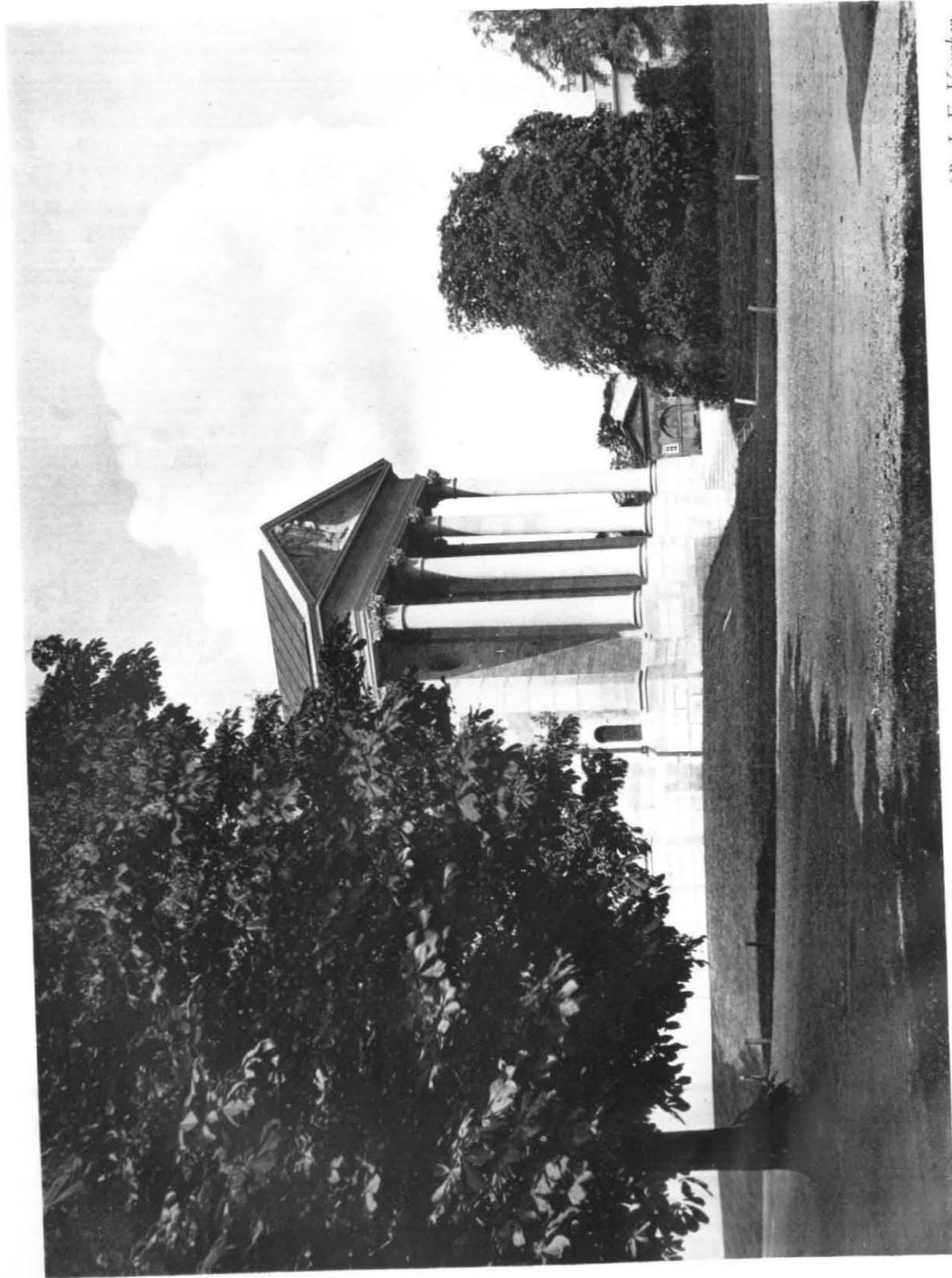


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SPEECH DAY 1931

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The Lord Mayor of London (Sir Phené Neal) was the chief speaker at the ninth Speech Day of Stowe School, on Wednesday, June 24th.

He said he hoped that many of the boys present would follow glorious careers in the Services. Whether they aspired to the professions or were absorbed into trade, an immense responsibility would devolve upon them, for it was upon their shoulders that the future of the Empire would rest. Let them be very sure, therefore, that their foundations were as solid as the rock, remembering that it was as proud a thing to say they were Englishmen, as it had been to a Roman to say "Romanus sum."

He had had a number of letters from Stowe charging him strictly not to mention the Headmaster—(laughter)—but he asked those present whether they could think of any boy who had passed through the school who did not hold him in affection and deep regard. (Cheers.) Personally, he found him irresistible. (Laughter.) He thought they had met in that temporary building long enough and hoped they might look forward to meeting in an assembly hall worthy of the rest of the school buildings. He asked them all to pay a tribute to Mr. Warrington, than whom no one had done more for Stowe.

The HEADMASTER (Mr. J. F. Roxburgh) asked people not to accuse Stowe of being a school of 500; it was a school intended for 450, temporarily expanded to 496, and he wished devoutly that he could get it back to its proper number of 450. The growing difficulties of public school parents only seemed to bring out their qualities, and to show them cheerfully determined to give up anything rather than the education of their sons. He could not help feeling glad that so many Stoics were in, or going into, the Services—already more than 40 held commissions, or were about to receive them. There were 80 Old Stoics now at Cambridge, and 30 at Oxford.

After referring to various academic and other honours won by Stoics, he said that if there was any special direction in which the School was developing, it was on the modern language side. Modern languages provided training in expression, and linked up a boy's mind with the realities of the modern world. What was more important, they enabled a boy to continue his education throughout his life.

LORD BURNHAM said he was glad to think that so far away as America there was a demand for the English public school product as a leader in industry, on the ground that he could be trusted out of sight.

IN MEMORIAM

PATRICK TORRINGTON RAPPOPORT.

Born on May 28th, 1916.

Died on May 26th, 1931.

Patrick Rappoport, who died as the result of an accident at cricket and was buried in Buckingham Cemetery on his fifteenth birthday, had been just over three terms in the School.

It is fitting to record the grief that we have felt—grief that one who had found the spirit of the School, and would have lived to express that spirit nobly, should so suddenly have left us.

Our inheritance is the memory of a keen mind, of a life that was good to live, tense and enjoyable, rich in friendship, full of promise.

We shall try to be loyal to that memory.

“Beauty was in this brain and in this eager hand.”

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships:—

- R. O. M. WILLIAMS. (Mr. A. G. Le Maitre, St. Salvator's, St. Andrews, Fife).
 P. N. HUME. (Mr. I. Sant, St. Edmund's, Hindhead).
 B. J. R. MORETON. (Major F. K. Norman, The New Beacon, Sevenoaks).
 R. W. HEY. (Mr. C. E. Winter, Northaw, Surrenden-Dering, Pluckley, Kent).
 A. J. FOOTE. (Mr. J. F. Maxwell Hyslop, Rottingdean, Sussex).
 I. A. ROXBURGH. (Mr. W. B. Harris, St. Ronan's, West Worthing).
 R. G. FOX. (Mr. J. G. Fawcus, Bilton Grange, Rugby).
 P. R. SPENCER. (Mr. C. Malden, Windlesham House, Southern Cross, near Brighton).
 R. F. NIGHTINGALE. (Mr. C. A. Ranger, Pinewood, Farnborough).
 G. L. CHESHIRE. (Mr. A. E. Lynam, Dragon School, Oxford).

PRIZES

BARBER READING PRIZES.

A. R. W. STANSFELD and G. J. B. WRIGHT equal.

BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN.

Prose: O. A. W. DILKE.*Essay*: P. G. H. GELL.

BURROUGHES ESSAY PRIZE.

A. A. H. RADICE.

CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK.

R. A. ATTHILL.

GENERAL PAPER PRIZES

P. M. BEECH and A. R. W. STANSFELD equal.

HEADMASTER'S ART PRIZES.

(1) P. F. BAKER.

(2) C. K. ADAMSON.

H. M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY.

D. RUSSELL-DAVIS.

HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR SCIENCE.

H. D. BARBOUR.

J. G. RIESS PRIZES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES.

Senior: J. E. D. IM THURN.*Junior*: I. M. C. BRABY.

PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS.

P. F. BAKER.

PETERS BONE ENGLISH PRIZES.

(1) T. L. JONES.

(2) P. G. H. GELL.

ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE.

H. D. BARBOUR.

WARRINGTON PRIZE FOR HISTORY.

C. J. MORNBY.

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1931.

Prefects :—H. V. Kemp ; C. T. Crowe ; W. H. H. Wilberforce ; P. F. Hornsby ; D. G. Hughes ; P. M. Beech ; I. R. Græme.

Captain of Cricket :—H. V. Kemp (Chatham).

Hon. Secretary of Cricket :—L. G. Levis (Temple).

Mr. Earle is retiring from Chatham House at the end of the Summer Term, though he will remain a Master in the School.

Mr. Cross will take over Chatham and will be succeeded in Temple by Mr. Capel Cure.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—

May 10th.	The Rev. H. B. Walton, Hardwicke, Aylesbury.
May 17th.	The Headmaster of St. Lawrence's School.
May 31st.	Canon S. M. Warner, Holy Trinity, Eastbourne.
June 21st.	Professor L. W. Grensted, Oriel College, Oxford.
July 5th.	The Bishop of Buckingham.
July 19th.	The Rev. G. F. Saywell, Holy Trinity, Marylebone.
July 26th.	Canon A. H. Simpson, Oxford Diocesan Missioner.

The South African Association of Public Schools of Great Britain has 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.

An Old Stoic has distinguished himself by breaking the record for a one-day endurance test on the Golf links. At Westgate-on-Sea, Sir Oliver Lambart, driving off at 3.30 a.m., played 1,800 strokes, walked fifty miles and holed a four-foot putt on the 254th green. He ended his fourteenth round in 95 and was obliged to stop after the first two holes of the fifteenth round by the fall of darkness.

An annual Prize for Biology to be known as "The Evans Prize for Biology" has been founded by the sister of H. M. Evans, late of Grafton House.

On Wednesday, July 8th, we were visited by 26 American Public School Boys (as we should call them) chiefly from Riverdale Country School, New York. During the afternoon they played Baseball for our pleasure and bathed for their own. In the evening the choristers among them sang in the gymnasium and achieved an over-whelming success with some Negro songs and particularly with "Old Man Noah." They had previously visited Winchester and Cheltenham and they came to us (on bicycles) straight from Stratford-on-Avon. On leaving Stowe they turned their handle-bars towards Scotland. These untiring travellers were more than welcome here and we hope that we shall see them again another year.

On Friday, July 10th, we were again invaded from the West. The Headmaster of Tabor School Mass. together with Mr. Stiles from Loomis and 14 members of these and others Schools spent a few hours here investigating the buildings and the bathing place and making a noble effort to take some interest in the semi-finals of the House Matches. These visitors too were exceedingly welcome. We do not mind how many invasions of this kind befall us.

Mr. M. C. MacLaughlin spent the Easter Term at Rollins College, Florida, as Associate Professor of Modern History. He also lectured at the American University at Washington.

Boxing, as is usual in the Summer Term, has been at a low ebb. On wet days a few enthusiasts have been seen sparring in the Gym, and we have the nucleus of a useful team for next term's fixtures.

One meeting of the Physical Society has been held this term (June 17th) at which Mr. Heckstall-Smith read a paper on the Quantum Theory.

The following have been awarded 1st XI. Colours :—J. D. Firth, J. A. Hotham, P. B. Lucas, P. H. G. Smith.

The following have been awarded 2nd XI. Colours :—C. T. Crowe, J. D. Blois, E. R. Allen, R. A. H. Ling, C. J. Macpherson, J. M. Napier, N. A. Marjoribanks, H. Forbes.

The following have been awarded Colts' Caps :—R. B. Boulter, J. H. Bourne, P. E. Dawson, A. A. Hawker, P. G. Krabbé, M. J. Macoun, A. E. de la T. Mallett.

The following have been awarded Representative Colours :—

For Athletics : P. D. Ward, E. V. Hope, C. E. Salamon.

For Cross-Country : E. V. Hope, I. A. H. Stewart.

The urn which now adorns Grafton Court was removed from a bed of nettles and looks better in its new position than it ever did before in our time. But its fellow beside the Chapel is top heavy and clearly needs a new base below it as well as a new flower garden around it.

The spirit that has been making (or breaking?) rural England for about 20 years has now reached Buckingham. A Notice (gothic caps) has appeared on the highway to Buckingham, pointing out the historical interest of the town—"Stop and See," it says, "Ancient Charters, Twisted Chimney, Stowe Avenue, etc., etc." (Free Car Park). Buckingham can be done on the Stratford-on-Avon beat. (American papers please copy).

Why all this fuss about the Earthquake? We have one every night, when two distinguished persons march to bed. And when that Cobham Monitor runs, the Seismographers always have a lot of Leaway to make up afterwards.

Cobham Court has two new doors. One is elegant; the other is not. Through one the Men of Cobham now enter their House direct—and do not get mixed up with the plumbing on the way. The other provides a new way of egress for a harassed Bursar.

TENNIS COURTS

A BEGINNING has been made upon the scheme for laying ten En-Tout-Cas hard courts on the ground between the Temple of Friendship and the Upper Lake—but it is only a beginning. The whole scheme is to cost £2,200 and the *first section*, which consists of a block of three courts and the watering apparatus for the whole scheme, has been completed at a cost of £680. Half of this amount has been contributed by friends of the School. The Games Fund will endeavour to pay off the other half slowly out of income.

Any help that may be given us towards a start upon the *second section* of the scheme—a further block of three courts—will be most welcome.

An offer has been received from the father of a member of the School to contribute £50 towards the provision of one Grasphalte court for winter use. The total cost of this court on the site proposed would be approximately £350. It is difficult at present to see where the £300 can be found. Is this difficulty perhaps one which some lover of tennis could help us to get over?

OLIM ALUMNI

MR. S. J. L. TAYLOR has been awarded First Class Honours in the B.Sc. Special Examination in Physiology, at London University.

MR. S. H. S. HUGHES came out top of all the first-year students in the Honours Course in Modern History at the University of Toronto.

MR. D. N. DEAKIN won the High Jump for Woolwich, with a jump of 5 ft. 8ins., in the Triangular Athletic Competition between Woolwich, Sandhurst and Cranwell.

MR. H. E. HOPE won the Public Schools' Quarter-Mile Championship at Stamford Bridge, against a strong field, in the record time of 51½ seconds. He was equal third in the Pole Jump at this Meeting. He also won, about a fortnight later, the Quarter-Mile Challenge Cup of the London Athletic Club, in 52 seconds.

MR. E. R. AVORY played in the Davis Cup Trial Matches in March, won the Middlesex Lawn Tennis Championship in May, was Runner-up in the London Championship at Queen's Club in June and played for England against Ireland at Dublin in July. He is Hon. Secretary of the International Inter-Collegiate Lawn Tennis Committee.

MR. E. D. O'BRIEN has been elected President of the Oxford Union.

MR. R. A. WOOD was married on May 12th, 1931, at Cradock, South Africa, to Miss G. A. Martin, of Mortimer, C.P.

MR. H. P. CROOM-JOHNSON has been awarded a Scholarship for Modern Languages at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, on the results of his second year's work.

MR. M. E. I. SEARLE has been awarded a Half-blue for Water-Polo at Cambridge.

From the Times.—The engagement is announced between ANTHONY T. COKE, R.A.F., eldest son of Commander A. Coke, D.S.O., R.N., J.P., and Mrs. Coke, of Kenya, and Joan Loring, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Loring, of New York, and Mrs. Guy Lucas, of Brackley, Northants.

An Old Stoic Golfing Society has been founded and Mr. A. S. Anderson has agreed to act as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Correspondence should be addressed to him at 196, Queen's Gate, S.W.7.

THE OLD STOIC FOOTBALL MATCHES.

The Annual First and Second XV. fixtures versus the Old Stoics will be played on Saturday, October 3rd, 1931.

Those members of the O.S.S. who wish to play in these matches should communicate with J. E. McComb, 24 Sanderson Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, stating:—

1. The team and club for whom they are at present playing.
2. Their position of play on the field.
3. Whether or not they wish to stay during the night at Stowe. (There will be limited sleeping accommodation at the School).
4. If they are going to Stowe by road, or would like a 'lift' to Stowe.

STOWE "ASSEMBLY"

Aula patet roseis hinc illinc cincta columnis,
 Quae fuit antiquae gloria nota domus.
 Sternitur omne solum crustis de marmore caesis :
 Insuper in muris figitur artis opus.
 Hic offert oculis, ut quondam, Roma triumphum :
 Romanos ipsos paene videre licet.
 Praetereunt equites conferti tela ferentes :
 Conclamant cives : clamor ad astra subit.
 In medio cultrum vibrans sedet ipse sacerdos :
 Albaque stat praesto vacca parata neci.
 Quoque die pueri taciti glomerantur in aulam,
 Dum precibus princeps invocat ipse deos.

COMUS

(Performed on Speech Day at 9.30 p.m.)

Among the busts in the Temple of Ancient Virtue is that of John Milton, "whose sublime and unbounded Genius equal'd a Subject that carried him beyond the Limits of the World." But the "God-gifted organ-voice of England" who sang of "Man's First Disobedience, and the Fruit of that Forbidden Tree," was a different person from the Milton who entertained us at Stowe on June 24th. "Comus" is essentially a work of youth: it was written in 1634 when Milton was 26 years old: it was requisitioned for an occasion of festivity, and in it there is none of the Puritanical or political propaganda with which the poet's later works are coloured.

There were, at the outset, innumerable difficulties to be faced: Nature, or rather Kent, had provided a perfect open-air theatre, but hardly one which could present the rapidity of Milton's change of scene: but the uses to which the Temple of Ancient Virtue and the Serpentine River were put successfully solved this problem. During the last few days everyone's mind cannot but have been clouded with a doubt as to the weather, but the rain held off and the weeks of unremitted labour were crowned with the success of the production.

The psychology of the audience must have been studied to some effect, for the opening procession on the river and up the hill hit an entirely auspicious note, and one felt that Stowe gardens were once more being trodden by the feet of their rightful owners instead of the more mundane occupants of the 20th century. With the passing of the first tableau, the Attendant Spirit made his impressive entry, although his figure had not as yet attained the ethereal qualities that it was later to possess. It says much for P. F. Hornsby that throughout the whole of his long opening speech he succeeded in holding his audience's attention. No less effective was Comus' entry: the torches burned beautifully, and the atmosphere was electric, culminating in the magnificent declamation "What has night to do with sleep?" T. Q. Annan's acting of an extraordinarily

difficult part was always good, and often brilliant, as during the passage of stichomuthia with the Lady. But, as is always the difficulty in a school production, the Lady was too manly, or perhaps E. V. Hope was trying to force his voice in the effort to reach the back of the vast auditorium. The exit of Comus and the Lady was noticeable for the exquisite figures of the following monsters.

The scene between the two brothers, the least interesting part of the play, was capably performed. The Hon. H. D. G. Prittie's voice carried, of all the actors, the best: and J. R. C. Kenyon played with dignity the not very enlivening part of "2 Bro." The next tableau, however, was the finest in the whole performance: the grouping was magnificent and the reflection of the torches in the still waters gave an added splendour. In Comus' lips the cogency of Milton's arguments appeared remarkable; and that "Th'all-giver would be unthank't," seemed an argument which only the ward of Chastity would not find irresistible. Then came a vivid moment of action: the rabble fled, and we were left with the tragedy of the spell-bound Lady. But sadness could not for long permeate the action of a festive masque, and Thyrsis's summoning of Sabrina brought us to another beautiful tableau. Sabrina's entry was perhaps the most striking moment of the performance, and P. F. Baker made the best of the difficult task of making himself heard by the audience while speaking to the other characters, although his voice was rather metallic.

It was here that the lighting effects became really astounding, and with Sabrina's solemn departure, the whole scene became infused with beauty to an extraordinary degree. The stage emptied, to be refilled with the "Countrey-Dancers" whose antics seemed to cause some amusement to certain portions of the audience, but whose dancing, as was only to be expected, was entirely in accordance with the best traditions of English folk-dancing. The rhythm was far better on the final night than it had been at the previous performances. This may probably be attributed to the augmentation and consequent improvement of the orchestra, to whom is due no little recognition for the success of the performance, so entirely was Arne's music in accord with the atmosphere of the play. The second procession, ending with the departure of the Earl's party into the Temple of Ancient Virtue, was less successful owing to the audience's not being descendants of Argus; but the final scene few will be able to forget. The ethereal vision of the Attendant Spirit in the full flood of the searchlights can have failed to stir only the most banal of those present: perhaps even the stern features of John Milton might have been seen to relax a little.

A.

THE STOWE CLUB

(From our Pineapple Correspondent).

Dear Sir,

There are now one hundred and twenty club members, thirty more than three months ago. The time has come for some of the foundation members to leave, but one or two of them are now actually helping to run the Club. Further growth is impossible in the present building. Indeed, as it is, it will be very crowded in the winter. The attendance this term has been remarkable. Last summer, often only five or six people were present each evening; this summer, there have seldom been less than twenty-five. Captain Lucas, Hone and Betts could want no better testimonial that the boys appreciate their work for them.

Two cricket teams have been in action every Saturday. While the Juniors have enjoyed rather than distinguished themselves, the Seniors are at the moment top of the local Division, and, if they win their match next week, will be in the semi-final of the London Federation. We did not do very well in the Westminster Federation Sports, doubtless owing to the fact that nobody took training seriously until a week before the event. There has been swimming every Monday night in the Marylebone Baths, where again enjoyment rather than skill has been shown. L.C.C. classes—reading and gym on Wednesdays, and gym on Thursdays—have been very well attended, in spite of the counter claims of cricket.

The weather was not all it might have been at the Whitsun Camp. As a result, high spirits could not always escape in the best-directed ways. One can only hope that St. Swithin's has once again been mistaken and that it will be fine from August 8th to 16th, when at least twenty-five of the boys will be under canvas at Stowe. The cost of camp for Seniors is 16/9 and for Juniors 12/-. Many of them find it hard to get a week off, and it is this, rather than the money (or lack of it), which prevents a bigger attendance.

The parties from Stowe now come down on Saturdays, and as the Club shuts on that evening at 9.30, a short visit to the Movietone is allowed afterwards. There have not been many old Stoics at the Club lately, but John Lilley, George Pick, R. H. Scott and the Trippes still remain faithful.

The canteen has been opened on Friday nights as usual by Mrs. Lilley. It would, perhaps, be some small recompense for her kindness if she knew how much she is missed when she is away. On other nights, three of the members, splendid boys, run it privately in a smaller way. Although under no obligation to do so, they hand over what profits they make to the Club.

There have been three 'Select Dances' (tickets 6d. each) this term. At the first, the band failed to appear and a gramophone and piano acted as inefficient substitutes. At the other two, the Toc H band, who very kindly gave their services, performed magnificently. The second was marred by the presence of a few toughs, though no actual trouble occurred. The third was entirely successful. These dances are really most surprising. All the boys are cleanly and nicely dressed (the most ill-groomed person was, I think, myself). As for the girls, it is amazing that one of the poorest districts in London should produce such pretty, clean, well-dressed little people. Everyone behaves perfectly and there is no rowdiness or lack of manners. It makes one feel what a great pity it is that there are so few clubs comparable with the Pineapple for girls. If our sisters of Westonbirt ever feel inclined to imitate Stowe in Marylebone, their trouble will not be in vain.

Unemployment has not hit the Club as hard as might be expected. Eight or ten members are usually out of work, but there is always a plentiful demand for juvenile labour, which can be exploited without the necessity of paying unemployment insurance. The State takes no interest whatsoever in boys between 14 and 16, so that long hours and minimum wages are the rule. It is to these boys—and to those who are sacked as soon as they become 16—that the Club is perhaps the greatest help.

The more one sees of the London boy, the more does one come to like and admire him. He is sharp, alert, cheerful and friendly. He has courage. He will fight those bigger than himself and will take his punishment like a man. But he is old for his years and the strain which his upbringing has imposed upon him is shown by his lack of initiative and stability. Bits of teams fail to turn up because they have taken their girls to the talkies, and they are genuinely indignant when one gets annoyed. In

Marylebone, this lack of sticking power is especially marked, partly, no doubt, because there has never been in the district a tradition of sportsmanship or anything else. It makes club management disheartening work. In spite of this, in the past year, the "Pineapple" has become as good a club as any of its size in London. This is thanks to the tireless energy of Captain Lucas, Hone and Betts. Our debt to them is immeasurable.

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN J. L. TAYLOR.

PINEAPPLE WHITSUN CAMP.

On a miserable Whit-Saturday evening the Warden and Mr. Hone brought thirty-one Marylebone boys into camp at Stowe. It had rained hard all day, and tea at the Habitation was obviously welcome on arrival. Tents had been pitched in the finer weather, so reasonable dryness was assured. And thanks to a fair spell after supper the boys were able to settle down in comparative comfort.

But that night rain set in steadily. Camping under such conditions is depressing, particularly for those who see their fine weather schemes defeated. But the Pineapple tents showed no signs of gloom. Voices were upraised in Irish song till the small hours of the morning and could be heard as far away as the School.

Sunday morning brought no break in the sky, and little could be done. Some took a long walk in the grounds, some watched in vain for the "brighter intervals" promised, while others—and perhaps they were the wisest—made good their scanty sleep of the previous night.

After lunch the sun came out, and though it was impossible for the ground to dry very quickly, the change in the weather provided a long-awaited opportunity for games. Stoics came up in the afternoon and took a party to play "rounders" on the Bourbon Field. Doran arranged some impromptu boxing contests in the Gymnasium. In these fights the Club boys were superior, but their opponents seemed to be giving much away in age and experience.

Study-teas, Chapel and supper led up to the evening game of soccer to which a Grafton eleven challenged the Pineapple. Fifteen minutes each way was as long as could be played, perhaps as long as was desirable, in view of blue suits and stiff collars. A victory of one—nil to the Club gave great satisfaction.

It seemed too much to hope that Monday should be fine as well. Actually, it was a glorious day. A party was soon off to the Dadford Store, for it is no holiday to go home with much money left in one's pocket, and bringing sweets and lemonade into camp is a traditional expedition.

The rest of the day they spent happily enough lying in the sun, seeing something of the Leagues or playing rough and ready football or cricket, as the fancy took them.

Then striking camp with the usual regrets! A Stoic working-party lightened the labour considerably. Meantime Sconce and Kenyon, who gave admirable service throughout the week-end, prepared the last tea and sandwich meal. By supper-time the buses were away.

We were glad to see H. P. Lee-Warner and J. W. T. Lilley come down for the occasion, and our thanks are again due to the Bursar and Steward for much ready and valuable help.

THE QM.

CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Early Services (May 3rd to July 5th)	10	2	5
Buckingham Hospital (May 31st)	9	9	5
Chapel Expenses (June 28th)	7	18	1

EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Flowers	1	13	2
Wine at Early Services	16	0	0
Lock repairs	10	0	6

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

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

STOWE ROVERS AND SCOUTS

A summer term is always an attractive one to Scout in, and this has been a good summer term. There have been two camps, one alone and one in company with all the rest of the Scouts in the District. There have also been hikes, and both camping and hiking have been well done.

At Troop Nights we began with axe work, getting Mr. Meikle to come over most kindly and to talk to us about axing, as he has done in the past, and he made the subject extraordinarily interesting. After two or three weeks spent in trimming and logging-up fallen trees in the park many people got quite proficient, and there were no accidents.

Later, we were lucky in being able to get hold of some really first class gear for bridging, and we managed to get together a team so well trained in erecting a heavy aerial rope runway bridge that we were asked by the County authorities to erect it at a display at High Wycombe. Owing to examinations this was impossible, though the bridge display was given at the District camp at Tile House, the total time taken in erecting the bridge and sending down one passenger being only 15 minutes.

We have extended a very warm welcome to Mr. Archer, who joined the Troop this Term and is taking over the Scoutmastership of it next. It is he who has been responsible for the efficiency and enterprise that has been shown this summer, and we are grateful to him.

The scheme for increasing the number of Scouts in the School and of including some of the younger members has been under discussion for some time, and the Headmaster made public the following plan a few weeks ago. There will be two Troops, the 1st Stowe consisting of people over 17 years of age, who have left the O.T.C., and the 2nd Stowe consisting of people up to the age of 15. Both will Scout on Tuesday afternoons, and at other times as may be arranged. It is probable that the 2nd Stowe Troop will be founded next Summer Term.

We understand that the formation of a Troop in the Pineapple Club is being mooted, and if this materializes the Stowe Scouts hope to be able to assist it with equipment, funds and Scout officers.

R.H.H.

THE WORKSHOP

Not quite so much work as usual has been turned out this Term, partly owing to sickness and partly to the summer weather. 'Medicals,' however, have found the Shop a boon, and have been able to employ their spare time usefully.

As is usual in the summer, boats have been popular. Workshop boats of a few years ago were often little more than pointed boxes, but the standard of boatbuilding has improved since then. As a matter of interest, a boat is to be built in the Shops next Term by a naval man for all to see, and this should prove interesting. Mr. Morris will also make up a steam engine for demonstration purposes.

Some good model boats have been made, one from the newly published Evans blue print. It is nice to see a blue print in the Shop.

We have acquired a very neat blow lamp forge this Term and various additions to the lathe.

On Speech Day we tried the experiment of opening the Shop to visitors, but of having work going on as usual, instead of showing them the usual exhibition. Many people came in. Mention of the Workshops was made on Speech Day by the Headmaster, who spoke this year as he did last of the need for greater workshop facilities. Delegates from Stowe have lately been visiting and collecting the experience of many schools, and a fine scheme for a workshop block in the Stone Yard has been drawn up, comprising wood, metal and machine shops, lecture room, stores and offices. Owing to a generous gift to the School and to a grant from the Governors, it is now possible to start a metal workshop in a hut adjoining the present Shop. It is hoped that this will be ready for use by the beginning of next Term.

A scheme has been tried with one of the Forms taking Carpentry as part of their syllabus. From it, it is hoped to increase the usefulness of the carpentry lessons by working them rather as a Science practical period is worked, and making it possible for the instructor to give everybody an insight into the theory of joints and the uses of woods and tools.

The course in French Polishing which was proposed in these notes last Term has appealed to some people, but five more names are wanted before we can get a Term's course for 10/- a head.

As a result of a suggestion from many workshop members, we are beginning next Term a series of visits to factories and workshops which handle wood and metal. The first of these will probably be made to Messrs. Bassett Lowke's factory at Northampton.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Channon to an official relationship with the Workshop.

The following have been completed or nearly completed during the Term :—

Walnut cupboard, E. S. Corbett ; Chess board, J. P. D. Gethin ; Oak tea waggon, D. J. Cater ; Mahogany card table, A. D. Coleridge ; Dinghy, D. S. Thomson ; Wireless cabinet, T. G. B. Boulton ; Book ends, lamp stands, oak coffee table, bird table, M. L. Clement-Jones ; Turned ash trays, oak bookcase, D. L. Reeves ; Oak cupboard, P. P. L. E. Welch ; Oak luggage stool, H. D. Seccombe ; Wireless cabinet, J. M. Reay-Smith ; Mahogany stationery cabinet, W. E. Walrond ; Oak corner cupboard, F. A.

Whitlock ; Model yacht, J. C. Breese ; Oak table, T. S. D. Burgis ; Oak tray, deal trestles, J. A. Loud ; Upholstered chair, T. G. Lucas ; Birds' egg cabinet, deal cupboard, P. K. A. Andrews ; Oak stool, M. S. Barker ; Oak tea waggon, D. G. Lea ; Dinghy, J. B. Sopper ; Butterfly cabinet, J. H. Nicholson.

CRICKET

THE season has been a disappointing one in many ways. The weather was truly appalling all through May and most of June, and it was not until the Old Stoics' match in July that a hard wicket was experienced. This naturally prevented batsmen from showing their strokes, and apart from one or two players, there was a marked timidity about the batting. Hotham, after a bad beginning, ran into form during the Westminster match and was the one really dangerous bat on the side. Now that he has obtained a strong defence, he has not allowed, as other hitters often do, his scoring strokes to fade away, and his innings were always a joy to watch. The two Colts, Lucas and Smith, batted consistently, the former particularly showing excellent form and proving himself an ideal opening batsman. Blois played one or two attractive innings, but he must realise that a ball can be driven along the ground with more safety and no less efficiency than in the air. Firth never really got going, and the rest of the batting was of rather an unsteady nature. Allen's innings at St. Paul's, both in its very great material benefit to the score and in its courageousness, was very meritorious.

Turning to the bowling, it cannot be said that it quite justified its early promise. Lucas generally bowled steadily, but otherwise the bowling was too much of the same type—medium pace with no subtleties of spin or flight. Lastly, the fielding was really excellent, particularly the ground fielding and throwing in. There was scarcely a single weak link in the chain, and above all, Levis' wicket-keeping was extraordinarily good and consistent throughout the season.

Measles deprived us for most of the matches—and particularly the most important—of Packe, whose all round ability was greatly missed and whose left hand bowling would have lent variety to the attack. Ling, Tweedy and Legg, all of whom played at some time for the 1st XI., also succumbed to the prevailing epidemic.

In conclusion, we must look forward to a more successful season next year, and with four Colts playing in the XI, prospects do not seem too bad.

STOWE v. THE MASTERS. Played at Stowe on May 15th and 16th.

STOWE.	
H. V. Kemp, c Spencer, b Archer.....	55
J. D. Firth, lbw, b Skene.....	44
F. A. H. Ling, not out.....	9
J. M. Napier, lbw, b Archer.....	7
R. J. Packe, not out.....	12
P. B. Lucas, J. A. Hotham, P. H. G. Smith, L. G. Levis, W. H. H. Wilberforce, B. Tweedy did not bat	
Extras	7
Total (for 3 wks.)	134

MASTERS XI.	
R. W. Skene.	
A. J. Archer.	
W. E. Capel-Cure.	
C. B. Cook.	
I. M. Cross.	
C. Hanbury-Tracy	
J. T. Hankinson.	
E. Hart Dyke.	
H. V. G. Kinvig.	
M. D. Prain.	
C. R. Spencer.	

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Archer	11	2	35	2
Kinvig	5	1	24	0
Prain	6	0	19	0
Hankinson	5	0	15	0
H-Tracy	1	0	12	0
Skene	11	4	22	1

STOWE v. M.C.C. Played at Stowe on May 20th.

In the M.C.C. innings only Carris and Richardson faced the bowling with real confidence, and had two chances which the former offered before he had reached double figures been accepted, the M.C.C. might well have been out for a very moderate score. Of the School bowlers, Kemp bowled really well with no luck, and Packe, though not sufficiently accurate for a bowler of his type, varied his flight well and gained very good figures. The fielding was really good, except for two missed chances, and Levis kept wicket admirably, conceding only 1 bye. When the School batted, the Rev. F. B. R. Browne and S. G. White, a leg break bowler of unpleasant pace, were too much for the opposition and the innings was soon over for 74, Lucas alone showing any form at all.

M.C.C.	
Major Van der Byl, c Tweedy, b Packe	19
H. E. Carris, c Ling, b Packe.....	54
P. Coleridge, c Firth, b Packe.....	22
Major Hargreaves, c Hotham, b Packe	8
Hon. J. Coventry, b Kemp.....	5
R. S. Machin, c Kemp, b Packe.....	20
Lt.-Col. C. G. Maude, lbw, b Packe....	7
P. J. Richardson, b Kemp.....	34
S. G. White, c Smith, b Packe.....	14
T. G. A. Miles, st Levis, b Packe.....	0
Rev. F. B. R. Browne, not out.....	11
Extras	2
Total	196

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tweedy	4	0	15	0
Lucas	2	0	15	0
Wilberforce	6	1	23	0
Packe	19	0	88	8
Kemp	18.5	3	47	2

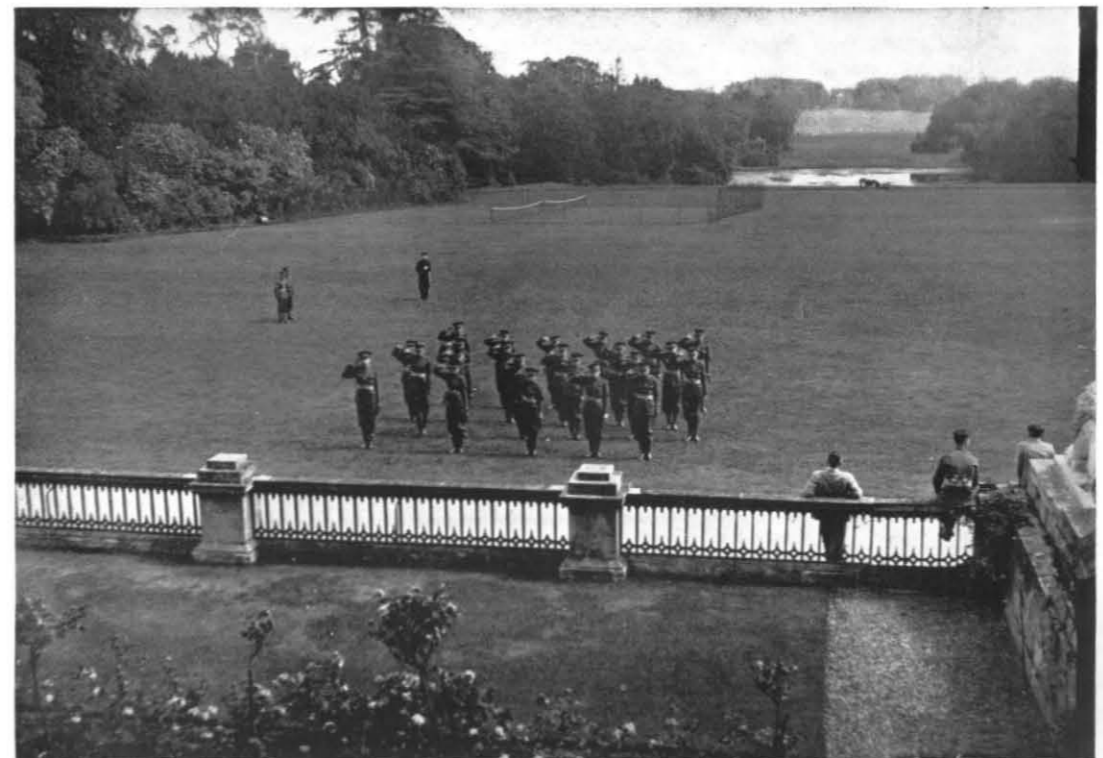
STOWE.	
J. M. Napier, c Browne, b White.....	0
J. D. Firth, st Machin, b White.....	9
F. A. H. Ling, b Browne.....	7
H. V. Kemp, b Browne.....	10
R. J. Packe, b Browne.....	7
P. B. Lucas, not out.....	19
J. A. Hotham, b White.....	1
P. H. G. Smith, b White.....	12
L. G. Levis, b White.....	0
W. H. H. Wilberforce, b Browne.....	1
B. Tweedy, b Browne.....	4
Extras	4
Total	74

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Browne	18	4	36	5
White	17	2	34	5



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STOWE v. THE CRYPTICS. Played at Stowe on May 23rd.

Only one hour's play was possible and in that time the Cryptics showed a great aptitude for quick scoring. The School were unlucky to lose the toss and to field with a wet ball.

CRYPTICS.	
Capt. J. B. Mackie, not out.....	37
C. R. Spencer, b Tweedy.....	11
J. T. Badham, not out.....	35
Col. A. C. Johnstone, D. A. R. Young, P. H. W. Whitcombe, W. R. Evans, K. A. Woodward, J. G. Fawcus, A. H. S. Hinchcliffe, L. W. Greenwood. did not bat.	
Extras	0
Total (for 1 wkt.)	83

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	6	0	19	0
Tweedy	7	0	33	1
Packe	4	0	20	0
Kemp	3	0	11	0

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS. Played at Stowe on May 27th.

The School batted first on a dead wicket on which the ball turned but slowly, and made a poor start against some not very frightening bowling. Firth batted attractively before playing inside a leg break, but the stand of the innings came between Packe and Smith, who added 81 for the sixth wicket. Both used their feet well to get out to the slow bowlers and both drove with power. After the bad start it was very satisfactory to reach 179. The School bowled and fielded well against quite a strong Forester batting side, and were unlucky not to be able quite to force a win which they deserved.

STOWE.	
H. V. Kemp, b Skene.....	10
J. A. Hotham, c Fitzherbert, b Skene..	0
F. A. H. Ling, c Crossman, b Skene....	9
J. D. Firth, b Skene.....	28
R. J. Packe, c Rait Kerr, b Trasenter..	56
P. B. Lucas, c Skene, b Mallam.....	11
P. G. H. Smith, c Crossman, b Trasenter	37
P. M. Beech, not out.....	12
C. T. Crowe, hit wkt, b Trasenter.....	5
L. G. Levis, st Master, b Skene.....	0
W. H. H. Wilberforce, c Rait Kerr, b Trasenter	6
Extras	5
Total	179

	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. S. Kelley ..	14	8	12	0
R. W. Skene	35	15	66	5
Rait Kerr	4	0	14	0
Trasenter	27.6	11	58	4
Mallam	11	3	21	1

FREE FORESTERS.	
R. S. Rait Kerr, c Hotham, b Lucas....	10
A. P. Fitzherbert, st Levis, b Packe....	38
L. E. Misa, c Crowe, b Kemp.....	17
W. S. Kelley, lbw, b Smith.....	35
G. G. Hughes, b Smith.....	1
K. M. C. Mallam, c Hotham, b Smith..	4
V. W. Brett, c Firth, b Smith.....	3
G. Crossman, not out.....	13
W. A. Trasenter, st Levis, b Packe....	1
R. W. Skene, not out.....	12
Col. G. Master did not bat.	
Extras	6
Total (for 8 wkts.)	140

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilberforce	8	1	25	0
Lucas	17	2	39	1
Kemp	12	2	33	1
Packe	10	1	22	2
Smith	8	2	18	4

STOWE v. CRUSADERS. Played at Stowe on May 30th.

Batting first on a wicket which was not quite plumb, the School made a deplorable show and were all out for 44 in an hour and a half, Lucas alone showing any capacity to deal with some good bowling. Most of the side were out to half-hearted shots, and well though Webster and particularly Palmer bowled, there was no excuse for the small score. The Crusaders hit off the runs for the loss of two wickets and very kindly declared in order to give the School some batting practice. The next three-quarters of an hour, however, showed what a complete farce cricket can sometimes become, although Hotham was given an opportunity of showing how hard he can hit, at the expense of some rather unorthodox bowling.

STOWE.		CRUSADERS.	
H. V. Kemp, b Webster.....	12	D. Parry, b Kemp.....	80
J. A. Hotham, b Palmer.....	7	W. H. Webster, b Tweedy.....	0
F. A. H. Ling, c Howland-Jackson, b Webster.....	0	R. H. Palmer, b Packe.....	5
J. D. Firth, lbw, b Palmer.....	4	C. B. Cook, b Lucas.....	4
R. J. Packe, st Dales, b Palmer.....	0	G. C. A. Adams, c Tweedy, b Smith....	43
P. B. Lucas, c Howland-Jackson, b Palmer.....	10	A. G. Howland-Jackson, c Packe, b Kemp	1
J. M. Napier, b Webster.....	0	J. G. Askew, not out.....	1
P. G. H. Smith, c Parry, b Palmer.....	0	Hon. C. J. Lyttleton, W. H. Bermingham,	
C. T. Crowe, c Dales, b Webster.....	3	G. Crys-Williams, H. H. Dales did not	
L. G. Levis, lbw, b Palmer.....	3	bat.	
Extras.....	5	Extras.....	0
Total.....	44	Total (for 6 wks.)	134

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Palmer.....	18.2	11	12	6	Tweedy.....	7	0	21	1
Webster.....	17	9	23	4	Lucas.....	9	0	23	1
Crys-Williams..	2	0	4	0	Packe.....	4	0	45	1
Howland-Jackson	1	1	0	0	Smith.....	6	0	31	1
					Kemp.....	4	0	13	2

STOWE v. RADLEY. Played at Radley on June 6th.

In spite of the impression conveyed by *The Times* report, this was by no means such a one-sided contest as would appear. Although there had been heavy rain for twelve hours before, a start was made at 12.15 on a wicket surprisingly firm, and Kemp, having won the toss, elected to bat. For a short time all went well, Kemp and Hotham appearing to see the ball well. At 19, however, Hotham was caught off a long hop, which he hit really hard, by short leg standing in close—a really wonderful catch and very bad luck for the batsman. Kemp soon followed, chasing a ball outside his off stump, and Allen forgot that a ball must be placed as well as hit hard in order to be effective. Firth, meanwhile, was batting steadily, if slowly, and with Crowe as his partner, a small stand was made, more productive of passing time than of scoring runs. Both Crowe and Firth were out more or less together at 45, Smith also failing to score. Lunch was taken with Lucas and Beech not out, and with the total at 53. After lunch both continued to bat well until Lucas was unaccountably bowled at 76. Blois hit one crashing four through the covers, but was stumped very cleverly at 88. At the same total Beech played a half-mashie shot at a half-volley outside the off stump and was caught at cover, and Levis hit his second ball hard but none the less securely into short leg's

hands. The School batsmen batted timidly to an extreme, and the running between the wickets was more reminiscent of a team of decrepit old gentlemen playing stump cricket on the sands with their daughters, than of a Public School side. When Radley batted, we were given an object lesson in the art of running short but perfectly safe singles, and not a run was missed. Dinwiddy hit a ball just wide of Kemp at mid-off when 9, but apart from that the bowling was treated strictly on its merits and 50 was soon up. Levis caught Dinwiddy off Kemp at 56 and, although a second wicket fell at 69, the runs were hit off with no further loss. After victory had been secured, the Radley batsmen suffered eclipse to a certain extent at the hands of Blois and Lucas, and when eight wickets were down for 113, Radley's star was not so very much in the ascendant. The next two wickets, however, added 51 runs and the last two batsmen remained undefeated to the end. Stowe was thoroughly outplayed in every department of the game except wicket-keeping. Levis, kept splendidly and claimed three of the first four wickets, two from catches on the leg-side. Altogether, however, it cannot be said that the side covered itself with glory. Greater determination must be shown by the batsmen when things are going wrong. We must extend our thanks to Radley for their great hospitality.

STOWE.		RADLEY.	
H. V. Kemp, c Williams, b Kershaw....	11	H. P. Dinwiddy, c Levis, b Kemp.....	22
J. A. Hotham, c Kershaw, b Williams..	9	J. C. Guy, c Levis, b Lucas.....	46
J. D. Firth, c and b Monks.....	7	P. N. Kitching, b Lucas.....	7
E. R. Allen, c Guy, b Williams.....	1	R. M. E. Williams, b Lucas.....	30
C. T. Crowe, lbw, b Monks.....	9	A. N. Kershaw, c Levis, b Lucas.....	5
P. B. Lucas, b Kershaw.....	16	A. G. Neale, b Blois.....	0
P. H. G. Smith, b Monks.....	0	J. W. Tomkinson, b Blois.....	0
P. M. Beech, c Dinwiddy, b Guy.....	17	E. F. A. Royds, b Blois.....	1
J. D. Blois, st Lycett, b Kershaw.....	7	P. S. Hunter, not out.....	23
L. G. Levis, c Kershaw, b Guy.....	0	J. P. Monks, c Hotham, b Blois.....	17
H. Forbes, not out.....	0	P. N. Lycett, not out.....	8
Extras.....	11	Extras.....	3
Total.....	88	Total (for 9 wks.)	164

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Williams.....	15	7	16	2	Lucas.....	16	3	50	4
Kershaw.....	30	9	29	3	Forbes.....	8	2	25	0
Monks.....	20	8	27	3	Kemp.....	12	2	35	1
Dinwiddy.....	6	4	5	0	Smith.....	5	0	26	0
Guy.....	2	2	0	2	Blois.....	7	0	25	4

STOWE v. WESTMINSTER. Played at Stowe on June 11th.

Kemp was again fortunate enough to win the toss and opened the innings himself, together with Hotham. When Kemp was bowled by a really good ball, 60 had been put on for the first wicket in three-quarters of an hour, of which he claimed 13. Firth failed, but Allen produced some nice square drives before he was bowled, and with Crowe running himself out and Lucas trying to turn a straight ball to leg and offering a catch to the bowler, the good position was temporarily lost. Hotham, meanwhile,

was batting magnificently and found a partner in Smith to stay with him until lunch, when the score was 135 for 5, of which Hotham had claimed 83. After lunch Hotham quickly obtained his hundred and was out immediately afterwards trying to drive the ball into the next county. Smith remained in for a short time until he was bowled off his pad, and with Beech, Levis and Wilberforce all failing, it was left for Blois to carry out his bat for 29, which he made in a very short time and by a succession of drives which quickly reached the boundary on the fast Vincent's Square ground. A total of 202 was somewhat disappointing, considering the easiness of the wicket and the not too difficult bowling. Hotham's innings was a really great one. Where other people were scratching about, and while wickets were falling regularly, he continued to play good, forcing cricket, with strokes all round the wicket. He was missed once in the deep when 77, but this was his only mistake. He obtained his runs in an hour and a half.

The Westminster opening pair started quietly but confidently and the first wicket did not fall until 65 had been scored. Then followed a slight collapse until, with the score at 124 for 5, Turner joined Broadhurst, and these two raised the total to 186 by really good, forceful cricket. With a quarter of an hour to go and only 17 runs wanted to win, Westminster, with 5 wickets in hand, seemed to have the game in their pocket. Then came a sudden reversal of fortune: first Broadhurst, jumping out at Lucas, was beautifully stumped by Levis, Argyle was nicely caught at short leg by Smith off Blois and Turner was also stumped going down the wicket to Lucas. Matthews was caught at mid-off by Kemp off Blois, and thus in the space of four overs Westminster had lost 4 wickets for 5 runs. With five balls to come and 12 runs needed to win, the Westminster last man entered and quietly played out the rest of the over, the match being drawn.

The School fielding throughout the innings was excellent, the chief stars being Hotham, Crowe, Smith and Kemp, who saved innumerable runs. The throwing in was also very good indeed and once more Levis' wicket-keeping was a feature of the outcricket. The bowlers also kept their heads very well during the crisis and hardly a loose ball was bowled. Lucas, in particular, kept one end going for a long time and thoroughly deserved his analysis. The wicket was too dead for Wilberforce, but Kemp, Blois and Smith all kept a length and made the batsmen play at them the whole time. It was very refreshing to see the outcricket so good, and the fielding and throwing in would not have disgraced a good county side. Our thanks are due to Westminster for their great hospitality.

STOWE.		WESTMINSTER.	
H. V. Kemp, b Argyle.....	13	A. C. Johnson, run out.....	24
J. A. Hotham, b Johnson.....	103	F. E. Pagan, lbw, b Smith.....	38
J. D. Firth, c Brown, b Johnson.....	1	R. H. Angelo, b Blois.....	14
E. R. Allen, b Argyle.....	16	J. S. Brown, lbw, b Lucas.....	7
C. T. Crowe, run out.....	5	M. Broadhurst, st. Levis, b Lucas.....	46
P. B. Lucas, c & b Angelo.....	0	J. G. Byrne, c Wilberforce, b Smith.....	23
P. H. G. Smith, b Johnson.....	10	J. F. Turner, st Levis, b Lucas.....	33
P. M. Beech, c Munro b Johnson.....	4	J. D. Argyle, c Smith, b Blois.....	0
J. D. Blois, not out.....	29	M. Matthews, c Kemp, b Blois.....	0
L. G. Levis, lbw, b Johnson.....	5	G. K. Munro, not out.....	0
W. H. H. Wilberforce, c Byrne, b Johnson.....	1	J. B. Latey, not out.....	0
Extras	15	Extras	6
Total	202	Total (for 9 wkts.)	191

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Angelo	13	2	58	1	Wilberforce	4	1	14	0
Argyle	19	5	43	2	Lucas	20	8	34	3
Johnson	16.4	3	44	6	Blois	17	2	46	3
Broadhurst	7	1	40	0	Kemp	18	3	51	0
					Smith.....	13	3	25	2

STOWE v. AUTHENTICS. Played at Stowe on June 13th.

The Authentics had a fairly strong side and elected to bat on winning the toss. They made a poor start, Lucas claiming a couple of quick wickets and Salamon getting the Nawab of Pataudi caught at cover. Had Pullan been caught at 5 before he had scored, the Authentics might well have had cause for anxiety. The score gradually mounted, however, and the Authentics were able to declare three-quarters of an hour before tea. Hotham and Lucas, the latter promoted to an opening batsman for the first time, batted delightfully against some bowling which was varied and steady. Kemp and Smith played out time, the latter showing that he had recovered to some extent the power of using his feet.

AUTHENTICS.		STOWE.	
E. G. Moss, lbw, b Lucas.....	5	J. A. Hotham, c Moss, b Pullan.....	71
W. H. Vestey, b Lucas	13	P. B. Lucas, b Nawab of Pataudi.....	64
Nawab of Pataudi, c Crowe, b Salamon..	11	C. T. Crowe, b Linnell.....	12
C. D. A. Pullan, c Wilberforce, b Kemp	37	J. D. Blois, b Linnell.....	0
R. W. Skene, lbw, b Kemp.....	76	P. H. G. Smith, not out.....	17
C. G. Ford, not out.....	52	H. V. Kemp, not out.....	4
M. Spurway, lbw, b Kemp.....	16	J. D. Firth, P. M. Beech, L. G. Levis,	
H. J. Linnell, not out.....	36	W. H. H. Wilberforce, A. H. Salamon	
C. G. Stevens, D. V. Brims, J. C. Master-		did not bat	
man did not bat.			
Extras	13	Extras	12
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	259	Total (for 4 wkts.)	180

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	26	7	64	2	Linnell	15	4	37	2
Wilberforce	10	2	33	0	Brims	11	0	31	0
Smith	10	0	27	0	Pullan	8	1	40	1
Salamon	9	1	46	1	Pataudi	12	2	27	1
Blois	9	1	38	0	Masterman	10	0	21	0
Kemp	11	2	38	3	Skene	5	2	11	0
					Spurway.....	1	0	1	0

STOWE v. CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD. Played at Stowe on June 17th.

After their good exhibition on the previous Saturday, the School showed very poor form against a moderate College side and, although batting first on a good wicket, were outed in two and a half hours. Only Lucas and Smith showed any form at all. The runs were hit off for the loss of two wickets by Christ Church, and Stephens went on to reach a very hard hit hundred.

STOWE.					CHRIST CHURCH.				
J. A. Hotham, c & b Dyson.....				5	D. Stephens, st Levis, b Kemp.....				105
P. B. Lucas, b Nevinson.....				34	R. G. Dyson, lbw, b Lucas.....				1
J. D. Firth, b Nevinson.....				18	W. A. Sims, c Levis, b Kemp.....				39
H. V. Kemp, c Collins, b Nevinson....				6	A. J. R. Collins, c Levis, b Blois.....				15
C. T. Crowe, lbw, b Dyson.....				3	W. H. Vestey, b Smith				16
P. H. G. Smith, lbw, b Sime.....				13	C. G. Ford, not out.....				25
P. M. Beech, c Collins, b Nevinson.....				4	A. F. W. Humphreys, c Wilberforce, b Kemp				2
J. D. Blois, b Nevinson.....				4	P. M. Dyson, not out.....				0
L. G. Levis, not out.....				9	J. Hall, J. H. Nevinson, G. W. D. Venables-Llewellyn did not bat.				
W. H. H. Wilberforce, c Nevinson, b Sime.....				0	Extras				1
A. H. Salamon, c Vesty, b Sime.....				3					
Extras				18					
Total				117	Total (for 6 wks.)				204
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Nevinson	27	13	36	5	Lucas	11	2	39	1
Dyson.....	17	8	23	2	Wilberforce	3	0	9	0
Sime	16.5	5	26	3	Salamon	4	1	29	0
V-Llewellyn	5	0	14	0	Smith	10	1	42	1
Stephens	1	1	0	0	Kemp	8	0	35	3
					Blois	7	0	48	1

STOWE v. ST. PAUL'S. Played on June 20th.

On winning the toss, Kemp decided to take first innings on a wicket which had not recovered from the rain, although it certainly looked quite all right. For the first hour, however, balls were rising head high, and batting must have been anything but pleasant. Our start, too, was unfortunate. Hotham, in hooking a short ball from Shneerson for four, trod on his wicket, again having very bad luck in the manner of his dismissal. Lucas was very well caught by the wicket-keeper on the leg-side and Kemp was out l.b.w. Three down for 23 was bad enough, but worse was to follow. Firth returned a full toss gently to the bowler at 27, Legg was caught at silly point with the score at 42 and Smith was out two runs later. Crowe and Allen stayed in for half an hour before Crowe was caught brilliantly in the slips for a very well played 17. Then came the only stand of the innings, between Allen and Blois, both of whom batted really well now that the wicket had eased. They were together at lunch, but shortly afterwards Allen skied the ball to long leg and was nicely taken for a very valuable 29. Blois followed quickly, being caught in the slips. Too much value cannot be attached to these two batsmen who raised the score from abysmal depths to something approaching the realms of mediocrity and did it in a way suggesting that previous failures had been premature. When St. Paul's batted the wicket had rolled out into a nice easy pacc, and after Lucas had secured two victims—both of whom had scored prodigiously before this match—Judge and Shneerson by sheer workman-like cricket knocked off the runs, Shneerson finally reaching a thoroughly good hundred. Lucas bowled very steadily as his analysis shows, but the others were rather erratic and expensive. St. Paul's thoroughly deserved their victory, their batting being much superior. A good deal, however, depended on the first hour's play, when the wicket really was unpleasant. Levis' wicket-keeping again was first-class.

STOWE.					ST. PAUL'S.				
P. B. Lucas, c Feiwei, b Shneerson....				3	A. W. G. Hadingham, lbw, b Lucas....				14
J. A. Hotham, hit wkt, b Shneerson....				4	P. F. Judge, c Blois, b Kemp.....				35
J. D. Firth, c & b Shneerson.....				5	J. G. Richards, lbw, b Lucas.....				0
H. V. Kemp, lbw, b Richards.....				8	G. G. Shneerson, c Kemp, b Blois.....				121
T. W. Legg, c Shneerson, b Richards....				6	K. R. R. Readhead, b Blois.....				6
C. T. Crowe, c Shneerson, b Judge....				17	G. R. Ffennell, not out.....				20
P. H. G. Smith, c Ffennell, b Richards..				0	J. S. Black, b Lucas.....				2
E. R. Allen, c Hadingham, b Shneerson				29	K. A. Oudjian, c Levis, b Smith				13
J. D. Blois, c Judge, b Richards.....				36	P. J. Tyndall, not out.....				0
L. G. Levis, c Feiwei, b Shneerson....				3	G. R. Stephens, M. Feiwei did not bat.				
A. H. Salamon, not out.....				0	Extras				12
Extras				8					
Total				119	Total (for 7 wks.)				222
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Shneerson	23	7	43	5	Lucas	24	8	38	3
Richards	21.3	7	50	4	Smith	19	0	61	1
Judge	3	0	6	1	Kemp	9	2	40	1
Black	3	2	6	0	Blois	13	2	41	2
Ffennel	1	0	6	0	Salamon	5	0	30	0

STOWE v. I. ZINGARI. Played at Stowe on June 24th.

Armed with a retinue of six local players as substitutes, the I. Zingari, having lost the toss, were enabled to take the field a few minutes before the luncheon interval. In spite of shock tactics the School opening pair, Lucas and Macpherson, were still together at lunch. Afterwards wickets fell at regular intervals, mainly owing to local knowledge and to some erratic running between the wickets by Allen and Crowe. Lucas batted very attractively against some varied bowling and fielding, and was distinctly unlucky to be run out when within one of his fifty. Of the rest, Allen suffered, with true Stoic calm, onslaught after onslaught on the more prominent portions of his anatomy at the hands of the fastest of the substitutes, and mention must be made of a few elegant cuts of his from off the elbow-joint, which, if they produced no material benefit either to the sufferer or to the score, at any rate gave proof of the solidity of the batting. Crowe smote well for his 25 before attempting a run which existed only in his imagination, thus producing a situation the umpire could not ignore. Smith, sent in to flog the flagging bowling, played some nice shots which eluded the vigilance of the outfielders, who were probably fatigued by their exertions between the overs. A special word must be spoken of the two Old Stoics playing, both of whom performed prodigies in the field. When the school declared at the tea interval, the I. Zingari had just over two hours to obtain the runs or get out. When 5 wickets were down for 43 the second possibility seemed even more probable than before. In spite of various bowling changes, however, the substitutes were just able to ward off defeat, though not before the captain, in a sporting attempt to hit off the runs required for victory, had been run out owing to a slight misunderstanding with one of the substitutes, who had failed to back up generously. The School bowling and fielding was steady and Hughes made a very efficient substitute for Levis behind the stumps.

STOWE.	
P. B. Lucas, run out.....	49
C. J. Macpherson, lbw, b Maitland....	7
J. D. Firth, c Capel-Cure, b Simmonds..	6
E. R. Allen, b Archer.....	22
J. D. Blois, b Archer.....	8
C. T. Crowe, run out.....	25
T. W. Legg, b Archer.....	7
P. H. G. Smith, not out.....	29
P. M. Beech, c & b Maitland.....	11
D. G. Hughes, A. H. Salamon did not bat.	
Extras	27
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	191

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Skene	10	4	9	0
Archer	13	1	44	3
Maitland	16.3	4	41	2
Ross	14	3	49	0
Simmonds	3	0	8	1
Head	2	0	13	0

STOWE v. OLD STOICS. Played at Stowe on July 4th.

The old Stoics brought down a very strong side and the School were lucky enough to win the toss. Thanks entirely to Hotham, the score at lunch was 103 for 3, of which Hotham had claimed 85. After lunch he quickly concluded his hundred and was hitting brilliantly when he was well caught by Rowlatt in the deep. A thin misting rain made conditions impossible for the Old Stoics, and Napier and Smith added 50 more runs in between the showers, before Levis was able to declare at tea time. There was only time for 8 balls before rain washed the game out entirely.

STOWE.	
J. A. Hotham, c Rowlatt, b Blandford	134
P. B. Lucas, b de Havilland.....	0
J. D. Firth, st Carr, b Blandford.....	7
R. J. Packe, b de Havilland.....	6
P. H. G. Smith, not out.....	38
J. M. Napier, not out.....	18
J. D. Blois, C. T. Crowe, P. M. Beech,	
F. A. H. Ling, L. G. Levis did not bat.	
Extras	19
Total (for 4 wkts. dec.)	222

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	10	2	34	0
de Havilland....	13	3	65	2
Howland-Jackson	10	3	29	0
Blandford	7	2	22	2
Low	2	0	20	0
Pearson	8	0	33	0

I. ZINGARI.	
B. Gadney, b Smith.....	14
J. Maitland, b Lucas	3
W. E. Capel-Cure, c Crowe, b Smith....	42
Sir R. Gull, b Lucas.....	1
C. B. Cook, b Smith.....	0
P. R. Head, c Legg, b Smith.....	2
R. W. Skene, not out.....	71
D. Ross, b Lucas	0
D. M. Simmonds, c Beech, b Lucas....	5
L. Chaloner, run out	5
A. G. Archer, not out.....	10
Extras	11
Total (for 9 wkts.)	164

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	20	3	68	4
Smith	19	4	39	4
Blois	5	0	21	0
Salamon	2	1	6	0
Firth	2	0	19	0

Total (for 0 wkt.) 6

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	1	0	3	0
Smith	2.2	0	3	0

STOWE v. THE FLAMINGOES. Played at Stowe on July 11th.

The School finished off their full fixture list with a really creditable win over the Flamingoes, a Dutch touring side of some strength. The Flamingoes batted first on a nice easy-paced wicket and, after a good start, were dismissed for 165. The School bowled and fielded admirably. Lucas was steady, while Packe's spinners proved awkward to the visitors. Levis kept wicket very well and claimed three victims, while Firth's catch was one of the best the writer has ever seen. The runs were hit off against some very accurate bowling and first class fielding, everybody contributing his share of the runs, Lucas and Firth batting particularly well. Altogether a very satisfactory match.

FLAMINGOES.	
H. van Manen, c Packe, b Ling.....	57
Thr. J. V. D. Bosch, c Levis, b Lucas..	1
W. Glerum, c Firth, b Packe.....	44
Thr. W. V. D. Bosch, c Levis, b Packe..	14
M. Hartog, b Lucas.....	18
G. Hamburg, c Blois, b Packe.....	1
P. Hagenam, c Levis, b Packe.....	1
L. J. Godderland, c & b Packe.....	7
J. Koeleman, b Lucas.....	11
Thr F. Hooft Graafland, not out.....	1
R. Schill, b Packe.....	0
Extras	10
Total	165

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	21	6	46	3
Smith	12	2	40	0
Packe	20.2	7	52	6
Ling	2	0	17	1

STOWE.	
P. B. Lucas, c Glerum, b W. V. D. Bosch	57
J. A. Hotham, b W. V. D. Bosch.....	25
J. D. Firth, b W. V. D. Bosch.....	29
R. J. Packe, b Van Manen.....	10
P. H. G. Smith, b Van Manen.....	29
J. M. Napier, not out.....	4
J. D. Blois, not out.....	0
C. I. Macpherson, C. T. Crowe, F. A. H.	
Ling, L. G. Levis did not bat.	
Extras	13
Total (for 5 wickets)	167

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Schill	9	1	37	0
Godderland	18	9	24	0
Koeleman	11.3	2	28	0
Van Manen	6	1	15	2
W. V. D. Bosch	13	2	31	3
Glerum	8	3	18	0

The following are the results of the Second XI and Colts' matches :—

- May 21st. COLTS v. ETON COLTS, at Eton.
Scores : Stowe 62 ; Eton 175 (Krabbé 4 for 35, Lucas 5 for 61).
- May 23rd. 2ND XI. v. HARROW 2ND XI., at Harrow.
Rain stopped play.
- June 10th. COLTS v. ST. PAUL'S COLTS, at St. Paul's.
Scores : 263 for 5 (Lucas 139) ; St. Paul's 106 (Krabbé 4 for 11, Lucas 3 for 32).
- June 16th. COLTS v. HARROW COLTS, at Harrow.
Scores : Stowe 242 for 7 (Lucas 89, Smith 42, Napier 47) ; Harrow 197 for 7 (Bourne 3 for 34).
- June 27th. 2ND v. RUGBY 2ND XI., at Stowe.
Scores : Stowe 67 (Macpherson 42) ; Rugby 179.
COLTS v. WELLINGTON COLTS, at Wellington.
Scores : Wellington, 193 for 4 ; Stowe 193 (Dawson 85).
- July 4th. 2ND XI. v. OLD STOICS 2ND XI., at Stowe.
Scores : Old Stoics 254 (Marjoribanks 5 for 18, including hat trick) ; Stowe 10 for 0 (Rain stopped further play).

LEAGUES, 1931.

Temple won the Leagues very easily, obtaining 66 points out of a possible 72, which is a record for Cricket Leagues. The Temple 'A' and 'B' leagues did not lose a single match. Grafton came second with 46 points. They started in a promising manner, but failed to maintain their form.

The points were:—

1.	Temple	...	...	...	...	...	66
2.	Grafton	...	...	...	...	...	46
3.	Grenville	...	...	...	...	...	32
4.	{ Bruce	...	...	...	...	...	30
	{ Chandos	...	...	...	...	...	30
6.	Chatham	...	...	...	...	...	26
7.	Cobham	...	...	...	...	...	22

LAWN TENNIS

The side has not been a strong one this season, and illness and bad weather have combined to handicap us in our matches.

The risk of infection prevented the two School matches against Westminster and Oundle from being played; and the loss of Lilley, the Captain of Tennis, through illness, greatly weakened the side.

Five matches have been played; three were lost, and the other two not finished owing to rain. But, as the scores will show, we have been able to give all our opponents a good game.

There seems to be considerable hope for the future. Three of the new courts close to the Palladian Bridge were completed by half term: they are being kept for the use of boys who are prepared to play regularly, and the standard of tennis among the younger players is certainly higher than it has ever been before. Mr. Lucas has coached with his usual keenness and success; and this season he was helped for a fortnight by Colonel Berger, who was sent down to us by the Lawn Tennis Association.

A short account of the matches is given below.

Wed.	A STOWE VI. v. TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.			
May 20th.	Trinity won by five matches to four.			
	Mr. Hankinson	} won 2	Mr. Wace	} won 1
	Mr. Channon		E. Cadogan	
	C. G. Walton	} won 1		
	D. A. T. Carson			

Sat.	A STOWE VI. v. MR. ELLIS' VI.			
June 6th.	The match was not finished: Mr. Ellis' VI. was leading by four matches to three.			
	Mr. Clarke	} won 2	J. G. Lilley	} won 1
	Mr. Wragg		E. Cadogan	
	Mr. Hankinson	} lost 2		
	G. A. L. Cheatle			

Wed.	STOWE v. KEBLE COLLEGE, Oxford.			
June 10th.	Kemble won by six matches to three.			
	J. G. Lilley	} won 3	G. A. L. Cheatle	} lost 3
	E. Cadogan		J. N. Woodbridge	
	The Hon. I. C. J. Maitland	} lost 3		
	D. A. T. Carson			

Wed.	STOWE v. THE MASTERS.			
June 17th.	The Masters won by eight matches to one.			
	E. Cadogan	} won 1	D. A. T. Carson	} lost 3
	G. A. L. Cheatle		J. N. Woodbridge	
	J. C. Commings	} lost 3		
	N. C. O. Napier			
	Mr. Clarke, Mr. Hankinson, Mr. Timberlake, Mr. Hanbury-Tracy, Mr. Cook and Mr. Channon played for the Masters.			

Sat.	STOWE v. OLD STOICS.			
July 4th.	The match was not finished. The Old Stoics were leading by four matches to two.			
	D. A. T. Carson	} won 1	G. A. L. Cheatle	} lost 2
	E. Cadogan		C. G. Walton	
	J. N. Woodbridge	} won 1		
	G. F. Panton			

The draw for the House matches is given below:—

First Round	Semi-Final	Final	Winner	
Chatham	} Bruce	} Bruce	} Grafton	
Bruce				
Grenville	} Grenville	} Grafton		(3-1)
Cobham				
Chandos	} Chandos	} Grafton		
Temple				
	Grafton (Bye)			

Results of the Singles Competition are as follows:—

V. R. Paravicini	} V. R. Paravicini	} V. R. Paravicini
G. A. L. Cheatle		
E. Cadogan	} E. Cadogan	(3-1)
J. D. Blois		

THE NEW BATHING PLACE

By the generous gift of Mrs. Yates-Thomson, in memory of her husband, Stowe now has one of the very best open-air bathing places of its kind in England. The difference to the conditions of swimming here has been immense.

The new bathing-place for swimmers forms an enclosure 150 feet long and 75 feet wide, entirely surrounded by a low wooden platform 5 feet wide. The water is about 8 feet deep inside the enclosure, except near the shore. A large diving-platform allows diving from any height up to 12 feet, and a most joyful chute descends from this platform. All the woodwork is of oak. There are two excellent springboards, and water-polo goals are fixed at one end of the enclosure. The soft-footed are provided with a concrete path from the dressing-shed to the water, and there are eight ladders to help the infirm out of the water (but the robust do not in practice despise them).

A non-swimmers' enclosure, 60 feet long, 20 feet wide and 3ft. 9ins. deep, with a wooden bottom, has been erected next to the big enclosure.

There is a fine new dressing-shed with plenty of room in it. To its wall is fixed a plaque with the following inscription:—

THIS BATHING PLACE WAS MADE

IN 1931

IN MEMORY OF

HENRY YATES-THOMSON

1838-1928.

HEAD OF HARROW SCHOOL, 1858

AN ARDENT BATHER

UNTIL HIS 88TH YEAR.

SWIMMING

One of this year's innovations is a swimming-coach to teach the crawl-stroke. Mr. Grayson, who has long been the coach of the Civil Service Swimming Club, has come down for every possible week-end and one complete week, and has had 38 regular pupils. The general standard of swimming, among those who take it seriously, has thus gone up rapidly. The full effect of the improvement should appear in a year or two.

In swimming matches the results have been on the whole satisfactory. The team lost to St. Paul's II at the very beginning of term, when St. Paul's, with their indoor bath, had had practice, but we had not. Unfortunately this was the only possible time for the fixture this year. We lost to Harrow by a very narrow margin. This was bad luck, for we were without Allen, who was playing cricket for the 1st XI against St. Paul's. With him we should almost certainly have won.

At the Bath Club we swam 2nd in the heat which Brighton won. We finished about 3 yards behind them, and they were 2nd in the final. Of the 19 teams in the competition we were probably the 6th fastest. Græme received his colours after this event. In the triangular match with the Old Stoics and Westminster, we defeated Westminster heavily and were equally heavily defeated by the Old Stoics, who, with Miller and H. K. D. Shepherd, were much too good for us. We drew the Water-Polo.

The results of the matches held up to date are given below. Results of later matches, and of the Sports, Relays, Water-Polo, and Life-saving, must appear next term.

SWIMMING RESULTS.

ST. PAUL'S II. (May 16th). Away. Lost.

50 Yards.	100 Yards.
First place.—St. Paul's.	First place.—St. Paul's.
Second place.—St. Paul's.	Second place.—J. H. Brooker.
Third place.—E. R. Allen.	Third place.—St. Paul's.
Fourth place.—J. R. Græme.	Fourth place.—G. V. Rouse.

The Plunging and Diving were won by E. R. Allen.

The Team race was won by St. Paul's.

HARROW. (June 20th). Away. Lost.

50 Yards.	Diving.
First place.—G. V. Rouse.	First place.—Harrow.
Second place.—Harrow.	Second place.—A. C. Godfrey.
Third place.—Harrow.	Third place.—D. P. Croom-Johnson.
Fourth place.—D. B. Egerton.	Fourth place.—Harrow.

100 Yards.	
First place.—Harrow.	Plunging.—Harrow.
Second place.—J. H. Brooker.	Team Race.—Stowe.
Third place.—Harrow.	
Fourth place.—I. R. Græme.	

Public Schools Championship at the Bath Club. (July 2nd). Nineteen competitors.
First.—St. Paul's. (Stowe were sixth).

50 Yards.	
E. R. Allen	Time 32½ seconds
G. V. Rouse	Time 30 seconds
100 Yards.	
I. R. Græme	Time 81½ seconds.
J. H. Brooker	Time 69¾ seconds.

Triangular match between Old Stoics, Westminster and Stowe. (July 4th)

Diving.	
First place.—Old Stoics.	First place.—Godfrey.
Second place.—Stowe.	Second place.—Miall (O.S.).
Third place.—Westminster.	(Westminster did not compete).

50 Yards.	
First place.—Copley (O.S.)	} Dead Heat.
Rouse	
Third place.—McComb (O.S.).	

100 Yards.	Relay Race.
First place.—Miller (O.S.).	First place.—Old Stoics.
Second place.—Shepherd (O.S.).	Second place.—Stowe.
Third place.—Brooker.	Third place.—Westminster.

FENCING

THE Captain of Fencing this term has been G. A. L. Cheatle. He, his team and a most promising generation of juniors have worked at least as hard at the "arme blanche" as the most industrious of their predecessors. Illness and the imminent departure—Cheatle leaves this term—of the last of our older generation, have given us plenty to do in the time available. The immediate future will find us with a good but young side. Further on, we anticipate the strongest School team there has ever been.

As reported elsewhere, Cheatle won the Public Schools Foil Cup, which we now hold for the second year in succession. We had three placings in the final pool of six and might have expected Bartlett and Cheyne to join Cheatle, Stansfeld and Lilley there, had they been able to fight.

At Oxford, B. R. S. Houghton goes from strength to strength. He went unbeaten through the whole Cambridge side at foil and épée, won the University Foil Cup and has become captain of the Oxford team. All our good hopes are that H. D. H. Bartlett will do something equally decisive when he gets to Cambridge in October.

The Whig (Old Stoic) team will have a fixture list this season. In announcing its arrival *The Times* described Stowe as the premier fencing school in the country.

J. G. Lilley and J. L. W. Cheyne have been awarded school colours for fencing; R. F. Storey and J. A. Hunter are entitled to wear the chevron.

THE SCHOOL v. THE GROSVENOR FENCING CLUB.

This match was fought on Saturday, May 16th, with the épée only, and won by the Grosvenor F.C., 13—11.

The School team did very well to come so near to beating the club which had won the Savage Shield twice in the last four years and has since secured it in 1931. Childs, the Grosvenor captain, did not fight, but judged. Pelling, the international épéeist, was unbeaten and he was ably supported by F. Kent, who won the Junior Épée Championship this year. Our team showed plenty of spirit, was generally on the attack and had clearly made a rapid improvement as a result of some intensive practice during the first fortnight of term.

Score:—

Grosvenor F.C.—A. E. Pelling, 5 wins; F. Kent, 4; J. Hodgson, 3; W. Fountain, 1; G. Hall, 0 and 1 double hit. Total, 13.

Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle, 3 wins; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2 and 1 double hit; J. G. Lilley, R. F. Storey and R. C. Wertheim, 2 each. Total, 11.

THE SCHOOL v. LONDON FENCING CLUB.

Of the six swordsmen put on to the 'terrain' by the London Fencing Club, three are internationals and a fourth has reached the final of the Amateur Sabre Championship. As the remaining two are promising sons of great fencers, it was a real tribute to which we made a pretty response.

At foil, none of our team could get near Hett.

With the épée we were opposed to a team of first-rate sabreurs. Mental agility has certainly been a powerful asset to us with this weapon of late. Attacking, and attacking with success, we all but cleared off the foil deficit. There followed a sabre pair, in which the L.F.C. fielded two of the best exponents of the cutting weapon in

this country. During three fights, Stowe did not score a single hit. Then Cheatle adopted bold foil tactics and beat Brookfield 3—1 in the most sensational fight of a very good match.

Score:—

FOILS.

L.F.C.—G. V. Hett and Col. A. R. Ridley-Martin, 3 wins each; C. Delsi, 1 win. Total, 7.

Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle and J. W. L. Cheyne, 1 win each; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 0. Total, 2.

EPÉE.

Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle, A. R. W. Stansfeld and J. G. Lilley, 2 wins each. Total, 6.

L.F.C.—E. R. H. Brookfield, 2 wins; G. H. G. Harry, 1 win; F. Montgomerie, 0 win. Total, 3.

SABRE.

L.F.C.—G. H. G. Harry, 2 wins; E. R. H. Brookfield, 1 win. Total, 3.

Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle, 1 win; J. G. Lilley, 0 wins. Total, 1.

Result.—*L.F.C.*, 13 wins; Stowe, 9.

THE SCHOOL v. MR. B. R. S. HOUGHTON'S TEAM.

Fought at Stowe, on 22nd May, this two-weapon match resulted in an excellent win for the School by 26—15. We are grateful to Houghton, not only for bringing over a team, but for selecting one which gave us confidence after the visit of two powerful sides from the London clubs.

All the same, the foil was disquieting. Cheatle beat Houghton by the odd hit in five, but lost two fights he should have won with more care. Stansfeld ran Houghton to the odd hit, beat their third and fourth strings in bloodless victories, and went down to the stylish but not too formidable Comyns Carr. Cheyne did best on paper. He won three fights and failed to get a touch on Houghton.

At épée, our hopes that two good performances against strong sides would be followed by one not only good, but successful, against a weak side, were amply fulfilled. Houghton, of course, was superb. He has run through the whole Cambridge side at foil and épée this year. On this occasion, he was beaten by our fifth string, Hunter, who did astonishingly well in this match: he keeps a straight point and plays a much more finished game than with the foil. Cheatle and Stansfeld fought brilliantly and the whole side bore witness that Stowe can, more than ever, produce a first-class épée side at short notice and real demand.

Score:—

FOILS.

Stowe.—J. L. W. Cheyne, 3 wins; G. A. L. Cheatle and A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2 wins each; J. G. Lilley, 1 win. Total, 8.

Mr. Houghton's Team.—B. R. S. Houghton and R. Comyns Carr, 3 wins each; P. Gray, 2 wins; Cosmo Russell, 0 win. Total, 8.

EPÉE.

Stowe.—G. A. L. Cheatle, A. R. W. Stansfeld and J. A. Hunter, 4 wins each; J. G. Lilley and R. F. Storey, 3 wins each. Total, 18.

Mr. Houghton's Team.—B. R. S. Houghton, 4 wins; P. Gray, R. Comyns Carr and Cosmo Russell, 1 each; R. C. Wertheim, 0. Total, 7.

THE SCHOOL 'A' v. CHELTENHAM.

Fought at Stowe, on July 11th, this match resulted in a win for us by 16 victories to 9. The School won the foil 12—4, a creditable result considering the lack of practice, through illness, of Stansfeld, Lilley and Cheyne. At sabre we went down 4—5; but the result need not be taken too seriously, for Cheate fought after a hard game of tennis, and Cheyne, who came at the last minute into the side, had not held a sabre for three weeks. Mansfield made a promising debut. At foil, the fights were more close than indicated by the score, at sabre we won on hits, 20—17, though we lost 4—5 on fights.

Score :—

FOIL.

Stowe 'A'—A. R. W. Stansfeld, 4 wins; J. L. W. Cheyne and J. G. Lilley, 3 wins each; R. F. Storey, 2 wins. Total, 12.

Cheltenham.—J. P. Lawford, 2 wins; J. P. P. Taylor and M. St. J. Bracknell, 1 win each; J. W. Hartigan, 0 wins. Total, 4.

SABRE.

Cheltenham.—J. W. Hartigan, 3 wins; J. Earwaker and E. Jones, 1 win each. Total, 5.

Stowe 'A'—G. A. L. Cheate, 2 wins; J. W. L. Cheyne and J. E. Mansfield, 1 win each. Total, 4.

THE SAVAGE SHIELD.

Paradoxical as it may appear, our defeat in the first round of the competition by Salle Tassart-Parkins was a first-rate performance. Tassart's were the third best team on the day's fighting. We led them up to the eleventh hour and finally lost, 8—7, by the odd hit. In the year 1928, what was perhaps our strongest épée side reached the semi-final of the Savage for the second year in succession and fell, 9—4, to a Tassart team almost identical to that of 1931.

Chief honours go to Stansfeld. He is decidedly the cleverest épéeist on the side and does not suffer from nerves with this weapon. In turn he defeated three of the Tassart-Parkins team, including L. V. Fildes, who is one of the most successful members of the English side, and he stemmed our fourth round line of defeats by a 'coup-double' with Kohn.

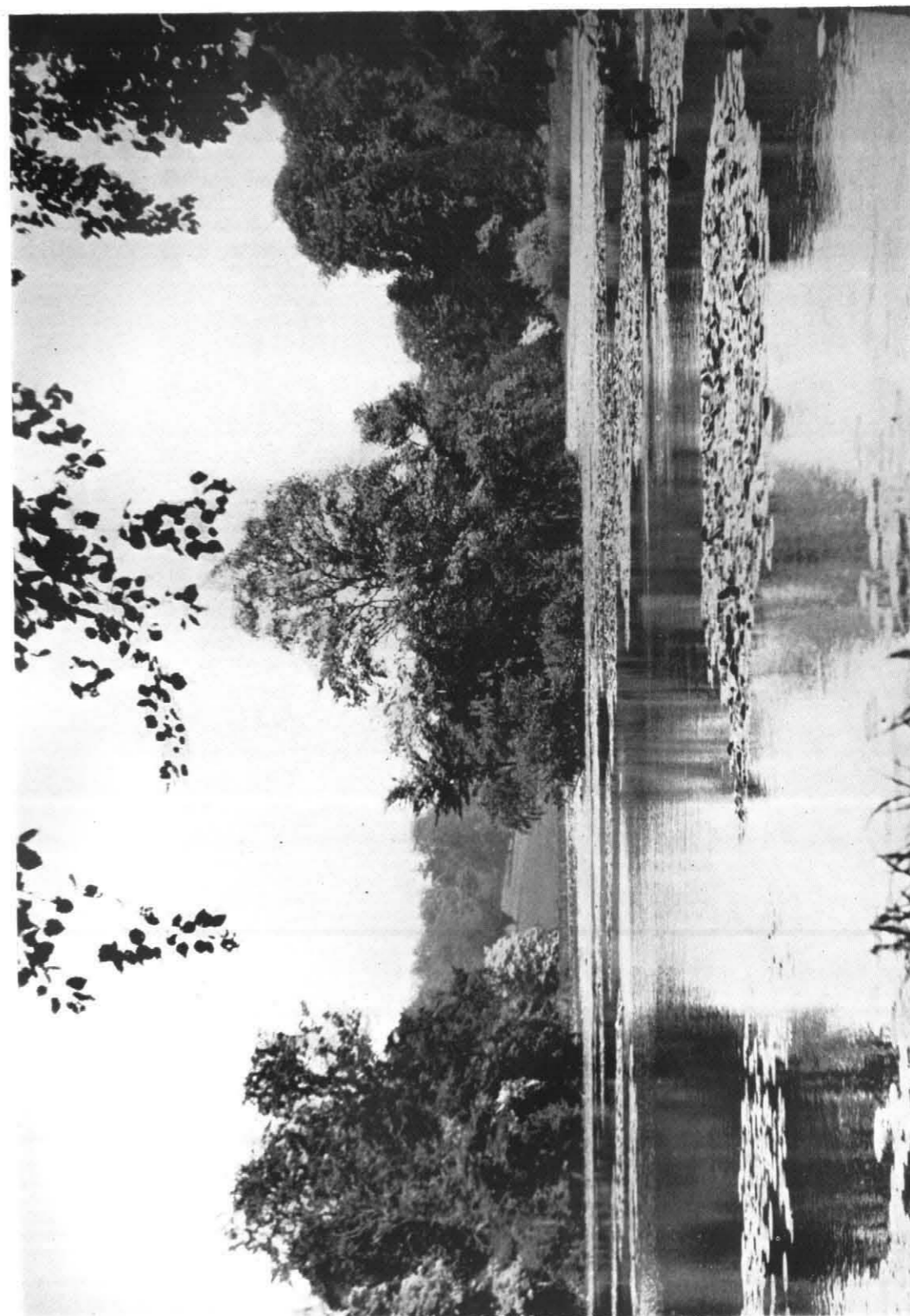
Cheate fought prettily, but was a little overcome at the end by the tenseness of the situation. Lilley and Storey did creditably to get a win apiece against such opponents.

This match was watched by nearly all the spectators in Lincoln's Inn Fields. Afterwards, the captain of the Grosvenor F.C., who won the Shield, sent us a letter of congratulation. *The Times* wrote of our "plucky opposition to a strong and determined team." One could only regret the death of old Maître Tassart who died last year. Present in 1928, he forgot to cheer his own side, because he was among us, with the words "Vos gosses sont épatants."

Score :—

Salle Tassart-Parkins.—J. Kohn, 3 wins, 1 double hit; L. V. Fildes and B. Berliand, 2 wins each; W. R. Wilkin, 1 win. Total, 8.

Stowe.—A. R. W. Stansfeld, 3 wins, 1 double hit; G. A. L. Cheate, 2 wins; J. G. Lilley and R. F. Storey, 1 win each. Total, 7.



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOILS COMPETITION.

Stowe placings.—1st, G. A. L. Cheatle; 3rd, A. R. W. Stansfeld; 6th, J. G. Lilley. H. D. H. Bartlett, last year's winner, and J. L. W. Cheyne were unable to compete.

THE EPEE CUP COMPETITION.

Fought on June 3rd, this resulted in a win, for the second year in succession, by G. A. L. Cheatle.

Result:—

1, G. A. L. Cheatle, 1 defeat; 2, A. R. W. Stansfeld, 1 defeat; 3, J. G. Lilley, 2 defeats; 4, J. L. W. Cheyne and R. F. Storey, 3 defeats each; 6, J. A. Hunter, 5 defeats; 7, R. C. Wertheim, 6 defeats.

THE SABRE CUP COMPETITION.

On Thursday, June 11th, G. A. L. Cheatle won the sabre cup with comparative ease.

Score.—1, G. A. L. Cheatle, 3 wins; 2, J. G. Lilley, 2 wins; 3, J. L. W. Cheyne, 1 win; 4, J. A. Hunter, 0 win.

JUNIOR MATCHES.

THE SCHOOL 'UNDER 16' v. ETON 'UNDER 16.'

One of the most promising young teams Stowe has had defeated Eton 9—7 at Eton on July 4th. Thorne fought very well and Olver who has only fenced for a month did excellently to win one fight and carry two of the remaining three to the odd hit. But the hero of the match was McClintock. The score stood at 8—7 for us, when he beat Somers-Smith, who was actually just over sixteen and tall enough to keep our team at a distance. McClintock fought very coolly to make victory certain by a winning hit after the score had reached 2 all. Starkie was the best of the Etonians.

Score:—

Stowe.—W. R. L. Thorne and N. C. McClintock, 3 wins each; J. G. Wright, 2 wins; S. J. L. Olver, 1 win. Total, 9.

Eton.—H. C. M. Somers-Smith, 3 wins; C. T. Cripps and M. J. P. Starkie, 2 wins; J. N. G. Bruce, 0 wins. Total, 7.

THE SCHOOL 'UNDER 16' v. WESTMINSTER 'UNDER 16.'

Result:—Lost, 5-4.

Score:—

Westminster.—J. G. Fisher, 3 wins; A. T. James and J. B. Aris, 1 win each. Total, 5.

Stowe.—J. G. Wright, W. R. L. Thorne and N. C. McClintock, one win each. Total, 4.

JUNIOR FOIL MEDAL COMPETITION.

1, W. R. L. Thorne, 5 wins; 2, J. G. Wright, 4 wins; 3, N. C. McClintock, 2 wins (11 hits); 4, J. M. F. Egleston, 2 wins (13 hits); 5, K. H. M. Crabbe, 1 win (13 hits); 6, S. J. L. Olver, 1 win (14 hits).

RELAY RACES 1931

The Relay Races, postponed from the Easter Term on account of the early breaking up, were run on May 11th. In spite of the labour involved in getting into training afresh at the beginning of the term, most of the House teams put in a good deal of hard keen work on the track during the preceding week. Grenville, with a remarkably fit team, won for the third successive year with Temple five points behind and Chandos close up to Temple. The attached table shows the full results.

	Time.	Bruce.	Te.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.
4—100's	49 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.	... 2	1	4	5	6	3	0
4—220's	1 min. 47 $\frac{1}{8}$ secs.	... 1	4	6	5	3	0	2
4—440's	3 mins. 55 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.	... 0	6	5	4	1	2	3
4—880's	9 mins. 17 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.	... 1	5	6	4	0	2	3
Composite Mile	4 mins. 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.	... 4	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	3	0	1
Total Points		... 8	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	20	13	7	9
Place		... 6	2	1	3	4	7	5

FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1931

The following fixtures have been arranged for next term :—

1st. XV.			
Sat.	Oct.	3—Old Stoics	Home.
"	"	10—Rosslyn Park, A.	Home.
Thurs.	"	15—LX Club, Cambridge	Home.
Sat.	"	17—London Scottish, A.	Home.
"	"	24—Oriel College, Oxford	Home.
"	"	31—Harrow School	Home.
Wed.	Nov.	4—Radley College	Away.
Sat.	"	7—Richmond, A.	Home.
"	"	14—Oundle School	Away.
"	"	21—St. Paul's School	Away.
Wed.	"	25—Christ Church, Oxford	Home.
Sat.	"	28—Trinity College, Oxford	Home.
"	Dec.	5—Bedford School	Home.
"	"	12—A Veteran's XV.	Home.
2nd XV.			
Sat.	Oct.	3—Old Stoics, 2nd XV.	Home.
"	"	10—Radley College, 2nd XV.	Away.
"	"	17—Wellington College, 2nd XV.	Away.
"	"	24—Oundle School, 2nd XV.	Home.

Wed.	Nov.	7—St. Paul's School, 2nd XV.	Home.
"	"	11—Radley College, 2nd XV.	Home.
Sat.	"	14—London Scottish, Extra B.	Home.
Thurs.	"	26—Harrow School, 2nd XV.	Away.

3rd XV.			
Sat.	Oct.	24—Radley College, 3rd XV.	Away.
Wed.	Nov.	25—Radley College, 3rd XV.	Home.

COLTS XV.			
Wed.	Oct.	21—Radley College, Colts XV.	Home.
Sat.	"	31—Harrow School, Colts XV.	Away.
"	Nov.	14—St. Paul's School, Colts XV.	Home.
Wed.	"	18—St. Edward's School, Colts XV.	Away.
"	"	25—Radley College, Colts XV.	Away.
Sat.	"	28—Oundle School, Colts XV.	Home.

O.T.C. NOTES

THE following promotions and appointments have been made :—

To *Sergeant*: Corporals P. M. Beech, Hon. H. D. G. Prittie, J. D. B. Doran, F. O. S. Dobell, C. T. Crowe, D. M. Lea, D. C. Powell, W. E. D. Moore, L. G. Levis.

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals P. D. Ward, B. T. Aikman, G. V. Rouse, J. M. Dennis, A. R. F. B. Brett, N. A. Marjoribanks, H. D. Nelson Smith, J. B. Sopper, E. W. Sconce, J. R. C. Kenyon.

Appointed *Lance-Corporals*: Cadets J. P. L. Henderson, A. A. Dawson, A. A. H. Radice, C. A. Willink, J. N. Woodbridge, R. R. Hammond-Chambers, J. A. Hotham, G. S. C. Trench, C. K. Adamson, J. C. Commings, R. S. Steavenson, J. E. L. Corbyn, J. McTurk, A. R. W. Stansfeld.

The following obtained Certificate 'A' at the examination held in March, 1931 :—

C. K. Adamson, J. C. Commings, J. E. L. Corbyn, H. M. Evans, R. R. Hammond-Chambers, A. R. Hooker, J. McTurk, H. D. Nelson Smith, R. S. Steavenson, R. F. Storey, R. E. Thornton, G. S. C. Trench.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The Annual Inspection of the contingent was made on June 30th by Major-General Sir Ivo. L. B. Vesey, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Director of Staff Duties.

HOUSE DRILL COMPETITION.

The House Drill Competition for the Coldstream Cup was held on July 6th. The Judges were Lieut. R. F. S. Gooch and a Drill Sergeant, 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards.

	<i>Result.</i>				100
1. Temple	82
2. Grafton	78
3. { Grenville	76
{ Chandos	76
5. Cobham	74
6. Bruce	69
7. Chatham	65

NULLI SECUNDUS CUP.

Sergeant I. R. Græme has been adjudged to be the most efficient cadet of the training year. The Nulli Secundus Cup will therefore be held by Temple House until July, 1932.

SHOOTING

HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION, 1931.

	<i>Average Empire Test.</i>	<i>50% Average Recruits Test.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
1. Chandos	86.6	23.	109.6
2. Grafton	85.2	21.	106.2
3. Chatham	83.8	21.5	105.3
4. Bruce	82.3	20.9	103.2
5. Cobham	81.7	20.4	102.1
6. Grenville	78.4	23.1	101.5
7. Temple	76.2	14.1	90.3

The Individual Shooting Cup was won by E. A. F. Widdrington. Grenville will therefore now hold the cup. A. L. Maffey and D. C. Powell were 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In the "Country Life" Competition the school team obtained 19th place out of a total of 82 entries.

.303 RIFLE MATCHES.

The Sussex County Rifle Association Public Schools Meeting held at Bisley on June 13th.

THE VIII MATCH (Ashburton conditions).

	200 yards.	500 yards.	Total.
D. C. Powell	31	29	60
B. T. Aikman	30	29	59
C. L. Hall	30	31	61
A. L. Maffey	30	30	60
J. A. Hunter	28	32	60
S. M. Sowerby	28	31	59
J. C. Monteith	26	26	52
G. C. S. Trench	30	34	64
	233	242	475

Winners: Harrow. Score 487. Stowe 6th Place. 30 entries.

Bucks County Rifle Association Meeting held at Kimble on June 20th.

General Talbot Challenge Cup.—Stowe School 'A' Team, 1st. 8 entries.

Aircraft Apprentices Challenge Cup.—Stowe School, 2nd. 6 entries.

Eton College Challenge Cup.—Stowe School 'A' Team, 3rd. 9 entries.

N.R.A. MEETING, BISLEY. July 8th and 9th.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SNAP SHOOTING AND RAPID MATCH.

Stowe took 5th place, out of 32 teams, with a score of 442. The winning team scored 453.

'SUNDAY TIMES' GOLD MEDAL AND 'FINANCIAL TIMES' CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Individual Rapid Firing.—10 rounds in 1 minute. Distance 200 yards.

Winner:—Sergt. D. C. Powell. Score: 42 out of 50.

ASHBURTON SHIELD.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Aggregate.
Sergt. D. C. Powell	28	29	57
Cpl. B. T. Aikman	28	32	60
Cadet E. A. F. Widdrington	30	32	62
Cadet A. T. Bardwell	28	27	55
Cadet S. M. Sowerby	30	29	59
Cadet J. K. Hay	32	25	57
Cadet A. L. Maffey	27	28	55
L/Cpl. G. S. C. Trench	28	27	55
Total	231	229	460

This side gave the School 20th place out of 81 teams. Winning Score, 485.

'CADETS' CHALLENGE TROPHY.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Aggregate.
Cadet J. C. Monteith ...	29	24	53
Cadet W. E. Walrond ...	30	29	59
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Winning Score, 120.

THE SAILING CLUB

MATCHES (SEASON—1931).

On May 16th at Abingdon *v.* Oxford University Yacht Club. in their 12ft. Dinghies. Wind, South, Very Light, Continuous rain.

	S.S.S.C.	O.U.Y.C.
First Race	3rd and 4th—3 points	1st and 2nd—7 points
Second Race	3rd and 4th—3 points	1st and 2nd—7 points
Total points	6	14

The School was represented by P. K. Andrews, P. D. Ward, F. O. S. Dobell, and R. G. G. Kent.

On May 20th at Stowe *v.* Cambridge University Cruising Club. Wind, N.E., Moderate.

	S.S.S.C.	C.U.C.C.
First Race	1st and 2nd—7 points	3rd and 4th—3 points
Second Race	1st and 3rd—6 points	2nd and 4th—4 points
Third Race	1st and 4th—5 points	2nd and 3rd—5 points
Total points	18	12

The School was represented by P. D. Ward, P. K. Andrews, R. G. G. Kent, F. O. S. Dobell, Major R. Haworth and M. G. Satow.

On May 27th at Stowe *v.* Oxford University Yacht Club. Wind, South, Moderate to Light.

	S.S.S.C.	O.U.Y.C.
First Race	1st and 2nd—7 points	3rd and 4th—3 points
Second Race	3rd and 4th—3 points	1st and 2nd—7 points
Third Race	1st and 4th—5 points	2nd and 3rd—5 points
Total points	15	15

The School was represented by P. D. Ward, F. O. S. Dobell, P. K. Andrews, Major R. Haworth, and R. T. Bassett.

THE LIBRARY

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

From the Rev. Norman Ramsay:

'English Church Furniture' (Charles Cox and Alfred Harvey).

'The Roll-Call of Westminster Abbey' (A. Murray-Smith).

'Heraldry' (Boutell's, edited and revised by S. T. Aveling).

'Thomas Ken' (Dean Plumtre), 2 vols.

From Mrs. T. S. Wilding:

'Scenes and Characters of the Middle Ages' (Rev. C. E. Cutts).

The following books have been bought:—

'Lord Carnock' (Harold Nicolson); 'City Bosses in the United States' (Harold Zink); 'Hey-rub-a-dub' (Theodore Dreiser); The Oxford History of the United States 1783-1917 (S. E. Monson); 'America Set Free' (Count Hermann Keyserling); 'Germany and the Germans' (Eugen Diesel); 'The Soviet Five-Year Plan' (H. R. Knickerbocker); 'The Jacobins' (C. Brinton); 'A Comprehensive Treatise on Inorganic and Theoretical Chemistry' (J. W. Mellor); Sudermann: 'Frau Sorge' 'Der Katzensteg', 'Die Ehre'; Frenssen: 'Hilligenlei,' 'Jörn Uhl'; Mann: Novellen, 2 vols.; Courteline: Théâtre, 2 vols., 'Gaités del' Escadron'; Régnier: 'Medailles d'Argile,' 'Cité des Eaux'; Becque: Théâtre, 2 vols.; Hauptmann: 'Sonnenaufgang,' 'Fuhrmann Henschel'; Schnitzler: 'Lebendige Stunden'; Marguerite: 'Désastre'; Werfel: 'Geheimnis eines Menschen'; Remarque: 'Im Westen Nichts Neues'; Proust: 'Du Côte de Chez Swan.' 'The Diary of a Country Parson,' 2 vols. (The Rev. James Woodforde); 'Louis Napoleon and the Recovery of France' (F. A. Simpson); 'The Rise of Louis Napoleon' (F. A. Simpson); 'England Under the Hanoverians' (Robertson); Scouting Books: Knotting (Gilcraft); How to Run a Troop (Ernest Young); Exploring (Gilcraft); Saturday Afternoon Scouting (F. A. Stocks); Rovering to Success (Lord Baden Powell).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

THE customary two debates have been held this summer term. They have been well attended and in both cases the division had to be taken without time allowing everyone to speak who was willing to do so.

While a number of members have made promising speeches, an improvement is to be hoped for, at least so far as the senior members of the society are concerned. Maiden speeches from fourteen-year olds are naturally thin; but much stronger stuff may be rightly expected from those who have been half-a-dozen and more terms in the society. Greater care in the preparation of speeches must be exercised, if we are to maintain

the standard which has given Stowe two Presidencies of the Oxford Union in the past year.

The more recent of these triumphs is that of Mr. E. D. O'Brien (Exeter), our distinguished ex-secretary. His colleague and predecessor, Mr. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, has (so they say) been offered a seat to contest for the Conservative Party at the next General Election. He has recently presented us with a handsome dispatch box.

During the term, the following new members have been elected to the Society:—M. J. Macoun, The Earl Haig, J. R. C. Geddes, Hon. G. C. A. Vanneck, D. C. Geddes, K. W. L. Roberts, N. C. Duncan and N. G. Annan.

Houses have the following number of members in the Society:—Temple, 12; Cobham, 9; Grafton, 8; Chandos, 7; Grenville, 5; Chatham, 4.

The 63rd Meeting of the Society was held on June 13th, the motion for debate being "That this House regrets the departure of King Alfonso from Spain."

C. J. MORNY (Secretary) regretted the incident with effective rhetoric. Unfortunately he went on for too long a while.

R. J. CORNFORD had some brilliant things to say but was rather inaudible because he read most of his speech. He should realise that the House enjoys his remarks as much as anyone's.

P. G. H. GELL was doubtful whether a Spanish Republic could last for long.

A. S. M. DICKINS was happier about it. He compared crowns to india-rubber stamps and showed that he has acquired many of the usual weapons of debate. In a short while he should be really good. Meantime he would do well to practise more defence and less attack on principles.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, P. L. C. Brodic, M. J. Macoun, J. R. C. Geddes, R. J. M. Amphlett and Mr. E. D. O'Brien (ex-secretary).

Against the Motion, G. C. Wyndham, The Earl Haig, C. T. Crowe, F. O. S. Dobell and the President.

On a division being taken, there voted:

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
Ayes	- - 18	Ayes	- - 11
Noes	- - 13	Noes	- - 5

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 5, in the Lower House by 6 votes.

The 64th Meeting of the Society was held on July 12th, the motion for debate being "That this House likes the U.S.A."

R. J. M. AMPHLETT opened the debate with considerable skill. He knows how to make use of his arms as well as his head and there is real sincerity in what he says. Perhaps he sees America through too rosy-coloured spectacles, but that is what comes of going there for a short time.

F. O. S. DOBELL opposed the motion. Here again was a speech which showed debating skill, careful preparation and a big improvement on previous efforts. Perhaps this speaker would have been on surer ground had he visited the U.S.

A. R. W. STANSFELD knew plenty about the skyscrapers and prairies, by reason of his considerable knowledge. He has plenty of good things to say, but is at present too diffuse. Clearly, he takes trouble over his speeches; but he might take a lesson from Demosthenes and say them to himself (and sea-shore) aloud before he hands them across to the House.

J. C. DUNDAS, too, failed to make the most of himself. He is witty, shrewd and has the kind of voice which convinces the Society; but his speech was insufficiently put together. No doubt the next attempt will be as good as we expected this time.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, N. G. Annan, H. D. Barbour, T. Q. Annan, R. A. Simpson and the President.

Against the Motion, R. B. B. Hone, The Hon. G. C. A. Vanneck, K. W. L. Roberts, D. C. Geddes and B. Stephens.

On a division being taken, there voted:

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
Ayes	- - 17	Ayes	- - 22
Noes	- - 7	Noes	- - 10

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 10, in the Lower House by 12 votes.

MUSIC

THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Society has been doing the same music as last term with the addition of some part-songs, including *Linden Lea* and the *Wassail* song by Vaughan Williams, and an arrangement of the shanty "When Johnny comes down to Hilo."

The Brahms "Liebeslieder" have been accompanied by piano with the addition of a small body of strings, which has added much to the charm of these waltzes.

The attendance at meetings has been good throughout the term, in spite of the prevailing epidemic.

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

Several meetings have been held and a variety of madrigals and part-songs of all periods have been sung.

THE ORCHESTRA.

In addition to last term's music, Mozart's "Figaro" Overture and Grainger's setting of "Molly on the shore" have been played. "Scheherazade" has gone much better this term. The playing of the whole orchestra has improved greatly since last term, particularly in attack and rhythm.

THE O.T.C. BAND.

The Band has worthily fulfilled the high hopes placed in it last term. At the General Inspection the marches were played with admirable crispness and rhythm and the intonation was good throughout.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

There have been two meetings this term, on June 3rd and July 15th, in Rooms 14 and 15.

Both programmes were orchestral, and as they are of considerable interest, one of them is given below :—

PROGRAMME.

1. Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, in D major J. S. Bach
(For Violin, Flute, Piano and Strings)
Allegro; Affettuoso; Allegro.
Solo Violin—Mr. Blofeld.
Solo Flute—D. G. Hughes.
Pianists—Miss Parkinson.
Mr. Snowdon.
B. A. Hollick.
2. Concerto in A minor J. S. Bach
(For Violin and Strings)
First movement—Allegro.
Solo Violin—Mr. Blofeld.
3. Triple Concerto in A minor J. S. Bach
(For Violin, Flute, Piano and Strings)
Last movement—Alla breve.
Pianist—A. S. M. Dickins.
4. Sonata for Flute and Piano in D major Mozart
Last movement—Allegro.
Solo Flute—D. G. Hughes.
5. Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, in F major J. S. Bach
Allegro moderato; Andante; Allegro assai.
Solo Violin—Mr. Blofeld.
Solo Clarinet (for Trumpet)—Mr. Geoghegan.
Solo Oboe—Mr. Saunders.
Solo Flute—D. G. Hughes
Continuo—Miss Parkinson.
Mr. Snowdon.

CHAPEL SERVICES.

The enlarged edition of Cantata Stoica has added a new interest to the services. Several fine new tunes have been sung, notably the tunes to "Lauda Zion" and "Lift up your heads."

Some new Treble Descants have been attempted, and the Trebles have been particularly strong this term.

The singing at the special service on Speech Day was admirable.

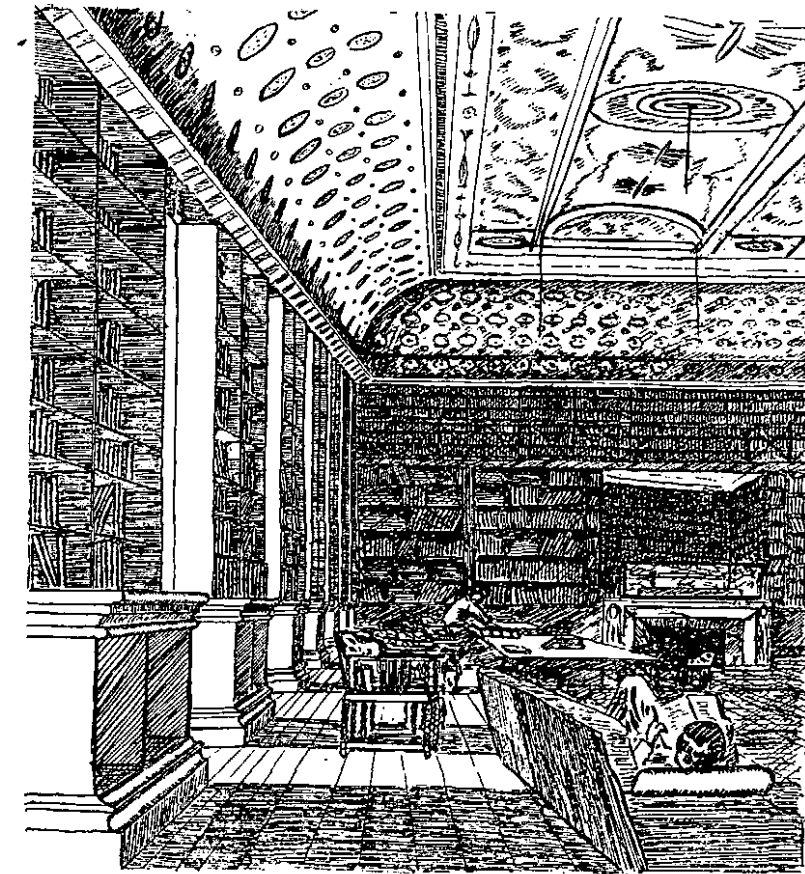
THE ARTS CLUB

At a meeting of the Committee held on Sunday, May 18th, T. R. Barker was elected Treasurer; A. West, J. H. Nelson-Smith and L. H. J. Burton were elected to the Committee; R. J. M. Amphlett, E. C. Ashton, C. F. Cornford, T. E. Lucas, and W. A. Napier were elected members of the Club.

Much valuable work has been done out-of-doors this term, and the standard of the work has been well maintained.

On Wednesday, June 18th, the Club made an expedition to London to visit the Royal Academy, an account of which is given below.

P.F.B.



THE LIBRARY.

By C. K. Adamson.

VISIT TO ROYAL ACADEMY.

On May 10th, the members of the Arts Club went to London to see the Royal Academy Annual Exhibition.

Though the Academy may not contain any work of outstanding distinction, the Exhibition as a whole is of more than usual interest; the average is higher, and there is much good work. More space has been allotted to the modernist section, and the usual criticism, that of ignoring this element, cannot be brought against the Hanging Committee: indeed, in many cases they have been too generous, as the leading Modernists do not submit their work, and therefore the best side of the 'movement' is not shown.

Portraits, as usual, predominate. Amongst these the work of Maurice Greiffenhagen seemed to us the finest. That of Augustus John, Lavery and Orpen is more spectacular than convincing, though 'The Prime Minister' by Lavery is good and 'William Butler Yeats,' by Augustus John, is much admired by many. Doris Zinkeisen shows several remarkably good portraits also.

The landscapes are on a higher level than the other work, though there are several fine 'interiors,' and amongst Figure subjects those by Mrs. Dod Proctor stand out with distinction. Perhaps the most original and striking picture in the Exhibition is "Cows in a Rickyard" by J. Bateman. The water-colour and black and white sections are good and there are some fine things in the sculpture gallery. The Architectural Room has not quite so much good work as usual. One drawing that of "Stowe School, Buckinghamshire, proposed boarding-house," by R. F. Dodd, excited much interest, and a good deal of admiration. Other shows besides that in Burlington House were visited, more particularly that of Picasso's work—a small and not very good selection of it. The remarkable modernist productions of the Spanish artist are still the subject of heated debate in Art circles at Stowe.

THE VITRUVIANS

On Saturday, June 6th, the Society visited Althorp, the seat of Lord Spencer, and one of the chief country houses of Northamptonshire. The exterior of the house dates from about 1790, when the architect Henry Holland practically rebuilt it, though preserving the shape of the old house. It is built of white brick and stone in the classical style. Lord Spencer very kindly showed us the interior of the house. The most important features, from the architectural point of view, are the staircase and the panelled gallery, both dating from the reign of Charles II, and the entrance hall of about 1730. More important than these, however, is the famous collection of pictures. One room contains an unrivalled set of Reynolds's works, and the Gallery is devoted to Lely, Kneller, and other Restoration artists. Holbein, Rubens, Van Dyk, and Rembrandt are but a few of the famous painters whose work is to be seen at Althorp. The furniture, also, is first-class and the plate includes that which the great Duke of Marlborough carried about with him on his campaigns, in case the Government should stop supplies from home, when he could melt it down into coin. The Society afterwards visited the 16th and 17th century Spencer tombs in Great Brington Church, thus concluding a very enjoyable day.

On Saturday, July 11th, the Society visited Blenheim, the magnificent palace presented to the Duke of Marlborough by his grateful sovereign. It was built by Sir John Vanbrugh, the architect of the Rotundo and other buildings at Stowe, and is a sumptuous example of what may be called Vanbrugh's "megalomania." The exterior of the house is covered with ornamentation, which gives it a rather vulgar appearance. The park was laid out by "Capability" Brown, who combined Vanbrugh's bridge and the great lake to form an unrivalled example of landscape gardening.

The Society afterwards spent three-quarters of an hour in Oxford.

A.A.H.R.

THE TWELVE CLUB

Three meetings have been held this term and the following papers were read:—

May 16th.—"Gypsies," by J. H. Brooker.

May 29th.—"God's Own Country," by the President.

July 6th.—"Modern Painting," by P. M. Beech.

P. M. Mallowan, C. J. Morny, A. H. H. Radice, J. H. Brooker, J. C. Dundas and P. F. Hornsby have been elected members of the Club.

C.T.C.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

There have been two meetings of the Society this term and the following papers have been read:—

May 24th.—"Greek Pessimism," by Mr. A. H. J. Knight

June 17th.—"The Origin of the Greek Peoples," by Mr. Harold Peake, F.S.A.

J.N.W.

THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY

The following have been elected members of the Society this term: J. H. Brooker, C. T. Crowe, F. O. S. Dobell.

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

June 8th.—"The Barretts of Wimpole Street," by Rudolf Besier.

July 9th.—"The Playboy of the Western World," by J. M. Synge.

P.M.B.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

The Society has held two meetings during the term.

On Saturday, May 16th, Miss Edith Sitwell read a paper to the Society on "Modern Poetry."

On Sunday, May 24th, P. G. H. Gell read a paper on "Ibsen."

WHEN THE WHITE ROSE FELL

(CONCLUDED)

I will die King of England:

I will not budge a foot.

Richard at Bosworth.

The four last shields of the Red Rose form a little group to the right of Henry and all are bright and clear to behold, though last repainted for Mrs. Nugent by a "Herald Painter" at Gosfield in 1736. Farthest to the right and chasing the "Ratte" off the stage is Lord Edward Stafford, bitter in heart for the slaying of his brother the Duke of Buckingham two years before. With a little luck this Duke might have been king in place of Richard, for his claim stood even higher. At the first he was a warm ally of "Dykkon his maister" and even proclaimed him King, but the murder of the little princes seems to have stuck in his throat, and after "spending two days at Tewkesbury brooding over his claim to the crown" he marched with a Welsh force into Herefordshire. Here misfortune dogged him at every turn, and finally he was held up for ten days by a great flood of the Wye and Severn, long remembered as "the Duke of Buckingham's water." His army dispersed and he fled to Shropshire, where he lived for some time disguised in a hut; but a great reward of money proved too tempting for his host, he was betrayed, dragged forth and beheaded on a Sunday in the market place of Salisbury. His death is one of the scenes in Shakespeare's play, as also is his prayer to stoney-hearted Richard, who retorts with the line "I am not in the giving vein to-day." The title of Duke of Buckingham has been held by four different families, and "has brought to ruin and extinction all those who have borne it." It has now been in abeyance for well-nigh a century, none desiring to risk what further chances it may hold in store.

The Stafford arms are ancient—*Gold and a red chevron*, and for crest and badge they used the silver swan of the Bohuns (Earls of Hereford and Essex) arising from a ducal coronet half black half red. Many great men and lovely women have delighted to wear this beautiful swan. You will find it set like a jewel in the centre of the canopy above the noble brass of Eleanor Bohun in Westminster Abbey. Henry IV was proud to take it for his emblem after his marriage with Mary Bohun. The Staffords had it (with estates which made them the greatest land-owners in England) by descent from the marriage of Eleanor Bohun with the youngest son of Edward III. And the town which gave them title, when it came to seek a cognizance, could think of nothing braver or more fair than this same bird—maybe that even then silvery swans with arched wings were sailing gracefully upon the lakes at Stowe. But when a charge is thus borrowed the heralds would ever have some difference made, and so they decreed that the municipal swan should have her wings *inverted*, which is to say that the pinions must be pointing downwards; and instead of rising from her coronet of black and red, the livery colours of the Staffords, she must wear one of yellow gold about her slender neck, being (in the rich jargon of armory) *dually gorged or*. But the chain which dangles from the crown is a modern affair, unmentioned in the heralds' visitations. Perhaps it was inspired by the chains of office which hung upon the corporations of eighteenth century mayors when "dually gorged or."

Below Stafford is the shield of Sir William Blount, bearing the strangest device of them all. When correctly painted it should disclose *Barry nebuly of six Or and Sable*—

six wobbly bars of alternate gold and black—but Mrs. Nugent's "Herald Painter" seems to have missed the lowest bar. This baronet came of a famous family of soldiers, statesmen and scholars, of whom the ancestor appears as "Blunt" in Shakespeare's Henry IV. The heads of the family were the Barons Mountjoy of Mountjoy, and they lived up to their cheery title and were bright and happy people upon their native hill.

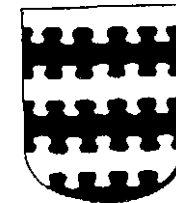
I know little of Sir William Herbert, who from his central position, just to the right of Richmond's head, I should suppose to have been a personal attendant upon the victor, or perhaps a commander in the archers or guns under the Earl of Oxford, for whom this piece was carved. Herbert was cousin to the Earls of Pembroke, warriors from their youth up, who laid down their lives in battle or on the block with that cheerful regularity which marked the soldier-classes of England in the heyday of her Rose-time. The blazon of his shield reads *Per pale Azure and Gules, three lions rampant Argent*, which being interpreted means three silver lions upon a field half blue half red.

After chopping off Buckingham's head, Richard gave his offices and estates to Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland, whom he tried hard to win to his side. This Earl is the figure to the right of Herbert and he carries for Arms *Gold and a blue lion rampant*. He came of a warlike and turbulent race, descendant of that fiery Hotspur whose prowess fills the pages of Froissart, "a doughty fighter rather than a skilful soldier, instinct with stormy energy, passionate and intolerant of the shadow of a slight." His border castle of Alnwick, on the Great North Road, was the scene of marchings and counter-marchings, fire and rapine and siege in the many wars against the Scots. Before Bosworth fight Northumberland had given a tepid support to Richard, and was placed in high command on the day. But he struck not a blow, and would early have gone over to the Red Rose had it not been for the close watch set upon his movements. Henry took him prisoner, but speedily released him and packed him off to deal with the rioters at York. With a force of 800 Northumberland came upon the rebels, and boldly walked out to them unarmed hoping with fair words to persuade them. But the men of Yorkshire held Dick in memory dear, and slew the Earl and buried him in his Minster Church of Beverley, where you may see his tomb unto this day.

The Northumberlands still reign at Alnwick, that grey fortress on a hill, whose array of turrets and towers seems to rival Windsor. And they still rejoice in the proud name of Percy, though not by true inheritance, for the "first Duke of the third creation" was plain Mr. Smithson until 1750, when he changed himself into a Percy by Act of Parliament. Before this he married (to the unbounded indignation of her family)



LD. EDW. STAFFORD



SIR W. BLOUNT



SIR W. HERBERT



PERCY, EARL OF
NORTHUMBERLAND

the Lady Betty Seymour, who fancied herself so vastly that "She persisted in following the Queen to theatres with a retinue longer than her own." Smithson's illegitimate son James was one of the world's greatest chemists, the glory of whose name lives enshrined in the "Smithsonian Institution" at Washington. But I would not have you think that James was rival unto Jesse Boot, that courageous cripple who was made Baron Trent for his Cash Chemistry, for James sold not drugs over the counter for gain, but dabbled in abstruse mineralogy.

Strange indeed it seems that so brutal a monster as Richard III could have inspired affection in the hearts of these dour Yorkshiremen. Reflect but for a moment on his gruesome past. When but a stripling he slaughtered the Prince of Wales—a child of sixteen, and his prisoner—and "slue with his own hands King Henrie the Sixt, being prisoner in the Tower and that without commandement or knowledge of the King, which would undoubtedly (if he had intended that thing) have appointed that butcherlic office to some other than his own borne brother." As Protector he compassed the death of his princely nephews and then planned to marry their sister (his niece) and poisoned his invalid Queen. Yet he was not without charm and accomplishments, and under happier circumstances might have made a successful monarch. He was full of dash, courage and nervous energy, a born fighter and general. Though repulsive of form and feature he was a good dancer and horseman, a lover of music and letters, "of a readie and quick wit but wilie and feine and apt to dissemble." The death of Clarence opened his eyes to a gorgeous career; the glittering bait of the crown ensnared his soul. At times he was pleasant and smiling, at others "he showed a woonderful soure angrie countenance, knitting the browes, frowning and frotting and gnawing on his lips. When he stood musing, he would bite and chew busilie his nether lip, and the dagger which he ware he would, when he studied, with his hand pluck up and downe in the sheath, never drawing it fully oute." Such is the picture that More has drawn of the most sinister figure in the Middle Ages. By treason and death he had helped his brother to the crown; by treason and death he had stolen it himself; by treason and death he lost it. At the end he was driven to stake all on the hazard of Bosworth Field. Had he killed Henry in that last desperate clash his cause was won, but treason again turned the day and he fell proud and obstinate, "fighting manfullie," the last King of the mighty race which had ruled England for more than three hundred years. So the White Rose fell.

COLLES.

REVIEWS (NO. 4)

"THE GRASSHOPPERS COME" By David Garnett. (Chatto and Windus, 5/-).

It is hard to criticize a book of this nature. David Garnett's power of writing sweeps everything aside and irresistibly carries the reader on from the first paragraph. It is such a finely woven whole that there is not a point where it is possible to put down the book without a sense of being cut short and left suspended. Yet it is never monotonous.

In construction the book resembles a poem of Matthew Arnold. A quiet opening with a fascinating piece of descriptive writing absorbs the reader gradually; then there is the crescendo, the crisis, and the closing pages fading slowly away almost to the commonplace.

The story itself is thin, and original only in detail. It simply tells of an attempt at a long distance flying record made by a wealthy widow, her lover, and a pilot. The

aeroplane crashes in the wilds of China. The pilot is left alone with two sandwiches and a twisted ankle, while the other two set off to find help. They do not return, and as the pilot reaches the last stages of hunger, the locusts arrive, which prove his salvation and his curse. Finally he is rescued and returns to his monotonous life of flying instructor and to a wife who had hoped to be safely rid of him.

The drawing of the characters is good. He does not attempt to describe them, but shows plainly by their words and thoughts what the people are. The widow has had an unhappy youth as an insignificant member of a large family. "Our whole lives were planned in the hopes that Eileen should get into the mixed doubles at Wimbledon and she never did and never will." Then she married her millionaire and was free—freer than ever now that he was dead and she could afford her romances and adventures. But her early unhappiness has not soured her or improved her. She remains foolish and romantic, as she betrays in her diary as they cross the Volga. "I almost thought of asking Jimmy to stop the engine and glide down in the hope that we should hear a snatch of the boat-song wafted up to us. But such nonsense must not be allowed to come between us and our great objective." Only in the face of probable death does she forget her dreams and show herself a woman, brave and practical.

Her lover is the vaguest picture of the three. We gather that he only wants her money, but for the rest we have to take the word of Jimmy, the pilot, who says that he is a coward, though when the crash comes he does not behave as one.

The character of Jimmy Wreaks is most skilfully presented to us. An unhappy marriage has made him an introvert and he is, as a consequence, a mystery to us at first. We see him as a good pilot, practical and silent. Lily's enthusiasm over the Volga is quickly damped by: "We must get somewhere if we burn all this petrol," and this makes him seem a boor. But we get a glimpse of the real Jimmy, when the others have gone to sleep and he sees the Irtysh mountains in the moonlight. "I've found the black Irtysh in the dark and here comes the dawn in a glory of fire over the snows of Altai." It is, however, only when he is left alone that we see him as he really is. Unobserved, he can do what he wants, say what he feels; and as we watch we cannot but love.

Garnett's two main subjects for description are locusts and aeroplanes. His fault in describing the former lies only in a few small points that jar. For instance there is the word "stridulation." It is an uncommon word and, in consequence, effective if used once only; but occurring as it does four times in one small page it is bound to lose its effect. Apart from such minor lapses the general impression is good. In dealing with aeroplanes he writes some brilliant passages, but there are others which fail badly, such as: "Some of them were biplanes and some monoplanes and from their bodies could be seen protruding sometimes one head, sometimes two, either side by side or one behind the other." This passage is a definitely clumsy attempt to convey the beautiful picture of the silhouette of an aeroplane and its passengers. He succeeds notably, however, in one passage, the music of which caresses the ear so as almost to induce sleep. "They were lulled and hypnotized by the engine whose voice in their ears had sunk from the first deafening roaring to a faint bubbling drone which at last was itself but scarcely heard."

But, in considering his mistakes, we must take into account the fact that he is trying something new. Most modern novelists rely for their success on a trite wit or an abundance of piquant situations. David Garnett has successfully shown that it is possible to hold a readers' attention by a slight story and a modern setting clothed in beautiful English.

H.

NEWEST EUROPE

NEWEST EUROPE: by *Martin MacLangblin*. (Longmans, Green and Co., 6/- net.)

This book is a study of modern Europe that is chiefly concerned with the most recent political and social movements, and with the men behind those movements. Very little but contemporary history is included (though, of course, the complete history of countries which are only a dozen years old comes under this heading), but there is sufficient groundwork to enable the reader to understand how the present states of affairs have arisen. Countries which have had a great past but are at the moment not of much importance, such as Holland and Portugal, have been left out, chiefly for reasons of space. Those people who have neither the time nor the inclination to study history at any length, but who wish to become conversant with the present-day situations on the continent, will find that this book gives them a very clear picture in a very few words.

The first chapter is devoted to France:—

“Republican France is the mainstay of middle-class conservatism. She looks askance at the new forces of autocracy in proletarian Russia and Fascist Italy. France is democracy grown-up with the fads and fancies of spinsterhood. She is not to be recognised as the bright young person who strides across her postage stamps.”

The constitution of the French republic is explained, hitherto always a mystery. No country's politics can be comprehended until the characters of her politicians are known: so all the French statesmen are paraded for our inspection for example:—

“.....M. Gaston Doumergue, one of those capable men not quite in the first rank who tend to become presidents or popes because their more brilliant contemporaries have a plethora of foes.”

Germany is dealt with next, and it is the true Germany, as distinct from the Germany of the English newspapers during, and immediately after the war. In addition to politics and economics a countryside can reveal some national characteristics.

“Germany is above all else a land of sentiment. Her lanes, her timbered houses and the orchards which, free from hedges, run well over the country beside road or railway make her like Warwickshire without the Americans.”

No wonder that movements like that of the Wandervögel association have flourished in such a country.

Italy and Fascism are next laid bare of the popular superstitions with which the daily papers have clothed them. Italy is a young nation and Fascism is essentially a youthful movement:—

“In fact, Fascism is just another manifestation of the spirit which makes young Russians Communists and young Germans who cannot get at arms Wandervögel. Youth has an age-long grudge against age. The war has given it something to grumble about. Parents in England and America have in reality escaped lightly with just cocktails and an independent spirit: their children might have taken over the government and turned the country upside down.”

Russia and Bolshevism, two other modern mysteries, are now solved. A short history of the revolution is followed by a survey of the Bolshevist theory as it works in practice and of the leaders of the movement.

“Intellectually, Russia looks to the American policy of mass production, and it is as unlikely to turn out exceptional men as Mr. Henry Ford is to build a Rolls by error in his popular line of cars.”

All individualism is crushed.

“It is interesting to note that assassination is condemned by Bolsheviks though mass-killing of the bourgeoisie is approved: the ethics depend on the presence or absence of the individualist factor.”

A long chapter is given to the Baltic states and Poland.

“This is perhaps the least-known part of Europe. Fishermen go to Norway, novel-writers and brigands have given a bad name to the Balkans, while Russia has become a standing dish for the daily paper. But the little states around the Baltic have put their houses so well in order and lie so remote from Cook's Europe that they are still unknown land to the majority of West Europeans.”

Yet they are important to us, for, as in the old days they were the frontier of Christendom and defended the faith, so nowadays they lie between Bolshevism and the rest of Europe.

Next come the Central European states. Some, like Austria, are old states which have been rejuvenated, some, like Czechoslovakia, are nations whose history dates only from the Great War. The various races are so intermingled that it is even more difficult to split the old Empire into its separate nations than it was to bind it together. The races have all very different characters, some being fighters, others “more likely to carry a millionaire's stylo than a field-marshal's baton in the pocket,” and all are intolerant of each other. This is one of the places in which trouble is brewing for Europe, unless great care is used in solving its problems.

Spain is as separated from Europe as England, which in many ways she resembles. Ever since England has been in the ascendant, she has been on the decline. To arrest this decline “there have been magnificent futile efforts. Philip IV tried to remove the national debt by changing the courtiers' starched for unstarched collars.” Parliamentary government on the English model has not thrived in Spain, where every form of corruption has been practised with respect to it.

“Southern Europe has taken long to discover that the remedies of their English patrons are unsuitable outside the fogs and playing-fields of the far side of the Channel.”

A dictatorship has failed to save the country and the present position is fraught with danger; “Spain has carried on crusades for centuries: herself she cannot save.”

The book is concluded by a chapter on the Balkans, always a possible source of war.

“Doubtless the demoralising influence of five centuries of Ottoman rule has had very much to do with the troubled condition of the Balkans. The Turk was no active oppressor; trouble lay in the fact that he was not active about anything.”

Balkan politics must not be regarded as anything similar to English—fairplay is completely unknown. Consequently the government of a Balkan state is never a stable quantity, and this uncertainty of things, combined with lack of education and civilisation, has produced this witches' cauldron of European politics in which any kind of trouble may distil.

F.O.S.D.

THE CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES.

Grenville beat Chatham by 8 wickets in the Final House Cricket Match. The accounts will be published next term.

THE PLAIN

I sometimes think how all this rolling plain
 Was peopled once by races strange and dead ;
 With them I lived and laboured long ago,
 And died. This is the land I used to know
 In ages beyond time, an older birth,
 An older life more lovely, and the earth
 Smelt just as sweet ; so gently blew the wind
 As it blows now, before the ages sped
 And brought me back from sleep ; and ancient pain
 Returns from loves once lost and found again.

P.G.H.G.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of The Stoic.

Sir,

May I take the liberty of defending myself in your columns from the attacks of "ex-S.M." in your last issue?

In my account of the Cobham play of the term before last he discovers the phrase "amateurish improvisations," and dislikes it. He "feels compelled to assert himself." Doubtless he objects to the idea that younger people than himself are enjoying things which he did not enjoy. All elderly persons feel the same thing and attempt to crush the enjoyment of youth with "now in *my day*....."

I pay tribute to the splendour of his contempt, but nevertheless should like to point out that it is founded on false logic. He does not like the phrase "amateurish improvisations of former years" and then proceeds to show that the stage that *he* contrived in former years was—an amateurish improvisation! When stated baldly it is difficult to see how he could have made such a mistake, but I do not doubt that he was so carried away by the flow of his own rhetorical pen that, in his "ire and exaltation," he missed so fine a point.

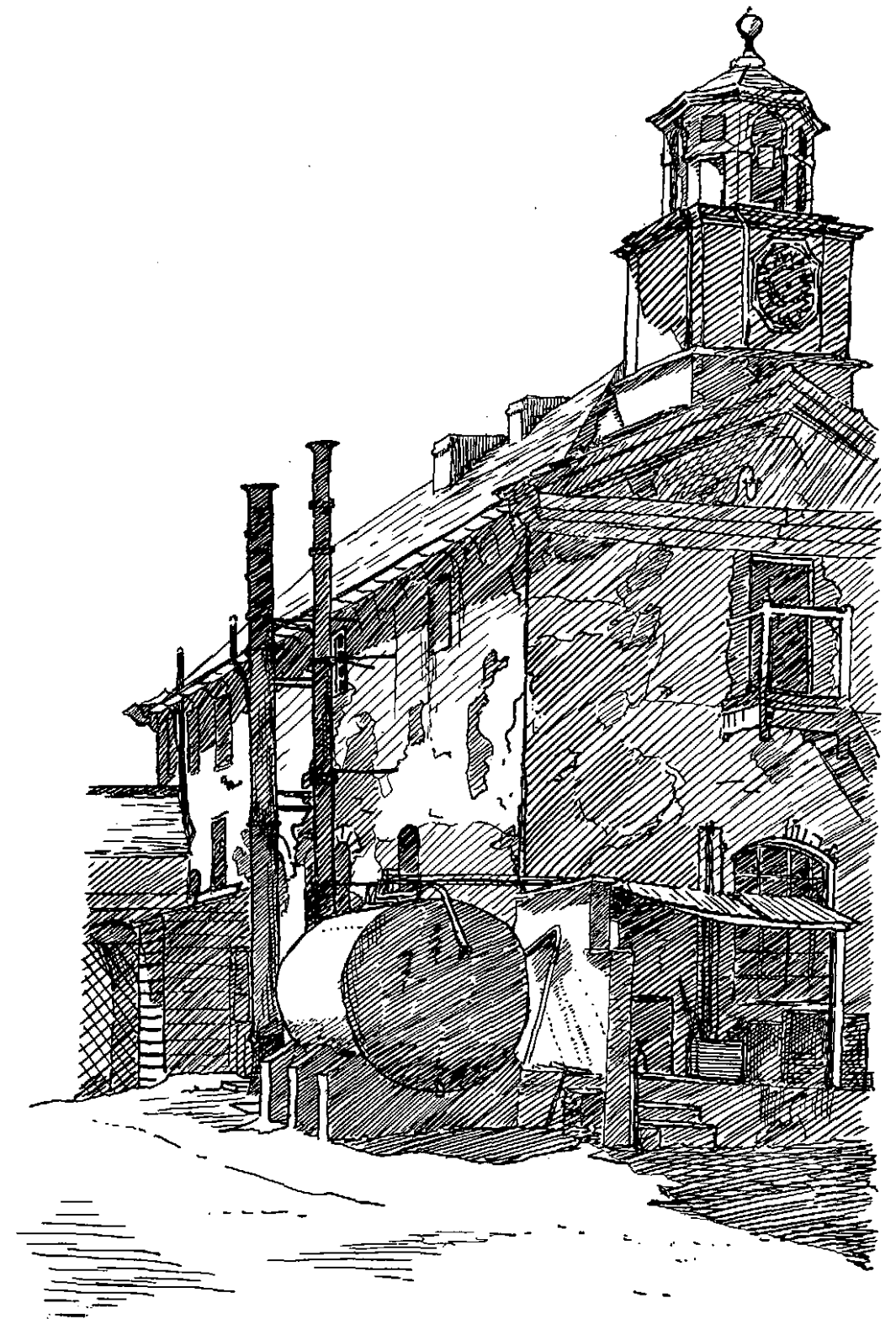
Do not think, sir, that I desire to cast any aspersions on the miracles of stage-management that he performed. I applauded and shouted for the producer with the rest. But the fact remains that the present *is* an improvement on the past (which even he does not deny) and that it is fitting that those who are too young to recollect the "dust-sheet and drawing-pin" period of Stoic drama should be told of the hardships of their predecessors, that they may honour their forerunners and esteem the good old days.

Yours, etc.,
 ex Dram. Crit.

OLD STOIC DAY.

The first Old Stoic Day took place on Saturday, July 4th, and in spite of bad weather was voted to be a great success.

More than 150 Old Stoics were present, of whom the majority stayed for Tea. Supper was held in Temple House Room.

The End of Volume IV.

THE POWER HOUSE YARD.

By P. F. Baker.

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