proper: this is meant to be a protection from rain, hail, sleet or snow. Such a type is common in England, and more so in Ireland and Scotland. Since the stigma of effeminacy was removed from it, the 'brolly' has become quite common at English Public Schools. Then there is the parasol or sunshade. This specimen, rare in England, is designed to keep off the excessive rays of the sun. It is to be seen in various and gaudy shades, and is often owned by no less gaudy ladies in such places as the Lido. Thirdly, there is the umbrella that is no umbrella. This type is hard to explain, but may be discovered in cloak-rooms, lost-property offices, at sales conducted by Railway Companies, or at Stowe School. It has in most cases lost some of its rods and much of the covering; it ends its career in the dust-bin, or as an appendage to a scare-crow.

At any stage in its history the umbrella may display characteristic humours, and is not averse to an occasional escapade. When the rain begins, it has a way of refusing to open, and when the rain has ceased, nothing will induce it to shut, until at last, after a struggle, it closes with a jerk, pinching its owner's (or more likely a borrower's) fingers. During a gale it is almost impossible to control its vagaries. Therefore, on such occasions, if you are a wise man, you will keep it tightly furled at your side. But frequently during an ordinary shower, when the umbrella is being put to its proper use, a sudden gust of wind sweeps up the street, catching you unawares. Before you know what has happened, your umbrella has reversed, torn itself from your grasp, and is bowling merrily up the muddy street. This necessitates an undignified pursuit on your part. Luckily the umbrella has many points and angles which soon slow up its progress. When you have recaptured the truant you find it collapsed, mud-stained and torn, certainly not an object to be seen with in decent society. You may take it home and try to repair it, but on the first really wet day you will be disgruntled to find that your umbrella is no longer waterproof. If you are a wise man, you will discard it and buy a new one. Even then the old umbrella's service is not over: if, for instance, you are entomologically inclined, you can utilise it for sweeping the herbage for caterpillars.

No doubt someday a clever inventor will produce an umbrella-hat, or some such contrivance, which will supersede the umbrella itself; it will then become a relic of the ages, extinct like the Dodo, and be relegated to a place of honour in the British Museum, to be, like the tyrant Macbeth, 'the show and gaze of the time.'

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